

Provins



The city of Provins recently won the title of “City of Art and History” » and is inscribed on the UNESCO List of Humanity World Heritage.

With a unique heritage in France and a series of activities based on the theme of the **Middle Ages**, the city of **Provins** takes its visitors back in time, into a world of lords, ladies and knights. As soon as they arrive in the Visitors’ House, tourists are bathed in an atmosphere redolent of this **medieval heritage**. An audio-visual presentation recounts the eventful history of **Provins**, and a large model shows the town as it must have been in the Middle Ages.

Passport-type formulas enable visits to monuments to be combined with entry to certain events. For those wishing to visit the city on foot, the Tourist Office has designed a walking tour with signposting to enable the many sights in the city to be viewed. With its centuries-old architecture and the restoration plan which has been set in train, Provins is the city in France that best illustrates the medieval period in France.

Among the many architectural jewels in the city, there are the famous **Tour César**, symbol of the town, the collegiate church of **Saint Quiriace**, Saint Ayoul’s church, the ramparts, the fortified gates, the 150 **Romanesque and Gothic** halls, and nearly 10 km of underground passages!

The Grange aux Dîmes (tithe barn) which housed the former covered market, offers an accurate and realistic re-creation of the scenes and atmosphere of the **old medieval Champagne fairs**. Audio guides are available in French, English, German and Chinese, to help you relive the atmosphere of one of the biggest

fairs in Europe, at the heart of the Middle Ages.

Many old houses, as well the Romanesque house containing the Museum of Provins and its region, reflect a prosperous past.



Things to do:

Special events throughout the season : «Eagles of the Ramparts », « Legends of Knights », « Battle for the ramparts »

The Museum of Provins and its region

It is a Romanesque building dating from the twelfth century that houses this fascinating museum. The collections offer a rich tapestry of bygone times in the city and its environs. One room is devoted to ceramics and the basement has the finest examples of stone sculpture in Provins, with Greco-Roman statues, Merovingian sarcophagi and sculptures from the ruins of old church buildings. The upper floor shows silver pieces and the curious chasuble of Saint Edme. An exhibition on the Middle Ages, «Images de la Ville» (images of the town) is presented in the Museum.