What’s new at Chillon?

ON THE BILL

Pâkochâto

A winning combination: build-your-own garden and guided Easter tour

Summer, inventions and the Easter holidays are joining forces at Chillon™ Castle. Come and celebrate Easter weekend with a twist of nature and medieval genius on Sunday 1st April. Children aged 4 to 12 can learn about the magical properties of plants by making their own little gardens, home to aromatic and medicinal plants. This activity is open to French, German and English speakers as part of the PÂKOMUZé Easter festivities. Bonus: at 3:15pm a costumed guide will take you through the castle on the hunt for fabulous treasure passed down from the Middle Ages.
BUT WAIT, THERE’S MORE…

Spring workshops: paper and wood

Over the April holidays, the castle will be opening its gates to children so they can make a special book or a wooden spatula. Your holidaymakers can uncover the secrets of Middle Ages-style book-making, by sewing together sheets of paper, and topping them off with a fancy cover. It’s a fun activity with a souvenir where you can jot down your notes or doodle! Our ancestral hazel wood-carving workshop is also a hit with boys and girls alike.

Bookings

Item of the month:
The Hofmann half suit of armour

This metal item, which is part of the Chillon collections, dates back to the 16th century. It is on display in the oldest and tallest defence tower: the dungeon. This proud iron lady is made up of several pieces: breastplate, backplate, gorget, arms, and even a codpiece. Thanks to the Circle of Friends of Chillon, this armour was extensively restored in 2014 undergoing treatment to uncover its original, so-called “white” colour. This exhibit is in collaboration with the Cantonal Museum of Archaeology and History in Lausanne, home to many of Chillon’s items.

Chillon Collections

IN THE PRESS

These are your last few months to try out our temporary exhibition Medieval Factory (until 29 April 2018)! Make the most of the March-April downtime before the hustle and bustle of peak season and (re)discover the ingenious creations handed down from our medieval ancestors. To extend your visit, or just to get you in the mood, why not check out the web series on our castle screens or on our website.

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