



THE  
CONDOR



ACTIVITIES





## SWIMMING POOL

Drift into the healing power of water and experience The Condors spacious 20 metre Indoor heated Pool. Our pool area looks out towards the recorders bar where guests can alternate an invigorating swim with time spent resting on the poolside loungers or sipping a cocktail as you lounge pool side. Whatever you want. Those under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

## GYM

Push yourself to new heights as you gaze into the grounds of The Condor. Situated beside the pool in the South Wing building, our fully equipped gym features floor-to-ceiling window glazing with peaceful views of the estate's mature grounds. The gym features the latest high-spec workout Techno Gym equipment, including treadmill, rowing machine, stationary bicycle & cross trainer. You will also find kettlebells, and weights, and back- baller rollers for rolling out sore muscles after a hard session. For guests seeking extra support or an extra challenge, private one-to-one sessions with our expert personal trainers are available.

## THE STUDIO

Refresh your body and quiet your mind in The Condors dedicated studio with our range of Pilates, yoga or art classes to choose from. Looking out into the treetops from the floor-to-ceiling windows, your spirit can commune with nature as your body moves gently through positions, guided by our highly trained teachers. With a range of small group classes and one to one instruction available, this serene environment is the perfect space to explore the joy of movement. For Pilates and yoga, mats, assistive bolsters, blocks and straps are near at hand to ensure that you are supported in reaching your body's full potential in every session. If its art you're prefer you can simply relax in the studio where all art supplies are available, or we can arrange for a qualified teacher to introduce you to the wonder that is creating your own art.

## PERSONAL TRAINING

Push yourself to your personal best with a one-to-one personal training session. Each session with our experienced fitness instructors is carefully tailored to your fitness levels and goals, with an engaging and challenging programme of exercises, drills, and stretches. Begin with a supportive assessment where your trainer will help you create a personal fitness plan, then move into thoughtful warm-ups and stretches to ensure proper muscle activation. Then you'll be guided at your own pace through a series of body weight, machine, and free-weight workouts, with careful attention paid to technique and injury prevention. After your cool down and post workout stretch, you'll walk away with a sense of achievement and feedback to take into your next session at home or with us. Participants must be 16 years old or over.

## VIRTUAL GOLF

Experience the beauty and challenge of numerous golf courses worldwide from the comfort of the indoors. Analyse your golf shots with technical data and precise feedback. The Simulation Room is equipped with a TruGolf simulator and games in conjunction with a Sky Trak Launch Monitor. Using advanced tracking and projection technology, this fully integrated system provides a vivid virtual golf experience for practice and play.

## PICNICS

Picnic perfection at The Condor. Guests can choose from a specially created menu of picnics to enjoy during your stay with us. Make your next outdoor dining experience positively five star by choosing one of our three specially tailored picnics to suit your occasion. Whether catching up with friends after many months apart, enjoying a belated birthday or anniversary or saying an indulgent 'I love you', our team will pack the perfect picnic for you. Arrange your picnic to be enjoyed anywhere on the estate or alternatively if you are experiencing an offsite activity arrange to take your picnic with you.

## FISHING

The picturesque lakes at The Condor are the centrepiece of The Condors estate. They are also home to healthy populations of Carp. Whether you have never cast a line or are an experienced angler, there is adventure to be had by the waterside. We operate a strictly catch and release policy on the estate but for the more discerning fisherman amongst you fishing in the Loire River in nearby Orleans can be arranged. No experience is required.

## ARCHERY

Would you like to step into the shoes of Robin Hood in Sherwood Forest? Both a gratifying recreational activity and a thrilling competitive sport, archery has something to offer the novice and the adventurous expert. Shooting a modern style recurve bow is truly invigorating, and the medieval-style longbow, made to all traditional standards, offers a true test of skill and strength. Every session is carefully tailored to the ability of the participants. Our experienced instructors will lead you through every step of the experience, from how to hold the bow and arrow to how to aim and fire at a static target with extreme precision. Archery is an activity suited to all ages, even children, as long as they are able to hold a bow. No experience is required.



## HORSE RIDING

Equestrian facilities are available to guests just a 20-minute drive from The Estate. The brilliant team at the K Rouge Equestrian Centre provide arena sessions for first-times, arena lessons, gentle hacks for the intermediate riders and cross- country instructional rides for those who have had an arena lesson previously. Alternatively, the equestrian experience can come to you. A unique opportunity for anyone who would like to experience the French countryside from horseback departing from the front of The Chateau at The Condor. These are available for those aged 8 and over. Younger children may be accepted on request.

## CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

At The Condor you can experience the excitement of shooting a rapidly moving target out of the sky. By prior arrangement this may be available onsite (Subject to local permits) but our partners locally can arrange this offsite 40 minutes' drive from the estate. One-to-one instruction ensures that safety comes first at all times. It also means you will find your aim improving faster than you thought possible! Clay pigeon shooting is a fantastic activity for groups: it certainly gets the competitive spirit going! Whether you have never handled a gun before or are an experienced sharpshooter, our expert instructor team will create a thrilling, challenging, and satisfying outing on our shooting range, tailored precisely to your needs. Clay Pigeon Shooting is available for those aged 11 and over.

## ESTATE CINEMA ROOM

Come join us in our luxury cinema room and get lost in the magic of movies. The room comprises of a 60" wide screen with deep comfortable couches, surround sound and elegant surrounds. We screen a variety of movies throughout the day, with a focus on children's classics. Later in the evenings, join us for viewings and contemporary cinema for the grown-ups. Our team would be delighted to assist you to find the movie of your choice. Everyone is welcome to the cinema room, but children may require adult supervision at all times.

## RESORT BIKING

Follow your heart's desire with a leisurely cycle in the tranquil Loire Valley countryside. Our bikes are suitable for all ages. As long as you can ride a bike, you can take part and explore the estate or local area. A team member will be available to go with you if necessary.

## THE LOUIS XIII EXPERIENCE

Many a tale can be told over a drop of the world-renowned Louis XIII Cognac. If your idea of an enjoyable evening involves a good measure of expertise, a double dose of wit and, of course, a shot of the world's greatest Cognac, then why not enjoy the tales and mysteries of the Louis XIII Experience. A very special blend of entertainment guaranteed. Hosted by Brian Copeland from Louis XIII this is an evening not to be missed. LOUIS XIII cognac can be enjoyed from your very own decanter. Start by placing a drop of LOUIS XIII on your lips to prepare the palate. Then, let the wave take you in its wake. Immerse yourself in the multiple floral, light, opulent and intense notes. Imbued with a complexity resulting from centuries-old knowhow, LOUIS XIII evokes notes of myrrh, honey, dried rose, plum, honeysuckle, cigar box, leather, fig, fruit of the passion. These perfumes revive a distant past, rich in aromas and experiences. A unique and rare experience not to be missed. Pre booking is essential and subject to availability.



## THE SPA EXPERIENCES

Although there is no dedicated Spa on the estate The Condor offers onsite spa treatments. Massage, manicures, pedicures and much more are available on request in our dedicated treatment rooms. For guests who wish to have a more complete spa experience we can arrange for full spa facilities locally in Orleans 20 minutes from the estate at the Empreinte Spa. Please contact us for a full list of treatments. The SPA at Empreinte Hôtel by Omnisens offer you a "parenthèse" of well-being. A break from your daily to enjoy a relaxing place. A SPA with soft and clean lines. Treatment room, Jacuzzi, steam room, sauna, locker room, shower, and tearoom.

## THE BOUTIQUE

Tucked into the lower ground floor of the guest suites, you will find our gem of a boutique, filled with golfing souvenirs, covetable treasures, gifts and mementos of your time with us. Elegance, quality, and a uniquely personalised guest experience are the hallmarks of the Condor boutique. The Boutique is open daily.

## YOGA

Nurture your body, mind & spirit. Private Yoga in the Woodlands Join our expert instructors for an immersive, mindful, and meditative yoga class. We offer a range of classes structured to nourish and strengthen your entire being. Challenge yourself with an invigorating Vinyasa flow class first thing in the morning. Find balance with a slower, gentler pace in one of our beginner-friendly flow experiences. Or treat your body to a restorative wind-down class just before bed, incorporating nurturing poses from Yin Yoga and Yoga Nidra. Our teachers will be happy to advise you on the most suitable class for your level of experience, and are always close at hand to assist, instruct, and inspire you as you explore the forms and poses.

## BILLIONAIRE GOLF

When was the last time you played golf in your own kingdom, no tee times, no members, no interruptions, just you and your playing partners on your own 18-hole championship standard golf course? Caddies, buggies or simply walking. A course set up to perfection and to your liking. Whatever you want. We encourage guests to have an input into pin positions, green speeds and general course set up. Become your own tournament director for the duration of your stay. The golf course was created amongst some of the finest specimen trees in the Forêt d'Orléans and was designed in collaboration with Hawtree designs, Paul McGinley design and Arnold Palmer design. With water coming into play on 11 of our 18 holes the golf course is the Jewel in the Condor crown. Meticulously manicured and created for your enjoyment we encourage all guests to play our own game curated onsite...the game of Condors.





## LUXURY BRAND EXPERIENCES

At The Condor the shops come to you. Embark on a lavish day or days of high-end shopping in the comfort of your own surroundings, with your very own fashion concierge. Tailored to your individual style, your personal shopper will dedicate their time and expertise to compose a coveted selection of the most sought-after brands in fashion industry. From Chaumet to Louis Vuitton, this unforgettable shopping experience of style and fun is a perfect way to spend your afternoon at The Condor. Enjoy a shopping-induced rush of endorphins without compromising your health and safety. Experience a luxury private shopping day with brand representatives from your favourite boutiques and be the first to discover and shop new launches and limited designs in a relaxing atmosphere surrounded by your loved ones and friends. Visit our Aladdin's cave of hidden one off luxury goods and items. A personalised menu and limitless drinks are at your disposal throughout your stay. Prior to your appointment, discuss your favourite brands, personal tastes or that special occasion with us, and we will take care of the rest. Whatever you want it to be.



## HOT AIR BALLOONING

Glide above the Loire Valley in your own private hot air balloon. This experience departs from the front lawn of the chateau at morning or dusk. The perfect occasion to make memories with friends or for a romantic trip with loved ones. View the beautiful Loire Valley from the air in a magnificent hot air balloon ride over the famous chateaux from the sky in this truly unbelievable experience. Appreciate the silence while flying over the magnificent landscape's rich with lush forests, vineyards and the last wild river in Europe, the Loire. The total excursion time is three hours with a flight time of approximately one hour (as the wind will take you where it wants) to admire the nice landscapes of Loire. At landing, you will be welcomed with a glass of Champagne and a certificate given by your pilot and his crew.

## GOLF LESSONS

Looking to improve your golf. Our resident golf professional is available for the duration of your stay by prior appointment. Drive it better, hit your irons closer, or recover from the most difficult positions on the course with the help of the professional team. With your own private golf course at your disposal, you can practice "on course" to recreate to pressure moments when an up and down in crucial. World renowned golf coaches can be sourced by prior appointment.

## COOKERY DEMOS

Our team of highly trained chefs will be onsite for the duration of your stay. They offer a unique offering of cookery demonstrations or indeed cookery classes if necessary. This is a great activity for guests of all ages from Children to grandparents and can be a brilliant group activity.

## COCKTAIL MAKING CLASSES

Our Mixologists would be only too delighted to create a signature cocktail for each guest. Whether you want to learn how to make a Cosmopolitan or design your own cocktail the team would be happy to help. Virgin Cocktails can also be made for children. This is a fun activity suitable for all ages.

## WINE TASTING EXPERIENCE

Whether you're a wine enthusiast or just gaining interest in trying different flavours, a wine tasting is the ultimate learning experience. At The Condor our sommelier will help educate and serve you with original aromas and pairings. A wine tasting is the best way to discover what you enjoy and what you do not. You have the freedom to try wines with an array of backgrounds without committing to an entire bottle. After you arrive at the Cellar, our sommelier will greet you with several options to try. Slowly, you'll receive samples throughout the tasting. Smell the wine before sipping and observe the colour and clarity of each serving. Maybe even pick a nice bottle to go with your dinner. Make an effort to try new types of wine that you've never had before. Remember to take notes and record what you like and don't like throughout the tasting. We can always ship your favourite home to you.

## CHILDRENS ENTERTAINMENT

Our Partners at Sharkey & George can curate the most magical experience for your children whilst on the estate. Sharky & George has one simple aim: to find the fun in everything. They are a creative events company that specialise in immersive experiences for adults and children. Their awesome experiences are all about getting everyone involved in imaginative and energetic games and adventures, always involving a certain amount of mischief! Sharky (Charlie) and George have never quite grown up, and don't intend too anytime soon. They have built a whole team of guys and girls who are total experts in fun. They are all filled with boundless energy, effortless charm and are totally brilliant.

To entertain your children during your visit to The Condor one of our brilliant team will come armed with a kit full of surprises and imagination. Over the course of your stay, we will do activities such as treasure hunts, quests, incredible science, crafts, nature trails, fashion shows and much more! We tailor the activities to the children themselves and their loves and passions.



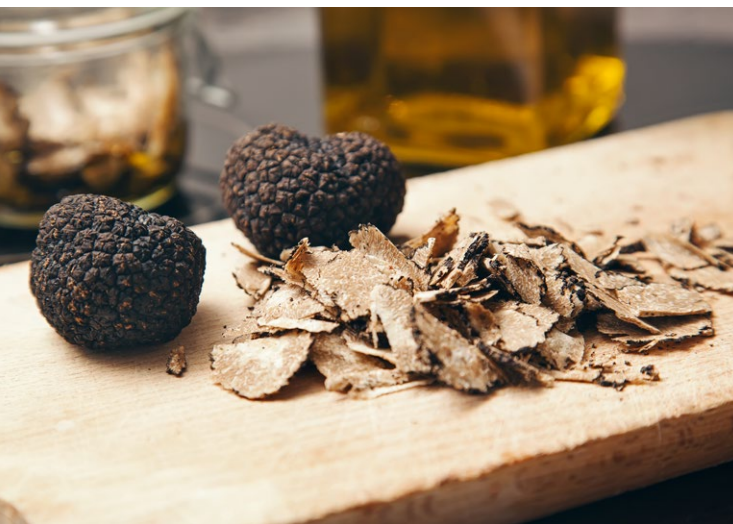


## TRUFFLE HUNTING - SEARCH FOR THE BLACK DIAMOND

FULL DAY PRIVATE TOUR – TRUFFLES  
-ULTIMATE LUXURY FOOD

Search for ‘Black Diamonds’ with the ‘Baron de le truffe’ and his dogs as you stroll through truffle fields in the beautiful Loire Valley. At the Chateau du Rivau, learn the secrets of this tasty delicacy from a true truffle farmer. Find out how to create a truffle field, maintain it, and preserve its size as you become an expert on these delicious fungi. Afterwards, tour the vast wine cellars of the Chateau for a wine tasting. The tasty red Chinon is produced on site and matches the earthy truffles perfectly in a magnificent pairing of flavours. You can also choose to prolong this enjoyable experience with a private lunch on the estate made from truffles and seasonal vegetables.

Note: An English-speaking host will meet you directly onsite, around 2-hour drive each way from The Condor. Truffle season from November to February.



## CRUISE THE LOIRE RIVER

Experience the majesty of the Loire Valley with a cruise down the Loire River in a delightful, authentic flat-bottomed boat. With your knowledgeable sailor, learn how these wooden sailing crafts are built and have been used to carry goods along the river for centuries. Relax and view the beautiful and ethereal Chateau along the waterway from your vantage point. Spot wildlife and birds, scenic villages and visit the hidden parts of the river that are inaccessible by car. Have a delightful lunch of local produce and delicacies on the boat or find a sandy shore to enjoy a picnic on in this charming tour.

Note: An English-speaking host will meet you directly onsite, around 1.5-hour drive each way from The Condor.

## CYCLING CHATEAU DE CHAMBORD

Discover the stunning park surrounding the Chateau of Chambord on a relaxed bike ride. These 5,440 acres of unspoilt, pristine land used to serve as a hunting ground for royalty and the wood is encircled by a stone wall. The largest enclosed forest in all of Europe, its size is equal to Paris, and it has an abundance of plant and animal life to see at any time of the year.

Note: An English-speaking host will meet you directly onsite, around 1-hour drive each way from The Condor. Other Languages available: French, Spanish, German. All of our experiences are completely private unless stated otherwise. This specific tour operates based on a 90-minute time frame. Bike rentals and helmets are provided.

## CHENONCEAU KAYAKING - PRIVATE TOUR- ROWING THROUGH THE ARCHES

Explore the Cher River by paddling down it via a top-of-the-range kayak. Glide through the water, enjoying the natural splendour from interesting birds, fish and other wildlife to the scenic landscapes of the Loire Valley. Choose to drift down the river sedately or set an invigorating pace, ending at the magnificent Chateau de Chenonceau. If you would like, stop by a shady willow tree near the bank and have a traditional French picnic on this three-hour round-trip tour.

Note: An English-speaking host will meet you directly onsite, around 2-hour drive each way from The Condor. Other Languages available: French, Spanish.



## PANORAMIC CASTLES FULL DAY – PRIVATE VISITS

The best way to really understand a place is to find out its history and there's no better way to do that than by visiting its oldest and finest buildings. Take a day to discover the charm, past and present of the Loire Valley, visiting three of the main castles in this lovely region.

### VILLANDRY

The last château to have been built during the Renaissance in the Loire Valley, Villandry's understated elegance combined with the charm of its remarkable gardens make this castle one of the jewels of the World Heritage. Mister Carvallo reinvented the fabulous gardens at the beginning of the 20th century.

### CHENONCEAU

With its feminine elegance, it is a gem of the Renaissance with rich furniture and master's Paintings. Lying over the Cher, a Loire tributary, this chateau is the work of three passionate 15th century women. The Diane de Poitiers and Catherine de Medici Gardens are not to be missed either. Indulge in a fine lunch in Chenonceau (Liberty). Your local guide will choose a delightful restaurant in the area so it's sure to be a delicious experience.

### CHAMBORD

Desired by Francois 1er as a hunting lodge in 1519, this grandiose castle mixes the style of a medieval fortress with the elegance of the Italian Renaissance. Leonardo da Vinci left his mark through the main stairway using a double helix revolution similar to DNA.

Note: An English-speaking driver/guide will meet you at The Condor. It takes around 4-hour drive in total.



## PRIVATE VINEYARD TOURS

With The Condor located in the Loire Valley some of the best wine regions in the world are within close proximity. Below is the suggested itinerary for the Sancerre Region. Sancerre is a 90-minute drive so it would be a full day tour.

- Classical Wine Tour
- Discovery of the vineyard's landscapes, soils, grape varieties.
- Visit of two or three wineries and wine tasting of the different wines of the domain.
- Visit of a goat cheese farm with explanations about the process of making it and tasting of different matured goat cheeses.
- You have the choice of the following regions: Sancerre, Pouilly-Fumé or the combinations Pouilly-Fumé and Coteaux du Giennois or Sancerre and Menetou Salon.

Other tours available on request.

\* All of our experiences are completely private unless stated otherwise and should be booked in advance. A surcharge may apply\*

\* If there are any activities not mentioned that you would like us to explore for you, please contact us\*

## PRIVATE PARIS

Should you wish to visit Paris during your stay privatisation of many of the famous attractions can be secured by appointment. Please contact us for more details.







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## CHÂTEAU DE MEUNG-SUR- LOIRE

### MEUNG-SUR-LOIRE

Built in the 13th century, the Château de Meung-sur-Loire was the official residence of the bishops of Orléans up to the French Revolution. Treat yourself to a truly surprising tour focusing on day-to-day life at the castle: over 20 furnished rooms to visit, 2,000 objects to admire and a scented trail to follow, over a genuinely immersive experience!

Your visit will take you from the superb attic to the dark underground galleries, from the magnificent neo-Classical chapel to the 18th-century bathrooms. Follow in the footsteps of Kings Louis XI and Francis I, Joan of Arc and the poet, François Villon, who were all accommodated in the castle prison.

And make the most of the splendid 7 hectares of wooded grounds in the very centre of the town - a nostalgic insight into the site's bygone splendour... Although nothing remains of the French formal garden that once adorned the terrace, you can still admire the vestiges of the landscaped garden created just before the French Revolution.





## CHÂTEAU DE LA FERT-SAINTE-AUBIN

### LA FERTE-SAINTE-AUBIN

Here, life at the castle is a family affair, in this private 17th-century property which has been occupied for over 350 years. Over an unaccompanied tour, discover its rooms over three floors. During the summer and on Sundays, the afternoon is the opportunity to indulge in a taste of some delicious madeleine cakelets prepared by our in-house costumed cooks, who are delighted to offer you an insight into how a 17th-century kitchen was organised. From the castle, which you can tour from cellar to attic, to the stables, via the toy attic offering a display of porcelain dolls and old toys, come and discover one of the Loire Valley's quite different castles!



Outdoors, amidst the 40-hectare historic estate, you can discover some giant garden games: chess board, 15-hole mini-golf, life-size goose game across a 500-metre trail through the woods, etc. And when you return to the castle, don't miss the small farm, home to miniature animals and the village of Jolibois, with its small half-timbered houses for children. From May to September: set off on the 'Parcours des Poisons' poison adventure trail... Solve riddles, overcome obstacles, create your own poison to eliminate your rivals and find your way before it's too late!



## CHÂTEAU DE LA BUSSIÈRE

### LA BUSSIÈRE

Castle, grounds, vegetable garden and pond - a visit that takes you through a taste of nature's best. The castle is poised on a strikingly charming pond. Take a stroll through the shaded alleys of the 17th-century gardens, designed by André Le Nôtre. Then amble your way through the vast 18th-century natural vegetable plot. Along your way, you will discover trained fruit trees, medicinal plants, some hundred different rose varieties, vegetable plots, etc. Here, mother nature offers you an ever-changing journey through the five senses and the four seasons. With family or friends, continue your tour through the cabins in search of the thief who stole the castle keys, or take part in an escape game. And what better way to relax after your adventurous tour than a bucolic boat trip or some summer fruit picking? Collection of objets d'art on freshwater fishing. Below the castle, the 18th-century vegetable garden, awarded the 'Remarkable Garden' quality label, promises a delightful experience as you meander your way through the trained apple and pear trees, old vegetable plots,

100 varieties of tomatoes, cucurbits, aromatic and medicinal plants, and summer fruits to pick. As you leave these horticultural plots, take to the 'Cabin Trail' in the estate and, with your children, hunt for the 10 small constructions scattered across this natural site via a series of riddles in the 'Who stole the castle keys?' adventure. Fun times in store for the whole family! Inside the castle, visitors discover the great passion of one particular gentleman for freshwater fishing, via a truly original collection of objets d'art and popular traditions, displayed amidst the family furnishings. In the vegetable garden, visitors delve into a quite unique world where flowers, vegetables and fruits are grown using natural gardening techniques.







## CHAMBORD NATIONAL ESTATE

### CHAMBORD

Chambord is the star of all the châteaux of the Loire Valley. The French King Francis I, who hoped to create a masterpiece that was worthy of his power, would surely be flattered to discover what has become of his hunting lodge today.

Although Chambord was built like a medieval fortress, in the form of a square keep flanked by four towers, all its decorative features are greatly influenced by Italian Renaissance style, starting with the famous double spiral staircase. Classical mouldings, pilasters with capitals, interlacing and rosettes: ornamental vocabulary here is inspired by the Italian model. References to the salamander, the emblem of King Francis I, can be found over 300 times in the carved vaulting and on the walls, spitting drops of water or swallowing flames. It is symbolic of the king's presence here, even if the latter spent very little time at Chambord, the primary aim of which was to impress his royal court.

Most of its 40 lodgings were devoid of furniture; so, one can imagine the merry waltz of the domestics as they hastily adorned the castle in preparation for the arrival of its high society guests. Today, the castle provides visitors with digital tablets equipped with augmented reality and offering an insight into what Chambord looked like five centuries ago. Yet no need to augment the magnetism of this fascinating edifice... and of the entire Estate. The latter covers a surface area of 5,440 hectares, forming the largest enclosed forest in Europe, which is also a national hunting and wild fauna reserve since 1947. Over 800 stags and does, together with 1,500 wild boar, have taken up residence in this environment of oak trees, heaths, marshes and clearings.

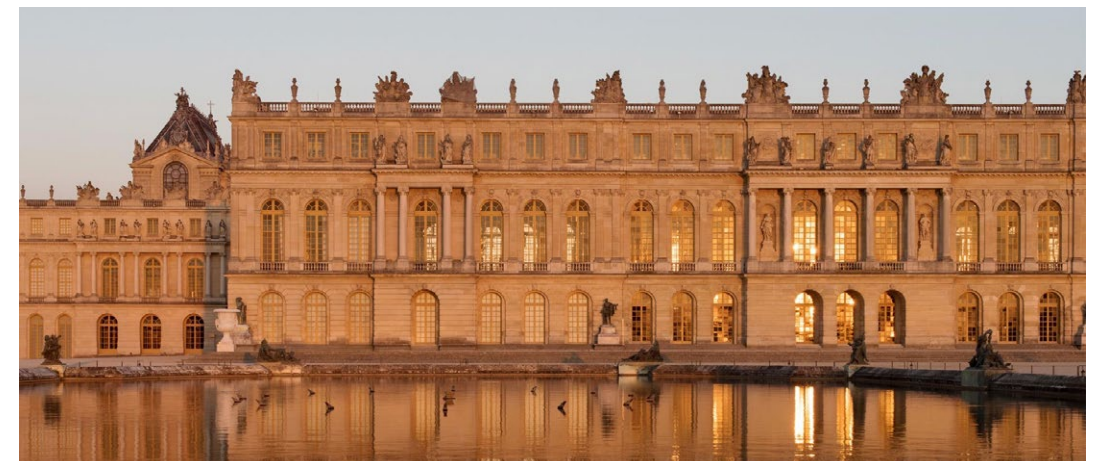
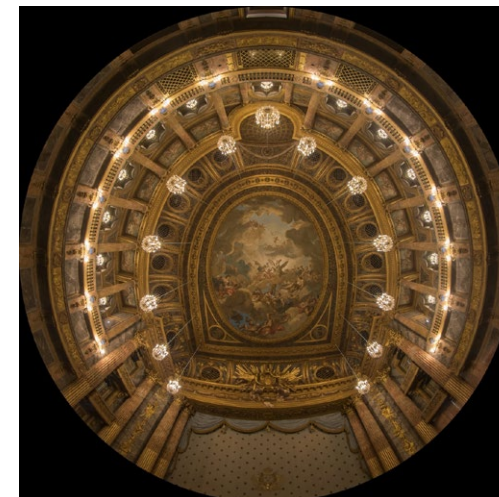


## THE PALACE OF VERSAILLES

### VERSAILLES

A listed Unesco World Heritage site for the past 30 years, the Palace of Versailles is unquestionably one of the finest examples of 17th century French art. This former hunting lodge, built for King Louis XIII, was transformed and extended by his son, Louis XIV, who established his court and government there in 1682. Up to the French Revolution, the successive kings enhanced the palace, each one adding his own personal touch. Today, it comprises 2,300 rooms, for a total surface area of 63,154m<sup>2</sup>. Yet, in 1789, the French Revolution forced Louis XVI to leave Versailles and to head for Paris. From then on, the palace was no longer used as a royal residence and, in the

19th century, it was offered a new lease of life when, in 1837, it became the Museum of the History of France, under the impetus of Louis Philippe, who took the throne in 1830. The palace rooms were adorned with new collections of paintings and sculptures, equally representative of the great figures in French history and its major events. These collections continued to be enhanced up to the early 20th century. At that point in time, under the influence of its most eminent curator, Pierre de Nolhac, the palace renewed links with its intrinsic history, the central body of the edifice donning once more the allure of a royal residence under the Ancien Régime.





# CHÂTEAU DE FONTAINEBLEAU

## FONTAINEBLEAU

Fontainebleau is the only castle to have been occupied by all sovereigns from the 12th to the 19th century, and it is the most richly furnished of all French royal castles. Housing over 1,500 rooms, it offers a taste of the Renaissance masterpieces commissioned by Francis I, the elegant interiors requested by Marie-Antoinette, Napoleon Bonaparte's sumptuous apartment, the influence of Napoleon III and Eugénie, etc. Equally a hunting lodge and a holiday residence, it bears fine witness to the official and intimate facets of life as a sovereign.



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## THE JAVELIÈRE GARDENS

### MONTBARROIS

The Javelière Gardens comprise a landscaped estate that is home to a fine CCVS (Specialised Plant Collection Conservancy) certified collection of botanical, old and modern roses, for a total of some 600 different varieties. Indeed, this marvellous garden, over a variety of atmospheres, offers us all the imaginable facets of our magnificent roses - poetic and botanic, old and modern, floral or fruit bearing - pure paradise for rose lovers over the four seasons: the modern rose garden and decorative pond, old roses that grow wild round the pond and throughout the estate, the Rosarium boasting a collection of around 300 taxons of botanical roses from China, American and the Middle East,

which was awarded the CCVS (Specialised Plant Collection Conservancy) 'Collection Nationale' label in 2006. Historic snippet: In the early 18th century, Pèlerin de la Buxière headed for Santo Domingo, where he acquired sugar cane plantations, hoping to strike it rich. His son Louis- Jean, who was born in Santo Domingo, purchased the seigniories of Nibelle and La Javelière upon his return to France in 1778. The Noisette rose family was brought in from Santo Domingo in the early 19th century. It was the botanist Philippe Noisette who cultivated the very first rose in this family by cross breeding a *Rosa chinensis* with a *Rosa moschata*. Hence, he obtained the adorable Blush Noisette, a rose that is still highly popular among amateurs and that was painted by Redouté and even depicted in the second volume of his work under the title, *Rosier de Philippe Noisette*.



## ARBORETUM DES GRANDES BRUYÈRES

### INGRANNES

The Arboretum des Grandes Bruyères is a genuine haven of peace in the heart of Orléans Forest. This botanical garden is a genuine invitation to relax and discover. Both a contemporary arboretum and a 'Remarkable Garden', it harmoniously associates pleasant walkways and an insight into exotic trees from other temperate climates across the globe. It is home to 7 nationally acknowledged collections, around 7,000 trees and shrubs and several species of undergrowth plants, heathers in particular. It is a genuine ballet of flowers, colours and fruits, from the promise of spring to the exuberance of autumn. Throughout

the Arboretum's 14 hectares, collections are presented via two geographical arboretums and eight themed gardens. Roses are omnipresent. The arboretum reunites some 800 rose trees, most of which are old varieties. Some of them rigorously follow the layout of the geometric garden, whilst others freely coil their floral garlands around the trees. Offered particular pride of place in the formal garden and the maze, they also illuminate the undergrowth and the entire estate. Since its creation, commitment to preserving the forest environment and its natural balance has led to the banning of any chemical agents, fertilisers or pesticides. The site is consequently home to a large population of mammals, amphibians, birds, insects, etc. the numbers of which are regularly controlled by specialised scientists. A timeless corner of paradise to escape for a few hours.



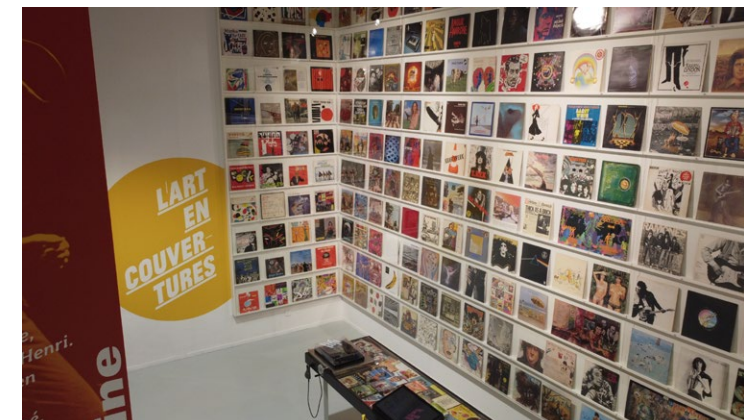




## PRINTING MUSEUM AND WORKSHOP

### LE MALESHERBOIS

A totally revamped industrial site, converted into a museum. A visit to the AMI offers you a fascinating delve into the story of printing. From Gutenberg to the digital revolution, a genuine army of 150 presses committed to offering the latest in knowledge and information accompany you along this fascinating initiation. A visit to the AMI is also a closer look at some quite singular stories: Balzac - the Resistance - lithography - colour and shades, etc. and an insight into the press, book publishing, cinema, comic strips, the graphosphere, etc. A visit to the AMI is associating text with manipulation, thanks to eight workshops, each one offering a whole range of initiations. And finally, a visit to the AMI is synonymous to discovery – that of a lively, active and interactive site.



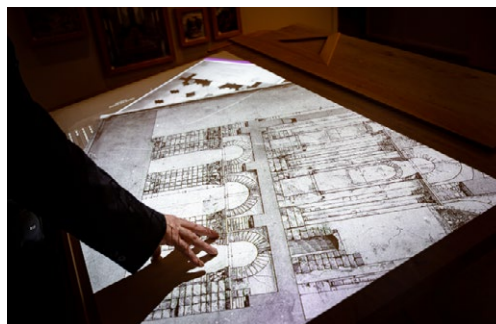




## THE BELVEDERE

### SAINT-BENOIT-SUR-LOIRE

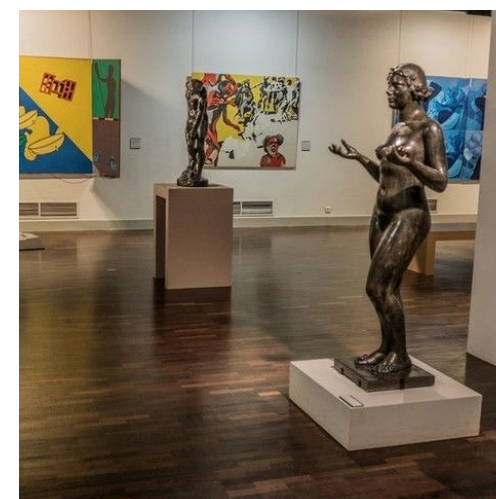
The interactive exhibition at the Belvedere offers you an insight into the history of Fleury Abbey, in Saint-Benoit-sur-Loire. Guided tours, workshops and activities on this splendid heritage are all on the agenda at the Saint-Benoit-sur-Loire Belvedere. Located just a stone's throw from the basilica, the Belvedere is a new facility for tourism and culture, focusing on the history of Fleury Abbey, founded on the banks of the Loire in the 5th century. Through an interactive exhibition, discover the major phases of the development of this abbey, which was a major intellectual site in the Medieval Western World, and explore the secrets of the architecture of its abbey-church, a masterpiece in Roman art. All year long, the Belvedere's cultural team welcomes visitors of all ages to join a range of events focusing on heritage: guided tours, workshops, conferences, storytelling, etc.



## MUSÉE DES BEAUX ARTS (FINE ARTS MUSEUM)

### ORLÉANS

Paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures, objets d'art, etc. Whatever your artistic leanings, you are sure to succumb. For example, on the mezzanine floor, the 19th-century collections offer a representative panorama, from Neoclassicism to Romanticism and from Academicism to Realism. The first floor is devoted to 17th and 18th-century French painting covering the Richelieu collection, religion, mythology, history and including a striking gallery of portraits, together with busts by Houdon and Pigalle. The splendid Pastel Cabinet is the museum collection's flagships and most likely the finest in France after that of the Louvre. It comprises major 18th-century works, such as the famous self-portrait with spectacles by Chardin or the portrait of a Young Negro by Quentin de la Tour.





# ACTIVITIES

Possibility of private tours and privatisation  
for meals and events



## PASSEURS DE LOIRE

### SIGLOY

Departing from Sigloy, Passeurs de Loire offer you an authentic encounter with the river. Board a traditional boat for a trip along the Loire.



Discover the fauna and flora of Loiret: watch out for the ospreys and terns, the River Loire's emblematic birds... observe the beavers in their natural habitat... and hunt for bulrushes and purple willows. From dawn to dusk, you can enjoy an on-board picnic including a taste of regional fare. La Marine de Loire: demonstrations on a range of different traditional boats (sailboats, 'bourdes'). Passeurs de Loire own three boats, two with a capacity of 12 and one of 40 passengers.







# RENDEZ-VOUS EN TERRE ANIMALE

## SURY-AUX-BOIS

Rendez-vous en Terre Animale, your appointment with the wildlife, strives to reinforce and valorise social interactions between humans and animals. And what better way to get to know them than to spend time over some shared instants of daily life? In close collaboration with Animal Contact, a company specialising in animal training for the cinema, we offer you an opportunity to join, for a day, a team of enthusiastic professionals with whom you

can observe, learn, analyse and gather some unforgettable memories in the company of tamed and wild animals, furry or feathered, but first and foremost, all stars of the silver screen.

Have you ever come really close to a wolf? Don't miss this unique opportunity to enter into closer contact than anywhere else with the most legendary of the wild animals that populate our forests! Such is the original concept, unique in France, that we now open to the general public: we invite you to enter a natural, 2-hectare site in the company of genuine European wolves, who live and behave totally naturally with you, in this area that is a perfect reproduction of their natural habitat.



# KARTING 45

## SAINT-BENOIT-SUR-LOIRE

Looking for some thrills and spills? Then come to Karting 45! Located just 25 minutes to the east of Orléans, Karting 45 is Loiret's only outdoor go-karting circuit. It exclusively proposes hired go-karts with Subaru engines. The circuit covers a length of 1,200 metres including fast tracks, long curves and technical chicanes to facilitate overtaking and guaranteeing a thrilling experience throughout. Wait no longer, come and discover our activities, alone, with the family or a larger group.







## AND MORE...

### LOIRET

We can naturally propose a whole range of other, more traditional activities.







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