MEDIEVAL CHRISTMAS AT CHILLON

WEEKEND 1 28.11 & 29.11

The changing of the guard



CHILLON

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My noble ladies and gentle lords!
Winter is coming to Chillon Castle and, with it, our medieval residents brought back to life! Music and dancing weaving through the walls, the sound of crackling fireplaces, lights twinkling all around and a touch of festive magic in the air... Come along and enjoy this unique experience with friends or family.

The changing of the guard

For opening weekend, the castle walls will reverberate with the clattering of soldiers' weapons and boots. Come and discover the art of medieval combat as you immerse yourself in the castle in battle – but make sure you take a break to say hello to our expert artisans and the animals!

Warm up with an ancient treat and get swept up in the poetry of Advent...



Experience Christmas as in the Middle Ages !

The castle in battle

▶ **Starts in 3rd courtyard**
11am / 3pm

The castle is preparing for battle! Start with a moment of appreciation for the soldiers, be they knights or simple sergeants, before joining in their attack on the castle! Will you be cheering on the defenders or the attackers?

Combat demonstration

▶ **3rd courtyard**
11:30am / 1:30pm / 3:30pm

Discover the art of the medieval duel! Medieval warriors will show you how to wield a sword, axe, or lance – plus how to hold a shield.

Introduction to weaponry

▶ **3rd courtyard**
12pm / 2pm / 4pm

Now it's your turn to enter the arena! Watch and learn from the masters so you can wield a sword just like a knight! Are you team plough guard or iron gate guard?

Knighting

▶ **Room 26**
1:30pm / 4pm

Experience one of the most significant moments in a knight's career: the knighting ceremony. Your chance to truly understand what it means to be a medieval knight.

Petit Grimoire

▶ **1st and 3rd courtyard / Room 26**
1st courtyard: 10:30am
3rd courtyard: 4:30pm
Room 26: 1pm / 2:30pm

The beat of the drums, balls whizzing through the air, everyone cheering at the magnificent Petit Grimoire troubadours... Get swept up in the moment as you take in their incredible talent! (Outdoors, weather permitting)

Blacksmithing workshop

▶ **Bernese Garden**
All day. Break from 1pm-2pm.

Embers flicker and coal crackles as the hammer beats a tune on the anvil – transforming metal into tools, weapons or even jewellery... Uncover the secrets of this master of fire and iron – the blacksmith.

Wax workshop

▶ **Room 13** All day.
Workshops from 10am

Beekeepers have set up shop right by the fireplace. Discover the fruit of their labour and head over to the cauldron to make your very own medieval candle. (age 7 and up, 5 CHF, no booking required)

Pottery and ceramics

▶ **Room 13** All day.

Watch these masters of clay create bowls, cups and pots. See some of the potter's most beautiful creations. You can even take home your new favourite plate.

Basket-making

▶ **Room 13** All day.
Workshops from 10am

Discover basketry, the art of transforming wicker and rattan into baskets. Weave along under the watchful eye of the master artisan and make your very own creation! (age 6 and up, 10 CHF, no booking required)

Medieval market

▶ **Room 13** All day.

Discover the myriad treasures in store at the Chillon market. Check out our artisans' delightful creations and take home your very own lucky charm!

Travel back to the Middle Ages

▶ **Room 26** All day.

Step into the Aula Magna, the largest room in the castle, and step back in time. Discover what Chillon residents ate and wore in the Middle Ages.

Chillon before Chillon

▶ **Room 28** All day.

Go back to the year 1000, to the very origins of the castle, and see how people lived when Chillon was nothing but a tower surrounded by a few walls.

Christmas workshop

▶ **Room 27** All day.

Enjoy some quality time together with the family as you make an Advent wreath for your home. The Chillon elves will help you craft something that even Santa himself would be proud of. (Free. Age 6 and up, subject to availability)

Christmas storytelling

▶ **Room 30**
12:30pm / 2pm / 3:30pm

Listen to some of the castle's festive stories... A dreamy moment to share with little ones and grown-ups!

The castle arsenal

▶ **Room 36** All day

The castle soldiers have set up shop in the watchtower, ready to defend the castle. Be not afraid! Head over to learn all about swords, maces or even war hammers... just keep your fingers away from any sharp blades!

Medieval drinks and treats

▶ **3rd courtyard**
All day. (Room 26 in the event of rain)

Warm up with a toasty hippocras fresh from the cauldron and discover some of the flavours behind the medieval dishes concocted by l'Arboulastre. Go on a journey through time and taste.

Chillon farm

▶ **3rd courtyard** All day.

It's not just humans making the most of Chillon this Advent. Give our friendly donkeys a gentle stroke and they might just let you hop on for a ride in return. And do you see those little furballs poking out of the straw? They're bunnies!

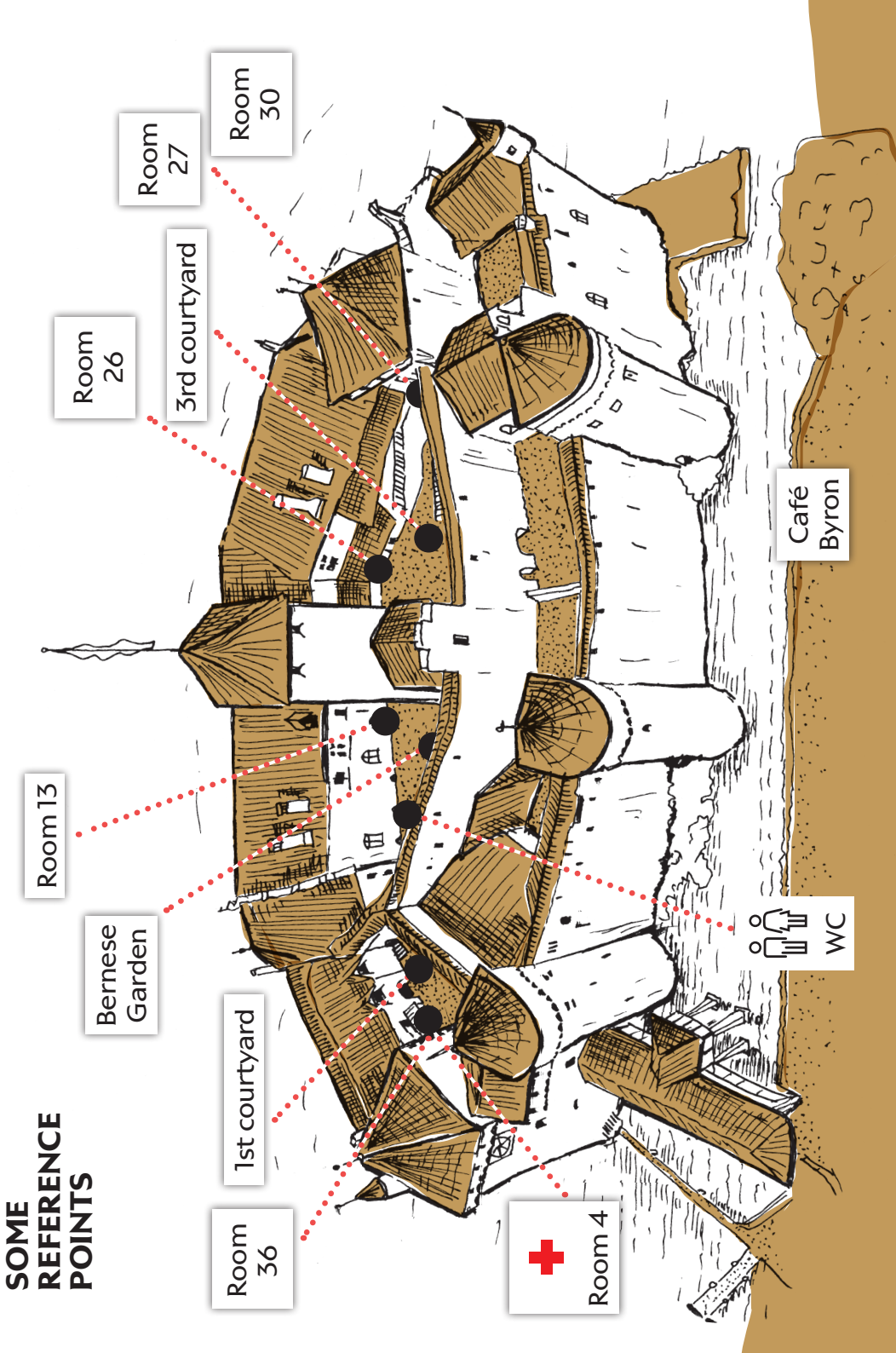
Workshops (sign up and pay on the day)

Times		Location	Price
10am–4pm ▶ 40 mins	Basket-making	Room 13	10.- chf
10am–4pm ▶ 20 mins	Candle-making	Room 13	5.- chf
10am–4pm ▶ 20 mins	Advent wreath	Room 27	Free
12pm / 2pm / 4pm ▶ 30 mins	Intro to weaponry	3rd courtyard	Free

Shows and demonstrations

Times		Location
11am / 3pm ▶ 30 mins	The castle in battle	3rd courtyard
11:30am / 1:30pm / 3:30pm ▶ 20 mins	Combat demonstration	3rd courtyard
1:30pm / 4pm ▶ 20 mins	Knighting	Room 26
10h30 / 13h / 14h30 / 16h30 ▶ 30 mins	Troubadours	1st courtyard + Room 26
12:30pm / 2pm / 3:30pm ▶ 30 mins	Storytelling	Room 30
10am–1pm / 2pm–4pm ▶ All day	Blacksmithing	Bernese Garden

SOME 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!
No vaping is permitted either.

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

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