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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 12th and 13th centuries: the Caesar Tower, the Tithe Barn, the mysterious underground galleries, the Priory of Saint-Ayoul, the Museum of Provins and the 2km of ramparts illuminated at nightfall... 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!

The whole family will enjoy the many fun activities including theatrical tours, medieval cooking workshops, a life-size escape game or a troubadour banquet as in the past! Provins invites you to travel back in time with your family,

partner or friends! **Just 1h15 from Paris, accessible by train from the Gare de l'Est station with the Navigo Pass!**



**1 HOUR FROM
PARIS BY TRAIN**



IN 2024 EXPERIENCE THE GAMES IN PROVINS

In 2024, the Olympic Games will be synonymous with UNESCO! Provins will have the honor of hosting the Olympic Torch Relay on Saturday, July 20. A unique opportunity to celebrate the values of the Olympic spirit and sport. The passing of the flame will echo the priceless wealth of our thousand-year-old city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site! The route takes in the heart of the medieval city, revealing its emblematic historic monuments. A great day of festivities and entertainment to share the excitement of the Games, followed by an exceptional "Lueurs du Temps" evening!



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The medieval city, at the heart of the action! Historical shows every day from 30 March to 3 November!

The Eagles of the Ramparts

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!



The Provins Rose Garden

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...



THEATRICAL TOURS

"Between dog and wolf"

Discover the exceptional illumination of the Provins ramparts at nightfall with this fun tour! Follow the guide through privileged areas usually closed to the public, in search of a mysterious wolf hidden among you!

From March 30 to September 22: every Saturday at 10:30 p.m.



VISIT IN FRENCH ONLY

"Legends and beliefs"

Come and meet the "Meneu de loups", an enigmatic character who will tell you fabulous stories about the legends and beliefs of the Middle Ages, in the heart of Provins' mysterious underground galleries!
From February 10 to March 30 and from October 19, 2024 to January 4, 2025: every Saturday at 6 p.m.



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Find all the prices on page 4.

The major events of 2024*

Easter egg hunt

March 31 and April 1. The hunt is on! For Easter, Provins Tourisme is organizing a historical treasure hunt in the medieval town. Join us on March 31 and April 1, 2024, departing from the Tourist Office between 2 and 4 p.m. Families will set off in search of 9,000 chocolate eggs for a pleasant 2-hours stroll. **Activities reserved for children under 12, free of charge and without reservation.**



Provins Medieval festival

June 1st & 2nd. 39th edition of France's largest medieval festival! Relive the festive atmosphere of the Champagne Fairs! Craftsmen and merchants, troubadours, minstrels and crowd entertainers will amaze you over the weekend for a timeless experience!

Online presale rates: adults 1 day 12 € • 2 days (sat. and sun.) 16 € • 7 € for people in medieval costume (10 € for 2 days) • Free of charge for children under 12 years old.



Feast of Saint-Ayoul

June 22. Dine on the square in front of the Saint-Ayoul church, where roasters and feast-makers invite you to savor their delicious dishes in a lively, festive atmosphere.

Admission free except price of food and drinks.



Provins by candlelight

July 6 & 20. Two magical evenings to discover the charm of the town's heritage lit up by candlelight: illuminated streets and keep, night-time tours, street entertainment, musical atmosphere and "Crins de feu" horse show...

Free admission to the town, except for paid activities.



The Olympic Torch Relay

July 20. A host of activities and entertainment will punctuate this great day of celebration of the Olympic Torch Relay! The festivities will continue at nightfall with a "Provins by candlelight" evening!

The Niflette festival

November 11. A gourmet feast for the whole family! This typically Provins speciality, whose origins can be traced back to the Middle Ages and All Saints' Day, will be the star of pastry shops for the day! On the program : village de la Niflette, workshops and demonstrations, gourmet market...

Free admission to the festival, animations workshops free of charge.



Christmas in Provins

December 14 & 15. In an enchanting and historic setting, Provins invites you to celebrate the magic of Christmas! A host of unusual and traditional events will delight the whole family : Medieval and craft markets, theatrical and guided tours, culinary workshop, Christmas rose, not to mention the living nativity scene and the ice rink!

Free admission, except for paid activities.



* The list of activities and events is not exhaustive and is subject to change.

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*

10 a.m. Arrival at Provins Tourisme (Villean car park).

10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Visit with audioguide of the Grange aux dîmes, former covered market of the Champagne fairs.

11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Visit of the Caesar Tower, an emblematic monument of Provins, with a breathtaking view of the medieval city.

12 p.m. to 14 p.m. Free lunch in one of the city's restaurants.

14:30 p.m. to 15:15 p.m. Show - The Eagles of the Ramparts (45 min).

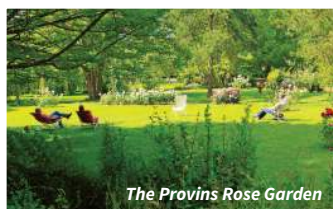
15:45 p.m. to 16:30 p.m. Show - The Legend of the Knights (45 min).

17:30 p.m. Audio-guided visit of the Saint-Ayoul Priory (45 min).

End your day at the The Provins Rose Garden, which will welcome you until 7:30 p.m.

* Program idea for a weekend in high season - all schedules on www.provins.net

Please confirm your schedule with the press office before coming.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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ACCESS

- **GPS coordinates:** Chemin de villean 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 17 € - children 10,50 € (4-12 years) - Family 50 € (2 adults + 5 children maximum). Pass not available on June 1 & 2, July 20, and September 21 & 22.
- **Shows:** adults 13 € - children 9 € (4-12 years). Reduced rates with the Pass Provins: adults 12 € - children 8 €
- **Theatrical tours:** 16 € per person - 14 € for 5 tickets or more - booking is required.
- **Rose garden:** adults 7 € - Reduced rate with the Provins Pass 6,50 € - Free for children under 12.
- **Electric bike rental:** from 8 € for 2 hours.



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