

CHATEAU OF ANCY LE FRANC



2022 Season

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Welcome to Chateau of Ancy le Franc



A Jewel from the Renaissance Period

Masterpiece from the italian architect Sebastiano Serlio, the château contain one of the biggest wall paintings collections (XVIe and XVIIe centuries) today conserved in France.

Antoine de Clermont-Tallard, brother-in-law of the famous Diane de Poitiers, mistress of the french king Henri II, express, through his domain, his pronounced taste for the italian art.

The courtyard, the Room of the Arts, The Gallery of Pharsallus or the Diana's Bedroom are just examples for reflect the spirit of the Renaissance Period.

In the gardens, the two new creations West side (2016) and East side (2017) rewarded by the Victory of the Landscape with a silver price. Finally south side, the elegant english parc and his famous Folie from 1760.



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Exceptional French heritage

The Italian Renaissance Palace in Burgundy

An amazing Renaissance palace on the lands of the Dukes of Burgundy

No, this is not Florence or the Loire Valley: you are in fact in Burgundy, halfway between Paris and Lyon. More precisely, the Château of Ancy-le-Franc is located in the Tonnerre area, on the banks of the Burgundy Canal, not far from Chablis, between rivers and beautiful villages; a fine stone heritage surrounded by abundant greenery.

After your visit, you can continue your exploration of the Burgundy region by seeing one of its its prestigious vineyards, the Cistercian abbey of Fontenay, the new MuseoParc Alésia, the old Marguerite de Bourgogne de Tonnerre hospital, the chateau of Tanlay, the medieval village of Noyers-sur-Serein, the chateau of Maulnes or the new Museum of Châtillon-sur-Seine with the Vix Crater, the chateau of Béru,...



History

The Château of Ancy-le-Franc, a classified historical monument, is **an astonishing Renaissance palace in Burgundy**. The château is situated on the banks of the Burgundy Canal, 230 km from Paris (1 hr by high speed train Paris (gare de Lyon) –Montbard) and located in the centre of a large park of about 123 acres. The château is the masterpiece of the famous Italian architect Sebastiano Serlio, summoned to France by François Ist and was built between 1542 and 1550, for Antoine III of Clermont-Tallard. Thanks to its fundamentally original composition, the château of Ancy-le-Franc, representative of the Renaissance "art of living", is unprecedented in France as well as Italy. Serlio introduces an architecture here that is unique in France; a perfect quadrilateral made up of 4 equal wings, edged by square pavilions on the corners. It is an elegant, modest and harmonious construction that forms an immense interior courtyard, rich with ornaments and endowed with architectural elements. The symmetry of the spaces, the harmony of the facades and the coherence of the whole gives witness to the genius of Serlio. Ancy le Franc is classified "One of the most excellent constructions in France" by Androuet du Cerceau in the XVIth century.



The exceptional **square court yard**, the first of its kind in France, will inspire the architect Lescot for his reconstruction of Louvre (mid-16th century) and the architecture of Ancy le Franc **makes history for centuries!**

Several kings of France were hosted in Ancy le Franc: Henry IV, Louis XIV, Louis XIII , ... The Marquise de Sévigné refers in her famous letters Ancy le Franc with its Italian style, as a French construction « in costume italiano ».

This refined quadrilateral holds **one of the most important collections of Renaissance mural paintings in France (16th and 17th C.).**



Ancy le Franc through the ages

The benefactor of the chateau, Antoine III of Clermont Tallard, brother-in-law of the famous Diane de Poitiers, was Lieutenant General and "Grand Maître des Eaux et Forêts" and a descendant of an old French family originally from the Dauphiné. Antoine III of Clermont, who inherited the grounds of Ancy-le-Franc after the death of his mother, Anne of Husson, Countess of Tonnerre, decided to have the chateau built here on a blank terrain that would allow him to carry it out completely to his own taste, without having to worry about accommodating an older construction. The chateau of Ancy-le-Franc is undoubtedly the first chateau in France to have been built on the

basis of blueprints. The chateau was owned by the Clermont-Tonnerre family until 1683, when it became the property of the 1st Marquis of Louvois, François Michel Le Tellier, famous war minister of Louis XIV, who conducted the project to turn Ancy le Franc into his private Versailles. The king's gardener Le Notre designed a vast French style garden in Ancy le Franc. The heirs of the Marquis of Louvois were forced to part with it in 1844 and, ironically, the Clermont-Tonnerre family, Gaspard Louis-Aimé of Clermont-Tonnerre to be precise, once again acquired the chateau. Between 1940 and 1981, other heirs of the Clermont-Tonnerre family, the princes of the Merodes of Belgium were the owners. Since 1999 the chateau is owned by the company Paris Investir SAS and is continuously being renovated, a large set of spectacular works has been undertaken to rescue castle and 16th C. treasures.

The guided tour

A vast collection of Renaissance murals on the inside make Ancy-le-Franc a direct contender of the Fontainebleau chateau. Artists of the School of Fontainebleau, especially Francesco Primaticcio ("Le Primatice"), Burgundian and Flemish painters of the 16th and 17th centuries have participated in refurbishing the apartments and the richly decorated halls. Galleries adorned with flamboyant designs, medallions and walls representing mythological, religious and battle scenes, chambers and cabinets enriched with splendidly sculpted and decorated wainscots, beautiful coffered ceilings, and marble floors. The Guards hall, the Chapel, the Chamber of Arts, the Cabinet of Pastor Fido, the Room of Flowers, the Chamber of Judith, the King's Chamber, the Gallery de Pharsalus, the Gallery of Sacrifices, the Gallery of Medea, the Chamber of Diane,... There are anecdotes for every room and the tour is a true journey through 5 centuries of history.



Salle à Manger



Chambre des Fleurs



La Galerie de Médée

Besides the chateau the estate comprises immense stables and stalls, a farmhouse on the grounds, an orangery, a small pavilion known as « la Folie » (the folly, in French) situated on a small island in the middle of a pond; an elegant testimony to the 18th century, the time when the South part of the garden was transformed in English style. The chateau, located on the banks of the Burgundy Canal, is set in the centre of a magnificent park of 123 acres.

Parc : Enjoy the beautiful part of the south side with pond, folly, horse ring and much more, a perfect way to round off your visit in Ancy le Franc. The visitors of Ancy le Franc can since 2018 enjoy **2 new outstanding gardens on the East & West sides just created**, absolutely among the highlights! **The refined style of the Renaissance palace has literally taken root in the garden.** *The 2 expansive parterres are just rewarded at the French highly rated garden prize Victoires du Paysage 2018 with a silver medal*





The collection of murals.

The château of Ancy-le-Franc holds an exceptional collection of mural paintings from the 16th, 17th and 19th century. The painted decor is sumptuous and monumental. Antoine of Clermont had an outspoken preference for Italy and for ancient culture: the painted decor is unlike any in France. Three main decoration efforts were undertaken: around 1547, 1578 and 1845. The château has an essential place in the history of painted decor in France. Apart from the château of Fontainebleau, this residence is the only one to have preserved the decors pertaining to the first and second school of Fontainebleau.

The "Chamber of Arts", originally the room of Count Antoine of Clermont, located on the 1st floor in the South-East pavilion, contains a sumptuous decor. The 8 oval Medallions on the painted decor date from 1560-1570. Seven of the Medallions represent the seven liberal arts: Astronomy, Logic, Rhetoric, Music, Geometry, Arithmetic, Grammar and the eighth one is based on the theme of Apollo and the Muses. They are attributed to "le Primatice", School of Fontainebleau, and the eighth one is attributed to his entourage, Ruggiero de Ruggieri and Maître de Flore.



Detail of the Medallion of Apollo and the Muses in the "Chambre des Arts"



The "Galerie de Pharsale"

The murals of the "Galerie de Pharsale" are a monumental monochrome ochre painting of 32 meters long, representing the Battle of Pharsalus. (see also page 11)

Longest mural in France attributed to the 1st School of Fontainebleau (mid-16th C)

This masterpiece, unique in France, is attributed to Niccolo dell'Abate and Ruggiero de Ruggieri, primary aides of Le Primatice at the School of Fontainebleau (16th century).

The restoration work was carried out between 2002 and June 2005.



« Judith et Holoferne » 1 / 9, the history of Judith, "Chambre de Judith", oil paintings, 1590 – 1611
Attributed to Nicolas de Hoey, Flemish artist of the School of Fontainebleau (2^e).



Series of 10 paintings, based on the theme of the pastoral poem of Guarini, Cabinet of Pastor Fido, Oil paintings Attributed to Philippe Quantin (around 1610), a painter from Dijon.

Restoration work

Every family or owner that lived in this residence has left its own mark on the decoration and furnishing of the château, but the heritage was also marked by the passing of time. Since the company Paris Investir SAS bought the Château of Ancy-le-Franc in 1999, a significant series of restoration works have been undertaken to bring this piece of French cultural heritage back to its original state and to restore its value.

This restoration work comprises among other things:

- 2001: The restoration of the "**cour d'honneur**" (of the 4 facades), that has regained its original splendor.
- 2003: The restoration of the "**porche Nord**" with its balcony and its 2 columns. Final reassembly in the summer of 2005.
- 2004: The complete restoration of the **kitchens and the "Salon Jaune"**.
- 2004 – 2006 The cleaning of the 4 **external facades**.

- 2002 – 2005 The complete restoration of the 16th C. mural painting of the "**Galerie de Pharsale**" thanks to the grants and assistance of the DRAC Bourgogne (the Burgundy board of cultural affairs) and a partnership with INP, the National Heritage Institute.

- 2002-2008
2011-2013 The restoration of the 16th C. mural paintings of the "**Chamber of Diane**" on the ground floor in the North East pavilion.

- 2016 **Creation of the West garden** with the entire restauration of an old fountain
- 2017 **Creation of the original East garden** A 17th C. decor inside the castle has taken root in the garden, paintings of 4 flowers enlarged more than 100 times (page 8)
- 2022 The restauration of the roof will be able to start with the South and West facades (Thanks to grants and aids from the DRAC Regional Direction of Cultural Business) of Burgundy and a campaign of crowdfunding)



The restoration works of the inner courtyard, the North porch, the mural paintings of the gallery of Pharsalus and of the Chamber of Diane were partly accomplished with the aid and funding of DRAC, the Burgundy board of cultural affairs.

Numerous recent other projects have been finalized.

- 2014 Start of a historical study of the park and a general development plan
- Deposition of the project of new gardens for the East and West gardens
- 2012 Embellishment of the French garden with various plant species
- 2012: Restoration of the tapestry in the Room of Flowers
- 2011: Final part of the painting of the woodwork of the Orangery



Some of the halls visited during the guided tour:



Cabinet of Pastor Fido



The "Chambre des Arts"



The "Chambre des Fleurs"



"Salon des dauphins"



"Galerie de Médée"



Chapel



"Galerie de Pharsale"



"Chambre de Judith"



"Salon Louvois"



"Salle des Gardes"



Dining hall



"Galerie des Sacrifices"



"Salon du Balcon"

News

// Park **The East and West gardens**

These parts of the park have been neglected for centuries, have remained ordinary lawns for centuries. After a historical study, a general development plan and the final approval of the projects, the interventions started in 2016 on the West side and in March 2017 on the East side.

The East garden

4 paintings of flowers on the wainscoting in the Room of Flowers* have been recreated and transposed in monumental style outside in the garden [enlarged more than 100 times].

4 plant panels: **two roses, a tulip and an anemone** stand out against a surface of white stones (quartz) framed by a row of spindles (euonymus japonicus). Carnations and petunias form the petals of the giant flowers, green plants will form stems and leaves. The 4 flower beds are separated and bordered by gravel alleys and at the end of the perspective a large fountain at ground level with a 6 m high water jet accentuate the entire composition.

Related to this innovative and spectacular project, French TV TF1 has covered the work in progress (broadcast October 2017).

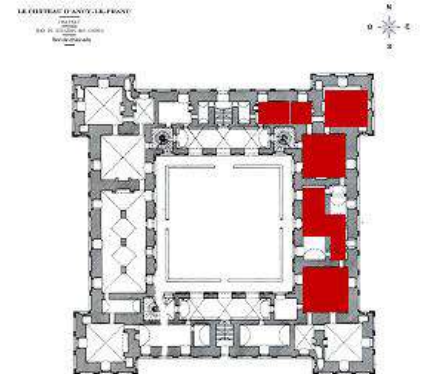
*Just rewarded at the French highly rated garden prize **Victoires du Paysage** 2018 with a silver medal (December 2018)*



The West garden

Classic composition, inspired by old plans from the 18th C. designed with a central round planting bed with an old fountain, completely restored and put in water, and surrounding symmetric parterres and alleys bordered with thousands of roses.

Final interventions
March 2017



// Chateau

Opening of part of the ground floor since 2014

Newly-restored the famous **Chambre de Diane** in Diane's apartment on the ground floor is reopened for visitors in Ancy le Franc after more than 14 years of closure.

The Chamber of Diane is located in the north-eastern pavilion and the following rooms of the eastern wing are as well opened now: *The Archives Halls, the bathroom passage, the summer kitchen, the antechamber "Caesar's Hall" or "the Emperor's room", Diane's Room, the cabinet the "Alcove of the Gods" and one of the old guards rooms, recently restored and fitted out as a class room.*

Diane's room was decorated for Antoine de Clermont-Tallard, the benefactor of the chateau, in the 16th century in order to welcome his famous sister-in-law Diane de Poitiers.

The mural paintings are **attributed to the Flemish painter of the school of Fontainebleau, Nicolas de Hoey**, dated around 1590. *De Hoey was one of the most significant painters in Dijon at the end of the 16th century*

The vaulted ceiling with grotesques, medallions & mythological figures and the murals are an **exceptional testimony of 16th century art in France.**

The restoration of the mural paintings in Diane's room took place between 2002 and June 2013.



2019 // Court Side

Opening of a new part of the ground floor, in the north-west pavilion - Since mid-May 2019

The apartment of Psyché, arranged at the end of the sixteenth century by Charles-Henri de Clermont-Tonnerre, successor and grandson of Antoine de Clermont. Painted decoration attributed to **the second School of Fontainebleau**, the Flemish Nicolas de Hoey. (*attribution also for Diane and Judith's rooms*)

The apartment consists of an antechamber, today the Zodiac room, the room of Psyche, located in the



PAVILION NO, a cabinet (small living room) and a small annex bedroom (*part of an old guard room, converted into a mortuary room*).

This part of the ground floor will be **opened for the first time in more than 20 years**. These are **undecorated rooms***, housing a **rare décor** in the Zodiac Room and the Psyche Chamber.

The Zodiac Room houses an exceptional vault, in its original state, with a **grotesque décor** and the representation of the **twelve signs of the zodiac**.

The Chamber of Psyche houses **10 wall panels** on the story of **the loves of Psyche and Cupid** after the *Golden Donkey* of Apuleus.

Responding to the commission of Charles-Henri de Clermont-Tonnerre for the room of his future wife Catherine-Marie d'Escoubleau, the Flemish painter Nicolas de Hoey realizes a set constituting a **true symbiosis of ancient myth, between pagan allegory and Christian allegory**.

It is a **unique painted decoration in France of Renaissance Art** - At a time when this history is most often transcribed into tapestries, stained glass or enamel. In Ancy le Franc, **a mural, mannerist and monumental**, one of the only, if not the only example in **France**.

(*Only one other known painted decoration from the same period at the Château de Chantilly, but now disappeared*)

In this narrative cycle, Psyche is a personification of the soul, very often depicted with butterfly wings.

In Ancy le Franc the story takes place in ten scenes, in no chronological order. The décor is composed of panels of extreme richness, despite its very degraded state of conservation.

The viewer discovers a very varied chromatic range, a refinement and finesse of the features of the characters, clothes (embroidery, pearls, gilding, ...), jewelry, sophisticated hairstyles, ...

The preciousness of the detail is also revealed in the accessories, fruit cups or goldsmith's vases that appear in the compositions, as well as on the paintings imitating mirrors that regularly punctuate the frames of the scenes.

This decorative style is reminiscently reminiscent of that of the king's room in Fontainebleau.

The ten panels (in brief) :

1 An old woman tells Charity the story of Psyche, 2 Psyche, in front of her parents, learns that her father is going to consult the oracle of Apollo in order to decide his marital fate, 3 Venus, who after condemning Psyche to marry a monster, goes to the nearest shore accompanied by Cupid and marine deities, 4 The toilet of Psyche, 5 Psyche discovers sleeping Love 6 It would be either Venus inflicting the abuse on Psyche, or Psyche imploring Ceres and Juno to help her, 7 Psyche brings Venus the water of the Styx, 8 Psyche is kneeling before Proserpina who gives her the beauty balm for Venus, 9 Assembly of the Gods, 10 A feast is given in honor of the marriage of Psyche and Cupid. *The restoration campaign currently underway at the Ancy le Franc estate, does not concern these rooms for the moment, but a first "restoration" of the rooms was necessary for this reopening (thorough cleaning, verification of electrical installations, ...).



Château d'Ancy le Franc - Close-up of the SEASON

One of the highlights is definitely the new gardens on the East and West side – 2 two vast magnificent parterres just rewarded 'Silver Victory' at the French highly rated **Victoires du Paysage 2018** due to the original designs. **In the East garden: 4 flowers from the 17th C. décor inside the castle [enlarged more than 100 times] have taken root in the garden!**



The recent reopening of the **famous Room of Diane** with mural paintings (16th century) attributed to the School of Fontainebleau, recently restored (2002-2013) remains among the key events. We invite to explore or re explore this exceptional testimony to 16th-century painted decorations in France in all its splendour. And new parts of the ground floor will open up during the 2019 season. The Diane's Room is especially decorated for the famous Diane de Poitiers, sister-in-law of the benefactor of the Château d'Ancy le Franc. The room is a tribute to *"Diane de Poitiers, favourite of Henry II, was celebrated by painters, sculptors and poets who portrayed her as Diana, goddess of the hunt, the forests and the moon. Daughter of Jupiter. Chaste goddess. Symbol of all the virtues: strength, beauty, chastity, power, authority, intelligence,...* **Ode to beauty and love ...**

Ancy le Franc, Renaissance jewel, treasure of 16th-century art and architecture, was home to the grand masters of the School of Fontainebleau. Decorated with famous battles, scenes with grotesque figures and medallions, beasts, plants, religious and mythological settings and many other marvellous things. We will uncover all its treasures for you in the new season.



This season is the 19th edition of the music festival **Musicancy** One of the **well-known classical music festivals** in Burgundy. **Various Rendez-vous from May to September with the original Music Walk in the park during summer (page 14)**



Ph. concert Alexandre Tharaud July 2013



The château organises each year **artistic exhibitions** during **spring, summer and fall**.

Here, Exhibition until December 19th 2021 « Ancy Héroïc »

Playmobil Exhibition from February to September 2022 in progress page 23

Night of the Castles 22 octobre 2022



Halloween 31 octobre 2022



Venice and Wines at the Palace 2nd and 3rd of July 2022 p21

The château in another ways : Prestige lounge, thématique visits, Family Game... Cf page 17



The beautiful orangery is available for private or professional receptions, weddings, events or concerts. Page 15



En janvier 2022 uniquement et sur RDV Découvrez l'exposition paléontologique Cf page 14

How to find the Château of Ancy le Franc

By motorway

From Paris : A6, exit Tonnerre, then follow D965 in the direction of Tonnerre and D905 Ancy-le-Franc.

From Lyon : A6 exit Nîtry, then follow directions for Noyers sur Serein and then Ancy-le-Franc.



Panel on the motorway A6

By train – only 1 hour from Paris

TGV station **Montbard** (25 km) - 1hrs from Paris (gare de Lyon) high-speed train

Station in **Tonnerre** (18 km)

Station in **Nuits sous Ravières** (9 km)

GPS Coordinates: Latitude : N 47.77455°, Longitude : E 004.16280°



Private Bus parking in the private alley of the castle (Montbard/Dijon direction) “Allée de Chassignelles”

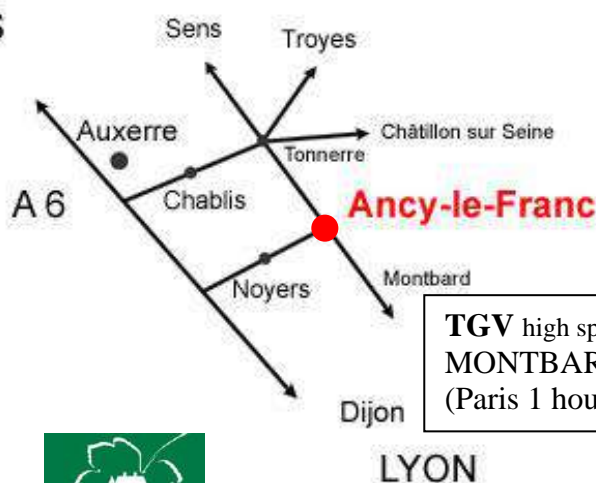
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TOURS & VISITS OF THE CHATEAU

2022 SEASON

The Château of Ancy le Franc is open all year round for groups by appointment.

From February 5th to December 18th for individual visitors in 2022.

Closed on Mondays (apart from Bank Holidays).

Guided tours (for individuals, in French), more than 5 persons, better by reservation, and according to the availabilities. **Extra of 50€ for an English guided tour.**

Opening hours: Closed on Mondays.

Tuesday to Friday 10AM to 12:30PM and 2PM to 6PM. Week end and bank holidays 2AM to 6PM.

From 9/11 to 19/12 2021 and from 6/02 to 9/04, everyday except Mondays : 10AM – 12:30PM and 2PM to 5PM

Brochure for **non-guided tours** available in French, English, German, Italian, Dutch, Spanish, Danish, Russian, Portuguese and Mandarin Chinese.

Audio guides in French, English, German, Italian, Dutch & Mandarin Chinese available (3 €).



New:

The opening of the park 50 ha
Double ticket **Château & Park**
*See opening hours



For the kids :

Audio guide kids version
(French, English, Dutch, German)
Renaissance costumes
(4-8 yrs old) during the tour & quizz



Opening hours of the park*:

Tuesday to Friday : 10AM-12h15PM, 2PM-5:30PM. Week end 10AM-5:30PM.

INDIVIDUALS

Chateau & park & current exhibition

Full fee: 15.00 € guided (only the chateau), 13.00 € non guided Adult
Reduced fee: 13.00 € guided (only the chateau), 11.00 € non guided Students, unemployed
Children: 8.00 € (guided/non guided) From 6 to 15 ans. Free for children under 6 yrs old.

TOUR OPTIONS FOR GROUPS

- By appointment, groups of a minimum of 20 people (or payment for 20), prices per person -

Adults

Guided tour of the **chateau** + visit of **park** (non guided) 12.00 €
Guided tour of the **chateau** + **wine tasting** + **park**..... 16.00 €
Guided tour in English, German and Danish, additional fee 50 € (per group)

School groups

Guided or non guided tour of the chateau + non guided tour of the park..... 8.00 €

Free tickets for: bus drivers, tour guides and children under 6 yrs old accompanied by a parent.

Enjoy the gardens of Ancy le Franc



Spend a delightful and bucolic time among friends or with your family in the Renaissance Palace!

After the tour of the interiors of the castle, experience the vast park with its historic gardens French and English and the two brand new vast contemporary gardens, the East and West parterres (original meeting of historic research and contemporary interpretation) just rewarded *Silver Victory* at the highly rated French Garden prize 'Victoires du Paysage 2018'

Enjoy this unique place, have a seat under centuries old trees in the English styled garden with the perfect view upon pond and folly (little 18th C. romantic pavilion), horse ring and the two new gardens on the East and West side with alleys, flowers, beautiful fountain and its springing water....

Opening hours: 10:00-12:30, 14:00-18:00. July, August 10:00 to 18:00

Rates: Chateau & park: 13 € (full), 11 € (reduced), 8 € (children 6 - 15 yrs old)

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2022 Program will come up very soon

19th Musical Season

Concert visits with **MUSICANCY**

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From June to September MUSICANCY offers concert visits: a special tour of the château (or a stroll in the park recently opened for visitors), followed by a unique concert.

Carte blanche is given to preferably the young generation of up-and-coming classical musicians.

Well-known musicians have been performing in Ancy le Franc as Jay Gottlieb, Jean-François Zygel, Trio Wanderer, Zho Xiao Mei, Alexandre Tharaud, Nemanja Radulovic, Roger Muraro, Café Zimmermann, Karol Beffa, Jacky Terrasson, Jérôme Pernoo et Jérôme Ducros, ...

After dinner drinks are provided by a wine producer from the region.

The concerts are held in the Guard's hall or, weather permitting, in the elegant Court yard or in the Orangery



Concert-visit: Ticket 22 €, Reduced rate: 14 € (members Musicancy), 16 €* (*large families, music schools, students, non-employed, groups min. 10 people).

Free admission for children under 12 accompanied by an adult.

Music Walk on summer 12 €, reduced rate 10 €, free kids – 12 yrs old.

For Information & reservations call Musicancy + 33 (0)6 25 52 27 87.

Tourist Offices in Tonnerre + 33 (03 86 55 14 48, in Montbard + 33 (03 80 92 53 81

or send an email to contact@musicancy.org

- Online reservation from 2 April and infos: www.musicancy.org –

Note in your diaries so as not to miss it.



In January only and by appointment Discover the **exhibition paleontological and archeological.**

Mr. Chary Rene (27/02/1956-13/03/2020) has dedicated his life to the study of **fossils and archaeological artifacts** it is a unique and priceless collection that he was keen to leave at the castle of Ancy le Franc so that his 45 years of excavation and research is admired by the greatest number of people..

Unfortunately, Mr Chary left us following a serious illness, before the exhibition was finally opened to the public (this first opening will be dedicated to his memory)

We thank his friends who came tirelessly to implement René's last wishes..

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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From Tuesday to Friday. Places: castle (Ground floor, last part of the tour)

Opening hours | 10h-12h30, 14h00 – 17h00

Rates | 13 € (adult), 11 € (reduced*), 8 € (from 6-15 years), free for under 6 years (accompanied by parents)

The ticket gives access to the entire domain.

The Château of Ancy le Franc

Rent of halls



An original setting for your private or professional receptions!

The Chateau of Ancy-le-Franc offers a splendid and extraordinary context for organizing your receptions, weddings, christenings, conferences, film shoots, cocktail parties and other events of your liking.

Inside or outdoor, beautiful spaces for big or small get-togethers!

opening of the orangery

Situated in Burgundy, in the middle of a magnificent park of 123 acres, the Chateau of Ancy-le-Franc is located on the banks of the Burgundy Canal. Between Lyon and Paris, between Auxerre and Dijon – Only 1 h from Paris by TGV to Montbard (25 mins from Ancy le Franc).



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Castle of Ancy-le-Franc

Castle Cottage rental

NEWS

To prolong the pleasure at the castle, in the courtyard of the farm, we offer this superb accommodation, which can accommodate up to 9 people



3 sumptuous bedrooms;

- Psyche's room with its king size bed and a child bed
- The room of Morpheus with its double bed and 1 mini junior
- The cupids' room with its 3 children's beds

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On the ground floor a beautiful fully equipped kitchen and a nice cozy and comfortable living room.

Rental for minimum 3 nights

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During your visit, discover the castle differently

FAMILY GAME



Castle side

Discover the brand new puzzle game

"The **Cursed**" at the Château d'Ancy le Franc.

Through the historic rooms on the ground floor and Psyche's apartment, try to solve the mystery of the Cursed, the famous skull that would haunt these walls. With friends or family, let yourself be guided through the various tests.

IT'S UP TO YOU! **#ancychateau #familygame**

8 € per game (4 to 6 players) in addition to the entrance ticket and within the limit of available game suitcases.



Park side

4 Kingdoms for a While invites you to discover the English park and the French gardens (new 2017/2018)

Will you be able to save the princess?

It will take a lot of courage

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THEMATIC VISIT



Every Saturday at 3pm (on reservation)

Ancy le Franc & Fontainebleau: Crossed destinies

Mural painting as a monumental decoration

Discover how François^{1st} was able to give birth in France to what is currently called the famous "School of Fontainebleau".

Learn also how Mannerism was able to impose itself as a great international style, both liberating and experimental for these artists in search of aesthetics.

For more than an hour, you will discover these galleries & paintings that have made the fame of these exceptional castles.

15 € the ticket / Information & reservation:

info@chateau-ancy.com or 03 86 75 14 63

Prestige lounge au Château d'Ancy le Franc.



Fancy a gourmet break in a unique setting? Let yourself be seduced by our brand new lounge prestige with a view of the English park.

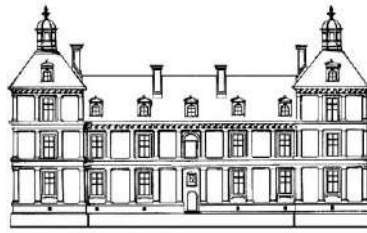
Plate of products from the region accompanied by a glass of wine (coffee/tea offered). Have the VIP lounge during your stay, a place of relaxation between courtyard and gardens 65 € / person, 100 € for two peoples (castle entrance + park includede)

Open from Tuesday to Sunday noon. Reservation at

03 86 75 14 63 (or administration.ancychateau@wanadoo.fr)

Cookery courses

in The Château of Ancy-le-Franc



A coming together of Gastronomy and Heritage



Masterpiece of the Italian architect Sebastiano Serlio, the Château of Ancy-le-Franc holds rare treasures, such as a remarkable collection of mural paintings attributed to great Masters from the School of Fontainebleau 16th century.

Considered as a jewel of the Renaissance in France, the Château has been undergoing extensive renovation works since 1999 in order to restore it to its past glory. Today the Château is a very active place, where many events take place: guided tours of the château, art exhibitions, concert-visits, antique fairs, cooking classes...

The privilege of an exceptional cookery course in a prestigious setting

The old kitchen of the château, recently restored, will be the setting for these cooking classes. These classes take place in the same location that hosted Louis XIV in the 17th century and that belonged to his famous minister the Marquis of Louvois. ...*Just imagine how many delicious dishes have been savored in this place over the centuries and how many aromas and spices filled these corridors...* ... *You will learn here the passion of the French cuisine by a highly talented chef and you will have a lot of fun and enjoyment doing it and tasting the result.*

After the success of the cooking classes since 2006, inspiring creative chief cooks from the region will concoct tasty programs for these delicious get-togethers:

Available for groups all year round (minimum 8 people/max 12 people)

An opportunity for having fun and exchanging tips, a discovery of French gastronomical abundance and of the creativity of young chefs.

You will enter the universe of fabulous chefs who have worked often for Famous French top chefs.

They elaborate creative contemporary French cuisine, with a subtle balance between tradition, classical inspiration and imagination, whilst preserving each product's original flavour. Mixing flavours, combining simplicity and audacity with perfect control, this is how their talent becomes art...

...Original seasonal dishes, a complete menu or recipes on a chosen theme. You will discover all from the traditional French pâté en croûte to the most refined flavors, crossing ancient vegetables or contemporary appetizer-snacks ...

The cookery courses will let you approach the culinary art in an educational and playful way with this expert who will share his know-how with you during an interactive session.

In one morning the participants can get familiar with the cooking techniques and skills of the chef. The tricks and secrets of the chef will add spice to the course, where everyone can get their hands dirty discovering the magic of culinary science.

The course is followed by a tasting of the meal in the old large kitchen.

Selected wines from the Burgundy Region will be served with the meal.

- All year round, for groups, by appointment -

Time: 10.00 - 14.00hrs

These cookery courses offer a unique opportunity to experience French creative cooking techniques and recipes. In 2-3 hours the cooking class will allow you to discover culinary secrets, tip and tricks under the guidance of the charming professional chef. As well as learning about selected ingredients and dishes in more depth, you'll create delicious recipes that will be easy for you to make at home. *Whether you are a complete beginner or a more experienced cook, you will appreciate these original sessions! (English spoken)*



The course is followed by a tasting of the meal in the old kitchen.

Dominique Gruhier wines from the Burgundy Region will be served with the meal.



Practical information:

Registration deadline: 3 weeks before the course

With a minimum of 8 participants

Fee: 150 € per person / 200 € / 250 €

Please contact us for program & further information.



All year round, for groups, by appointment:

Other options: the “**Gastronomic**” and the “**Privilege**”, where, in addition to the cooking classes, you'll benefit from a personalized greeting and an exclusive visit of the Château and the Park.

Please contact us for further information

(cooking classes, lunches or dinners for your private or professional events...)

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Rendez-vous in the Gardens // Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 June



For this national **Rendez-vous in the gardens** the château will offer a special reduced rate for the combined visit: **Château and park € 7** (single ticket price)

Enjoy the 2 new beautiful **gardens in the East and West side with flowers, fountains and alleys!**

Stroll through the park. Explore the beauty of this abundantly green spot, more than 123 acres. This **English-style park** on the south side, with a **pond, an island and a small pavilion – folly** from the 18th century, little **bridges, centuries-old trees**, basins, statues, horse ring...

During the walk visitors can explore the lovely path around the pond, in the shade of the Indian chestnut trees, a rare kind, a **300-year-old plane** tree that huddles up with an elegant semi-circle stone bench, a statue of **Diana the huntress** that dates back to the 19th century, the bridge of sighs of Ancy le Franc (small entrance / discrete exit off the grounds), elegant ancient 18th C. stone benches along the pathways for the walkers exploring the gardens, which also serve as a place for reflection and contemplation. Bring your binoculars: heron's nests hiding in top of the trees on the little island in the middle of the pond!

The Château d'Ancy le Franc and its park provide a marvellous encounter with nature and art.

A bit of history:

The château is located on the banks of the Armançon River and the Burgundy Canal and was built in the centre of a 123 acre-park. Magnificent flowerbeds, English-style and French-style gardens, small paths, a pyramid, various streams and a large pond with a small island that holds an 18th-century pavilion provide a delightful charm to this abundantly green area reminiscent of times gone by.

The French-style garden:

In 1684, when the Marquis de Louvois acquired the château, he set about to make it look like a 17th-century French residence. He had the remains of the medieval wall demolished, on the north-western side of the château, to free up space to build large outbuildings around the two yards.

To measure up to the grand buildings of that time period, **Louvois ordered Le Nôtre** to create a large French-style garden around the château opening up to the countryside. With magnificent flowerbeds, lawns, fountains and statues, Louvois tried to make Ancy le Franc into his own Versailles.

The English-style garden:

In 1759 the descendant of the Marquis de Louvois, the Marquis de Courtanvaux, transformed the gardens into an English-style park. He had an artificial lake dug out to the south of the building, with a romantic little island where he had a pavilion built, in an octagonal shape, to provide shelter for his idyllic leisure activities. The pavilion, named "*la folie*" is an elegant testimony to that time period. It was the favourite spot of the owners in the 18th century, and a place where they loved to set off fireworks.

Practical information and special rates this weekend: Saturday and Sunday: 10:00– 18.00 continuously

Special rate: Combined ticket: Château & park €7 (single ticket); free entry for children up to 6 yrs old

Château Individual visit with information sheets (in 10 languages) or audio tours (in 6 languages). **For the children: Kids audio tour + Renaissance outfits available + fun factsheets** for 4-to-8-year-olds for exploring the château.

Chateau of Ancy le Franc
Venice & Wine in the Palace
Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 July
Wine Fair & Venetian Weekend



Join us for the awesome event where The Renaissance palace becomes Venice for the weekend!

6th edition **Winemakers and Wineries** from the entire region
will transform the ground floor of the chateau into a **prestigious wine fair**
A delicious introduction to variety of Burgundy Wine



‘Grands Vins de Bourgogne’

A large range of local wine

Tasting & sale!



Sale of art crafts: jewellery in Murano glass & refined old-styled hats

*During the weekend **70 people dressed up like at the Carnival in Venice**
will be walking around in the whole setting: **palace and gardens***

Grand parade 14:30

Saturday 10:00 – 19:00, Sunday 10:00-18:00

Admission 13 € with the special wine tasting glass

Admission fair & park only: 3 € or 6* €

Double ticket château, park, gardens & fair 11 € or 13 €*

*with the special wine tasting glass

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European Heritage Days

Château of Ancy-le-Franc



Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 September 2022

An Extraordinary Visit of castle & park

with the Special opening of a new part of the ground floor

The Room of Zodiac and the Chamber of Psyche

with outstanding decors; vault and 16th murals

The visit starts in the honour court yard, continues at the 1st floor through apartments, halls and galleries lavishly decorated. The visitors will discover the **decors of grotesques**, murals representing mythological and religious scenes, rooms and cabinets elegantly decorated, beautiful coffered ceilings, marble floors ...

The huge **Guard's hall**, the private **Chapel**, the **Room of Arts** with the decor attributed to Primatice, School of Fontainebleau, the **Study of Pastor Fido** with its sculpted wainscotings, the famous **Room of Flowers** with the panelling painted with more the 35 different flowers (17th century), the **Room of Judith** with the story of Judith and Holophernis illustrated on the 9 paintings, **The King's Room** where Louis 14th once passed the night, The apartment of Diana, the special opening of the North West wing with the Room of Zodiac and the Chamber of Psyche...

A true journey through 5 centuries of French History...

Opening hours: Visit at your own pace from 10hrs to 18hrs

Renaissance dresses available for children (4-8 yrs. old) & play sheets (6-12 yrs. old)

7 € (full), 3 € (6-15 yrs. old) Free for children up to 6 yrs. old..

Documents in 10 languages for the visit (or audio guides)

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View of the Playmobil Exhibition of 2019



For the 4th time thousands of Playmobil® will land at the Château d'Ancy le Franc for a new exhibition!

The exhibition area is tripled, you have never seen the same in the castle!

The mythical figurine, the smile always present and the cult and timeless haircut, will enchant the Renaissance Palace with all his boyfriends and their innumerable accessories. An **unmissable exhibition** in the Burgundy-Franche-Comté region, which promises to be gigantic and exceptional ! For 7 months, it will be possible to discover impressive installations and scenes (dioramas) on the theme of Super Heroes !

Among these famous "dioramas"; thousands of small figurines gathered in **meticulous staging**, will amaze with every detail !

*Discover the multicolored installations and scenes, playful and intriguing, fun, tender, and less tender (...) **History in Playmobil** In each "painting" are played incredible scenes, in every corner, you will see the most meticulous details, ... It is a real feast of the eyes!*

A great outing for the whole family ! Children will be impressed, and also parents and grandparents will enjoy finding the toys of their childhood.

*This exhibition comes from a private collection - neither sponsored nor organized by Playmobil®
- Courtesy of Playmobil® France.*

Take the opportunity to discover and/or rediscover the Italian Renaissance Palace, its decor and furniture, its apartments, its large park and new gardens with the same entrance ticket

The entrance ticket is all-included : exhibition, castle, park & gardens

Location | castle (guard room, dining room, archives room, ... **more than 750 m²**

Tuesday to Sunday and public holidays

Opening hours | 10h-12h30, 14h00 – 17h00 – (18h during all school holidays and every day from April)

Weekends and public holidays: 10am-6pm without interruption from April and all school holidays.

Rates | 13 € (adult), 11 € (reduced*), 8 € (from 6-15 years), free for under 6 years (accompanied by parents)

Note: The entrance to the exhibition gives access to the visit of the castle and the **park** (free visit / without a guide)

School on reservation (possibility to picnic on site)

** STUDENTS, large families, jobseekers, groups (+20 people), Tourist Pass « Route des Ducs de Burgundy » & "Les Incontournables", "Cézam" cardholders, TOYS'R'US Carte'R'Us loyalty card holders & subscribers to the ARKEO magazine (on presentation of proof).*