





## CHENONCEAU, "THE CHÂTEAU OF THE LADIES"



Diane de Poitiers



Catherine de Médici



Katherine Briçonnet



Louise de Lorraine



Louise Dupin



Marguerite Pelouze



Simonne Menier

The sight of Chenonceau evokes the idea of a perfect harmony between nature, composed of water, air and greenery, and a unique architecture, renowned worldwide. The château offers its "guests for a day", from all five continents, an invitation to grace...to abandon themselves to the gentle beauty of the location... Chenonceau unlocked the passions of its successive owners, all caught up in the whirlwind of French history. A Royal residence, it is also exceptional for its singular destiny: built, loved, managed and protected by remarkable women. Diane de Poitiers, Henri II's favourite, gave Chenonceau gardens that are among the most spectacular of the era and... its unique

architecture, by endowing it with the famous bridge that crosses the Cher. Catherine de Medici, the King's widow, banished Diane from Chenonceau and gave the château its two-storey gallery where she organised sumptuous parties during her regency. On the death of her husband Henri III, as dictated by etiquette, Louise de Lorraine went into the white of regal mourning and devoted herself to prayer. Her death marked the end of Chenonceau's Royal history.

Louise Dupin, the exquisite representative of the Age of Enlightenment, brought celebrations back to the château where she held a brilliant salon, surrounded by philosophers, such as Montesquieu, Voltaire

and Rousseau. She preserved Chenonceau during the Revolution. A product of the industrial middle class, Marguerite Pelouze decided to make the monument and its park the theatre of her success. She spent a fortune on its restoration, to the point of her own ruin. Simone Menier, a nursing matron, ran the hospital installed, at her family's expense, in the château's two galleries. More than 2,000 war wounded were treated there, up to 1918.

# CHENONCEAU, AN INVITATION TO DISCOVER THE EXCEPTIONAL



19th century Neuilly Tapestry. "Chenonceau and the allegory of the Cher". Walmez



Portrait of Henri III. François Clouet

The monument houses many works of art: an admirable collection of tapestries, paintings and furniture: François Clouet, Murillo, Tintoretto, Nicolas Poussin, Correggio, Rubens, Primaticcio, "Les Trois Grâces" (The Three Graces) by Van Loo...

These exceptional paintings, signed by the greatest European masters from the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, echo Chenonceau's very rich history and the predominant role played by women. From the Renaissance to today, Chenonceau has, throughout time, cultivated the art of encounters and events...



# CHENONCEAU, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL REFLECTION OF REFINEMENT



The floral kitchen garden provides more than a hundred varieties of “cut” flowers, chosen to decorate the château’s different bedrooms and rooms. The floral workshop in the courtyard of the farm, a superb collection of 16th

century buildings, opens its doors to visitors who wish to see it. There, the florists create sublime bouquets, with different themes for each season, and particularly for the end of year celebrations...

Majestic Christmas trees and decorations in traditional colours add a touch of beauty to each of the rooms.



# CHENONCEAU, THE EXPRESSION OF THE DESIRE FOR PERFECTION



The Ponte Vecchio directly inspired the Renaissance work of art that is Chenonceau. Thanks to the leading role played by the “Ladies”, the feminine touch is present throughout...

Catherine de Medici's and Diane de Poitiers' gardens represent an ideal vegetal architecture, of infinite grace. From the Jardin Vert (Green Garden), designed by Bernard Palissy, to the Italian maze...

HERE THE GARDENS ARE THE EARTHLY INCARNATION OF A DREAMED OF PARADISE



# CHENONCEAU UNVEILS ITS HIDDEN TREASURES



The “Galerie des Dômes” (Dômes Gallery) pays homage to all those who made it possible for the war wounded from the Great War to be cared for at Chenonceau. From 1914 to 1918, the Château de Chenonceau housed a military hospital. Gaston Menier, then owner of Chenonceau and the Seine et Marne member of parliament, suggested to the War Ministry that he bear the costs of setting up a temporary military hospital in the château and meet all its operational costs. So,

120 beds were installed in Catherine de Medici’s great galleries that rise up over the river Cher. On the ground floor, a state-of-the-art operating theatre was equipped with one of the first X-ray machines. His daughter-in-law, Simone Menier, wife of his son George and a nursing matron, ran the hospital. Until the hospital closed, she cared for the injured and actively worked alongside the doctors and surgeons seconded here.

Up until 31st December 1918, 2,254 injured soldiers, mostly very seriously wounded, were cared for here.

## The Medici gallery

The Medici Gallery, on the building’s first floor, invites visitors to enrich their historical knowledge thanks to a previously unseen collection of works of art, paintings, tapestries, furniture and decorative objects.



## Carriage Gallery

The superb stable, in the 16th century farm, houses a collection of horse-drawn vehicles.





## CHENONCEAU, EVERY DAY, ALL YEAR ROUND...

### Shop

The Château's shop is free to enter and open to the public every day, all year. A large choice of refined and original gifts, on sale here exclusively or in limited editions. Souvenirs, postcards and areas dedicated to: "little princes and princesses", books and beautiful works, decorative objects and jewellery. Themed according to the seasons and the Château's event programme.



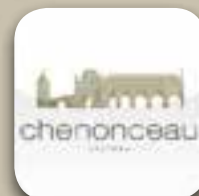
### Audio-guide visit

A visionary château, from the Renaissance to the Age of Enlightenment, Chenonceau was perpetually fuelled by innovation. Its guests, from around the world, discover today the quality of its visitor experience either through a free visit or an audio-guided visit with iPod video in 11 languages. Its high-resolution colour screen allows guests to see all the château's "bonus features". Thanks to the video, visitors with reduced mobility can also access all the rooms, the stunning kitchens and the image archives, with previously unseen architectural details of the château, in all seasons.



### iPhone, iPad and iPod touch App

The visit is available at the Apple Store in 11 languages.







## CHENONCEAU, SEASONAL EVENTS

Every year, traditional and family events, like Easter and 1st May, inspire new creations from the Floral Workshop. For Christmas, the Château is decked with sublime decorations, majestic fir trees and tables laden with food in the kitchens. And fires crackle in the remarkable fireplaces.

### Summer night walk...

The Night Walk, a poetically beautiful event, during which visitors can discover the illuminated gardens, accompanied by the music of Arcangelo Corelli, the master of Italian Classicism. The weekends of 14 July and 15 August

### Chenonceau, "Tasting under the Stars"...

On the 3rd Saturday of July, the Gallery over the Cher will open for a special evening "Tasting under the Stars", with the AOC Touraine Chenonceaux winemakers.







## CHENONCEAU, WINE CELLAR OF THE DÔMES

Discovering a culture, a history, a patrimony only has value if it can be shared. Here, the quest for quality never ceases. The new AOC Touraine-Chenonceaux offers us a perfect blend, a heartfelt alchemy, between the land and an exceptional château. And gives us, today, between know-how and passion... the “taste of the place”.

Tasting Packages	Individual Rates	Rates for Groups of 20 and more
Tasting of AOC Touraine-Chenonceaux wines	€4.20 per person	€3.00 per person
Tasting of AOC Touraine-Chenonceaux wines, served with appetisers and local specialities <b>Booking required (10 people minimum)</b>	€10.00 per person	€8.00 per person



Situated near the Former Royal Stables and the Galerie des Dômes, the “Cave des Dômes” opens its doors to all visitors curious to find out more about this vineyard.  
(Groups are welcome upon reservation)





## CHENONCEAU, RESTAURANTS

GOURMET RESTAURANT

SELF SERVICE

TEA ROOM

The château's restaurants are open every day from mid-March to mid-November. With a capacity to seat 300 people for a lunch or buffet, the gourmet restaurant l'Orangerie (The Orangery), welcomes visitors in a large comfortable dining room in front of the Jardin Vert (green garden), designed by Bernard Palissy. Experience a moment of sheer delight enjoying gourmet recipes. Since the sumptuous festivities of Renaissance times, the art of hosting has been a tradition at the Château of Chenonceau. Its gastronomic restaurant l'Orangerie (The Orangery) keeps this spirit alive with Christophe Canati, its new chef, trained under Georges Blanc, Bernard Loiseau and Eric Briffard.

l'Orangerie can also be booked for prestigious private receptions, meetings or family events, as well as seminars.

The Salon de Thé is open every day from 3pm to 5pm.

For a quick lunch, the Self Service, situated in the Bâtiment des Dômes (Domes Building), has a shaded terrace and a large dining room.



*Entrance fee obligatory.*

Additional Information  
Château de Chenonceau

Service de l'Orangerie

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Payment: Cheque, bank cards, cash



# CHENONCEAU, THE MENUS

## white queen

€35.00 /pers

Asparagus velouté and basil ravioli with a perfectly boiled egg  
Duck terrine and foie gras, fruit chutney and mesclun salad  
Salmon rillettes and tomato tartare with herbs

Fried sea bream fillet, leek royale and curry sauce  
Mustard-braised cushion of veal, sweet potato mousseline  
Chicken supreme with lemon, carrot cream with cumin  
and basmati rice

Trilogy of regional cheeses, mesclun and wine jam

“Chenonceau” baked Alaska  
Honey-candied apple tart with whipped cream  
Almond Dacquoise cake with walnut and coffee mousse

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### SUPPLEMENTS/pers.:

House special kir/€3.30

Evian 0.50L/€2.10

Coffee/€2.10

Pitcher of Rosé and AOC Gamay €2.20

White and Red AOC Chenonceaux /€4.20



## catherine briçonnet

€23.00 /pers

Spring vegetable velouté with cream and chives  
Fresh goat's cheese and Touraine rillettes tart  
Crunchy vegetable salad with olive oil  
Rillons Tourangeaux salad

Roast salmon steak, mashed potatoes with lemon  
and sauce Vierge

Beer-braised roast pork, pumpkin mousseline  
and wheat confit

“Grandma's” chicken supreme and gratin dauphinois

### *Supplement of €3/pers:*

Warm goat's cheese from Pampilles farm,  
mesclun and balsamic vinaigrette

“Chenonceau” baked Alaska

Fruit tart with almond cream

Chocolate and pistachio millefeuille

Dark chocolate mousse tartlet

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Choice of a single menu for the whole group. (All changes to the menu on the day of the visit will incur a charge of €5)

The final number of guests must be confirmed by e-mail 48h before the visit date at the latest.

Contact: [restaurants@chenonceau.com](mailto:restaurants@chenonceau.com)

ACCESS TO THE RESTAURANT REQUIRES PAYMENT OF THE ADMISSION FEE AND IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE MENU PRICE.<1]



## CHENONCEAU, EVENTS, CONFERENCES

L'Orangerie (The Orangery), the superb gastronomic restaurant, next to the château, is available for private hire and can host prestigious evening events and receptions, as well as work meetings, study days and conferences.



**L'Orangerie Gallery (Main Room) (120 people)**  
**Small Room (25 people)**

**Our chef, Christophe Canati can offer Breakfasts and Menus of distinction.**

**Floral Decorations created by the château's Floral Workshop**  
**Team Building Activities available on request.**





## rates 2019

### Château Gardens, Dômes Gallery and Carriage Gallery

**visit with visitor guide**  
available in 18 languages

**audioguided visit**  
available in 11 languages

#### group rate (+ 20 people) and Students 18 to 27 (upon presentation of student card)

Booking required for audioguides  
No reservations in July and August

Accompanying adult/Driver

11,50 €

15,00 €

free

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#### individual prices

Adults

14,50 €

18,50 €

Children (from 7 to 18)

11,50 €

15,00 €

Children (under 7)

free

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#### UNGUIDED VISIT (2 HOURS)

THE FREE VISITOR GUIDE IS AVAILABLE IN 18 LANGUAGES



#### AUDIO-GUIDED VISIT (45MINS OR 1HR)

AUDIOGUIDE AVAILABLE IN 11 LANGUAGES



#### opening time 2019 | ticket office access

The château is open every day.

The Château and the shop are open 30 minutes after the ticket office closes.

1 January to 6 January	9.30 am to 5.30 pm
7 January to 8 February	9.30 am to 4.30 pm
9 February to 5 April	9 am to 5 pm
6 April to 29 May	9 am to 6 pm
30 May to 5 July	9 am to 7 pm
6 July to 18 August	9 am to 7.30 pm
19 August to 29 September	9 am to 7 pm
30 September to 11 November	9 am to 6 pm
12 November to 20 December	9.30 am to 4.30 pm
21 December to 31 December	9.30 am to 5.30 pm

#### Closed at 19:00 for the following weekends :

Easter (20 to 22 April),  
1 May, 8 May (27 April to 12 May)  
Ascension (30 May to 2 June)

#### getting to the chateau

The Castle of Chenonceau is located in the Touraine region,  
in Chenonceaux, 214km from Paris, 34km from Tours.

- 2 hours via the A10 motorway (Blois or Amboise exits)
- 1hr via TGV (High-Speed Train) Paris-Montparnasse/St-Pierre-des-Corps
- 1hr40 by TGV from Roissy Paris-Aéroport Roissy-CDG/St-Pierre-des-Corps
- 1hr50 by TGV from Bordeaux/St-Pierre-des-Corps
- 25minutes by TER (Regional Train) from Tours. Tours/Chenonceaux



**GROUP RESERVATIONS welcome@chenonceau.com +33 (0)2 47 23 44 06**



## SITE MAP

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| <b>1</b> Ticket office/Shop | <b>7</b> Catherine's Garden                | <b>14</b> 16th century farm                          | <br>Free parking<br><br>Free toilets<br>Free left luggage |
| <b>2</b> Maze               | <b>8</b> Self-service                      | <b>15</b> Vegetable & flower garden - Musical Garden |   |
| <b>3</b> Caryatids          | <b>9</b> Dômes Gallery                     | <b>16</b> Donkey park                                |   |
| <b>4</b> Chancellery        | <b>10</b> Wine cellar of the Dômes         | <b>17</b> Picnic area                                |   |
| <b>5</b> Diane's Garden     | <b>11</b> Gourmet rest. - Green Garden     | <b>18</b> Covered picnic area                        |   |
| <b>6</b> Château            | <b>12</b> Garden "Tribute to Russell Page" | <b>19</b> Crêperie                                   |   |
|                             | <b>13</b> Carriage Gallery                 |  |   |





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