



Château of PIERREFONDS

When the 19th century reinvents the Middle Ages.

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GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- The château is a major filming location famously used in the likes of French films *Les Visiteurs 2*, *Jeanne d'Arc* and *the Merlin* series!
- A larger-than-life reinterpretation of the Middle Ages!

The Château of Pierrefonds is an incredible fortress that has been reinvented countless times. Built in the 15th century before being demolished in the 17th century, the ruins of the château went on to become a symbol of Romanticism in the 19th century.

It was at this point that the château was reborn thanks to the passion of Napoleon III, who entrusted architectural genius Viollet-le-Duc with the task of restoring it. The architect gave his imagination free rein and came up with a totally contrived and reinvented medieval château that combined medieval features with the comfort of a Second Empire residence.

Explore the defence systems and admire the sculpted

adornments and spectacular painted decor of the incredible Château of Pierrefonds.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Architect Eugène Viollet-le-Duc was passionate about cats. He incorporated this passion into the restoration of the château, adding 33 cat statues to the ornamental decor of the dormers and roofs.

2025 ADMISSION PRICES



CATEGORY 4

- FOR 20 ADULTS + /
RESELLER PRICE €7.5

- INDIVIDUALS €9

- JOINT TICKETS

Château of Pierrefonds – International centre for French Language -
Château of Villers-Cotterêts.

Reseller price €13. Individuals €15

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Château of Villers-Cotterêts - Château of Coucy-National Estate

Reseller price €18. Individuals €20.

- FREE for under-26s*



GETTING HERE



- Paris (85 km).



- Compiègne (20 km).



- Scandibérique (15 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Reservation required. With guide booklet. Duration: 1hr.

AUDIO-GUIDE TOUR

Reservation required. Duration 1hr.

LECTURE TOUR

Reservation required. Maximum 30 people. Duration: 1hr30.

EXPERIENTIAL VISIT

Reservation required. Maximum 15 people. Duration: 1hr30.

PRIVATE VISIT

Reservation required: location.pierrefonds@monuments-nationaux.fr
10 to 200 people, with or without cocktail.
Duration 2hrs.

REMOTE GUIDED TOUR

A live tour experience from home with access to new spaces.
Reservation required. Different languages available.
Prices and information: visitesguideesadistance@monuments-nationaux.fr

FACILITIES



Cane seats.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Ground floor of the tour accessible to visitors with reduced mobility.
2 light vehicle parking spaces on the esplanade for visitors with reduced mobility.

* FREE admission: minors under 18 and 18-25 years old (EU nationals and regularised EU residents) excluding school groups, extra-curricular groups or groups of visitors under the age of 26.

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 2nd May to 4th September: from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - 5th September to 30th April: from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
- Last admission 1hr before closing time
Park closed 45 minutes before.
- Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

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