

# DOMAIN OF CHAUMONT-SUR-LOIRE CENTRE FOR ARTS AND NATURE



DOMAINE RÉGIONAL  
DE CHAUMONT-SUR-LOIRE

**AN AMAZING DAY IN  
OUT-OF-THE-ORDINARY SURROUNDINGS**

*"WORLD CAPITAL OF LANDSCAPE  
ARCHITECTURE AND ART IN NATURE"*

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# CHAUMONT-SUR-LOIRE AN OUTSTANDING HERITAGE

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> *"We often find ourselves lost for words before such simplicity and inventiveness. Chaumont is perhaps one of the most exquisite experiences for the senses available to us today."*

Le GuideVerT Châteaux de la Loire, Michelin

> European Garden Award 2019/2020

> 2014 Garden Tourism Award, "Festival of the year"



Less than 2 hours from Paris and open all year round, Domaine de Chaumont-sur-Loire overlooks the River Loire, inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List as a cultural landscape. It brings three entities together on the same 32-hectare property:

**One of the most beautiful châteaux in the Loire Valley** surrounded by large landscaped parks in an English style.



### **An International Garden Festival**

renowned since 1992 amongst professional and amateur gardeners alike. Every year landscape gardeners and designers come from all over the world to take part in the festival.

### **A Centre of Arts and Nature**

which welcomes about fifteen world-renowned artists – painters and sculptors – and photographers every year.

It is a perfect place with so much to explore and appreciate by yourself, as a couple, with friends or as a family.







# A UNIQUE CHÂTEAU, HOME TO THE QUEENS AND PRINCESSES OF FRANCE

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- > Open all year round apart from 1 January and 25 December
  - > Exceptional furniture on loan from *Mobilier National*
  - > Château rooms dedicated to contemporary art exhibitions
  - > Original site-specific works adorn the park and can be contemplated from the pathways
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Overlooking the River Loire, inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List as a cultural landscape, it is one of the most remarkable châteaux of the Loire Valley. Property of Queen Catherine de' Medici followed by her rival, Diane de Poitiers, during the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the château has welcomed a number of famous figures throughout its history including Nostradamus, the sculptor Nini, Benjamin Franklin and Germaine de Staël. At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it underwent an intensely influential period filled with high-society parties as the Princess de Broglie, the last private owner of the Domaine, brought extraordinary modernity to the Château.

### AROUND THE CHÂTEAU

#### THE STABLES

Explore the most luxurious and modern stables in Europe, built in 1877 by the architect Paul-Ernest Sanson at the request of the Prince de Broglie.

#### THE HISTORIC GROUNDS

Take a walk through the Historic Grounds, designed from 1884 by Henri Duchêne, the greatest French landscape architect of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The 21 hectares of English-style historical grounds are exactly as the Prince de Broglie desired.









# THE INTERNATIONAL GARDEN FESTIVAL

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- > *“World capital of landscape architecture”*, Valérie Duponchelle, Le Figaro
- > 30 new gardens every year, on a different theme
- > Creations by today’s and tomorrow’s top-name landscape architects



The Domain's emblematic event, the International Garden Festival is an international rendezvous on no account to be missed out on, devoted to creation, imagination, poetry and nature. Recognised by garden professionals and amateurs alike since 1992, it welcomes landscapers and designers from all four corners of the globe with each passing year. It is the result of an annual competition for which a jury selects a score of projects designed by multidisciplinary teams. “Green Cards” are also given to the Domaine's guests. The unveiling of the Festival's annual theme is a real surprise eagerly awaited by all.



### AROUND THE FESTIVAL

#### THE PRÉS DU GOULOUPE

Created in 2012, the Prés du Gouloupe cover over 10 hectares and accommodate permanent gardens connected with such great garden civilisations as Japan, China, Korea and Great Britain. They provide a home for works by such great architects and landscapers as Yu Kongjiang, Wang Shu, Shodo Suzuki, Leon Kluge... as well as by internationally renowned artists: Chris Dury, Pablo Reinoso, Andrea Branzi, Nils-Udo...



#### THE PLANT COLLECTIONS

- The arch of old roses
- The arches of star jasmine
- The collection of clematis, dahlias, peonies, asters

#### THE EXTRAORDINARY GREENHOUSE

#### THE SMALL GREENHOUSE

#### THE VEGETABLE GARDEN







# THE CENTRE FOR ARTS AND NATURE

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- > Over 3,500 m<sup>2</sup> of roofed and heated surface area devoted to new exhibitions each year
  - > *"At Chaumont-sur-Loire, art is experienced in the open air."* Natacha Wolinsky, Le Quotidien de l'art
  - > More than 40 permanent works including Jannis Kounellis, El Anatsui, Andy Goldsworthy, Giuseppe Penone, Tadashi Kawamata...
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Each year the Centre for Arts and Nature invites internationally renowned artists and photographers to come and create unprecedented and original works on the theme of nature. Scattered across the 32 hectares of the site, the works of art – the fruit of a genuine meeting between the minds of the artists and the spirit of the Domain – offer visitors an introductory tour rich in discoveries, surprises and emotions. Art installations await your discovery in the Château, the Fenil Gallery and the Agnès Varda Courtyard, the Bee Barn, the Donkey Stables, the Great Stable and as as you make your way through the Historic Grounds.

### [SPECIAL COMMISSIONS FROM THE CENTRE-LOIRE VALLEY REGION](#)

Initiated in 2008, the Centre-Loire Valley Region's three-yearly commissions nurture a dialogue between heritage and contemporary art. The artwork created chart a course for visitors to follow, often even opening up new spaces they did not know were there and could not access before.

### [PERMANENT INSTALLATIONS](#)

Installed in the grounds, the Château and its outbuildings, the works are specifically designed for the site and give the impression of having always been there. Some of them do indeed remain. The joy of the visitor's journey owes much to novelty as it does to rediscovering certain works from previous seasons.

### [CHAUMONT-PHOTO-SUR-LOIRE](#)

Every year, from mid-November to the end of February, the Centre of Arts and Nature devotes all its winter exhibitions to photography and presents the works of leading photographers, each expressing their own unique viewpoint on landscape and nature.







# HOTEL OF ARTS AND NATURE *LE BOIS DES CHAMBRES* AND *LE GRAND CHAUME* RESTAURANT

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- > The hotel's restaurant, *Le Grand Chaume*, led by Chef Guillaume Foucault
  - > Its leafy terrace beside the pond
  - > The 2m x 2m beds, designed so guests can relax in them any which way they choose
  - > The arts and nature center not far from the hotel
  - > The renovation of the former farmsteads, embracing an architecture inspired by nature
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### THE HOTEL

Grown in its own garden, the so-called *Le Bois des Chambres* hotel nurtures a spirit of creativity. It is a place for socialising and unwinding amidst natural surroundings, with inventive touches at every turn – in terms of the comfort of guests, the services available and respect for the environment. Its flexible rooms can accommodate couples looking for a romantic break, families or groups of friends. Seminars can also be hosted at *Le Bois des Chambres* too.



### THE ROOMS

39 unusual guest rooms with poetic names, such as the Alcoves or Green Getaway rooms, are graced with elegant, understated décor. On the ground floor, deep pastel shades echo the compositions of dried flowers. On the first floor, the white tones bring out the impressively high ceilings. Just as in a theatre, curtains are deftly draped to shape the interior space. There are even five huts on stilts for guests eager to sleep right in the garden itself!



### LE GRAND CHAUME

The unique architecture of *Le Grand Chaume* is the perfect showcase for Chef Guillaume Foucault's outstanding sustainable cuisine. A champion of produce in its natural state, he has dreamt up an astonishing menu reflecting the Loire riverbanks, drawing inspiration from the bountiful regions of Sologne, Perche, Brenne and Beauce and the artistic utopia of the Domain of Chaumont-sur-Loire.







# THE DOMAIN OF CHAUMONT-SUR-LOIRE

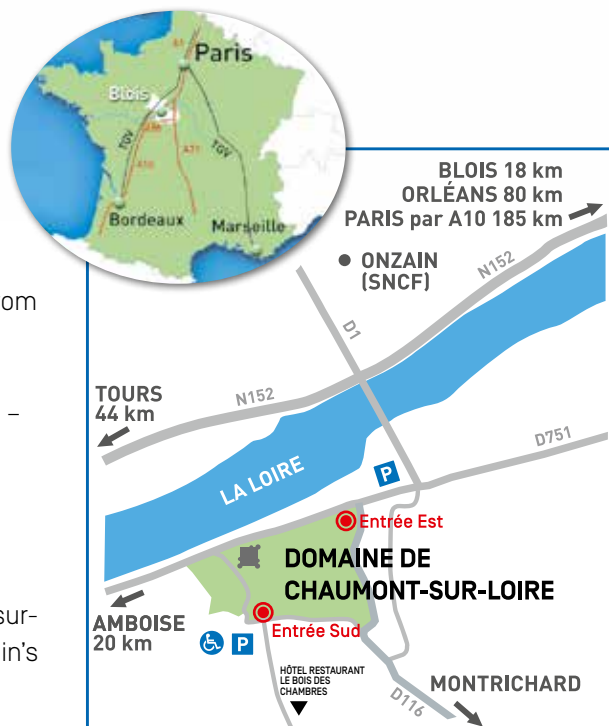


## ACCESS

- > Chaumont-sur-Loire is located between Blois and Tours, 185km away from Paris
- > A10 or A85 motorway, junction for Blois (no. 17) or Amboise (no.18)
- > There are several direct trains a day along the Paris Austerlitz - Orléans - Tours line, nearest station is Onzain-Chaumont-sur-Loire
- > Free coach park (South Entrance)

## "LOIRE À VÉLO" CYCLE PATH

Take the "Loire à Vélo" cycle path and call in at Domain of Chaumont-sur-Loire. Free bike racks and lockers are available at each of the Domain's entrances.



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