



**SELECTION OF
EVENTS**



VIVA
**Leonardo
Da Vinci!**

2019
500 YEARS OF
RENAISSANCE
IN CENTRE-VAL DE LOIRE
FRANCE

ROYAL CHÂTEAU OF AMBOISE

1519, the death of Leonardo da Vinci: the construction of a legend - May to August 2019
Exhibition held in partnership with the BNF (French National Library) of the painting titled "The death of Leonardo da Vinci" by F-G.Ménageot and a collection of prints. The exhibition will underline the friendship between Francis I and Leonardo da Vinci.

It will adopt an unusual contemporary and creative approach with Italian artist and graffiti artist RAVO, who will be producing 5 paintings (4.5mx3m) depicting certain details of the painting by F-G.Ménageot. The paintings will be produced in public in April 2019 and will then be displayed in the Tour des Minimes from 2 May to 2 September.



Renaissance ball and workshops

"500 years of parties": Renaissance dance introductory workshops and a grand Renaissance ball in period costume.

Music festivals - June, July, August 2019

A selection of music festivals and concerts throughout summer:

- "Avanti La Musica!" festival in June
- "Leonard, 500 years of parties" concert on 12 July
- "Magnificence at the Court of France" performance on 23 July
- "Music in the age of kings" festival in August

International symposium - October 2019

Symposium on the subject of "Leonard da Vinci, a pioneer in comparative anatomy, biomechanics, bionics and physiognomy"

Histopad

A new tablet-based IT tool for visitors for a full immersion into the past.

Truly royal days - 20 and 21 July 2019

Chivalry, fencing, ancient games, Renaissance dress and fashion, Court dances, calligraphy etc.



CHÂTEAU OF CLOS-LUCE



Exhibition “Leonardo da Vinci, his students, The Last Supper and Francis I” -

June to September 2019

An international exhibition to mark the 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci at the Château of Le Clos-Lucé on 2 May 1519. For the first time, the tapestry of The Last Supper based on the mural painting by Leonardo da Vinci will leave the walls of the Vatican to be displayed in public after its restoration.

“Leonardo da Vinci, painter and architect” -

July and August 2019
New cultural space with a unique exhibition in two parts: one on Leonardo, the painter, and the other on Leonardo, the architect. The exhibition will include fun and innovative tools such as models, digital tables, 3D animations and virtual reality.

European festival of Renaissance music -

29 September 2019
Brand new programme by the musician and conductor Jordi Savall.

Late openings -

July and August 2019
Late openings: discovery of Renaissance food; recreation of great skills and knowledge such as the art of costumes and dress, musical instruments, painting etc.



AMBOISE

Christmas 2018 - 22 December 2018

Procession of a giant wicker figure and a fantastic parade to herald the festivities in 2019, using machines similar to those designed by Leonardo da Vinci.

Deck the city! April to October 2019

40 or so flags will be put up in the city in connection with Leonardo da Vinci and the Renaissance.

The city in letters. Amboise & correspondence - July and August 2019

Exhibition in Hôtel Morin museum on the digitization of ancient documents in connection with the history of the city of Amboise.

Le Garage: first exhibition - Summer 2019

New exhibition space opening in 2019. An exhibition by the artist Maxime Thoreau who creates “his” machines. A dual approach that is both sensitive and technical and echoes the work and research pursued by Leonardo da Vinci at the time.

Historical revues - 28 and 29 September 2019

Historical reconstructions and Renaissance events: battles, flag throwing, parades.



TOURS

Marathon, special edition - 22 September 2019

A new distance is available for the 37th Tours Marathon: 60 km in teams of two, from Tours towards Amboise in honour of the 500 years of Renaissance.

“Tours, the royal city” - dates TBC

An exhibition on the role of the city of Tours in French royalty, as the home of five Kings of France from 1444 to 1525 and important figures of the nobility at the time.

Early French Renaissance: guided tours

4 new guided tours provided by the Tourist Office on different themes:

- The Renaissance from a general perspective
- Renaissance houses and private mansions
- Religious architecture during the Renaissance
- Places of memory of the Renaissance

Redecoration of green spaces

New decor in 2 gardens in the city centre to highlight Renaissance heritage: Beaune-Semblançay gardens and the fountain and garden at Place Foire le Roi.

Architectural Thursdays - City Hall – dates TBC

A cycle of 4 conferences, including 2 dedicated to the Renaissance:

“Introduction to the Renaissance in decor” with Evelyne Thomas, Art Historian.

“Private architecture of the Renaissance in Tours” with Alain Salamagne, Professor at the Centre d’Etudes Supérieures de la Renaissance





Contemporary art – Exhibition by Alicja Kwade

CCCOD (Centre de Création Contemporaine Olivier Debré) – February to September 2019

First major French exhibition by the Polish artist Alicja Kwade. A new work has been specially produced for the nave of the CCCOD on the subject of questioning appearances and time.

Musical invention by Leonardo da Vinci – Musée des Beaux Arts in Tours - January to April 2019

A musical and visual installation and exhibition explaining Leonardo da Vinci's process of musical creation and his reflections on the sonority of things and the production of popular instruments

1569 – 2019: Ronsard-Verschuieren, resonances

Saint-Cosme Priory- May to November 2019

An encounter between 2 artists living 450 years apart: one of the greatest Renaissance poets on the one hand, and one of the greatest land-art artists on the other. 7 plant installations will be displayed in the Priory gardens and buildings, once home to Ronsard between 1565 and 1585.

Ronsard in music

Saint-Cosme Priory – from 31 May to 2 June 2019

Concert by the Florilège Vocal de Tours, International Competition for Choral Singing. Choirs from all over the world are invited to sing pieces of Renaissance music composed based on Ronsard's poetry.

The Fortress Histopad

Royal Fortress of Chinon – from March 2019

Virtual reconstruction of the original condition of 8 rooms in the Fortress, which have since been destroyed or transformed.



Contemporary tribute to the Renaissance

Château of Le Rivau - April to November 2019

Exhibition of contemporary artists influenced by Leonardo da Vinci and the Renaissance, such as Fabien Merelle, an artist based in Tours and active on the international scene.



Sound and light night show

Château of Azay-le-Rideau - July and August 2019

Show on the theme of the Renaissance that retraces the history and construction of the Château.

Pavardes and Gaillardes at Court, the evolution of music and dance during the Renaissance

Château of Langeais - dates TBC

A programme on the theme of innovation in music and dance, two things which were particularly appreciated by Anne of Brittany, the iconic queen of the château. (Performances, dance workshops, historical reconstructions etc.)

“Elementary nourishment: Rabelais, wine and ideas - 2019: travels to Italy” festival

Chinon - from 1 to 3 November 2019

Festival dedicated to Rabelais and Chinon wine, with conferences, exhibitions and dinner shows on the topic of Rabelais’s travels to Italy.

Renaissance like Rabelais

La Devinière - July to December 2019

A digital, sound and interactive visit assembling innovative technology able to combine literary and physical geography. Creation of a geolocated visit using a mobile app, starting in the house where Rabelais was born, La Devinière, and leading to the Abbey of Seuilly.

A royal cruise

La Bélandre, Chenonceaux - July to October 2019

Cruise and a meal lasting 2hours 30mins on the Cher canal to discover the river’s heritage, its lock and wooden post dam

CHÂTEAU OF CHAMBORD



Chambord 1519-2019: from utopian idea to the work – May to September 2019

International architecture competition comprising two approaches, one on the past and history of the château, and one on its future, with the aim of virtually transforming it into a 21st-century utopian ideal.

A stone's journey – 2 to 6 September 2019

The journey of a block of Tuffeau stone along the Loire, from Tours to Saint-Dyé-sur-Loire, just as it was 500 years ago when the building materials for the Château of Chambord were transported along the river. The route is composed of several stages, with events, shows and encounters.

Chambord festival – from 28 June to 13 July 2019

9th music festival held on the occasion of the château's 500th anniversary.

Humanisms – March to December 2019

A cycle of 10 or so conferences relating to the spirit of humanism and its different fields: science, art, philosophy, law, economy etc.

Leonardo da Vinci, creation and innovations

62nd international symposium of Humanist studies by the Centre d'Études Supérieures de la Renaissance (CESR)

ROYAL CHÂTEAU OF BLOIS & CITY OF BLOIS

Children of the Renaissance

Royal Château of Blois - May to September 2019

New and exceptional exhibition on the theme of childhood from the late 15th century to the early 17th century.

Sculptures by Laurence Dréano

Royal Château of Blois - May to October 2019

Exhibition by the artist Laurence Dréano in the rooms of the château: installations and physical and virtual sculptures made in Murano and offering symbolic representations of Women.

The magic of the Renaissance

Maison de la Magie - April to November 2019

Exhibition and conference on the theme of magic in the 16th century: overview of research on magical art during the Renaissance.



Fluxshow 2019 - France/Fluxus/Italy Fondation du Doute -

March to November 2019

A gathering of young French and Italian artists who adhere to the Fluxus spirit, with the aim of collectively creating a wheeled machine from one tonne of waste technology pieces. The finished work will be exhibited in the courtyard of the Fondation.

Les RDV de l'Histoire

Different locations in the city - octobre 2019

This year, the 22nd *RDV de l'Histoire* event, organised by the CESR (Centre d'Etudes Supérieures sur la Renaissance) will be on a special "500 years" theme: "The Renaissance in the Loire Valley, France and Europe" with a French film festival on "Renaissance". Debates, conferences, workshops etc.

REGIONAL DOMAIN OF CHAUMONT-SUR-LOIRE

Tapestries of the Queen – September to December 2019

Immersion into the private world of Queen Catherine de' Medici: exhibition of everyday items and the tapestries that once decorated her bedchamber.

Artistic expression space – from Spring 2019

Creation of a new space for the Arts and Nature Centre in the East Wing of the Château: installation of a “digital gallery” dedicated to exhibitions, diffusion and experimenting new arts tools.

International symposium on Catherine de' Medici – Autumn 2019

Grand symposium on Catherine de' Medici, jointly led by the Centre d'Etudes Supérieures sur la Renaissance and the Domain of Chaumont-sur-Loire.



CHÂTEAU OF CHEVERNY

The Renaissance of elegance – throughout the season

A series of events on the subject of elegance:

- replanting of the row of tulips in the Spring
- new “Jardin de l'Amour” (Garden of Love)
- exhibition of 12 spectacular sculptures by Swedish artist Gudmar Olovson
- Festival of Hats
- didactic visit on the art of dining and the art of receiving.

Venetian weekend – 22 and 23 June

Inspiration from life forms, from Leonardo da Vinci to today

Musée de Sologne, Romorantin-Lanthenay – Summer 2019

Exhibition on biomimetics, a major source of inspiration for Leonardo da Vinci who designed and began work on the ideal city for the town of Romorantin-Lanthenay.

Creation of a Renaissance garden

La Possonière, Pierre de Ronsard's birthplace – Summer 2019

Renovation of the garden's north courtyard in the Renaissance style



Roses and the Renaissance

Gardens of Roquelin – April to October 2019

A discovery circuit on the theme of roses of the Renaissance.

In the footsteps of the botanists of the Renaissance

Illex Arboretum – Dates TBC

Grandes Bruyères Arboretum – Dates NC

Exploring what rare plants were discovered by the curious botanists looking for new newness and exoticism during the Renaissance.

Late night in the Renaissance style

Château of Meung-sur-Loire – 17 August 2019

Late-night celebration in the gardens of the Château: outdoor meal prepared by a Chef followed by a Renaissance music concert, a DJ set and firework display in the Leonardo da Vinci style.

Sully et du Loiret music festival

Château of Sully-sur-Loire – May - June 2019

Four weeks of classical, jazz and world music concerts, with the theme for 2019 being Italian music.

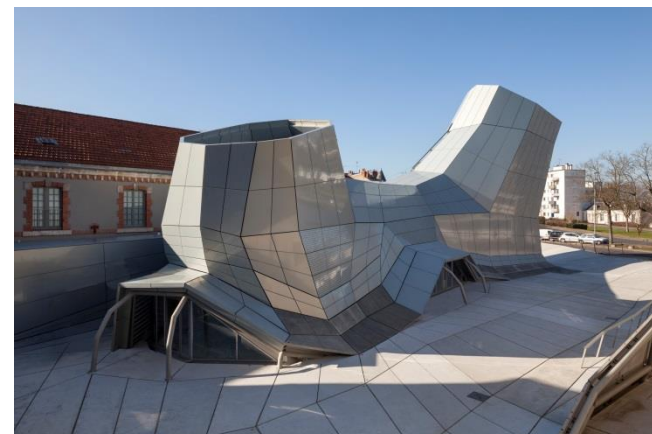
Life after Architecture -

Superstudio FRAC – March to August 2019

Exhibition of the greatest works by the Superstudio architects group, based on 5 themes

Pedagogical exhibition on Leonardo da Vinci

Briare – May to June 2019



Renaissance Interpretation Centre

Château of Anet - 2019

A new interpretation centre to explain the mechanisms that led to the construction of the Château and the roles of Francis I, Henry II and Diane de Poitiers in the emergence of the Renaissance movement.



Chartres Cathedral during the Renaissance

Chartres Cathedral - May to September 2019

Guided tours to discover the 16th-century decoration in Chartres Cathedral.

The Métezeau, a dynasty of Renaissance architects

City of Dreux - April to December 2019

Exhibition and city visit on the Métezeau, a Dreux family of 3 generations of architects who drew numerous plans and elevations of monuments from the late Renaissance to the Classical era.

The Renaissance art of living

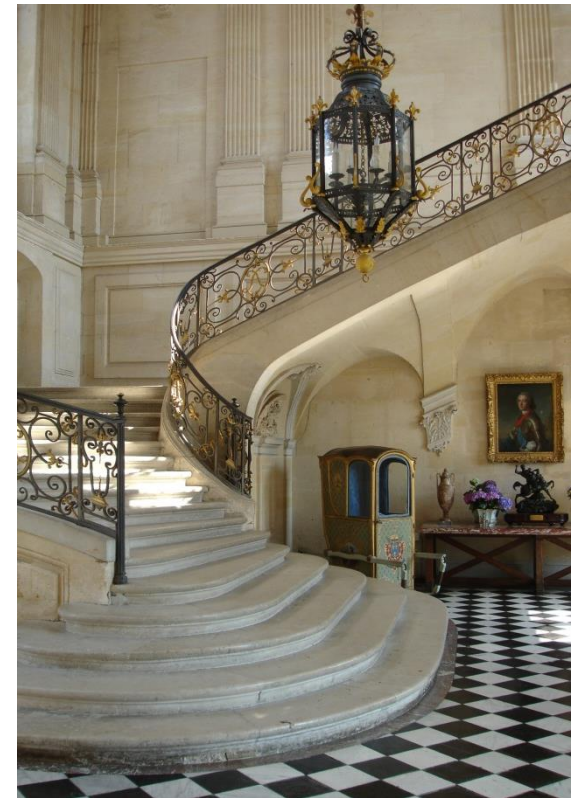
Château of Châteaudun - May to September 2019

Exhibition on the change in living styles during the Renaissance, accompanied by guided tours visiting the locations that inspired the exhibition: hanging gardens, bathing apartments and Renaissance staircase.

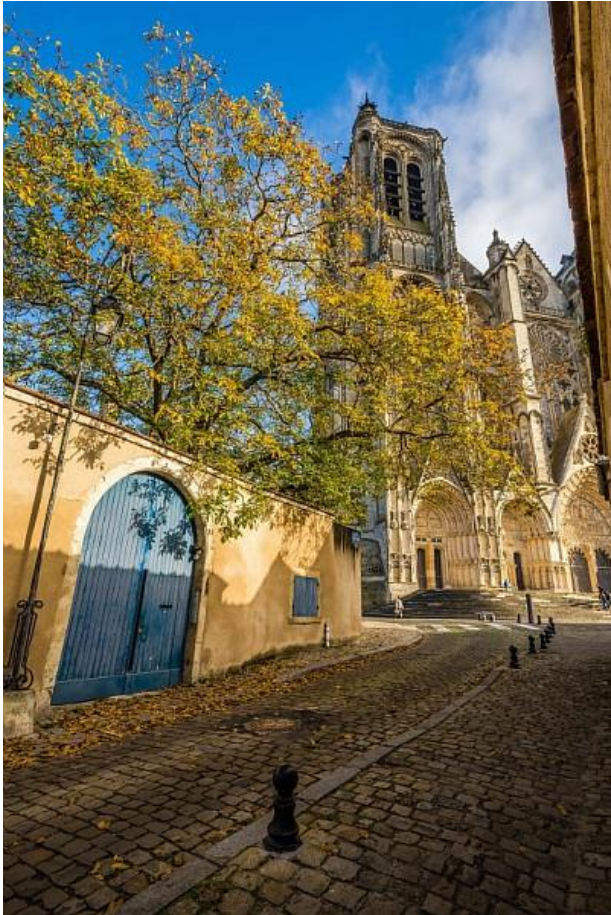
The Renaissance in Châteaudun

City of Châteaudun - Dates TBC

A cultural tourist circuit on the theme of the Renaissance: architecture, exhibitions, key figures, religion etc.



BOURGES



Renaissance parties

City centre - 1 and 2 June 2019

A gentle stroll through the streets of the city centre, with shows, costume parades, historical reconstructions and stands promoting the local craftsmanship and gastronomy.

Renaissance visit

City centre - dates TBC

Visit on the theme of Renaissance art in buildings in Bourges

Cabinet of craft curiosities

Parvis des Métiers - June to September 2019

A collective exhibition on skills and knowledge in the Parvis des Métiers, opposite the Cathedral, with ceramicists, cabinet-makers, glass-makers, stonemasons, metalworkers, fashion designers, engravers, jewellers, carpenters, taxidermists etc. A contemporary echo of the genius of Renaissance craftsmen!

A comparison between the climate and the discovery of the world from 1519 to 2019

Natural history museum - April to November 2019

Exhibition by the Maori artist George Nuku on the issue of climate change and the discovery of the world at two symbolic dates: 1519 and 2019. On the one hand, the exhibition will address the climate of the Renaissance and the discovery of new lands and indigenous populations, and climate change and the impact of plastic pollution in the oceans on the other hand.

500 years of Renaissance(s) at Hôtel Lallemand - March to October 2019

- Today the museum of decorative arts, re-named the “Musée de la Renaissance de l’Hôtel Lallemand”
- A new layout for the rooms in Hôtel Lallemand with furniture and objects of art from the 16th century
- Exhibition titled “The Museum of Machines” during the tourist season
- “From the Vitruvian Man to the intimate and contemporary body”: a multi-discipline visit highlighting the body in the light of location, a source of new aesthetic questions – based on the treatises on proportions by Vitruvius and Dürer and an architectural reading of Hôtel Lallemand.



The impossible portrait

Palais Jacques Cœur - Summer 2019

An exhibition inspired by the absence of real images of Jacques Cœur, on questioning ways of representing the human figure over the centuries.



Reconstruction of cities in the Renaissance period

Art Tension Gallery – (dates TBC)

Exhibition of a large watercolour painting (2.5m x 1.22m) reconstructing the city of Bourges and paintings depicting towns in Haut Berry.



Extended concert – April to July 2019

An immersive and augmented listening device during the recording of an *in situ* concert. Using a touch screen, visitors can navigate between different places from which to listen to the concert (conductor, audience, outside etc.) thanks to advanced hexaphonic pickup techniques.

The Gilles Clément Garden

Creation of a contemporary garden by the landscape designer Gilles Clément. Work will begin in February with completion due in September.

When the Renaissance came to Noirlac– Spring 2019

Creative workshops on writing, calligraphy, architecture, drawing, gardens etc.

The Future of Writing – 8 and 9 June 2019

A multi-discipline event on artistic writing, connecting artists and the general public at the very heart of the event.

Les Traversées – June and July 2019

Music festival on the theme of the Renaissance, every Saturday from 22 June to 20 July. Each concert is followed or preceded by a meal in the Abbey park.

Sound workshops – dates TBC

Artistic workshops on sound, developed in partnership with the Cité de la musique - Philharmonie de Paris.

Monastic Market – 9 and 10 November 2019

A market showcasing the work and produce of monastic communities: cheeses, wines, beers, liqueurs, cosmetics, care products, craft products, music and more



The [Re]naissance of Valençay

Château of Valençay – May to October 2019

- Unique visits of the renovated structural work
- Candles of the Renaissance: an evening in the gardens and chateau lit by nearly 3000 candles, with concerts and performances (August)
- Talleyrand Festival: music festival on ancient instruments (September)

Melodic Follies

Château of Bouges – July to September 2019

Exhibition by Cécile Le Talec: sculptures and architecture for birds, held in the chateau's 80-hectare park. A melodic tour of the different aviaries designed by the artist (sound recordings in the park).



Guided tours and nature-based accommodation

Domain of Poulaines – dates TBC

Photo exhibition and conferences on the history of gardens during the Renaissance

Aerial Screw 2019

Construction of the “Aerial Screw” (La Vis) flying machine, ancestor to the helicopter, as designed by Leonardo da Vinci. Gigantic in size (5.5m in diameter, 3.5m tall and weighing 400kg) and looking fully “Renaissance” thanks to the materials used, the machine can rise to a height of up to 7m once spinning, using motors and on-board electronics. Academic and scientific cooperation between Polytech Orléans and Florence engineering school. First exhibition venue in February: Saint-Pierre Le Puellier collegiate church in Orléans



Loire mirrors - large-scale land art installation. 7 double-sided mirrors embedded in sand banks with no vegetation, in harmony with the research by Leonardo da Vinci on light and optics.

Touring Renaissance digital show in the cities of Bourges, Orléans, Blois, Amboise, Chambord and Tours from 15 August to 15 September. Immersion into a multi-dimension visual and sound environment using new technology.



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