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PRESS RELEASE

Chillon Castle winter opening times, a treat for the whole family, plus Christmas celebrations

As the year draws to a close, Chillon Castle Foundation will be switching to its winter opening hours. From 1st November 2021 until the end of March, the castle to rival all castles will be operating different opening times: from 10am to 5pm (last entry at 4pm). There will be two main events at Chillon Castle this splendid season: 'Family Day at the Museum' 6th and 7th November, and 'Christmas at Chillon Castle' 4th and 5th December.

Winter is coming to Chillon Castle on 1st November as we switch to our seasonal opening times of 10am-5pm, last entry at 4pm. During the off-season, two events will brighten the darker days for children and grown-ups: 'Family Day at the Museum' (6th and 7th November) and 'Christmas at Chillon Castle' (4th and 5th December).

'Family Day at the Museum' – 6th & 7th November

For this year's edition, Chillon staff will be offering an introduction to illumination and a children's painting workshop (aged 4+, approx. 45 minutes). Groups of two to five parents, children, uncles, godmothers and granddads can all work together, learning how to embellish their very own family initial in gold leaf. Adopting a technique that was mainly used by monastic scribes in the Middle Ages, families will learn to mix natural pigments and make custom colours to decorate and perfect their masterpiece.

Express (20-minute) guided tours of the castle with costumed medieval characters will also form part of the festivities. This event – now in its 21st year – will be taking place at Chillon and across other cultural institutions in partnership with the [Vaud Riviera Museums Association](#).

Book 8am-5pm from 1st to 5th November 2021 by calling +41(0)848 868 484.

Price: 20 CHF per family for up to 4 workshops.

'Christmas at Chillon Castle' 4th and 5th December

The first weekend of Advent, step merrily into Christmas at Chillon Castle! In amongst the Christmassy chorus, the heart of the fortress will be bursting with festivities, including workshops, dancing, fairy tales, medieval crafts and more. Cross over the drawbridge and join our artisans of yesteryear as they prepare for the Christmas festivities. Visitors can journey through the sumptuous ancient rooms solo, as a couple or as a family. Decked from beneath your feet to the top of the keep, the castle will be welcoming visitors for an extraordinary, one-off weekend, 10am-6pm (last entry at 5pm!) on the 4th and 5th December. [Café Byron](#) will also be cooking up a festive twist to mark the occasion. This event is in partnership with [Montreux Noël](#).

[Book online](#), full programme available from 11 November.

Price: Children (aged 6 to 15): 10 CHF / Adult: 17.50 CHF / Family: 50 CHF

Please remember that, in line with guidance from the Swiss public health authority, a vaccination certificate and a form of ID are required for entry.

[Photos available upon request](#)



Chillon's autumnal English Garden © FCC Lise Leyvraz Dorier



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Christmas in Chillon Castle © FCC Simon Contreras

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