

CHRISTMAS AT CHILLON CASTLE

SATURDAY
& SUNDAY
29-30 NOVEMBER
2025 / 10H → 17H

PROGRAMM
WEEKEND 1



CHILLON

+ SWISS CULTURAL
HERITAGE

My noble ladies and gentle lords!

Winter has arrived here at Chillon Castle and, with it, our medieval residents!

Christmas trees have made their grand entrance in the courtyards, music and dancing weaves its way through the walls and the castle is twinkling in lights. As the fireplaces crackle, festive magic fills the air... inviting you in to savour this unique experience with family and friends.

Over this first festive weekend, dive into the world of spices, take part in medieval dancing, rediscover ancient arts and crafts, and say hello to the animals hunkering down for winter!

Grab an ancient sweet treat to keep cosy and warm as you immerse yourself in the sounds, smells and poetry of Advent...

Experience a medieval Christmas!

Chillon residents!

Petit Grimoire

► **1st et 3rd courtyard:**

10:30am / 12pm / 1:30pm / 4:30pm
Beating drums and dancing balls... Stop for a moment and take in the incredibly captivating talent of the Petit Grimoire troubadours!

(Out. ☀)

Music and dancing

► **Room 26, 1st et 3rd Courtyard**

11am / 12:30pm / 2:30pm / 4pm
Follow along as the Pieds Gauches dancers teach you to dance a medieval 'branle'! Complete with ancient tuneful melodies played on medieval instruments! (Out. ☀)

Blacksmithing workshop

► **Bernese Garden**

Hear the clanking of the hammer on the red-hot metal. Get up close to the sparks flying from the anvil and discover the secrets to blacksmithing - the mastery of iron... You can even learn how to make your very own nail!

All day. Break from 1pm-2pm

Wax workshop

► **Room 13: All day, from 10am**

The beekeepers are back with honey and wax galore! Discover the fine art of beekeeping. Then hang out for a while longer to make your own beeswax candle!

(age 7 and up, 5 CHF, no booking required)

Pottery and ceramics

► **Room 13: All day**

Transform a lump of clay into a jug, plate or pot. Gather round and admire the creative handiwork of our potter. You might even stumble upon your new favourite mug!

Medieval stall

► **Room 13: All day**

Behold the hundred and one wonders on offer at this stall - admire from a distance, or go deeper to uncover a secret or two. You might even unearth a hidden gem!

Basket-making

► **Room 13: All day, from 10am**

Basket-making is back! Head to the castle to discover the art of weaving wicker and rattan into chairs and more. Follow our master artisan's instructions to make your very own basket! (age 6 and up, 10 CHF, no booking required).

Jewellery stall

► **Room 13: All day**

Be dazzled by Sigmar's Northern European-inspired jewellery. Each glistening metal piece has its own unique story - just ask to hear all about them!

Herbalist

► **Room 13: All day**

Discover the secret life of plants and herbs with our knowledgeable, lyrical herbalist. Share a special moment and try out making your very own herbal tea!

The wonders of Chillon

► **Room 13: All day**

The castle has thousands of wonderful items for you to take home and cherish. Check out exclusive items from our shop in one of the most beautiful rooms in our medieval fortress.

Medieval drinks and treats

▶ **3rd courtyard**: All day

Delicious, spiced aromas wafting from cauldrons... Get warm and cosy with a spiced medieval wine, known as hippocras, and an ancient sweet treat. Travel back in time with these delicious delicacies! (Room 26 ☂)

Medieval cookery

▶ **Room 26**: 11:30am / 1pm / 3pm

Have you always dreamt of cooking on a medieval fireplace? Join the Compagnons des Tours team to learn all about the art of pastry parcels and doughnuts. You'll even get your own culinary creation to take home!

(free - age 8 and up, sign up on the day, subject to availability)

Herboristerie and Scriptorium

▶ **Room 26**: All day

Travel back in time with Les Tours. Master the art of clerking with a medieval writing workshop, or explore the wonderful world of plants with the Herboristerie...

(sign-up subject to availability)

Christmas workshop

▶ **Room 27**: All day

Make your very own Advent wreath. Two hands or four, maybe even more... come along for a fun, family activity guided by our Chillon Castle helpers.

(free - age 6 and up, subject to availability)

Christmas storytelling

▶ **Room 30**: 11:30am / 1pm

2:30pm / 3:30pm

Come along and enjoy Christmas stories as you've never heard them before. The Raconteur is back, with his big book of stories in tow... Listen to his soothing voice as he recounts his winter tales.

The castle arsenal

▶ **Room 36**: All day

The castle soldiers have set up shop in the watchtower, ready to defend the castle. Witness the impressive power of a flanged mace, or a single-edged langmesser blade. You can even feel the weight of a hand-and-a-half sword for yourself!

Intro to the pike

▶ **3rd courtyard**: 11:30am

2pm / 3:30pm

Follow the captain and sergeant's orders and get ready to defend your comrades. Join the ranks of the Maciliens and learn how to handle a pike. Get ready for combat!

(sign-up subject to availability)

Chillon farm

▶ **3rd courtyard**: All day

Some farmyard friends have made themselves at home in the courtyard. Give the donkeys' ears a stroke... they might even let you sit on their backs! Can you spot a bunny nose or two peeking out of the hay?

(Out. ☀) = Outdoors, weather permitting.

(Room ☂) = In the room, if it rains.

Planning Workshops and Shows

Times

Workshops

sign-up on the day and payment upfront

Location

Price

10am-4pm ▶ 40 min.	Basket-making	Room 13	10.- chf
10am-4pm ▶ 20 min.	Candle-making	Room 13	5.- chf
11:30am / 1pm 3pm ▶ 30 min.	Medieval cookery	Room 26	Free
10am-4pm ▶ 20 min.	Advent wreath	Room 27	Free
11:30am / 2pm 3:30pm ▶ 30 min.	Intro to the pike	3 rd courtyard	Free

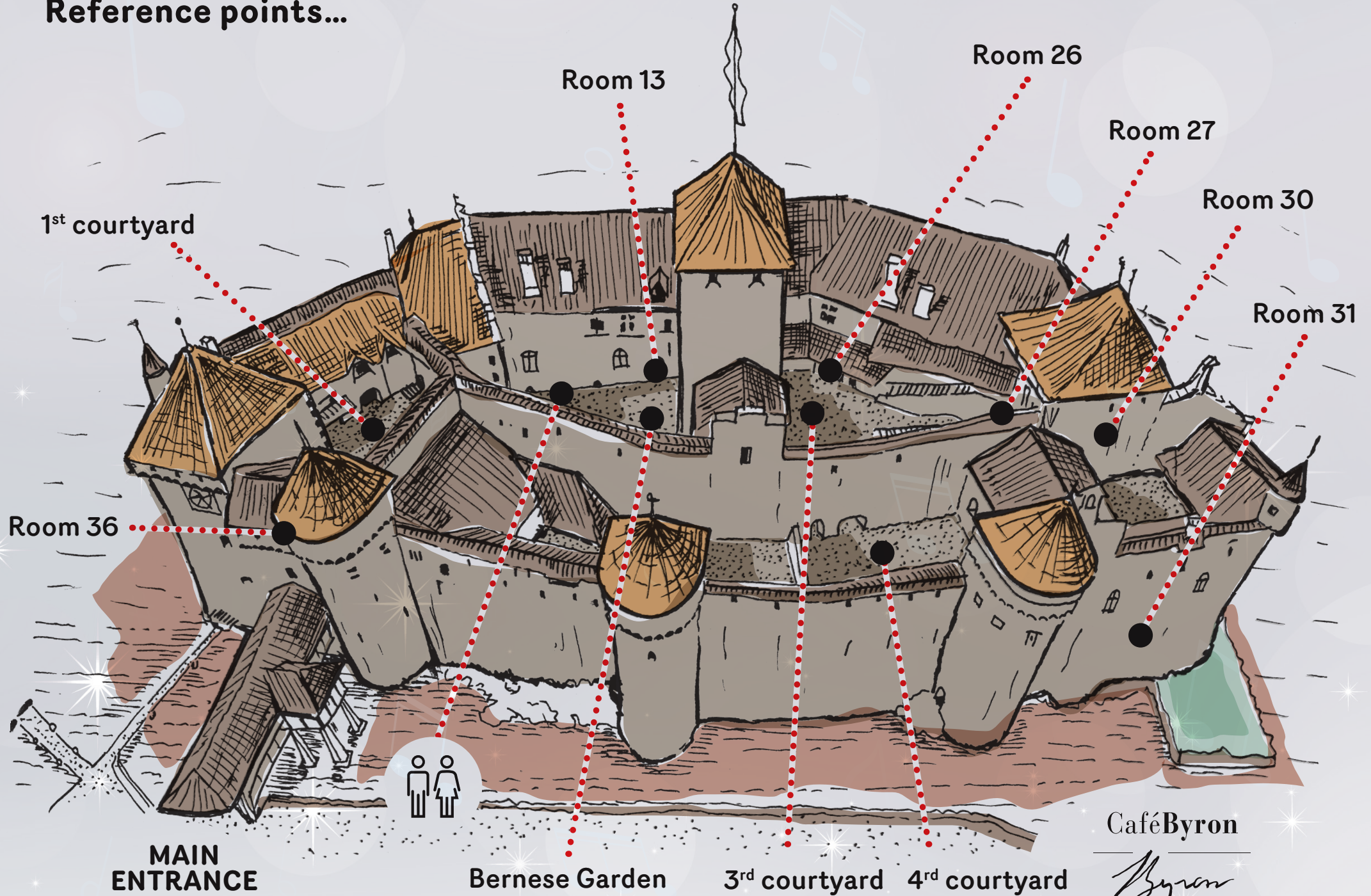
Times

Shows and demonstrations

Location

10:30am / 12pm 1:30pm / 4:30pm ▶ 30 min.	Petit Grimoire	1-3 rd courtyard
11am / 12:30pm / 2:30pm / 4pm ▶ 30 mins	Music and dancing	Room 26 Weather permitting
11am / 1pm 2:30pm / 3:30pm ▶ 30 mins	Storytelling	Room 30
10h-13h / 14h-16h ▶ All day	Blacksmithing	Bernese Garden

Reference points...



Room 36

1st courtyard

Room 13

Room 26

Room 27

Room 30

Room 31

MAIN
ENTRANCE



Bernese Garden

3rd courtyard

4th courtyard

CaféByron

Byron



Please bear in mind that you are in a historic monument.
We ask that you respect the site and its furnishings.
Thank you!



We would like to remind you that smoking is not permitted
in the castle, including in the courtyards! Thank you!



Parents and guardians are responsible for their children
at all times. Please do not leave them unattended!

We're proud to partner with...

Petit Grimoire: ciedupetitgrimoire.ch

Les Pieds Gauches: www.lespiedsgauches.ch

Maciliens: www.maciliens.ch

Les Tours: www.les-tours.ch

Ceramed: www.ceramed-poterie.blogspot.ch

Cerata: www.cerata.ch

Art Quebatte: www.art-quebatte.ch

Sigmar Hoard

Herbalist: www.catherinedubosson.net

L'Arboulastre: larboulastre.ch

Point Vert: www.pointvert.ch

Medieval stall: *Julien Vuagniaux*

Blacksmith: *Simon Luprano*

Storyteller: www.leraconteur.ch

Dos d'âne et Dodo: www.dnd.bio

Veytaux and Villeneuve woodcutters

Commune de Veytaux

Café Byron:

www.chillon.ch/cafe-byron

Plus the incredible Chillon Castle team !

Our partners :



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