

# An Outstanding destination in France

**Pays de Fontainebleau 2023 - 2024**

**Group Travel**



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# VISIT FRANCE

## FONTAINEBLEAU AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

Located 70km from Paris, Fontainebleau and its area is the ideal destination to discover a unique French Art de Vivre in harmony with nature !

### A DESTINATION TO COME AND STAY, LET'S DISCOVER



**The Palace of Fontainebleau and its gardens**

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**The forest of Fontainebleau and its outdoor activities**

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**The famous "art de vivre" of French culture**

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**The artist's villages : Barbizon, Bourron-Marlotte, Samois-sur-Seine**

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**The Impressionist heritage**

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**The imperial city of Fontainebleau**

**11 HOTELS / 606 ROOMS**

LARGE CHOICES OF RESTAURANTS incl. 10 restaurants with partnership for groups.



# AN OUTSTANDING DESTINATION COME AND STAY IN « PAYS DE FONTAINEBLEAU »

## The Exceptional Forest of Fontainebleau

This Forest, recognized by UNESCO as a Naturel Reserve Biosphere of World Importance, is unique of its kind, a real paradise for natural lovers with a vast network of signposted paths for walkers, cyclists and horse-riders.



## The Palace of Fontainebleau and its gardens

Listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, Fontainebleau is the only palace that has been inhabited by all the crowned heads of France for 8 centuries (34 kings and 2 emperors). Fontainebleau is the most furnished palace in Europe to discover the life of Napoléon I and III, François I or Henry IV to name but a few. Visitors enjoy the beauty of the « jardin à la française » and the English garden.

## The Imperial City of Fontainebleau

Just 2 min walk from the Palace of Fontainebleau, the imperial city of Fontainebleau has preserved a typical French « art de vivre » and cultural liveliness. The city charms the visitors with its many terraced restaurants, pretty little lanes, its beautiful theatre and shops.



## The artists' villages, the cradle of impressionism

Barbizon, Bourron-Marlotte, Samois-sur-Seine are the places to discover the world of painters of the Barbizon School, the precursors of impressionism. These picturesque villages were the sources of inspiration for many painters, writers and film directors and are still even today sought-after places of retreat and relaxation.

## International events and exhibitions

Numerous festivals have chosen the Pays de Fontainebleau such as the international Jazz Festival Django Reinhardt the Festival of the history of Art to name but a few. Many exhibitions and concerts are scheduled during the spring and summer season.





# Royal & Imperial destination

## Selection of guided tours to discover the Palace of Fontainebleau

### Guided Tour – The Great Appartement of the Palace of Fontainebleau

Take a tour through the Renaissance rooms of the Château, discover the sumptuous lifestyle of the great sovereigns of France: Fontainebleau was their favorite holiday residence !

**Price: from 20€ per person**, guided tour in English - 1h30 - 1 guide for 30 persons - daily tours excepted on Tuesdays. Free access to the courtyards and the « jardin à la française ».

**Private tours** : every day except on Tuesdays. Tours outside the castle's usual opening hours. 1h30 - Price : On request.



### Guided Tour – "Special Empire" in the Palace of Fontainebleau

Discover the Theater commissioned by Emperor Napoleon III. Inaugurated in May 1857, it was used for a dozen of private performances. Then you will discover the private apartment of Emperor Napoleon 1st and its personal library.

**Price: from 25€ per person.** English guided tour - 1h30 - 1 guide for 20 persons - daily tours excepted on Tuesdays.

### Guided Tour – Courtyards and Gardens listed by UNESCO

Discover the courtyards and the « jardin à la française » with a private guide, discover the history of the gardens. Walk through the 130 hectares of pretigious greenery, where the French sovereigns enjoyed wandering during their stay in Fontainebleau.

**Price: 210€ per group** (1 guide for 30 persons) - guided tour in English.



### Guided Tour of the Imperial City of Fontainebleau

As a timeless vacation destination, Fontainebleau has managed to preserve a lively city centre with artisans and shops proudly displaying the « savoir faire » characteristic of French excellence ; restaurants and brasseries with tables lining the pavement and cobbled streets that will enchant you. Guided tours are available in several languages.

**Price: from 210€ per group** (1 guide for 30 persons.)



# Selection of activities around the Palace of Fontainebleau



## The Royal Tennis

Located inside the Palace of Fontainebleau, the royal tennis hall is one of the last in France. The "Maître Paumier" will share with you the history and the rules of the game. At the end you will have the chance to see a demonstration.

**Price : 210€ per group** (1 guide for 30 persons) - English-speaking demonstration.

## The Equestrian Military School

Located 2 minutes walk of the Palace of Fontainebleau, the equestrian military school center benefits from an exceptional historical environment as well as equipments dedicated to horse riding for more than 200 years. Originally, the carousel area gathered the emperor stables around a large indoor horse-gear which looks like a boat hull reversed.

**Price : 210€ per group** (1 guide for 30 persons) / 2 hours.



## Touristic Train Ride

This is an enjoyable way to discover the gardens of the Palace of Fontainebleau thanks to a ride on board of a touristic train. The ride includes a tour in the Honor Courtyard, Diane's Garden, Great French Parterre and English garden.

**Price : 7€ per person** / 35 minutes.

**Please contact the receptive service to discover the full list of guided tours / activities.**



# Nature destination

Discover the exceptional natural and cultural heritage of the forest of Fontainebleau

## Selection of guided tour and activities

### Guided Tour - Special Biodiversity of the Forest of Fontainebleau

Forest of Fontainebleau Tour with a qualified forest guide. Discover the history of this ancient royal forest which became a place of inspiration and escape. With 15,000 animals and plant species, it is one of the hotspots of biodiversity in Europe.

**Price: 210€ per group** (1 guide for 30 persons) - guided tour in english - daily tours.



### Guided Tour - Impressionism heritage in the Forest of Fontainebleau and Barbizon

#### o Pedestrian guided tour of the Barbizon village

The name of the school was taken from the village of Barbizon, on the edge of the great forest of Fontainebleau near Paris, where the school's leaders, Théodore Rousseau and Jean-François Millet, driven from Paris by poverty and lack of success, settled in 1846 and 1849, respectively. They attracted landscape and animal painters, who decided to settle at Barbizon.

**Price: 210€ per group** (1 guide for 30 persons) - guided tour in english - daily tours.



#### o Pedestrian guided tour “following the Barbizon painters”

The invention of the paint tube, which gave the artists the freedom to paint where and when they wanted. The refusal of the Paris salons to exhibit naturalist paintings, the cholera epidemic, the outstanding luminosity... prompted many artists to quit the capital and freshen up their palettes in Barbizon.

**Price: 210€ per group** (1 guide for 30 persons) - guided tour in english - daily tours.



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# Selection of activities in the Forest of Fontainebleau



## Introduction / perfecting session to bouldering

Discover the pleasures of bouldering in a natural environment with a qualified instructor. Included bouldering and safety equipment rental.

**Price : 210€ per group** (1 guide for 30 persons)  
- English-speaking demonstration.

## Horse riding tour in the Forest of Fontainebleau

Come and live an unforgettable equestrian experience in the forest of Fontainebleau! Ride on the bridle paths and sand paths and discover the diversity of landscapes which inspired the artists of the 19th century. Suitable for beginners.

Small group of 8 riders maximum - **Price from 65 € per person.**



## Ride in an authentic horse carriage in the forest

Embark on a delightful ride on board of a horse carriage, and discover the beauty of the forest of Fontainebleau. Up to 16 per by carriage.

**Price : from 8 € per person** for a 20 minutes tour in the gardens of the château (16€ for a 40 minutes tour and 24 € for a 60 minutes tour).



# Sport and Nature

## An outstanding destination

The destination also has ideal infrastructures for sports and sportsmen and women come here to train.

The Pays de Fontainebleau has 4 certified sites for the preparation of international teams for the Olympic Games.

Citésports is a site of the Centre National des Sports de la Défense (CNSD), a multi-sports site in the heart of historical military.

This multi-sports site is located in the heart of historical military facilities and is home to many French and foreign sports federations and champions in a wide range of disciplines. This place was also dedicated to the reception of the greatest French professional sportsmen in the framework of their military service.



Recognized by professionals as one of the most beautiful competition sites in Europe, the Grand Parquet in Fontainebleau is today a full-fledged event venue, capable of hosting all types of sporting or professional events as well as public events. Among its facilities, there are 6 riding arenas and a presentation ring, stables with 237 fixed boxes. This prestigious event venue can host major international equestrian competitions.

The "Magdeleine nautical base" offers the ideal conditions for rowing and canoeing at all levels. The facilities were renovated in 2000 and expanded in 2019.

Discover also the Philippe Mahut stadium offers ideal conditions for the preparation of major sports events with a surface area of 23 hectares including sports facilities for high level athletes.

For expert advice you can contact the reception service (see the back of this brochure).



**Discover an exceptional destination to practice outdoor sports in a magnificent natural setting or to attend sport events.**



# Journey ideas

## Royal and Imperial

### Day 1 : Imperial Morning

Brunch at the château "all you can eat" and drinks included (wine , sparkling and still water) + guided tour of the great apartments. Take a tour through the Renaissance rooms of the Château, discover the sumptuous lifestyle of the great sovereigns of France : Fontainebleau was their favorite holiday residence !

**Price Day 1: from 61€ / 1 guide for 20 persons.**

#### Option

**Prestige tour:** Discover the hidden rooms which are not included in the main tour. At least enjoy a glass of Champagne served in the restaurant of the castle.

Price: on request.



Imperial theater



Appartement 49



Barbizon painter's museum

### Day 2 : From the royal scene to the school of Barbizon

Imperial theater + appartement 49, lunch at restaurant (3 courses drinks included), Barbizon painter's museum + free time in Barbizon village.

Imperial theater : during Napoleon III and Eugenie's first trip to Fontainebleau in 1853 a decision was made to build a new theatre. Directly inspired by Queen Marie-Antoinette's theatre at the Trianon Palace, it has preserved all its historic features.

"Appartement 49": located above the Galerie François Ier, perfectly reveals the taste of Empress Eugenie in terms of furniture.

Barbizon painter's museum is settled in an historic place: the auberge Ganne, where many artists stayed between 1820 and 1860, in order to find inspiration thanks to the surrounded nature.

**Price Day 2: from 71 € / 1 guide for 20 persons.**



# Journey ideas

## Nature, Forest and Royal Gardens

### Day 1 : Along History and Waterside

Come and discover the “jardins à la française” of the château de Fontainebleau from another angle: the water thematic.

Lunch in the historical centre of Fontainebleau (3 courses drinks included).

In the afternoon, board on a cruise following the rhythm of the Loing river to discover during one and a half hour the hidden landscapes of the Pays de Nemours.

**Price Day 1: from 45€ / 1 guide for 30 persons.**



### Day 2 : Full day hike in the Forest of Fontainebleau

A former royal forest, maintained and equipped for huntings, the Forest of Fontainebleau was the place to be for all French sovereigns. With its 17,000 hectares, it offers a great variety of landscapes: mountains, flats, chaos, gorges, rocks.

The fauna and plants life are exceptionally abundants: there are 6,600 different animals species, 5,700 plants varieties. Even today, game is still abundant there.

Possible starting point from the train station.

**Price Day 2: from 14€ / 1 guide for 30 persons.**



# Journey ideas

## Inspiration / Artists' Villages

### Day 1 : Impressionism journey in Barbizon

Guided tour in Barbizon village + free lunch in Barbizon + Barbizon painter's museum + The Atelier Millet.

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The Barbizon painter's museum is settled in an historic place : the auberge Ganne, where many artists stayed between 1820 and 1860, in order to find inspiration thanks to the surrounded nature.

The Atelier Millet was the studio of the painter. He painted the scenes of rural life found in The Angelus, The Gleaners, Man with a Hoe and The Sower. This period house is home to personal effects belonging to the artist (letters, drawings, engravings, etc.) and a collection of original works by the old masters of the Barbizon School.

**Price Day 1: from 32€ / 1 guide for 25 persons.**



### Day 2 : Authentic, inspiring and artistic day tour



Guided tour in Bourron-Marlotte + lunch drinks included + guided visit of Rosa Bonheur château-atelier.

The village of Bourron-Marlotte is located in the south of Seine-et-Marne, between Fontainebleau and Nemours. Discover the historic atmosphere of its cobbled streets and discover the artists' village by visiting the Town Hall Museum. Bourron-Marlotte owes its reputation largely to its artistic past.

The château-atelier Rosa Bonheur

Since May 25, 1899, time has stopped in the workshop of Rosa Bonheur. The Workshop-Museum of Rosa Bonheur has as its goal to display the place in which she worked for forty years, the ambiance she created around herself, and the atmosphere created by the everyday objects she surrounded herself with.

**Price Day 2: from 54,50€ / 1 guide for 25 persons.**





# Journey ideas

## Sport and Nature

### Day 1 : Bike ride in the forest and village of Barbizon

Arrival by train from Paris Gare de Lyon, a bike rental is available at the Fontainebleau-Avon station.

Luggage is transferred to the hotel.

Enjoy a bike ride through the forest and admire landscape. A true paradise for nature lovers with trail between Fontainebleau and Barbizon.

Then pedal to the painters' village of Barbizon and discover the beauty of this place that has inspired so many painters.

Afterwards, enjoy a lunch in one of Barbizon's restaurants. Return to the hotel.

For small groups and sport clubs, our group service provide expert advices to book sport facilities sport and outdoor activities, restaurants and despoke recommandation.



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### Day 2 : Visit of the Palace and bike ride along the river



For this second day, enjoy a visit to the castle of Fontainebleau and its magnificent gardens.

This magnificent castle has been the residence of many French kings and emperors, and its visit offers a fascinating glimpse into the history and art of France. The gardens of the castle are also a must-see with their vast expanses, fountains and flowerbeds.



After a morning full of discoveries, why not take advantage of the afternoon to explore the surroundings by bike? Ride along the Seine in a beautiful setting for a relaxing bike ride. You'll be able to admire the natural beauty of the area while soaking up its historical charm.

**Price for 2 days stay : from 305€ / person ( with 6 persons minimum to 10 maximum.)**

The price includes : The rent of 6 electrical bikes for 2 days - In three star hotel for 1 night un twin room B&B - The return transfer of luggages Train station/Hotel/Train station



## FOR YOUR STAY

### 11 hotels \*\*\*/\*\*\*\* Fontainebleau/Barbizon

Hotel Aigle Noir (M Gallery/Accor)\*\*\*\* - Fontainebleau  
Hotel Mercure Demeure de Campagne\*\*\*\* (Accor/Grape) - Fontainebleau  
Hotel La Demeure du Parc\*\*\*\* - Fontainebleau  
Hotel Novotel Fontainebleau-Ury\*\*\*\* - Ury  
Hostellery Bas Bréau \*\*\*\* - Barbizon  
Hotel Spa les Pléiades\*\*\*\* - Barbizon  
Hotel Napoléon\*\*\*\* - Fontainebleau (opening in May 2023)  
Hotel Victoria\*\*\* - Fontainebleau  
Château de Bourron – Bourron-Marlotte  
Hôtel Ibis Château de Fontainebleau\*\*\*  
Hôtel Campanile Fontainebleau\*\*\*



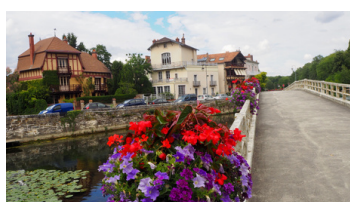
### French Restaurants / Partners of the Tourist Office - For groups

L'Axel \* ( One star Michelin)  
Le Patton – Fontainebleau  
L'écailler du château - Fontainebleau  
La Taverne - Fontainebleau  
Le Mansart- Fontainebleau  
La croix d'Augas - Fontainebleau  
Le Houston - Fontainebleau  
Les petites bouches de l'empereur - Fontainebleau  
Café de la Paix – Bourron-Marlotte  
La Folie Barbizon (100% Vegan) – Barbizon  
La caverne des brigands – Barbizon



### Small groups (up to 10 persons)

French Cheese and wine tasting  
Horse Riding Tour in the forest  
Hot-air balloon flight  
Inspiration Django Reinhardt guided tour in the artist' village of Samois-sur-Seine



### For individuals travellers

Visit our website  
[www.fontainebleau-tourisme.en/](http://www.fontainebleau-tourisme.en/)  
Tickets for the palace of Fontainebleau,  
Barbizon painters' museum, Millet museum.  
Tickets for the touristic train / horse carriage  
tour in the gardens of the Palace of  
Fontainebleau...  
Tickets for outdoor activities, bouldering,  
forest bath, photo session

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## How to come to Fontainebleau & its surroundings

### By train from Paris

The Mobilis day ticket can be purchased in any tube or train station, allowing all day travel anywhere in the Paris Region (tube, bus, train).

From Paris Gare de Lyon direction Montargis, Sens or Montereau and stop at Fontainebleau-Avon train station (approximately 40 minutes).

Then take the city bus line 1 from the train station to Fontainebleau city center, and get off at "Château". Buses run every 15 minutes.

### By car from Paris

Take the south ring road (périphérique sud) direction A6 Lyon, exit Fontainebleau (approximately 50 minutes).



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