

# Royal Abbey of Fontevraud

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## Cover

### Top:

Recumbent statue of  
Henry II.

### Bottom:

The Saint-Benoît buildings  
extend the abbey church  
to the east.

### Back cover:

The great cloister at the  
corner of the east and  
north galleries.

### Opposite:

The soaring, soberly  
decorated choir contrasts  
starkly with the vast  
central nave, home to the  
recumbent statues of the  
Kings of England.

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