



THE HERITAGE SITES OF AUDE, CATHAR COUNTRY

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To put your mind at ease when visiting the various heritage sites in the Cathar Country (Aude), our welcoming teams have implemented some precise health regulations:

- ✳ Introducing quotas on the number of visitors at one time.
- ✳ Displaying health and safety regulations.
- ✳ Making hydroalcoholic gel available to use.
- ✳ Organising tours:
 - Markings on the floor.
 - Regulating the number of visitors in enclosed spaces.
- ✳ Disinfecting contact areas several times a day.

Any updates made hereinafter will be added to the information on the supporting document.

CHANGES BEING MADE FOR AN EVEN 'SAFER' AND HIGHER QUALITY WELCOME:

Alet-les-Bains Abbey: Site open every day in June and September from 10:00-12:00 and 14:00-18:00.

Aguilar Castle: No changes.

Arques Castle: No changes.

Castle and Ramparts of the walled city of Carcassonne: There will be two types of routes: Self-guided (45 minutes) or accompanied by a tour guide/activity leader (1 hour 30 minutes to 1 hour 45 minutes).

A ticket office will be set up showing the dates and times of timetabled sessions: visitors who have not reserved and paid for their ticket online will definitely not be granted access into the Château.

Wearing masks is obligatory for those aged 11 and up.

From July 1st until August 29th, there will be a light and sound show called 'Le Diamant de Pierre' (The Diamond of Stones).

Caunes-Minervois Abbey: In June, it is open every day from 10:00-12:00 and 14:00-18:00. No changes for the rest of the season.

Fanjeaux, Medieval City: Can be explored freely, outdoors. Bring your charged smartphone with you as going on a "digital" tour is the preferred option.

Fontfroide Abbey: The site will be open Tuesday to Saturday from 9:30 until 20:00 and Sundays and Mondays from 9:30 until 19:00.

Lagrasse Abbey: No changes.

Lagrasse, Medieval City: Can be explored freely, outdoors.

Lastours Castles: Site is open in June from 9:00 until 18:00. No changes for the rest of the season.

Mazamet Catharism Museum: Wearing a mask is obligatory (option of buying one on site, subject to availability).

Montségur Castle: Wearing a mask is obligatory in the museum.

Peyrepertuse Castle: No changes.

Puilaurens Castle: No changes.

Quercorb Museum at Puivert: No changes.

Saint-Hilaire Abbey: In June, the site is open Tuesdays to Fridays from 14:00 to 18:00, Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 to 18:00. Closed Mondays. No changes for the rest of the season.

Saint-Papoul Abbey-Cathedral: Wearing a mask is obligatory.

Saissac Castle: No changes. Open as an exception on July 13th.

Termes Castle: Bring your charged smartphone with you as going on a “digital” tour is the preferred option.

Usson Castle: Opening July 4th. Guided tours Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays from 14:00 until 15:30. Wearing a mask inside is obligatory. No changes for the rest.

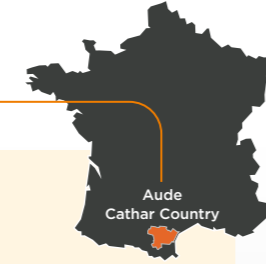
Lordat Castle: Opening July 4th. Guided tours Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays from 14:00 until 15:30. Wearing a mask inside is obligatory. No changes for the rest.

Villelongue Abbey: Opens July 1st 2020. No changes made.

Villerouge-Termenès Castle: Increased adult ticket price from July 15th until August 15th, visit to the altarpiece included.

The welcoming teams of the Cathar Country Sites have rallied together to be at your service, so you can discover Aude’s Heritage with peace of mind. Following the preventative rules is everyone’s responsibility and the best way to ensure we all remain in good health.

A network of monuments in Cathar Country



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CARCASSONNE AND ITS DEFENSIVE CHÂTEAUX ARE A CANDIDATE FOR UNESCO STATUS!



The Medieval city of Carcassonne, as well as its château, ramparts and 7 mountain citadels! **Peyrepertuse, Quéribus, Puilaurens, Lastours, Aguilar, Termes and Montségur.**

These feudal châteaux provided refuge for the Cathar people. In the wake of the Albigensian Crusade, the King's master architects transformed these châteaux into truly impregnable fortresses to defend France's border with the Kingdom of Aragon.

Eight centuries later, this unexpected architectural prowess is being recognised, and today it is a candidate to become a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

For more information, go to citadellesduvertige.aude.fr



Sights of Cathar Country

Rates and concessions Price in euros	ADULTS	ADULTS Special rate	Children 6-15 years	Children Special rate
Alet-les-Bains Abbey	4	3	2,5	Free
Aguilar Castle	4**	3**	2	1
Arques Castle	6	5	3	2
Castle and Ramparts of the walled city of Carcassonne	9,5	7,5	Free	Free
Caunes-Minervois Abbey	6	5	2,5	1,5
Fanjeaux, Medieval City	Free	Free	Free	Free
Fontfroide Abbey	11,5	10,5	7	6
Lagrasse Abbey	5	4	2,5	1,5
Lagrasse, Medieval City	Free	Free	Free	Free
Lastours Castles	8	7	3,5	2,5
Mazamet Catharism Museum	5	4	2,5 12-15 years	1,5
Montségur Castle	5,5 to 6,5 *	4,5 to 5,5 *	3 to 3,5 *	2 or 2,5 *
Peyrepertuse Castle	7 **	6 **	4 ** 6-12 years	3 **
Puilaurens Castle	7	6	4	3
Quercorb Museum at Puivert	4,5	3,5	2	Free
Saint-Hilaire Abbey	5,5	4,5	2	1
Saint-Papoul Abbey-Cathedral	5	4	2	1
Saissac Castle	5	4	3	2
Termes Castle	5	4	2	1
Usson Castle	4,5	3,5	2,5 8-16 years	1,5 8-16 years
Lordat Castle	4,5	3,5	2,5	1,5
Villelongue Abbey	6	5	1	Free
Villeroige-Termenès Castle	6	5	2	1

Price lists indicated concern exclusively visits without guides. For the price lists of guided visits, contact directly the concerned sites.

* The second price is valid in July and August
Museum only: adult 2,50 €, Child 1,50 €

** Different prices apply in the peak season and during special events

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