

SALES GUIDE

110 MONUMENTS

open to visitors
across France

**CARCASSONNE CASTLE
AND RAMPARTS:**
A path worth walking!

CENTRE DES
MONUMENTS NATIONAUX



The Centre des monuments nationaux conserves, restores and promotes almost 110 monuments dating from prehistory to the 20th century, including iconic properties such as Angers castle and the Château of Azay-le-Rideau, the Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel, Carcassonne castle and ramparts, the Arc de triomphe, the Panthéon, the Sainte-Chapelle and the Hôtel de la Marine in Paris and various other gems throughout France, as well as opening them up to visitors and organising events at the sites in question. The diversity of the sites it maintains demonstrates the great richness of France's heritage throughout the ages, from abbeys, castles and fortresses to prehistoric caves, archaeological sites and even modern villas.

Visiting any CMN site is a guarantee of a unique and up-close experience of a monument and its landscape, brought to life by passionate teams ready and waiting to take visitors back in time.

The Centre des monuments nationaux family was further enriched in November 2023 with the opening of the new International centre for French Language in the restored Renaissance Château of Villers-Cotterêts. Come discover this extraordinary site, the first cultural venue dedicated entirely to the French language, located in the Hauts-de-France region and accessible by train in under an hour from Paris. The Palais du Tau in Reims, used as the royal residence for coronation ceremonies, will reopen its doors at the end of 2026 following major renovation work. The new permanent visitor circuit will focus on the theme of the coronation of the kings of France, showcasing the prestigious collections conserved at the Palais du Tau and placing visitors centre stage of the ceremony through this spectacle for the eye!

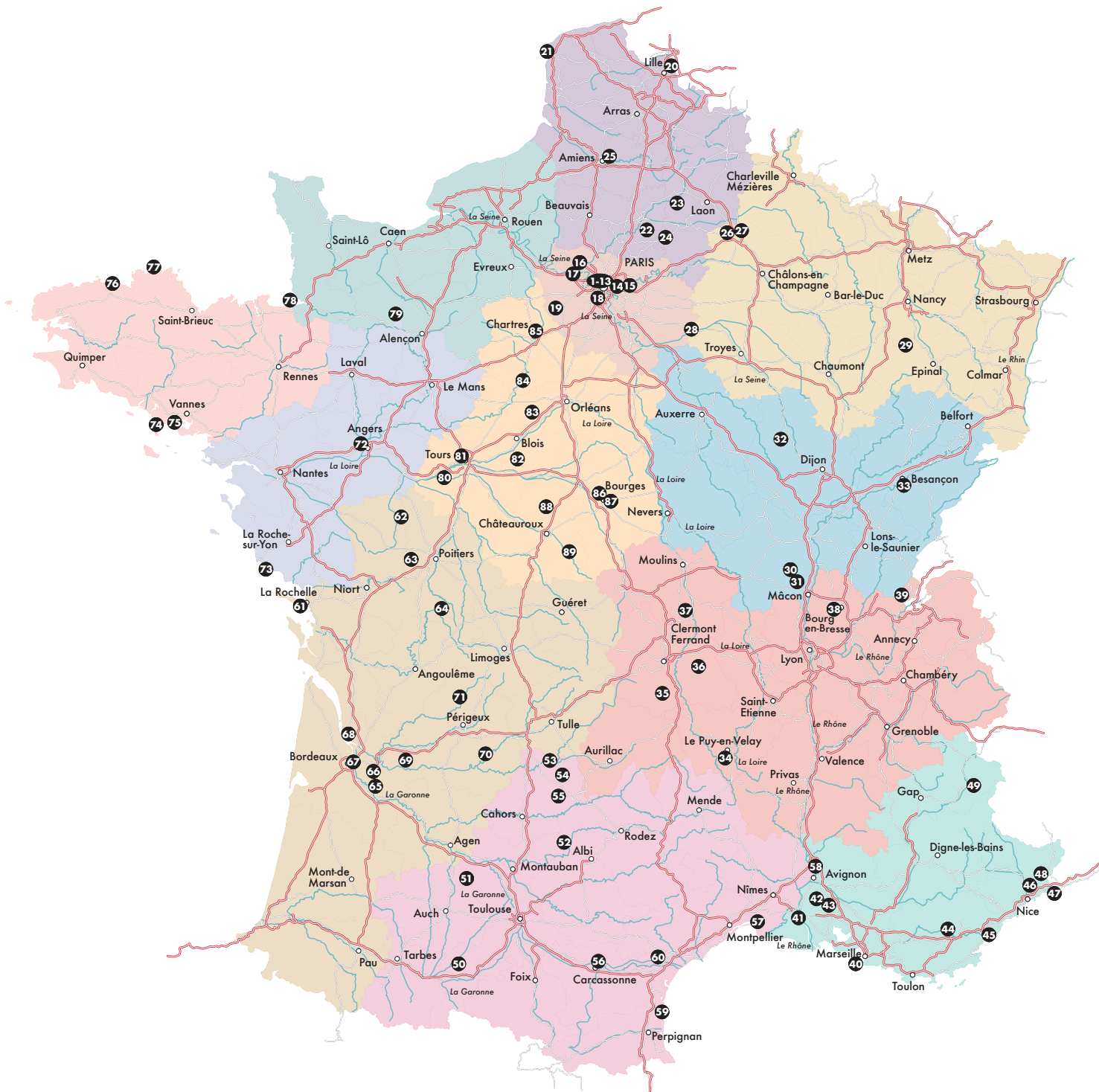
Unparalleled in terms of the number of sites it operates, its national scope and its international profile, the CMN is a partner of choice for tourism professionals. We provide special tools, including this Sales Guide, available in 11 languages, to help you get the most out of your visits. Our website, www.monuments-nationaux.fr, allows users to plan their visits, download promotional tools, keep up to date with all the latest news from our monuments – with over 450 events every year – and buy tickets online.

We do everything in our power to ensure that our visitors and partners have the best possible experience when visiting the exceptional heritage sites of the Centre des monuments nationaux network. All of our teams dedicated to promoting and marketing the sites, both within France and internationally, are on hand to help, so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Enjoy your visit!

Marie Lavandier
Président of the Centre des monuments nationaux

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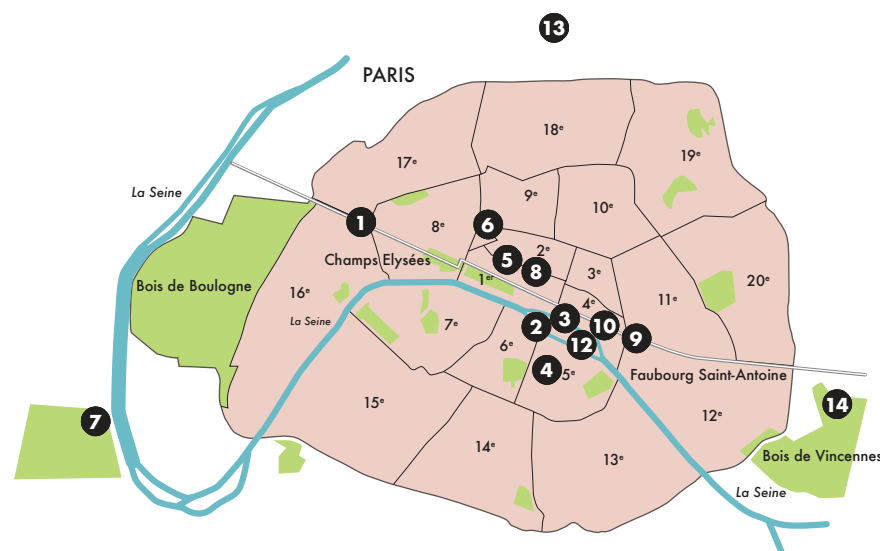
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PARIS ÎLE-DE-FRANCE

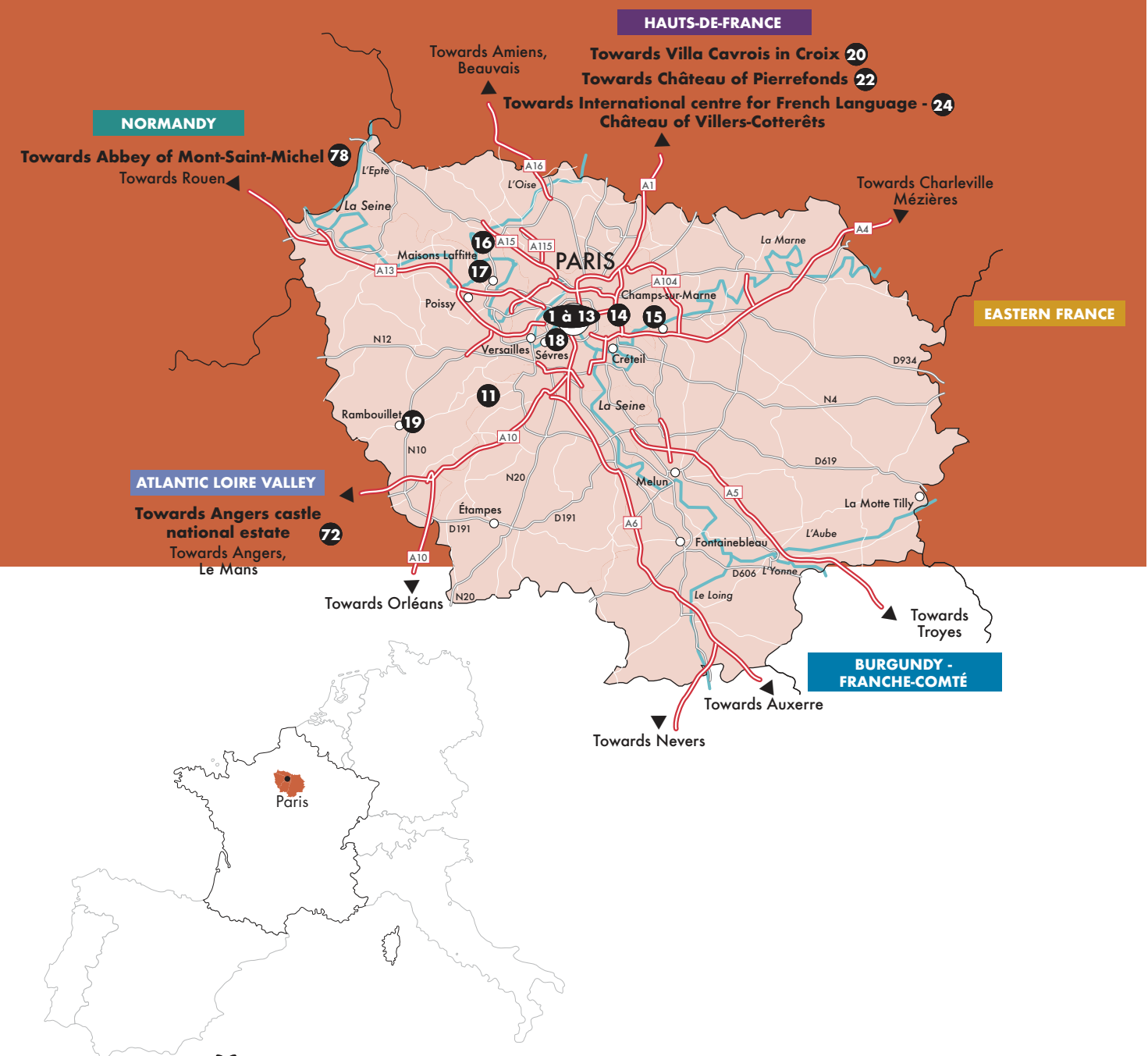
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| Gift and book shop | Parking for coaches | Coach drop-off point | Bike parking | Motorbike parking | Car park |
| Baby area | Pushchairs loan | Picnic area | Drinks vending machine | Catering facilities | Parking for electric vehicles |
| Toilets (disabled) | Lockers / Cloakroom | Wheelchair loan | Free entry to the grounds | Auditorium | Venue hire |



Arc DE TRIOMPHE

A unique view of the Champs-Élysées.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Unique panoramic views from the Place de l'Étoile.
- Come and visit one of the world's largest triumphal arches.
- A highly symbolic site: the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The Arc de triomphe was begun in 1806 on the orders of Napoleon I to honour the victories of his Grande Armée.

Inspired by the great arches of antiquity, this iconic monument bears the names of battles and generals from the Revolution and the First Empire. The Arc de Triomphe museum takes visitors on a journey back in time to discover the true meanings of the sculptures that adorn its façades. On the top floor, the panoramic terrace affords unique views of Paris by day and night.

DID YOU KNOW...?

On 7 August 1919, pilot Charles Godefroy decided to take his fighter plane out for a spin and managed to fly through the 29m x 14m 'hole'.

GETTING HERE

- Lines 1-2-6: Charles de Gaulle-Étoile station (90 m).
- RER A: Charles de Gaulle-Étoile station (90 m).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 45 min.

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation required. Other languages available on request.

PRIVATE TOUR

Reservation required.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Lift for visitors with reduced mobility.
284 steps to access the terrace.



E-Ticketing for professionals



Online group reservations

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 1st April to 30th September: from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. (from 11 a.m. on Tuesdays).
 - 1st October to 31st March: from 10 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. (from 11 a.m. on Tuesdays).
- Last admission 45 minutes before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 8th May, 14th July, 11th November (morning) and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Online reservation mandatory for groups via the e-ticketing website for tourism professionals

Arc de Triomphe
Place Charles de Gaulle - 75008 Paris
reservations.arcdetriomphe@monuments-nationaux.fr
www.paris-arc-de-triomphe.fr



SAINTE-CHAPELLE

Get ready to be dazzled by the 1,113 stained glass windows in this gem of Rayonnant Gothic architecture.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A jewel of 13th-century stained glass art (1,113 glass panels!).
- An architectural feat and a masterpiece of Rayonnant Gothic architecture.
- Located at the heart of historic Paris, close to Notre-Dame.

Louis IX had the Sainte-Chapelle built at the heart of his Parisian residence, the Palais de la Cité, in the mid-13th century.

Designed to serve as a monumental reliquary, it housed Christ's Crown of Thorns. Adorned with a unique collection of fifteen stained glass windows and a rose window effectively forming walls of light, the Sainte-Chapelle is the jewel in the French Rayonnant Gothic crown.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The current spire, which was rebuilt after the Revolution, is the fifth since it was originally built and its restoration inspired that of Notre-Dame de Paris.

GETTING HERE

- Line 4: stop at Cité (90 m).
- Lines 1, 7, 11, 14: stop at Châtelet (300 m).
- RER B or C: stop at Saint-Michel (120 m).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Download the guide booklet online before your visit:
<https://www.sainte-chapelle.fr/visiter/visites-et-activites>.
Duration: from 30 min to 1hr.

WITH HEADPHONE AUDIO SYSTEM FOR GROUPS

Mandatory for groups led by a tour guide (unless already equipped).

AUDIO-GUIDE TOUR

LECTURE TOUR

Duration: 1hr30.

PRIVATE VISIT

Reservation required.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Number of floors visited during the tour: 1.
Monument partially accessible to visitors with reduced mobility.



E-Ticketing for professionals



Online group reservations

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 1st April to 30th September: from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 - 1st October to 31st March: from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Last admission to the ticket office 45 minutes before closing time.
Last admission to the monument 30 minutes before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Online reservation mandatory for adult groups via the e-ticketing website for tourism professionals

Sainte Chapelle
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resailedelacite@monuments-nationaux.fr
www.sainte-chapelle.fr



CONCIERGERIE

Explore the exceptional Gothic rooms of this medieval Royal palace, later a Revolutionary court.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Located at the heart of Paris's historic centre, just a stone's throw from Notre-Dame de Paris.
- The first palace of the kings of France and a major site of the French Revolution.
- An animated and dynamic tour using the Histopad, the tablet that takes you back in time.

The place to come to admire the superb Gothic remains built under Philip the Fair and the oldest kitchens in Paris, dating back to the days of John the Good.

The Kings of France abandoned the palace at the end of the 14th century to settle in the Louvre and in Vincennes. It then took on a judicial role, and part of the palace was converted into prison cells. The Conciergerie became one of the principal places of detention during the French Revolution, with the installation of the Revolutionary Court. Its most famous prisoner was Marie-Antoinette.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Prisons were installed here and their administration entrusted to a concierge, which is how the monument got its name: the "Conciergerie".

GETTING HERE

- Line 4 : stop at Cité .
- Lines 1, 7, 11, 14 : stop at Châtelet (300 m).
- RER B or C : stop at Saint-Michel (120 m).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Download the guide booklet online before your visit:
<https://www.paris-conciergerie.fr/visiter/visites-et-activites>
Duration: from 30 min to 2hrs.

TOUR WITH MULTILINGUAL HISTOPAD

Included in the admission fee for individuals.
Tablets are issued up until 4.30 p.m.

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation required. Other languages available on request.
Duration: 1hr30.

PRIVATE TOUR

Reservation required.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Number of floors visited during the tour: 2.
Monument not accessible to visitors with reduced mobility.



E-Ticketing for professionals



Online group reservations

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- Year-round: from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Last admission 30 minutes before closing time.
- Closed 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Online reservation mandatory for adult groups via the e-ticketing website for tourism professionals

Conciergerie

2, boulevard du Palais - 75001 Paris

Réservation obligatoire

Tél. : (33) (0)1 53 40 61 04 / 60 97

resailedelacite@monuments-nationaux.fr

www.paris-conciergerie.fr



PANTHÉON

The temple of the French nation.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Be inspired by the men and women who have embodied the values of freedom, equality and fraternity.
- Admire the extraordinary decor of the Panthéon and watch the Earth rotate thanks to Foucault's pendulum.
- Enjoy some of the best views of Paris from the colonnade if you're visiting between April and the end of October.

This fine example of religious architecture was Soufflot's response to Louis XV's wish to glorify the monarchy as represented by Saint Geneviève, patron saint of Paris, to whom the building was dedicated.

In 1791, the French Revolution transformed the monument into a mausoleum for the remains of distinguished French citizens. Throughout the 19th century, it alternated between religious and patriotic purposes with the changing political regimes. Since 1885, when Victor Hugo was interred in the Panthéon, it has become a temple to the great figures

of France, including Voltaire, Rousseau, Zola, Pierre and Marie Curie, and Simone Veil.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Joséphine Baker was the first black woman and artist to be inducted into the Panthéon.

* Non-contractual document - January 2026

VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 1hr.

WITH HEADPHONE AUDIO SYSTEM FOR GROUPS

Mandatory for groups led by a tour guide (unless already equipped).

AUDIO-GUIDE TOUR

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation required. Other languages available on request.
Duration: 1hr30.

PRIVATE TOUR

Reservation required.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Exterior access ramp and into the nave.



E-Ticketing for professionals

GETTING HERE

- Line 7 : Jussieu station.
- Line 10 : stop at Cardinal-Lemoine.



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 1st April to 30th September: from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- 1st October to 31st March: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Last admission 45 minutes before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Panthéon

Place du Panthéon - 75005 Paris

Tel.: +33 (0)1 44 32 18 00

Reservation for groups:

reservations.panthéon@monuments-nationaux.fr

www.paris-pantheon.fr



Hôtel de LA MARINE

An iconic French heritage site and a stunning view over Place de la Concorde.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- An 18th-century marvel showcasing decorative arts.
- An immersive tour narrated by the Confidant via a connected headset.
- The Al Thani Collection and its exhibition programme.

The Hôtel de la Marine was originally the home of the Garde-Meuble de la Couronne, the forerunner to the Mobilier National, and later became the headquarters of the French Navy.

The monument has borne witness to many of the changes that have taken place in France, from the days of royalty to the present day. Visitors have the opportunity to take an immersive tour of the Intendant's lavish and fully furnished living quarters, along with the reception rooms leading out to the loggia overlooking the Place de la Concorde. A rotating selection masterpieces of the Al

Thani Collection are displayed in the exhibition galleries of the same name at the Hôtel de la Marine.

DID YOU KNOW...?

During the French Revolution, the Crown jewels on display at the Hôtel de la Marine were stolen without the guards noticing!

VISITS

SELF-GUIDED

Narrated by the Confidant (connected headset with 3D sound).

- **Intendants' Apartments** 🇫🇷 🇪🇺 🇩🇪 🇮🇹 🇪🇸 🇯🇵 🇨🇳 🇷🇺 🇸🇦

Duration: 1hr30.

- **The Al Thani Collection** 🇫🇷 🇪🇺 🇪🇸 during temporary exhibitions.

Duration: 1hr.

- **Reception rooms and loggia** 🇫🇷 🇪🇺 🇩🇪 🇮🇹 🇪🇸 🇯🇵 🇨🇳 🇷🇺 🇸🇦

LECTURE TOUR 🇫🇷 other languages available on request.

Reservation required.

PRIVATE TOUR

Reservation required.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Accessible to visitors with reduced mobility (lift).

Number of floors during the visit: 1.

E-Ticketing for professionals

**Online group reservations
(during 2026)**

GETTING HERE

• Lines 1, 8 and 12 : Concorde station (20 m).



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- Every day: from 10.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Late night opening on Fridays until 9.30 p.m.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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2, place de la Concorde - 75008 Paris
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groupe-hdm@monuments-nationaux.fr
www.hotel-de-la-marine.paris



Chapelle EXPIATOIRE

A monument dedicated to Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette.

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GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A place of remembrance dedicated to Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette.
- A monument to the history of the Revolution and the Restoration.
- A unique example of 19th-century neo-classical architecture.

The Chapelle Expiatoire, built under the Restoration, is a place of remembrance dedicated to Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette.

It stands on the site of the former Madeleine parish cemetery, where the King and Queen were buried during the Revolution along with the bodies of 500 individuals who were guillotined, including Charlotte Corday, Olympe de Gouges and Madame du Barry. Built at the request of Louis XVIII between 1816 and 1826, the Chapelle Expiatoire is a jewel of neo-classical architecture and early 19th-century Romantic art.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The bones from the former Madeleine cemetery still lie behind the walls of the lower chapel, making the monument a necropolis of the Revolution.

* Non-contractual document - January 2026

GETTING HERE

- Lines 3, 12, 13, 14 : Saint-Lazare station (300 m).
- Line 9 : Saint-Augustin station, Havre-Caumartin (500 m).
- RER A : Auber (500 m).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 30 min.

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation required.
Duration: 1hr30.

PRIVATE TOUR

Reservation required.

FACILITIES



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- October to March: Wednesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- April to September: Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- Last admission 30 minutes before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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www.chapelle-expiatoire-paris.fr

CENTRE DES MONUMENTS NATIONAUX



National Estate of Saint-Cloud



National Estate of the Palais Royal



July Column



Hôtel de Sully



Fondation Marta Pan & André Wogenscky



Towers of Notre-Dame cathedral in Paris

The Centre des monuments nationaux also offers lecture tours at sites open to the public, such as the National Estate of Saint-Cloud and the Palais Royal, tours of sites that are usually closed to the public, such as the July Column, the Hôtel de Sully, the Hôtel Potocki and the Fondation Marta-Pan & André Wogenscky, but also sites open only to individuals such as the Towers of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, which opened in September 2025.

NATIONAL ESTATE OF SAINT-CLOUD



The National Estate of Saint-Cloud, which once belonged to Philippe d'Orléans, younger brother of Louis XIV, lost its château to fire in 1870 but still boasts some 460 hectares of gardens, grounds and wooded areas representing one of the finest expressions of four centuries of the history of garden design.

Domaine national de Saint-Cloud - 92210 Saint-Cloud

• LECTURE TOUR Max. 30 people.

JULY COLUMN

In 1830, the «Trois Glorieuses», the Three Glorious Days or the July Revolution, brought Louis-Philippe to power. In tribute to the victims and their struggle, he ordered the construction of a triumphal column topped with the Spirit of Freedom. The tour begins at the Hôtel de Sully and continues at the July Column, where you can visit the plinth. For safety reasons, the bronze spiral staircase leading to the top of the column is inaccessible to the public.

Colonne de Juillet, Place de la Bastille - 75011 Paris

• LECTURE TOUR Max. 18 people.

FONDATION MARTA PAN & ANDRÉ WOGENSCKY

A must-see for architecture and sculpture lovers! Just a 10-minute walk from Saint-Rémy-lès-Chevreuse station lies this little gem of French modernism - the house designed by architect André Wogenscky - who worked with Le Corbusier - and his wife, internationally renowned sculptor Marta Pan.

Maison-atelier Marta Pan & André Wogenscky
78470 Saint-Rémy-lès-Chevreuse

• LECTURE TOUR Max. 15 people.

TOWERS OF NOTRE-DAME CATHEDRAL IN PARIS

Visitor circuit open to non-groups only. No access for groups.
New visitor circuit! Heritage treasures and breath-taking views await as you climb the 424 steps.

Tours de la Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris,
Place Jean-Paul II - 75001 Paris

NATIONAL ESTATE OF THE PALAIS ROYAL

In addition to the buildings erected there since the 17th century, the Palais Royal estate also boasts a wonderful garden providing an authentic haven of peace and tranquillity at the heart of the capital. Take a stroll along its paths as you trace its history and recognise the settings of your favourite films and series, including Emily in Paris.

Palais Royal, 8 rue Montpensier - 75001 Paris

• LECTURE TOUR Max. 30 people.

HÔTEL DE SULLY

Welcome to the Sully residence! Maximilien de Béthune, Duke of Sully (1559 - 1641), began building this private mansion near the Place Royale (now the Place des Vosges) in 1625. The building remained in the Sully family until the mid-17th century.

Hôtel de Sully, 62 rue Saint-Antoine - 75004 Paris

• LECTURE TOUR Max. 18 people.

HÔTEL POTOCKI

This architectural jewel in Paris' 8th arrondissement previously served as the head office of the Paris Ile-de-France Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which has decided to open the doors of this extraordinary building to the public.

Hôtel Potocki (siège de la Chambre de commerce et d'industrie de Paris), 27 avenue de Friedland
75008 Paris

• LECTURE TOUR Max. 16 people.

Lecture tours last around 90 minutes on average.
With the exception of Saint-Cloud, for which the tour time is 2 hours.

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Basilica Cathedral of SAINT-DENIS

The last residence of the kings and queens of France.
The Factory of the Spire.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Come explore one of Europe's largest heritage worksites, open since late 2025.
- Delve into the history of France and its royalty with the new permanent visitor circuit.
- Admire the restored stained glass windows and the rose windows that bathe the monument in light.

The fates of the Basilica Cathedral of Saint-Denis - the first masterpiece of Gothic art - and French royalty are closely linked in that the former has become the burial place of the kings and queens of France.

It now houses over seventy carved funerary tombs, including those of Dagobert, Francis I, Catherine de' Medici and Louis XVI. Since 2025, an exceptional heritage worksite, led by Suivez la flèche, has been under way to restore the monument's original aspect, complete with its tower and its spire standing 90m high. This immersive project, designed as a cultural centre celebrating tangible and intangible heritage, gives visitors a glimpse into the fascinating world of ancient and modern-day builders

through craftsmens' lodges, a permanent exhibition, a 360° cinema and a children's area. The Factory of the Spire, where history unfolds before your very eyes!

DID YOU KNOW...?

15,228 stones will be cut by hand and raised onto the west terrace of the basilica, weighing the equivalent of 5 or 6 Airbus A380s!

VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.

Duration: 1hr.

AUDIO-GUIDE TOUR

Duration: 1hr15.

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation required.

Duration: 1hr30.

PRIVATE TOUR

Reservation required.

FACILITIES



100 m

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

As of October 2025, a new stage has been added to the visitor circuit in the royal necropolis: the Factory of Spire, offering the added bonus of a view of the basilica's chevet and north rose window.
Ramp access to nave, lift access to crypt (limited number of persons).
The Factory of the Spire is accessible to visitors with reduced mobility.



E-Ticketing for professionals

GETTING HERE

• Line 13 : Basilique de Saint-Denis station.



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

The royal necropolis is open 7 days a week.
The Factory of Spire is closed on Mondays.

• 1st April to 30th September: Monday to Saturday: from 10 a.m. to 5.45 p.m. Sunday: from 12 p.m. to 5.45 p.m.

• 1st October to 31st March: Monday to Saturday: from 10 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. Sunday: from 12 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.

• Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December and during services during religious services (informations on our website).

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www.suivezlafleche.com (for more information about The Factory of the Spire)

Château of VINCENNES

A royal residence on the edge of Paris.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The highest keep in Europe.
- Marvel at one of the 7 Sainte-Chapelles in France.
- Travel through the ages with the Revelacio augmented reality tablet!

The Château de Vincennes, which served as a royal residence from the 12th to the 18th century, has maintained its outer walls, its Sainte-Chapelle and its medieval keep.

From the start of the 16th century through to the 19th century the keep served as a prison, the symbol of a justice administered under a cloak of secrecy, and is still haunted today by the memories of the famous prisoners it housed, including Nicolas Fouquet, the Marquis de Sade and Mirabeau. The Sainte-Chapelle, on which work began in 1379, contains a remarkable decor and fulfilled Charles V's

dream of adding an extraordinary religious building to the fortress.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Group visits to the roofspace of the Sainte-Chapelle are available!



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR WITH AUGMENTED REALITY TABLET

With guide booklet. Duration: 1hr30.

LECTURE TOUR

 other languages available on request.

Duration: 1hr30.

ROOFSpace AND HEIGHTS

Get a close-up look at the roofspace of the Sainte-Chapelle and the top of the Château de Vincennes.

Keep and Sainte-Chapelle: Max. 17 people.
Reservation required, in French only.

PRIVATE TOUR

Reservation required.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

2 floors in the keep. 1 floor in the Sainte-Chapelle.



E-Ticketing for professionals

Online group reservations

GETTING HERE

- Line 1: château de Vincennes station (300 m).
- RER A: Vincennes.



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

Keep and Sainte-Chapelle

- 21st May to 21st September: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - 22nd September to 20th May: from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - 1st April to 20th May, weekends and public holidays: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Last admission 45 minutes before closing time.
• Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Online reservation mandatory for adult groups via the e-ticketing website for tourism professionals

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Château of CHAMPS-SUR-MARNE

Elegance “à la française”.



3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- It's the French Downton Abbey!
- An estate that's been awarded the *Jardin remarquable* ('Remarkable Garden') label.
- The Chinese salon is decorated with monkey scenes that have become extremely rare.

Built in the early-18th century for one of Louis XIV's financiers, the Château of Champs was a source of great pride and joy to its occupants during the Age of Enlightenment, including the Dukes of La Vallière and the Marquise de Pompadour, both prominent members of Louis XV's inner circle.

During the Belle Époque, the estate was purchased by financier Louis Cahen d'Anvers, who, as a lover of the French style, gave it a new lease of life and restored the chateau to its former glory.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Mäiwenn film “Jeanne du Barry” starring Johnny Depp was partly shot at the Château of Champs-sur-Marne!

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PARIS
ÎLE-DE-FRANCE

GETTING HERE

- 18 km east of Paris, Paris/Seine-Saint-Denis (stretch of the A4).
- RER A: direction Marne-la-Vallée-Chessy, Noisiel station (2 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Duration: 1hr15.

AUDIO-GUIDE TOUR

LECTURE TOUR other languages available on request.

Duration: 1hr30.

PRIVATE TOUR

Reservation required.

FACILITIES



Free

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Monument accessible to visitors with reduced mobility.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- October to May: from 10 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 - June to September: from 10 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- The park closes 30 minutes after the castle.
Last admission 30 minutes before closing time.
- Closed on Tuesdays.
 - Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Château of MAISONS

The château that inspired Vaux-le-Vicomte and Versailles.

3

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The king's apartment and his prized mirror room.
- The lavish sculpted decor, from the façades to the interiors.
- The diversity and historical value of the furniture.

Largely dominating a bend on the River Seine, Maisons château was built in the 17th century by the eminent architect François Mansart at the pinnacle of his artistic craft. This outstanding residence is one of the masterpieces of the period due to its majesty, symmetry, and balanced forms.

Were it not for this château neither Vaux le Vicomte nor Versailles would exist. The château, which lies very close to the Forest of Saint-Germain, was built to receive the King. Louis XIV resided here on several occasions.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Louis XIV visited the Château of Maisons three times and was just 13 the first time he visited!

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GETTING HERE

- 14 km northwest of Paris.
- RER A or SNCF line L: Maisons-Laffitte station (1 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 1hr30.

LECTURE TOUR other languages available on request.

Reservation required.
Duration: 1hr30.

PRIVATE TOUR

Reservation required.

FACILITIES



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 16th May to 15th September from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- 16th September to 15th May from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Closed Tuesdays
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

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VILLA SAVOYE

The foundations of modern architecture.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Experience a unique architectural promenade.
- UNESCO World Heritage-listed monument.
- An overview of Le Corbusier's architectural thinking.

Villa Savoye, known as *Les Heures Claires* ('The Light Hours'), is an internationally renowned masterpiece built by architect Charles-Edouard Jeanneret, known as Le Corbusier, and Pierre Jeanneret between 1928 and 1931.

This weekend villa, commissioned by Mr and Mrs Savoye, is now considered an iconic work of modern architecture.

DID YOU KNOW...?

There are no load-bearing walls at the Villa Savoye, which sits on slab-columns that Le Corbusier called the Dom-ino system.

GETTING HERE

- 33 km north-west of Paris.
- RER A or SNCF line L: Poissy station.



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 1hr30 (interior and exterior).

AUDIO-GUIDE TOUR

Duration: 1hr15.

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation required.
Duration: 1hr30.

PRIVATE TOUR

Reservation required.

FACILITIES



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 2nd May to 31st August from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 1st September to 30th April from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Closed Mondays.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

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JARDIES' HOUSE

in Sèvres

Gambetta's house. Object bearing witness to an epoch.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The site has been awarded the *Maison des Illustres* ('House of the Illustrious') label.
- Discover Rodin's portrait of Balzac.
- Located near the National Estate of Saint-Cloud.

This wine house was built on the southern slope of the Domaine de Saint-Cloud in the late-17th century.

It belonged to novelist Honoré de Balzac, and subsequently became the property of Léon Gambetta, the founder of the Third Republic, who bought the house in 1878 and died here four years later. The Jardies'house has retained its original decor and today recalls the life and work of this great statesman and combative republican.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Discover Auguste Bartholdi's spectacular statue honouring Léon Gambetta.



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.

LECTURE TOUR other languages available on request.

Reservation required.
Duration: 1hr30.

PRIVATE TOUR

Reservation required.



E-Ticketing for professionals

GETTING HERE

- Paris (7 km).
- Transilien, lines L and U, Sèvres-Ville-d'Avray station (200 m).

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- Wednesdays, Thursdays and every other weekend: guided tours at 2.30 p.m., self-guided tours from 4 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- Rest of the year, by reservation only.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

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Château of RAMBOUILLET

Gain an intimate insight into what was a favourite destination of princes, kings and Presidents of the Republic.

3

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The thatched cottage is decorated with mother-of-pearl and shells.
- A romantic stroll through the landscaped garden.
- The Emperor's living quarters, now fully restored!

Over the years, the 14th-century château hosted a number of illustrious figures who gradually transformed it into a leisure residence that was later acquired by Louis XVI.

The property itself is framed by a French formal garden, comprising a series of canals and six islands, and an English-style landscaped garden developed in the latter half of the 18th century. This lush green setting is also home to not one but two other extraordinary buildings: firstly, the Shell Cottage, built by the Duke of Penthièvre for the Princess of Lamballe between 1779 and 1780 and boasting some of the finest mother-of-pearl and shell decor in Europe. And secondly

the nearby Laiterie de la Reine ('Queen's Dairy'), built at the request of Louis XVI for Marie-Antoinette, containing the sculpted group Amalthea and the Nymph by Pierre Julien.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The first G6 summit in history was held at the Château of Rambouillet in 1975. The table in the Presidents' Dining Room is laid, ready for your arrival!

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PARIS
ÎLE-DE-FRANCE

GETTING HERE

- Paris (50 km).
- SNCF Line N : Rambouillet station (1km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Information boards. 
Duration: 1hr30 (interior + exterior).

GUIDED TOUR

Duration: 1hr.
On registration at the monument's entrance.

LECTURE TOUR other languages available on request.

Duration: 2hr30.
Reservation required.

PRIVATE TOUR

Reservation required.

FACILITIES



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 1st April to 30th September: from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- 1st October to 31st March: from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Closed Tuesdays.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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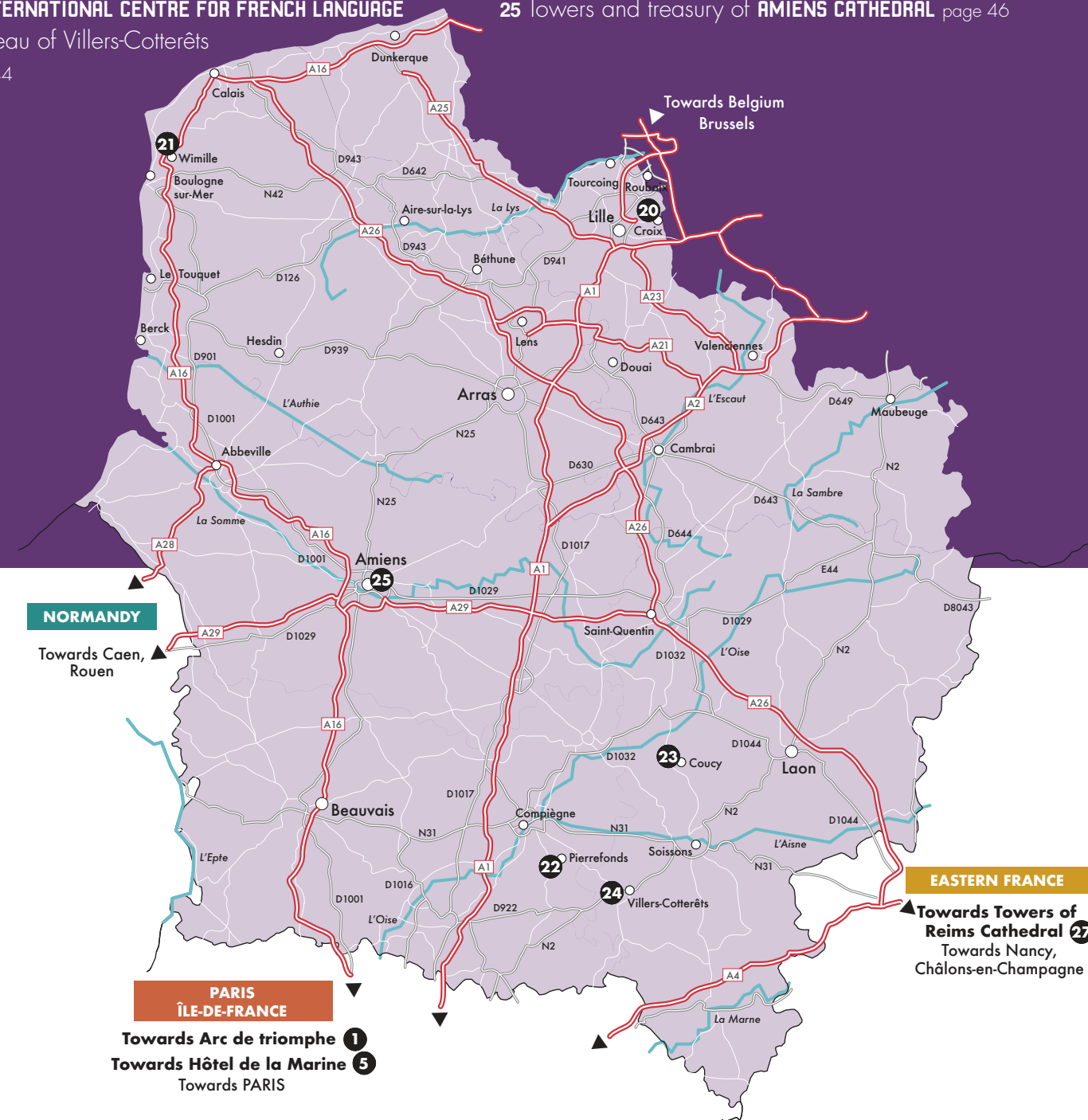


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| Baby area | Pushchairs loan | Picnic area | Drinks vending machine | Catering facilities | Parking for electric vehicles |
| Toilets (disabled) | Lockers / Cloakroom | Wheelchair loan | Free entry to the grounds | Auditorium | Venue hire |



Villa CAVROIS

A modern architectural masterpiece.

3

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A work of art created entirely by Robert Mallet-Stevens.
- A modern château reflecting a sophisticated 20th-century lifestyle.
- A heritage site reborn thanks to extraordinary restoration work.

Designed in 1929 by architect Robert Mallet-Stevens to serve as a primary residence, Villa Cavrois stands atop Beaumont hill in Croix like a modern-day château.

Built away from the pollution of the factories of Roubaix, it provided the Cavrois family with an extraordinary living environment, complete with 5 hectares of grounds, a swimming pool and a mirror of reflecting water. The rooms of the Villa Cavrois are infused with the full breadth of early-20th-century artistic influences thanks largely to the detail of its lines and the harmony of the materials used. Major restoration work has revived the unique feel of each

of its rooms, meaning that visitors now get to experience the Villa as it was in 1932 as they immerse themselves as never before in the aesthetic experimentations of the time!

DID YOU KNOW...?

Over 26 different brick moulds were produced to create a perfectly crafted façade that adapts to the various volumes the architect created in his design.

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GETTING HERE

- Lille (8 km).
- Lesquin (15 km).



VISITS

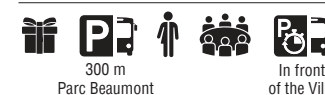
SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 1hr.

GUIDED TOUR

25 people max.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Number of floors during the tour: 4.
Lift accessible to people with reduced mobility.

E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 2nd January to 31st December: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Last admission 45 minutes before closing time.
- Rooms cleared 15 minutes before closing time.
- Mondays, 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

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Column of THE GREAT ARMY

A unique panorama of Boulogne-sur-Mer and the English coastline.

2

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Monumental sculpture of Napoleon in coronation robes housed at the museum.
- The legendary story of the Victor Hugo poem found in a statue.

On 16 August 1804, Napoleon I awarded the Star of the Legion of Honour for the first time in Boulogne-sur-Mer to 2,000 soldiers, 13 civilians and 3 bishops.

Following the lavish ceremony, which was attended by over 100,000 men, the Great Army decided to pay tribute to its Emperor by erecting a Marquis marble column. Built by the architect Etienne Eloi Labarre at the centre of a 4-hectare formal garden, the Column of the Great Army commemorates not only the history of the Boulogne camp but also, more importantly, the Legion of Honour becoming a national symbol.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The 2,000 tamarisk trees planted in the garden pay tribute to the 2,000 soldiers who received the Legion of Honour at the ceremony held at the Boulogne camp on 16 August 1804.

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GETTING HERE

- Lille (140 km).
- Boulogne ville (3,4 km).



VISITS

UNACCOMPANIED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 30 min.

GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required
Duration: 1hr30.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Museum space.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 19th December to 14th June: Friday to Sunday: from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- During B-Zone winter and spring school holidays: Wednesday to Sunday: from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- 15th June to 30th September: Wednesday to Sunday: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- 1st October to 7th November: Friday to Sunday: from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Closed from 8th November to 18th December
- 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 25th December.

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Château of PIERREFONDS

When the 19th century reinvents the Middle Ages.

2 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The château is a major filming location famously used in the likes of French films *Les Visiteurs 2*, *Jeanne d'Arc* and *the Merlin* series!
- A larger-than-life reinterpretation of the Middle Ages!

The Château of Pierrefonds is an incredible fortress that has been reinvented countless times. Built in the 15th century before being demolished in the 17th century, the ruins of the château went on to become a symbol of Romanticism in the 19th century.

It was at this point that the château was reborn thanks to the passion of Napoleon III, who entrusted architectural genius Viollet-le-Duc with the task of restoring it. The architect gave his imagination free rein and came up with a totally contrived and reinvented medieval château that combined medieval features with the comfort of a Second Empire residence. Explore the defence systems and admire the sculpted

adornments and spectacular painted decor of the incredible Château of Pierrefonds.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Architect Eugène Viollet-le-Duc was passionate about cats. He incorporated this passion into the restoration of the château, adding 33 cat statues to the ornamental decor of the dormers and roofs.

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GETTING HERE

- Paris (85 km).
- Compiègne (20 km).
- Scandibérique (15 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required. With guide booklet. Duration: 1hr.

AUDIO-GUIDE TOUR

Reservation required. Duration 1hr.

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation required. Maximum 30 people. Duration: 1hr30.

EXPERIENTIAL VISIT

Reservation required. Maximum 15 people. Duration: 1hr30.

PRIVATE VISIT

Reservation required: location.pierrefonds@monuments-nationaux.fr
10 to 200 people, with or without cocktail.
Duration 2hrs.

REMOTE GUIDED TOUR

A live tour experience from home with access to new spaces.
Reservation required. Different languages available.
Prices and information: visitesguideesadistance@monuments-nationaux.fr

FACILITIES



Cane seats.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Ground floor of the tour accessible to visitors with reduced mobility.
2 light vehicle parking spaces on the esplanade for visitors with reduced mobility.



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 2nd May to 4th September: from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 5th September to 30th April: from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
- Last admission 1hr before closing time
- Park closed 45 minutes before.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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CHÂTEAU OF COUCY

National Estate

The ruins of a great medieval château bearing witness to history.

2

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A history lesson and open-air memorial site.
- A veritable green lung boasting spectacular panoramic views at the heart of the Hauts-de-France region.

The Château of Coucy and its fortress are among the largest fortified structures in France. Spanning some 14 hectares, Coucy boasted no fewer than 33 towers and over 2,000 metres of ramparts.

The château's four corner towers were almost the size of the royal keep at the Louvre, while its keep was the largest tower in the entire Christian West. Moved by the château's fate, architect Eugène Viollet-le-Duc took advantage of his restoration campaign at Pierrefonds to save the building in an attempt to remedy the ravages of time. Both the château and indeed the region as a whole were severely tested by the trials of

World War I, but the spectacular ruins of this majestic château are nevertheless fascinating.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Perched on a rocky outcrop, Coucy is a wonderful garden of ruins that also boasts incredible panoramic views across the Axon plains.

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VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Reservation required.
Maximum 30 people.
Duration: 1hr.

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation required.
Maximum 30 people.
Duration: 2hrs.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

40 steps.
PRM spaces on Place du Marché and Place de l'Hôtel de Ville.



E-Ticketing for professionals

GETTING HERE

-  • Paris (120 km).
-  • Soissons (16 km).



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

Open every day.
• 2nd May to 4th September: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
• 5th September to 30th April: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Last admission 45 minutes before closing time.
• Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR FRENCH LANGUAGE

Château of Villers-Cotterêts

Experience, explore and celebrate the French language.

2

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Set amid the remarkable natural surroundings of the 13,000-hectare Retz forest, designated as a Forêt d'exception®.
- A fun and unique way to discover the French language and its francophone aspect independently in a fully restored heritage setting.

Within the Renaissance château of Villers-Cotterêts, built in 1532 by Francis I and entirely restored, the International centre for French Language aims to allow as many people as possible to share and enjoy this modern, living language, which is constantly being reinvented by French speakers all over the world.

Its 1,200m² visitor circuit, its rich cultural programme on display in the temporary exhibition rooms, its auditorium, its courtyards and gardens, its café and bookshop, and much more make the Centre a site open to all against a unique lush backdrop: the Forest of Retz.

DID YOU KNOW...?

It was here, in 1539, that Francis I signed the Ordinance of Villers-Cotterêts making the use of the French language compulsory in administrative and legal acts.

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GETTING HERE

- Paris (80 km).
- Roissy - Charles de Gaulle (60 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

- Reservation required.
- Immersive mediation.
- Visit application.
- Maximum 25 people.

LECTURE TOURS

- 'Memoirs of a château' or 'The château in the forest'
- Reservation required. Duration: 1hr30. Maximum 25 people.
- 'From the château to the Cité'
- Reservation required. Duration: 1hr30. Maximum 25 people.

FACILITIES



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- Last admission 1 hr before closing time.
- Closed on Monday (except Easter Monday and Whit Monday) and 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

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Towers and treasury of AMIENS CATHEDRAL

The largest Gothic Cathedral in France.

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GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Breath-taking panoramic views of Amiens from the top of its towers.
- Discover the precious relic of the head of St Jean-Baptiste.

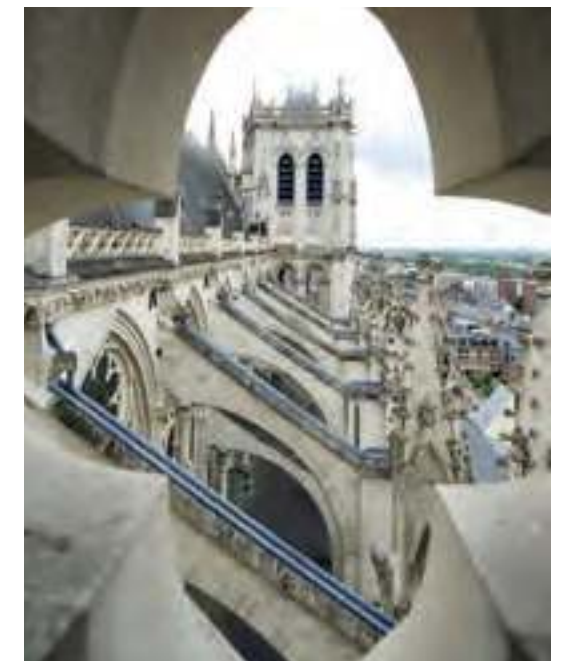
If you haven't already visited Amiens Cathedral, a jewel of Gothic architecture on a remarkable scale and boasting some impressive decor, then what are you waiting for?

Built in 1220 on the initiative of Bishop Evrard de Fouilloy and based on a design by architect Robert de Luzarches, the cathedral is now recognised as one of the largest Gothic churches in France. Notre-Dame d'Amiens, with its abundant decorative pieces, most of which are priceless thanks to their excellent state of repair, is a remarkable architectural feat that attracts visitors from all over the world. From the 13th-century bronze recumbent statues, miraculously spared during the French Revolution, to the 16th-century Flamboyant Gothic stalls, the cathedral is bursting with a thousand

masterpieces, not to mention the priceless relics of St John the Baptist and St Firmin, patron saint of the city of Amiens, to be found in the treasury room.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Amiens cathedral has twice been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, first in 1862 for its architecture and its rich decor, and again in 1998 as a monument along the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela.



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 1hr.

GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required.
Duration: 1hr.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

302 steps.
Access to the towers is forbidden to children under the age of 6.
Tours may be temporarily suspended due to weather conditions or special ceremonies



E-Ticketing for professionals

GETTING HERE

- Paris (130 km).
- Amiens (1 km).

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 1st October to 31st March:
Cathedral towers: 2 p.m. / 3 p.m.
- Closed on Tuesdays and during religious ceremonies.
- Cathedral Treasury: 11 a.m.
- Closed on Tuesdays, Sundays and during religious ceremonies.
- 1st April to 30th September
Cathedral Towers: 2 p.m. / 2.45 p.m. / 3.30 p.m. / 4.15 p.m.
- Closed on Tuesdays and during religious ceremonies.
- Cathedral Treasury: 11 a.m. every day except on Tuesdays & Sundays / 2 p.m. every day except on Tuesdays.
- Closed on Tuesdays and during religious ceremonies.
- Closed on 1st January, 1st May, 25th December and the last Sunday of September.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Museum of Coronations PALACE OF TAU

A thousand years of royal coronations in the capital of Champagne.

3

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A one-of-a-kind museum dedicated to the coronation of the kings of France.
- A collection of major works, from gold and silverware in the Reims Cathedral treasury to masterpieces of Gothic statuary and 15th, 16th and 17th-century tapestries.
- A fully restored palatine chapel with ornate contemporary stained-glass windows.

The former residence of the archbishops of Reims that also served to accommodate French kings on the occasion of their coronation, the Palace of Tau has been transformed into a one-of-a-kind museum.

A newly designed exhibition invites the public to experience the coronation ceremony as if they were there, using the collections of insignia – mineral works, textiles and gold and silverware – presented in majesty. The circuit also attaches particular importance to contemporary creation. The highlight of the visit, the palatine chapel has been enhanced with new stained-glass windows produced

by Anne and Patrick Poirier.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Thirty-three French kings were crowned in Reims. In 1825, Charles X chose to serve a simple broth at his coronation banquet which was over in a matter of twenty minutes.

NEW IN 2026-2027



GETTING HERE

- Reims or Champagne-Ardenne TGV (10 km).
- Paris (145 km).



OPENING TIMES

Opening times subject to change

- Year-round, from Tuesday to Sunday: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Last admission at 5.15 p.m.
- Closed Mondays.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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www.palais-du-tau.fr

VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

FACILITIES



E-Ticketing for professionals



Towers of REIMS CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of France's coronations.

3

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A unique opportunity to climb to the top of the cathedral.
- Discover the building's superb reinforced cement framework.
- A UNESCO World Heritage-listed building.

A major feat of Gothic art, Notre-Dame Cathedral in Reims is considered something of a miraculous masterpiece given the heavy price the building paid during World War I.

Resurrected from the ruins, it embodies 800 years of remarkably unified architecture and a dizzying quest for light, not to mention a rich statuary that makes it the largest sculpted complex in Europe. Climbing the towers is an unusual way to discover this masterpiece as you get a close-up look at the chevet and the incredible reinforced

concrete framework designed by chief architect Henri Deneux.

DID YOU KNOW...?

31 kings of France were anointed at Notre-Dame de Reims cathedral.

GETTING HERE

- Reims (1 km) or Champagne-Ardenne TGV (10 km).
- Paris (145 km).



VISITS

GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required
18 people maximum
Duration: 1hr.

REMOTE GUIDED TOUR

A live tour experience from home with access to new spaces.
Available in several languages
Reservation required.
Duration: around 1hr.
Prices and information :
visitesguideesadistance@monuments-nationaux.fr

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

249 steps.
Not accessible to visitors with reduced mobility.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 9th September to 15th November and 15th February to 5th May: guided tours from Tuesday to Friday at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. Saturday at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m.
- 6th May to 8th September: guided tours Tuesday to Saturday at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m.
- Closed 16th November to 14th February, 1st May, morning of Ascension Day and Whit Sunday.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Château of LA MOTTE TILLY

The graceful atmosphere of 18th-century living.

3

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A stroll along the paths and rows of lime trees.
- An idyllic picnic on the pontoons of the mirror of water.
- A unique visitor experience with the immersive «Bal et masques» show.

A visit to the Château of La Motte Tilly, on the border of the Aube and Seine-et-Marne departments, overlooking the Seine, is also an opportunity to explore its wooded grounds and kitchen garden.

With its sophisticated interior decor and remarkable furniture, the château has managed to retain the feel of an aristocratic residence typical of the Age of Enlightenment. The beauty of its formal gardens and the perfect symmetry of its grounds around a superb 'mirror of water' showcase the château to the full.

Discover over two centuries of history, from Abbot Terray to the Marquise de Maillé!

DID YOU KNOW...?

The grounds are home to a fantastic organic vegetable garden that produces fruit and vegetables every year that are snapped up by local restaurants and residents alike!



GETTING HERE

- Provins (20 km).
- Nogent sur Seine (6 km).
- Véloroute V33 (6 km).



VISITS

CHATEAU GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required.
Duration: 1hr.

FREE ACCESS TO THE GROUNDS

GROUND'S GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required.
Duration 1hr30.

PRIVATE TOUR

Reservation required.
Duration 1hr.

FACILITIES



300 m

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Number of floors visited during the tour: 1.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

Château

- 15th April to 14th October: Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 15th October to 14th April: Wednesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Last admission 1 hour before closing time.

Grounds

- 15th April to 14th October: Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- 15th October to 14th April: Wednesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Grounds and château closed on 1st January, 1st May, 25th December.

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Château of HAROUÉ

The Home of the Princes of Beauvau-Craon.

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GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- One of the largest French formal gardens in Eastern France.
- A superb collection of tapestries depicting the exploits of Alexander the Great.
- One of the most beautiful Chinese salons of the 18th century.

Prince Marc de Beauvau-Craon, Grand Constable of Lorraine and a close friend of Duke Leopold I, took ownership of the land on which Haroué is built in 1720.

He commissioned the architect Germain Boffrand to build his family home there. Set in the middle of a 16-hectare estate, the château is a masterpiece of 18th-century architecture. Still inhabited by the de Beauvau-Craon family to this day, it is a living testimony to the tastes and way of life of a noble Lorraine family. The Centre des monuments nationaux opened the Château de Haroué to the public in 2021 as part of a

partnership with the de Beauvau-Craon family.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Haroué is a symbol of the passage of time, with its 365 windows, 52 chimneys, 12 towers and 4 bridges.

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GETTING HERE



• Nancy (30 km).



VISITS

GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required.

Duration: 45 min.

Guide booklet available.  

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

No telephone network on site.

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 1st April to 6th November: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 7th November to 31st March: on request.
- Closed Mondays
- 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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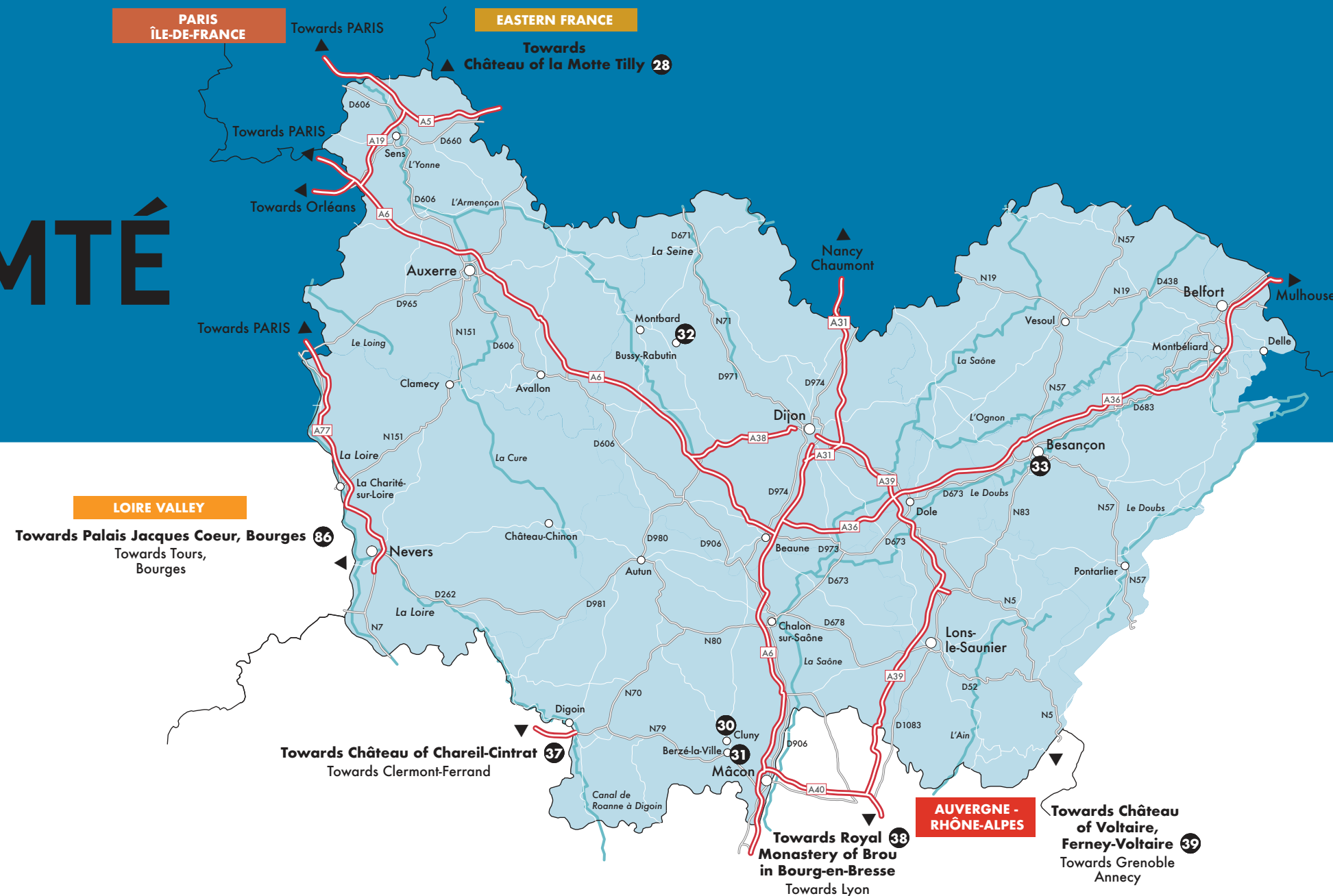


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- Car park
- Baby area
- Pushchairs loan
- Picnic area
- Drinks vending machine
- Catering facilities
- Parking for electric vehicles
- Toilets (disabled)
- Lockers / Cloakroom
- Wheelchair loan
- Free entry to the grounds
- Auditorium
- Venue hire



CLUNY

Abbey and Museum of Art and Archaeology

An abbey with important reach throughout Europe in the Middle Ages.

3

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A site with an impressive history and spectacular architecture.
- The motherhouse of almost 1,500 Cluniac sites across Europe.
- The restored chapel of Jean de Bourbon.

The Benedictine abbey of Cluny was founded in 910 and extended its influence over the centuries throughout Europe thanks to the extraordinary scale of its church.

Explore the remains of the great 11th-century church, which was partly destroyed after the French Revolution, along with the many monastic buildings at the site, including the Galileo passage with its reliquaries and coin treasures, the 18th-century cloister, the chapterhouse, the 13th-century granary, the framework of which houses the capitals of the great church, the cellar, the Palais Jean de Bourbon and the museum of art and archaeology.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Archaeologists discovered a treasure trove of over 2,000 silver denarii, gold coins and a ring adorned with an ancient intaglio at the site in 2017. The treasure is presented to the public in the permanent visitor circuit.

VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
 Reservation required. Duration: 1hr30.
Maximum group size: 40 people.

AUDIO-GUIDE TOUR FOR THE ABBEY

Reservation required. Duration: 1hr30.

LECTURE TOUR OF THE ABBEY AND/OR MUSEUM - Choice of themes



Reservation required. Duration: from 1hr30 to 2hrs30.

REMOTE GUIDED TOUR

Experience a live tour from home with access to new spaces.
Available in several languages.
Reservation required.
Rates and information : visitesguideesadistance@monuments-nationaux.fr

PRIVATE TOUR

Explore the abbey outside of opening hours, with or without catering.
Reservation required. Duration: 2hrs.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Number of floors visited during the tour: 1.
Monument partially accessible to visitors with reduced mobility.
Visitor support tools specially adapted for those with disabilities.

E-Ticketing for professionals



GETTING HERE

- Mâcon (27 km).
- Lyon (90 km).
- Greenway (1.8 km).



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

Cluny Abbey

- April, May, June and September: from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - July and August: from 9.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 - October to March: from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Last admission 45 minutes before closing time.

The Museum of Art and Archaeology

is open at the same times as the abbey but closed between 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m.

- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

• Abbaye de Cluny

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• Musée d'art et d'archéologie de Cluny

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Chapelle des Moines in BERZÉ-LA-VILLE

A masterpiece of 12th-century wall painting.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- To discover the world of Cluniac monumental painting.
- To admire Christ in Majesty.
- To extend your visit to Cluny Abbey.

Located between Cluny and Mâcon, the Priory of Berzé-la-Ville was founded by Hugues de Semur, the Abbot of Cluny in the early 12th century.

A haven of peace for the abbot, he used it to receive guests of distinction and to escape from the intense political and religious life of the Abbey of Cluny. Today only the chapel can be visited. It was built on two levels. The superb 12th-century frescoes are conserved on the upper level. These are rare, exceptionally high quality examples of the wall painting of this period.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The murals were only rediscovered by Philibert Jolivet, the parish priest in 1887.

GETTING HERE

- Cluny (12 km).
- Mâcon (16 km).
- Lyon (83 km).
- Greenway (1 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Reservation required.
Duration: 30 min.

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation required.
Duration: 1hr.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

There 25 steps to access the upper chapel
Maximum group size without splitting up: 40 people



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- Open to all visitors in high season.
 - Open to groups on reservation in low season.
- For opening days and times please visit the website.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Château of BUSSY-RABUTIN

Roger de Rabutin, an impertinent courtier to the Sun King.

3

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A fun tour interspersed with anecdotes.
- An insight into the Facebook of the 17th century!
- Over 34 hectares of grounds complete with ponds, a maze, etc.

Follow in the footsteps of Roger de Bussy-Rabutin - a colourful Burgundian, an outstanding soldier, a libertine, a gallant man, a quick-witted academician and one of the most flamboyant courtiers to the great Louis XIV, the Sun King!

Having been exiled to his château in Burgundy after criticising aristocratic society and its debauched morals, the Count adorned its walls with over 300 paintings depicting his life and his nostalgia for the Court. The château was saved in the 19th century by the Comte de Sarcus, an art historian and collector with a fascination for

the château and its history.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Roger de Bussy-Rabutin was the cousin of Madame de Sévigné, with whom he corresponded for many years.



VISITS

UNACCOMPANIED TOUR

With guide booklet.

- Grounds
- Château

Reservation required. Duration: 1hr30.

LECTURE TOUR - Choice of themes

Reservation required. Duration: 1hr30.

DRAMATISED TOURS: "A life of luxury" or "Finding Roger"

Reservation required. Duration: 1hr15. 10 to 30 people.

WORKSHOPS AT THE CHÂTEAU: "Floral design" or "A love of chocolate" or "Make your own soap in the scents of the time" or "Scented water distillation"

Reservation required. Duration: 1hr30. 10 to 15 people.

TREASURE HUNTS ON THE ESTATE: "Love, glory and beauty!" or "Welcome to Mount Olympus"

Reservation required. Duration: 1hr15. 10 to 30 people.

PRIVATE TOUR

Explore the château outside of opening hours, with or without catering. Reservation required. Duration: 2hrs.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Number of floors visited during the tour: 1. Lift available. Visitor support tools specially adapted for those with disabilities.



E-Ticketing for professionals



GETTING HERE

- Venarey-les-Laumes (8 km).
- Dijon (65 km).
- Burgundy Canal Venarey-les-Laumes (8 km).
- Greenway of Burgundy Canal (8 km).



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 15th May to 14th September: from 9.15 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 - 15th September to 14th May: from 9.15 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Last admission 1 hour before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Astronomical clock of BESANÇON CATHEDRAL

A masterpiece of watchmaking in the 19th century.

2

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A clock equally impressive for its beauty as for the ingenuity of its mechanism.
- With the clock currently under restoration, visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the technical challenges facing the craftsmen involved in its renovation.

The colossal astronomical clock, a masterpiece by Auguste Lucien Vêrité, reaches 5 m in height and weighs in at 2 tonnes.

Its 30,000 parts and 60 dials display no fewer than 122 interrelated indications. As well as marking the passing hours, the clock provides information on changes in the sky, the relative positions of the Sun and the Moon, the constellations of the zodiac, the length of day and night, the phase of the moon, the dates of eclipses, tides and solstices, and solar time, among other things.

Visitors can explore the finer details of this ingenious mechanism.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The clock spans 6 levels of the tower, reaching a total height of 27 m!

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GETTING HERE

- Besançon.
- Eurovéloroute 6 (1 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR with informational panels.

Duration: 30 min.

GUIDED TOUR

Duration: from 15 min to 1 hr.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Steps to the clock room
Maximum group size without splitting up: 20 people.



E-Ticketing for professionals



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 1st April to 31st October: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Autumn half-term, Christmas holidays, Spring half-term and Easter holidays from 10 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- From November to March, open for groups by reservation.
- Closed Mondays.
- Last admission 30 minutes before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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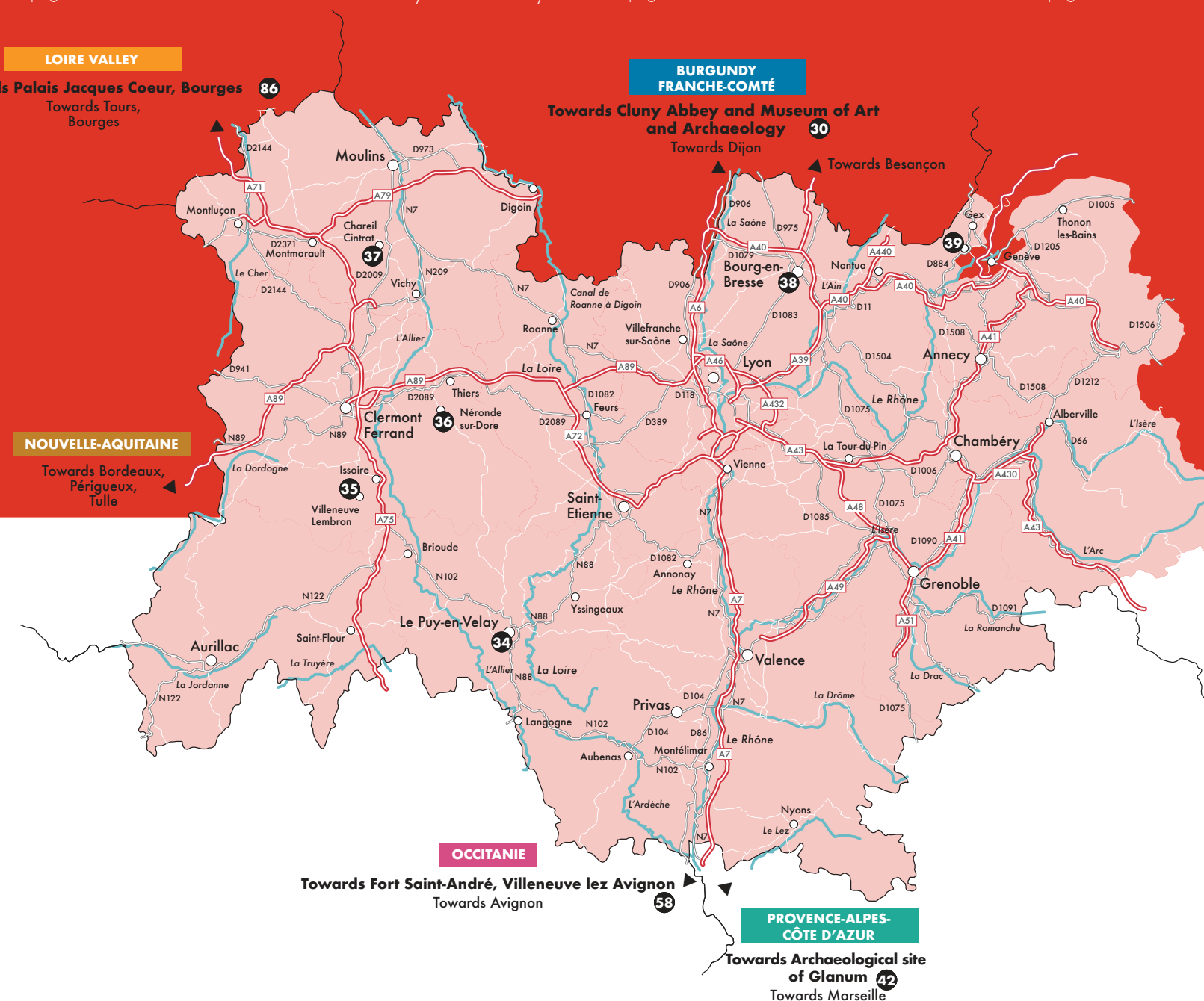
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| Toilets (disabled) | Lockers / Cloakroom | Wheelchair loan | Free entry to the grounds | Auditorium | Venue hire |



Cathedral Complex of LE PUY-EN-VELAY

Discovering the hidden treasures of Le Puy.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A remarkable polychrome cloister.
- A very rich treasury.
- The starting point of the Camino de Santiago, the Way of St. James.

Explore an exceptional architectural complex adjacent to the cathedral.

Enter the 12th-century cloister with its polychrome arcades and elaborate capitals and marvel at the Byzantine-inspired fresco of the crucifixion in the chapterhouse. Continue your visit with a look at the building known as the «machicolation» which houses the cathedral treasury and various extraordinary artefacts including embroidered liturgical textiles, paintings and objects dating from the 15th

to the 19th centuries, before finally entering the underground passageways to the lower hall, where a film tracing the site's development is screened.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The galleries of the cloister are adorned with no fewer than 154 sculpted capitals, 90 of which date from the 12th century.

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GETTING HERE

- ✈️ • Puy-en-Velay.
- 🚆 • Lyon (130 km).
- 🚲 • Via Fluvia (14 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Reservation required
Duration: 1hr.

GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required.
Duration: 1hr.
Maximum group size: 40 people.

FACILITIES



800 m

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Numerous stairs throughout the site.
Le Puy-en-Velay town centre is only accessible on foot and is located on a hill.



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OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 15th May to 15th September: from 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- 16th September to 14th May: from 9.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (closed on Mondays)
- Last admission 30 minutes before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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www.cathedrale-puy-en-velay.fr



Château of VILLENEUVE-LEMBRON

The luxurious home of a nobleman of the Middle Ages.

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GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Extraordinary stables, decorated with 16th-century frescoes.
- The gallery has retained its hunting trophies and murals.

The first lord of the château, Rigaud d'Aureille, served several kings, from Louis XI to Francis I.

He also took part in the first Italian campaign in 1494 and later served as an ambassador to several European courts. His château was adorned with murals depicting aspects of his life and testifying to the vibrancy of the medieval imagination. His successors embellished the walls with exceptional Renaissance decor featuring mythological characters. The latest restorations highlight the originality

of the decor, complete with furnishings evoking the various owners of the château over the years.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Francis I stayed at the château on 16 July 1533 on his way to Marseille.



GETTING HERE



- Issoire (15 km).
- Clermont-Ferrand (53 km).



VISITS

GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required.
Duration: 1hr.

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation required.
Duration: from 1hr30 to 2hrs30.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Number of floors visited during the tour: 1.
Maximum group size without splitting up: 30 people.



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OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 15th May to 15th September: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- Closed Mondays.
- 16th September to 14th May: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
- Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Last admission 1 hr before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Château of AULTERIBE

A prestigious collection in the heart of France.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The original 'Cardinal Richelieu' painted by Philippe de Champaigne.
- Nearly 500 objets d'art on display.
- 80 hectares of grounds classified as a sanctuary by the French League for the Protection of Birds (LPO).

Come face to face with the last owners of the Château d'Aulteribe, the Marquis and Marquise de Pierre.

Take a glimpse into the private lives of these aesthetes as you explore the château's drawing rooms, bedrooms and corridors. Travel through time and across countries thanks to the extraordinary collection of objets d'art they amassed within one of the best and most sumptuously furnished residences in France, complete with stamped furniture from the finest Parisian workshops of the 17th and 18th centuries, a portrait of the

Cardinal Richelieu by Philippe de Champaigne, tapestries from Flanders and Aubusson, and porcelain pieces, among others...

DID YOU KNOW...?

George Onslow, an Auvergne-born composer of English descent, was a regular visitor to Aulteribe during his heyday, from 1833 to 1852.

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VISITS

GUIDED TOUR

Guide booklet.  
Reservation required.
Duration: 1hr.

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation required.
Duration: from 1hr30 to 2hrs30.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Number of floors visited during the tour: 1.
Park accessible with assistance.
Maximum group size without splitting up: 20 people.

GETTING HERE

  • Clermont-Ferrand (43 km).



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 15th May to 15th September: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. (closed Mondays except Whit Monday).
- 16th September to 14th May: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. (closed Mondays except Easter Monday and Tuesdays). Last admission 1 hr before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Château of CHAREIL-CINTRAT

Magnificent Renaissance decorations.

2

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The arched ceiling of the grand staircase and its grotesque decor.
- The conservatory of ancient grape varieties.

Built in the 16th century, this château in the Bourbonnais region has a sculpted interior decoration characteristic of the second French Renaissance.

All the rooms are decorated with murals from 1560-1570 taking inspiration from classical art. They depict mythological and astronomical themes. Outside of the château, the tour continues freely in the repository of ancient vines from Chareil and Saint-Pourçain vineyards.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The château once belonged to Claude Morin, '*contrôleur ordinaire des guerres*', a position tasked with reviewing the troops, in around 1550.



GETTING HERE

- Moulins (39 km).
- Clermont-Ferrand (75 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Reservation required.
Duration: 1hr.

GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required.
Duration: 1hr.
40 people maximum.

FACILITIES



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Number of floors visited during the tour: 3.

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 15th June to 15th September: from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. (closed on Mondays).
- Open to groups year-round on reservation. Last admission 1 hr before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Royal Monastery of BROU

Love, cultures and daring since 1532!

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A flamboyant Gothic church with finely sculpted ornamentation.
- A Museum of Fine Arts showcasing almost 450 works of art.
- A rich programme of cultural events.

The Royal Monastery of Brou is a masterpiece to the love story of Margaret of Austria and her late husband Philibert II, nicknamed the Handsome or the Good.

The church itself houses a profusion of admirable stonework and regal tombs, while the three cloisters with their upper and lower galleries will draw you into the amazing life of the founder and her romantic story, marked by tragedy, politics and love. From the church to the Museum of Fine Arts, travel through several centuries of art history, from the 11th century to the present day, as you admire works from the Low Countries, by 19th-century

artists and by some of the great names in contemporary art.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The only marriage to take place in the church at Brou was that of Robert, Archduke of Austria-Este and Margherita of Savoy-Aosta in 1953, uniting the Houses of Austria and Savoy!



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet. Reservation required. Duration: 2hrs.

GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required. Duration: 1hr approximately. 30 people maximum.

AUDIO-GUIDE TOUR

Reservation required. Duration: 2hrs.

THEME "Scale the heights"

Reservation required. Duration: 45 min to 90 min 17 people maximum.

PRIVATE TOUR

Explore the monastery outside of opening hours, with or without catering. Reservation required. Duration: 2hrs.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Number of floors visited during the tour: 1
Lift available. Monument accessible to all visitors.



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GETTING HERE



• Bourg en Bresse.



• Mâcon river port (42 km).



• Lyon (78 km).

• Geneva (107 km).



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 1st April to 30th September: from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - 1st October to 31st March: from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Last admission 30 minutes before closing time.
Monument cleared 15 minutes before closing time.
• Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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brou@bourgenbresse.fr
www.monastere-de-brou.fr



Château of VOLTAIRE

The home where Voltaire spent the last twenty years of his life.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Be inspired by Voltaire and the spirit of the Enlightenment.
- Contemplate the breath-taking views of the Alps and the Jura.
- Take a walk through the grounds and beneath the arbour.

Built by Voltaire in 1758, the château, set amid 7 hectares of grounds, was a gathering place for the finest minds of the Enlightenment.

It was here that he continued his fight against intolerance and wrote his greatest works. Upon his death, the château was staged to pay homage to the writer as a memorial site. Gain an insight into the philosopher's private life as you wander through his restored apartments and discover his life and work using

innovative digital tools and touch tables.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Voltaire owed part of his fortune to the lottery, which he rigged for his own gain!

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GETTING HERE

- ✈️ • Geneva (2 km).
- 🚗 • Via Rhône (7 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet :

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 - Château 🇫🇷 🇬🇧 🇩🇪 🇮🇹 🇪🇸 🇷🇺 🇪🇬 🇧🇪 🇷🇺
- Reservation required. Duration: 1hr30.

GUIDED TOUR 🇫🇷

Reservation required. Duration: 1hr approximately. 30 people maximum.

CONFERENCES - Choice of themes 🇫🇷 🇬🇧 🇩🇪 🇮🇹 🇪🇸

Reservation required. Duration: 1hr30.

WORKSHOPS AT THE CHÂTEAU: "Try your hand at traditional games" or "A love of chocolate" or "Cooking workshop" 🇫🇷

Reservation required. Duration: 1hr30. 10 to 20 people.

PRIVATE TOUR 🇫🇷

Explore the château outside of opening hours, with or without catering. Reservation required. Duration: 2hrs.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Number of floors visited during the tour: 2.
Lift available. Estate accessible to people with reduced mobility, with assistance in the grounds.
Visitor support tools specially adapted for those with disabilities.



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OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- April to September: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - October to March: from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Last admission 45 minutes before closing time.
• Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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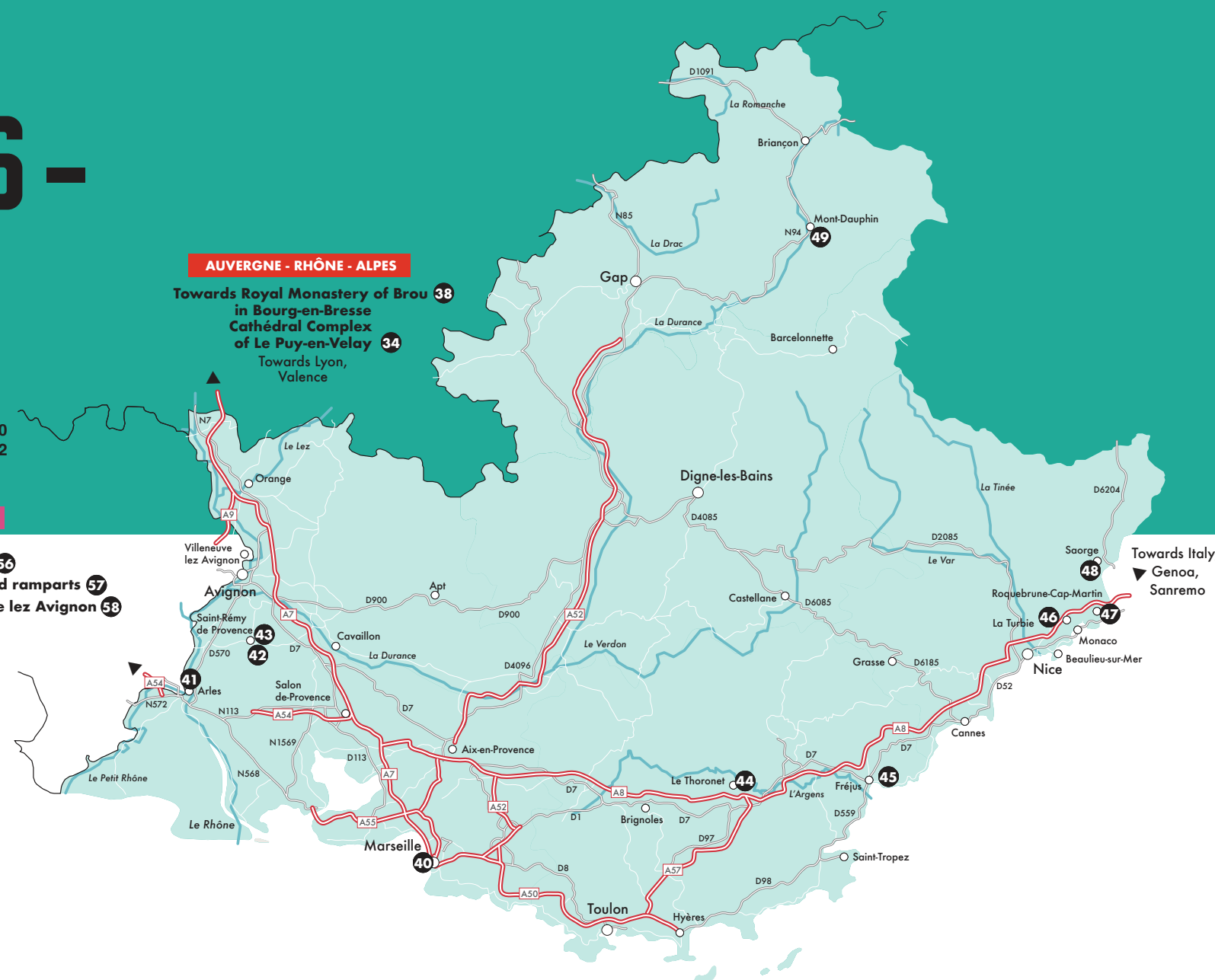
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Castle of IF

The famous fort immortalised by the Count of Monte-Cristo.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Since If is an island, it can only be reached by boat, but that only adds to the fun!
- The Château d'If is home to some 400 years of graffiti carved by prisoners, guards and soldiers.
- As part of the Calanques National Park, If is also home to many protected species.

Built in 1529 as a fortress on the island of If, it became a prison in 1541 and has confined some of the most famous prisoners in French history, including the Count of Mirabeau and the legendary Count of Monte-Cristo.

At the heart of the Calanques National Park, the Château d'If is an extraordinary location for your clients to appreciate unique views across the harbour of Marseille!

DID YOU KNOW...?

The first time Francis I set foot on If was to marvel at an Indian rhinoceros that had not been seen in Europe since the 3rd century AD.

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VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Reservation required for groups: 2 weeks.
Duration: 45 min (1hr30 with visit of the island).

PERMANENT EXHIBITION

- The Count of Monte-Cristo by Alexandre Dumas.
- Castle graffiti.

FILM ON THE HISTORY OF THE CASTLE OF IF

GUIDED TOUR

Groups reservations must be made 2 weeks in advance.
Duration: 35 to 45 mins.

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation required for groups: 1 month.
Duration: 1hr30.

For a tour in a foreign language, please contact the Marseille Convention and Visitors Bureau: groupe@marseille-tourisme.com

PRIVATE TOUR

Available outside of opening hours
With breakfast or aperitif. Contact chateau-if@lesgrandestables.com.
Reservations must be made 1 month in advance April to September.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The boat crossing is not included in the ticket price.
There are lots of steps. Wear suitable footwear.
The site is not accessible to visitors with reduced mobility. Visitor support tools and specially adapted tours available for those with disabilities.
Contact the monument for more information



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GETTING HERE

- Marseille Saint-Charles (2 km).
- Marseille Provence (26 km).
- If island - 13007 Marseille.
Crossing from the Old Port (Vieux Port).



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 1st April to 30th September: from 10.15 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - 1st October to 31st March: from 10.15 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Closed Mondays from October to March.
- The last visit depends on the boat timetable, information on our website www.chateau-if.fr
Shuttle schedules: ask the shipping companies for information.
• Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December and subject to bad weather.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Château d'If
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Tel.: +33 (0)6 03 06 25 26
resa-if@monuments-nationaux.fr
www.chateau-if.fr



Abbey of MONTMAJOUR

The Abbey of Montmajour reveals 8 centuries of monastic life.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The 48 sculpted capitals on the cloister columns.
- The Saint-Pierre hermitage - a small semi-troglodyte church dating from the 11th century and the oldest building at the abbey.
- A source of inspiration for renowned artists.

Built on a rock at the heart of the Arles region, this extraordinary architectural complex bears witness to 1,000 years of history and monastic life.

Visit a masterpiece of Provençal Romanesque art founded by Benedictine monks in 948.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Abbey of Montmajour was a source of inspiration for Vincent van Gogh and the subject of a number of his works!

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VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.

Duration: 1hr15.

Interpretation Centre in the Saint Maur Monastery.

GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required for groups: 1 month.

Duration: 1hr.

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation required for groups: 1 month.

Duration: 1hr30.

PRIVATE TOUR

Available outside of opening hours.

Breakfast or aperitif catering service available.

Reservation required 1 month in advance.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Uneven ground, lots of steps.

Gentle slope becoming steeper at the entrance to the monument.

Numerous stairs throughout the site.

Cloister accessible to visitors with reduced mobility via removable ramp.

Guide booklet for the visually impaired.



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GETTING HERE



• Arles (5 km).



• Marseille (75 km).



• Tarascon (18 km).

• Arles (7 km).



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

• From October to May: from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• From June to September: from 10 a.m. to 6.15 p.m.

• Closed Mondays from October to March.

Last admission 1hr15 before closing time.

• Closed 1st January, 1st May, 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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resa-montmajour@monuments-nationaux.fr

www.abbaye-montmajour.fr



Archaeological site of GLANUM

A Celtic city filled with Greek and Roman influences.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The fountain of a sacred spring - the reason the Glanum site was created.
- The unique panoramic views of the archaeological site and its surroundings.
- Glanum, at the heart of the Alpilles mountain range, is home to a rich and wide variety of biodiversity all year round.

Explore a Gallic oppidum at the heart of the Alpilles Regional Natural Park!

A Celtic city heavily inspired by the Greeks and later Romans, the archaeological site of Glanum boasts the unique ancient remains of an entire town that had an undeniable influence between the 6th century BC and the 3rd century AD. This urban complex incorporating a number of civil and religious monuments is the only one of its kind in Provence.

DID YOU KNOW...?

An underground fountain, believed to have therapeutic properties, was the reason the Glanum site was created.



GETTING HERE

- La Méditerranée à vélo / EuroVelo 8 (2 km).
- Avignon (22 km).
- Marseille (68 km).
- River docking point Tarascon (21 km).
- Arles (24 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Reservation required for groups
Duration: 1hr30.

INTERPRETATION CENTRE

GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required for groups.
Duration: 1hr30.

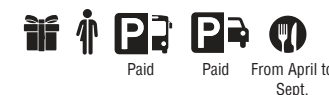
AUDIO-GUIDE TOUR

Reservation required for groups.
Duration: 1hr15.

PRIVATE TOUR

With or without catering service, outside standard opening hours.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Site offering limited access to visitors with motor disabilities.
Limited shade in summer.



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OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- April, May, June and September: from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- From July to August : from 8.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- From October to March: from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Last admission 45 minutes before closing time.
- Closed Mondays from October to March.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st and 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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www.site-glanum.fr



Hôtel de SADE

The Sade family private mansion, in the heart of Saint-Rémy-de-Provence.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- An extension of the Archaeological site of Glanum visit.
- A unique collection of statues discovered at Glanum: crouching warriors, capitals with human figures...
- A thermal complex dating from 4 AD

Discover a selection of the most stunning archaeological artefacts from the Glanum site!

Journey through 2,000 years of history within this private mansion formed of medieval and Renaissance buildings where sculptures, jewellery, ceramics and Gallo-Greek and Gallo-Roman inscriptions give an insight into the tastes, customs and beliefs of the inhabitants of the ancient city of Glanum.

DID YOU KNOW...?

There is no evidence today that the Marquis de Sade came to stay in his grandfather's mansion.

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VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet 
June to September, reservation required for groups.
Duration: 30 min.

GUIDED TOUR

All year round, reservation required for groups.
Duration: 1 hr.

HERITAGE AND 3D SCANNING DISCOVERY TOUR

New!
Reservation required.
Duration: 3hrs

PRIVATE TOUR

Available outside of opening hours.
With or without catering service..

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Site partially accessible to visitors with motor disabilities.

GETTING HERE

-  • Avignon (20 km).
-  • Marseille Provence (77 km).
-  • Tarascon (20 km).
-  • Arles (30 km).



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- Mid-June to mid-September, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- All year round, reservation required for guided tours for groups.
- Last admission 30 minutes before closing time.
- Closed Mondays.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Hôtel de Sade
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Tel.: +33 (0)4 32 60 64 03
resa.glanum@monuments-nationaux.fr
www.hotel-de-sade.fr



Abbey of THORONET

A Cistercian abbey with remarkable acoustics.

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GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A remarkable example of and leading reference in Cistercian architecture.
- Acoustics unlike any others in the world.
- A peaceful, restful, otherworldly place.

In the heart of a wooded landscape, a remarkable Cistercian abbey, famous for its exceptional acoustics and the purity of its architecture.

One of the 'Three Sisters of Provence' to discover, along with the abbeys of Sénanque and Silvacane!

DID YOU KNOW...?

The abbey's purity and the simplicity of its spaces have inspired generations of architects such as Le Corbusier.

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GETTING HERE

- Aix en Provence (76 km).
- Le Cannet-des-Maures (13 km).
- Marseille (100 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 1hr
Reservation required for groups.

GUIDED TOUR AND THEMATIC TOUR

Several themed tours are available throughout the year (please visit the website le-thoronet.fr for full details).
Reservation required for groups.
Duration: 1hr (1hr30 for themed tours).

AUDIO-GUIDE TOUR

Reservation required for groups.
Duration: 1hr30.

PRIVATE TOUR

Outside standard opening hours.
With or without catering service.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Visitor support tools and specially adapted tours available.
Contact the monument for more information.



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 1st April to 30th September: from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
 - 1st October to 31st March: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Last admission 45 minutes before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

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resa-thoronet@monuments-nationaux.fr
www.le-thoronet.fr



FRÉJUS

Cathedral Cloister

A two-storey Romanesque cloister, a painted ceiling, unique in France.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The cloister, with its capitals simply decorated with foliage and shells.
- The painted ceilings, plunging visitors into the creative world of medieval painters and illustrators.
- The baptistery - one of the oldest in France.

The episcopal complex in Fréjus includes a 5th-century baptistery, a cathedral, a cloister and a former episcopal palace.

He stands on the site of the ancient city founded by Julius Caesar in 49 BC, at the heart of the now-pedestrianised town centre. The cloister's two-storey galleries are covered on the ground floor by a very interesting roof structure complete with painted caps depicting the imaginary bestiary of the mid-14th century. The richness and variety of the paintings are unique in France.

DID YOU KNOW...?

One visitor made an archaeological discovery of their own when they lost their balance and caught themselves on a period jar filled with earth and a plant.

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GETTING HERE

- Cannes (40 km).
- Fréjus (500 m).
- Nice (60 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Reservation required for groups.
Duration: 30 min.

GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required for groups.
Duration: 1hr.

PRIVATE TOUR

With or without catering service.
Outside standard opening hours.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Visitor support tools and specially adapted tours available.
Contact the monument for more information.



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OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- From May to August: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- From September to April: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Closed Mondays from September to April.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December

CONTACT INFORMATION

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resa-frejus@monuments-nationaux.fr
www.cloitre-frejus.fr



Trophy of AUGUSTUS

Park and a unique view of the Principality of Monaco.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- An extraordinary monument dating back over 2,000 years.
- The landscaped grounds and spectacular panoramic views from Italy to the Esterel mountains.
- The interactive museum.

Discover the Trophy of Augustus, one of the few monuments of its kind still standing today, boasting delightful gardens and a unique view of the Principality of Monaco.

Erected in the 1st century BC in honour of the Roman emperor Augustus, who conquered the Alpine peoples, it dominates the entire French Riviera, from the Esterel mountains to the Italian coast, from the top of the ancient Via Julia Augusta.

DID YOU KNOW...?

There was once a hotel, the Righi, between the Trophy and the sea.

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VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.

Film on the history of the Trophy of Augustus -  and French Sign Language

Reservation required for groups.

Duration: 45 min.

GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required for groups.

Duration: 1hr.

AUDIO-GUIDE TOUR

Reservation required for groups.

Duration: 1hr.

PRIVATE TOUR

Outside standard opening hours.

With or without catering service.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Off-site toilets on Place de la Crémallière.

Visitor support tools and specially adapted tours available. Contact the monument for more information.



E-Ticketing for professionals

GETTING HERE



• Nice (18 km).



• Nice (25 km).



• Véloroute : La Méditerranée à vélo / EuroVelo 8



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

• 2nd of May to 31st August: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• 1st September to 30th April: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Last admission 30 minutes before closing time.

• Closed Mondays.

• 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Cap Moderne, Eileen Gray and Le Corbusier site at **CAP MARTIN**

Three emblematic sites of modern architecture.

3

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A villa featuring the most cutting-edge avant-garde architecture and furnishings.
- Le Corbusier's murals in the Villa and the bar-restaurant.
- Spectacular views across the Mediterranean.

Explore a unique architectural complex comprising Eileen Gray's Villa E-1027, Le Corbusier's Cabanon and Camping Units, and the Etoile de mer bar-restaurant!

Built at the start of the 20th century in an extraordinary setting, the complex also offers panoramic views of the coastline. Villa E-1027, by Eileen Gray and Jean Badovici, is as avant-garde a vision as it is a poetic one. Le Corbusier, meanwhile, left his mark on the site with his murals. Following his famous Cabanon, now a World Heritage site, he built 5 camping units here, one of which is open to the public.

DID YOU KNOW...?

In E-1027, the E stands for Eileen, the 10 for J, the 10th letter in the alphabet, for Jean, the 2 for B like Badovici and the 7 for G like Gray.

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VISITS

LECTURE TOUR 
On request
Reservation required.
Duration: 2hrs.

PRIVATE TOUR

Outside standard opening hours.
With or without catering service.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Pushchairs are prohibited. Flat shoes highly recommended
Accessibility: The site is not accessible to people with reduced mobility, or the visually or hearing-impaired. Contact the monument for more information.



GETTING HERE

-  • Cabbé (300 m).
-  • Nice (35 km).
-  • La Méditerranée à vélo / EuroVelo 8.



VISITS

LECTURE TOUR 
On request
Reservation required.
Duration: 2hrs.

PRIVATE TOUR

Outside standard opening hours.
With or without catering service.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Pushchairs are prohibited. Flat shoes highly recommended
Accessibility: The site is not accessible to people with reduced mobility, or the visually or hearing-impaired. Contact the monument for more information.

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- From April to early November: from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Closed Mondays in October
- Closed May 1.

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Monastery of SAORGE

A Baroque franciscan convent and its terraced garden.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The cloister is decorated with 18th-century frescoes depicting various episodes in the life of St Francis of Assisi.
- An extraordinary collection of nine sundials.
- The garden offers breath-taking views across the valley and a glimpse of the Mercantour National Park.

Explore a former Franciscan convent - a remarkable example of Baroque architecture - and its terraced garden, set in a lush green valley.

Founded in 1633, the convent, which stands overlooking the Roya gorges, has maintained its original structure, decorative paintwork and produce garden. The church has remarkable polychrome walnut panelling, paintings and liturgical objects, while the refectory boasts a number of 17th-century frescoes depicting the Franciscan virtues.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Monastery of Saorge now plays host to a number of writers and artists in residence.

GETTING HERE

- Nice (68 km).
- Fontan - Saorge (1,8 km).
- Nice (77 km).
- Route des Grandes Alpes®.



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Reservation required for groups.
Duration: 45 min.

GUIDED TOUR

On request
Reservation required for groups.
Duration: 1hr.

PRIVATE TOUR

Outside standard opening hours.
With or without catering service.

FACILITIES



Seating available during the tour.
Sale of cold drinks.
The bus accesses the parking via the north entrance to the village; part of the road is on a steep slope.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Visitor support tools and specially adapted tours available. Contact the monument for more information.
Saorge is off limit to cars.



E-Ticketing for professionals



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 1st June to 30th September: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 1st October to early November and 1st February to 31st May: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2. p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Closed Mondays
- Last admission 30 minutes before closing time.
- Closed 1st May

CONTACT INFORMATION

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www.monastere-saorge.fr



MONT-DAUPHIN

Fortified village

A remarkable defensive site.

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GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Visit the fortifications (ramparts, moats, the Lunette d'Arçon tower and its underground passage).
- The 360° views of the surrounding peaks.
- The craft workshops and cheese maturing cellar housed in two of the barracks.

This stronghold listed by UNESCO as a Vauban fortification, a remarkable defensive complex built in 1692 to secure the Alpine border, is well worth a visit.

A unique visit at the heart of a spectacular landscape. Bring your groups to the Rochambeau barracks to visit the exhibition on Little Bighorn, the last Indian victory sculpted by Ousmane Sow and comprising 11 horses and 24 figures, including the main chiefs Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse, Two Moon and Chief Gall, who are depicted facing

off against General Custer's troops.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The site is named after the Grand Dauphin, the King's eldest son.

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VISITS

GUIDED TOUR OF THE FORTIFICATIONS

Reservation required for groups.
Duration: 2hrs.

SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF THE "LITTLE BIGHORN" EXHIBITION

Reservation required for groups.
Duration: 1hr.

PRIVATE TOUR

Outside standard opening hours.
With or without catering service.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Bicycle storage available around the main buildings.
Four PRM parking spaces. The tour of the fortifications is only partially accessible to visitors with reduced mobility and includes lots of steps.
The "Little Bighorn", by Ousmane Sow exhibition is accessible via stairs only.

E-Ticketing for professionals

GETTING HERE

- Grenoble (150 km).
- Mont-Dauphin (4 km).
- Grenoble (189 km).
- Turin (154 km).
- Route des Grandes Alpes®, and La Durance à vélo.



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

For groups :
• From June to September : from Tuesday to Friday, mornings only, by reservation.
• From October to May : from Tuesday to Friday, by reservation.
The Exhibition is closed between November and March.
• Closed Mondays
• Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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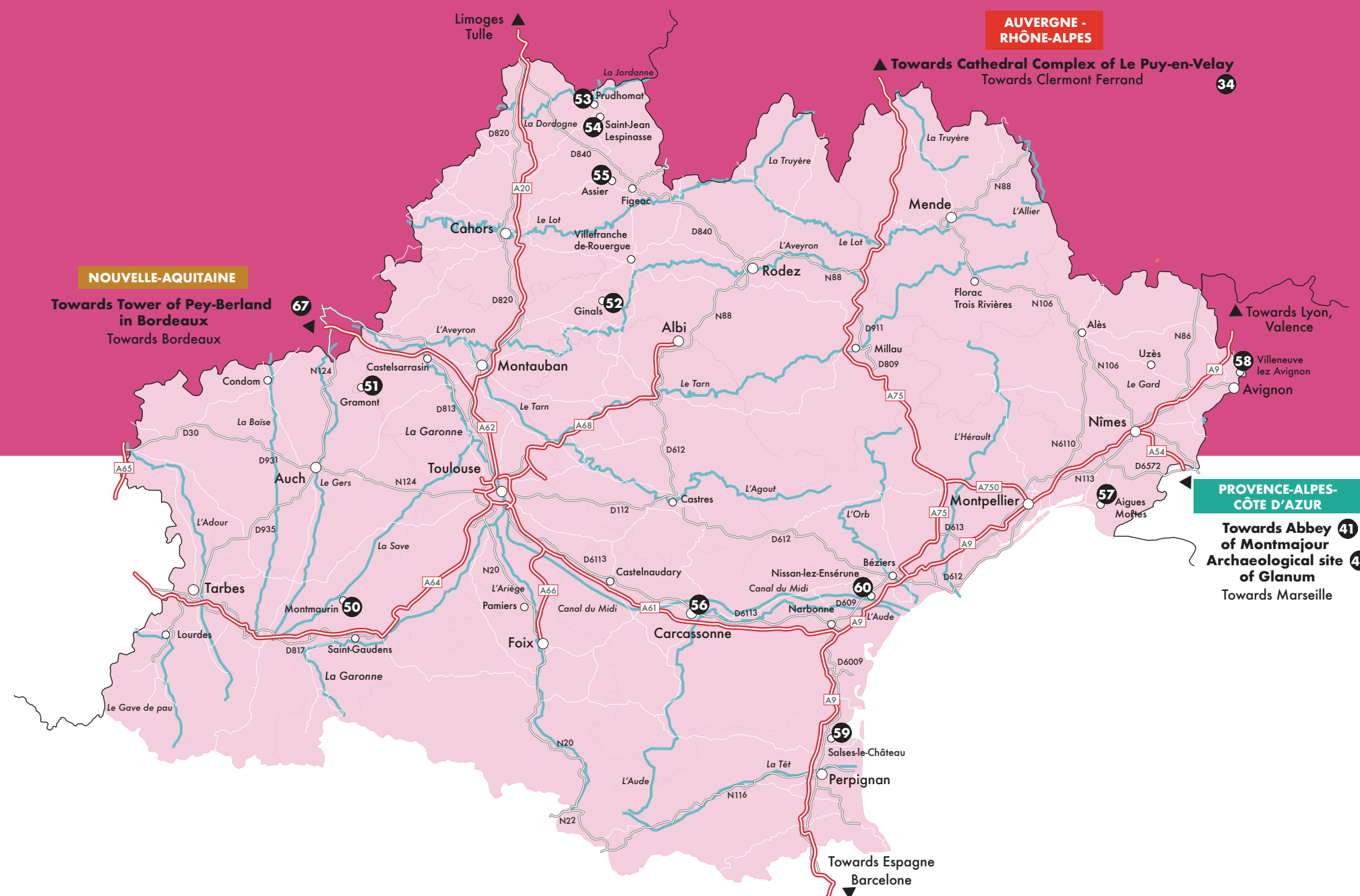


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| Baby area | Pushchairs loan | Picnic area | Drinks vending machine | Catering facilities | Parking for electric vehicles |
| Toilets (disabled) | Lockers / Cloakroom | Wheelchair loan | Free entry to the grounds | Auditorium | Venue hire |

Archaeological sites and museum of MONTMAURIN

A remarkable archaeological site in the heart of Comminges.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Opportunity to see cave lion skeletons on display.
- An extraordinary collection of mosaics.
- A perfectly preserved thermal wing.

A museum and two exceptional Gallo-Roman villas at the foot of the Pyrenees, in the heart of the Comminges region and just an hour from Toulouse.

The extraordinary remains of the Villa Lassalles and the Villa de la Hillère, along with the archaeological gems unearthed in and around the town, offer an insight into Montmaurin's rich past, from prehistory through to antiquity, and can be found on display in the village museum, where they are presented using a variety of modern staging techniques. There are three exhibition

spaces devoted to the area and its varied landscapes, its prehistoric past and the two Gallo-Roman villas.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Villa Lassalles is one of the largest known Gallo-Roman dwellings in France.



GETTING HERE

- Saint-Gaudens (19 km).
- Saint-Gaudens (19 km).
- Toulouse (100 km).
- Toulouse Blagnac (93 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Duration: 30 min (museum) / 30 min (villa).

GUIDED TOUR OF THE VILLA

Reservation: 2 weeks.
Duration: 1hr30.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The tour begins at the museum in the village of Montmaurin and continues on to the Villa Lassalles, 1.5 km from the museum.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

Museum

- May to August: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- September to April: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Villa Lassalles

- May to August: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- September to April: Reservation required. Last admission 45 min before closing time.
- Closed Mondays from May to August.
- Mondays and Tuesdays from September to April.
- 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Château of GRAMONT

Delicate Renaissance architecture at the heart of the Lomagne region.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Panoramic views across the Lomagne valley.
- A Renaissance garden planted with yew and box trees.
- A remarkable collection of tapestries.

A museum and two exceptional Gallo-Roman villas at the foot of the Pyrenees, in the heart of the Comminges region and just an hour from Toulouse.

Built in two stages, it allows visitors to appreciate at a glance the differences between medieval and Renaissance architecture. The châtelet served a defensive function and concealed a garden courtyard and a wing with large, ornate windows, while its façades were decorated with features inspired by Antiquity. The refurnished interiors are now filled with furniture and artefacts from the 16th, 17th and

18th centuries. Set out to discover the extensive history of this Gascon castle!

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Renaissance gardens are notably home to a 130-year-old Japanese weeping Sophora.

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VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Duration: 1hr.

GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required 1 week in advance.

PRIVATE TOUR

Outside standard opening hours.
Private tour with a wine tasting.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Picnic area nearby.

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GETTING HERE

- Agen (52 km).
- Auch (42 km), Agen (53 km), Montauban (74 km).
- Toulouse Blagnac (106 km).



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- November to 31st March, weekends and school holidays: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
 - April, September, October: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
 - May to August: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- Last admission 45 minutes before closing time.
- Closed Mondays.
 - Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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BEAULIEU-EN-ROUERGUE

Abbey

A unique blend of contemporary art and religious architecture.

3

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The garden is home to over 1,000 rose bushes planted according to the principles of rose gardener André Eve!
- A place steeped in history yet revitalising.
- New temporary exhibitions every year.

Embark upon a journey through time to discover the unique fate of a Cistercian abbey nestling at the bottom of a small valley that has become home to a fabulous art collection!

The church and its chapterhouse were built in the 13th century. The abbey's living quarters now house part of the rich collection of modern art dating from the 1940s to the 1970s and featuring the work of iconic artists such as Dubuffet, Michaux and Hantaï, bequeathed with the abbey by Geneviève Bonnefoi and Pierre Brache. The garden, meanwhile, is a great place to relax and enjoy a stroll.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The abbey was converted into a farm during the French Revolution, until it was bought back in 1960.

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GETTING HERE

- Montauban (57 km).
- Lexos (11 km).
- Caussade (34 km).
- Montauban (62 km).
- Toulouse Blagnac (111 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 1hr30.

GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required 1 week in advance.
Duration: 1hr.

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation required 1 month in advance.
Duration: 2hr.

PRIVATE TOUR

With or without catering service.

FACILITIES



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- February to May and October to December: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- June to September: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Last admission 45 min before closing.
- Closed January.
- Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, open on Tuesdays by prior arrangement for groups only from October to December and February to May.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Château of CASTELNAU-BRETENOUX

The dream château of a 19th-century opera singer.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- 360° panoramic views across the Dordogne valley.
- A unique and amazing collection of artefacts.
- A gallery of somewhat romantic sculptures.

Prepare to launch an attack on this model fortress! Perched on its hill, the Château of Castelnau-Bretenoux, built from the red and white stone so characteristic of this region, can be seen from miles around.

With its high keep, dry moat, artillery tower, gatehouse and advanced lines of defence, it was considered impregnable. Having been badly damaged during the 19th century, it was saved in 1896 by an artist from the Opéra-Comique, Jean Mouliérat, who enhanced it with a large collection of furniture, paintings, tapestries and statues and various *objets d'art*.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The red colour of the château's stonework comes from calcareous sandstone, which is rich in iron oxide.

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GETTING HERE



- Brive (47 km).
- Brive-Vallée de la Dordogne (42 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet:
Introductory film, lapidary rooms and artillery tower.
Duration: 45 min.

GUIDED TOUR OF THE FURNISHED ROOMS

Reservation required 2 weeks in advance.
Duration: 45 min.

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation required 2 weeks in advance.
Duration: 1hr30.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Fairly steep hill between the car park and the entrance to the château
Number of floors: 1
Château partially accessible to visitors with reduced mobility, with some assistance.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- May to June: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- July to August: from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- September to April: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
- Last admission 1 hour before closing time.
- Closed Tuesdays: September to April.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Château of MONTAL

The finesse of Italian architecture in the heart of the Lot valley.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The missing pieces were reproduced by Rodin's studio.
- A family pantheon carved in stone.
- An unusually elegant interior design.

The Château of Montal in the Dordogne valley boasts Italian-influenced architecture and a French box garden.

From the finely adorned façades to the sculpted staircase and the ornate fireplaces to the tastefully furnished bedrooms, this property was clearly built on the orders of a woman of character, in this case Jeanne de Balsac. Over the centuries, it has been transformed from a luxurious residence to an inn and later a farmhouse, before its decorative pieces were sold at auction in the late-19th century. Having been saved by Maurice Fenaille,

who restored it to its former glory, it is now a must-see attraction when visiting the Lot.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Montal housed 1,300 paintings from the Louvre that were kept safe here during World War II, the Mona Lisa being the most famous of them all.



GETTING HERE



- Brive (51 km).
- Brive-Vallée de la Dordogne (46 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 45 min.

GUIDED TOUR

Reservation: 2 weeks.
Duration: 45 min.

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation: 2 weeks.
Duration: 1hr30.

FACILITIES



50 m

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Car park below the château: allow 5 minutes to walk up.
Free municipal coach park a 3-minute walk away.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- May to August: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
 - September to April: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
- Last admission 1 hour before closing time.
- Closed Tuesdays from September to April.
 - Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

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Château of ASSIER

A remarkable example of Renaissance architecture at the heart of the Quercy region.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A model for the study of Renaissance architecture.
- A participatory eco-friendly herb garden.
- Carved decor honouring Galiot, Francis I's master of artillery.

The Château of Assier was built by Galiot de Genouillac, the hero of Marignan, and bears witness to the very beginnings of the Renaissance in the south-west.

Nowadays, only one wing remains yet epitomises some of the finest construction of the time - extravagant, and bearing all the hallmarks of the French Renaissance.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The site is classified as a sanctuary by the French League for the Protection of Birds (LPO) and is home to over 30 protected species, including the barn owl and the kestrel.



GETTING HERE

- Figeac (22 km).
- Toulouse Blagnac (170 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 30 min.

GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required 2 weeks in advance.
Duration: 30 min.

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation required 2 weeks in advance.
Duration: 1hr30.

FACILITIES



50 m

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

From September to April, group reservations can be made through the Grand Figeac Tourist Office on : Tel.: +33 (0)5 63 34 06 25.



E-Ticketing for professionals



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- May to August: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m and from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m
Last admission 45 minutes before closing time
- On reservation from September to April: booking at the Grand Figeac Tourist Office :
Tel.: +33 (0)5 63 34 06 26
- Closed Tuesdays.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

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CARCASSONNE

castle and ramparts

A unique experience in the largest fortified enclosure in France.



- 3
GOOD REASONS
TO VISIT**
- New for 2025: full opening of the ramparts!
 - A 360° view of the Pyrenees, the vineyards and the city itself.
 - The hoardings, restored to their original state by Viollet-le-Duc.

A visit to the castle and ramparts of the city of Carcassonne takes you back through 2,500 years of history and 1,000 years of military architecture.

From the very early days of Roman construction to the medieval defence systems and the reconstruction headed by Viollet-le-Duc, the monument bears faithful testimony to centuries past. The castle houses a collection of lapidary art, while a series of wall paintings can be found in the keep. From the top of the ramparts you can look out across the Pyrenees and the Montagne Noire mountain

range, the narrow streets of the medieval town and the surrounding neighbourhoods.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The monument has served as a filming location for many films, including *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*, *Destiny* and *Les Visiteurs*.

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GETTING HERE

- Toulouse (95 km).
- Carcassonne (2,5 km).
- Toulouse Blagnac (104 km).
- Carcassonne (7 km).
- Canal du Midi (3,5 km).
- Canal des Deux mers.



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Tactile model.

DISCOVERY TOUR

Duration: 1 hr.

LECTURE TOUR

Duration: 1 hr 30.

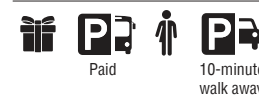
TOUR WITH HEADSET

New.

PRIVATE TOUR

Walks around the ramparts. Outside of opening hours.
With or without catering service.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Drop-off from September to June: in front of the city, at Porte Narbonnaise gate.

No drop-off in July and August - car park P1 nearby.

Number of floors visited during the tour: 2.

Part of the ramparts is accessible to visitors with reduced mobility.



E-Ticketing for professionals



**Online group reservations
(during 2026)**



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- April to September from 10 a.m to 6.30 p.m.
- Last admission to the castle: 5.45 p.m.
- October to March from 9.30 a.m to 5 p.m.
- Last admission to the castle: 4.15 p.m.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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AIGUES-MORTES

towers and ramparts

The imposing fortress of Saint Louis, gateway to the Camargue.

3

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The view of the salt marshes and the Cévennes mountain range.
- A new mediation space.
- Graffiti by religious prisoners.

Located between Nîmes and Montpellier, at the gateway to the Camargue, this 13th-century Gothic architectural gem is just waiting to be discovered.

The towers and ramparts of Aigues-Mortes, an impregnable sand fortress created by order of St Louis, have dominated these wild lands for over 700 years. The history of the monument is unveiled over the course of the visit, from the keep to the Constance Tower, along the walled enclosure with its captivating views and through a series of models, monumental projections and touch tables.

DID YOU KNOW...?

An impregnable 40m-high keep, a 1,643m-long wall defended by fifteen military structures, corner towers, flanking towers, monumental gates and posterns.

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GETTING HERE

- Montpellier (34 km).
- Aigues-Mortes (500 m).
- Montpellier (27 km).
- Montpellier Méditerranée (25 km).
- Aigues-Mortes (700 m).
- ViaRhôna.



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Self-guided tour with guide booklet. Duration: 1hr30.

GUIDED TOUR OF THE TOWER OF CONSTANCE

Reservation required 1 week in advance. Duration: 45 min.

AUDIO-GUIDE TOUR

Duration: 2hrs.

PRIVATE TOUR

With or without catering service, outside standard opening hours.
Private visit and wine tasting outside standard opening hours.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Lots of steps.
Lift to the Constance Tower and part of the ramparts.

E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- May to August: from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- September to April: from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
- Last admission 45 minutes before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Fort SAINT-ANDRÉ

A 360° view over Avignon and Provence.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The omnipresent graffiti.
- The panoramic views.
- The chapel and the village.

Fort Saint-André sits high above Villeneuve-lez-Avignon, proudly overlooking the Palais des Papes in Avignon, on the left bank of the Rhône, reflecting its original purpose of asserting the King of France's power in the face of the papacy.

This extraordinary example of 14th-century military architecture boasts a 700 m wall and two twin towers forming the gatehouse, as well as machicolations. The breath-taking views of the Alpilles, Mont Ventoux, Avignon and Villeneuve-lez-Avignon make Fort Saint-André a must-visit attraction!

DID YOU KNOW...?

Fort Saint-André served as a branch of Paris's Hôtel des Invalides for much of the 18th century!



GETTING HERE

- Avignon (3 km).
- Avignon (7 km).
- Avignon-Provence (15 km).
- Avignon (4 km).
- ViaRhôna.



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 45 min to 1hr.

GUIDED TOUR

Reservations: 10 days.
Duration: 1hr to 1hr30.

PRIVATE VISIT

With or without catering service, outside standard opening hours.

FACILITIES



5-minute walk

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Access difficult for visitors with reduced mobility.
Tours may be cancelled in the event of storms or strong mistral winds.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- June to September: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- October to May: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Last admission 1 hour before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

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Fortress of SALSES

A Spanish fortress on French soil.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Travel back in time to the Spanish Golden Age.
- Take a family adventure through the maze of passageways.
- Lose yourself in the history of the Roussillon region.

Explore this unique monument at your own pace, delve into its fascinating history and admire its imposing architecture: an unforgettable experience!

The Fortress of Salses, an architectural masterpiece set between Perpignan and Narbonne, is an extraordinary example of late 15th-century military strategy. Built between 1493 and 1503 by the Catholic Monarchs, it marks the transition from medieval castles to modern fortifications. With its thick walls and imposing keep, the fortress is a prime example of the warfare of the era, blending Spanish-

Arabic influences and defensive innovations.

DID YOU KNOW...?

A perennial spring provided water for the garrison in the event of a siege and is now home to various aquatic species including burbot, batrachia and eels.



GETTING HERE

- Perpignan (19 km).
- Perpignan (19 km).
- Salses-le-Château (500 m).
- Perpignan Rivesaltes Méditerranée (16,5 km).
- Port-Vendres (53 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Guide booklet.
Duration: 1hr30.

GUIDED TOUR UPPER PARTS

Reservation required 15 days in advance.
Duration: 45 min.

PRIVATE TOUR

With or without catering service, outside standard opening hours.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Upper parts inaccessible to visitors with reduced mobility.
Lots of high steps.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- April to September: from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- October to March: from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.
- Last admission 45 minutes before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ENSÉRUNE, oppidum and archaeological museum

At the crossroads of civilisations.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The viewpoints.
- Museum and site accessible to all.
- A visitor circuit with real Mediterranean charm.

Perched on a promontory between Narbonne and Béziers, Ensérune takes visitors on a journey through time and civilisations, from Celtic and Greek to Iberian, Etruscan and Roman.

The recently renovated and modernised museum offers an insight into this major fortified Celtic settlement in the south of France. The fruit of a century's worth of excavations, the collections on display bear witness to the strategic, commercial and cultural roles that the oppidum played over the course of history. The wooded surroundings, meanwhile, are the perfect place to get an up-close look at the living quarters as you soak up the

Mediterranean ambience and enjoy superb panoramic views spanning from the Cévennes to the Pyrenees.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The site is home to many cypress trees planted in previously excavated and emptied silos subsequently backfilled with earth. A cypress tree has been planted in each of them to indicate their exact locations.

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GETTING HERE

- Béziers (13 km).
- Béziers (33 km).
- Montpellier (86 km).
- Colombiers marina (2.5 km).
- Sète cruise port (68 km).
- EuroVelo 8.
- From Saint-Chinian to Canal du Midi.



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 1hr30.

GUIDED TOUR OF THE EXTERIOR

Reservation required 2 weeks in advance.

FACILITIES



Service area with phone charging point.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The ticket office is a 10-minute walk up the footpath from the car park. Monument partially accessible to visitors with reduced mobility if accompanied.

Lift available. Disabled car parking nearby.
Number of floors visited during the tour: 1.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- April to September: from 9.45 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- October to March: from 9.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
- Last admission 1 hr before closing time.
- Closed Mondays from April to September.
- Closed Mondays and Tuesdays from October to March, excluding Easter Monday and Whit Monday.
- 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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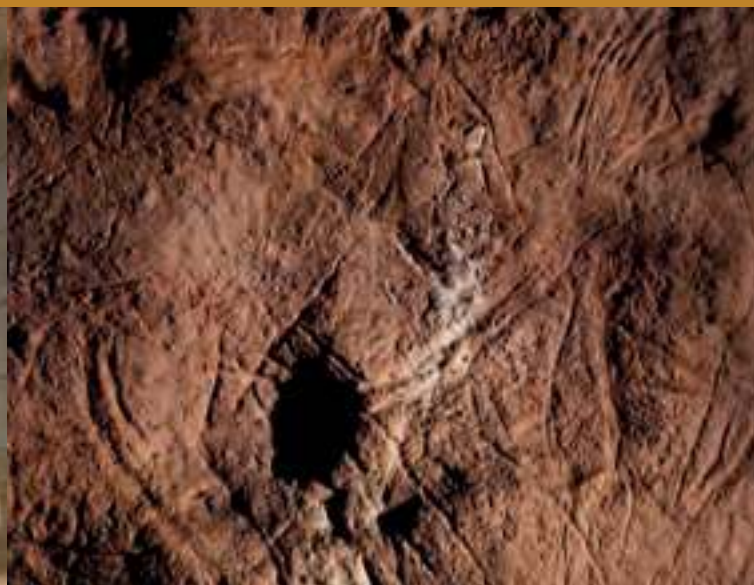
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- Gift and book shop
- Parking for coaches
- Coach drop-off point
- Bike parking
- Motorbike parking
- Car park
- Baby area
- Pushchairs loan
- Picnic area
- Drinks vending machine
- Catering facilities
- Parking for electric vehicles
- Toilets (disabled)
- Lockers / Cloakroom
- Wheelchair loan
- Free entry to the grounds
- Auditorium
- Venue hire



Towers of LA ROCHELLE

The emblem of a major French port.

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GOOD REASONS
TO VISIT**
- The gateway to the old port.
 - Unique panoramic views across the city and islands.
 - One ticket is valid for all 2 towers.

Looking out to the Atlantic, the Tour de la Chaîne (14th century) and the Tour de la Lanterne (12th and 15th century) are the remains of a great fortification building campaign undertaken in the City of La Rochelle as of the 12th century.

The Tour de la Chaîne tower, located at the entrance to the Old Port, helped defend the city by controlling the boats using the port. Serving as both a residence and an urban keep, it has become the symbol of a city with centuries of privilege and commercial prosperity behind it. The Tour de la Lanterne, the oldest lighthouse on the Atlantic coast and for three centuries also a prison, still bears over

600 pieces of graffiti carved into the walls by prisoners.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Tour de la Lanterne tower has eight levels and stands 58m high. The gallery open to the public is situated at a height of 38m. 162 steps lead to the top!



GETTING HERE

- La Rochelle.
- Véloodyssée / Vélofrancette.



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Reservation required.
Duration: 30 min to 1hr per tower.

GUIDED TOUR (subject to availability).

Every day at 10.30 a.m., and in July and August at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Groups only on reservation 1 month in advance.
Duration: 45 min to 1hr per tower.

REMOTE GUIDED TOUR

Experience a live tour from home with access to new spaces.
Available in several languages.
Duration: around 1hr.
Reservation required.
Prices and information:
visitesguideesadistance@monuments-nationaux.fr

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Maximum group size without splitting up:
50 people (self-guided tour).
18 people (guided tour).



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 1st July to 31st August: from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- 1st April to 30th June and 1st to 30th September: from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- 1st October to 31st March: from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.
- Closed first Monday of the month, from September to June.

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www.tours-la-rochelle.fr



Château of D'OIRON

An unusual creation inspired by curiosity and wonder - the only site of its kind in France.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Refined architecture set amid lush green surroundings, including some extraordinary cedar trees.
- Amazing contemporary art, with some notable elements of visual trickery, to be admired in every room.
 - A gallery of 16th-century paintings telling the story of the Trojan War.

Built by the Gouffier family as of the 16th century, the Château of Oiron houses a contemporary Curios & Mirabilia collection based loosely on the theme of the cabinet of curiosities, in reference to the fabulous art collection belonging to Claude Gouffier, Grand Equerry to Henri II.

The artists involved have offered their own take on the property and established a dialogue with its extraordinary decor, which includes a gallery of Renaissance paintings and painted and sculpted 17th-century woodwork. Visitors to this unique site are encouraged to take a leisurely stroll among the 'curiosities' and 'wonders' to be admired here.

DID YOU KNOW...?

It is said that Claude Gouffier, Grand Equerry to the King in the 16th century, was the inspiration for the Marquis de Carabas in the Charles Perrault tale Puss in Boots.

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GETTING HERE

- Saumur (40 km).
- Tours (93 km).
- Poitiers (60 km).



Salle des figures géométriques, Sol LeWitt, Wall Drawing #752, 1994, commande publique CNAAP

VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 1hr30.

GUIDED TOUR

Duration: 1hr30.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

2 floors visited during the tour.
5 hectares of grounds.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 1st June to 30th September: from 10.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- 1st October to 31st May: from 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Last admission 1 hour before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

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Gallo-roman site of SANXAY

The major monumental remains of a Gallo-Roman site in the Vonne valley.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The natural surroundings.
- The incredibly well-preserved Gallo-Roman baths.
- The ancient 6,500-seat theatre.

Explore the remains of the Gallo-Roman town of Sanxay, one of the major archaeological sites in the ancient province of Aquitaine.

The city was occupied from the 1st to the 4th century AD and spanned over 25 hectares. Visitors to the site can visit its three main public monuments (theatre, thermal baths and sanctuary) nestled in the lush green surroundings of the Vonne valley.

DID YOU KNOW...?

When the excavations were carried out in the 19th century, the Gallo-roman site of Sanxay was considered the French Pompeii!

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GETTING HERE
✈️ 🚆 🚗 • Poitiers (35 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR 🇫🇷 🇬🇧 🇩🇪 🇪🇸 🇮🇹

With guide booklet.
Duration: from 45 min to 1hr30.

GUIDED TOUR 🇫🇷

Duration: 1hr30 to 2hrs.

THEME 🇫🇷

- “Archaeological tour of the Gallo-roman site of Sanxay”

Reservation required.
Duration: 1hr30 to 2hrs.

- “Nature walk in the footsteps of Pliny the Elder”

Reservation required: 1 April to 31 October.
Duration: 1hr30.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Wear comfortable shoes, as the 1.5km circuit is hilly and includes stairs.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 15th May to 15th September: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- 16th September to 14th May: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Closed Mondays all year round and Tuesdays from 16th September to 14th May.
- Annual 2-week closure in January following the school holiday break.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

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SAINT-SAUVEUR DE CHARROUX

Abbey

Splendour and influence in the Middle Ages.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A glorious example of Benedictine architecture.
- Superb 13th-century sculptures from the Gothic doorway.
- A priceless treasure composed of ancestral relics.

Discover this Benedictine abbey founded in 783 under Charlemagne, on the route to Santiago de Compostela, and once a major seat of medieval Christianity in Carolingian Europe.

Its reputation spread throughout the 11th and 13th centuries thanks to the pilgrims who came to see the holy relics. The abbey enjoyed both power and fame at the time, but its influence declined over the following centuries and successive wars. Having been left in ruins after the French Revolution, it was used as a stone quarry until the lantern tower was listed as

a historic monument and the remains saved.

DID YOU KNOW...?

In the 11th century the monumental church measured 114m in length and had a huge Gothic doorway added in the 13th century.



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.

Room information sheets.

Duration: 1hr.

Reservation required.

GUIDED TOUR

Duration: 1hr.

Reservation required.

FACILITIES



500 m.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Group visits permitted year-round by reservation only with the monument.

GETTING HERE

• Poitiers (53 km).

• Saint Saviol (16 km).
• Poitiers (53 km).

• Poitiers (53 km).
• Angoulême (67 km).



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 1st April to 30th June: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 - 1st July to 31st August: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 - 1st September to 31st October: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Last admission 30 minutes before closing time.
- Closed Mondays & Tuesdays year-round.
 - Closed 1st November to 31st March and 1st May.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Ducal CHÂTEAU OF CADILLAC

The great monument of Bordeaux.

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GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- From ceremonial palace to women's prison: a unique dual history.
- The colourful life of an extraordinary figure and the troubled fate of his ducal château.
- A powerful monument at the heart of a bustling bastide located between river, vineyards and hillsides.

A captain of Gascony, the precursors to the Musketeers, the Duke of Epéron enjoyed a meteoric rise to power and built this château worthy of Kings during the reigns of Henry IV and Louis XIII.

This lavish military palace, complete with monumental fireplaces, tapestries and painted ceilings, would later become France's first women's prison in the 19th century. Explore the 4-storey property and learn all about its unique transformation from palace to prison.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Born a simple captain of Gascony, the Duke of Epéron, an infallible 'Half King', lived under 4 reigns and 2 regencies during his 88 years!

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GETTING HERE

   • Bordeaux (40 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 1hr.

GUIDED TOUR

Duration: 1hr.

FACILITIES



50 m. Free

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Number of floors visited during the tour: 4.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- June to September: from 10 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- October to May: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
- Last admission 1hr before closing time.
- Closed Mondays from October to May.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Abbey of LA SAUVE MAJEURE

A masterpiece of Romanesque art and a beacon of the Bordeaux hinterland.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A heritage break amid lush green surroundings.
- A 'romantic ruin' boasting some exceptionally well-preserved Romanesque sculptures.
- The view of the vineyards from the tower and the nearby walks and tastings to be enjoyed.

This medieval Benedictine abbey is set in an extraordinary location. Spectacular capitals and sculpted decor await inside.

Situated on the Santiago de Compostela pilgrimage route, its grounds make for an inviting place to stop just outside Bordeaux, in the Entre-deux-Mers region.

DID YOU KNOW...?

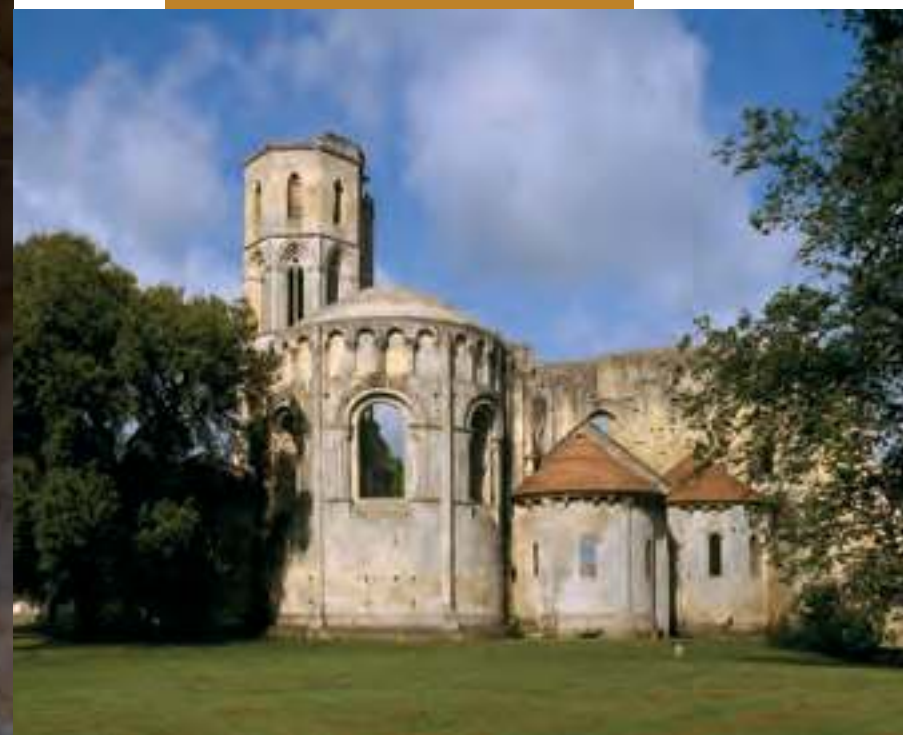
The abbey was destroyed to serve as a stone quarry in the 19th century, with the site later becoming home to the Gironde's first teacher training college.



GETTING HERE



- Bordeaux (25 km).
- Scanibérique.
- Canal des deux mers à vélo.
- Chemin d'Amadour.



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 1hr.

GUIDED TOUR

Duration: 1hr.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

At the end of your tour, don't forget to check out the abbey museum and interpretive space, the medieval garden of the Friends of the Abbey, and the Entre-deux-Mers Wine House.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- June to September: from 10 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 - October to May: from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
- Last admission 40 minutes before closing time.
- Closed Mondays from October to May
 - Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Tower of Pey Berland in BORDEAUX

A unique panorama of Bordeaux.

3

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The most central viewpoint across the whole of Bordeaux.
- The demanding climb up the 233 steps of a medieval spiral staircase.
- The brief history of Bordeaux on the terrace and iconic sites in the Gironde to visit.

The Pey-Berland tower, the bell tower of Bordeaux cathedral, topped with a gilded Virgin Mary and housing 4 imposing bells, is a true jewel of flamboyant Gothic architecture.

The belfry is separate from Saint-André for reasons of solidity. Two terraces 50 m above the ground offer breath-taking 360° views across the city and offer an insight into the history and geography of Bordeaux and the surrounding areas.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The tenor bell, which is the largest, is known as Ferdinand-André and weighs in at 8 tonnes - even heavier than Bordeaux's famous *Grosse Cloche*!

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GETTING HERE



- Bordeaux.
- Scanibérique.
- Canal des deux mers à vélo.
- Chemin d'Amadour.



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 30 min.

FACILITIES



900 m 500 m

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Access limited to 19 people, on-line reservation required 233 steps.

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- June to September: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- October to May: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
- Last admission 30 minutes before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

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Cave of PAIR-NON-PAIR

One of the oldest decorated caves known to man!

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- One of the oldest decorated caves in the world.
- The first cave to be listed as a historic monument in 1900.
- The discovery of the Pair-non-Pair cave helped cave art gain recognition.

Discovered in 1881, the Pair-non-Pair cave is decorated with engravings (horses, ibex, deer, mammoths, bovids, etc.) that represent some of the oldest artistic expressions of humanity (around 32,000 BCE).

Remember to check out the museum space and its display of prehistoric artefacts discovered at the site.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Pair-non-Pair is one of the oldest prehistoric caves, twice as old as Lascaux!



GETTING HERE

- ✈️ • Saint André de Cubzac (8 km).
- 🚗 • Bordeaux (40 km).
- 🚂 • Canal des deux mers à vélo.



VISITS

GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required.

Duration: 50 min.

Visit support documents available.   

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Telephone or email reservations required for groups.

Access limited to 18 persons per group for conservation reasons.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- Reservation required.
- Open every day except Mondays.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

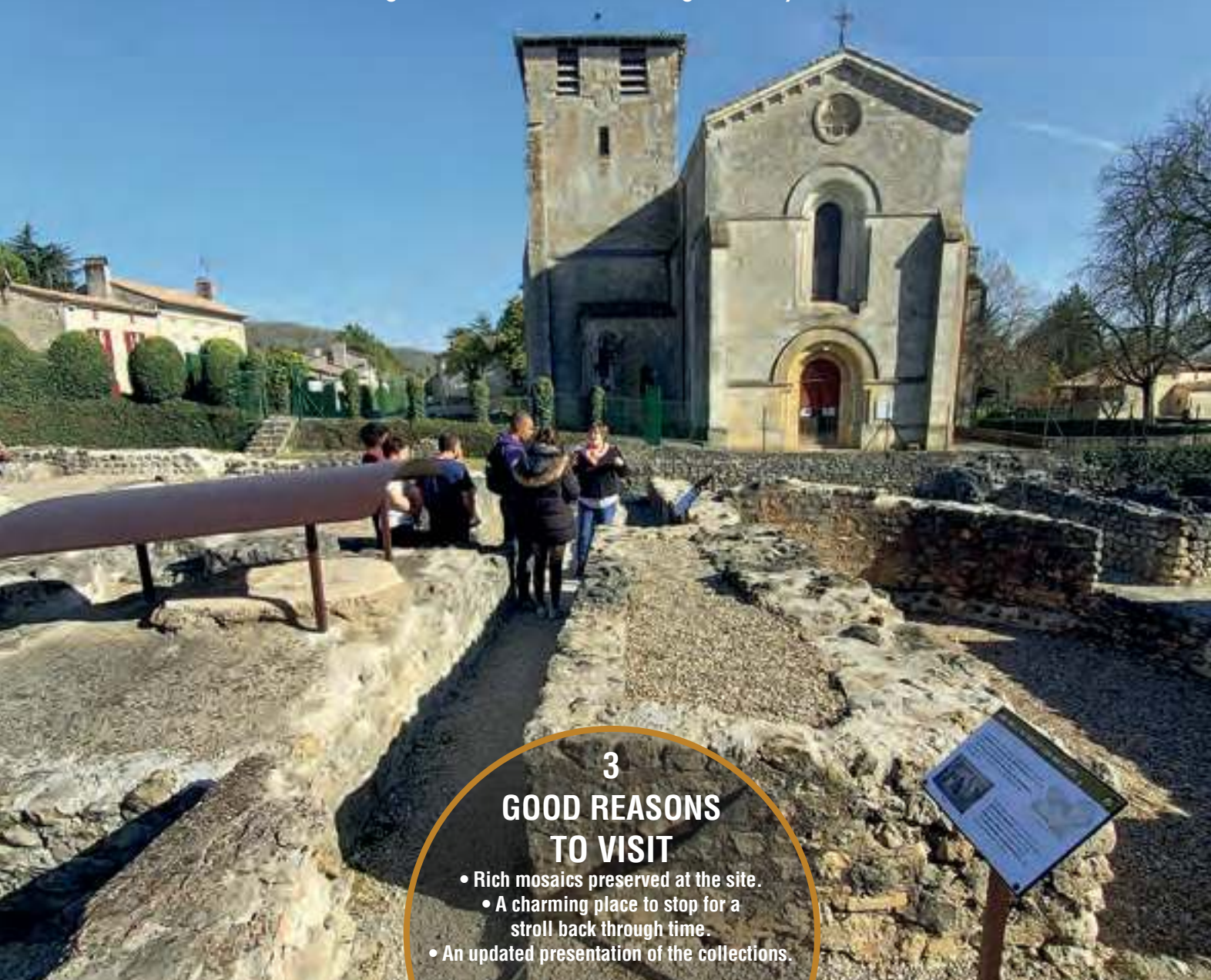
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www.pair-non-pair.fr



Gallo-roman villa of MONTCARET

Mosaics and archaeological remains in the Dordogne Valley.



3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Rich mosaics preserved at the site.
- A charming place to stop for a stroll back through time.
- An updated presentation of the collections.

Located midway between Saint-Emilion and Bergerac, this Gallo-Roman villa is one of Aquitaine's major archaeological sites, home to both fine remains and rich mosaics.

Some 60 km due east of Bordeaux, between the Bordeaux and Périgord regions, this charming ancient heritage site welcomes visitors to its characteristic seigneurial residence typically inhabited by the elite of the Roman Empire.

DID YOU KNOW...?

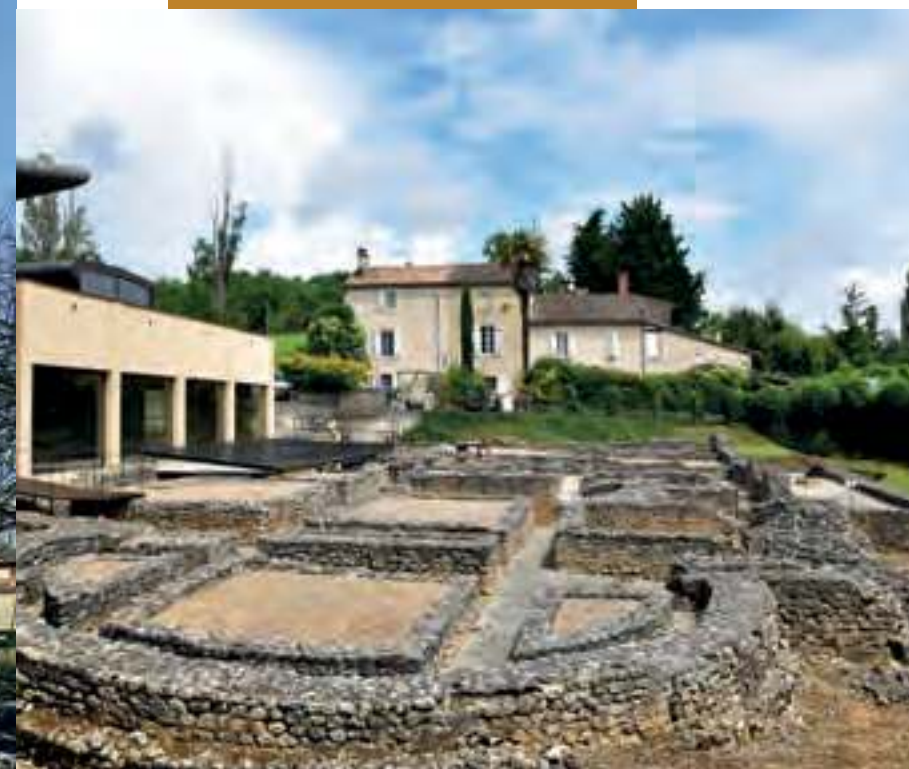
In the Middle Ages, the Romanesque church was built on the foundations of the villa and the cemetery covered the mosaics. Nowadays, the villa adjoins and surrounds the Romanesque church at the heart of the village.

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GETTING HERE

- Libourne (27 km).
- Bergerac (37 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 1hr.

GUIDED TOUR

Duration: 1hr.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Part of the site is outdoors.

E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- June to September: from 9.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- October to May: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Last admission 45 min before closing time.
- Closed Mondays.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

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CAP-BLANC shelter & LAUGERIE-HAUTE deposit

Prehistoric sites in the Vézère Valley.

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GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- Cap-Blanc: one of the most beautiful known friezes of prehistoric sculptures in the world.
- Laugerie-Haute: traces of human occupation from around 24,000 years ago.

Prepare to be amazed by a magnificent sculpted frieze! Discovered in 1909, the Abri du Cap-Blanc rock shelter is one of the greatest masterpieces of Magdalenian prehistoric monumental sculpture.

Explore the Laugerie-Haute site and follow in the footsteps of our Homo sapien ancestors at one of Europe's largest prehistoric shelters!

Laugerie-Haute bears traces of human occupation dating back between 30,000 and 19,000 years. An abundance of lithic tools, a high-quality bone industry, a large number of artistic manifestations, housing structures and evidence of cultural transition make this a site of key importance when

it comes to understanding the chronology of the Upper Palaeolithic.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Cap-Blanc frieze today bears sculptures in high and low relief, but studies have highlighted the existence of ochre paint around the figures. We can only imagine that it was once fully coloured!

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GETTING HERE

- Les Eyzies.
- Périgueux (45 km).
- Bordeaux (175 km).



VISITS CAP-BLANC

GUIDED TOUR

Duration: 1hr.
Reservation required: 1 month.

VISITS LAUGERIE-HAUTE

LECTURE TOUR

Duration: 1hr30.
Reservation required: 1 month.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

6 other prehistoric sites can be visited in the Vézère Valley, in very small groups or on a lecture tour: the Font-de-Gaume Cave, the Combarelles Cave, the Abri du Poisson rock shelter, and the deposits of Ferrassie, Micoque and Moustier.



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OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

Cap-Blanc

- 16th September to 14th May: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
 - 15th May to 15th September: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Last guided tour leaves 1 hour before closing.

Laugerie-Haute: on request.

- Closed Saturdays 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Château of PUYGUILHEM

A Renaissance château in Périgord to rival any in the Loire Valley.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A Renaissance château in a lush green setting.
- Rich and mysterious sculpted decor.
- The dovecote and the avenue of listed century-old lime trees.

Located in the vicinity of Brantôme, in Périgord, the Château of Puyguilhem casts an elegant silhouette topped with high sculpted dormer windows.

Its large mullioned windows, two stair towers leading to the main building and the abundant decor of its upper parts (shells, fleurons, balusters, emblems, etc.) give it all the charm of the finest Renaissance residences. The grand staircase, complete with stunning vaulted ceilings, leads to the grand hall and its monumental fireplace adorned with the Labours of Hercules. The château currently houses a

rich collection of furniture and tapestries dating from the 16th to 18th centuries.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Several scenes from famous film “Brotherhood of the Wolf” were filmed in the château’s lower rooms, which were transformed into sinister-looking prisons for the shoot!

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GETTING HERE

- Brantôme (15 km).
- Périgueux (34 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration 1hr.

GUIDED TOUR

Duration 1hr.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Number of floors visited during the tour: 1.
3-hectare park.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 2nd May to 31st August: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- 1st September to 30th April: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Last admission 1hr before closing time.
- Closed Mondays and Tuesdays from October to March.
- Closed Mondays in April and September.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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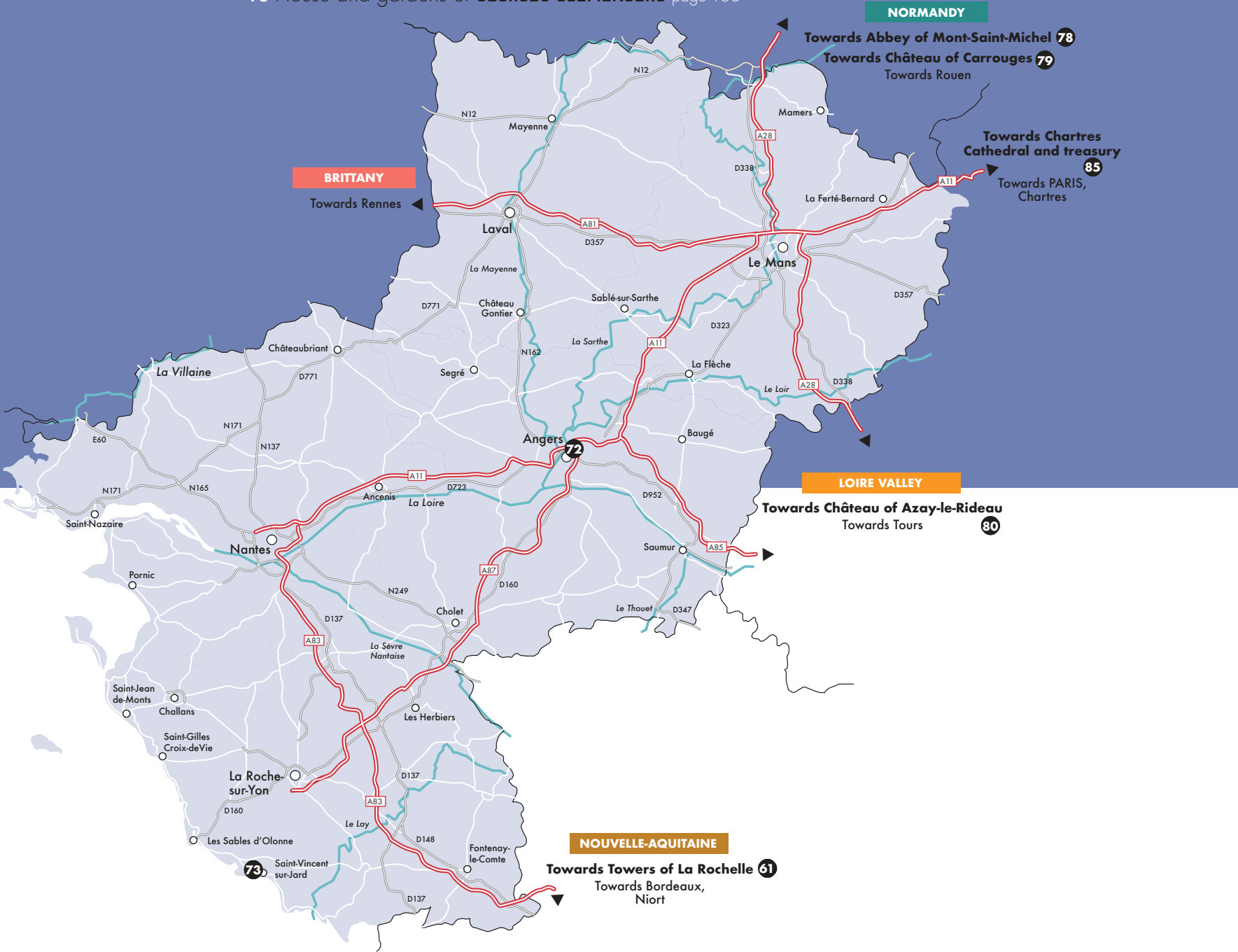
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ATLANTIC LOIRE VALLEY

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- Gift and book shop
- Baby area
- Toilets (disabled)
- Parking for coaches
- Pushchairs loan
- Lockers / Cloakroom
- Coach drop-off point
- Picnic area
- Wheelchair loan
- Bike parking
- Drinks vending machine
- Free entry to the grounds
- Motorbike parking
- Catering facilities
- Auditorium
- Car park
- Parking for electric vehicles
- Venue hire



ANGERS

castle - national estate

Larger than life culture

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The Apocalypse Tapestry, listed on the UNESCO Memory of the World Register.
- The best panoramic views of Angers.
- An island of greenery at the very heart of the city.

Angers castle is a record-breaking monument!

Occupied since the Neolithic period, this castle perched in an elevated position is the cradle of Angevin history! Towering over the river, it not only affords a spectacular view over Angers but also takes visitors on a journey through the history of France and Europe. Within the walls that once made it the largest fortress of the 13th century, the castle still closely guards precious treasures of French heritage, such as the Apocalypse Tapestry, a UNESCO-

recognised monumental masterpiece unrivalled worldwide. Its gardens, meanwhile, have been awarded a "Refuge for the protection of birds" (LPO) label and provide a haven of peace in the city!

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Apocalypse Tapestry is like a giant graphic novel depicting over 400 characters, some historic and others imaginary!

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GETTING HERE

- Angers.
- La Loire à vélo, Vélofrancette.
- La Vallée du Loir à vélo.



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 2hrs.

AUDIO-GUIDE TOUR

Duration: 2hrs.
Junior version

LECTURE TOUR

- Duration: 1hr30.
- The legacy of the Dukes of Anjou, from the fortress to the Apocalypse.
 - The castle through the ages.
 - The Apocalypse Tapestry, a mirror of its time.
 - Other more specific themes can be covered on request.

FACILITIES



200 m

Le Clos du Roi

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Monument accessible to visitors with reduced mobility (lift to the Apocalypse gallery and the Royal apartments), treads, access ramps.

- E-Ticketing for professionals
- Online group reservations

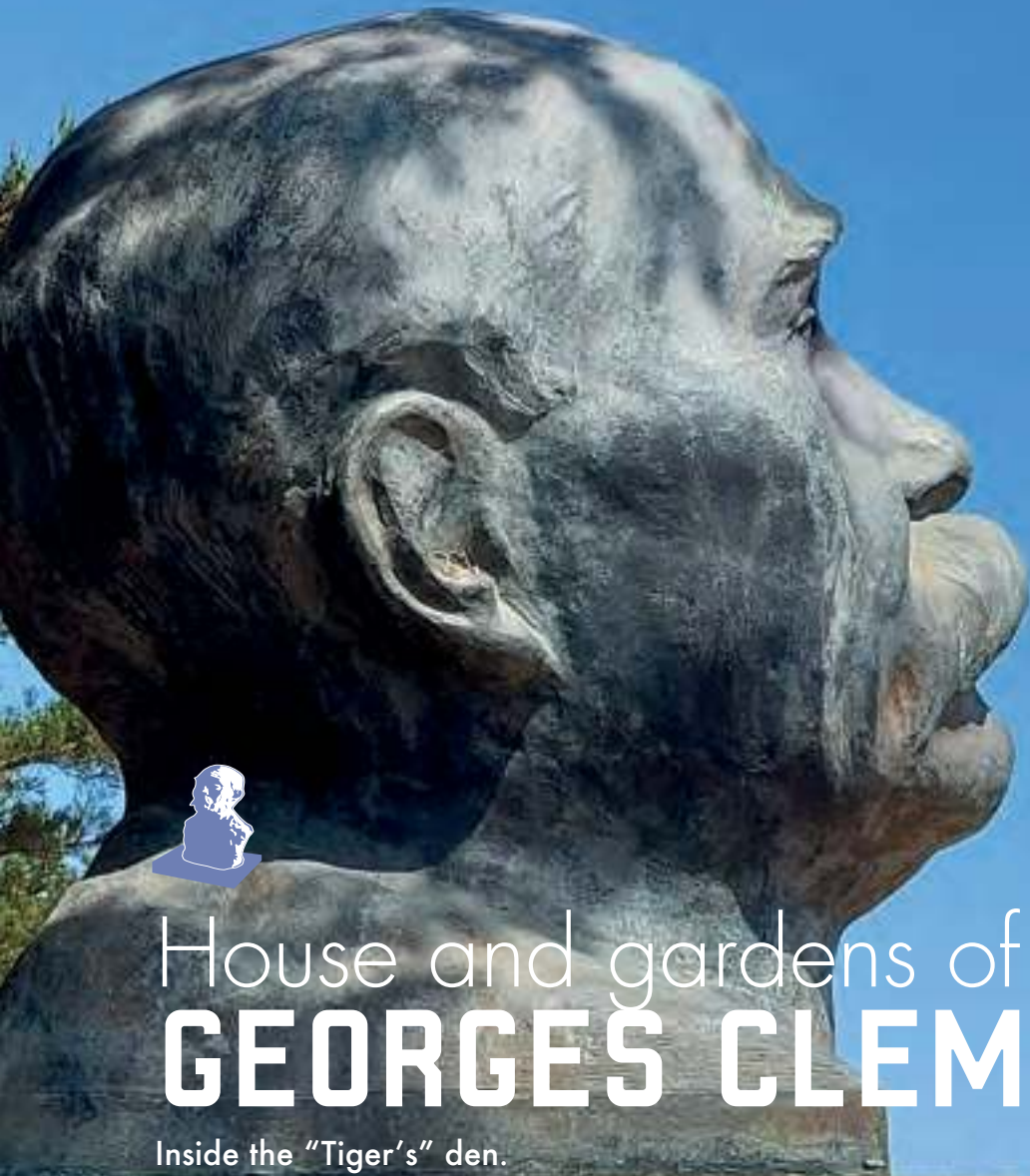
OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 2nd May to 4th September: from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- 5th September to 30th April: from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
- 24th and 31st December: closes at 4.30 p.m.
- Last admission 45 minutes before closing.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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House and gardens of GEORGES CLEMENCEAU

Inside the “Tiger’s” den.

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GOOD REASONS
TO VISIT**
- Unique panoramic views of the ocean.
 - A preserved place of remembrance.
 - A colourful garden.

Georges Clemenceau retired from political life at the height of his fame, in 1919.

The man known as “Father of Victory”, who was also a good friend of Claude Monet, took up the challenge of creating an Impressionist-inspired flower garden on the dunes between the ocean and the house he rented. To this day, the house has remained exactly as it was when the

“Tiger” died.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Georges Clemenceau wanted a flower garden, so he created an unusual wild garden.



GETTING HERE

- Les Sables d’Olonne (30 km).
- La Roche sur Yon (38 km).
- Vendée vélo.

VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Duration: 45 min.

GUIDED TOUR

Duration: 45 min.

1st September to 30th June: 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. (subject to conditions).
1st July to 31st August: 11 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 4 p.m. (subject to conditions).

FACILITIES



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

Individuals

- 15th May to 15th September: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- 16th September to 14th May: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
- Last admission 45 minutes before closing time.
- Closed on Mondays, 1st January, 1st May, 1st November and 25th December.

Groups of 20 to 52 people maximum

- 1st September to 30th June.
- Wednesday to Friday, excluding bank holidays, 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. (last admission 11.45 a.m.).
- By reservation only, at least 1 month in advance.

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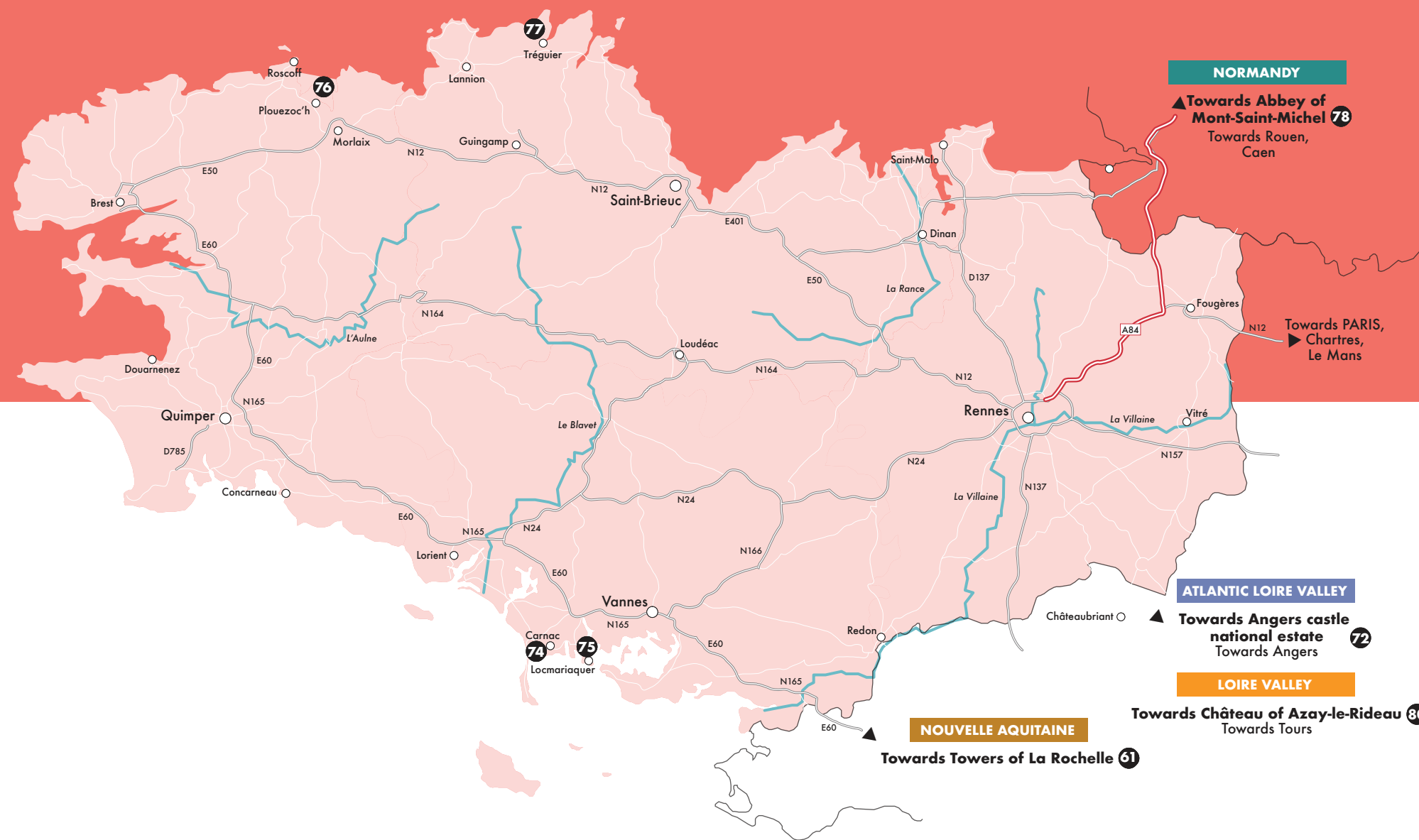
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| Gift and book shop | Parking for coaches | Coach drop-off point | Bike parking | Motorbike parking | Car park |
| Baby area | Pushchairs loan | Picnic area | Drinks vending machine | Catering facilities | Parking for electric vehicles |
| Toilets (disabled) | Lockers / Cloakroom | Wheelchair loan | Free entry to the grounds | Auditorium | Venue hire |



Megalithic Site of CARNAC

Thousand-year-old stone giants!

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The largest megalithic site in the world.
- Step back over 6,000 years in time.
- An unresolved archaeological challenge.

Dating back some 6,500 years, and comprising around 3,000 menhirs spanning almost 4 km, the Carnac alignments constitute a major prehistoric site.

These alignments were erected during the Neolithic period, the beginning of a settled way of life and of agriculture. Before going into the alignments, don't forget to visit the Maison des Mégalithes. An information and interpretation centre, the Maison des mégalithes invites you to discover the standing stones of Carnac and megalithism in a new way. Exhibitions, videos and interactive media answer the four main questions you may have: who, when, how and why.

The site was inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List in July 2025.

DID YOU KNOW...?

With its rich vegetation and diverse fauna, the current moorland surrounding the alignments is likely similar to what the prehistoric landscape would have looked like.



GETTING HERE

- Auray (15 km).
- Vannes (33 km).
- Lorient (55 km).
- Rennes (138 km)
- Nantes (145 km)



VISITES

- LECTURE TOUR:** and other languages according to availability.
- **«From stone to monument»:** Guided tour of the Carnac alignments
 - **«Megalithic mania»:** Guided tour of the Carnac alignments and the Megalithic Site of Locmariaquer
 - **«Megalithic exploration»:** Guided tour of the Carnac alignments and the Grand Cairn of Barnenez
 - **«The 3 wonders of the Neolithic period»:** Guided tour of 3 major Neolithic sites in Brittany: the Carnac alignments, the Megalithic Site of Locmariaquer and the Grand Cairn of Barnenez.

Duration: Approx. 1hr30 per site.
Up to a maximum of 50 people.
Additional cost for certain languages.

EXTERNAL GUIDE FIXED COST

Visit inside the Alignments with your own guide (professional guide card must be presented on site).
Up to 30 people maximum.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Reservation required for groups.
Free access to the Maison des mégalithes.
One-way road to the Maison des mégalithes.
Maison des mégalithes: fully accessible to all visitors and information tools for disabled visitors.
Alignments: Not accessible to wheelchair users
Pathway around the alignments (adapted for PRM).
Megalithic Site of Locmariaquer: 13 km.
Carnac Prehistory Museum: 1.5 km.



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- Maison des mégalithes**
- October to March: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 - April, May, June and September: from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - July and August: from 9.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 - Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

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Megalithic Site of LOCMARIAQUER

A unique archaeological adventure!

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Symbols engraved in the Dolmen de la Table des Marchands.
- The Grand Menhir Brisé, a colossal granite block measuring 21 metres high and more than 300 tonnes!
- Remarkable views over the Golfe du Morbihan.

Discover three iconic Breton megalithic monuments erected between 4700 and 3800 BC, all at the same site: the Grand Menhir Brisé, the Dolmen de la Table des Marchands and the Tumulus d'Er Grah.

The Grand Menhir Brisé is the largest monolith ever erected by man at that time, while the Dolmen de la Table des Marchands, with its two magnificent ornate slabs, is one of the passage graves and the Tumulus d'Er Grah is a closed individual tomb. **The site was inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List in July 2025.**

DID YOU KNOW...?

Objects from what we now know as Spain and Italy were found at the site, providing proof of European-wide trade in the late-Prehistoric era!

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GETTING HERE

- Auray (15 km).
- Vannes (33 km).
- Lorient (55 km).
- Rennes (138 km).
- Nantes (145 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: around 45 min.

LECTURE TOUR:

- **«Architectural essentials»:** Guided tour of the Megalithic Site of Locmariaquer
- **«Megalithic mania»:** Guided tour of the Carnac alignments and the Megalithic Site of Locmariaquer
- **«The 3 wonders of the Neolithic period»:** Guided tour of 3 major Neolithic sites in Brittany: the Carnac alignments, the Megalithic Site of Locmariaquer and the Grand Cairn of Barnenez.

Duration: Approx. 1hr30 per site.
Up to a maximum of 50 people.
Additional cost for certain languages.

FACILITIES



Free

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Reservation required for groups.
Film on the monument's history subtitles.
Information tools for disabled visitors.
Megalithic site of Carnac: 13 km.



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OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- April and September: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 - May and June: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - July and August: from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 - October to March: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Last admission 30 minutes before closing time.
• Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.
On Mondays from October to March.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Grand Cairn of BARNENEZ

A thousand-year-old megalithic colossus!

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Titanic dimensions: 70 m long, 15 m wide and almost 8 m high.
- Thousand-year-old engravings offering an insight into megalithic art.
- A unique testimony to the evolution of funerary architecture and rites.

Situated on a promontory overlooking the sea, the Grand Cairn de Barnenez is an unusual megalithic site.

Thought to be the oldest «mausoleum» in Europe, it was erected more than 6,000 years ago during the Neolithic era, a recent Prehistoric period corresponding to the emergence of agriculture, domesticated animals and the first houses. Revealing a perfect mastery of dry stone building techniques, it comprises eleven passage tombs which break up its gigantic facade.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Some of its tombs contain mysterious engraved messages that are still not understood!

VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: around 45 min.

LECTURE TOUR

- **«A megalithic saga»:** Guided tour of the Grand Cairn
- **«Megalithic exploration»:** Guided tour of the Grand Cairn and the Carnac alignments.
- **«The 3 wonders of the Neolithic period»:** Guided tour of 3 major Neolithic sites in Brittany: the Carnac alignments, the Megalithic Site of Locmariaquer and the Grand Cairn of Barnenez.

Duration: Approx. 1hr30 per site.
Up to a maximum of 50 people.
Additional cost for certain languages.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Reservation required for groups.
Sloping site.
The monument is not accessible to people with reduced mobility.

GETTING HERE

- Morlaix (15 km).
- Roscoff (40 km).
- La Vélomaritime / EuroVélo 4



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- September to April: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
 - May and June: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
 - July and August: from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- Last admission 30 minutes before closing time.
• Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.
On Mondays from October to March.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Ernest RENAN'S HOUSE

The life of the great writer in the house where he was born!

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GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A typical shipowner's house at the heart of Tréguier, a small town full of character.
- The garden - once a haven of peace and tranquillity for the writer and now for visitors.
- Ernest Renan's academic robes and eagle sword.

Step through the doorway of this picturesque timber-framed 17th-century house, once home to a shipowner, in which Ernest Renan was born in 1823 and where today documents and memories of the writer are carefully preserved...

Discover the schoolboy's room, as well as a reconstruction of the office at the Collège de France of this famous thinker, who demanded freedom of expression for religious and historical criticism.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Ernest Renan's House is the tallest house in Tréguier. Its look-out post, tucked away at the top, offers a unique view of the port.

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VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: around 45 min.

LECTURE TOUR

Guided tour of Ernest Renan's House and the town of Tréguier
Duration: around 2hrs.
From 5 people to a maximum of 30.
Prices on request.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Reservation required for groups.
Film on the monument's history.
3 floors during the tour.
The monument is not accessible to people with reduced mobility.



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GETTING HERE

- Lanion (20 km).
- Guingamp (30 km).



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- For opening days and times please visit the website.

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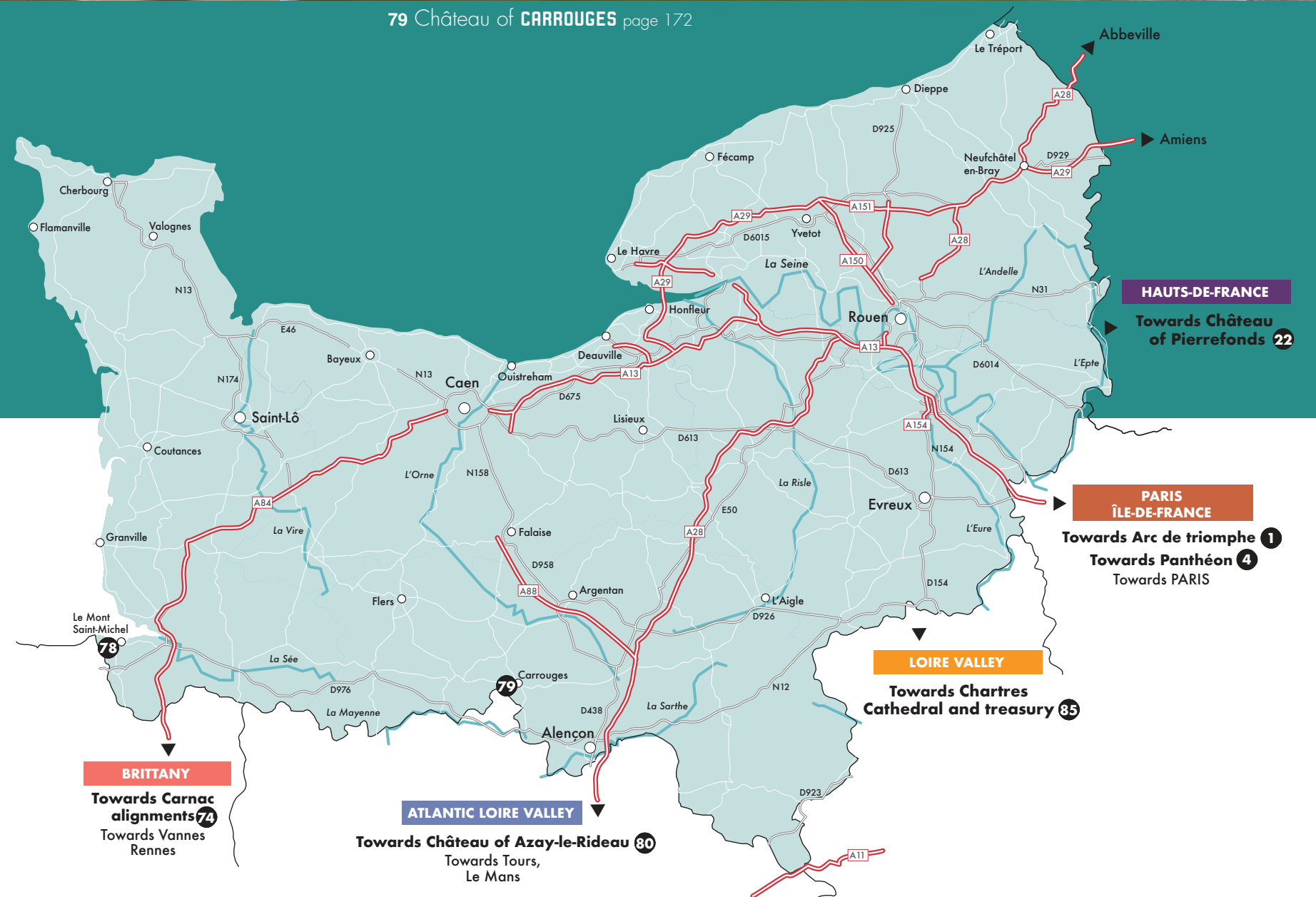
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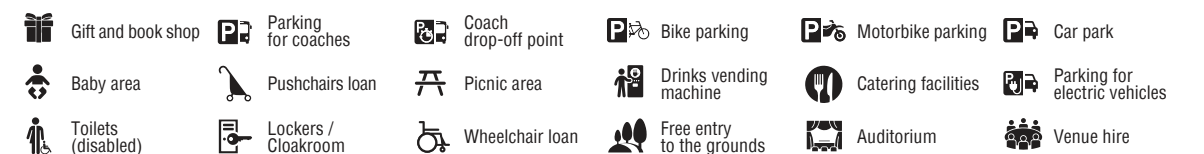


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Abbey of MONT-SAINT-MICHEL

The summit of an exceptional site!

3

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The remarkable view across the bay.
- The Gothic cloister, seemingly suspended between the sea and the sky.
- An architectural maze, a masterpiece created by the builders of the Middle Ages.

Step inside the abbey and explore this unique site, the only one of its kind in the world.

The Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel, a major pilgrimage site from the 8th to the 18th century, is one of the most extraordinary examples of medieval religious and military architecture. Visitors can embark upon an unforgettable journey through history as they explore the abbey church, Romanesque crypts, cloister and Gothic rooms.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The abbey was completely transformed into a prison from 1793 to 1863. During this period, the *bastille des mers* ('prison of the sea') is believed to have housed nearly 14,000 inmates!

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GETTING HERE

- Pontorson (9 km).
- Saint-Malo (50 km).
- Rennes (75 km).
- Saint-Malo (50 km).
- Rennes (75 km).
- Caen (130 km).
- La Véloscénie
- La Vélomaritime (EuroVélo 4)
- La VéloWestNormandy
- La Régalante



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: around 1hr.

AUGMENTED REALITY TABLET TOUR

Subject to availability - on request only. Several circuits available.
Duration (depending on visit circuit): around 45 min or 90 min.

PRIVATE TOUR

and other languages subject to availability.
Duration: 2hrs.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Reservation required for self-guided tours for adult groups of 20 or more – online only.

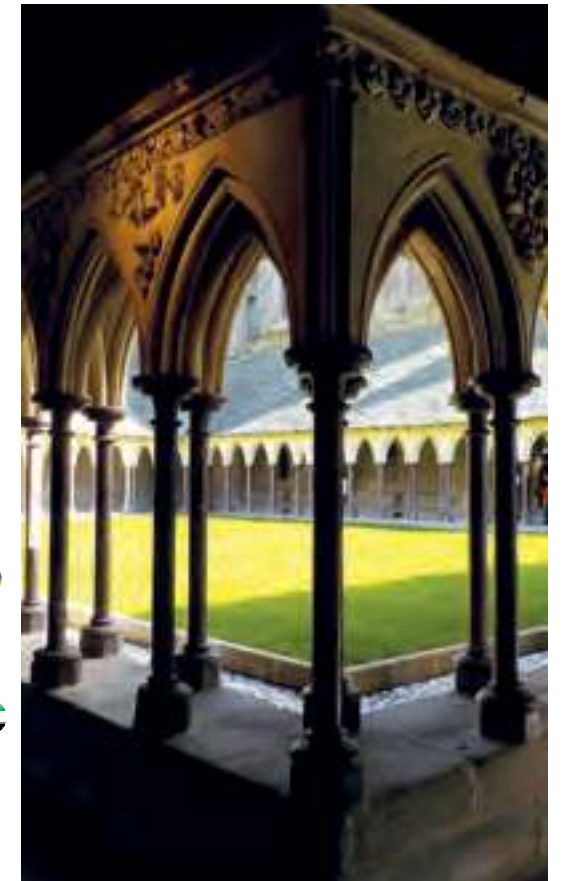
For other tours and all other groups, reservation is required regardless of the number of visitors – please contact the reservations department. Numerous steps lead up to the abbey and into the monument. Allow 1 hour between the car parks and the entrance to the abbey / Parking information: <https://montsaintmichel.gouv.fr/>



E-Ticketing for professionals



Online group reservations
(during 2026)



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 2nd May to 31st August: from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- 1st September to 30th April: from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Last admission 1hr before closing time.

Last admission for groups 1hr30 before closing time

- Closed: 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

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www.abbaye-mont-saint-michel.fr



Château of CARROUGES

A prestigious residence and a real family affair!

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The royal apartment - a rare 17th-century treasure.
- A unique hunting collection, the only one of its kind in Europe.
- The first major project of the Gabriels, the architects of Paris and Versailles.

Step inside the gates of the extensive Carrouges estate at the heart of the Normandy-Maine Regional Nature Park to learn all about the history of this jewel in Normandy's heritage crown.

A tour of this spectacular brick and slate château surrounded by a moat, complete with original furnishings and collections accumulated by the same family over the course of seven centuries, will take visitors back in time to the days of the great aristocratic families. Having once played host to famous guests such as Louis XI and Catherine de' Medici, the château now bears testimony to an *art de vivre*!

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Lord of Carrouges left his mark on French history by taking part in the last judicial duel. His story provided the inspiration for the film "The Last Duel" by famous American director Ridley Scott.

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GETTING HERE

- Alençon (30 km).
- Véloscénie.



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: around 1hr15.

"AT THE TABLE OF THE LORDS OF CARROUGES" OFFER

Tour and meal in the château.
Different formulas are possible.
Duration: around 3hrs.
From 20 people for lunch and from 40 people for dinner.

LECTURE TOUR

Duration: around 1hr15.
From 10 people and up to 30 people maximum.
Special price - quotation on request.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Reservation required for groups.



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- January to April and September to December: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Last admission to the Apartments at 12 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. Park closes at 5 p.m.
- May to August: from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Last admission to the Apartments at 12.15 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. Park closes at 6 p.m.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

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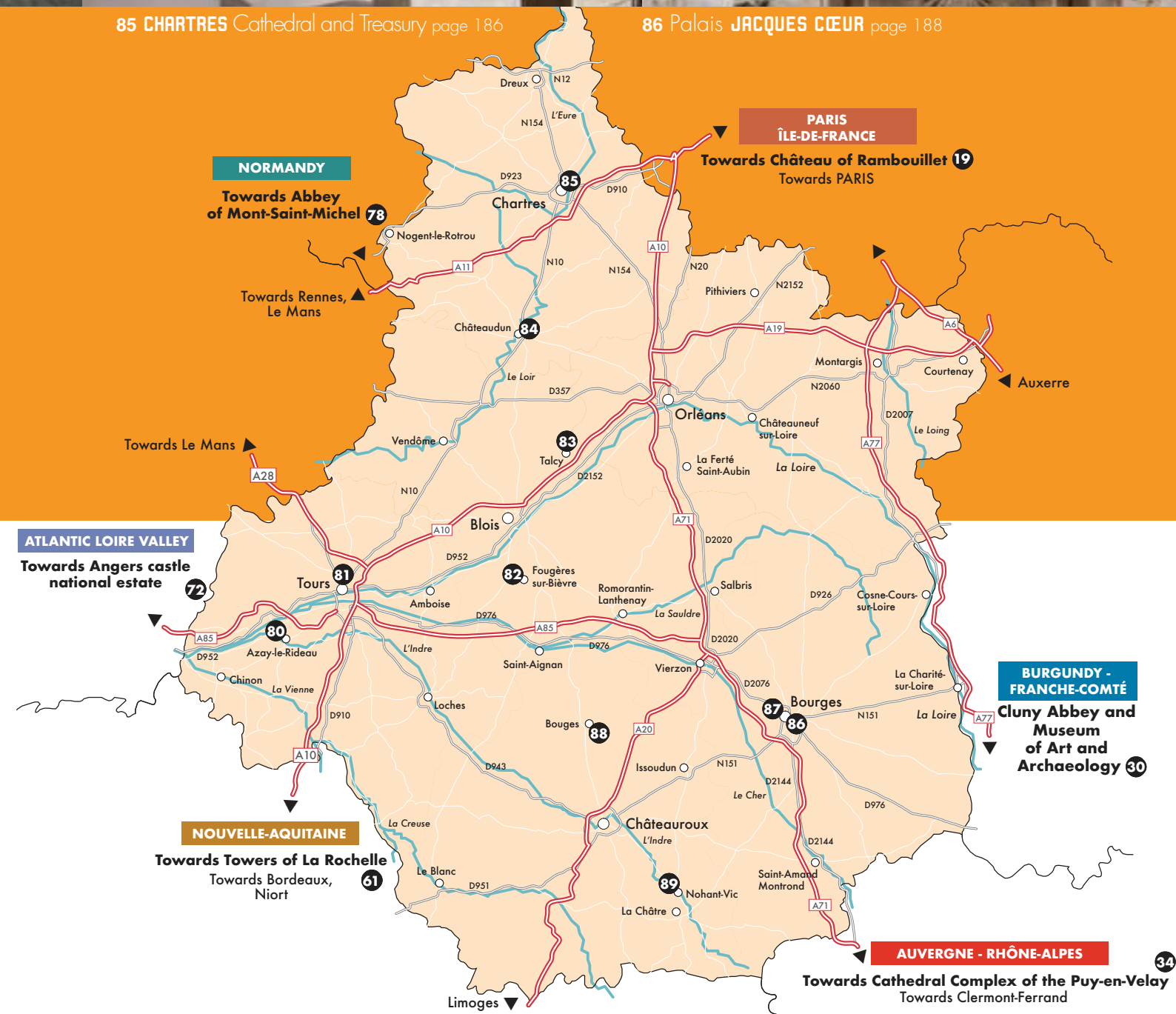
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| Baby area | Pushchairs loan | Picnic area | Drinks vending machine | Catering facilities | Parking for electric vehicles |
| Toilets (disabled) | Lockers / Cloakroom | Wheelchair loan | Free entry to the grounds | Auditorium | Venue hire |



Château of AZAY-LE-RIDEAU

A Renaissance gem at the heart of the Loire Valley.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A richly furnished château with access to the roof structure.
- 8 hectares of romantic landscaped grounds, complete with extraordinary trees and reflecting pools.
- An interpretation area accessible to all visitors.

The Château of Azay-le-Rideau, built in the heart of the Touraine region under the reign of Francis I, is a charming Renaissance residence.

A masterpiece of 16th-century architecture, it is built on an island shaped by the Indre river and surrounded by romantic 19th-century grounds. The château features prestigious historic decor retracing 4 centuries of history: admire the sculpted façades, the 19th-century decor of the ground floor and the Renaissance room on the 1st floor, not to mention the original roof framework dating from the early-16th century.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Between 2015 and 2017, the Château of Azay-le-Rideau underwent major restoration work to preserve this fabulous heritage that included the masonry, sculptures, woodwork and roof structure, while the interiors were also refurbished.



GETTING HERE

- Tours (26 km).
- Azay-le-Rideau (2 km).
- Saint Pierre des Corps (28 km).
- Tours Val de Loire (35 km).
- Loire à Vélo, Indre à Vélo.



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Unaccompanied tour with guide booklet. Duration: 1hr30.

AUDIO-GUIDE TOUR

Junior version only in French. Duration: 1hr30.

LECTURE TOUR

Duration: 1hr30. Different themes and prices on request.

A LA CARTE TOURS

To discover the château in a different way: heritage and wine tour, gastronomy tour, and cooking classes.

PRIVATE TOUR

With or without catering service.
Outside standard opening hours. Prices on request.

REMOTE GUIDED TOUR

Experience a live tour from home.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Reservation required for groups of 8 or more.
Number of floors visited during the tour: 3. 70 steps.
Monument and gardens accessible to visitors with reduced mobility with assistance. 2 disabled parking spaces within the château grounds.
Interpretation area accessible to disabled audiences.

- E-Ticketing for professionals
- Online group reservations



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- April to June and September: 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - July and August: 9.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 - October to March: 10 a.m. to 5.15 p.m.
- The ticket office closes 15 minutes before closing time.
Last entry to the château 1 hr before closing time.
• Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Cloister of LA PSALETTE

Visit the part-Gothic, part-Renaissance cloisters of Saint-Gatien cathedral in the city of Tours.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A panoramic terrace affording breath-taking views of the cathedral.
- An extraordinary collection of stained glass windows by master stained glass artist Max Ingrand.
- A staircase that is a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture.

The Cloître of La Psalette, meaning choir cloister, is located on the north side of Saint-Gatien's Cathedral in Tours and is an example of transitional architecture spanning the Flamboyant Gothic and Renaissance periods.

An impressive spiral staircase leads to the scriptorium and the chapter bookshop, housed in a beautiful vaulted room completed in 1460. Balzac used the site as the setting for one of his characters in his work *La Comédie humaine* in the 19th century. The cloister regularly hosts exhibitions and is accessible from inside the cathedral. In 2025, part

of the cloister is undergoing renovation work.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The cloister staircase, believed to have been built by Bastien François, is thought to be a replica of the one built by Francis I at the Château de Blois around 1520.



GETTING HERE



- Tours (1 km).
- Tours Loire Valley (7 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 30 min.

LECTURE TOUR

Duration: 1hr.

PRIVATE VISIT

With or without catering service.
Outside standard opening hours.
Prices on request.

FACILITIES



400 m



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Drop off and pick-up point for groups by entrance.
Number of floors visited during tour: 1
Exterior accessible to visitors with reduced mobility.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- March to April: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
 - May to August: from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 - September to October: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
 - November to February: from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Last admission 15 minutes before closing time.
- Closed October to March: Mondays, Tuesdays, Sunday mornings.
 - Closed April to September: Sunday mornings.
 - Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Cloître de la Psalette
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www.cloitre-de-la-psalette.fr



Château of Fougères-sur-Bièvre

A medieval castle on the Route of the Renaissance Châteaux.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Access to the building's roof framework.
- A medieval-inspired garden through which the River Bièvre runs.
- A permanent exhibition entitled *Peuple sauvage* ('Wild Nature').

The Château of Fougères-sur-Bièvre, at the heart of the Loire Valley, boasts amazingly unique architecture linking the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.

As a small fortified castle built in the second half of the 15th century and early-16th century, it features an imposing curtain wall with machicolations, a parapet walk and a keep. An arcaded gallery was added in the 16th century, inspired by the one at the Château de Blois, a symbol of the expanding

influence of the Renaissance.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Château of Fougères-sur-Bièvre was one of the locations chosen to store French museum collections during World War II.

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GETTING HERE

- Blois (20 km).
- Chouzy (10 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 1hr.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Reservations required for groups.
Number of floors visited during the tour: 3.
Forecourt, courtyard, garden and ground floor accessible to people with reduced mobility.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 5th September to 30th April: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Closed Tuesdays.
- 2nd May to 4th September: from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Last admission 1hr before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May, and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Château of TALCY

A Renaissance château with a destiny shaped by poets.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A richly furnished château.
- A *Maison des Illustres* ('House of the Illustrious') forever shaped by the visit of two poets: Ronsard and Agrippa d'Aubigné.
- The gardens - a bucolic paradise for lovers of history and picturesque residences.

Although built at the same time of the great châteaux and castles in the Loire valley, Talcy remains untouched by the popular Italian style and its love of decoration.

The wells, outhouses including press and dovecote and the garden all emphasise the rural nature of the estate. The château has retained the interior layout, painted decorations and the unique furniture of the 18th century

DID YOU KNOW...?

This was where Ronsard fell in love with the daughter of the Italian owner and banker Bernard Salviati, Cassandre, who inspired his famous poem *Mignonne, allons voir...*

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GETTING HERE

- Orléans (49 km).
- Blois (31 km).
- Mer (9 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 1hr.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Reservations required for groups between 2 weeks and 1 month in advance.
Number of floors visited during tour: 1.
Courtyard, ground floor, outbuildings and gardens accessible to visitors with reduced mobility.

E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 5th September to 30th April: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Closed on Tuesdays.
- 2nd May to 4th September: from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Last admission 1 hour before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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www.chateau-talcy.fr



Château of CHATEAUDUN

An architectural millefeuille incorporating elements of both the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The largest collection of antique tapestries belonging to the Centre des monuments nationaux.
- An imposing medieval keep.
- The fiefdom of one of Joan of Arc's companions in arms - Jean de Dunois.

Sixty metres above the Loir river, the château of Jehan Dunois, known as the “Bastard of Orléans”, contains a rare succession of medieval, Gothic and Renaissance architectural features.

The Sainte-Chapelle is home to a remarkable collection of statues. The château also houses an important tapestry collection, while the medieval hanging gardens, unique in the Centre region, offer an enjoyable place to relax during your visit.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Château of Châteaudun is home to the second-largest collection of antique tapestries in France, after the Mobilier national, the public body managing France's state furniture.



GETTING HERE

- Chartres (48 km).
- Vendôme (40 km).
- Châteaudun (1,2 km)
- Loir à Vélo and Saint Jacques à vélo.



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

The Château, The medieval garden and the hanging garden.
With guide booklet. 
Duration: 1hr.

GUIDED TOUR: THE CHÂTEAU

Duration: 1hr.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Reservations required for groups 1 month in advance
Number of floors visited during the tour: 4.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 5th September to 30th April: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
- 2nd May to 4th September: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Last admission 1 hour before closing time.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December

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CHARTRES CATHEDRAL

and Treasury

A jewel of world heritage.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The monument *par excellence* for French Gothic art inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- An exceptional Treasury of rare and precious objects in a restored architectural showcase.
- The immense metal framework, a masterpiece of 19th-century technology and aesthetics.

Built in the early 13th century, Notre-Dame de Chartres is one of the most iconic French Gothic cathedrals.

The Saint Piat chapel holds the cathedral's Treasury, almost a museum in its own right filled with 150 precious works and objects presented in majesty on two levels in the fully restored chapel.

The guided tour climbing the steps of the north tower provides access to the immense metal framework, a masterpiece of 19th-century technology and aesthetics, and to a bird's-eye view of the city and its surroundings.

DID YOU KNOW...?

A competition for the creation of contemporary stained-glass windows was launched in 2018 to replace the four windows in the chapter house of the Saint Piat chapel originally fitted with simple diamond-shaped glass panels with no particular heritage value. The winner of the competition was Korean artist Bang Hai Ja (1937-2022).

GETTING HERE

- Chartres (600 m).
- Véloscénie.



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF TREASURY OF THE SAINT-PIAT CHAPEL

GUIDED TOUR

Themes on request: top of the cathedral (attic and metal framework), cathedral (choir tower, stained glass windows, portals, sculptures...).

Duration: 1hr.

Reservation required, from 3 to 25 people depending on the spaces visited.

FACILITIES



300 m Southern Forecourt

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Number of steps during the tour: 200 (40 m).

Reservation required for groups.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 5th September to 30th April: from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- 2nd May to 4th September: from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Palais JACQUES CŒUR, BOURGES

Meet an iconic figure of the Middle Ages.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A masterpiece of Flamboyant Gothic civil architecture.
- A real insight into the extraordinary life of Jacques Cœur.
- An introduction to international trade.

Jacques Cœur, financier to King Charles VII, had his 'Grant' Maison' built in Bourges between 1443 and 1451, a key example of 15th-century Gothic civil architecture.

Built on the Gallo-Roman foundations, the Palais Jacques Cœur is richly decorated in the flamboyant style of the late Middle Ages.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Where does the name 'Palais' come from? From 1820 to 1920, the Palais de justice, the city's law courts, occupied the premises and the name has stuck ever since.



GETTING HERE

 • Bourges (1,8 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.
Duration: 1hr15.

AUDIO-GUIDE TOUR

Duration: 1hr30.

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation required with Berry Tourist Board. Tel.: +33 (0)2 48 48 00 19.
groupes@ad2t.fr

PRIVATE TOUR

Outside standard opening hours.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Reservations required for groups
Monument not accessible to visitors with motor disabilities.



E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 2nd May to 30th June: from 9.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.
 - 1st July to 31st August: from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.
 - 1st to 30th April and 1st to 30th September: from 10 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.45 p.m.
 - 1st October to 31st March: from 9.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.
- Last admission 1 hr before closing time.
• Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Cathedral of **BOURGES** Crypt and Tower

Two treasures of Bourges cathedral.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- UNESCO World Heritage-listed cathedral.
- Remains of the former rood screen.
- A historical treasure: the entombment.

The crypt, the bedrock of the Cathedral's choir, displays fragments of the rood screen destroyed in the 18th century, the tomb of Duke Jean de Berry and the stained glass windows of the ducal Holy Chapel.

The panoramic views over Bourges from the top of the tower are simply incredible.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The crypt houses the tomb of John, Duke of Berry.

GETTING HERE



- Bourges.
- Bourges (1,8 km).



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

Crypt

- Guided tours for individuals only (every day except Sunday mornings)
- April: 10.15 a.m.; 11.15 a.m.; 2.30 p.m.; 3.45 p.m.; 5 p.m.
- May - August: 10 a.m.; 11.15 a.m.; 2.30 p.m.; 4 p.m.; 5.30 p.m.
- September: 10.15 a.m.; 11.15 a.m.; 2.30 p.m.; 3.45 p.m.; 5 p.m.
- October - March: 10 a.m.; 11.15 a.m.; 2.30 p.m.; 3.30 p.m.; 4.30 p.m.

Tower

- Guided tours for individuals only (Fridays and Saturdays all day, Sunday afternoons and bank holidays)
- July / August: 9.45 a.m.; 10.45 a.m.; 2.15 p.m.; 3.15 p.m.; 4.15 p.m.; 5.15 p.m.
- Closed Sunday mornings.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Crypte et tour de la cathédrale Saint-Etienne de Bourges

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www.bourges-cathedrale.fr

VISITS

LECTURE TOUR OF THE GOTHIC AND ROMAN CRYPT



Guided tour (reservation required) with Berry Tourist Board.

Tel.: +33 (0)2 48 48 00 19 - groupees@ad2t.fr

FACILITIES



200 m

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Reservations required for groups.

Number of steps during the tour: 396.

Number of floors in the crypt: 2.

Steps between coach park and monument.



Château of BOUGES

Sample the charm of the Château of Bouges and its 18th-century ambience.

3 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A large collection of furniture and objets d'art.
- A 'temple' dedicated to the equestrian world, including stables and horse-drawn carriages.
- 80 hectares of landscaped grounds complete with flower garden.

The Château of Bouges was built in the 18th century under the reign of Louis XV in an Italian style.

The outbuildings and exteriors (saddlery, stables, museum of horse carriages, flower garden and French garden) are surrounded by magnificent English-style grounds covering 80 hectares. Important collections of furniture and artworks are waiting to be discovered.

DID YOU KNOW...?
Major interior and exterior renovation work was completed in 2022, restoring the building to its former glory.

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VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF THE PARK AND OUTBUILDINGS (stables, tack rooms and horse-drawn carriages)



With guide booklet .
Duration: 1hr.

GUIDED TOUR OF THE CHÂTEAU

With guide booklet.

Duration: 1hr.

PRIVATE VISIT

With or without catering service.
Outside standard opening hours.

FACILITIES



Shade within 25 m

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Reservations required for groups
Seating available during the tour and in the grounds
Number of floors visited during the tour: 1
Monument partially accessible to people with reduced mobility.



E-Ticketing for professionals

GETTING HERE

- Château de Valençay (17 km).
- Châteauroux (30 km).
- Châteauroux (30 km).



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 1st to 31st March: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Open on Saturdays and Sundays only.
- 1st April to 30th June: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Closed on Tuesdays.
- 1st July to 31st August: 10 a.m. to 6.45 p.m. Open every day.
- 1st September to 31st October: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 6 p.m..
- Closed on Tuesdays.
- November: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Open on Saturdays and Sundays only
- Closed from December to February, except for groups.
- Closed 1st May.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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www.chateau-bouges.fr



GEORGE SAND'S HOUSE

Nohant

Explore the home of a major 19th-century figure, George Sand.

3

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The 6-hectare garden that inspired George Sand.
- A permanent exhibition dedicated to puppets, sets and props.
- A timeless journey into the private lives of George Sand and her guests: Liszt, Balzac, Chopin, Delacroix and Flaubert, among others.

George Sand, a woman of her time who lived an extraordinary life, wrote most of her work in this late-18th-century house.

The rooms, objects and furniture found here bear living witness to this rich past and shed light on the many facets of her personality. The exhibition of puppets made by her son Maurice are evidence of the theatrical activity that took place in Nohant.

DID YOU KNOW...?

George Sand worked hard all her life and had a passion for sewing, drawing and painting, as well as writing.

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VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR, GARDEN AND GROUNDS

With guide booklet.

SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF THE PERMANENT PUPPET EXHIBITION

Visitors will find a permanent exhibition of puppets, sets and props bearing witness to Maurice Sand's passion for this art form on the 1st floor of the reception building.

GUIDED TOUR OF THE HOUSE

With guide booklet.

Duration: 1hr.

PRIVATE TOUR

With or without catering service.

Outside standard opening hours.

FACILITIES



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Reservations required for groups

Seating available during the tour and in the grounds

Number of floors visited during the tour: 1

Park and cemetery accessible to visitors with reduced mobility



E-Ticketing for professionals



GETTING HERE



• Châteauroux (32 km).



• Châteauroux (30 km), Bus line F.



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

• 1st April to 30th June and September: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

• July and August: from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

• 1st October to 30th March: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

• Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December.

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