



“Destination Vignobles” - 2022

WINE TOURISM

DISCOVERING FRENCH HERITAGE



Get to know a range of wine-growing regions that are just as diverse as CMN's monuments, on a variety of wine-tasting tours...

Historic monuments belonging to the “*Vignobles et Découvertes*” network



- Cluny Abbey
- Sauve-Majeure Abbey
- Pey Berland Tower
- Carcassonne Castle and Ramparts
- Towers and Ramparts of Aigues-Mortes
- Archaeological Site of Ensérune
- Château d'Angers
- Château d'Azay-le-Rideau

CLUNY ABBEY MUSEUM OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY

An influential abbey throughout Europe in the Middle Ages



Cluny Abbey

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- **Cluny Abbey**

Explore the abbey’s numerous monastic buildings and the remains of its great church, the “Maïor Ecclesia”, which was partially destroyed after the French Revolution.

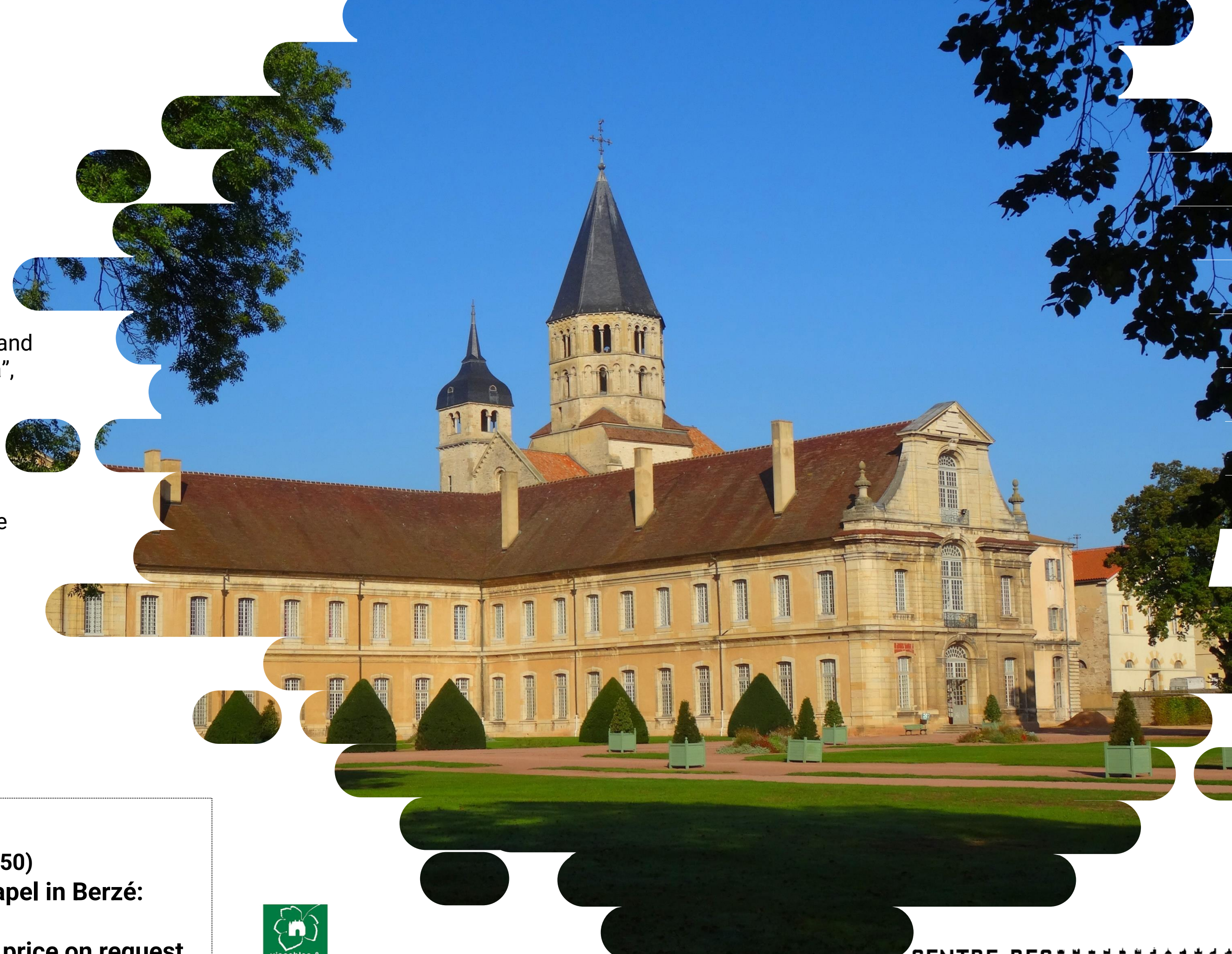
- **Museum of Art and Archaeology**

Here you can see many sculpted elements from the abbey and the mediaeval town.

- **“Les Moines et le Vin” wine tasting tour**

Group rates, tour operators and EC:

- Unaccompanied tour: €7.50 (instead of €9.50)
- Joint ticket for Cluny Abbey + Monk's Chapel in Berzé: €9.50 instead of €7.50
- “Les Moines et Le Vin” wine-tasting tour: price on request



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CHÂTEAU DE CHAREIL-CINTRAT

Exceptional Renaissance decoration



Château de Chareil-Cintrat

- **Exceptional interiors featuring examples of the Second Renaissance in France**

The painted décor comprises a series of grotesques that is unique in France in both number and quality of execution.

- **At the foot of a vine-clad hill**

Outside the château, you can go on to visit the Conservatoire des Anciens Cépages des Pays de Chareil et Saint-Pourçain, where old varieties of grape vines grown locally are carefully preserved.

- **“L’Eveil des Sens à Chareil” guided tour**

Summer tour of Château de Chareil-Cintrat to awaken your senses

Group rates, tour operators and EC:

- Unaccompanied tour: €3.50 (instead of €4)
- “L’Eveil des sens à Chareil” sense-awakening guided tour by [Val de Sioule Tourist Information Centre](#)



ROYAL MONASTERY OF BROU

Love and power in Renaissance Europe



Royal Monastery of Brou

- **At Margaret of Austria's behest**

Brou Monastery is the work of art commissioned by Margaret in order to perpetuate her glory and her love for her husband, Philibert the Handsome.

- **Jewel of the Flamboyant Gothic style**

The church is richly ornamented with examples of 16th century Flemish sculpture, including tombstones, an altarpiece, statues choir stalls.

- **Heritage and wine-tasting tour**

From the garden to the Bresse-style cloister, vaulted cellars and old refectory, on this tour you will discover the monument in an entirely new way.



Group rates, tour operators and EC:

- Unaccompanied tour: €7.50 (instead of €9.50)
- Heritage and wine-tasting tour, organised by [Bourg-en-Bresse Tourist Information Centre](#)

CITÉ DE CARCASSONNE CASTLE AND RAMPARTS

A unique experience in France's biggest fortified citadel



Mediaeval Citadel of Carcassonne

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- **An authentic mediaeval citadel**

Restored by Viollet-le-Duc in the 19th century, the mediaeval citadel bears witness to 1,000 years of military architecture and 2,500 years of history.

- **A spectacular view from the ramparts**

Walk the ramparts and enjoy spectacular views of the Pyrenees, the Montagne Noire, or Black Mountain, and the Lauragais plain.



Group rates, tour operators and EC:

- Unaccompanied tour: €7.50 (instead of €9.50)



TOWERS AND RAMPARTS OF AIGUES-MORTES

**The imposing Saint Louis fortress, gateway to the
Camargue**



Towers and ramparts of Aigues-Mortes

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- **Endless view**

From the salt marshes to the river Rhône – unique Mediterranean landscapes. Continue your tour with a visit to the salt marshes of the Mediterranean.

- **Special offer for groups**

“Visite Privilège” of the Constance Tower with tasting of Camargue wines once the monument closes.

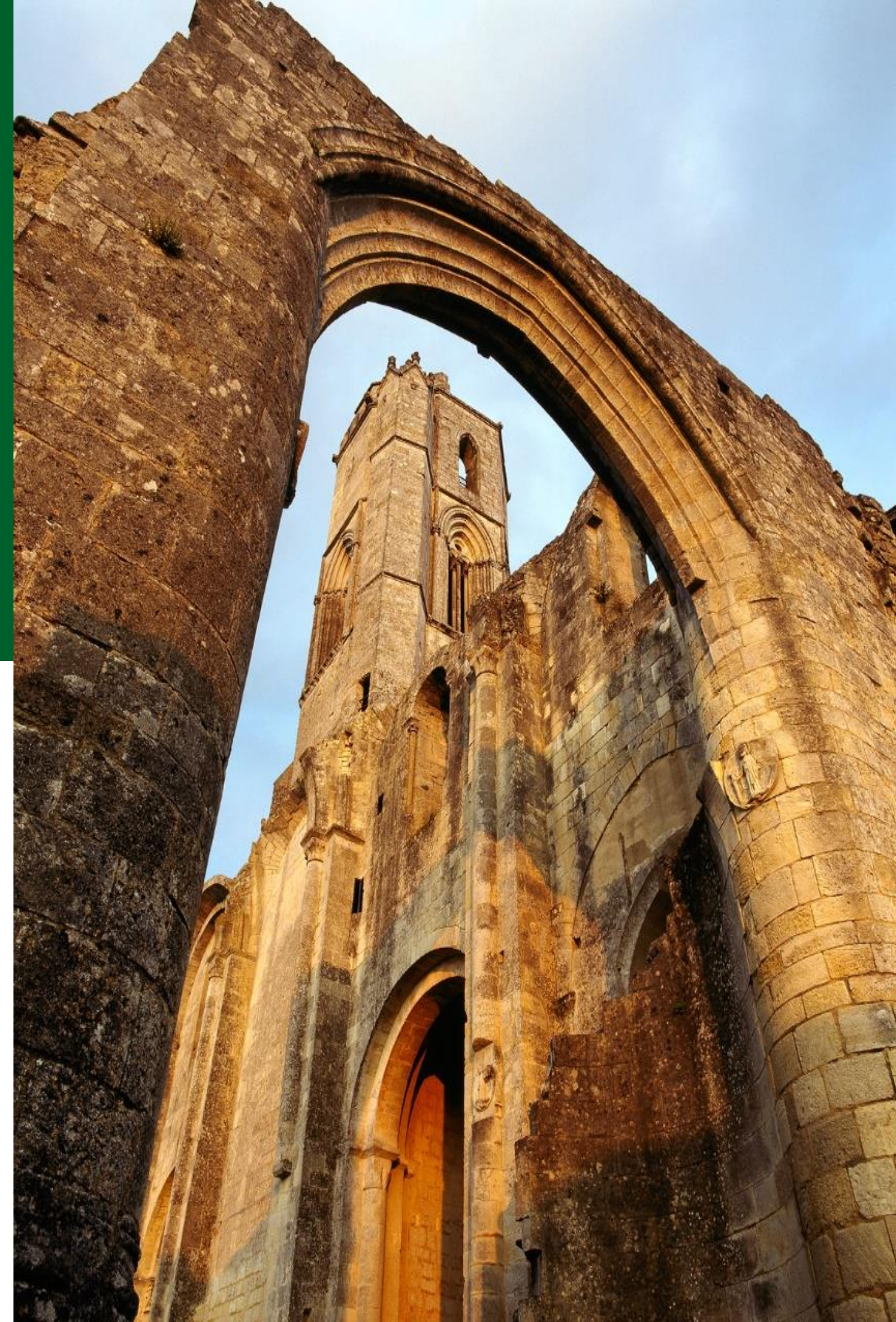
Group rates, tour operators and EC:

- Unaccompanied tour: €6.50 (instead of €8)
- “Visite Privilège”: for 2 or more, €400



SAUVE-MAJEURE ABBEY

Masterpiece of Romanesque art



Sauve-Majeure Abbey

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- **Tour + wine tasting**

To complement your visit, discover the wines of the Entre-deux-Mers area at the Maison des Vins, in what used to be the abbey's tithe barn!

- **On the route to Santiago de Compostela**

This Benedictine abbey, built in the Middle Ages, features famous sculpted capitals and other decorative elements.

- **An accessible place, where time stands still**

Why not cycle from Bordeaux to the Abbey, through the vineyards lying alongside the Roger Lapébie bike path...

Group rates, tour operators and EC:

- Unaccompanied tour: €5 (instead of €6)
- Joint admission to Sauve-Majeure Abbey and the Château de Cadillac: €7 (instead of €9)
- Group tour + wine tasting: €7 (instead of €8)



PEY-BERLAND TOWER

Unique panoramic view in the very centre of
Bordeaux



Pey Berland Tower

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- **Jewel of the Flamboyant Gothic style**

Pey-Berland Tower is the bell tower of Bordeaux cathedral – inside it are some impressive bells and, on the top, a 19th century gilded statue of Our Lady of Aquitaine.

- **Panoramic view of Bordeaux**

Its two, 50 metre high terraces offer a 360° view of the city, with information about its history and its monuments.

Group rates, tour operators and EC:

- Admission: €5 (instead of €6)



THE CHÂTEAU D'ANGERS NATIONAL ESTATE

The Apocalypse Tapestry and its Fortress



The Château d'Angers National Estate

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- **A unique masterpiece**

The Apocalypse Tapestry is a unique mediaeval work of art that has no equal in terms of its history, technique and age.

- **A 17 towered fortress**

Cross the drawbridge and inside the enclosure you will find the very pleasant residence of the dukes of Anjou, comprising buildings from the end of the Gothic area, and gardens.

- **A private, peaceful visit**

Come and enjoy a visit in the early morning or in the evening, when the castle is closed to the general public – a very special time guaranteed.

- **Sunday morning brunch**

In the “Monument Café” restaurant

Group rates, tour operators and EC:

- Unaccompanied tour: €7.50 (instead of €9.50)
- Brunch: €26
- Wine tasting: please ask for a quote
- Private visit: please ask for a quote



CHÂTEAU D'AZAY-LE-RIDEAU

**Masterpiece of the Renaissance and romantic
treasure of the Loire Valley**



Château d'Azay-le-Rideau

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UNESCO world heritage site

- **19th century architectural masterpiece**

The château boasts impressive, historic de retracing 4 centuries of history, as well as sumptuous collections of objects, tapestries and furniture.

- **“Histoire de terroir” wine tasting taking you through the history of local wine production, in the château grounds**

Come and taste the wines of the Touraine Azay-le-Rideau AOC wine producing area, in the grounds of the château, and enjoy spectacular views at the same time!

- **“Paddle Apero”**

Visit the château and enjoy an aperitif on a paddleboard on the river Indre, or in our tearoom, "Le Lavoir".

- **Gourmet tour “Les douceurs de la Renaissance”**

Accompanied by a knowledgeable tour guide, come and discover the château's history and collections through the prism of the culinary arts, and see how tastes changed over the different eras.

Group rates, tour operators and EC:

- Unaccompanied tour: €9 (instead of €11.50)
- Wine-tasting tour: from €24 (instead of €26.50)
- Gourmet tour “Les douceurs de la Renaissance”: please ask for a quote



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JACQUES COEUR PALACE

Meet an iconic figure from the Middle Ages



Jacques Cœur Palace

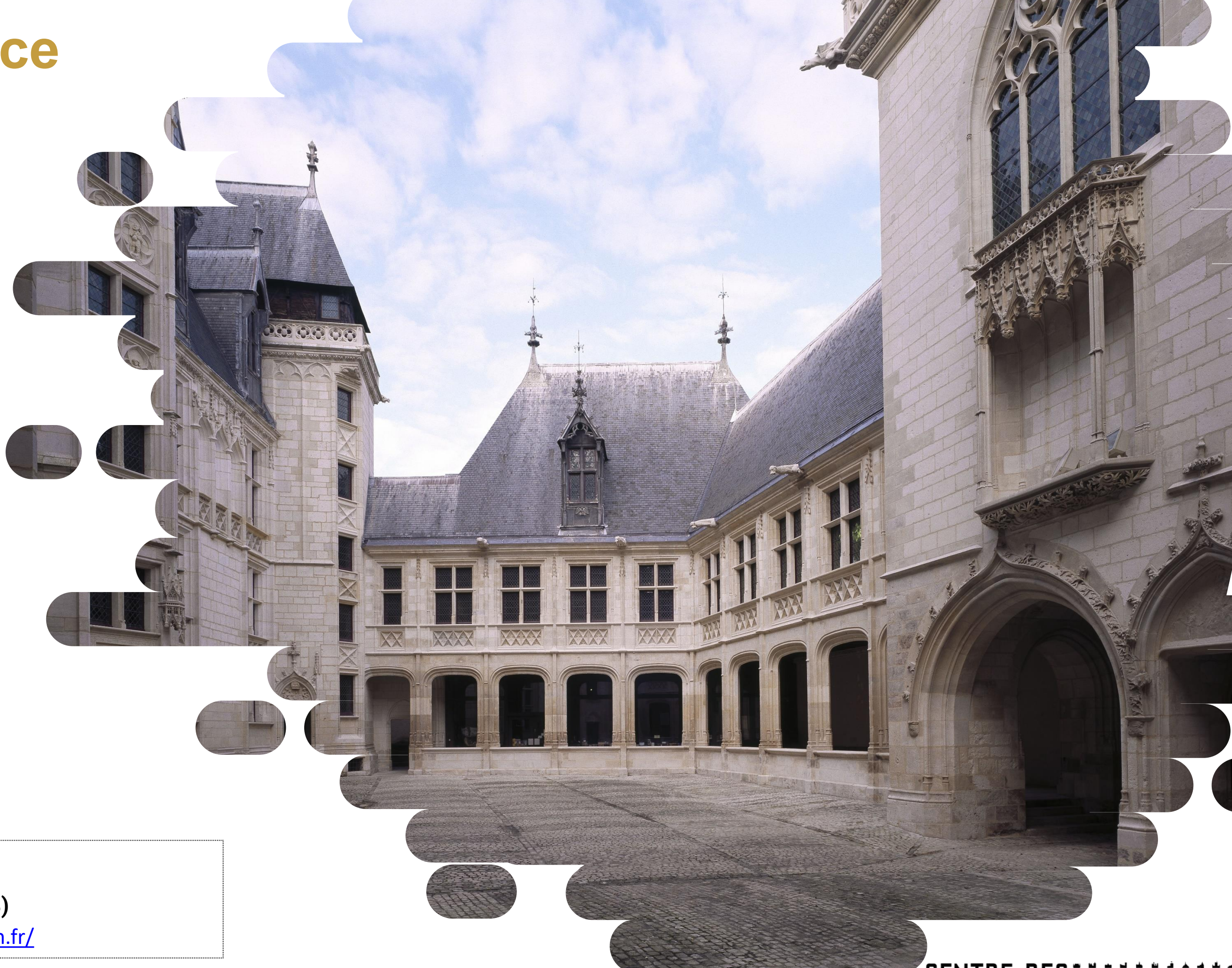
- **Rare, remarkably intact example of 15th century civil architecture**

Built on top of the old Gallo-Roman walls, Jacques Cœur's Palace is richly decorated in the flamboyant style of the late Middle Ages.

- **“Festival Humour et Vin”**

A vibrant, friendly, happy event that brings people together!

HELPROD is organising this unmissable cultural event, where comedy and wine stand shoulder to shoulder for four days of shows, wine tastings, fun and laughter, and where you can see today's comedy giants alongside the stars of the future.



Group rates, tour operators and EC:

- Unaccompanied tour: €6.50 (instead of €8)
- “Festival Humour et Vin”: <https://humourvin.fr/>

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE AND MUSEUM OF ENSERUNE

Explore one of the biggest and most important Gallic settlements in southern France



Archaeological site and museum of Ensérune

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- **The oppida civilisation**

Here you can see the result of a century of archaeological excavations conducted at one of the French Mediterranean area's major Gallic towns, which lies between Agde and Béziers.

- **Unique panoramic views**

The site offers **unique panoramic views** of the area from the mountains of the Cévennes to the Pyrenees, across the Languedoc plain to the coast.

Group rates, tour operators and EC:

- Unaccompanied tour: €5 (instead of €6)



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CHÂTEAU DE PIERREFONDS

The perfect fortress



Château de Pierrefonds

- **A castle reinvented by Viollet-le-Duc**

In the 19th century, having been asked to restore the castle by Napoleon III, the architect Eugène Viollet-le-Duc decided to put his architectural theories into practice and rebuild the castle as his idea of what a perfect mediaeval castle would have been.

- **Somewhere to dream**

The “Bal des Gisants” exhibition takes you on an enchanted stroll through the castle vaults

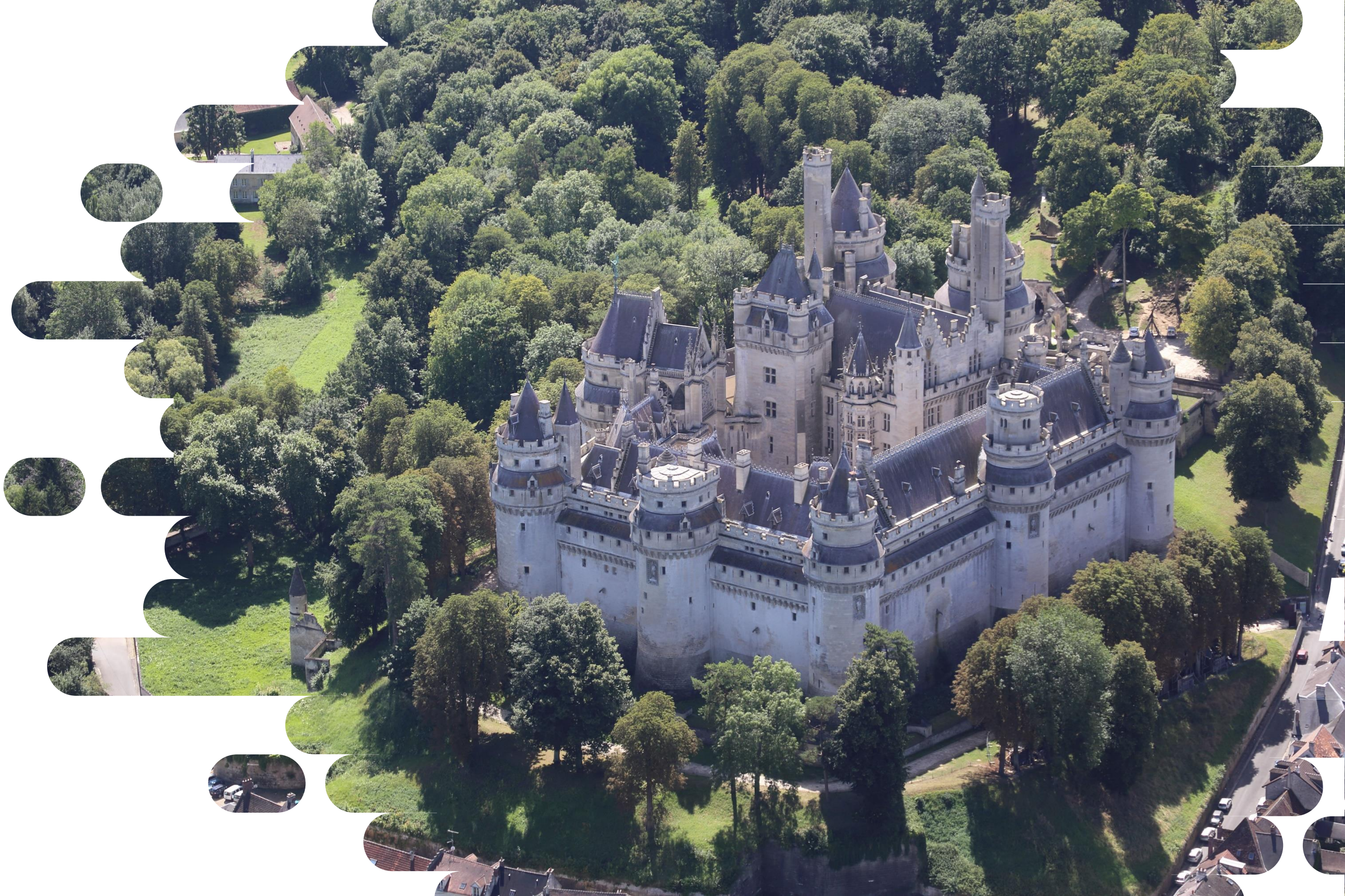
- **Private tour with cocktails in the chapel or the main courtyard (depending on the weather)**

- **Unique cocktail tour of areas usually closed to the public**

Tour accompanied by a knowledgeable guide, with cocktails served in the empress’s bedroom or on the terrace outside the chapel, depending on the weather.

Group rates, tour operators and EC:

- **Unaccompanied tour: €6.50 (instead of €8)**
- **Private tour with cocktails, maximum 100 participants: price on request**
- **Private tour with cocktails, maximum 10 participants: price on request**



CHÂTEAU DE CARROUGES

Living the good life in the Normandy countryside



Château de Carrouges

- **Jewel of Normandy's heritage**

Visit the grand apartments that bear witness to how the good life was lived in Normandy, through the original furniture and amazing collections, assembled by a single family over the course of seven centuries!

- **“A la table des seigneurs de Carrouges”**

Accompanied by your own personal guide, discover the history of this château, whose noble lord went down in mediaeval history for having taken part in France's last trial by combat, or judicial duel. Then enjoy the delicious meat roasted for you over a wood fire in the château's historic, monumental fireplace.

- **Let time stand still for a moment at Carrouges**

After the tour and lunch at the château, why not partake of a time-honoured tradition, with a glass of Poiré, or pear cider, at the Maison du Parc, and then go on to explore the Normandy-Maine Regional Nature Park and Geopark.



Group rates, tour operators and EC:

- Unaccompanied tour: €5 (instead of €6)
- “A la table des seigneurs de Carrouges” tour including lunch: from €27 per person
- Château tour with lunch followed by poiré tasting: from €41 per person

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