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CASTLE + PIC DU JER



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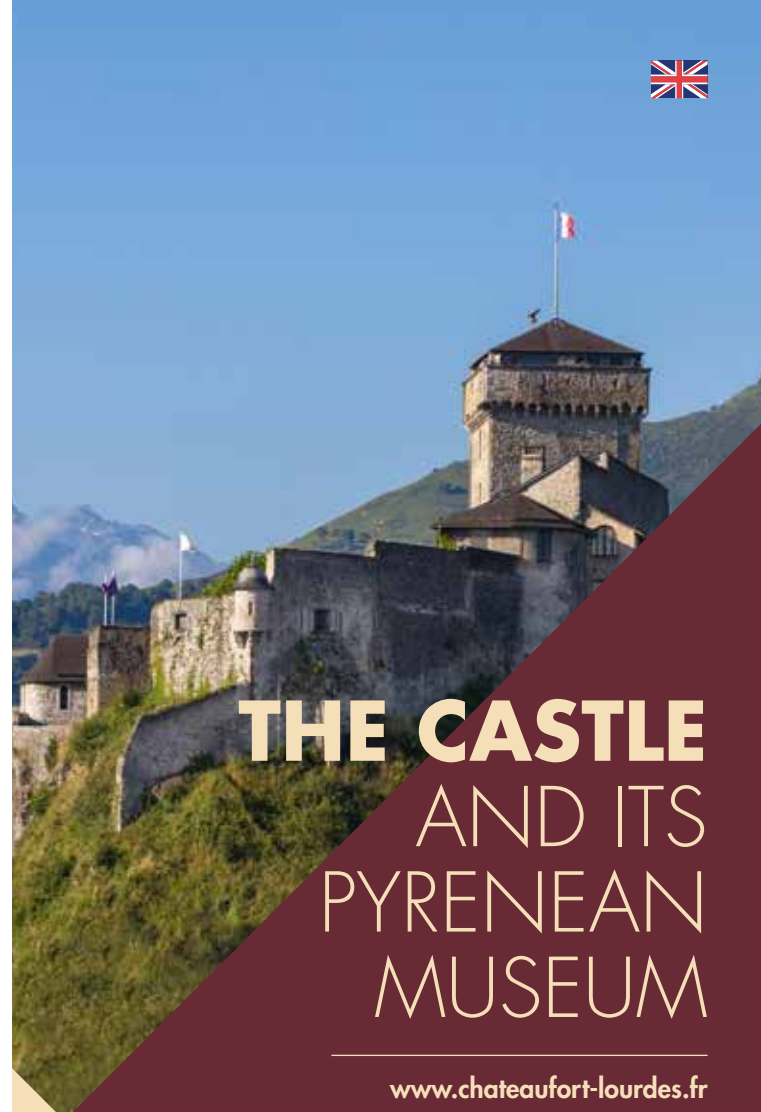
THE CASTLE AND ITS PYRENEAN MUSEUM

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OPENING TIMES

Open all year round
From October 15th to April 14th: 10 am to 6 pm (5 pm on Monday).
From April 15th to October 14th: from 10 am to 7 pm.
Closed on: January 1st, November 1st and 11th, December 25th.
Last admission 1 hour before closing time.
Served by the little tourist train and moncitybus.com
Fun family-friendly attraction with family events all year round.

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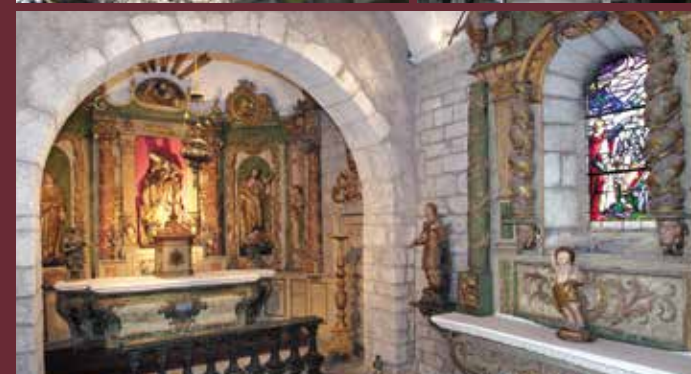
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AT THE HEART OF HISTORY

« With a history spanning more than a thousand years, this great stone edifice, listed as a Historical Monument, takes you on a journey through time. In turn a counts' residence, a castle, a royal prison and a barracks, Lourdes Castle has withstood the ravages of time and countless attacks and is today home to the Musée Pyrénéen.

The fortress, whose defensive architecture has been preserved (keep, drawbridge, portcullis), also offers a view over the town, the Sanctuary and the Pyrenees from its ramparts.

Within its walls is a museum that tells the story of Pyrenean history and culture on both the French and Spanish sides.

Enjoy a moment of relaxation in its botanical garden, where you will find sculptures and architectural models ».



TOUR CIRCUIT

1 BÉARNAISE KITCHEN

In times gone by life was focused around the kitchen fire, which was in the main room in every Pyrenean house.

2 WATER TANK

When the castle was under attack, the only source of water for the people and garrison soldiers taking refuge inside was rainwater.

3 ESPACE MARGALIDE LE BONDIDIER

The Guardroom, from where you can access the covered parapet walk.

4 FAUNA OF THE PYRENEES

The bear, the izard, the bearded vulture and more... Symbols of our mountains.

5 POINTE DU CAVALIER SUD

An amazing panorama of the town and the Pyrenees.



6 NINEPINS

The region's most popular game, played with 3, 6 or 9 pins.

7 CHAMBRE DE BIGORRE

A rural bed chamber, complete with trunk and wedding chest.

8 AGRICULTURE, AND PASTORALISM

Tools essential for mountain farming, plus original items relating to life as a shepherd in the summer pastures.



9 MOURNING CANDLES

Candles lit to mourn the dead, from funerary tradition to popular belief.

10 COSTUMES

Festival clothing is more than just a costume, it is part of the very identity of the Pyrenean valleys.

11 FURNITURE

Cabinets featuring intricate decorative patterns, typical of the Béarn and Basque Country.

12 WEAVER

All about the loom and how wool and flax are woven into fabrics.

13 SAMADET FAIENCE

A fine collection of 18th century tin-glazed earthenware.



14 HARNESSES AND DECORATIVE YOKE-BALANCERS

Tinkling transhumance bells and yoke-balancers accompanied the herds on the move.



15 STORY OF A CASTLE

The 1,000-year history of Lourdes Castle.

16 KEEP

A defensive tower but also a prison. Attack the 104 steps leading to the top!

17 SALLE LOUIS LE BONDIDIER

Collection of paintings and drawings given to the town of Lourdes.

18 SALLE D'HONNEUR DU PYRÉNÉISME

Temporary exhibitions.

19 KNIGHTS' ESPLANADE

Relax in this garden decorated with models of Pyrenean buildings.

20 BASTION CHAUSENQUE

This artillery tower with gun ports is named after the castle's last governor.

21 NOTRE-DAME DU CHÂTEAU

Soak up the intimate atmosphere of the chapel, with its colourful stained-glass windows and stunning Baroque retable.

22 THE PORTCULLIS GATE

Murder-hole and portcullis designed to repel forces attacking this entrance for mounted troops.

23 «RAMPE DES ANGLAIS» CIRCUIT

Road used by horse-drawn carts bringing supplies up to the castle.

24 GIFT SHOP

Souvenir and gifts to help you remember your visit.

25 DRAWBRIDGE

The original pedestrian access to the castle, which crosses a dry moat.



Limited accessibility