What’s new at Chillon?

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Happy New Year 2018!

Wishing you all the best for the New Year!

Dear internet users, the entire Chillon Castle Foundation team would like to wish you the very best for 2018. We wish you health, plenty of tasty feasts and wonderful reasons to celebrate. For Chillon Castle, 2018 holds new challenges and exciting activities, such as a new temporary exhibition in September: “Enough to make your mouth water. Eating and drinking in the Middle Ages”; a whole host of birthday parties for your little castle lovers; and the redevelopment of the castle’s exterior to fully embellish and revamp the via italica, the road leading to Italy (more specifically to Rome) for medieval pilgrims.

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BUT WAIT, THERE’S MORE...

Chillon Castle 2017 review

Chillon Castle Foundation had a record-breaking year, over 400,000 visitors stepped through the doors of the stronghold. This success is, firstly, down to the buzz around our fun, interactive exhibition “Medieval Factory” (extended until 29 April 2018); our guided tours with costumed interpreters followed by wine tasting in the “Verrée Vaudoise” space. It is also down to extraordinary cultural events, such as the “A Soldier’s Tale” performance and the famous “Scary Night at the Castle”, which came under the spotlight thanks to mapping on the castle facades by the famous artist and multimedia scenographer, Nicolas Wintsch. In 2017, our Swiss visitors were still flocking in, topping the castle visitor rankings. The silver medal goes to the Chinese, and the bronze to the Americans.

Upcoming events
New gems: ancient locks brought to light

Recently, the dungeon acquired a new treasure: door and wardrobe locks. Chillon Castle museographers and fund managers at the Cantonal Museum of Archaeology and History in Lausanne have restored these heritage objects. Some of them, adorned with extremely intricate embellishments are historic, while others are copies inherited in the 15th century. One staple bolt lock, dating back to 1928, bears an uncanny likeness to the medieval original, with a horizontal keyhole.

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40,000-piece model of the castle!

Model enthusiast Jean-Louis Crelier has recreated Chillon Castle by sculpting bespoke wooden pieces. He used around 40,000 of them, made of oak and silver fir. Our partner, from Jura, spent a year constructing his masterpiece. And, since this active retiree has never been to visit the original, the Chillon Castle Foundation sent him two tickets. We’ll see you very soon!

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