

CHÂTEAU ROYAL D'AMBOISE



AMBOISE,

SHARE THE KINGS' EMOTIONS



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FRANÇOIS 1^{ER}

RENAISSANCE

LANDSCAPE

FRENCH-STYLE LUXURY

A BALCONY ON THE LOIRE

GARDENS

HISTORY
OF FRANCE

TOMB OF
LEONARDO DA VINCI

RESIDENCE OF THE
KINGS OF FRANCE



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The most beautiful panorama in the Loire Valley

Suspended between the sky and the Loire, the royal château of Amboise's terraces form an exceptional balcony overlooking the UNESCO World Heritage landscape.

Offer your clients this picture-postcard view, which will be the highlight of their trip.

The Renaissance palace of the French kings

Pomp, beauty, creativity, and extravagance... When the kings of France decided to create superb palaces inspired by the Italian Renaissance, their architects designed architectural jewels. Do not miss the opportunity to share a discovery of Amboise, the favourite château of king François I^{er}.

The location of Leonardo da Vinci's tomb

One of the most famous geniuses in the history of humanity rests in peace in the royal château of Amboise. A universal character, he is the natural point of reference for all your clients, from France or other countries, when they imagine the Renaissance. Discovering his tomb will certainly be a key moment of their stay in the Loire Valley.



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- A château in the heart of a town, with its atmosphere, its shops, cafés and restaurants.
- Direct, easy access by train, bus stop close to the château.
- Additional tourist activities in the immediate vicinity.

ST. HUBERT CHAPEL

BUILDING WORKS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Exceptional historic building works to restore the St. Hubert Chapel.

Autumn 2021 - Autumn 2023



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The Royal Château of Amboise's chapel, a jewel of the 15th and 19th centuries and the location of Leonardo da Vinci's tomb, will undergo vast and spectacular restoration works. Over 20 months, the finest French artisans will employ their expertise to restore the chapel to its full glory. These works, the most extensive

for more than 150 years, are an opportunity to offer our visitors an enlightening discovery of the skilled crafts that help to safeguard heritage buildings. Visitors will be able to access the artisan's work spaces, see regular demonstrations of skills and know-how, and enjoy presentations of the works, with commentary.

When the chapel is closed, visitors will be able to discover the interior with the Histopad (p. 8)

AMBOISE,

DELIGHTFUL GARDEN

Self-guided tour throughout the year



Amboise, Remarkable Garden

A natural area of 2 hectares, suspended between the sky and the Loire river, the garden of the royal château of Amboise is classified as a 'Remarkable Garden' by the French state.

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A second route, devoted to the birds who stay at the château, is a project created in partnership with the French League for the Protection of Birds (Ligue Protection des Oiseaux - LPO). These two routes are open for unguided visits, without a supplement payable.



"CHRISTMAS, CHILDHOOD DREAMS"

SHARING MAGICAL MEMORIES



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The little Renaissance princes celebrated the nativity festivities at the royal chateau of Amboise. Now, 500 years later, this joyous tradition lives on. Magical decors for "Christmas, childhood dreams" enrich the permanent collections and enable different generations to unite around memories and the

imagination of Christmas from our younger years. Staged on a grand scale, and renewed every year, this display is installed throughout the visitor route from **the beginning of December to the beginning of January**. No supplement payable for access.



ADT Touraine - JC Coutand



A new
theme
every year!



- Available every day for one month (Except 25/12 and the 01/01)
- A festive atmosphere and a novel way to see the château
- A quieter period for your clients in terms of visitor numbers
- Permanent collections also on show
- Christmas concerts schedule



“Christmas in the land of the châteaux”

Amboise, Azay-le-Rideau, Chinon, Chenonceau, Langeais, Loches and Villandry... From the beginning of December to the beginning of January, seven of the Loire's greatest châteaux celebrate the spirit of the end of year festivities with

exceptional visitor experiences. This is Touraine's "Christmas in the land of the châteaux". For your clients, it is a chance to combine the discovery of these magnificent places with the magic of the end of year festivities.

www.noelaupaysdeschateaux.com



- A new alternative to the traditional Christmas markets
- Each château has its own theme
- Geographical proximity enables an easy schedule

THE HISTOPAD[®],

A VOYAGE IN TIME

Express
version
45 min.
available



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The latest generation **HistoPad** technology makes it possible to spectacularly enrich the discovery of the Royal Château of Amboise with 3D recreations of the buildings and interior décors, and the 360° recreation of court life scenes.

- For group guided visits: the **Histopad Pro** can be used by our lecturer guides or by your tour leaders (with pre-training).
- For your individual or group clients: A **HistoPad Solo** will be issued at the ticket office (Booking required).

This tool, included in the château entrance price, has replaced the former audio-guides. Average duration of visit: 90 min. Written commentary in 12 languages.

Training seminar

A free training session is available for external guides on **7th March 2023**: update on the major works on the St. Hubert chapel, demonstration of the *Histopad Pro*, discover the gardens and the mulberry bush conservatory. A free bus transfer is available from Paris-Opéra.

For information visit:

www.chateau-amboise.com/fr/page-pro

Visit of the Royal Loggia and the St. Hubert Chapel (Leonardo da Vinci's tomb) - 1 hour



- **Visit with *HistoPad*** (cf. previous page)



- **Visit with visitor guide**

(adult guide available in 16 languages)



(visitor guide for children in 2 languages)



- **Commentated visit*** with a lecturer/
guide of the Loggia and the chapel,
booking required, in 6 languages
(supplement payable, booking required).



- **Welcome for accompanied groups.***

External guides/accompanying adults are welcome on-site. They must follow the instructions issued by the Château personnel. There is the choice of a *Histopad Pro* for your guide/tour leader, an individual *Histopad Solo* (12 languages/booking required), or a visitor guide (16 languages).

"Behind the scenes of History" - 1 hour



- **Combined guided visit of the underground passageways and the royal loggia.*** Exclusive access to the underground passages and to the towers of the medieval fortress situated under the Renaissance loggia, booking required, in 6 languages (with supplement, max. 18pp per group).



* The organisation of guided visits may be subject to change according to government health guidelines.



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SCHOOL GROUPS



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Visit to the royal loggia and the St. Hubert chapel*

(tomb of Leonardo da Vinci)

The monument can be discovered as part of a guided visit with a château lecturer/ guide or independently.



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All levels

Adapted commented visit*

A guided visit chosen from 5 tours adapted to each scholastic level in the French school system.

Practical information:

- **Capacity:** groups up to 50 people (including accompanying adults)
- **Availability:** every day, booking required
- **Level:** for pupils from pre-school to school leavers
- **Duration:** approx. 1hr
- **Languages:**



INNOVATIVE, GUIDED VISITS*

The “Histopad” 3D recreation technology is now available!

We invite you to make the most of it to bring the visit to life for your pupils. A *Histopad Pro* version is available for our guides or for your group leader.

It is a wonderful way to further illustrate the art of living in the French court.



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Costumed guided visit*

To bring the château to life, why not choose a costumed guided visit? Offered by the Amboise Office de Tourisme (Tourist Information Office).

www.amboise-valdeloire.com

Teacher booklet

Can be downloaded from the website:

www.chateau-amboise.com

It includes a guide to prepare for the visit, containing a genealogy of the Valois dynasty, ten themed worksheets and a timeline of the 16th century.



6-8 years old

Guided visit of the Château and presentation of the works.* 🇫🇷

This new guided visit, in French, is a general introduction to the Château of Amboise and the St. Hubert chapel renovation works, until Autumn 2023.

Meetings with the artisans can be organised, according to their availability.



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Combined visit: Château of Amboise/Clos Lucé

“Leonardo da Vinci at the court of King François I^{er}, from the royal Château royal to the château of Clos Lucé”

Leonardo da Vinci lived the final three years of his life in Amboise.

At the sovereign's request, he created several projects, and was most notably the organiser of prestigious festivities at the royal court.

Discover the life and talents of Leonardo da Vinci with a visit to two emblematic sites in Amboise – the royal château, residence of

King François I^{er}, and the château of Clos Lucé, the Italian master's final residence.

Practical information for combined visit:

- Check with the two sites for specific availability and booking requirements
- Separate payments required for each site

10-15 years old New educational game, “Amboise 1518, the royal gift”

Head off in search of a mysterious present destined for the son of the king, François 1^{er}. Embodying characters from the era (members of the king's cabinet, garrison soldiers, diplomats, ladies of court, cooks...), players will meet familiar faces from their History curriculum during a series of mysteries to solve in small groups. The truth will emerge as each player shares their discoveries!

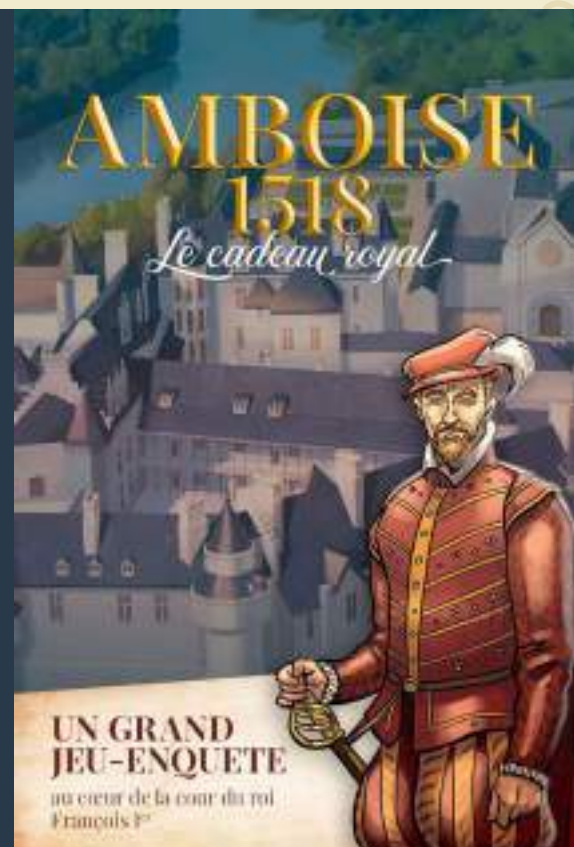
In french only 

Visit terms and conditions:

The game is led by a teacher and group's accompanying adults.

Materials available:

- **Game rules** supplied to the teacher in advance
- **Game kit** (character files, mission files)
- **Prize for the class**
- **Capacity:** 30 pupils
- **Duration :** 1 hour



| 2023 PRICES FOR SCHOOL GROUPS | PUPILS FROM 7 TO 18 YEARS | ACCOMPANYING ADULT |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Entrance ticket (from 20 pupils) | €8,90 | €11,90 |
| Price for guide in the royal loggia (approx. 1hr) | €98,00 | |
| Combined Château of Amboise/Clos Lucé from 01/03 to 15/11* | €29,50 | €27,00 |
| New educational game | €45,00/group + entrance ticket price | |

- **Special offer:** 1 child free for 15 paid
- * : Combined Château of Amboise/Clos Lucé, separate payment at each site : €19 at Clos Lucé and €10,50 at the royal château of Amboise.
- **Additional accompanying adult:** €13,50 at Clos Lucé and €13,50 at the royal château of Amboise.

Specific conditions for visit management

Responsibilities:

While the group is on site the pupils remain under the supervision and responsibility of their teacher and accompanying adult(s).



throwing stones and playing near the ramparts is forbidden

Photographs:

Teachers are invited to take photos of their group. Individual photos are only permitted, without flash, in the Great Chamber and outside the loggia.

AN EXCEPTIONAL SETTING

FOR PRESTIGIOUS EVENTS



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Select rooms are available, during the day and in the evening, for your private events (incentive events, tastings, meals*).

Two historic furnished rooms

The Noble Room

Situated on the "Noble" floor of the château's Gothic wing, facing the Loire, this sumptuous room is richly decorated with the coats of arms Brittany and France. An historic setting for exceptional events.

Max. capacity: 199 people
Max seated capacity: 120 people
Room size: 180m²

The Great Chamber

This room, situated in the château's Renaissance wing, is ideal for limited, or small group, dinners.

Max. capacity: 99 people
Max seated capacity: 60 people
Room size: 80m²

The Fleur de Lys room

The former guards' dining hall in Amboise's medieval fortress, this vast room, which is not included in the visitor routes, can be used during the day or in the evening for lunches, meetings, drinks receptions or dinners.

Max. capacity: 250 people
Max. seated capacity: 170 people
Room area: 230 m²

*For security reasons, weddings and dance evenings cannot be organised at the Château. Evening events are permitted until 1am.

At the café, a taste for every moment

In season, the Château's café offers individual visitors a range of refreshments and snacks on one of the access terraces to the chapel and Royal Loggia.

We offer your clients the chance to discover some local gastronomic delights.



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PROLONG THE MAGIC

WITH OUR SERVICE+

Our “Service+” enables visitors to prolong the charm of their visit.

Bonuses of this exclusive package include: a selection of extraordinary locations, reduced booking times, speedy set up and high quality service.

NEW  

A chance to taste wines and cheeses in these same locations, when privately hired.



Early Birds

What better moment to visit the château of Amboise than in the early morning, when the gardeners are working in the park and the parquet floors have just been waxed. Early bird guests can discover the château 30 minutes before it opens to the public and benefit from a very special moment in one of the Loire Valley's most prestigious sites.

Unforgettable moments

Create an unforgettable memory by ending the visit with a glass of sparkling wine and an exceptional view of the Loire river, one of the most beautiful panoramas of the Loire Valley, or in an extraordinary place: inside the Minimes Tower.

€12,60
/person,
from
6 people

Informations & bookings via the château events team at least 1 week in advance.



OPENING TIMES

& RATES 2023

Opening times

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|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 02/01 - 03/02 | 10h00 — 12h30 — 14h00 — 16h30 |
| 04/02 - 28/02 | 9h00 — 17h00 |
| 01/03 - 31/03 | 9h00 — 17h30 |
| 01/04 - 30/06 | 9h00 — 18h30 |
| 01/07 - 31/08 | 9h00 — 19h00 |
| 01/09 - 20/10 | 9h00 — 18h00 |
| 21/10 - 05/11 | 9h00 — 17h00 |
| 06/11 - 15/12 | 9h00 — 12h30 — 14h00 — 16h30 |
| 16/12 - 31/12 | 9h00 — 16h30 |

Taking into consideration possible alterations due to the global pandemic, we ask that you check this information on www.chateau-amboise.com.

Individual visitors

| | ADULT | STUDENT | CHILD (AGED 7-18) ⁽¹⁾ |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Admission fee & Histopad ⁽²⁾ | €15,00 | €12,20 | €9,30 |
| Admission fee for disabled visitor and accompanying person (including audio-visit for the disabled) | €11,50 | €10,50 | €8,50 |
| Behind the scenes of History ⁽³⁾ | €19,50 | €16,70 | €13,80 |

Groups of 20 people and over

| | ADULTE | ÉTUDIANT | ENFANT 7-18 ANS ⁽¹⁾ |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Professionals & Histopad ticket prices ⁽²⁾ | €10,80 | €9,90 | €8,10 |
| Public (assocs., community support workers...) & Histopad ticket prices | €11,90 | €10,90 | €8,90 |
| Droit d'accès handicapé & accompagnateur (vidéoguide adaptée handicaps incluse) | €9,50 | €8,30 | €7,50 |

Fixed fee for a group guide (50 p. max; 1h)

98,00 €

⁽¹⁾ : Free of charge for children under 7

⁽²⁾ : Histopad proposed in 12 other languages (F, UK-US, D, E, I ; NL ; R, PL, Br, CHN, J, K).

⁽³⁾ : Includes free access to the Royal House and chapel, and to the special visit "Behind the scenes of History"

Rates are likely to change from 1 July to a maximum of 3.5%.

To find out more: <https://www.chateau-amboise.com/fr/page-informations-pratiques#rates>

Payment methods

Online prepayment possible with a credit card on the Château website:

www.chateau-amboise.tickeasy.com

Deferred payment:

Vouchers, coupons and administrative remits accepted.

Payment on site:

- Cash
- Cheques
- Travellers cheques and "Vacances Connect" cheques
- "Culture" cheques
- "Best" cheques
- YEPs (Centre-Loire Valley residents/15-25 years/Youth Pass)
- Credit cards, American Express, WeChat Pay, JCB, Union Pay, Travelex

Special offers

Groups:

- **Adults and students:** 1 free for 20 paid
- **Children:** 1 free for 15 paid
- **Coach driver and accompanying adult/professional guide**
- **Jobseekers:** €2 reduction upon presentation of proof

Terms and conditions for tourism professionals

• Professional admission fees:

the "Group price" is applied from 1 person upon presentation of the relevant documentation at the ticket office.

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• Discount:

Preferential prices can be offered according to the number of visitors after signing of an agreement. In return, the trade professionals undertake to promote the Château d'Amboise to their clients.

• Presales

Minimum purchase required of 20 tickets in total, please contact us for further information.

VISITOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS

For your comfort



Drinks
Café from April to September



Adapted toilet facilities



Selective recycling



Dogs must be carried (château)



Dogs must be kept on a lead (gardens)



No dogs allowed (Underground passages)



Shop



Luncheon on the grass

For your safety

- Bags left in the bus = time saved
- Abandoned bag = Evacuation = €10000 compensation to the castle



Vigipirate



No drone



No Smoking



Bag checks



Pushchairs checks



No left luggage



Large bags and suitcases not permitted





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