

PROVINS TOURISME
TOURIST OFFICE

This guide is offered to you by "Provins Tourisme, entre Bassée, Montois et Morin", your chosen intermediary during your stay in Provins and the whole territory. Our tourist agents welcome and inform you 7 days a week. You can choose a Pass card, book a medieval show or an activity... Many services are at your disposal: welcome area with landscaped esplanade, sheltered picnic area, park and adventure playground for children, camper area, toilets, tourist train stop, cashpoint, souvenir shop, interactive boards and quizzes, scale model of Provins with an audiovisual presentation of the town's history, bread deposit and electric bike rental during the high season, post office.

OPENING HOURS:
 • from 27 March to 7 November 2021: daily from 9 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
 • from 2 January to 26 March 2021 and from 8 November 2021 to 25 March 2022: weekend and public holidays from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. - week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 • annual closure of Provins Tourisme and all the monuments on 1 January and 25 December



Welcome area "Villectran", more services to accommodate you



pass cards

Provins Pass and Family Pass

To see more and spend less! These packages include the entrance to the four monuments:

- Caesar Tower • Tithe Barn • Underground Galleries • Museum

Passes not available for 12 & 13 June, 29 August, and 18 & 19 September. Passes don't include the extra entrance to the events like the Medieval Festival of Provins or the Harvest Festival.

	This package includes	Price for adults	Price for children*	Cut-prices for visits, medieval shows, Tourist Train and Provins Rose Garden	Period of validity
Provins Pass	1 entrance for each monument	12 €	8,50 €	only on the purchase day	1 year from the purchase day according to the opening hours
Family Pass	2 adults and their children*	35,50 €			

*Children: 4-12 years old. Limited to 5 children for Family Pass

"Âme de Jardins" Pass

Discover the most beautiful gardens of the territory!
 Designers' gardens or historical gardens, come and live a visual, olfactory and human experience... This theme takes you to the most beautiful gardens, three of which are listed as "Remarkable Garden". This ticket is valid for 1 year and gives access to every participant garden.
PRICE: 15 €



visits

The Priory of Saint-Ayoul

The Priory of Saint-Ayoul, cradle of the medieval town of Provins, opens its doors in 2019 after 15 years of restoration. Visit this thousand-year old architectural ensemble! Audio-guided visits available in English and in exchange for identity papers. No pets admitted.
 • From 27 March to 29 August 2021: daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 • From 30 August to 7 November 2021: weekend and public holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - week from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 • From 2 January to 26 March 2021 and from 8 November 2021 to 25 March 2022: weekend, public holidays and daily during the French school holidays (zones B & C) from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 • Length: 45 min - Last admission 15 min before closure of the monument
PRICES: adults 4,30 € - children 2,80 € (4-12 years old)
 Cut-prices with the Pass Cards: adults 2,80 € - children 2 € (4-12 years old)

The Tourist Train of Provins

An original way to discover the medieval town of Provins, inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List. 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. (Information open to modifications).
 • from 27 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 27 August: daily from 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. (except from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.)
 • from 30 August to 7 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 11, 12 & 13 June, and 28 & 29 August
 • on 3 July and 7 August until 5 p.m., and on 3 October from 2 p.m.
 • re-opening on 26 March 2022

PRICES: adults 7 € - children 5 € (4-12 years old)
 Enjoy reduced prices when you buy Pass Cards in Provins Tourisme or in the monuments: adults 6,30 € - children 4,50 € (4-12 years old)
 • Length of the complete tour: 30 min.

ELECTRIC BIKES

Book your electric bike and discover our landscapes at your own rhythm!
 Half-day, daily and weekend rental.

PRICES: From 8 € for two hours
 ■ Information and rental at Provins Tourist Office

MEDIEVAL SHOWS



kites, vultures, owls and secretary bird... This magnificent aerial ballet in perfect harmony with horses, donkey and dromedary 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 sales. No pets admitted. Show produced by Vol Libre Production. (tourist train stop).

- from 27 March to 2 May: weekend and public holidays at 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. - week at 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- from 3 May to 2 July: weekend and public holidays at 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 2.30 p.m. (at 11.30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. for groups) - Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- 12 & 13 June: Medieval Festival of Provins: at 2.30 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.
- from 3 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. (at 11.30 a.m. for groups)
- from 1 to 30 September: weekend at 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. - week at 2.30 p.m.
- from 1 October to 7 November: daily at 2.30 p.m.
- re-opening on 26 March 2022
 • Length: 45 min.



Blanche de Castille. While the luxurious city is desired by dark forces, our knights should fight and just. 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! Educational signs and shop. Ticket sales. No pets admitted. Show produced by Equestrio.

- from 27 March to 5 July: weekend and public holidays at 3.45 p.m. - week at 2.30 p.m.
- 12 & 13 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 5 July to 31 August: weekend and public holidays at 3.45 p.m. - week at 3 p.m.
- from 1 to 12 September: weekend at 3.45 p.m.
- from 13 September to 24 October: weekend at 3.45 p.m. - Tuesday and Thursday at 2.30 p.m.
- from 25 October to 7 November: weekend and public holidays at 3.45 p.m. (Possibility of additional shows during the French school holidays)
- re-opening on 26 March 2022
 • Length: 45 min.

COMMON PRICES FOR BOTH SHOWS:
For 1 show, "The Legend of the Knights" or "The Eagles of the Ramparts":
 adults 12,50 € - children 9,50 € (4-12 years old)
 • reduced price: adults 11 € - children 6,50 € (4-12 years old)
 Reduced price for people with Pass Cards, students, senior, large family (only for children), people with reduced mobility and on Wednesday for children (except during school holidays). For more information, ask organizer.
For 1 show bought, receive a reduced price for the second show:
 • reduced price: adults 11,50 € - children 7 € (4-12 years old)
 Only on weekend and extra holidays. On presentation of the first ticket (bought the same day) at the desk of the second show. This offer is not valid for the Medieval Festival of Provins and the Harvest Festival.



Knights and real medieval war machines in action. Thibaud IV, the Lord of Provins, with his knights and his devoted and joker Raoul, invite you in his domaine in order to deliver all their secrets. Discover their lives through period weapons, heraldry and war machines like the Couillard, the Trebuchet and the Mangonel, which were used to attack or defend the castles and the cities. Between anecdotes and tomfooleries, our knights will show their skills and dexterity during equestrian games. This educational show full of demonstrations is a beautiful illustration of the Middle Ages to learn while having fun. Educational signs about medieval siege engines. Ticket sales. No pets admitted. Show produced by Equestrio.
 • from 12 April to 2 July: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 11.15 a.m.
 • re-opening on 11 April 2022
 • Length: 30-35 min.
PRICES: adults 8 € - children 5,50 € (4-12 years old)
 Enjoy reduced prices when you buy Pass Cards in Provins Tourisme or in the monuments: adults 6,50 € - children 5 € (4-12 years old)
 For combination ticket "Swords and Donjon" + "The Legend of the Knights", enjoy the "Knight Pass": adults 17,50 € - children 11,50 € (4-12 years old)



Evening equestrian show during "Provins by Candlelight": fire horses will astonish you with equestrian acrobatic feats and stunts. Show produced by Equestrio.
 • 3 July and 7 August at 9.30 p.m. and 11 p.m.
PRICES: adults 10 € - children 6 € (4-12 years old)
 Tickets sold at the entrance of the show from 12 p.m. the D-day or on www.equestrio.fr
 • Length: 30 min.

everything there is about ancient roses - Rosa Gallica (rose of Provins), Alba, Damascena, and modern roses which flower until autumn. Presentation in preview of last creations of roses. Garden of medieval plants. During the period of hot weather, you can have a walk in this cool garden, bordered by streams; enjoy the cosy atmosphere around the fireplace from the arrival of the cold weather. Tea-room with terrace, sale of rose bushes, exhibition room and music concerts.
 • from 27 March to 11 November 2021: daily from 10 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.
 • from 1 February to 26 March 2021 and from 12 November 2021 to 25 March 2022: 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 (zones B & C) from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 • annual closure from 1 to 31 January 2022

PRICES: Spring/Summer 7 € - The rest of the year 4,50 €
 annual ticket 21 € - free for visitors 12 years of age and under
 Enjoy reduced prices when you buy Pass Cards in Provins Tourisme or in the monuments during spring and summer: 6,50 €

KEY INFO

- High season from 27 March to 7 November 2021
- Low season from 2 January to 26 March 2021 and from 8 November 2021 to 25 March 2022

- The Count Thibaud Tour
 - The Rose Road
 - The Rampart Tour
 - Meeting point between walks: the Count of Champagne's coat of arms
 - Electric bike rental
 - Tourist train stop
 - Picnic area
 - Camper area
 - "Tourism & Handicap" stamp
- Prices for information only and open to modifications.

The House of local products and handicrafts

In the heart of the upper town, discover and share the know-how behind traditional products and handicrafts: shops, periodic demonstration and making. Tourist information office and Pass Card sales. Special access for the disabled persons. Tourist train stop.



Opening hours of the Tourist information office:
 • from 27 March to 29 August 2021: daily from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Closed on Monday.
 • from 30 August to 7 November 2021: daily from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Closed on Monday.
 • from 30 January to 26 March 2021 and from 8 November 2021 to 25 March 2022: weekend from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 • annual closure: 11 November 2021, and from 25 December 2021 to 31 January 2022.
FREE ENTRANCE

SUGGESTED SIGHTSEEING WALKS

To help you discover the history and sites of medieval Provins, why not try one of these three sightseeing walks. The only costs involved in these walks are entrance fees to the various monuments. You can follow them only thanks to this guide, no sign or panel in the medieval city.

- Where a walk itinerary includes this sign (cross with X), it indicates the site of an information board by the monument. The explanations given on these boards provide further information about the monument's history.
- Why not spoil yourself? take a moment during your sightseeing walk to discover the shops, craftsmen, restaurants and accommodation mentioned on the back of this sheet.

Orange Itinerary: The Count Thibaud Tour
 • Length: 1h30 hour
 • Difficult part of the walk: The steeply sloping Rue Saint-Thibault

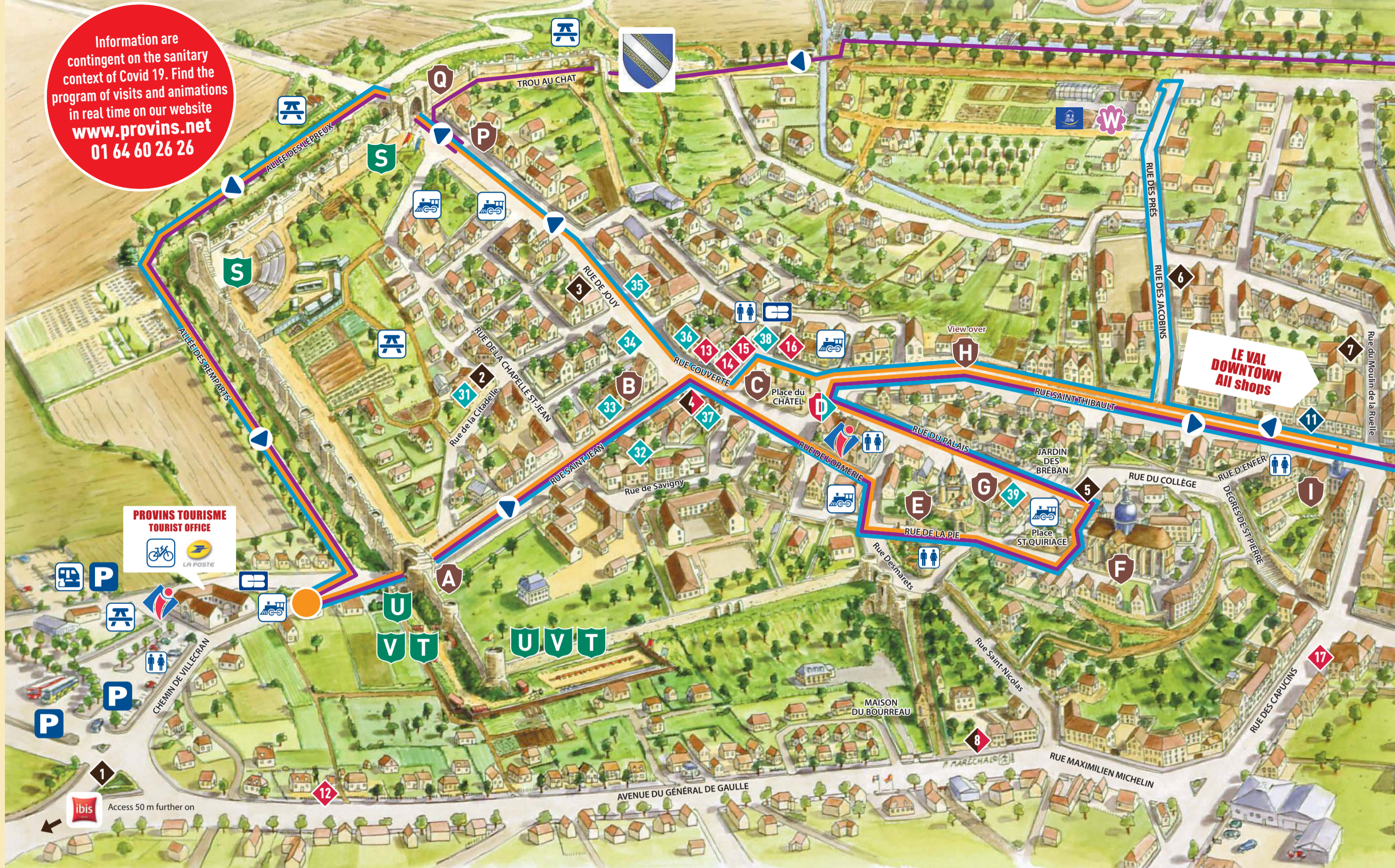
Thibaud IV is the most famous of the Counts of Champagne. Known as "The Songster", he was a poet and skilled horseman who took part in several crusades for the French crown. He instituted the safe conduct system to protect merchants and their wares from highway robbery by means of an armed escort, thereby enabling the town of Provins to become the capital of the medieval Champagne Fairs.

Blue Itinerary: The Rose Road
 • Length: 2.30 to 3 hours
 • Difficult part of the walk: The steeply sloping Rue Saint Thibault and Rue des Jacobins

One of the town's strongest symbols, the Damascus rose is an ancient variety brought back from the crusades by Count Thibaud. This ancestor of all our present-day rose varieties was formerly renowned for its medicinal properties. The Damascus rose flowers at the end of May and in June and is often likened to a dog rose. You can admire the Provins Rose Garden and even try some rose petal jam, sweets, syrup, ice-cream, etc. in our local shops.

Purple Itinerary: The Rampart Tour
 • Length: 2.30 to 3.30 hours
 • Difficult parts of the walk: The steeply sloping Rue Saint Thibault, plus the steep gradient of the Trou-au-Chat at the end of Boulevard d'Aligre

The impressive tower ramparts have dissuaded many enemies from attacking Provins. They developed as the town grew, eventually measuring as much as 5 kilometres in length. The ramparts are fortified by a unique variety of tower shapes - square, rectangular, polygonal, round or almond-shaped.



Information are contingent on the sanitary context of Covid 19. Find the program of visits and animations in real time on our website www.provins.net 01 64 60 26 26

Cross the shop of the Tourist Office and head towards the old town to admire:

The Saint-Jean's gate and the ramparts
 These splendid fortified walls were built in the 13th century. They are being restored. The gate's purpose with its two almond-shaped towers, was to ensure the protection of the old road to Paris. On the right, you can find the medieval show area for "The Age of the Ramparts" and "The Legend of the Knights".
 Go under the archway and along Rue Saint-Jean. Stop in front of the fine 13th century merchant's house on your left:

The Tithe Barn
 This typical Provins house with its superb vaulted cellar used to be rented to the merchants of Toulouse when they came to town for the Champagne Fairs. The audio-guided visit takes you back to this lively era thanks to the scenography, which brings to life the main crafts and merchants of this time. Loan of the audio-guide against identity paper. Ticket and Pass Card sales. No pets admitted.
 • from 27 March to 29 August 2021: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 • from 30 August to 7 November 2021: weekend and public holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - week from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 • from 2 January to 26 March 2021 and from 8 November 2021 to 25 March 2022: weekend, public holidays and daily during French school holidays (zones B & C) from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 • 11 & 12 December 2021: Christmas in Provins: from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
PRICES: adults 4,30 € - children 2,80 € (4-12 years old)
 • Length: about 35 min - Last admission 15 min. before closure of the monument.

Turn right at the end of the road, and enter:
La Place du Châtel
 This is the very heart of the upper town. In its centre stand an ancient well and the "Exchange Cross" dated from the 13th century, where there were financial transactions. Also called the "Cross of the Edicts", it was used as a public notice board for the edicts of the Counts and later for those of the King. All around you can see the Four Gable House, the Minor Offender's court, the Cockle-Shell House, the remains of the Saint-Thibault church... (tourist train stop).
 At the far side of the square walk down Rue de l'Ormerie and Rue Desmares. Can you see the typical façades of the stone built houses? The smallest door in each house leads to the cellar, 150' of which lie scattered throughout the town. These cellars are usually vaulted, with carved pillar capitals. They were occasionally used as store-rooms during the Champagne Fairs, and some even did duty as shops. After Rue Desmart, the Rue de la Pie will lead you to the impressive:

Caesar Tower
 This keep was built in the 12th century as a symbol of the Counts of Champagne's power. It was used as a watch tower, prison, bell-tower... The last floor offers a panoramic view over the town. At the end of your visit, a scenography will take you back in time to give you a glimpse of the reign of Henri the Liberal. Illumination at nightfall. Ticket and Pass Card sales. No pets admitted.
 • from 27 March to 7 November 2021: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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PRICES: adults 4,30 € - children 2,80 € (4-12 years old)
 • Length: about 35 min. - Last admission 15 min. before closure of the monument.
 Turn left on leaving the tower to discover charming Saint-Quiriac square. You must have noticed the dome as you arrived, and you are now in front of:

The Saint-Quiriac Collegiate church
 Erected in the 12th century by the will of Count Henri le Liberal, it has never been completed due to the French kingdom's financial difficulties under the reign of Philippe le Bel. The nave and the portal should have raised up to the end of the square. The dome was built in the 17th century following a fire. Illumination at nightfall (tourist train stop). Currently closed to the public for significant restoration works. (No interior visits!)
 Thibaud de Champagne High School (Lycée), former Palace of the Counts of Champagne, is on your right at the end of Rue Pierre Ythier.
 Take the stairway of "Jardin des Bréban" and find the information board. There you will see the palace in the schoolyard and read interested discoveries over the churches of Provins. Then, walk up Rue du Palais. The strange, uneven building at n° 7 is:

The Provins and the Provens area Museum
 Situated in the Romanesque House (12th century), one of the oldest of the town, it houses collections related to the town and its areas' history from Antiquity to the 19th century. Ticket sales. No pets admitted.
 • from 6 February to 11 June 2021: daily from noon to 5.30 p.m.
 • 15 May 2021: European Night Museums: from 5.30 p.m. to midnight
 • from 12 June to 19 September 2021: daily from 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
 • from 20 September to 7 November 2021: daily from noon to 5.30 p.m.
 • from 9 January to 5 February 2021 and from 8 November 2020 to 19 December 2021: weekend and public holidays from noon to 5.30 p.m.
 • annual closure: 29 August, and from 20 December 2021 to 7 January 2022 inclusive
PRICES: adults 4 € - reduced price 2 €
 • Length: about 45 min. - Last admission 30 min. before closure of the monument.

All roads lead to Castel Square. Leave the square on your right by Rue Saint-Thibault, but be careful of the slope! Half-way down this road the astonishing building that you see far off to your left is:

The Franciscan Abbey
 Located out of the ramparts, this religious monument was built in the 13th century by the Earl Thibaud IV, on the hill face to his palace, after a vision of Sainte Catherine. It became a hospital in 1749, by order of Louis XV. The archives of the National Department of Patrimony and Historic Monument, and a college of tourism are kept in this building, which only opens to the public on rare occasions.
 On your right at the end of the road you will find:

The Underground Galleries and the General Hospital
 The guided tour will lead you through this wonderful network. Regular departures with 25 persons maximum. Ticket and Pass Card sales. No pets admitted. Above, the ancient palace of the countesses became the general hospital for the most disadvantaged in the 12th century.
 • ENGLISH GUIDED TOUR DEPARTURES:
 • from 27 March to 5 July 2021: weekend, public holidays and extra day at 2.30 p.m.
 • from 6 July to 29 August 2021: weekend, public holidays and extra day at 2.30 p.m. - week at 2 p.m.
 • from 30 August to 7 November 2021: weekend, public holidays and extra day at 2.30 p.m. - week at 4.30 p.m. - week during French school holidays at 4.15 p.m.
 • Please notice that guided tours in French language are available all year long. Information and booking in Provins Tourist Office.
PRICES: adults 4,50 € - children 3 € (4-12 years old)
 • Length: about 45 min. To be booked when purchasing ticket at the Tourist Office or in the monuments (ask for tour in English).
FROM THIS POINT YOU HAVE TWO OPTIONS:
 If you want to take **The Count Thibaud Tour**, go back up Rue St-Thibault and follow the itinerary starting from monument "P" (see below).
 If you prefer to continue **The Rose Road** or **The Rampart Tour**, follow the instructions on the other side of this sheet, before returning to the Count of Champagne's coat of arms for more discoveries...

In the middle of the Rue St-Thibault, take the Rue des Jacobins and the Rue des Prés if you want to visit The Provins Rose Garden. If not, continue to walk up. Cross Castle Square and go along Rue de Jouy to n° 34, which is:
 At the top of the slope, go through the Faneron Postern. The interior passageway formed by this semicircular stone arch enabled the town's inhabitants to come and go in safety. Bear left as you come out of the archway into Rue de Jouy and go to n° 34, which is:

The Holy Ghost Cellar
 This sumptuous vaulted cellar is the remnant of a general hospital for mendicants and pilgrims. Built in the 12th century, it has been destroyed by fire in the 17th century. Nowadays, it is used as a function room (tourist train stop).
 Go towards the fortified gate. The stairway here leads to the rampart walk, which you can follow freely as far as "The Eagles of the Ramparts" show area:

The Jouy Gate
 Erected in the 12th century, this door owned a pinnace, a small bell-skeep which permitted to watch out and warn against enemies.
 If you take Leper Alley (Allée des Lépreux) and Ramparts Alley, you can walk round the monuments as far as the Tourist Office, admiring the fine views and getting an idea of the strength of the town walls. Here on the corner stands the greatest of the rampart towers, the Engine Tower (so named because it is said that the metal parts used to make siege engines were stored nearby). The defensive ditch here has never been filled with water.

SIGHTSEEING WALKS (contd.)

This is the Count of Champagne's coat of arms. On a blue ground that symbolizes loyalty, beauty and perseverance, it is formed of a wide silver band (symbolizing wisdom and purity) and a T-shape formed by two bands of gold (the symbol of strength, intelligence, virtue and greatness). The vocabulary employed by students of heraldry when they describe a coat of arms is very specific: gold and silver hues are called metals, while other colours such as azure (blue) sinople (green) and gules (red) are known as enamels.

Take the Rue du Val. This part of the town was all marshland, until the water was drained off into a man-made artificial river. Along your way there are a number of admirable half-timbered houses, shown on the map by symbol . Some of them have been home to France's famous sons: Honoré de Balzac, Jules Verne, Edmond Nocard, Commemorative plaques, squares and streets bear witness to their passage. After Général Leclerc Square, follow Rue de la Cordonnerie through to Saint-Ayoult square, where you will find:

The Saint-Ayoult Church
The church square here was one of the earliest trade and commercial fair areas in Provins. It has been rebuilt many times since the 11th century. The modern sculptor Georges Jeancois carved its remarkable portal. This church has recently reopened its doors following major restoration work, the most significant since the 16th century: roofs, framework and facings; floors, walls and vaults; new stained glass windows and furnishings; and new lighting to add to its splendour. Discover the architectural ensemble Saint-Ayoult through an audio-guided visit. You will find all the information in the "VISITS" part, on the other side of the brochure.

On leaving the church, cross over to your right and follow Rue Vieille Notre-Dame to:

The Bell Tower of Notre-Dame-du-Val
Recently restored, this 16th century bell tower is all that remains of the church and cloister of Notre Dame du Val, destroyed during the French Revolution. Its bells come originally from Saint-Ayoult church.

Take Rue de la Cordonnerie once again, and turn right onto Avenue Alain Peyrefitte, then left into Rue du Petit Cimetière Sainte-Croix. You are in Rue Sainte-Croix facing the portal of:

The Sainte-Croix Church
Built in the 12th century on the site of an ancient chapel, the church here owes its name to a piece of the True Cross supposedly brought back to Provins by the son-in-law of Saint Louis, Count Thibaud V. Following a fire in 1305, the church was largely reconstructed in the 16th and 17th centuries, hence its Renaissance-style main portal. [No interior visits.]

Once again you have to make a choice at this point: If you want to complete **The Rose Road** walk, go to the end of Rue Sainte-Croix on your right, then turn right in to rejoin Rue du Val and walk back up Rue Saint-Thibault. You can then follow the final part of this walk as indicated on the back of the plan - your meeting point between walks is as shown at monument "P".

If you want to continue **The Rampart Tour** and discover more of the sights of Provins, turn left into Rue Toussaint Rose, then right just before the entrance to the Garnier Gardens and follow Rue du Durteint as far as the little bridge:

The Durteint and Vouzie Rivers
Woolen cloth was the great speciality of medieval Provins. Renowned for its good quality, the cloth's very dark blue colour (known as "ners" blue) was obtained thanks to the hardness of the River Durteint's water. Further, water was indispensable for many trades: dyer, tanner, butcher... At several points indicated on the map by the symbol , you will find picturesque view points over the rivers and their small private washhouses.

Garnier Gardens
These gardens and their majestic house are named after Victor Garnier, a rich benefactor who bequeathed his estate to the town in the 19th century. Formerly owned by a teaching order of nuns who looked after the education of the town's girls, the site was once used as a training ground for the town's crossbowmen. Today it still holds a number of traces of 13th and 17th centuries Provins, including the portico of the nuns' chapel (visible to the left of the house).

The Boulevard d'Aligre (or Aligre Walk)
Much used by the people of Provins, this large boulevard follows the line of the old ramparts that have been almost completely destroyed in this part of the town. The river Vouzie running alongside the boulevard marks the old moat ditch. A pleasant stroll along this boulevard affords some surprising views of the medieval town.

When you reach the end of the boulevard, cross over the little bridge on your left and go through the wooden gate. This point marks the start of your climb up what is known as the Trou-au-Chat, a name derived from one of the most formidable of medieval siege engines, the "Chas". This engine was a match for the strongest fortifications, and a nearby rampart tower was in fact breached by a "Chas" during one of the sieges of Provins.

If you want to continue this walk, return to the Count of Champagne's coat of arms, situated at the top of the map as indicated by monument "P".



KEY INFO

- Upper Town "Le Châtel"
- Downtown "Le Val"
- Fortified walls, ramparts
- World Heritage Area
- "Zone d'Activités" & "Zone Industrielle"
- The Count Thibaud Tour
- The Rose Road
- The Rampart Tour
- Meeting point between walks: the Count of Champagne's coat of arms

Icons for: Camper area, Electric bike rental, Tourist shuttle, Bus station, Historic houses, Picturesque river viewpoints, Holiday accommodation rated by "Gîtes de France", "Tourism & Handicap" stamp, Pharmacies.

why not spoil yourself?

ACCOMMODATION

Upper Town

- 1 IBIS ***** Night stopper on request Terrace - Free WiFi Closed car park Tel.: 01 60 67 66 67 h0856@accor.com
- 2 LA FERME DU CHÂTEL III** 5 guest rooms at Annie and Claude Lebel's house, in a typical farm from the Brie region - In the heart of the upper town - Private car park - WiFi 5, rue de la Chapelle Saint-Jean Tel.: 06 73 79 36 68 www.fermeduchateauprovins.com
- 3 HAUT JARDIN III** In the heart of the upper town Holiday cottages for 2 and 4 pers. Garden - Terrace - Private car park 21 rue de Jouy Tel.: 06 78 96 86 66 www.gite-haut-jardin-provins.com
- 4 AUX VIEUX REMPARTS** In the heart of the upper town Charming hotel with 42 rooms Bistro cuisine restaurant - Lounge Bar des Remparts in a 12th century vaulted cellar - Spa with indoor swimming pool, sauna, hammam, balneo, 3 booths including one for couples - Terrace - Car park 3, rue Couverte Tel.: 01 64 08 94 00 www.auxvieuxremparts.com
- 5 LA MAISON DU PALAIS** Apartment in the heart of the upper town for 6 pers. - Fully equipped WiFi - Car park 1, rue du Palais Tel.: 06 66 95 47 72 reservation@nice-place.fr
- 6 LE CLOS DES VIEUX BAINS III** Bed & Breakfast for 4 pers. - Wifi Terrace - Garden - Closed car park Close to the tourist sites, shops and sports facilities 4 Rue des Jacobins Tel.: 06 85 80 86 45 www.tecledesprovins.com

Downtown

- 7 DEMEURE DES VIEUX BAINS III** High-quality Bed & Breakfast in a listed 12th and 16th century house All mod cons with balneo and chromotherapy baths, massage showers, hammam, lounge with billiard Restaurant d'hôtes on booking Garden - Closed car park - Approved by the French tourist guide "Guide Michelin" 7, rue du Moulin de la Ruelle Tel.: 06 74 64 54 00 www.demeure-des-vieux-bains.com
- 8 STELLA CADENTE MAISON DE CRÉATEUR III** Wonderful house of the extraordinary fashion designer: Stella Cadente High quality rooms for a fairytale experience - Enchanting restaurant 28, rue Maximilien Michelin Tel.: 06 10 22 88 30 www.stellacadente-provins.com
- 9 LE CÉSAR HÔTEL****** High quality design hotel with 27 rooms in the heart of the medieval town - Bar Lounge - Landscaped terrace - Lounge - Well-being space Seminar - Secure car park 13, rue Sainte-Croix Tel.: 01 60 520 520 http://lecesarhotel.com
- 10 LES GÎTES GIVERS** 2 duplex for 2 to 4 pers. with all mod cons - WiFi - Ideally located near the historical monuments, station, market and shops - Close to a free car park 17, rue Edmond Nocard Tel.: 06 86 04 45 66 https://gitesgivers.mon-site-orange.fr

RESTAURANTS Upper Town

- 11 BANQUET DES TROUBADOURS** Lunch & dinner show, medieval feast with performers and musicians in a 12th century vaulted cellar Open Saturday midday & evening, and Sunday midday - From 20 March 14, rue Saint-Thibault Tel.: 06 70 50 08 58 www.provins-banquet-medieval.com
- 12 LA CURE D'AIR** French traditional gourmet cooking - Terrace - Closed on Sunday evening, Monday & Tuesday 1, rue des Capucins Tel.: 01 64 00 01 96
- 13 L'ÉTAIT UNE FOIS...** Inside the enchanting world of the Maison Stella Cadente - Elegant and original cooking - around the fireside during cold weather - Terrace Wooden parc - Set menu for lunch and brunch on weekends - Open from Tuesday evening to Sunday midday 54, avenue du Général de Gaulle Tel.: 01 60 58 02 87
- 14 AUX VIEUX REMPARTS** "Le Bistrot des Remparts" in the heart of the upper town in a picturesque setting - "Lounge Bar des Remparts" in a 12th century vaulted cellar Terrace - Car park Open daily 3, rue Couverte Tel.: 01 64 08 97 00 www.auxvieuxremparts.com
- 15 LE DÔME** Open daily 2, rue Couverte Tel.: 01 64 08 96 90 info@ledome-provins.com
- 16 CHEZ MAMMY** In the heart of the upper town - Pancakes, salads, meats, today's menu, etc. - Rose and honey specialties - Covered and warmed terrace - Air conditioning - Open 7/7 No reservation 16, place du Châtel Tel.: 01 60 67 78 10
- 17 L'ATELIER DU GÔUT** French traditional cooking Salad - burgers - meat Bar - Cocktails & smoothies Theme parties - Terrace Air conditioning - Open 7/7 during the high season 14, place du Châtel Tel.: 06 83 72 44 34

Downtown

- 18 P'IT REST'O** Traditional cooking and homey food - Salads - Bruschetta, burgers, home-made fries and desserts - Local and fresh products Theme parties - Terrace - Join us on Facebook Tel.: 01 60 58 86 72
- 19 LES BISTROPHILES** French traditional cooking - Food and groceries carrying the "Locally produced, locally cooked" label Air conditioning - Terrace - Open every midday, public holidays, and on Friday and Saturday evenings 44, rue du Val Tel.: 01 64 01 46 94 lesbistrophiles@gmail.com
- 20 L'APPART** Traditional cooking in a convivial ambience - Menu with local produce on weekend Wine bar - Terrace - Open from Thursday to Monday, midday & evening Closed on Tuesday and Wednesday 37, rue du Val (pedestrian street) Tel.: 01 64 08 32 91
- 21 BEST BROOKLYN CAKES** American specialties - Coffee Bagels - Pastries - Brunch on the 2nd Sunday of the month - Air conditioning Open from Tuesday to Saturday and on Sunday during special events Join us on Facebook 7 rue du Val Tel.: 09 51 74 34 55
- 22 LE ROSALIE** Grill restaurant Home-made products - Group menus Serving you since 1989 - Covered and warmed or outside terrace Join us on Facebook: Rosalie Grill 7, place Honoré de Balzac Tel.: 01 60 67 62 10 www.restaurantrosalie77.com
- 23 L'ESSENTIEL** Home-made cooking Fresh seasonal products - Selection of meat - Fish according to availability Bar Lounge - Private room hire Theme parties 33, rue Hugues Le Grand Tel.: 01 64 00 84 83 lessentielprovins@gmail.com
- 24 BELLA PIZZA'S** Elected the 4th best pizzeria of Seine-et-Marne - Hearty salads and tagliatelli with choice of sauces - Lunch menu - half-pizza - salad - dessert or beverage - Free WiFi - Closed on Sunday midday in high season, and on Sunday and Monday in low season 2, place St-Ayoult - Downtown Tel.: 01 64 00 00 62 www.bellapizzas.fr
- 25 SAUVES ET PLAISIRS** Traditional brasserie - Simmered dishes - Lounge ambience Warmed terrace - Closed on Sunday and Monday - Join us on Facebook & place St-Ayoult - Downtown Tel.: 01 60 58 41 70
- 26 L'UNATTENDU** Traditional cooking and specialties of meat and fish skewers Fresh seasonal produce - Air conditioning - Wheelchair access Open from Tuesday to Saturday, midday & evening 5, rue Abelard Tel.: 01 64 01 64 24 linattenduprovins@gmail.com
- 27 LUCKY WOK** Asian restaurant All-you-can-eat buffet without beverage - Wok, Grilled meats, Sizzling, Sushi - Sit-down meals and carry-out food - WiFi Open daily from noon to 2.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends, 2 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. 15, avenue de la Vouizie Industrielle Zone Tel.: 01 60 52 64 88 luckywokprovins@gmail.com
- 28 L'UZINE** Brasserie - Burgers Pizzas - tartares - Theme parties Open all day long - Outside terrace 15, avenue de la Vouizie Industrielle Zone Tel.: 01 60 67 72 44
- 29 L'ATELIER D'ODE** The boutique especially for girls: fancy jewels and accessories, silver rings, cloths and colourful bags, 100% hand-made tableware with vivid colours - Open all year round from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. during the week, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekend 7, rue Saint-Jean Tel.: 01 60 58 99 70
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- 33 LA CONFISERIE SAINT-JEAN** Confectionery - Sweets, chocolate and handmade fruit jelly ice cream roll - Waffles - Marshmallows 6 rue Saint-Jean Tel.: 07 87 91 06 11 www.laconfiserie saintjean.fr
- 34 LE ROY LIRE** Medieval bookshop in a gothic vaulted cellar: medieval books, calligraphy, wooden toys, souvenirs... - From April to December: from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. during the week and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends and public holidays - In low season: from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on weekends, public holidays and French school holidays and French school holidays - Closed on Monday 9, rue de Jouy Tel.: 01 64 00 52 71 roy@orange.fr
- 35 BISCUITERIE GOURMANDISES MÈDIEVALES** Discovery of biscuits from Middle Ages recipes - Tea room and medieval pastries - Medieval beers and wine - Terrace 12 rue de Jouy Tel.: 06 23 63 86 84 www.gourmandisesmedievales.com



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- 36 À LA CROISÉE DES CHEMINS** Medieval grocery - Choose from a wide range of teas, sugars, coccos and spices - Original range of wooden toys, products made by abbots, rose cosmetics, etc. Open all year round: from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. in week, and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekend 8, rue Couverte Tel.: 01 60 52 68 64
- 37 LA SAVONNERIE DE LA ROSE** Wide range of handmade and Aleppo soaps, candles, rose cosmetics, etc. For your body and to indulge in the sheer pleasure of bathing - Open all year round from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. during the week, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekend 4, rue de la Citadelle Maison aux 4 Pipettes (Place du Châtel) Tel.: 01 64 00 02 17
- 38 ÉCHOPPE PHOTO SOUVENIRS** Keepsake photographs in medieval Costumes - Souvenirs from Provins Medieval weapons - Great helm Cannon - Rental and sales of medieval costume - Wooden toys 10, place du Châtel Tel.: 06 02 64 66 40 echoppesphotosouvenirs@sfr.fr
- 39 LA RONDE DES ABELLES** Where honey meets the rose of Provins: candies and sweets, nougats, confits and honey - Cosmetics - Gift baskets Open all year: from 10.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekend - In week, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in high season, and from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. in low season - Closed on Tuesday and Wednesday in low season 3, rue des Beaux-Arts 3, rue des Beaux-Arts rdsprovins@gmail.com
- 40 MAISON GAUFFLIER** Winner of the "Talent Gourmand" award Chocolate maker Rose specialty products: candied rose petals (homemade), biscuits, meringues, macarons, chamois, hand-crafted jam... 2, rue Victor Garnier Tel.: 01 64 00 03 71
- 41 BRETH'S** Delicatessen - Wines, cheeses, rose specialties, gifts, etc. Open from Tuesday to Sunday midday 9, place St-Ayoult Tel.: 01 60 52 64 35
- 42 MÉDIEVALES CRÉATIONS PROVINS** Creations of clothes with medieval connotation, medieval headress, small leather craft, procession medieval wedding, theme evening, etc. - For women, children and men House of local products and handicrafts Place du Châtel (entrance 21, rue du Palais) Tel.: 06 23 63 86 84 www.medievales-creations-provins.fr
- 43 LA KAVERNE D'HERMERA** The well-being by stones: sale of minerals, hand-made and personalized jewels. (lithotherapy, massage on appointment) Join us on Facebook Hermera minéraux (lithothérapie) House of local products and handicrafts Place du Châtel (entrance rue de l'Ormeau) Tel.: 06 22 79 02 44

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Events 2021

Major events are programmed throughout the tourist season:

- The market of Provins:** Traditional covered market each Wednesday & Saturday morning, Rue du Minage, in the downtown.
- Easter egg hunt:** 4 & 5 April Free treasure hunt to find chocolate eggs, for children 12 years of age and under.
- The European Museum's Night:** 15 May
- Sound & Light show of Provins:** 4, 5, 11 & 12 June
- Medieval Festival of Provins:** 12 & 13 June "The Builders of the Middle Ages". 37th edition of this great historical re-enactment: troubadours & acrobats, musicians, dances... to bring alive the festive atmosphere of the Fairs of Champagne.
- The Easel Tournament:** 12 September Painting competition for amateur artists and young talents, with valuable awards.
- Heritage Days:** 18 & 19 September **The Rampart Foot Race:** 3 October
- The Niffette Festival (local pasty):** 11 November
- Christmas in Provins:** 11 & 12 December Medieval market, handicraft & xmas market, animated crib, and also many Christmas activities.

Provins by Candlelight: 3 July and 7 August Exceptional evenings to discover Provins and its heritage in a magic way, by candlelight: guided tour, street animations, music & evening shows.

Information are contingent on the sanitary context of Covid 19. Find the complete list of events on www.provins.net or by calling Provins Tourisme.

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