# **■** The Underground Galleries

Originally these galleries were used as a guarry 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

Once the cavities had been dug out, they became hidingplaces, 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).





#### **GUIDED TOUR DEPARTURES:**

- from 30 March to 5 July: weekends, public holidays and extra day at 2.30 p.m.
- from 6 July to 1 September: weekends, public holidays and extra days at 2.30 p.m. – weekdays at 2 p.m.
- from 2 September to 3 November: weekends, public holidays and extra day at 2.30 p.m.

5: adult 6 € - child 4 € (4-12 years old) - Included in the Provins Pass

- Length: about 45 min.

To be booked when purchasing ticket at the Tourist Office or in the monuments.

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

# ■ 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 refered 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.

- from 10 February to 7 June: daily from noon to 5.30 p.m. • 18 May: European Night Museums: from 5.30 p.m. to
- from 9 June to 22 September: daily from 11 a.m. to 6.30
- from 23 September to 3 November: daily from noon to
- from 6 January to 9 February and from 4 November to 22 December: weekends and holidays from noon to 5.30 p.m.
- annual closure: from 23 December 2024 to 3 January 2025

PRICES: adult 5 € - reduced price 2.50 € - Included in the Provins Pass

■ Visit on your own: 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.

# **KEY INFO**

Pour se rendre à Provins A 80 km au sud-est de Paris



# ■ GPS Coordinates

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

- 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
- 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 to Provins.

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

## By train SNCF Transilien

Trains from Paris Gare de l'Est. For times and prices: ien.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.

### 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 "Provins Pass" with the tickets for the medieval shows, the Provins Rose Garden or the Tourist Train.

- → You can also buy the "Provins Pass" and the tickets for the medieval shows in appointed sales outlets: France Billet booking
- 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).

# DROVINS TOURISME (TOURIST OFFICE)



Area to accommodate visitors: sheltered picnic area, park and adventure

# **PROVINS TOURISME**

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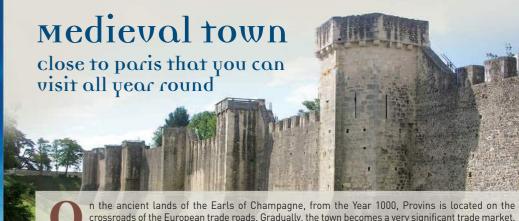
Medieval town

- From 30 March to 3 November: daily from 9 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- From 2 January to 29 March and from 4 November to 31 December: daily from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Annual closure on 1 January and 25 December.

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 games.







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.

■ Tithe Barn

and the merchant activities of

this time. Audio-quided visits

available in exchange for

identity papers.

Thus, Provins was inscribed on the UNESCO's World Heritage List on December 2001.

# ■ Caesar Tower

SEINE-ET-MARNE

Built on the edge of a rocky spur at the beginning of : "Provins at the time of the Fairs of Champagne" the 12th century, the tower protects the former Earl's . This is a former merchant house. Dating from the 13th cen-Palace and dominates the valley. The tower is a po- tury, it is one of the most sumptuous buildings of Provins. tent symbol of power for the Earls of Champagne. . Admire the sophisticated architecture of the rooms, sculp-The keep's highly complex layout gives it a unique, it decapitals and the cross-rib vaults. This edifice was used massive and powerful appearance making it one of  $\vdots$  as a covered market during the Fairs of Champagne up to the most original stately dwellings of its time. the end of the 13th century, then as the place for paying

It used to be a watchtower, a prison, a bell-tower, and it ithes. Today, the Tithe Barn a place of military retreat. The keep offers a panoramic : houses a permanent exhibiview over the town and its surroundings! At the end of ition: scenes and characters your visit, a scenography will take you back in time to i bring to life the main crafts give you a glimpse of the reign of Henri the Liberal.

# **OPENING HOURS:**

• from 30 March to 3 November: daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Exceptional closure on 20 July 2024.

• from 2 January to 29 March and from 4 November to 31 December: weekends and public holidays from 10.30 a.m. to p.m. - weekdays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. adult 5 € - child 3 € (4-12 years old) - Included in the Provins Pass. ■ Visit on your own:

French school holidays (all zones) from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. • Christmas in Provins, 14 and 15 december: from 11.30 a.m. about 35 min. ■ Last admission

closure of the

15 min before

to 5.30 p.m. on Saturday and 4.30 p.m. on Sunday. PRICES: adult 5 € - child 3 € (4-12 years old) - Included

• from 30 March to 1 September: daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - weekdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

31 December: weekends, public holidays and daily during

• from 2 January to 29 March and from 4 November to

• from 2 September to 3 November: weekend and public holidays

in the Provins Pass.

Audio-quided tour: about 35 min.

■ Last admission 15 min before closure of the monument.

# **■** 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-quided visits available in English and in exchange for identity papers.

# **OPENING HOURS:**

• from 30 March to 1 September: daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. • from 2 September to 3 November: weekends and public

- holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays from 2 p.m. to
- from 2 January to 29 March and from 4 November to
- 31 December: weekends, public holidays and daily during the French school holidays (all zones) from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

#### PRICES: adult 5 € - child 3 € (4-12 years old) - Included in the Provins Pass

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







































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ÎLE-DE-FRANCE

# The Provins Pass: to visit the 5 monuments

Visit more and spend less! A great value package that offers discounts with partners and includes a visit to all 5 monuments: Caesar Tower, Tithe Barn, Underground Galleries, Museum and Priory of Saint-Ayoul

	Adult Price	Child Price *	Family Price *	Advantages	Validity
PROVINS PASS Includes 1 entry for each monument	17€	10,50€	2 adults and children : 50 €	Discounts on guided tours, shows, the Little Train and the Roseraie - only on the day of purchase	1 year from date of purchase, subject to monument opening times

Pass not available on 1 & 2 June, 20 July, and 21 & 22 September. Pass doesn't include the entrance to the Medieval Festival of Provins

\*Price for child: 4-12 years old. Limited to 5 children for Family Pass.

### **Electric bikes**

Book your electric bike and discover our landscapes at your own rhythm!

- PRICE: from 8 € for 2 hours.
- Information and rental at Provins Tourist Office.



# Provins, a Medieval Fair Town

This path will lead you to original and avoidable places, witnesses of the military, civil and religious heritage's importance - visit in French only. From 30 March to 3 November: weekend and public

holidays at 2:30 p.m. - except during the Medieval Festival (1 and 2 June) and during the Olympic torch

■ Length: 1h30 ■ Meeting point: the Tourist Office

Prices: adult 9,50 € - child 6 € (4 - 12 years old)

→ Guided tour + Provins Pass: adult 25 € - child 16 € (4 - 12 years old) - family 78,50 € (2 adults and their children aged 4 to 12)



# 'Entre chien et loup "

Discover the exceptional illumination of the ramparts at nightfall with this fun tour! Follow the guide into special places that are usually closed to the public, in search of a mysterious wolf hidden amongst you! - visit in French only.

- From 30 march to 22 september: every Saturday at 10.30 p.m.
- Length: 1h15 Meeting point: allée des Remparts, holidays and every day during school holidays from opposite the Tour aux Engins 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. (except between 1 p.m. and Price: 16 € per person, 14 € for 5 tickets or more. Bookings 2 p.m. Runs from 2 p.m. on 6 October (The Rampart

Foot Racel.

between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.).

child 4,50 € (4-12 years old).

(Information open to modifications).

run on 25 December.

required (6 years and over).



# 'Légendes et croyances "

Come and meet the "Meneu de loups", a bewitching character who will tell you fabulous stories in the bowels of the mysterious Provins Underground! - visit in French only. Lasts of the whole tour: 30 min.

- From 10 February to 30 March and from 19 October 2024 to 4 january 2025: every Saturday at 6 p.m. Length: 1h15
- Meeting point: The Underground

Price: 16 € per person, 14 € for 5 tickets or more. Bookings required (8 years and over).



The Tourist Train

An original way to discover

the medieval town of Pro-

vins a UNESCO World Heri-

tage site. In group or

Recorded comments about the history and the

main monuments of Provins available in French

and in English. The ticket is available all day

• from 30 March to 5 May: weekends, public holidays

• from 6 May to 1st September: daily from 11 a.m. to

6.30 p.m. (except between 1 pm and 2 p.m.). Does

not run on 31 May, 1 and 2 June (Medieval Festival

of Provins), and 20 July (The Olympic Torch Relay) -

Runs until 5 pm on 6 July (Provins by Candlelight).

• 9, 10 and 11 November: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except

• From 21 to 31 December: every day from 11 a.m. to

5 p.m. (except between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.). Does not

→ Cut-prices with the Provins Pass: adult 6,30 €

Prices: adult 7 € - child 5 € (4-12 years old).

• from 2 September to 3 November: weekends, public

6.30 p.m. (except between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.).

and every day during school holidays from 11 a.m. to

# Medieval shows

# The Eagles of the Ramparts

# Great historical timeline about the art of falconry on horseback!

In the Theatre of the Ramparts, immerse yourself in the Middle Ages, at the time when falconry became a real art of living... Discover the universe of falconry, as it was practiced in the steppes of Central Asia, in the Middle East and by Feudal Lords. You will be fascinated by the flight of eagles, hawks, falcons, kites, vultures, owls and secretary bird... This magnificent aerial ballet in perfect harmony

with horses will leave unforgettable memories to young and old alike. After the show, visit the aviary, with about 100 birds from 25 different species. Educational signs and shop. Ticket



## PROGRAMME PLANNING:

- from 30 March to 7 April: weekends and public holidays at 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 2.30 pm - Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- from 8 to 21 April: weekends at 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. - weekdays at 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- from 22 to 30 April: weekends at 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 2.30 p.m. - Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- from 1 May to 5 July: weekends, public holidays and bridges at 2.30 pm and 5 pm - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 2.30 p.m. - Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- 1 and 2 June: Les Médiévales de Provins: at 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.
- from 6 July to 31 August: weekends, public holidays and bridges at 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. - weekdays at 2.30 p.m. and
- from 1 to 8 September: weekends at 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. - Wednesday at 2.30 p.m.
- from 9 to 30 September: weekends at 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 2.30 p.m. • from 1 to 20 October: weekends at 2.30 p.m. and 3.45 p.m.
- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 2.30 p.m. • from 21 October to 3 November: weekends and public

## holidays at 2.30 p.m. and 3.45 p.m. - weekdays at 2.30 p.m. PRICES: adult 13 € - child 9 € (4-12 years old)

- → Preferential rate with the Pass Provins: adult 12 € - child 8 € (4-12 years old).
- → Rate with pre-sale online: adult 12 € child 8 € (4-12 vears old).
- Other reduced prices: adult 11 € child 7 € (4 to 12 years old).
- Doors open 30 min. before the beginning of the show. Length: 45 min.

A show produced by "Vol Libre Production".

# **Fire Horses**

Evening equestrian show during "Provins by Candlelight": fire horses will astonish you with equestrian acrobatic feats and stunts. The sparks will be a delight for your eyes, as thousands of flames shine brightly.

- 6 and 20 July at 9.30 p.m. and 11 p.m.
- PRICES: adult 13 € child 9 € (4-12 years old)
- → Tickets sold at the entrance of the show from 12 p.m. the D-day.
- Length: 30 min.



# INFORMATION POINT AT PROVINS SNCF STATION

This reception and promotional area welcomes you as soon as you arrive at Provins SNCF station. As you leave the station, this large, modern building is on your left. A wide range of services:

• Ticket sales for monuments • Shop area • Fast food nearby • Bus station.

## • From 30 March to 3 November: Wednesday to Sunday from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

- From 2 January to 29 March and from 4 November to 31 December: Wednesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, 1 January and 25 December.



# The Legend of the Knights

# Discover the epic world of the Earls of Champagne A medieval immersion, when Provins was home of foolhardy

knights and princesses. At feet of majestic ramparts, where juggling, trick riding, acrobatics and cavalcades make you dream, you will celebrate the return from crusades of the Earl Thibaud IV of Champagne, close to the beautiful Blanche de Castille. While the luxurious city is desired by dark forces, our knights should fight and joust. Then, in the sound of the swords which collide, you will shiver because of stunts and medieval siege engines.

An epic adventure to share with family and friends! Rhythmed by beautiful Iberian horses gallop, this trip to the 13th century will mix humor, action, magic and equestrian art. Educational signs about medieval siege engines. Shop.



## PROGRAMMATION PLANNING:

- from 30 March to 20 May: weekends and public holidays at 3.45 p.m. - Weekdays at 2.30 p.m.
- from 21 May to 2 July: weekends and public holidays at 3.45 p.m. - Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2.30 p.m. - Tuesday and Thursday at 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
- 1 and 2 June: Les Médiévales de Provins: Saturday at 2, 4 and 6 p.m. - Sunday at 1, 3 and 5 p.m.
- from 3 July to 31 August: weekends, public holidays and bridges at 3.45 p.m. - weekdays at 3 p.m.
- from 1 to 15 September: weekends at 3.45 p.m.
- from 16 September to 20 October: weekends at 3.45 p.m. - Tuesday and Thursday at 11.30 p.m.
- from 21 October to 3 November: weekends and public holidays at 3:45 p.m.

## PRICES: adult 13 € - child 9 € (4-12 years old)

- → Preferential rate with the Pass Provins: adult 12 € - child 8 € (4-12 years old). Rate with pre-sale online: adult 12 € - child 8 €
- (4-12 years old). → Other reduced prices: adult 11 € - child 7 €
- (4-12 years old). ■ Doors open 30 min. before the beginning of the
- Length: 45 min.

Pets not allowed on the sites of the medieval shows.

# The Provins Rose garden Presentation in preview of last creations of roses.

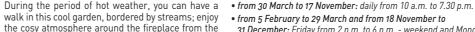
Discover a quiet and charming rose garden with a breathtaking view of the monuments. In a bucolic atmosphere, you will learn about the story of this emblematic flower, its colors, shapes, scents, and its virtues. You will know everything there is about ancient roses - Rosa Gallica (roses of Provins). Rosa Damascena, Rosa Alba, Rosa Centifolia, hybrid tea roses - and modern roses which flower until autumn. The garden of "simples" will introduce you to various medieval plants, with medicinal properties, like Dill, Angelica, Comfrey.

During the period of hot weather, you can have a the cosy atmosphere around the fireplace from the arrival of the cold weather. Tearoom with terrace, tasting of rose specialties, shop, sale of rose bushes, exhibition room and music concerts.









- 31 December: Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. weekend and Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - daily during French school holidays (all zones) from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- annual closure in January

PRICES: Spring/Summer 7 € - The rest of the year 4.50 € → Annual ticket 25 €.

- → Free for visitors 12 years of age and under.
- → Enjoy reduced prices when you buy Provins Pass at the Tourist Office or in the monuments during spring and summer: 6,50 €.

# **CALENDAR**







Feast of Saint-Ayoul



The Longueville AJECTA Railw





Jumping Forest" in Chenois

This is not the complete list of events and places that should not to be missed. A calendar is available on www.provins.net or call Provins Tourisme.

# ... Provins

## ■ Easter egg hunt:

31 March & 1 April. Free treasure hunt to find chocolate eggs, for children 12 years o age and under.

# ■ The European Night Museums: 18 May.

- Les Musicales du Chatel: from June to August (subject to change). Free concerts in the Place du Châtel every Saturday evening.
- Introduction to medieval dances: from June to September. Free initiation on Saturday afternoons in the Place du Châtel.
- Medieval Festival of Provins: 1 & 2 June. The 39th edition of this great historical reenactment: troubadours & acrobats, musicians, dances... to bring back to life the festive atmosphere of the Fairs of ■ Nature Photo Festival of Gurcy-le-Châtel: 11 & Champagne.
- Feast of Saint-Avoul: 22 June. Roasters and feasters welcome you to savour delicio meals during a festive and lively dinner.
- Provins by candlelight: 6 & 20 July. Exceptional evenings to discover Provins and its heritage in a magic way, by candlelight:
- evening shows. ■ The Olympic torch relay: 20 July. A big day of celebrations and events on the theme of sport. The torch relay in the medieval town of

# ■ National Medieval Book Prize:

7 September, 18th edition of this literary prize which aims to reward a work relating to the

■ The Easel Tournament: 15 September. Painting competition open to amateur artists. The painters install their easel in the

■ Heritage Days: 21 & 22 September. ■ Arts and crafts fair: 21 September to

6 October. ■ The Rampart Foot Race: 6 October. A road race which proposes 2 departures: 6kms

(1 circuit race) and 17kms (3 circuit races). ■ Halloween at the farm: 26 and 27 October

■ The Niflette Festival: 11 November. Day dedicated to the niflette, a medieval pastry specialty from Provins.

■ Christmas in Provins: 14 and 15 December. nativity scene, skating rink, guided tours and

many others for an original Christmas.

# ... Provins neighbourhood

- Jumping Forest in Chenoise: end of March to October. Outdoor activities park: accrobranching (tree climbing), laser-tag in the forest, archery battle and treasure-hunting!
- Paintball in Poigny: Immerse yourself in nature. Discover paintball in a natural, wooded
- The Longueville AJECTA Railway Museum (Musée Vivant du Chemin de Fer de l'AJECTA).

Steam locomotives and antique vehicles. Rides in a steam engine train and other special trains for big events. Museum open on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays from May to October - on Sunday and public holidays the rest of the year.

- Salon des Artistes en Bassée-Montois in Gouaix: 27 and 28 April. Local artists open the doors of their studios.
- 12 May. Exhibitions, outing, projections and meetings around nature. ■ Musique in Bassée-Montois: 15 to 23 june
- across the region. ■ Cider Festival in Beton-Bazoches: 13 October.
- Tasting & animations around cider, and great fair. ■ Fairy Christmas in Vimpelles: from early December to early January. Decorations and illuminations in the whole village. The highlights:

Christmas market, firework...



→ In the Bassée Montois region: the National Nature Reserve of the Bassée, the medieval village, cloister and garden of Donnemarie-Dontilly, the "Écomusée du Bassée-Montois" in Luisetaines, the "Musée de la Vie d'Autrefois" in Les-Ormes-sur-Voulzie, the Farm and Castle of Sigy, the riverside station of Bray-sur-Seine.

→ Les Ailes de la Bassée : discover our beautiful region in a different way! We are inviting you to fly over the Bassée-Montois and Provinois region... in a microlight plane with your head in the clouds!

And so many activities: hiking, escape game. Medieval market, traditional market, animated culinary workshops, horse-back riding, water skiing, fishing, canoe and kayak, Skike-Trek (cross skating)...



