

A perfect day at Versailles

Unlimited priority access to all of the **starred (*) activities below is free** for you *and the person who accompanies if your card is DUO*.

If you come with additional non-members, it is possible to purchase them tickets on the château's website http://billetterie.chateauversailles.fr or, at the last minute, in locations close to the château, including the Office of Tourism of Versailles and the Brasserie du Musée (for practical information and prices, see our FAQ at www.amisdeversailles.com). Please note that two visitors accompanying the card holder can also benefit from priority access.

Chateau access is free for children but access to the musical fountain shows is paying for children above 6 years old. (The reduced price for children in 7€. Tickets can be purchased at the entrance to the gardens or in advance online http://en.chateauversailles.fr/prepare-my-visit-/single/tickets-and-rates/billets-et-tarifs/les-grandes-eaux-1-en)

Details of priority access: For priority access, you may advance to the beginning of the line with the security guards next to the sign "Entrée A" in the courtyard of the château. There is no priority access to get an audio guide or for the two Trianon palaces.

Attention: With the heightened anti-terrorism precautions at Versailles, all visitors must wait in the security line at the entrance to the palace courtyard. Please account for this extra time, only after which will the membership card grant you priority access.

We wish you a wonderful visit of the chateau!

On busy days, especially **Tuesdays and weekends**, we recommend that you plan to **arrive at the opening of the château at 9am** to enjoy the Hall of Mirrors and the Grand Apartments before they become crowded. **The Grand and Petit Trianon and Marie-Antoinette's estate don't open until 12pm**.

- 9am Visit of the chateau*: Present yourself directly at "entrée A" for priority entrance.
- ❖ 10:30am Musical fountain show *: Walk the princes' passage in the André le Notre-designed gardens for a royal promenade and discover areas exceptionally open to the public. Experience special fountain displays and baroque music—unforgettable!

 Music from 10 am to 6:30pm Fountain show the weekend from 11am to 12pm and 3:30 to 5pm, Tuesday from 11am to 12pm and 2:30 Fountain show at the Bassin du Miroir and Bosquet du Théâtre
 - Tuesday from 11am to 12pm and 2:30 Fountain show at the *Bassin du Miroir* and *Bosquet du Théâtre d'Eau* every 15 minutes from 10am to 6:30pm Fountain show at the *Bassin de Neptune* only at 5:20pm
- 12:30pm Lunch: we recommend that you dine close to the château if you plan to return for a guided visit in the afternoon (Partner restaurants for members: Angelina-in the chateau, La Flottille, La Petite Venise, La Brasserie du Musée)
- 2:00pm (or at the time reserved) guided visit (1 hour 30 minutes): Meet at the group entrance
- 4pm Marie-Antoinette's estate Grand Trianon and Petit Trianon *

And on the days of the nocturnal fountain shows (Saturday evenings and certain other dates):

- Dinner near the château: it is possible to have a light dinner from the food stands in the gardens of the château. We recommend a reservation for restaurants in the area (especially on the nights of the nocturnal fountain show).
- ❖ 8:30pm Nocturnal fountain show: Access through the main entrance to the chateau. Reduced prices for members (and guest if the card is DUO). A magical walk in the sumptuous gardens of the chateau with special fountain displays, lights, and music. The grande finale is a stunning fireworks display over the Grand Canal (at around 10:50pm)!

Some useful information:

To reserve a visit to the chateau: (please note that all visitors are entitled to a free audio guide or can download a guide on their tablet or smart phone: http://en.chateauversailles.fr/accueil-multimedia-en)

- Guided group visit (1 hour 30 minutes): Visits vary according to the offerings of the chateau.
 A 7€ additional ticket.
 - **Attention**: you must reserve this visits online, even for children under 10 years old (free admission) http://billetterie.chateauversailles.fr
- Personalized "prestige" visit: A private visit guided by a curator through areas not accessible by public visit. During hours when the chateau is open to the public. 700€ for a 1 hour 30 minutes visit for a group of up to 30 people (800€ after July 1, 2016). If all group members are members of the Société des Amis de Versailles, the visit price is reduced to 250€ Mandatory reservation by email to visiteprestige@chateaudeversailles.fr (please indicate if the group are members of the amis de Versailles or will be accompanied by a "duo" member) For more information: en.chateauversailles.fr/plan-your-visit/groups/visits-and-reservations

Château – Open every day <u>but Monday</u> from 9am to 6:30pm. Last admission : 6pm - Ticket office closes: 5:30pm.

Trianon Chateaux and Marie-Antoinette's Estate Antoinette – Every day except Monday 12-6 :30pm Last admission : 6pm – Ticket office closes : 5 :30pm

Gardens – Open every day 8am-8:30pm (5:30pm on Saturdays and the days of the Nocturnal fountain shows)

Park – Open every day 7am to 8:30pm (last access: 7pm for vehicles and 8pm for pedestrians)

Golf cart rental: Every day from 10am to 6:45pm (last rental at 5:45pm) (*reduction of 30% with the Amis de Versailles membership card*) Where: The south terrace of the chateau (main location) or *Petite Venise* (on the Grand Canal)

Rental prices : one hour minimum, 32€ - 8€ for each additional 15 minutes.

The petit train: members of the Amis de Versailles benefit from a round-trip ticket at 5.80€ instead of 7.50€. The petit train makes 4 stops. Visitors may get off and get back on at any stop.

Boat rental: Location: *Petite Venise* (Grand Canal) - Hours: weekdays from 11am to 6:45pm - Saturday, Sunday, and holidays from 10:30am to 6:45pm.

Boat prices: 12€ the half hour - 16€ the hour* (30 % discount for Amis de Versailles)

The Versailles Academy of Equestrian Arts:

- "La Voie de l'Ecuyer" Show (2016) through 6/26/2016 : Every Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 3pm. A visit of the Equestrian Academy is included in the ticket price. (25€)
- "Les Matinales" through 6/26/2016: An invitation to watch the equestrians and horses practice their techniques all morning long. Sundays from 10am to 12pm, with visits leaving every 20minutes (last visit at 11:20am) Visitors 5 years old and up. (10€)

Reservations online: hhtp://acadequestre.fnacspectacles.com