BALBIGNY

Why don't you visit Balbigny?

Balbigny is located in **Loire**, in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region. There are **3,000 inhabitants** living in Balbigny and they are called "Balbignois". This is Gilles Dupin who is the mayor of Balbiny. The city is so **rural** und extremely **calm**. The surface area of Balbigny is 16,98 km2.





- -The history of Balbigny is so interesting and it is such a beautiful little city.
 - For sporty people, there are a lot of walks in the forest or in the fields.
- And we can see fish in the river Loire, this is a so relaxing!

The Tile Factory

Messrs Beaujeu and Ayel contributed to opening the tilery at the end of the 19th century. This tile factory made bricks and tiles. The tuillerie closed in 1937 because of a lack of raw material. The tower is now used by firefighters to dry the pipes of the fire hoses.



How about seeing the wells? The seasons are warmer and the water is rare. The wells can be full thanks to phreatic table. It's more **ecologica**l, and **less expensive**. Before, we used the wells a lot but now we use them **for the planet** and the future. On your way, there are a lot of wells, but they are not all used anymore.

The wells

The milestone

Now, let's discover the milestone which is next to the church, in the city-center. In the ancient Rome, milestones were road markers made of stone. It showed the distance on main Roman roads in Italy and the Roman provinces. The milestone was installed in Balbigny in 1890. It determined the fourth Gallic league of 2,222 meters on the Roman road between Feurs and Roanne.



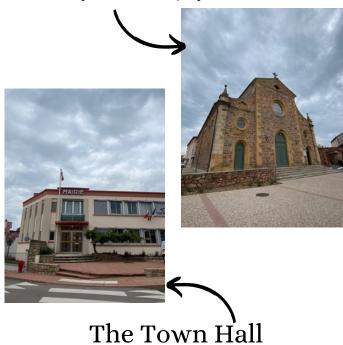


The altar table

Why not visit the altar table with a protruding granite rim? It was used, to retain the sacred wine in **the VII and VIIIth century**. In 1889, the table supported a stone cross.

The church

The church of Saint-Taurin de Balbigny dates from the **19th century** and was **restored in 1998**. Before it was rectangular with a tower but in 1844, a nave and aisles were added to it. The bell tower was raised by 4 meters in July 1934.



And why don't you see the Town Hall? It is an **important place** for the inhabitants to tell about their needs. The **mayor** is called **Gilles Dupin**, he was re-elected for 6 years in 2020.

The statue of the Republic

Balbigny is **one of 6 or 7 cities in France** to have a statue of the Republic. In France, there are many war memorials but very few villages have a statue of the Republic. This statue was inaugurated by the local council of Mr. Dussap, on **July 14, 1889**. It a weighs **673 kilos**. This monument comes from "the foundry of the construction workshops" of



Zoom city-center:



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