

The Underground Galleries

Originally these galleries were used as a quarry to extract a special type of fuller's earth for degreasing wool cloth (the wool cloth had a renowned deep blue almost black color and was much in demand during the Middle Ages).

Once the cavities had been dug out, they became hiding-places, storerooms and also meeting places for various gatherings - some freemasons. Graffiti inscriptions, including Masonic symbols, testify to this.

Guided tour only with 25 persons maximum for your own safety and to preserve the undergrounds. To be booked when purchasing ticket at the Tourist Office or in the monuments (except museum).



ENGLISH GUIDED TOUR DEPARTURES:

- From 25 March to 7 July: week-ends, public holidays and extra day at 14.30 p.m..
- From 8 July to 3 September: week days at 14 p.m. Week-ends, public holidays and extra day at 14.30 p.m.
- From 4 September to 5 November: week-ends, public holidays and extra day at 14.30 p.m.

PRICES: adult 4,50 € - child 3 € (4-12 years old)

- Guided tour: about 45 min.
- Reservation required when buying the ticket.

Please notice that guided tours in French language are available all year long. Information and booking in Provins Tourist Office.

The Priory of Saint-Ayoul

The Priory of Saint-Ayoul, cradle of the medieval town of Provins, opens its doors after 15 years of restoration! Visit this thousand year old architectural ensemble! Audio-guided visits available in English and in exchange for identity papers.

OPENING HOURS :

- From 25 March to 3 September: daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- From 4 September to 5 November: weekend and public holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - week from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- From 2 January to 24 March and from 6 November to 31 December: weekend, public holidays and daily during the French school holidays (zones B & C) from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Provins and the Provins area Museum

This local museum is housed in Provins' oldest stone building. It dates from the 12th century and is referred to as "the Romanesque House". The museum presents many works of art belonging to Provins and its neighbourhood from neolithic times to the 19th century, including Merovingian sarcophagi, Greco-Roman statues, medieval ceramic, paintings, furniture, and goldsmith crafted religious objects, and the famous 12th century chasuble of Saint Edme.

OPENING HOURS:

- From 8 January to 3 February and from 6 November to 17 December: weekends and holidays from noon to 5.30 p.m.
- From 4 February to 9 June: daily from noon to 5.30 p.m.
- 13 May: European Night Museums: from 5.30 p.m. to midnight
- From 10 June to 17 September: daily from 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- From 18 September to 5 November: daily from noon to 5.30 p.m.
- Annual closure: 27 August, and from 18 December 2023 to 6 January 2024 included

PRICES: adult 5 € - reduced price 2,50 €

- Visit on your own: about 45 min.
- Last admission 30 min before closure of the monument.



Annual closure of all the monuments on 1 January and 25 December. Pets not allowed.

PRICES: adult 4,30 € - child 2,80 € (4-12 years old).

Cut-prices with the Pass Cards: adult 2,80 € - child 2 € (4-12 years old)

- Length: 45 mn.
- Last admission 15 min before closure of the monument.



KEY INFO

How to get to Provins
80 km south east from Paris



Tourist Office car park
Paying on weekend, public holidays and extra day during the high season. Car park and emptying area for campers.

TICKET SALES OUTLET

Buy and book your stay online on the official web site of Provins Tourisme, www.provins.net

→ At the Tourist Office and in the monuments (except Museum), you can buy the "Pass Cards" with the tickets for the medieval shows, the Provins Rose Garden or the Tourist Train. Tickets without "Pass Cards" can be bought straight to the different providers.

→ You can also buy the "Pass Cards" and the tickets for the medieval shows in appointed sales outlets: France Billet booking services:

- Fnac stores, Carrefour stores, Géant stores... www.francebillet.com
- Ticketmaster: Virgin, Auchan, E. Leclerc, Cora, Cultura... 33 (0) 892 390 100 (0,45 € / min) - www.ticketmaster.fr

Tickets are neither refunded nor exchanged, except in the case of cancellation on behalf of the organizer. Means of payment: cash and Visa Card® (except AMEX).

GPS Coordinates:
Chemin de Villecran - 77160 Provins
Latitude: 48.5604069 - Longitude: 3.2806952

By road

- A4 Motorway: Paris - Metz - Nancy: exit 13 Serris-Provins, then follow the road D231.
- N4: main road for Nancy: exit Provins, then follow the road D231.
- D619 (ex N19): Troyes - Provins: exit Provins.
- A5: - direction Paris to Troyes: exit 16 Châtillon-la-Borde, take the D408 and then the D619. - direction Troyes to Paris: exit 17 Forges, after the D210, after that the D403 via Donnemarie-Dontilly, and then follow signs for Provins.
- A6 Motorway: direction Lyon to Paris: interchange A19 to Sens, then the N6 to Pont-sur-Yonne, and D976 to Bray-sur-Seine, thereafter follow signs for Provins.

By bus

Stop "Ville Haute" at the Tourist Office. From Melun (Line 47), from the Chessy-Marne-la-Vallée RER station (leaves every hour, line 50), from Avon, Coulommiers... Check the regular schedules of these buses on www.seine-et-marne.fr

By train SNCF Transilien

Trains from Paris Gare de l'Est. For times and prices: www.transilien.com or www.transilien.mobi or call 3635. It is possible to travel to Provins using a Pass Navigo (metro, RER, rail, bus), or the Mobilis railcard for five zones.

Tourist shuttle at the Provins SNCF station

At the arrival and departure of the trains coming from Paris: on weekend and public holidays from April to August. Information on www.provins.net or call 33 (0) 1 64 60 26 26.

PROVINS TOURISME (TOURIST OFFICE)



- From 2 January to 24 March and from 6 November to 31 December: weekend and public holidays from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. - week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- From 25 March to 5 November: daily from 9 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- Annual closure on 1 January and 25 December.

Area to accommodate visitors: sheltered picnic area, park and adventure playground for children, toilets, camper area, free Wi-Fi, e-bike rental during the high season, and post office. 3D and scale model of Provins, souvenir shop and discovery of the Provins region with interactive boards and quizzes.



PROVINS TOURISME
entre Bassée, Montois et Morin

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Medieval town
Provins
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On the ancient lands of the Earls of Champagne, from the Year 1000, Provins is located on the crossroads of the European trade roads. Gradually, the town becomes a very significant trade market. During the 12th and 13th centuries, Provins is at the height of its fame thanks to the famous Trade Fairs of Champagne. The urban structure is organised to accommodate the great number of wholesalers: the wide streets for the transfer of goods and for the stalls, the three level merchant's houses with sumptuous vaulted low rooms... The presence of water (Durteint and Voulzie rivers) favours also the economic activities and the expansion of many trades such as the woollen cloth manufacturer, the parchment maker, butcher, etc... The impressive fortified wall was built during the 13th century and extended for 5 km (today 2 km), and it offers a catalogue of military architecture. Those ramparts protected the inhabitants and the tradespeople, and showed off the power of the Earls of Champagne. Eight centuries later, the urban ensemble bears witness to its medieval history that stretched from 11th through to the 13th centuries. The town's architectural heritage is a supreme illustration of the emergence of commerce in early Western European history which is intimately linked to the growth of trade and cultural exchanges throughout Europe. Provins is a real showcase of medieval architecture (military, religious and civil) and it is one of the few towns in France that can boast of over fifty listed Monuments with historical value. Thus, Provins was inscribed on the UNESCO's World Heritage List on December 2001.

Caesar Tower

Built on the edge of a rocky spur at the beginning of the 12th century, the tower protects the former Earl's Palace and dominates the valley. The tower is a potent symbol of power for the Earls of Champagne. The keep's highly complex layout gives it a unique, massive and powerful appearance making it one of the most original stately dwellings of its time. It used to be a watchtower, a prison, a bell-tower, and a place of military retreat. The keep offers a panoramic view over the town and its surroundings! At the end of your visit, a scenography will take you back in time to give you a glimpse of the reign of Henri the Liberal.

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PRICES: adult 4,30 €
- child 2,80 € (4-12 years old)
■ Visit on your own:
about 35 min.

- Last admission 15 min before closure of the monument.

Tithe Barn

"Provins at the time of the Fairs of Champagne" This is a former merchant house. Dating from the 13th century, it is one of the most sumptuous buildings of Provins. Admire the sophisticated architecture of the rooms, sculpted capitals and the cross-rib vaults. This edifice was used as a covered market during the Fairs of Champagne up to the end of the 13th century, then as the place for paying tithes. Today, the Tithe Barn houses a permanent exhibition: scenes and characters bring to life the main crafts and the merchant activities of this time. Audio-guided visits available in exchange for identity papers.

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- From 2 January to 24 March and from 6 November to 31 December: weekend, public holidays and daily during French school holidays (zones B & C) from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- 9 & 10 December: Christmas in Provins: from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- PRICES: adult 4,30 € - child 2,80 € (4-12 years old)
- Audio-guided tour: about 35 min.
- Last admission 15 min before closure of the monument.



