

THE HERITAGE SITES OF AUDE, CATHAR COUTRY

FURTHER INFORMATION



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:

 \star 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.

 $\,\circ\,$ 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.



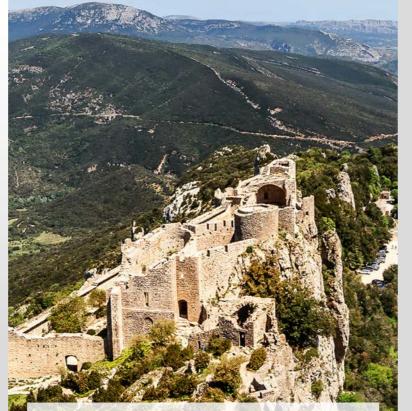


A network of monuments in Cathar Country _ _



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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
Villerouge-Termenès Castle	6	5	2	1

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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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Alet-les-Bains Abbey

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2	a monument of major	dieval city of Alet, the Notre Dame Cathedral Abbey r importance. Its architecture ranging from ancient t ic will be appreciated by one and all.
	Open every day (i	including weekends and bank holidays)
	10am - 1pm and 3pm	n 7pm in July and August
10	10am - 1pm and 2pm	6pm in June and September
	Open every day (i	including weekends and bank holidays) —
THE ROOM	10am - midday 6pm and 2pm	in June and September
Constant of the	Open Monday to I	
100	2pm - 6pm	in April, May and October
115		nd bank holidays
	10am - midday 6pm and 2pm	in April, May and October
	Open Tuesdays ar	nd Thursday
100	2pm - 5pm	in November, December, January, February and Marc
100	Open Saturdays _	
	10am - midday	in November, December, January, February and Marc
	Closed on 1st Jan Final entry 30 min	uary lutes before closing

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Aquilar Castle



century, Aguilar, a former property of the De Termes famil one of the castles known as the "five sons of Carcassonne". At ie, the royal fortress defended the border between the kingdoms of e and Aragon. Nowadays, the old fortress watches peacefully over the eyards that stretch across Tuchan and Paziols. en every day ____

10am - 7pm in July and August

10.30am - 5.30pm	in May, June and September
11am - 5pm	in April and October
Open at weekends	
11am - 4pm	in February, March and from 1st to 11th November (and bank holidays)
Closed from 12th N	lovember to 31st January

inal entry 15 minutes before closing

11350 Tuchan - Tél. + 33 (0) 6 80 44 64 25, hors saison +33 (0)4 68 45 51 00 chateaudaguilar@tuchan.fr - www.tucha

raues Castle

		nserve a intact keep. The entrance ticket nuseum called Déodat Roché's house,
	Open every day	
8	10am - 1pm and 1.30pm - 7pm	in July and August
	10am - 1pm and 1:30pm - 6pm	in May, June and September
	10am - 1pm and 2pm - 6pm	in April and October
	10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm	in February, March and November
	Open at weekends	
	10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm	in February and during school holidays
	Closed in December and Janu	arv

Final entry 30 minutes before closing

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Castle and Ramparts of the 🕋 👩 lled City of Carcassonne

cupied as early as the 6th century BC. Carcassonne was a Roman town. ified during the Lower Empire before becoming a medieval city. It boasts 00 years of military architecture and 2600 years of history. We propose a ch varied visit which includes many exclusive areas: ramparts, hoardings, ction room, lapidary museum.

Open every day _	
10am - 6.30pm	from April to September
9.30am - 5pm	from October to March
Closed on 1st Jar	uary, 1st May and 25th December

inal entry 45 minutes before closing



aunes-Minervois Abbey

he abbey spans twelve centuries of history with its Romanesque apse, rist cloister, underground archaeological remains and comic book ea featuring, 2020 Comic-book exhibition for 2020: "Johan & Pirlouit o's dream of the Middle Ages", and a new virtual reality room! Around abbey, discover the Medieval village and paved alleyways, the hiking limbing routes, the vineyards and craftspeople, and the unmissabl arbre et Terroir" ecomuseum.

n every day —

-	10am - 7pm	in July and August
N _{MM}	10am - 6pm	in June and September
	10am - midday and 2pm - 6pm	in April, May and October
	10am - midday and 2pm - 5pm	in February, March, November and December
	Closed in Janua	ry, and on 24th and 25th December
	Final entry 30 m	inutes before closing

11160 Caunes-Minervois - Tél. +33 (0)4 68 78 09 44 - abbaye@caunes-minervois.org - www.caunes-minervois.org

anjeaux, Medieval City edieval village perched on a hill, important historic site of the Lauragais,

injeaux shows the traces of its rich past : in the 13th century, Fanjeaux was entral to the preaching against the Cathar heresy.

TOURIST OFFICE pen every day ____

and 2.30pm - 6.30pm in July and August

Open Monday to Friday ___ 10am - midday and from January to June and 2pm - 5pm from September to December

osed from 22nd December to 2nd January

froide abbey is one of the greatest Cistercian abbeys in Europe, 12th

ntury historical site in an exceptional state of conservation, with a

mificent rose garden and terrace gardens. Take a guided visit or explore

ly with a digital tablet (several languages, version for children and version

r people with reduced mobility) or printed brochure. Musical, botanical,

nown for its elegance and refinement, the abbey of Lagrasse has demanded

spect since the 13th Century. Divided into two during the French Revolution,

e public section includes primarily medieval buildings. The eleven areas

hich you can visit have been restorated, lit up and are open to the public,

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Final entry 30 minutes before closing

11100 Narbonne - Tél. +33 (0)4 68 45 11 08 - info@fontfroide.com - www.fontfroide.com



Open every day ____ 10am - 7pm from mid-June to mid-September from April to mid-June and 10am - 6pm from mid-September to end of October from mid-January to March, and 10am - 5pm from November to mid-December

losed during the Christmas period

Final entry 1 hour before closing

Lagrasse, Medieval City

lassified amongst the "Plus Beaux Villages de France" (The Most Beautiful Towns in France), the narrow paved alleyways of the medieval ity boast numerous 14th and 15th Century architecture: the Saint-Michel hurch, the covered market, the bridge, the city walls, the beautiful stone açades. Medieval style ceilings and painted décor from Languedoc can be seen at the "Maison du patrimoine". At the heart of the village, supplied y the Orbieu, feature the workshops and shops of artisan artists.

TOURIST INFORMATION POINT

Open Monday to Saturday ____

10am - 1pm and from June to September* pm - 6pm pen Sunday morning _____

10am - 1pm from June to September

pen Monday to Friday _____

10am - 1pm and from January to May and 2pm - 5pm from October to December ubiect to change

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	Visit of the four and of the Caba Exceptional par	rs Castles castles (Cabaret, Tour Régine, Surdespine, Quertinheux) ret castrum (vestiges of the fortified village). soramic view over the site from the lookout. hibition. Fauna, Flora, Geology Exhibition.
A Real	Open every d	lay
des A	9am - 8pm	in July and August
	10am - 6pm	in April, May, June and September
	10am - 5pm	from October to mid-November, during the Easter and Christmas holidays, and the February and October half-term holidays
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	10am - 5pm	in February, March, November and December
E.	Closed in Jan	uary LES CITADEL

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azamet Catharism Museum ow in the footsteps of "Bons Hommes et bonnes femmes" as you learn tore about the cathar faith and its history, as experienced by the cathar eople. Audio guides, videos and models bring this highly-decorated seum to life pen Monday to Saturday . 10am - midday weekends 1.30pm to 5pm from 18th July and 2pm - 6pm pen Monday to Friday____

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Oam - midday and from 1st April to 5th July 2pm to 5pm and from 24th August to 31st October pen Tuesday to Friday _____ Oam - midday and in February and March

to 16th August)

from 6th July to 23rd August (plus

losed in January. November and December

81200 Mazamet - Tél. +33 (0)5 63 61 56 56 - contact@museeducatharisme.fr - www.museeducatharisme.fr

lontségur Castle

iding at an altitude of 1,207 m, at the top of its "pog" (rocky spur), e castle of Montségur, encircled by the "castrum" from the medieva iod, offers an exceptional view over the Pyrenees mountain range. Ir village, the Montségur museum, classified as a Museum of France, nts a collection of archaeological objects dating back to the Middle es. Entrance ticket to the castle permits access to the museum.

en every day __

9am - 6.30pm	in July and August
10am - 6pm	from March to June and from September to October
10am - 4pm	in February
11am - 4pm	in November and December
Closed on 25th	December and in January

Please contact the site for museum opening times









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0am - 6pm in April, May, June, September and October Dam - 12.30pm from January to March and from November 30pm - 5pm to December osed on 1st January and 25th December

ning and medieval events according to the season.

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Peyrepertuse Castle

Hugging a limestone outcrop which peaks at 800 metres altitude, eyrepertuse is one of the most remarkable fortresses in the south f France. This impressive citadel, known as one of the "Five Sons of arcassonne" (cinq fils de Carcassonne), was strategically positioned to rotect the former border against the kingdom of Aragon. Possibility to re audio-quide.

Open every day _	
9am - 8pm	in July and August
9am - 7pm	in April, May, June and September
10am - 6pm	in March and October
10am - 5pm	in February and November
10am - 4.30pm	in January and December
Closed on 24th, 2	5th and 31st December and 1st January
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Final entry 20 minutes before closing

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Puilaurens Castle

pen every day ____

9am - 7nm

10am - 6nm

A citadel of vertigo situated in the "Pyrénées Audoises" region, in the heart of unspoilt mountain country. The castle was considered for a long ime as the most southern of France. Perched at nearly 700 m, it has a wide ange of defensive architecture on show.

in May, June and September

in July and August

in April and October, and 10am - 5pm from 1st to 15th November losed in December, January, February and March Final entry 20 minutes before closing

11140 Lapradelle-Puilaurens - Tél. +33 (0)4 68 20 65 26 - chateau.puilaurens@orange.fr - www.chat



Quercorb Museum at Puivert

id out about medieval music from the time of the troubadours as well s local 19th to 20th century crafts from the Ouercorb region. Sounds round, videos, objects and characters will take you from exhibit rooms the garden, from the Middle Ages to today.

from 13th July - 23rd August
to Sunday
from 5th April to 12th July and from 24th August to 27th September
the year
utes before closing



aint-Hilaire Abbev

ner Benedictine abbev housing the famous 'sarcophagus' by the Master Cabestany. The visitor will appreciate the serenity of the Gothic cloister diacent to the Romanesque church, the abbey residence, the refectories. the pantries and the fortified part. This is where monks invented Blanouette parkling wine in 1531 according to the legend.

Open every day ____ 9am - 7pm in July and August 10am - 6pm in April, May, June, September and October in January, February, March, November and 10am - 5pm December osed from 14th to 20th December, and on 25th December and 1st January inal entry 30 minutes before closing

int-Papoul Abbey-Cathedral

in the 8th century. In 1317, it was raised to cathedral status. It was home

to a succession of 34 bishops up until the Revolution. Don't miss: the

apse of the Romanesque church, decoratively sculpted by the Master of

Cabestany, the Gothic cloister and the rich Baroque furnishings of the

choir. Wander through the narrow alleys of the fortified village to admire

10am - midday and 2pm - 6pm in April, May, June, September and October

10am - midday during the February half-term holidays

e heart of the Lauragais region, this Benedictine abbey was founded

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he corbelled half-timbered houses.

9am- 7pm in July and August

Open every day ____

Oam - midday and 2pm - 5pm during the February half-term holidays Closed in January and during the Christmas holidays. Sunday morning from 1st October to 31st March Final entry 30 minutes before closing

Open at weekends (except Sunday mornings) _

and 2pm - 5pm From 1st to 3rd November

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Termes Castle A wide track takes you without difficulty to the vestiges which overlook the village, the forest and the spectacular gorges. The support tools help you get a real feel of the history behind the castle and the castrum. Imagine the epic resistance to the crusaders back in 1210, or the scale of the work required to make Termes one of the "5 sons of Carcassonne" Open every day ____ 10am - 7.30pm in July and August 10am - 6pm in April, May, June, September and October





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en weekends, bank holidays and during the October half-

11330 Termes - Tél. +33 (0)4 68 70 09 20 / Hors saison : +33 (0) 6 47 66 20 77 chateau.termes@gmail.com - www.chateau-termes.com

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Usson Castle

Perched on a mountain spur at 920 metres altitude, the Usson castle, situated in the departement of Ariège, used to control access to the Aude ver valley and protected the Donezan area from attack. To be visited the 'Maison du Patrimoine" (700 m2 of displays) . A host of activities.

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1	11am - 1pm and 2pm - 7pm	from 4th July - 31st August. Guided tours: on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from 2 pm to 3pm
	Open every we	ekend
	2pm - 6pm	from 21st to 24th May, from 30th May to 1st June, every weekend in June and the first 3 weekends in September. Guided tours: Sundays at 3pm
YERSON.	Wednesday to	Monday
	2pm - 6pm	from 17th October to 1st November. Guided tours: Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from 2 pm to 3pm
	Closed the rest	t of the year

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Lordat Castle

rom the top of its spur (965 m) dominating the Ariège valley, with its vo enclosures, Lordat castle was considered one of the largest medieval ortresses in the former County of Foix. It offers spectacular views. A host of activities.

Open every day _____

10am -12.30pm and 2pm - 6.30pm from 4th July - 6th September. Guided tours: Wednesday and Sunday at 4pm

reely accessible _

10am - 4.30pm from 18th April to 3rd July and from 7th September to 1st November

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n abbey which combines Cistercian rigour with flamboyant ulptures in a romantic setting. Charm and poetry of the medievalfired garden set in the old monastic enclosure. Beautiful example typical Southern Languedoc Gothic architecture and sculptures ting from the 13th and 14th centuries.

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9am - 6.30pm in July and August Open Saturday and Sunday _____

2pm - 6pm from April to September 2pm - 4pm on certain Saturdays

By appointment the rest of the year

inal entry 30 minutes before closing

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illerouge-Termenès Castle

Castle located in the centre of a medieval village where the last known athar Parfait. Guilhem Belibaste, was burnt at the stake in 1321. Audiovisual visit in three languages : French, Spanish, and English.

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)am - 7.30pm	in July and August	
Dam - 1pm and pm - 6pm	from April to June, and from September to mid-October (open from 10am - 6pm weekends and bank holidays)	
	during the October half-term holidays (10am-5pm weekends)	
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Dam - 1pm	in March, and from 2nd November to mid-December	
losed from mid-December to February		

Final entry 1 hour before closing



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in October, during the February and October 10am - 5pm In October, during the Corollary 2010 half-<u>term holidays and the Christmas holidays</u> Open at weekends 10am - 5pm in February, March, November and December losed on 13th July, 25th December and in January Final entry 30 minutes before closing

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