

# Medieval Town Provins

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## **HISTORY IS BEING PLAYED OUT BEFORE YOUR EYES!**

A fun and fascinating programme for the whole family!

A UNESCO World Heritage Site since December 2001, Provins is now a wonderfully preserved medieval town.

Discover exceptional monuments from the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries: the ramparts, the Caesar Tower, the Tithe Barn, the Priory of Saint-Ayoul, the Museum of Provins and the Provenois... Jump into the heart of history with captivating shows of chivalry and falconry. Visit the Rose Garden, take part in a guided tour and hop aboard the little train!

Discover medieval history with fun activities: medieval cooking workshops, a life-size escape game and banquets as in the past. Provins invites you to go back in time with your family, partner or friends!

In 2022, the city celebrates the 20th anniversary of its inscription on the Unesco World Heritage List. Throughout 2022, many cultural, artistic and festive events will be held to celebrate this 20th anniversary.



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# ***The medieval city, at the heart of the action!*** ***Historical shows every day from 26 March to 6 November!***

## **The Eagles of the Remparts**

At the Theatre des Remparts, plunge into the heart of the Middle Ages, when falconry became a true art of living...

Be amazed by the eagles, buzzards, falcons, kites, caracaras, vultures, owls and snake eagle! This formidable ballet of birds of prey in harmony with the horses will leave unforgettable memories for young and old!



## **The Legend of the Knights**

A medieval immersion in the time when Provins was home to valiant knights and daring princesses.

In the moats of the ramparts, the knight Thibaud IV confronts the forces of evil to save his beautiful lady, Blanche of Castille. Equestrian feats, acrobatics and cavalcades will make you dream! An epic adventure to share with your family or friends!



# ***Come and take a breath of fresh air in Provins!***



## **The Rose of Provins**

Brought back from the crusades by Thibaud IV of Champagne in 1240, it has become one of the symbols of the city and is now part of its historical heritage!

### **The best time to discover it...**

Visit Provins at the end of May, beginning of June, when the Rose of Provins "Rosa Gallica Officinalis" is in bloom.

### **Where to find it?**

You can find it in the Roseraie de Provins, which has been awarded the "Remarkable Garden" label.

When you visit the Roseraie, don't hesitate to ask the owner, Bruno Clergeot, secateurs in hand, who takes great care of the 450 varieties of roses. He will be able to guide you through your olfactory visit, and give you practical advice if you wish to take a plant of the Rose of Provins to grow at home...

### **The Rose at our craftsmen's...**

It comes in different forms: rose petal confit, rose honey, marshmallow, syrup, sweets...



## **Visit Provins by electric bike!**

Book your MTB or electric VTC and discover our landscapes in total freedom!

**TO DO:** Guided bike rides. Discover the medieval city in a different way in the company of a tour guide! Information and rental at the Provins tourist office.



**Find all prices on page 4**

# An exceptional heritage listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for 20 years

In the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries, Provins reached its peak with the Champagne Fairs, attracting merchants from all over Europe. The town became the place to be for international trade and one of the most powerful cities in the kingdom of France.

Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since December 2001, Provins bears witness to this period with a heritage that has remained intact and authentic, animated throughout the season by guided tours and historical shows. To visit without moderation!

## The Ceaser Tower

Built in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, this symbol of the power of the Counts of Champagne is remarkable for its type of construction, which was new for the time.



This exceptional building, from the top of which you can dominate the whole city and its surroundings, was used over time as a prison, a refuge, a watchtower, etc.

■ You will also enjoy an exceptional panoramic view of the city and its surroundings.

## The ramparts and the fortified gates (free visit)

The imposing ramparts, true examples of military architecture, were built during the 13<sup>th</sup> century, with the aim of protecting men and wealth, but also to show the power of the Counts of Champagne. Provins had one of the largest fortified enclosures in France (5 km). Exceptional view of the city and its surroundings.



## The Tithe Barn

This sumptuous 13<sup>th</sup> century merchant's house, which was once used as a covered market during fairs and then as a storehouse for tithes, now houses a scenography presenting the guilds and merchants of the Middle Ages in its magnificent vaulted rooms with sculpted capitals.



■ Loan of the audio-guide in exchange for an ID card.

## The Provins Pass

Package of 5 monuments: 15 € - adults / 10 € - children (4 to 12 years) / 45 € - family).

Valid for 1 year from the date of purchase\*

\*Not available on 25-26 June, 28 August and 17-18 September 2022.

## The Underground galleries

In the company of a guide, visitors can discover the mysteries, tales and stories of the underground galleries and rooms of Provins.

These galleries were originally a quarry for "fuller's earth", a material used in the cloth industry. Later on, the caves were used as a refuge, a warehouse, a cellar and even as a meeting place for secret societies, as the numerous symbols and ancient writings inscribed on the walls attest.



## The Priory of Saint-Ayoul

The Saint-Ayoul Priory, the cradle of the medieval city of Provins, opened its doors in 2019 after 15 years of restoration! Discover this architectural complex with a thousand-year-old history. Construction, fire, reconstruction, demolition, restoration... Saint-Ayoul Priory has had several lives and a history worthy of the greatest novels!



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## The Provins and the Provins area Museum

Housed in the Romanesque House (12<sup>th</sup> century), one of the oldest in the town, it houses collections related to the history of the town and its surroundings, from antiquity to the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



## An outstanding religious heritage

The medieval fairs made the fortune of Provins, and the Counts of Champagne founded religious establishments which they endowed richly. At the time, there were more than twenty churches, chapels and convents...



## 150 lower rooms

Provins has magnificent vaulted lower rooms of which about 150 are listed. The massive use of vaulting, an expensive process, reflects the financial ease of the owners of Provins at that time. The function of these rooms was not only to store goods but also to sell them. The window wells in some of the houses still show glimpses of these architectural treasures.



# WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT PROVINS?

**Are you a journalist, freelancer, blogger or influencer?**

**Contact us to organise your press day.**

## A typical day in Provins\*

**10h.** Arrival at Provins Tourisme (Villecran car park)

**10.30am-11am.** Visit with audioguide of the Grange aux dîmes, former covered market of the Champagne fairs.

**11.15am-11.45 am.** Visit of the Ceasar Tower, an emblematic monument of Provins, with a breathtaking view of the medieval city.

**12pm-2pm.** Free lunch in one of the city's restaurants.

**2.30pm-3.15pm.** Show - The Eagles of the Ramparts (45 min).

**3.45pm-4.30pm.** Show - The Legend of the Knights (45 min).

**5.30pm.** Audio-guided visit of the Saint-Ayoul Priory (45 min).

End your day at the The Provins Rose Garden, which will welcome you until 7.30pm.

\* Program idea for a weekend in high season - all schedules on [www.provins.net](http://www.provins.net)

Schedules subject to changes in the health context. Please confirm your schedule with the press office before coming.



Ceasar Tower



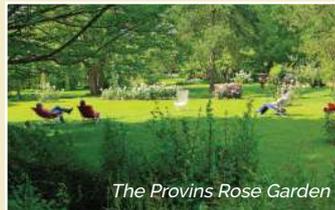
Saint-Ayoul Priory



The Legend of the Knights



The ramparts



The Provins Rose Garden



The Eagles of the Ramparts

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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### ACCESS

- **GPS coordinates:** Chemin de villecran, 77160 Provins
- **By road:** 80 km South East of Paris
- **By bus:** RER A to Chessy-Marne-la-Vallée station, then line 50 of the Seine et Marne express to Provins, stop Ville Haute
- **By train SNCF Transilien:** from Paris Gare de l'Est to Provins (line P).
- **By carpooling:** go to the Facebook group "Covoiturage Vroum à Provins".

### PRICES

- **Provins Pass (5 monuments, valid for 1 year):** adults 15 € - children 10 € (4-12 years) - Family 45 € (2 adults + 5 children maximum)
- **Shows:** adults €12,50 - children €8,50 (4-12 years). Reduced rates with the Pass Provins: adults €11 - children €7
- **Rose garden:** adults 7 € - Reduced rate with the Provins Pass 6,50 € - Free for children under 12.
- **Electric bike:** from €8 for 2 hours - Guided bike ride: €10



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