

CHRISTMAS AT CHILLON CASTLE

SATURDAY
& SUNDAY
6-7 DECEMBER
2025 / 10H → 17H

PROGRAMM
WEEKEND 2



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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 second festive weekend, prepare to be dazzled by amazingly talented musicians, take part in dancing, try your hand at calligraphy, and say hello to the animals who have hunkered down here 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!

The Abaldir jesters

► **1st et 3rd courtyard :**

10:30am / 12pm / 1:30pm / 4:30pm

Get ready to be blown away by the tuneful twists and turns of the Albadir troubadours! Follow them through the rooms and courtyards for a moment of pure magic!

(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. ☀)

Hauvoy ensemble

► **Room 26, 1st et 3rd Courtyard**

10am / 1pm / 3pm

The Hauvoy medieval music virtuosos have made their grand return to Chillon. Why not spend a moment enjoying the sounds of yesteryear?

(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! Plus, you can get 'hands on' and make your very own clay creation. (age 6 and up, 5 CHF, no booking required).

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!

Merchants from the North

► **Room 13: All day**

These jewellery merchants have travelled all the way from far-off Scandinavia to dazzle you with their creations. Braided silver, glass beads, or even a necklace... which treasure will you take home?

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 ☂)

Cookery workshop

► **Room 26:** 11:30am / 1pm / 3pm

The Bernum in Burgundia chefs have taken over the fireplace for a one-of-a-kind workshop. Drop by for a flavour-filled experience as you learn to prepare medieval charcuterie.

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

Bernum in Burgundia

► **Room 26:** All day

The Bernum in Burgundia Swiss mercenaries have brought the castle to a complete standstill. Experience 'a day in the life', take in their incredible costumes, and discover just what the Middle Ages was like through their eyes.

Christmas workshop

► **Room 27:** All day

Make your very own Christmas branch. 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)

Calligraphy workshop

► **Room 30:** 12pm / 1:30pm / 3pm

Tracing a letter is a lot harder than it looks... But don't worry - the Bernese clerks are on hand to help you conquer calligraphy. So you can tell your uncial script from your Carolingian in no time! *(free - age 8 and up, sign-up on the day, 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!

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

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.

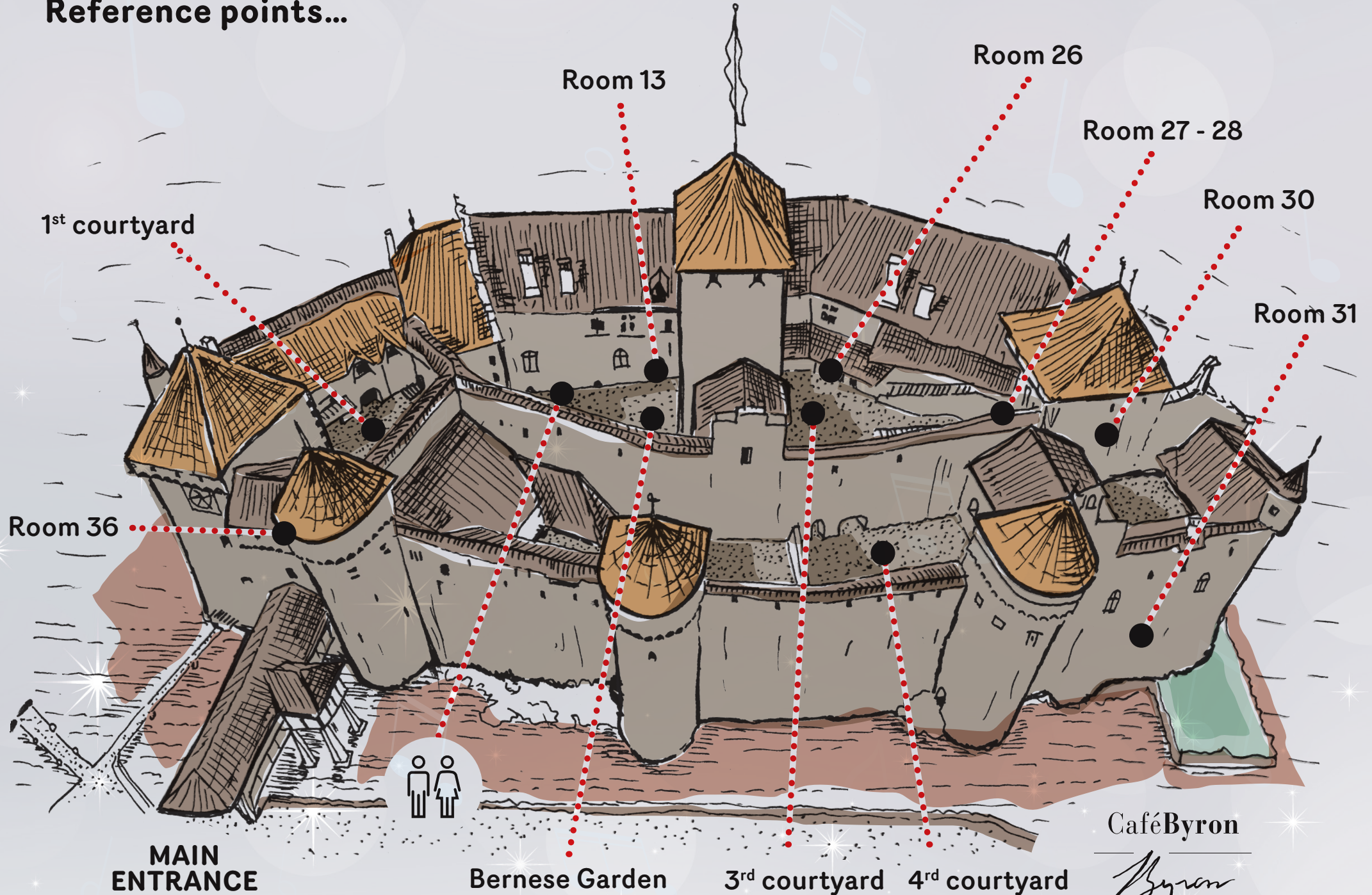
Planning Workshops and Shows

| <u>Times</u> | <u>Workshops</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Price</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 10am-4pm ► 40 min. | Pottery | Room 13 | 10.- chf |
| 10am-4pm ► 20 min. | Candle-making | Room 13 | 5.- chf |
| 11:30am / 1pm 3pm ► 30 min. | Charcuterie workshop | Room 26 | Free |
| 12pm / 1:30pm 3:30pm / ► 20 min. | Calligraphy workshop | Room 28 | Free |
| 10am-4pm ► 20 min. | Christman branch | Room 27 | Free |
| 11:30am / 2pm 3:30pm ► 30 min. | Intro to the pike | 3 rd courtyard | Free |

Shows and demonstrations

| <u>Times</u> | | <u>Location</u> |
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| 10:30am / 12pm 1:30pm / 4:30pm ► 30 min. | Abaldir | 1-3 rd courtyard |
| 11am / 12:30pm 2:30pm / 4pm ► 30 mins | Music and dancing | Room 26 Weather permitting |
| 10am / 1pm / 3pm ► 30 min. | Hauvoy | 1-3 rd courtyard |
| 11:30am / 1pm 2:30pm / 3:30pm ► 30 mins | Storytelling | Room 30 |
| 10am-1pm / 2pm-4pm ► All day | Blacksmithing | Bernese Garden |

Reference points...





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...

Abaldir: www.abaldir.ch

Les Pieds Gauches: www.lespiedsgauches.ch

Maciliens: www.maciliens.ch

Bernum in Burgundia

Hauvoy: hauvoy.fr

Ceramed: www.ceramed-poterie.blogspot.ch

Cerata: www.cerata.ch

L'Arboulastre: larboulastre.ch

Point Vert: www.pointvert.ch

Blacksmith: *Simon Luprano*

Medieval stall: *Julien Vuagniaux*

9 Mondes: www.9mondes.ch

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 !

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