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PRESS RELEASE

New exhibition: Chillon Castle is about to make your mouth water!

Chillon Castle Foundation (Fondation du Château de Chillon – FCC) presents its latest exhibition 'Mouthwatering – Eating and drinking in the Middle Ages', from 14 September 2018. On the menu: unseen installations and heritage items, such as an aristocratic banquet, special gastronomic guided tours, a cycle of conference-tours put together by specialists, along with medieval drinks, like wine and beers- and food-based events.

Eating and drinking in the Middle Ages at Chillon

From 14 September 2018 to 28 April 2019, Chillon Castle is giving you the chance to discover the history of the medieval dinner table, as well as the habits and customs at the heart of the Savoyard court, and at Chillon, from the 13th to 15th centuries. At the heart of this innovative and entertaining museum theme, through items from the past, visitors will familiarise themselves with the ancestral practices used by Master Chiquart, the famous chef to Duke Amadeus VIII of Savoy. What were his secret recipes? In his work 'On Cooking' (*Du fait de cuisine*), written in 1420, gargantuan lists of ingredients demonstrate that, in the Middle Ages, they certainly did not count calories when it came to feasts: 2,000 poultry heads, 6,000 eggs, 130 sheep, plenty of venison, a handful of hares, ample dolphins, turbot and salmon, kilos of saffron, all with a hearty helping of wine.

Major heritage items

One-of-a-kind, and as a one-off loan from the Médiathèque du Valais (Sion – CH) library, the only preserved manuscript of 'On Cooking' (*Du fait de cuisine*) is sure to fascinate the world over. This surprising tour through time and space is punctuated by numerous precious objects, such as items from archaeological digs carried out at Chillon Castle at the end of the 19th century. Cutlery and tableware, registers, manuscripts, coins and kitchen utensils are will all be put on display by our partner institutions, which include the French Museum of Table Art (FR), Turin State Archives (IT), the Stiftsbibliothek in Einsiedeln (CH), the Cantonal Museum of Archaeology and History (CH), the Cantonal Monetary Museum (CH) and the Vaud Cantonal Archives (CH).

Enticing children's and adults' trails

Little and big visitors will understand why children drank wine, why the nobility were repulsed by parsnips but happy to eat swan, and why commoners ate onions and not deer... All children (8-12 years old) will receive a little booklet and will head out on our trail for a fun, enriching quest. The cherry on the cake: a remake of a feast organised in honour of union between Louis of Savoy, Count of Geneva, and Anne of Lusignan, Princess of Cyprus. Eva Pibiri, scientific curator of the exhibit, catalogue author and Doctor of History from the University of Lausanne (CH) highlights that: "At the heart of society in the late Middle Ages, the rise of gastronomy and banqueting became an essential marker of social distinction." The exhibition modules bring to light the food that distinguished the three orders of medieval society: *oratores* (those who pray), *bellatores* (those who fight) and *laboratores* (those who work).

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Tasty 'Mouthwatering' tour (FR / EN)

This new temporary exhibition comes equipped with an original tour with a costumed guide that's sure to feed your spirit and your stomach. Visitors start with an amuse-bouche: good table manners and dishes favoured by the nobility and peasants. Next, time to taste some delicious Chiquart-style medieval *verrines*! This moment for sharing will be a time for clinking glasses and toasting, a medieval custom. Visitors can sample the castle's special cuvée. . .

The first Sunday of every month at 11am (from 07/10/18) in French (exceptionally in English: 03/02/19 and 03/03/19)

15 CHF (6-15 years), 35 CHF/pers. (aged 16 and above) Bookings: [online www.chillon.ch](http://online.www.chillon.ch) / info@chillon.ch / +41(0)21 966 89 10

Special 'Mouthwatering' tour (FR / DE/ EN)

Venture into the unknown with an official guide or a medieval costumed character, such as the Duke of Savoy, Anne of Cyprus or a squire. Along the way, they will give you their little recipes and the latest gossip from the Chillon castle kitchen.

60 mins: 90 CHF + entry fee/pers.

or in costume 140 CHF + entry fee/pers.

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Medieval *cuvées*

Descendants of the red wine drunk in the Middle Ages, the pinot and gamay grape varieties take pride of place in a subtle, spiced blend with a hint of nutmeg. The chasselas grape in the special white cuvée gives a hint of elegance and minerality, straight from the region's ancient hillsides. A dash of cinnamon will also take you along the Silk Road, while a beer cuvee, *Cervoise de Chillon*, will awaken your senses. *On sale in the boutique!*

Practical info

Open entry: 6 CHF (child), 12.50 CHF (adult)

Combined ticket to Chillon Castle and Alimentarium: (Re)-discover food from the Middle Ages in the modern era and prolong your experience with a reduced-rate combined ticket. Price: 8 CHF (child), 21 CHF (adult), 19 CHF (reduced rate). Bookings: www.chillon.ch / alimentarium.org / ticket office. Combined tickets are valid until 28/04/19 and you do not have to visit both sites on the same day.

Catalogue: 25 CHF on sale in the boutique

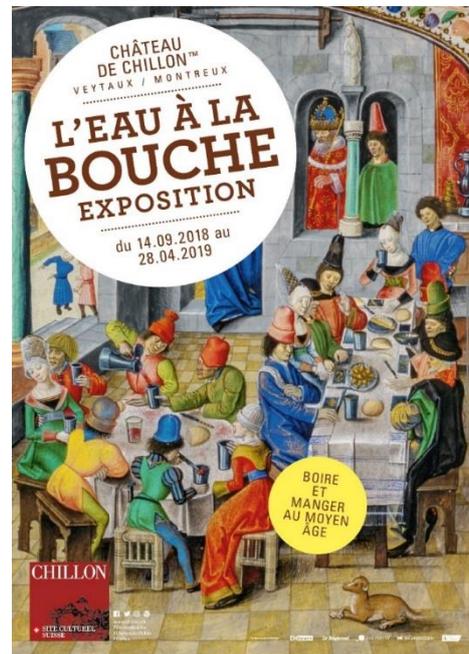
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[Photos available to the press](#)

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Events linked to the temporary exhibition

Clos de Chillon bottling and market

Sunday 23 September 2018 10am-5pm
In collaboration with the Friends of Chillon Castle Association (Association des Amis de Chillon), with participation from Badoux Vins vineyard.
Price of castle entry, no additional charge.
No need to book. Tickets online www.chillon.ch or at the ticket office.

A day at the heart of the castles (FR / DE / EN)

Sunday 7 October 2018, 10am-5pm
Event organised in partnership with the 'Swiss Castles' (Les Châteaux Suisses) Association.
Time for a huge period feast at Chillon!
Visitors will get a taste of medieval flavours.
Children can uncover culinary habits and customs straight from the Middle Ages along our trail.
Children aged 6+: 6 CHF (free for Drako members)
Adults: 15 CHF
Family (2 adults and up to 5 children): 35 CHF.
No need to book. Tickets online www.chillon.ch or at the ticket office.

Scary Night – '7 deadly sins' (FR)

Saturday 13 October 2018, 6:30pm to midnight
The castle is in crisis! The Duke of Savoy has been murdered. Time to investigate! Fun and thrills guaranteed...
Refreshments on site.
Adults and children aged 4+: 18 CHF
Family: 45 CHF.
Booking required from 18/09/18: www.chillon.ch

Autumn workshops (FR)

Laugh and learn are the magic words when it comes to our workshops!

GET COOKING!

Tuesday 16 and 23 October 10am-12:30pm
Spices, vegetables and pasta! Oh, don't forget to taste the dishes – made with love.

LET'S GET CARVING

Thursday 18 and 25 October 10am-12pm or 2pm-4pm
Try your hand at the ancient craft of wood carving and take home your creation: a spatula!
For children aged 8-12.
Workshop, entry included: 16 CHF/child (free for Drako members).
Free entry for parents.
Bookings: www.chillon.ch or +41(0)21 966 89 10

'Mouthwatering' web series (FR / DE / EN)

Broadcast from November on the Chillon™ Castle website, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube pages

Visiting museums as a family (FR / DE / EN)

Organised in partnership with the Association des Musées de la Riviera
Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 November 2018, 10am-4pm
A weekend of creative, foody workshops awaits you and your clan!
Free entry for residents of the Riviera.
Workshops: 20 CHF per family
Bookings: www.amrv.ch

Christmas at Chillon™ Castle (FR)

Organised as part of Montreux-Noël
Weekends throughout December 2018 (1-2, 8-9, 15-16 December 2018)
Watch the castle light up and come to life with workshops, games and dances, showing us just how Christmas was celebrated.
Children aged 6+: 6 CHF (free for Drako members). Adults: 15 CHF Family (2 adults and up to 5 children): 35 CHF. No booking required. Tickets online www.chillon.ch or at the ticket office.

Romanticism Day (FR)

Sunday 17 February 2019 2pm-4pm
Adult cookery workshop: take inspiration from Chiquart's recipes and discover medieval aphrodisiacs!
One-off price of 30 CHF/person for the workshop, with free castle entry valid for 1 year
20% reduction for under 16s
Booking required. www.chillon.ch

Adult cookery workshop (aged 12+) (FR)

20 January, 17 February, 17 March 2019 2pm-4pm
Medieval cooking according to Master Chiquart's recipes
One-off 30 CHF/person for the workshop, with free castle entry valid for 1 year
20% reduction for under 16s
Booking required. Tickets online www.chillon.ch

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PÂKOCHÂTO (FR / DE / EN)

Easter Sunday 21 April 2019 10am-4pm
Come down to our medieval garden and see the magical virtues of plants!
No booking required. Tickets online www.chillon.ch or at the ticket office.