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 **Musée  
de l'Armée  
Invalides**



## THE MUSÉE DE L'ARMÉE

Face to face with history!

Located right in the heart of Paris in the prestigious setting of the Hôtel national des Invalides, the museum is home to one of the largest military history and art collections in the world, offering a unique overview of the history of France. It is one of the 5 most visited museums in France, with over **1.5 million visitors in 2014**.

A remarkable site full of history, the Hôtel des Invalides was founded by Louis XIV to house veterans and wounded soldiers. It now forms the unique, prestigious setting for the Musée de l'Armée.

The museum's collections **contain over 500.000 pieces**, covering a period from the Middle Ages up to the present day and following a newly designed educational route: the armour and weapons of the Kings of France, swords, cannons, uniforms, paintings, photographs, the personal effects of important figures such as François I, Louis XIV and Charles de Gaulle, plus the Dome church, which since 1861 has been home to the monumental tomb of Napoleon Bonaparte, its golden dome reaching up into the skies of Paris at over 110 metres high.

◀ The cour d'Honneur of the Invalides.





## THE MUSEUM SPACES

### SAINT-LOUIS CATHEDRAL THE DOME CHURCH – TOMB OF NAPOLEON I

In 1676, Louvois, the Minister for War, commissioned Jules Hardouin-Mansart to build a church on the site of the Invalides. The architect designed a building that harmoniously and consistently combines a royal church, the "*Dome des Invalides*", with a church for the soldiers, now Saint-Louis Cathedral. The King and the soldiers could therefore attend mass at the same time, entering the place of worship through different doors. This partition was reinforced in the 19<sup>th</sup> century with the building of Napoleon's tomb and a glass wall between the two churches. Napoleon Bonaparte's son, known as "*L'Aiglon*" (the Eaglet), his brothers Joseph and Jérôme, and famous military figures such as Turenne, Vauban, Foch and Lyautey have all been laid to rest in the Dome church.

### ARTILLERY COLLECTION IN THE COUR D'HONNEUR

All along the solemn, sober galleries of the cour d'Honneur, you will find a remarkable battery of 70 bronze cannons spanning 200 years of the history of French artillery: its role, symbolism and the story of these impressive weapons and the great French artillerymen who used them.



- ◀▶ Napoleon I's Tomb, Dome des Invalides
- ▲ Battery of cannons in the cour d'Honneur

### ANTIQUE ARMS AND ARMOUR FROM THE MIDDLE AGES TO 1643

The chronological route of exceptional objects, such as François I's armour and the Arsenal gallery, an impressive arms store of over 2,500 items, takes you through one of the three largest armouries in the world, a journey through the era of the knights and great Kings of France, from Saint Louis to Louis XIII.

### FROM LOUIS XIV TO NAPOLEON III - 1643-1871

Rediscover the military, political and social history of modern France through this unique collection of uniforms, equipment, weapons, decorations, heraldry, paintings and the personal belongings of illustrious figures, such as Napoleon Bonaparte and his marshals. Relive the great battles, explore the life of the soldiers, follow the development of technologies and tactics, and encounter the major figures of the age.

### THE EXTRA-ORDINARY CABINETS

In December 2015, two new spaces dedicated to musical instruments, figurines and artillery models will be opened to the public.

A selection of rare and often unknown pieces of the museum's collections will be presented in these fascinating spaces, especially designed for these wonderful works.



- ▲ Military serpent instrument, soldier figurines, small gun carriage given to Louis XIV © Pierre Mérat
- ▶ Armour of King Louis XIII © Jean-Yves and Nicolas Dubois
- ▶ *Napoleon I on the imperial throne*, Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres © Émilie Cambier
- ▶ Ceremonial uniform belonging to Marshal Lannes © Pascal Segrette






### THE TWO WORLD WARS - FROM 1871 TO 1945

These rooms give visitors the opportunity to understand the origin and challenges of the two major conflicts of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, following a route with thousands of objects such as archives and contemporary witness accounts, films and photographs, weapons, paintings, everyday objects from soldiers' lives and uniforms, including some that belonged to famous military chiefs (Joffre, Foch, De Lattre etc.).

### CHARLES DE GAULLE HISTORIAL

Devoted to the political and personal story of Charles de Gaulle, this 100% multimedia space takes you to the heart of 20<sup>th</sup> century history.

Using an audio guide, you follow a fascinating, interactive route containing 400 audiovisual documents and nearly 20 hours of commentary, discovering all the facets of this great historical character, in particular through a biographical film projected onto multiple screens.

 Programme available in 8 languages (French, English, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Japanese) and in audio-description.



▲ Charles de Gaulle Historial (multimedia space)  
 ▲ Visitors in the Second World War rooms © Christophe Chavan  
 ▶ The Appeal of 18 June presented in the Second World War II rooms © Pascal Segrette


### YOUR TICKET ALSO GIVES YOU ENTRY TO TWO OTHER MUSEUMS IN THE HÔTEL DES INVALIDES

#### MUSEUM OF L'ORDRE DE LA LIBÉRATION

This fully renovated permanent exhibition contains three themed spaces (Free France, Internal Resistance and Deportation), with 2,000 items and documents illustrating the story of the early resistance fighters who became the Compagnons de l'Ordre de la Libération (Companions of the Liberation).

#### MUSEUM OF PLANS-RELIEFS

The museum of Plans-reliefs currently exhibits 28 examples of an impressive collection of models of fortified towns, built between 1668 and 1875 as military strategy planning tools and symbols of control over the territory.

 More information on [musee-armee.fr/en](http://musee-armee.fr/en)

▶ Façade of the Dome church © Anne-Sylvaine Marre-Noël





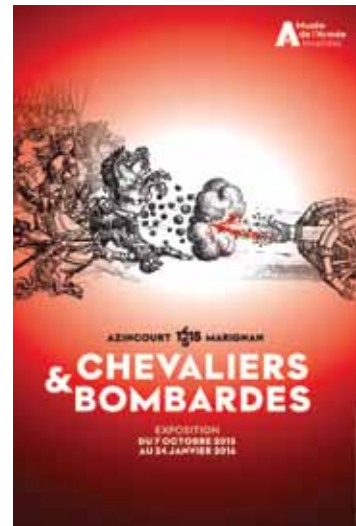
## THE CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Two temporary exhibitions are shown every year at the museum, accompanied by a varied cultural programme: concerts, conferences, film cycles, tours, educational workshops and events...

### TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS

#### KNIGHTS & BOMBARDS. FROM AGINCOURT TO MARGINANO, 1415-1515

7 October 2015  
to 24 January 2016



Through our exceptional objects - pieces of artillery, armour, manuscripts etc. - and using multimedia devices, discover the great battles of history from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance, and find out about the famous characters of that time, such as Joan of Arc or François I.

#### SECRET WARS

12 October 2016  
to 29 January 2017

From the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century through to the Cold War, discover the birth of the secret services, the changes in their methods and key moments in espionage

More information on [musee-armee.fr/en](http://musee-armee.fr/en)

#### NAPOLEON IN SAINT HELENA His fight for his story

6 April  
to 24 July 2016



From his exile until his death in 1821, with an exceptional presentation of the furniture from his last residence, the *Napoleon in Saint Helena* exhibition brings you face to face with the history of the Napoleonic legend.

and counter-espionage, and the historical or fictional characters that have been made popular by films over the last 50 years.

◀ Visitors in the temporary exhibition space © Émilie Cambier

### MUSICAL SEASON

The Musée de l'Armée invites you to discover or re-discover the great classics and some more original works, with over 50 concerts taking place in this prestigious historical setting. Secular and sacred concerts, recitals and concert-lectures are organised at lunchtimes and evenings in some of the most remarkable places on the site: Saint-Louis Cathedral, the Turenne room and the Grand Salon.

The artists nominated for the *Victoires de la Musique Classique* cycle are given the chance to put on a concert at Les Invalides, thanks to the financial support of the CIC.

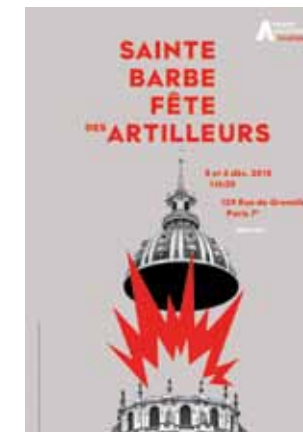


### ANNUAL EVENTS

Throughout the year, the Musée de l'Armée hosts a programme of major spectacular events in the Invalides cour d'Honneur!

#### ► Saint Barbara week-end (early December)

Every year in early December, celebrate Saint Barbara week-end, the patron saint of artillerymen, the Musée de l'Armée organises historical re-enactments featuring manoeuvres and cannon demonstrations, performed by artillerymen in period costume with equestrian choreography. Every year follows a new theme, so that you can experience the developments in weapons and their techniques. Free entry



#### ► La Nuit aux Invalides Show date 14 June - 27 August 2016

Against the unusual backdrop of the 250-metre façade of the cour d'Honneur, this wonderful sound and light show takes you on a thrilling journey through the key moments in the history of Les Invalides, from Louis XIV to Charles de Gaulle, via Napoleon. The latest sound and video technologies are used to create a sensory experience that will take your breath away!

#### ► Opéra en plein air (early September)

The popular *Opéra en plein air* event takes place every year under the stars, at one of the most beautiful sites in France. Open to everyone, the magnificent cour d'Honneur provides exceptional acoustics and settings to famous operas. Every year, the *Opéra en plein air* gives you the opportunity to discover or rediscover original productions of famous operas.

► The cour d'Honneur, floodlit for the La Nuit aux Invalides show © Anne-Sylvaine Marre-Noël  
◀ Artillerymen in the cour d'Honneur, at the Saint Barbara festival © Pierre-Luc Baron-Moreau



# SERVICES AND SPECIAL OFFERS\*

The Musée de l'Armée offers tailor-made packages for tourism professionals at preferential rates. Various packages and staff are available to meet your needs.

## > GROUP VISITS

Prices for groups of 10 people or more.  
For groups of 20 or more, booking is essential

### Permanent collections

Including the Dome church (Napoleon's tomb), the museum of Plans-reliefs, and the museum of l'Ordre de la Libération (re-opening in November 2015).

### Temporary exhibitions

Two main themed exhibitions are organised by the museum every year.

€ **Permanent collections**  
Group rates (instead of € 11)  
10-19 tickets: € 9 / pax.  
20-49 tickets: € 8,5 / pax.

**Temporary exhibitions**  
Group rate: € 7.50/pax (instead of € 8.50)

**Combined ticket**  
permanent collections  
+ temporary exhibition  
Group rate: € 11/pax (instead of € 12)

@ Information and booking:  
groupes@musee-armee.fr  
+33 (0)1 44 42 43 87

## > GROUP TICKETS

For groups of 50 or more, tourism professionals can take advantage of our advance purchase system. The discounts depend on the number of tickets purchased.

**These priority entry tickets, valid for one year from the date of issue, give access to all the permanent collections.**

Discount on the full price of € 11	Amount after discount (price per ticket)
50-99 tickets	€ 8
100-499 tickets	€ 7,50
500 tickets and more	€ 7

@ Information and ordering:  
groupes@musee-armee.fr  
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## > GROUP GUIDED TOURS

The Cultival agency organises themed guided tours of the Musée de l'Armée's collections and the Hôtel National des Invalides site for individuals and groups.

The tours are available in French, English, Spanish, Italian, German and French Sign Language (other languages available on request).

### Routes offered:

- > **Secret Invalides**
- > **Napoleon Route**
- > **From Knights to Musketeers**
- > **The World Wars**
- > **The Treasures of the Musée de l'Armée**
- > **Temporary exhibition**
- > **Exclusive tours outside closing times (permanent collections and exhibition)**

@ Information and prices:  
benedicte@cultural.fr  
+33 (0)8 25 05 44 05



## > GUIDED TOURS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

The Musée de l'Armée welcomes visitors of all ages to discover the history of France through its exceptional collections. The richness and diversity of the collections allows topics such as the history of art and techniques, heritage restoration, fashion, etc. to be explored. From knights' armour to the resistance fighters of the Second World War, via Louis XIV and Napoleon, experience the whole of History at the Musée de l'Armée!

@ Information and booking:  
jeunes@musee-armee.fr  
+33 (0)1 44 42 51 73

? Discover our quizzes, workshops, storytelling sessions and themed tours on the "Visitors" section of the museum website.

**The museum is free for children under 18.**

## > SPECIAL RATES FOR THE MUSICAL SEASON

Tourism professionals, charities and works councils benefit from a special rate for concerts.

N.B.: The concerts programming is related to the subjects of the temporary exhibitions.

> Cycle of 8 concerts  
between 7 April and 20 June 2016,  
for *Napoleon in Saint Helena*.

	* Category 1 (price per ticket)	* Category 2
Rate A (prestige)	€ 21	€ 12
Rate B (classic)	€ 11	€ 6
Special rate	€ 39	€ 30

€ \* **The prices above include a discount (up to 40% off the general public price)**

@ Information and booking:  
saisonmusicale@musee-armee.fr  
+33 (0)1 44 42 54 66

? The full programme is available on the Concerts page of the museum website

## > VENUES HIRE

Right in the heart of Paris, in the prestigious setting of the Hôtel des Invalides, the Musée de l'Armée is the perfect venue for hosting your cocktail parties, lunches, dinners, press conferences, symposiums, launches and concerts.

From the prestigious Grand Salon to the Austerlitz Auditorium, via the spectacular Turenne Room, the Salons Quesnoy or the magnificent Dome courtyard, the rooms available for hire are both versatile and adjustable, accommodating up to 2,200 people.

Organising an event at this unique site is an original way to let your guests experience History in a wonderful setting.

@ Information and quotations:  
locations@musee-armee.fr

Private guided tours of our collections and temporary exhibitions are also available for your customers.



## TO COMPLETE YOUR VISIT

The museum offers digital devices for use throughout your visit. Available for iPad and iPod touch, they are fun, practical and suitable for everyone.

### MULTIMEDIA GUIDE

This visit guide offers themed or chronological routes, 5 of which are suitable for children (in French and English only).

- Programme available in 8 languages from the ticket office counters (French, English, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Japanese)
- Duration: 30-120 mins



€ Flat rate: € 6

@ Information and reservations:  
bezeldin  
@antennainternational.com

### INTERACTIVE DOME TABLET new

Since August 2015, visitors to the Musée de l'Armée can discover or rediscover the Dome church, its architecture, decor, fittings and the tomb of Napoleon, through an interactive visit itinerary offering an augmented reality experience. 3D models, animations and 360° panoramic views reveal the secrets of the building, which are made all accessible thanks to new technologies!

- Programme available on iPad mini in 4 languages (French, English, Spanish and Chinese) from the museum ticket office and in the Dome church
- Duration: 30-40 mins



€ Flat rate: € 5

@ Information and reservations:  
bezeldin  
@antennainternational.com

- You will be asked to show an ID card when hiring the multimedia guide and the Interactive Dome tablet.

◀ Group guided tour in the cour d'Honneur  
▲ Multimedia guide counter at the North reception desk © Christophe Chavan  
▲ Dome Interactive tablet in the Dome church

### LE CARRÉ DES INVALIDES CAFÉ RESTAURANT

A warm welcome awaits you at the restaurant, with its summer terrace at the foot of the Dome church. It is located near the ticket office, on the Place Vauban side.

- It can hold up to 90 people

Open every day:  
► except 1 January, 1 May  
and 25 December.

@ Information:  
carre-des-invalides  
@groupe-bertrand.com  
+33 (0)1 44 42 50 71



### GIFT SHOP / BOOKSHOP

This vast and recently renovated area sells a large selection (over 2,000 items) of guides and books on the Musée de l'Armée's collections and military history. The shop also offers a number of facsimiles and replicas of pieces of the museum's collections, a children's section, merchandise, and unusual themed souvenirs such as honey collected from bee-hives of the Invalides roof!

A small shop is also open in the Dome church between April and September.

Open every day:  
► except 1 January, 1 May  
and 25 December.

@ Information and special offers:  
invalides@artem.com  
+33 (0)1 44 42 41 02



### CLOAKROOM

A cloakroom is available free of charge at the ticket office on the Place Vauban side, upon presentation of a museum entrance ticket. You can leave your belongings while visiting the museum (maximum size 55 x 35 x 25 cm).

◀ Le Carré des Invalides Restaurant © Anne-Sylvaine Marre-Noël  
▲ Gift shop and bookshop © Pierre-Luc Baron-Moreau



# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## COMING TO THE MUSEUM

Musée de l'Armée / Hôtel des Invalides  
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Free application  
Musée de l'Armée  
for iPhone and Android



## OPENING TIMES

The museum is open every day:

- ▶ 10am to 6pm from 1 April to 31 October
- ▶ 10am to 5pm from 1 November to 31 March
- Open on Tuesday evenings until 9pm, from April to September
- The museum is closed on 1 January, 1 May and 25 December
- The Charles de Gaulle Historial is closed on Mondays

- ▶ Two ticket offices with ticket machines
- ▶ Last entry 30 minutes before closing time
- ▶ **Free for children under 18**

Terms and conditions of free entry are on the "Coming to the museum" section of the website

## DISABLED ACCESS

**Disabled access:**

6, Boulevard des Invalides, Paris 7  
All the areas in the Musée de l'Armée have disabled access facilities.  
Only the Dome church requires specific assistance.

- ▶ Wheelchairs are available from the museum reception

Disabled groups information: [tourisme@musee-armee.fr](mailto:tourisme@musee-armee.fr)

## HOW TO GET THERE

- ▶ Car park (fee may apply):  
An underground car park is accessible from the Esplanade des Invalides.
- ▶ To make it easier for coach parties, groups can be dropped off on Place Vauban, where coaches can also park, for a fee. Please ask for details from the Paris Prefecture.

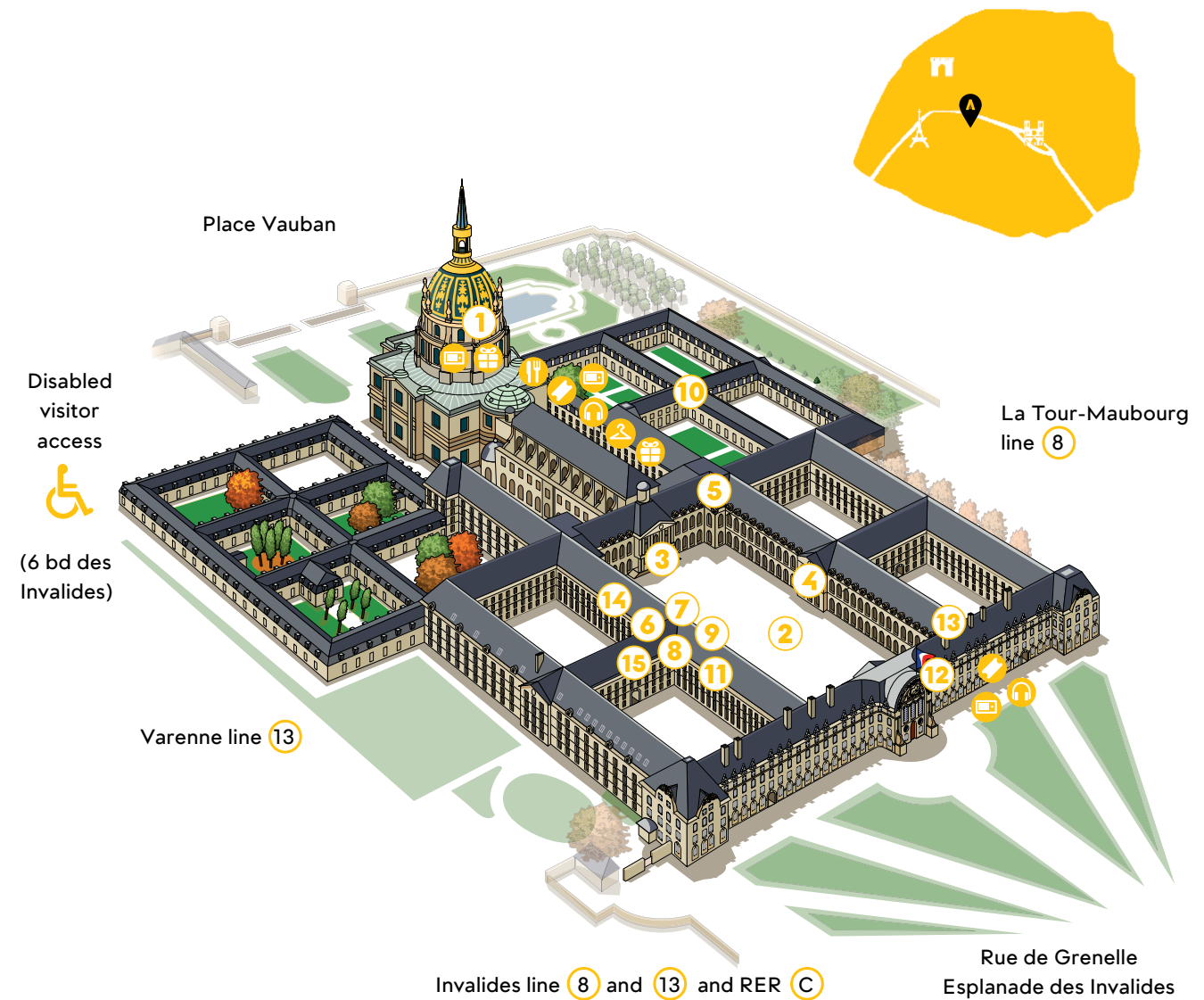
Métro La Tour-Maubourg  
Métro Varenne  
RER Invalides

Information on: [www.passautocars.paris.fr](http://www.passautocars.paris.fr)

## PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

- ▶ For any textual or visual materials:

[tourisme@musee-armee.fr](mailto:tourisme@musee-armee.fr)



## MUSEUM SPACES

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| THE DOME CHURCH - TOMB OF NAPOLEON I   | FROM LOUIS XIV TO NAPOLEON III        |
| ARTILLERY IN THE COUR D'HONNEUR        | CHARLES DE GAULLE HISTORIAL           |
| CATHEDRAL OF SAINT-LOUIS DES INVALIDES | TEMPORARY EXHIBITION                  |
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| CLOAKROOM                   | DOME INTERACTIVE TABLET |

◀ Ticket office @ Émilie Cambier



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