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After more than ten years of restoration work, the keep of the Château de Vincennes reopened to the public in 2007!

The Château de Vincennes was used as royal residence from the 12th to 18th centuries and it has preserved its mediaeval towers, the Sainte-Chapelle and the 14th century and the keep which is the highest of its kind in Europe. In 1365, Charles V, King of France, transformed the family manor house at Vincennes into a more suitable royal dwelling and built the present keep to house his art collection and manuscripts. In the early 15th century, Louis XI was the first king to use the keep as a gaol for his favourite prisoners who were taken with him on his progresses throughout the kingdom. The keep was still being used as a prison in the 19th century, a symbol of arbitrary royal justice. Famous residents detained here include Nicolas Fouquet, Louis XIV's disgraced finance minister, the Marquis de Sade, Mirabeau etc.

The Sainte-Chapelle is closed for restoration work and will reopen in spring 2009.

RECEPTION

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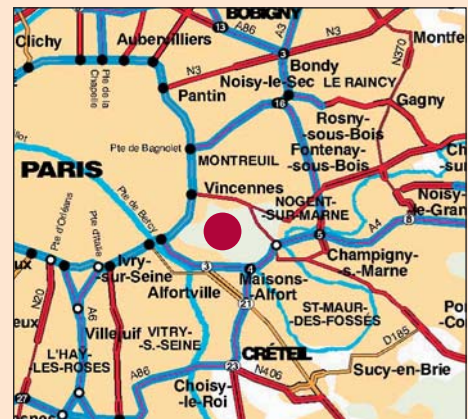
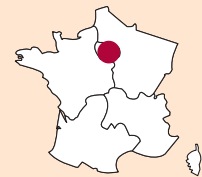
- **Open**
 - > 1st April to 30th September: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (6.30 p.m. during the week-end)
 - > 1st October to 30th March: from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (5.30 p.m. during the week-end)
- **Closed**
 - > 1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November and 25th December
- **Accessibility** ♿
 - > Number of floors visited during the tour: 3 (keep)
 - > Monument partially accessible to persons of reduced mobility

FACILITIES

- > Lavatories including 1 disabled lavatory ♿
- > Gift shop
- > Set-down and pick-up point in front of the château
- > Parking for coaches 150 m

 <http://tourisme.monuments-nationaux.fr>

ACCESS



- > On the eastern outskirts of Paris
- > From Paris: Porte de Vincennes
Follow the avenue de Paris, Château
- > Metro:
Line 1, Château de Vincennes
- > RER A: Vincennes

INFORMATIONS

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TOURS

> *New tour*

The new tour recounts the turbulent and eventful history of the château, the royal collections of Charles V in the Treasury and the life endured by some of its famous detainees.

> *Unaccompanied tour with guide booklet*

French, English, German, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese, Russian

• Reservations: 2 weeks

■ Duration: 1 hr

> *Audio-guide tour*

French, English, Spanish, Italian, German, Japanese

> *Lecture tour*

French, English

• Reservations: 1 month

tel.: (33) (0)1 44 54 19 30 - fax: (33) (0)1 44 54 19 31

■ Duration: 1 hr 30 min



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RATES 2009 Category 1

> *Rate for tourism professionals and groups (minimum 20 people)*

6 €

> Adults

8 €

> Concessions (18 to 25)

5 €

> Free admission for children under 18 *(except for groups)*

> *Extra charges:*

Audio-guide

4 € *(for 1 person)*

6 € *(for 2 persons)*

USEFUL ADDRESSES

> Vincennes Tourist Office - tel.: (33) (0)1 48 08 13 00

www.mairie-vincennes.fr

> Val de Marne Tourist Board - tel.: (33) (0)1 55 09 16 20

www.tourisme-valdemarne.com

> Île-de-France Regional Tourist Board

tel.: (33) (0)1 73 00 77 00 - www.pidf.com

> *Nearby national monuments:*

Sainte-Chapelle

Conciergerie

Panthéon

Arc de Triomphe

Basilica cathedral of St-Denis



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