



INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR FRENCH LANGUAGE

Château of Villers-Cotterêts

Experience, explore and celebrate the French language.

2

GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- Set amid the remarkable natural surroundings of the 13,000-hectare Retz forest, designated as a Forêt d'exception®.
- A fun and unique way to discover the French language and its francophone aspect independently in a fully restored heritage setting.




Within the Renaissance château of Villers-Cotterêts, built in 1532 by Francis I and entirely restored, the International centre for French Language aims to allow as many people as possible to share and enjoy this modern, living language, which is constantly being reinvented by French speakers all over the world.

Its 1,200m² visitor circuit, its rich cultural programme on display in the temporary exhibition rooms, its auditorium, its courtyards and gardens, its café and bookshop, and much more make the Centre a site open to all against a unique lush backdrop: the Forest of Retz.

DID YOU KNOW...?

It was here, in 1539, that Francis I signed the Ordinance of Villers-Cotterêts making the use of the French language compulsory in administrative and legal acts.

GETTING HERE

-   • Paris (80 km).
-  • Roissy - Charles de Gaulle (60 km).



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

- Reservation required.
- Immersive mediation. 
- Visit application. 
- Maximum 25 people.

LECTURE TOURS

- 'Memoirs of a château' or 'The château in the forest' 
Reservation required. Duration: 1hr30. Maximum 25 people.
- 'From the château to the Cité' 
Reservation required. Duration: 1hr30. Maximum 25 people.

FACILITIES



Outdoor

 E-Ticketing for professionals

OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Last admission 1 hr before closing time.
- Closed on Monday (except Easter Monday and Whit Monday) and 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Cité internationale de la langue française -
Château de Villers-Cotterêts
1, place Aristide Briand - 02600 Villers-Cotterêts
Reservations department
Tel.: +33 (0)3 64 92 43 33
reservations.citelanguefr@monuments-nationaux.fr
www.cite-langue-francaise.fr