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PRESS RELEASE

October at Chillon Castle set to be a golden age of legends, thrills and creativity

Major Swiss cultural site, Chillon Castle, is gearing up for an exceptional month ahead for children and grown-ups alike. With three types of events in store – Swiss Castles Day, Scary Night at the Castle and autumnal half-term workshops – October at the castle is sure to be as fascinating as the medieval inventions and creations within.

1 October: [Swiss Castles Day](#)

As Chillon Castle celebrates Swiss Castles Day on 1 October, this year, the spotlight is firmly on fabled animals and creatures. Dive into the world of mythology and discover fantastic beasts straight out of legendary tales, be it griffins, dragons, unicorns, eagles, bears or even panthers! A fascinating adventure awaits as you journey through the Middle Ages by way of falconry displays, theatrical guided tours of the castle and gardens, and medieval bestiary-inspired children's games. [Café Byron](#) has even concocted a special, delicious menu of medieval recipes. This event is hosted in partnership with the [Swiss Castles Association](#).

14 October: [Scary Night at the Castle](#)

The famous Scary Night at the Castle on 14 October is shining a light on Chillon Castle's fantastic dragons. Nighttime shows and dazzling light displays will take you on a mysterious journey. Children aged 4-12 will take on the heroic challenge of reversing the evil spell cast over our castle mascot, Drako. Work together as a family to scour the castle's nooks and crannies and find the cure. There are sure to be plenty of silly and spooky obstacles along the way. If not both at the same time... Anyone brave enough to save our favourite dragon will be handsomely rewarded! Tickets must be purchased online in advance.

17 and 24 October: [Autumnal medieval dance workshops](#)

On 17 and 24 October, the castle will be opening its doors to a time-traveller or two! Children and teenagers are invited to join them and learn an extraordinary medieval dance. Swap the classroom for the Savoy ballroom, to the tune of harps, vielles and flutes. Round dancing and other choreography sessions are open to children aged 8-14 only.

19 and 26 October: [Autumnal gold leaf workshops](#)

On 19 and 26 October we'll be joined by Swiss artist Leah Linh, the castle's current exhibiting artist, for a gold leaf painting workshop. Children aged 8 to 12 are invited to join our resident painter and learn what went on at the castle during the reign of Count Peter II of Savoy, the prince she brought to life through her monumental artworks. Budding artists can let their creative juices flow and take home their very own masterpiece.

Chillon Castle belongs to the State of Vaud and has been managed by the private entity, Chillon Castle Foundation, since 2022. It is one of the best-preserved medieval castles in Europe and is part of the region's 'four seasons' tourist offering.

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1 October: Swiss Castles Day

Activities from 10:00am to 6:00pm

[Full programme](#) in French / [Programm auf Deutsch](#)

PRICES

Children (aged 6 to 15): 10 CHF

Adults: 17.50 CHF

Families (2 adults and 2-5 children): 50 CHF

14 October: Scary Night at the Castle

Activities from 6:30pm to 11:30pm, last entry at 9:30pm

[Tickets must be purchased online in advance. Full programme](#) in French

PRICES

Children (aged 4 to 15): 15 CHF

Adults (16 and over): 20 CHF

Families (2 adults and 2-5 children): 60 CHF

17 and 24 October: Autumnal medieval dance workshops

'Let's dance!' from 10:00am to 12:00pm

PRICES

Children (aged 8 to 14): 17 CHF

Bonus: free entry to the castle for up to two guardians

19 and 26 October: Autumnal gold leaf workshops

'History in the making' from 10:00am to 12:00pm

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Photos and videos available to the press on request

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