

"Chambord, a ride through History": a new and unique equestrian show directed by Mario Luraschi



Mario Luraschi © C. Morello

Chambord: a place where history and equestrianism converge

Since its construction in the 16th century under the patronage of François I, a great admirer of the arts and chivalry, the Domaine national de Chambord has maintained a close bond with the equestrian world. This architectural masterpiece has welcomed Kings, riders, and military strategists, including Marshal de Saxe, whose 18th-century stables now serve as the stage for an exceptional new equestrian performance.

Starting from 5 April 2025, Chambord will offer an immersive journey through five centuries of history with *Chambord, a ride through History*, a brand-new production directed by the undisputed master of equestrian spectacle, Mario Luraschi. In collaboration with the Cavalcade Company, this grandiose performance combines spectacular stunts, high-level dressage, and video projections to recount the most significant moments of Chambord and its illustrious inhabitants.

A historical fresco between equestrian art and heritage

For over a decade, Chambord has delighted visitors with equestrian performances showcasing its rich historical legacy. Following **François I, the Knight-King**, which explored the sovereign's ambition through his dreams of grandeur, **Chambord, a ride through History** seeks to bring the château's epic journey through the centuries to life.

Narrated by **Jean Dujardin**, this unique performance features **ten horses and eight riders**, portraying emblematic figures such as **François I, Louis XIV, Molière, and Marshal de Saxe**.

With a visually stunning production, including sumptuous costumes, specially designed sets for this exclusive Chambord performance, and innovative staging techniques, the show transports the audience into a spectacular adventure where the horse—an active participant in history—takes centre stage.

"Back in Chambord! What a pleasure to reconnect with this extraordinary historical monument and recount a part of its life, as one would for an old friend, while involving my lifelong companion—the horse."

Mario Luraschi

Production Team

Director: Mario Luraschi

Assistant Director: Dietrich Verzele

Narration: Jean Dujardin

Music: Frédéric Laforêt

Costumes: Fatima Azzakour

Set Design: Agnès Roy

Stage Manager: Camille Peschard

Riders: Marine Gourdon, Charlène Fructus, Dorian Ciboulle, Nicolas Triguer, Marc Therouin, Thomas Dedeken, Martin Remigereau, Tristan Rabate, Nathanael Foucault and Steve Jullian

Grooms: Justine Sauviac, Agathe Senechal and Naïs Lopez

"We are delighted to initiate this collaboration with Mario Luraschi and the Cavalcade Company for the equestrian performance "Chambord, a ride through History". Our ambition is to introduce an ever-wider audience, particularly families, to Chambord's history, allowing them to marvel and learn in this exceptional setting.

Furthermore, this 2025 production and the recent renovation works mark the first step in a broader project to restore and enhance the Marshal de Saxe's stables, aligning with the Château's Master Plan for Restoration and Development spanning 2025–2030."

Pierre Dubreuil,
CEO of the Domaine national de Chambord

Mario Luraschi and the Cavalcade company: equestrian excellence at the service of spectacle

A global reference in equestrian performances, Mario Luraschi is renowned for his expertise in stunt riding and action sequences, both in cinema (*The Count of Monte Cristo*, *The Three Musketeers*) and on stage. His mastery of dressage, horseback combat, and stage direction lends a unique cinematic dimension to the show.

The horses, meticulously trained by the Cavalcade Company in the Ermenonville Forest, will perform in an exceptional setting: Chambord's vast natural landscape, with its extensive equestrian trails. A rigorous partnership has been established between Chambord and the company to ensure **the horses' well-being**, a key priority for this production.



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A Historic setting: the marshal de Saxe's stables

Located just a few dozen Metres from the château, the Marshal de Saxe's 18th-century stables—recently restored—offer a majestic backdrop for this performance.

Now equipped with a renovated grandstand, modernised horse stalls, and a dedicated backstage area, this historic setting serves as a natural extension of the Chambord visit. It allows spectators to immerse themselves in the equestrian world while enjoying optimal comfort for the show.

A complete experience at Chambord

This performance is part of the day passport package, a single ticket granting access to the entire Domaine national de Chambord, including:

- The equestrian performance in the historic stables
- Entry to the château and formal gardens
- HistoPad, an interactive tablet with augmented reality reconstructions
- A discount on a leisure activity: boat rental, electric cart, or bicycle hire

The Domaine national de Chambord

For over 500 years, Chambord has inspired admiration and fascination worldwide. Listed as a historic monument in France since 1840 and a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1981, it is one of the Renaissance's most remarkable constructions and the largest walled park in Europe, covering 5,440 hectares. As the second most-visited château in France, Chambord attracts over one million visitors annually.

Owned by the French state since 1930, the Domaine national de Chambord operates as a public institution under the supervision of the Ministries of Culture, Agriculture, and Environment, with the patronage of the President of the Republic. The public institution, led by Pierre Dubreuil since January 2023, also manages the Grand Parc de Rambouillet.

Practical Information

- Dates: 5 April – 28 September 2025 and 18 October – 2 November 2025
- Duration: 45 minutes
- Performance Schedule:
Until 28 September: performances at 11:45 am and/or 4:00 pm, depending on the period;
From 18 October – 2 November: performances at 11:45 am and/or 3:00 pm, depending on the period.
The detailed performance schedule is available on Chambord's official website.
- Reservations: chambord.org



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Ticket Prices

- Standard rate: €18 (Adults 18+)
- Reduced rate: €14.50 (Children 3–17 / Persons with disabilities + 1 companion)
- Combined château + performance ticket (Adult): €32
- Chambord Passport: Special rate of €36 (instead of €43.50) for adults
- Free entry to the château for under 18s and under 26s who are EU citizens

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