

## 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).



### GUIDED TOUR DEPARTURES:

- Please notice it can be visited with an English speaking guide from 31 March to 4 November on weekend, public holidays and extra day at 2.30 p.m. Following schedules concern guided tours in French language.
- From 2 January to 30 March: weekend and daily during French school holidays (zones B & C), at 2.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.
- From 31 March to 6 July: weekend, public holidays and extra day, from 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. - week at 4 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. - week during French school holidays (zones B & C), from 3.45 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.
- 9 & 10 June: Medieval Festival of Provins: from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- From 7 July to 2 September: weekend, public holidays and extra day, from 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. - week from 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- From 3 September to 4 November: weekend and public holidays from 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. - week at 4 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. - week during French school holidays, from 3.45 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.
- From 5 November to 31 December: weekend, public holidays and extra day, and daily during French school holidays, at 2.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.
- 15 & 16 December: Christmas in Provins: from 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

■ Guided tour: about 45 min.

## 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, goldsmith crafted religious objects, and the famous 12th century chasuble of Saint Edme.

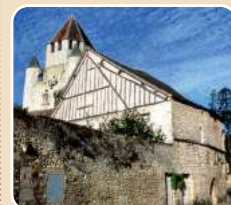
### OPENING HOURS:

- From 13 January to 16 February: weekend from noon to 5.30 p.m.
- From 17 February to 8 June: daily from noon to 5.30 p.m.
- 19 May: The European Night Museums: late opening from 5.30 p.m. to midnight.
- From 9 June to 9 September: daily from 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
- From 10 September to 4 November: daily from noon to 5.30 p.m.
- From 5 November to 16 December: weekend and public holidays from noon to 5.30 p.m.
- Annual closure: from 1 to 12 January, 26 August, and from 17 December 2018 to 8 January 2019 inclusive.

PRICES: adult 4 € - reduced price 2 €

■ 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.

## The House of local products and handicrafts

In the heart of the upper town, Place du Châtel, discover and share the know-how behind traditional products and handicrafts: shops, periodic demonstration and making. Information point and special access for the disabled persons.

### OPENING HOURS:

- From 27 January to 30 March: weekend, public holidays, and daily (except on Mondays) during French school holidays (zones B & C), from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- From 31 March to 30 September: daily, except on Mondays, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- From 1 October to 4 November: daily, except on Mondays, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- From 5 November to 24 December: weekend and daily (except on Mondays) during French school holidays, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Annual closure: from 1 to 26 January, 11 November, and from 25 to 31 December.

FREE ENTRANCE



## KEY INFO

How to get to Provins  
80 km south east from Paris



Paying car park on weekend, public holiday and extra day during the high season.

## TICKET SALES OUTLET

Buy and book your stay online on the official web site of Provins Tourisme, [www.provins.net](http://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...  
33 (0) 892 692 694 (0,40 € / min) - [www.francebillet.com](http://www.francebillet.com)  
Ticketnet: Virgin, Auchan, E. Leclerc, Cora, Cultura...  
33 (0) 892 390 100 (0,45 € / min) - [www.ticketmaster.fr](http://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 to 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](http://www.seine-et-marne.fr)

### Day trips by coach + tickets

With PARISCityVision, from Paris. Information and booking online: [www.parcityvision.com](http://www.parcityvision.com) or call 33 (0) 1 44 55 61 00.

### By train SNCF Transilien

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

### Tourist shuttle at the Provins SNCF station

At the arrival and departure of the trains coming from Paris: from 7 April to 1 September, on weekend and public holidays. Minibuses take you to the various tourist landmarks. Information on [www.provins.net](http://www.provins.net)

## PROVINS TOURISME (TOURIST OFFICE)



- From 2 January to 30 March and from 5 November to 31 December: weekends and public holidays from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. - week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- From 31 March to 4 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, post office and bread deposit during the high season. 3D and scale model of Provins, audiovisual presentation, souvenir shop and discovery of the Provins region with interactive boards and quizzes.



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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 Voultze 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. The scenography will take you back in time to give you a glimpse of the everyday life at the tower eight centuries ago. 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!

### OPENING HOURS:

- From 2 January to 30 March: daily from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- From 31 March to 4 November: daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- From 5 November to 31 December: daily from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- 15 & 16 December: Christmas in Provins: from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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.

### OPENING HOURS:

- From 2 January to 30 March: weekend, public holidays and daily during French school holidays (zones B & C), from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- From 31 March to 2 September: daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- From 3 September to 4 November: weekend and public holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - week from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- From 5 November to 31 December: weekend, public holidays and daily during French school holidays, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- 15 & 16 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.





# Visits

## The Pass Cards

**To see more and spend less!**  
These packages include the entrance to the 4 monuments: Caesar Tower, underground galleries, Tithe Barn and museum.

	This package includes	Cut-prices for medieval shows, Tourist Train and Provins Rose Garden	Period of validity	Price for adult	Price for child *
Pass Provins	1 entrance for each monument	only on the purchase day	1 year from the purchase day according to the opening hours	12 €	8,50 €
Pass Famille				2 adults and their children*: 35.50 €	

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

Passes not available for 9 & 10 June, 26 August, and 15 & 16 September.  
Passes don't include the extra entrance to the events like the Medieval Festival of Provins or the Harvest Festival.

## The mobile app

Discover Provins and the Provins region thanks to a free app: <http://tc.cx/ZYrX>

It is available in English and Spanish, for Android ou IOS version, via a WI-FI up connection! This app doesn't give access to the paying monuments of the medieval town: Caesar Tower, Tithe Barn, Underground galleries and Museum.



## The Tourist Train

An original way to discover the medieval town of Provins a UNESCO World Heritage site. In group or individually. Recorded comments about the history and the main monuments of Provins available in French and in English. The ticket is available all day round.

- From 31 March to 30 April: weekend and public holidays from 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. (except from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.).
- From 1 May to 2 September: daily from 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. (except from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.).
- From 3 September to 4 November: weekend and public holidays from 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. (except from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.).
- No Tourist Train on 8, 9 & 10 June, and 25 & 26 August.
- Circulates on 7 July and 4 August until 5 p.m., and from 2 p.m. on 30 September.

**PRICES:**  
adult 6,50 € - child 4,50 € (5-12 years old).  
Cut-prices with the Pass Cards:  
adult 5,90 € - child 4,10 € (5-12 years old).  
■ Lasts of the whole tour: 30 min.

(Information open to modifications).



# The 3 medieval shows

## The Eagles of the Ramparts

### Equestrian Falconry show!

If the Falconry would be told... in the Theatre of the Ramparts. Discover the Falconry through people like a real art of life: the lords of the medieval West, Arab nomads in the Middle East, the Kazakh hunters with eagles in Central Asia... You will be fascinated by the flight of eagles, hawks, falcons, kites, caracaras, vultures, owls and secretary bird in perfect harmony with horses, wolves and dromedary. An unforgettable aerial ballet! Since 2010, falconry is inscribed on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Lists. After the show, visit one of the greatest aviary in France, with about a hundred birds from 30 different species. Educational signs and shop. Show produced by Vol Libre Production. Ticket sales. No pets admitted (tourist train stop).



### PROGRAMME PLANNING:

- From 31 March to 30 April: weekend and public holidays at 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. - week at 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- From 1 May to 30 June: weekend and public holidays at 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 11.30 a.m. (groups), 1 p.m. (groups), 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- 9 & 10 June: Medieval Festival of Provins: at 2.30 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.
- From 1 July to 31 August: weekend and public holidays at 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. - week at 2.30 p.m., and 4.30 p.m.
- From 1 to 30 September: weekend 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 October to 4 November: weekend and public holidays at 2.30 p.m. and 3.45 p.m. - week at 2.30 p.m.

**PRICES:** adult 12,50 € - child 8 € (4-12 years old).  
→ Cut-prices with the Pass Cards: adult 11 € - child 6,50 € (4-12 years old).  
→ Other reduced prices, ask organizer.  
■ Doors open 30 min. before the beginning of the show.  
■ Length: 50 min.



A show produced by Vol Libre Production.

VISIT OF THE AVIARY

Pets not allowed on the sites of the 3 medieval shows.

## The Age of the Ramparts

### The History of Knights and their weapons...

The Lord of Provins helped by his proud knights and his devoted Raoul, delivers you all the secrets of the art of war in the Middle Ages! Between laughter and jokes, they will reveal their awesome weapons and their fabulous war machines like the trebuchet. They will make some demonstrations of shots, fights and equestrian games. Dedicated to the fascinating world of chivalry, this show is both fun and educational. May the best win! Educational signs about medieval siege engines. Shop.

### PROGRAMME PLANNING:

- From 30 April to 3 July: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (groups), Thursday and Friday at 11 a.m.

**PRICES:** adult 8 € - child 5,50 € (4-12 years old).  
→ Cut-prices with the Pass Cards: adult 6,50 € - child 5 € (4-12 years old).  
→ Other reduced prices, ask organizer.  
■ Doors open 30 min. before the beginning of the show.  
■ Length: 45 min.



COVERED GALLERY

A show produced by Equestro. Siege engines constructed by Renaud Befeylet.

## 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 calvacades 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.

### PROGRAMME PLANNING:

- From 31 March to 3 July: weekend and public holidays at 3.45 p.m. - week at 2.30 p.m.
- 9 & 10 June: Medieval Festival of Provins: on Saturday, shows at 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, shows at 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
- From 4 July to 31 August: weekend and public holidays at 3.45 p.m. - week at 3 p.m.
- From 1 to 30 September: weekend at 3.45 p.m. - week at 2.30 p.m.
- From 1 October to 4 November: weekend and public holidays at 3.45 p.m.

**PRICES:** adult 12,50 € - child 8 € (4-12 years old).  
→ Cut-prices with the Pass Cards: adult 11 € - child 6,50 € (4-12 years old).  
→ Other reduced prices, ask organizer.  
■ Doors open 30 min. before the beginning of the show.  
■ Length: 45 min.

A show produced by Equestro.



COVERED GALLERY

## The Provins Rose garden

### Presentation in preview of last creations of roses.

At feet of monuments, you will find a quiet and charming rose garden. 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... Tearoom with terrace, tasting of rose specialities, shop, sale of rose bushes, exhibition room and music concerts.



### OPENING HOURS:

- From 2 February to 30 March : Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - daily during French school holidays (zones A, B & C), from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- From 31 March to 11 November: daily from 10 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.
- From 12 November to 31 December: Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - daily during French school holidays (zones A, B & C), from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**PRICES:** high season 7 € - low season 4,50 €  
→ Cut-price in high season with the Pass Cards 6,50 €  
■ Annual ticket 21 € - Free for visitors 12 years of age and under.  
■ Cut price and free entrance according to flowering.



# CALENDAR 2018



## ... Provins

■ **Easter egg hunt: 1 & 2 April.** Free treasure hunt to find chocolate eggs, for children 12 years of age and under.

■ **The European Night Museums: 19 May.**

■ **Sound & Light show of Provins: 8, 9, 15 & 16 June.** Evening show bringing medieval Provins and the epic story of Thibaud of Champagne to life.

■ **Medieval Festival of Provins: 9 & 10 June. "Humans and Beasts"** is the theme for the 35th edition of this great historical re-enactment: troubadours & acrobats, musicians, dances... to bring alive the festive atmosphere of the Fairs of Champagne.

■ **Provins by candlelight: 7 July and 4 August.** Exceptional evenings to discover Provins and its heritage in a magic way, by candlelight: guided tour, street animations, music & evening shows.

■ **Feast of Saint-Ayoul: 21 July.** Roasters and feasters welcome you to savour delicious meals during a festive and lively dinner.

■ **Tales & Legends: from 10 to 12 August.** 4th edition of this fantastic and magic festival.

■ **Harvest Festival: 26 August. "The Farm Bestiary!"** 48th edition of this traditional festival: parade of wheat-decorated floats, ancient cars & tractors, world music, folk dance, old-style threshing...

■ **National Medieval Book Prize: 8 September.** 12th edition of this prize which rewards a book about the Middle Ages.

■ **Heritage Days: 15 & 16 September.**

■ **The Easel Tournament: 23 September.** Painting competition open to amateur artists. The painters install their easel in the medieval town, according to their inspiration.

■ **The Rampart Foot Race: 30 September.** A road race which proposes 2 departures: 6kms (1 circuit race) and 17kms (3 circuit races).

■ **The Autumn Fair: 7 October.**

■ **Christmas in Provins: 15 & 16 December.** Medieval market, animated crib, skating rink, guided tours and also many activities for an original and a traditional Christmas.

## ... Provins neighbourhood

■ **Ferra Botanica in La-Ferté-Gaucher: from 31 March to 30 September.** Vélorail circuit dedicated to nature with possibility of packed lunch.

■ **Words of Plants in La Ferté-Gaucher: 5 and 6 May.** 3rd edition of this day dedicated to plants and nature lovers: craftsmen, professionals, animations, etc.

■ **Terroir Tradition Festival: 19 August.** Local producers and craftsmen meet every year in a different village to promote their know-how.

■ **The Longueville AJECTA Railway Museum (Musée Vivant du Chemin de Fer de l'AJECTA):** steam locomotives and antique vehicles: museum open on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays from May to October - on Sunday and public holidays the rest of the year. Rides in a steam engine train, "Heritage Days" on 15 & 16 September, and other special trains for events and during high season.

■ **Cider Festival in Beton-Bazoches: 14 October.** Tasting & animations around cider, and great fair.

■ **In the Bassée Montois region:** the National Nature Reserve of the Bassée, the medieval village, cloister and garden of Donnemarie-Dontilly, the "Musée du 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.

■ **In the 2 Morin region:** the garden-nursery of the "Point du Jour" in Verdolot, the "Typography and Printing Museum" in Rebais, the "Departmental Museum of Seine-et-Marne" and "The Pierre Mac Orlan House" in Saint-Cyr-sur-Morin, The "Labymaïs of the Brie" (cornfield maze) in Saint-Barthélémy, the "Mechanical leisure Center" with car racing circuit, quad ride, 4x4 vehicles and karting in La Ferté-Gaucher.

■ **And so many sports activities:** hiking, archery, canoeing-kayaking, riding, water skiing, ultra-trail, fishing...

This is not the complete list of events and places that should not to be missed. A calendar is available on [www.provins.net](http://www.provins.net) or call Provins Tourisme.

Sound & Light show of Provins



Medieval Festival of Provins



Ferra Botanica in La Ferté-Gaucher



Museum in Saint-Cyr-sur-Morin



Cloister of Donnemarie-Dontilly



AJECTA Museum in Longueville