



## Autumn 2011

### SEPTEMBER

*EVERY FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 4.30 PM.*

#### **HISTORY FROM BEHIND THE SCENES**

#### **GUIDED VISITS OF THE UNDERGROUND PASSAGES AND THE CHÂTEAU'S TOWERS**

Individual visitors (in small groups formed on site) have exceptionally access to underground passageways and towers of the medieval fortress, just under the Renaissance Royal House. A one-hour guided tour in French for individual visitors in good health (over the age of 7).

Prior booking is highly recommended on line ([www.chateau-amboise/en/actualite.php](http://www.chateau-amboise/en/actualite.php)).

Admission fee for the individual adult visitor 14.5 €, student 13 € and child 11 € (between 7 and 14). This includes free access to the Château after the tour.

*2ND SEPTEMBER*

#### **NOCTURNAL ENCHANTMENT « AT FRANCOIS' COURT »**

Information & Booking: +33 (0)2 47 57 14 47

*17TH AND 18TH SEPTEMBER, DURING THE DAY*

#### **EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAYS**

Guided tour with presentations during the afternoon.

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### OCTOBER

*5TH NOVEMBER 2011*

#### **SAINT-HUBERT'S DAY**

Saint-Hubert's day is usually a time for hunters to celebrate the day of their patron saint. But this custom takes on special pomp and ceremony in **Touraine**, where there is a **rich tradition of hunting with hounds**. Amboise forest is well-suited for this type of hunting, especially for larger game, where the practice dates back to the XVIth century, when the Valois kings would set out on long hunts from their royal residence of Amboise. **On 5th November 2011, the Royal Château of Amboise revives this heritage** by inviting some remarkable guests, as there will be a pack of hounds barking to accompany the horn-players during the ceremonies preceding each hunt. 9.00 mass for Saint Hubert in the Château's main courtyard, in the presence of hunting horn players and the Amboise hunting party; 10.00 blessing for the Amboise hunting party in front of Saint-Hubert's chapel in the Château grounds; 10.30 collation for the hunters and departure of the hunt.

*Access included in the admission fee to the Château*

### DECEMBER

*FROM 3RD DECEMBER 2011 TO 8TH JANUARY 2012*

#### **CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE CENTURIES**

« Christmas, Christmas! ». The princes' shouts of joy are still to be heard in the Royal apartments. However the nativity celebrations have seen many changes over the centuries. The visitor will discover the origin of these traditions from the Renaissance, and from the 18th and 19th centuries. The royal apartments will be decorated exceptionally for the occasion. Special commentaries and music for Christmas are available on the audio-guide (in addition to the audio-guide for the permanent exhibitions). Admission included in the château admission.