What’s new at Chillon?

ON THE BILL

Christmas - Medieval style

Come and celebrate the wonderful Advent period with artists and artisans in medieval costume

In a forest of decorated Christmas trees, Chillon™ Castle welcomes you to celebrate Christmas, the winter solstice and Saturnalia. It’s a timeless festive event, where you can meet all kinds of costumed characters. In the Middle Ages, rituals were often a blend of Christian and Pagan traditions. (Re)imagine these habits and customs and take part in workshops organised by big medieval corporations: goldsmiths, potters, candle-makers, dancers, musicians and cooks. Why not prepare a meal with help from a chef and then taste it for yourself? Or make a magnificent candle as a present for a loved one? You can even try your hand at medieval calligraphy and leave with a personalised greetings card. We’ve got it all - ask for a programme!

Info and online ticket office
BUT WAIT, THERE’S MORE...

A very Drako Christmas with the Chillon™ Castle dragon

Come along for four hours of Christmas fun with Drako. The little castle dragon would like to invite the members of his club to join him for this magical Christmas snack time on 6th December. He’s also invited a very nice gentleman dressed in red and white to come and give out presents! Throughout the year, you can take part in fun and exciting activities with your Drako friends. Sign up to the little green dragon club and come to the castle during the school holidays for cooking, wood-cutting, pottery and paper workshops. You’ll soon see there are plenty of perks to being part of the famous Drako gang!

Further information

100 years older!
Historic discovery on rejuvenated wainscoted ceiling

Our museographer, Maud Jenni Hédiguer, made a remarkable discovery after some research into international colloquium “The Duke-Pope and his Court, Amadeus VIII - Felix V (1383-1451)”. The magnificent box-beamed ceiling in the Castellan Dining Hall was said to date from the 1530s. Archaeologist Albert Naef estimated it as being older, dating it to 1439. When compared with similar structures, such as that of Oron Castle: “It seems reasonable to suggest that the Castellan Dining Hall ceiling was probably made before the reign of Amadeus VIII”. A
dendrochronological analysis could attest to this. You can now hire out this magnificent room with its box-beamed ceiling for events.

**Colloquium programme (in French)**

**Light, educational web series “Medieval Factory”**

Aimed at internet users and students, these online videos of our “Medieval Factory” exhibition are the fruit of a collaboration between the departments of communication, cultural mediation and museography. The actors and actresses are our official guides. They lead traditional or themed tours (temporary exhibition, wine tasting, workshop/tour, castle must see, teambuilding or children’s birthdays). Everyone has their own costume and plays their favourite character in front of our visitors. To watch episodes of our web series, head to this link to the Chillon website.