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At Chambord, nothing is impossible!

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An hour from the Loire river, far from all roads, one suddenly comes across a Royal, or rather magical, castle. It seems as if, compelled by some marvellous lamp, a genie from the East has taken it away during one of the thousand nights and has stolen it from the lands of the sun to hide it in those of the fog with the loves of a handsome Prince.

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Alfred de Vigny,
Cinq-Mars, 1826





A UNIQUE WORK OF ART

Chambord is a unique work of art, classified as a World Heritage site since 1981. Built in 1519 by King Francis I, crowned in 1515 after his victory at the Battle of Marignan, the château is a symbol of Royal power. When you make your way through one of the estate's five entrances, you enter a world like no other: suddenly, there before you, is a château, set on forestland just as Mont-Saint-Michel is set on the sea. Cross the forest and let the unique atmosphere work its magic on you as you approach this amazing piece of architecture to which Leonardo da Vinci is no stranger...

**In this five-century-old place,
steeped in history, it's up to you
to imagine your own!**

STUNNING ARCHITECTURE

Because Chambord is so emblematic of the architectural style of the Renaissance at its peak, it is the ideal choice as a venue for your festive events. It has kept an air of mystery and its dimensions defy all imagination. Climb the double-helix staircase in the footsteps of Francis I, Catherine of Medici, King Louis XIV, Molière and Victor Hugo, and you're off on an unforgettable journey back in time. And at the top, on the terraces, a celestial village unfolds before your eyes, along with breathtaking views over the park. For a few hours, your guests will be the hosts of one of the world's most beautiful châteaux, built over 500 years ago.





IMMERSE YOURSELF IN UNSPOILT NATURAL LANDSCAPES

Holding an event at Chambord also means hosting your guests in an incomparable, unspoilt natural setting, admiring breathtaking landscapes, exploring kilometres of hidden pathways, being lucky enough to come across the local wildlife, wandering through the French formal gardens laid out in the reign of King Louis XIV, and discovering the permaculture vegetable gardens! Chambord is Europe's largest walled park, with the same surface area (5,440 hectares) as inner Paris.

CREATE YOUR EVENT

Many special events are organised at Chambord in a variety of formats: jewellery collection presentations, fashion shows, commercials, movies and TV shows, classic car meetings, sports rallies, gala dinners, political events, cultural gatherings, family celebrations, training courses, professional meetings and corporate anniversaries. Contact our teams to develop your own programme. At Chambord, nothing is impossible!



A PLACE DESIGNED FOR UNFORGETTABLE RECEPTIONS

For the last five centuries, Chambord and its fabulous architecture have fascinated visitors from all over the world.

Francis I and all those who came after him welcomed guests of international renown, for plays, official events, concerts, dance performances and wondrous Royal festivities. Chambord was built with the aim of impressing distinguished guests.





SPACES AVAILABLE
FOR HIRE



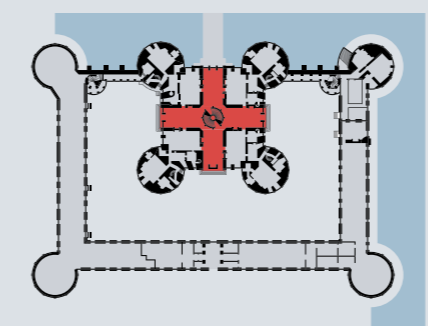
GROUND FLOOR

CAPACITY

Surface area:
150 m²

Seated:
120 people
in each arm of the cross,
i.e. 480 people
for all 4 arms of the cross

Standing:
600 people



BRAS DE CROIX



The Château's keep is made of four wide hallways in the shape of a Greek cross, with in its center the famous double-helix staircase. The four arms' central plan is unprecedented in France for a Royal palace. The decoration and furniture reflect what could have been found in the keep during the Renaissance, on the occasion of Royal visits. In all the arms of the cross, fireplaces are still used during winter, creating a warm atmosphere.

History:

The double-helix staircase is undoubtedly the Château de Chambord's most emblematic feature, certainly another masterpiece by Leonardo da Vinci.





GROUND FLOOR

CAPACITY

Surface area:
118.54 m²

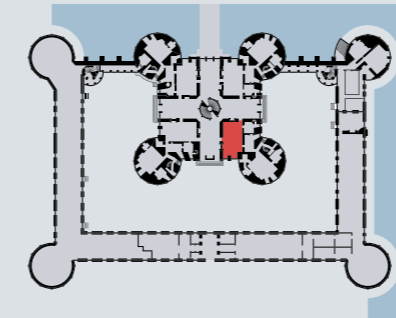
Seated:
100 people

Standing:
150 people

AMENITIES

Toilets

Catering



SALLE DES CHASSES



This vast hall, decorated with deer trophies, stuffed animals and paintings depicting hunting scenes, recalls Chambord's long hunting tradition. Featuring tapestries embroidered in green and gold, a legacy of French President Pompidou, the room offers a Royal yet warm atmosphere, ideal for organising cocktails and dinners or to set up a lounge. The Salle des Chasses also has an open fireplace and is equipped with an underfloor heating system.

History:

What is especially remarkable about this room is the many uses to which it has been put. At one time used as the courtiers' hall, at another, under King Louis XIV, as a bedchamber, it even served as an auction room in the 1930s.



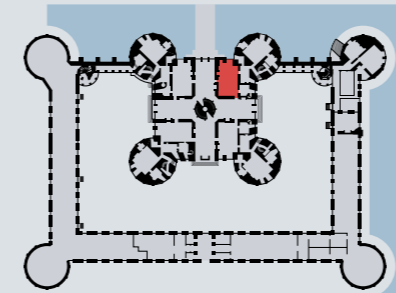
GROUND FLOOR

CAPACITY

Surface area:
108.05 m²

Seated:
100 people

Standing:
150 people



SALLE DES ILLUSTRES



This beautiful white-beamed room is decorated with portraits of some of our History's great figures. Hung with wine-red wallpaper, it is one of the Château's most elegant rooms.

History:

The Salle des Illustres echoes King Louis XIV, who, before the construction of Versailles, made numerous stays at Chambord. It contains several depictions of the monarch, including Baron Gérard's monumental painting of the new King of Spain's presentation to the Ambassadors.





GROUND FLOOR

CAPACITY

Surface area:
323.50 m²

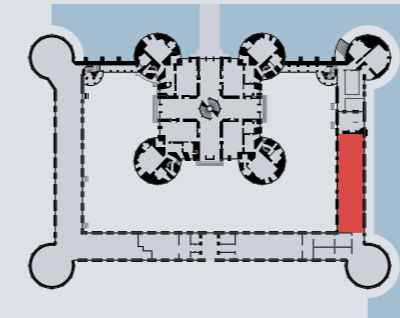
Seated:
300 people

Standing:
400 people

AMENITIES

Toilets

Catering



COMMUNS D'ORLÉANS



Entirely restored throughout in 2018, the Communs d'Orléans is heated and equipped with a large screen and a sound system; It enjoys direct access to the Château's inner courtyard. Ideal for concerts and shows, this room is not part of the public visit itinerary. It is the Château's largest unfurnished room and has been specially designed to host events, corporate conferences and seminars.



GROUND FLOOR

CAPACITY

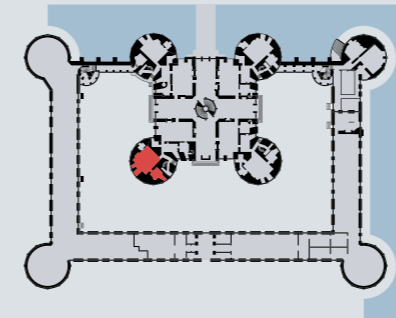
Surface area:
120 m²

Seated:
20 people

Standing:
40 people

AMENITIES

Toilets



SALLE DU DÉBOTTÉ



It was not until 2018 that Chambord provided itself with a “débotté”. This recently restored apartment is located on the ground floor of the Henri V tower, in the keep, with direct access to the monument’s main courtyard. The walls are decorated with oak panels and stuffed animals, creating a comfortable and intimate lounge atmosphere. Both spacious and atypical, the “débotté” adjoins the arms of the cross surrounding the double-helix staircase.

History:

The verb “débouter” originally meant “to take your boots off”. A derivative, which also gave birth to the expression “au débotté” (off the cuff), led to it being used to describe the room used by hunters to change their clothes and leave their belongings.



GROUND FLOOR

CAPACITY

Surface area:
176 m²

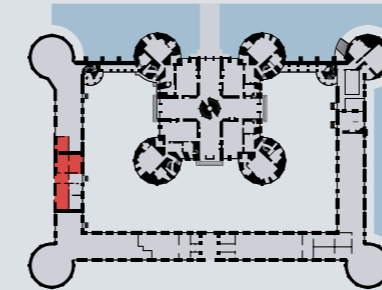
Seated:
30 people

Standing:
40 people

AMENITIES

Toilets

Catering



SALONS DES PRINCES



These apartments were completely renovated in 2018, just as they were designed in the 19th century to accommodate the Princes of Bourbon-Parme, hence the name given to them. The entrance, after crossing the few steps into the courtyard, provides access to different rooms. Together, they make up a harmonious ensemble, comfortable and richly decorated with flowery hangings, damask curtains and period furniture. There is a vestibule, a large dining room, a small dining room and a small lounge suitable for hosting elegant and confidential events.

History:

From 1821 to 1883, Chambord belonged to Henri, Duke of Bordeaux then Count of Chambord, Charles X's grandson and heir to the French throne. Following his death in exile, his nephews, the Princes of Bourbon-Parma, inherited the estate, which they managed until it was sequestered in 1915.



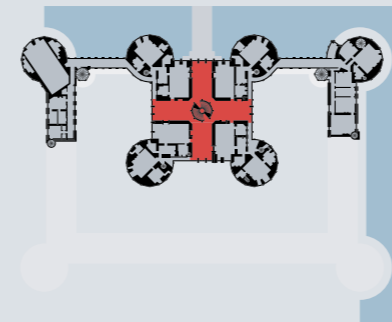
SECOND FLOOR

CAPACITY

Surface area:
150 m²

Seated:
100 people
in each arm of the cross,
i.e. **400 people**
for all 4 arms

Standing:
120 people
in each arm of the cross,
i.e. **480 people**
for all 4 arms



VOÛTES À CAISSONS



These four rooms are laid out in a cross around the central staircase and are acknowledged to be among the highlights of any visit to Chambord. The vaulted ceilings are magnificently sculpted, their 80 coffers decorated with salamanders and the Royal monogram. Ideal for holding major events, their imposing open fireplaces can be used to recreate an ambience worthy of the banquets of the most opulent Renaissance courts.

History:

The 80 coffers are sculpted with symbols of the King: Francis I's "F" monogram; his emblem, the Salamander, an animal that illustrated his motto "nutrisco et extinguo" (I feed the good fire and extinguish the bad); Along with the figure-eight knot, a symbol of harmony, which was also the emblem of his mother, Louise of Savoy.



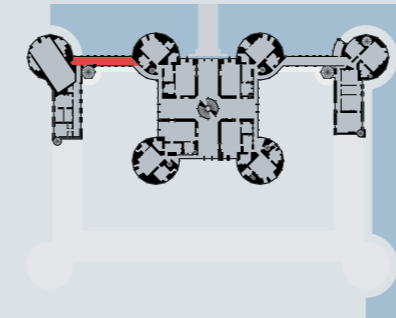
SECOND FLOOR

CAPACITY

Surface area:
91,80 m²

Seated:
60 people

Standing:
100 people



GALERIE DES TROPHÉES



This impressive gallery, a typical Renaissance feature, is decorated with an array of deer trophies. It is one of the Château's brightest areas as it is bordered on either side by wide windows giving onto the inner courtyard and French formal gardens. Its majestic yet restrained mineral décor makes it ideal for gala dinners and tasting events, and enables you to welcome your guests in complete privacy, on the monument's second floor.

History:

In the early 20th century, Marion Schuster, Baron Rothschild's wife, offered Chambord all the trophies hanging in the gallery. In appreciation of the gift, the gallery was baptised in its name.



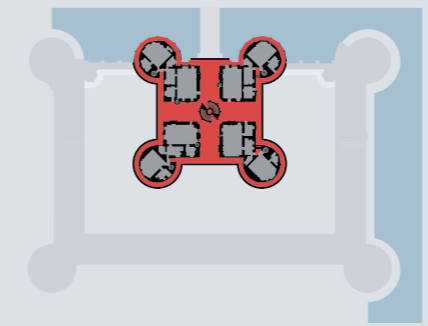
OUTDOOR SPACES

CAPACITY

Surface area:
383.28 m²

Seated:
100 people
in each arm of the cross,
i.e. **400 people**
for all 4 arms

Standing:
700 people



TERRASSES



The terraces provide breathtaking views over Chambord's park and the central staircase, and upwards to a tower culminating in the Château's highest point, adorned with mouldings, ornamentation, and dressed slate: the Lantern Tower. Surrounded by an architectural forest of roofs, chimneys and turrets evocative of the celestial Jerusalem, we are immersed in an extraordinary atmosphere.



History:

It is said that, in her day, Catherine of Medici would make her way to the top of the Lantern Tower to gaze at the stars.
"A woman whose hair the wind has blown in the air"
is how Chateaubriand described the majestic ensemble one discovers when arriving on the Château's terraces.



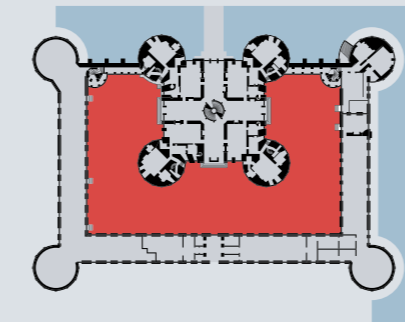
OUTDOOR SPACES

CAPACITY

Surface area:
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Seated:
1,000 people

Standing:
1,500 people



 **COUR DU CHÂTEAU**



Once through the Royal Porch, one finds himself at the foot of the keep, between the Château's side wings and low walls, able to admire details of its architecture. When the doors close, magic happens and the whole castle is yours. This immense, partly paved inner courtyard is a perfect space when it comes to organising cultural events, movie sets and live performances.

History:

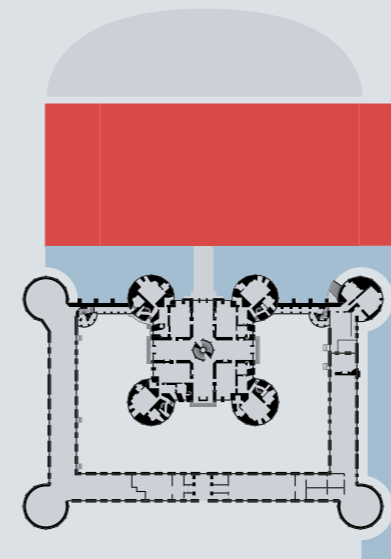
The low wall-buildings enclosing the courtyard has had various uses over the centuries. Originally, they were terraces covering unfinished kitchens and service rooms. Roofs were added from the 17th to the 19th century in order to shelter the servants above the kitchens and stables.



OUTDOOR SPACES

CAPACITY

Up to 1,500 people



JARDINS À LA FRANÇAISE



A green transition between the monument and the forest, these gardens imbue the main façade with its full majesty. They cover six and a half hectares around the Château, containing over 600 trees, 800 shrubs, 200 rosebushes, and 15,250 plants delimiting their borders. In spring, the blossoming of the wild cherry trees with their double white flowers is a vision to behold. Throughout the year, they change with each season. Your guests will enjoy strolling along the flowered alleys and coming across viewpoints highlighting the monument in all its poetic majesty.

History:

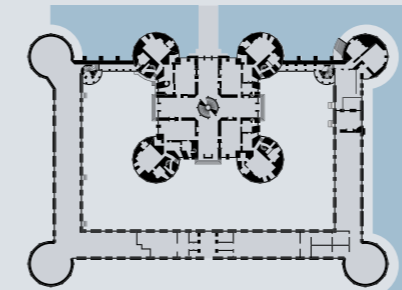
Commissioned by King Louis XIV and completed during King Louis XV's reign, the gardens existed for over two centuries before gradually disappearing in the interwar period. In 2017, they were the subject of a spectacular restitution. . Lawns, flowerbeds, rows and quincunxes of trees, paths and side paths were recreated in their original shapes and sizes. Only the plant species had to be adapted to present-day climate and phytosanitary conditions.



MARSHAL DE SAXE'S STABLES

CAPACITY

Up to 300 people



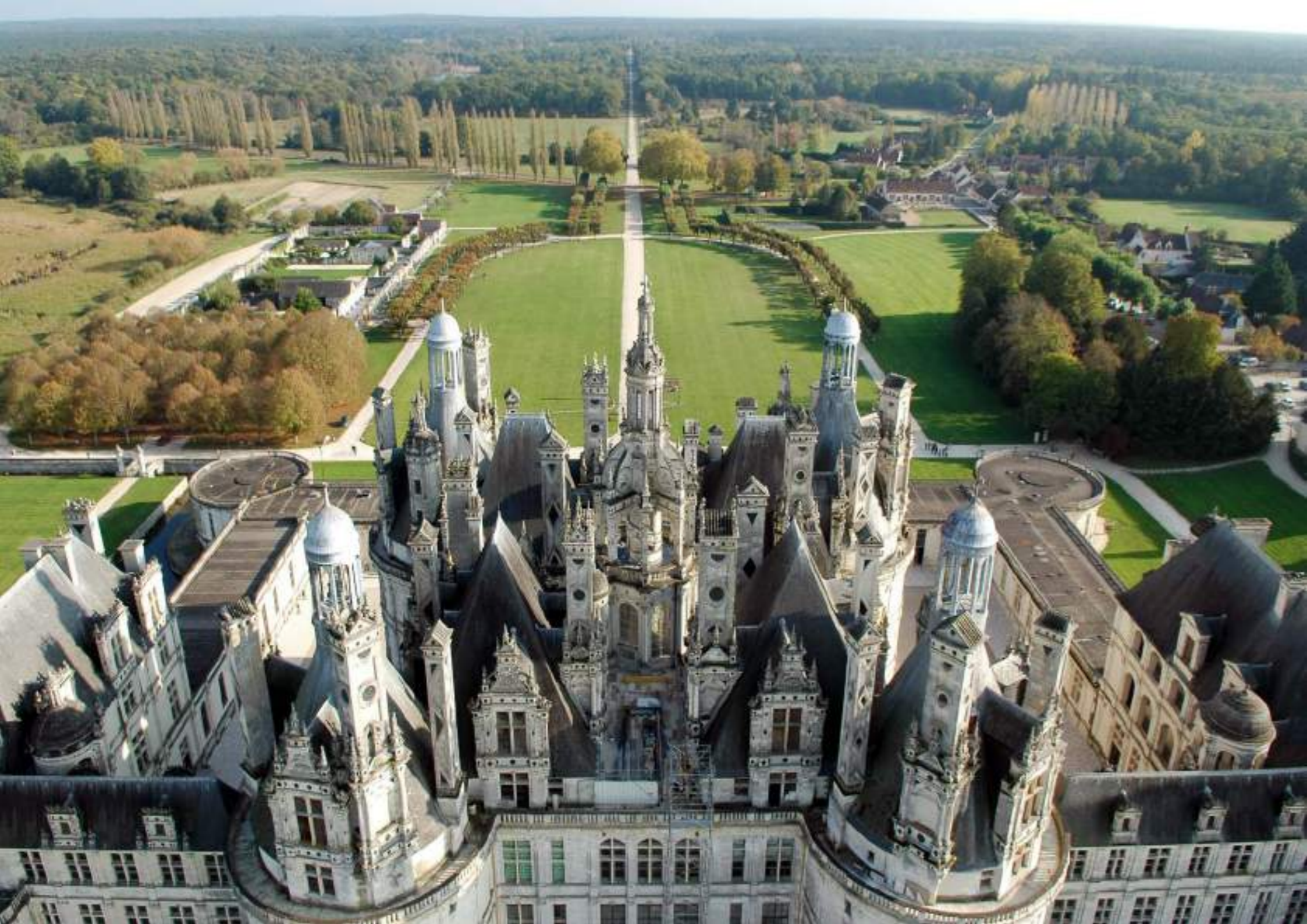
 **JARDINS-POTAGERS**



In 2018, vegetable gardens were laid out within the walls of the Marshal de Saxe's stables, originally built for King Louis XIV. This out of the ordinary, ecological 5000 m² area, with its countrystyle atmosphere, is ideal for hosting banquets, gourmet product tastings and any other kind of corporate presentation.

History:

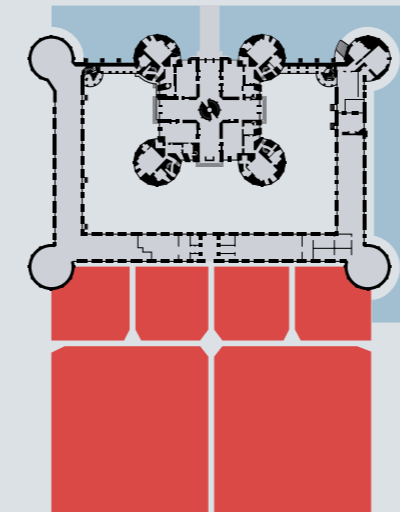
The choice of this location is very much in line with Chambord's history as it included a vegetable garden back in the 19th century. Chambord's vegetable gardeners have adopted an innovative and experimental approach inspired by the agricultural practices of other great organic farms across the world. The extension to this first vegetable garden now covers six and a half hectares. Laid out on a neighbouring plot known as "les Casernes", an extensive area well suited to development of market gardening, it is devoted to agroforestry and composed of a market-garden orchard.



OUTDOOR SPACES

CAPACITY

 Up to
2,000 people



PARTERRE SUD



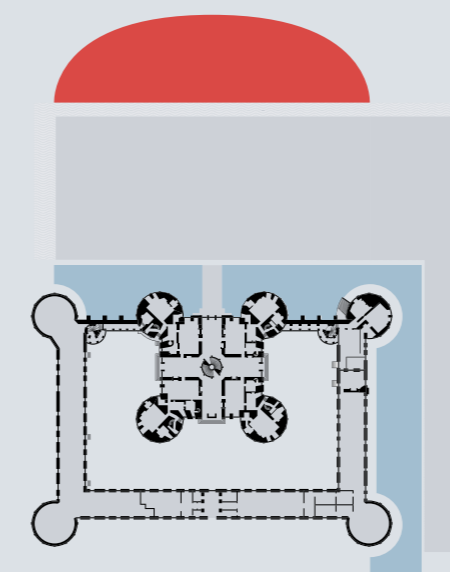
Located in front of the Château's main façade, the south lawn is a remarkable piece of greenery, bordered by two wide pathways lined with lime trees, leading to the Royal Porch. This huge lawn lies next to the Marshal de Saxe's stables and the permaculture vegetable gardens. It provides majestic views of the Royal Porch, low walls and keep.



NORTH PERSPECTIVE
OUTDOOR SPACES

CAPACITY

 Up to
5,000 people



 **FER À CHEVAL**



Providing a spectacular view of Chambord's emblematic north façade, the "Fer à Cheval" (Horseshoe) is a natural half-moon stage. Large enough to set up tiered seating and a large stage, it can host galas, sports challenges and live performances; it is also the ideal spot to enjoy a firework at Chambord.

History:

In 2018, Chambord's surroundings were given a makeover: roads were replaced by side paths in exact alignment with the French formal gardens' two lawns. Remaining areas were covered with grass. These days, they are shared by cyclists and pedestrians, allowing to discover the Grand Promenade.





OUTDOOR SPACES

GABILLIÈRE CAPACITY

Surface area:
126 m²

Seated:
100 people

Standing:
200 people

AMENITIES

Toilets

Catering

GUILLONNIÈRE CAPACITY

Surface area:
150 m²

Seated:
100 people

Standing:
200 people

AMENITIES

Toilets

Catering

GABILLIÈRE AND GUILLONNIÈRE



History

In 1969, the Domaine National de Chambord was one of the first French sites to set up observatories in the forest. There are now eleven of them in the part of the estate open to the public, including five capable of accommodating up to fifty people, and six with capacities of three or four people. These raised platforms enable wildlife spotters to catch glimpses of the forest's fauna – if they're lucky...

THE GABILLIÈRE

Located on the edge of Chambord's forest, not far from the first wildlife observatories, this venue is decorated with deer trophies and ensures guests to enjoy an extraordinary experience, right up close to nature. The space can be booked along with the related cottage, an enchanting single-storey three-star residence accommodating up to six people.


THE GUILLONNIÈRE

Located in the very heart of Chambord' park, just a few steps away from a watchtower enabling you to observe the fauna and flora without disturbing them, the Guillonnière is a former farmhouse that has been turned into a hunting lodge. It is ideal for hosting wildlife-spotting evenings during the deer-belling season, corporate soirees and seminars.



OUTDOOR SPACES

CAPACITY

 Up to 50 people

AMENITIES

Toilets

Catering

 **THIBAUDIÈRE**



Modelled on a typical Russian dacha, this space was inspired by the former French President of the Republic Georges Pompidou. Hidden away in the heart of the hunting and wildlife reserve (closed to the public), it overlooks a magnificent pond. The Thibaudière is one of Chambord's legendary secret places.



History:

On the edge of Sologne, Chambord rests on soils which range from sand to clay and generate poor vegetation. Combined with a flat relief, this strong presence of clay maintains water in abundance: swamps and ponds are connected to the Cosson river, drawing a very dense hydrographic network. In the park, forestry, undergrowth, heather and broom moors, ponds and marshes come together for the pleasure of the eyes and the well-being of the animals which find in these stands and clearings a very favourable biotope. Chambord has over 650 spontaneous plant species in its territory of which 150 are remarkable.



ACCOMODATION AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION




ACCOMMODATION



The Gabillière ***

Located on the edge of Chambord's forest, just a few steps away from the first wildlife observatories, this cottage provides its guests with a rare proximity to nature. One of the estate's former farmhouses with its large private garden, it has a warm, country-style atmosphere and can accommodate up to six people.



The Salamandre **** / The Cerf ****

Inspired by Sologne's traditional houses, these cottages provide quality accommodation a few steps away from the Château. Comfortable, elegantly decorated and each with its own private garden, they can both accommodate up to eight people.

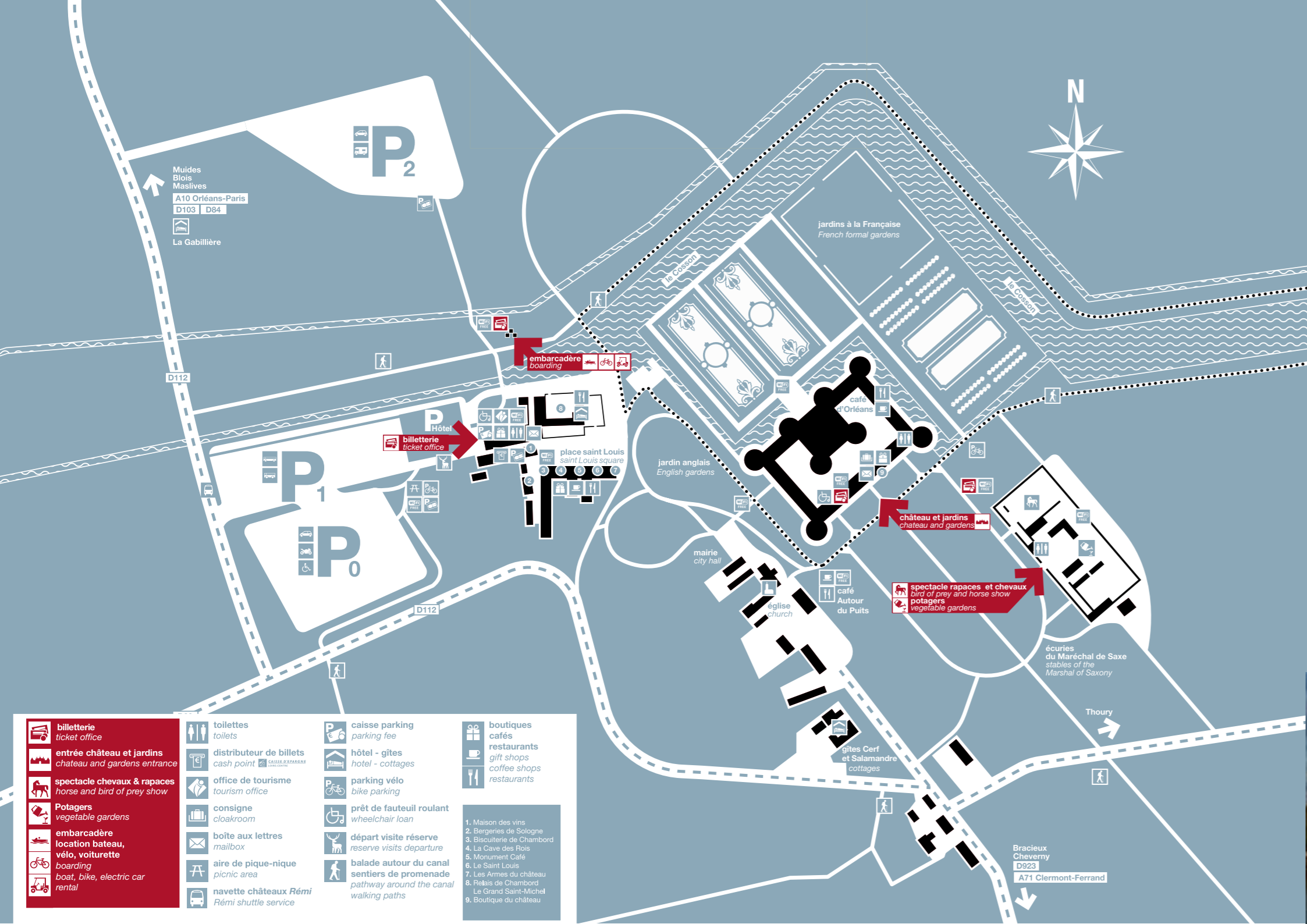


Le Relais de Chambord ****

In 2018, the former hotel was reborn as the Relais de Chambord, a contemporary hotel that retains charm and authenticity. The project to renovate the hotel into a luxury establishment was carried out by the famous French architect Jean-Michel Wilmotte, with the greatest respect for its unique architecture and its natural environment.

A quality accommodation with some 60 rooms and a gourmet restaurant, the hotel also has a terrace and areas dedicated to events and well-being to welcome groups and lovers of Chambord and nature.

Just a few metres from the Château and in the heart of the forest, for a week or just a few days, stay in the heart of an exceptional UNESCO World Heritage Site.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION



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ACCESS

From Paris (less than 2 hours), 15 km from Blois
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