

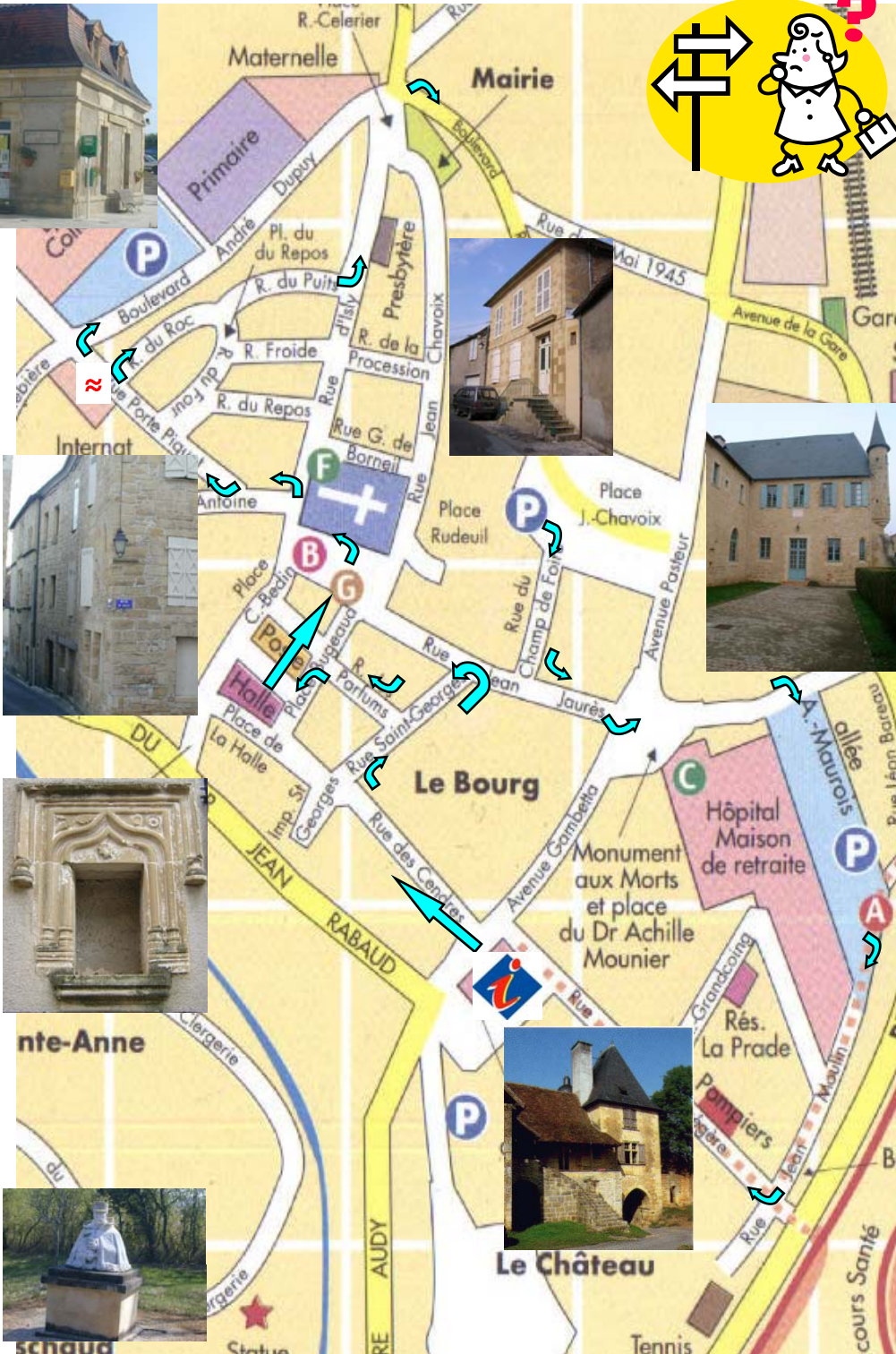
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Follow the "Rue des Cendres" whose name reminds us of the cruel fire which devastated the borough during its fall in 1420. This street leads the visitor to the "Place Bugeaud", at the centre of the town. Going up the "Rue des Cendres", you can admire the roofed portal of the old Magnac Hotel (17th. century) and some older remains : an ogee arched opening now bricked up on the right, and a corbelled house at the corner of the narrow "Rue St-Georges".

Following the "Rue St. Georges" you will discover several picturesque medieval nooks (at the opposite end of the street). Near the corner of the "Rue des Cordeliers" (now "Rue Jean Jaurès") a 15th century carved opening compels the visitor to admire it. (return to [rue des Parfums](#))

The "Place Bugeaud" is busy only one day of the week namely Thursdays, market day. The Market Place is triangular and steep, brightened up by an avant 16th century house and its turret, and also by its sounding fountain, present of the Marechal Bugeaud.

The very top of the St. Thomas's Church is decorated by a 15th century porch. On the western elevation, near the big portal, is a blind arch which is diamond shaped, this being a relic from the original Roman church. Inside, in one of the apsidal chapels, a beautiful 17th Century gilded wooden altar piece, a niche in the southern wall contains a 16th Century polychrome Pieta. Facing the big portal, the district of the old [Commanderie St Antoine](#) is noteworthy for its group of ancient buildings, two of them skilfully restored. Beautiful 16th century geminated window at the top of the « Rue St. Antoine » and a high 16th century chimney and square turrets (one in pendant) in a neighbouring house.



From the "Rue St.-Antoine", the "Rue Porte-Piquet" leads to the ramparts which surround the North West side, the Northern and Eastern parts of the town. Their well bonded walls still support large gardens of old noble houses of the town, such as the "Porte-Piquet" house (Rue du Roc, 17th century) and the old "Hôtel de Lestrade's" garden in the "Rue Jean-Chavoix" (17th century).

Going round the ramparts it is recommended to see the beautiful views of the dales and the surrounding country-side. This leads the visitor to the fair-ground from where the "Rue du Champ-de-Foire" leads to the «Rue des Cordeliers» (now «Rue Jean-Jaurès»). In this shopping arcades you can admire the "Hôtel de Vendeuil": its façade and inner court (18th century). From there you can go to the Hospital (formerly [Cordeliers'covent](#)) founded in 1260 outside the walls by the old viscounts of Limoges. On our left, the «Avenue Eugène Le Roy» will lead the visitor to the "Allées", where under the shade of the trees you can recollect the past in front of the remains of the Cordeliers' Sacristy (16th century turret and a large case-ment window). The broad view of the "Allées" towards the rock of Saint-Martin is nowadays adorned by the statue of the Marechal Bugeaud repatriated from Algiers. At the end of the «Allées» the visitor cannot help but to admire the impressive layout and the imposing mass of the castle : a footpath at the end of the Allées and then an uphill lane will bring the visitor back to the [starting point](#).