



# Tourism professionals

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## 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 **1.4 million visitors in 2015**.

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

### ANTIQUÉ ARMS AND ARMOURS 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

Since december 2015, two new spaces dedicated to musical instruments, figurines and artillery models are opened to the public.

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



- ▶ Guided visit in front of the Napoleon's portrait painted by Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres © Christophe Chavan
- ▶ Armour of King Louis XIII © Jean-Yves and Nicolas Dubois
- ▶ from Louis XIV to Napoleon III rooms © Emilie Cambier
- ▶ Soldiers figurines in the Extra-Ordinary Cabinets © 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.



▲ 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)



► Facade of the Dome church © Anne-Sylvaine Marre-Noël  
◄ North entrance of musée de l'Armée, facade of Hôtel national des Invalides © Anne-Sylvaine Marre-Noël  
▲ Visitors in the cour d'Honneur © Christophe Chavan



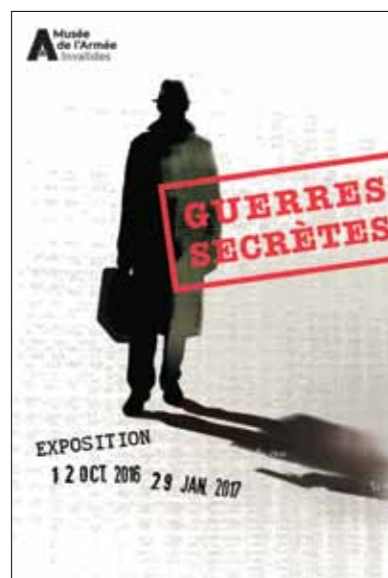
## THE CULTURAL PROGRAMME

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

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

#### FRANCE-GERMANY, 1870-1871. WAR, COMMUNE AND MEMORIES


12 April  
to 30 July 2017

Take a fresh look on the decisive war of 1870-1871 which will remain a crucial episode in Europe history. Through a large amount of pieces exceptionally put together, explore the political and diplomatic consequences of the conflict.

#### SOLDIERS IN CAMPAIGN

11 October 2017  
to 28 January 2018

How are troops organized ? Share the everyday life of soldiers on duty, from Greek Antiquity to 21st century fighters, through a selection of personal objects and pictorial testimonies.

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

◀ Rooms of the temporary exhibition *Napoleon in Saint Helena*



### 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!

► **La Nuit aux Invalides Show**  
every year during summer  
Show in English 2 days per week

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**  
every year in 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  
◄ Rooms of the temporary exhibition *Knights & Bombers*  
▲ Concert in the Saint-Louis Cathedral



# 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.

## ► 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.**

## ► GROUP GUIDED TOURS

The Cultural 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).

## SPECIAL OFFER FOR LA NUIT AUX INVALIDES SHOW AND MUSÉE DE L'ARMÉE ENTRANCE COMBINED TICKET

Enjoy the summer special offer, and buy your tickets for *La Nuit aux Invalides* show on a specific date and get a free ticket for the permanent collections of the Musée de l'Armée (ticket valid for one year).

## € Permanent collections

Discount on the full price of €11	Amount after discount (price per ticket)
10-19 tickets**	€ 9
20 - 49 tickets	€ 8.5
50-99 tickets	€ 8
100-499 tickets	€ 7,5
500 tickets and more	€ 7

\*\*no booking require

### Temporary exhibitions

Group rate: € 7.5/pax (instead of € 8.5)

### Combined ticket

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

@ Information and ordering:  
groupes@musee-armee.fr

### 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)825 05 44 05

€ **Combined ticket**  
Prices for 25 tickets or more.  
€ 19 /pax. (instead of € 29)

@ Information and ordering:  
groupes@musee-armee.fr



## ► 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!

## ► 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 14 October 2016  
and 24 January 2017  
for *Secrets Wars*

► Cycle of 12 concerts  
between 21 April and 16 June 2017  
for *France-Germany, 1870-1871*.

## ► 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.

◀ Visitors under the Dome Church, Tomb of Napoleon Bonaparte © Christophe Chavan

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? 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.**

	* Category 1 (price per ticket)	* Category 2
Rate A (prestige)	€ 26	€ 12
Rate B (classic)	€ 13	€ 7
Special rate	€ 39	€ 30

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

@ Information and booking:  
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? The full programme is available on the Concerts page of the museum website

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
- ▲ Visit with multimedia guide in armours rooms
- ▲ 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 offers:  
invalides@artem.com  
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### SALON DE THÉ ANGELINA ★ new

All summer long, enjoy the exceptional scenery of the Salon de thé Angelina. Take a sweet break on the terrace of the famous French café, located right by the golden Dôme of the prestigious Hôtel des Invalides.

The Salon de thé Angelina's terrace is open during summer.

Open every day

@ Information and offers:  
www.angelina-paris.fr



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

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## COMING TO THE MUSEUM

Musée de l'Armée / Hôtel des Invalides  
129 rue de Grenelle, Paris 7<sup>e</sup>  
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[musee-armee.fr](http://musee-armee.fr)

## 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 information: [accueil@musee-armee.fr](mailto:accueil@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)

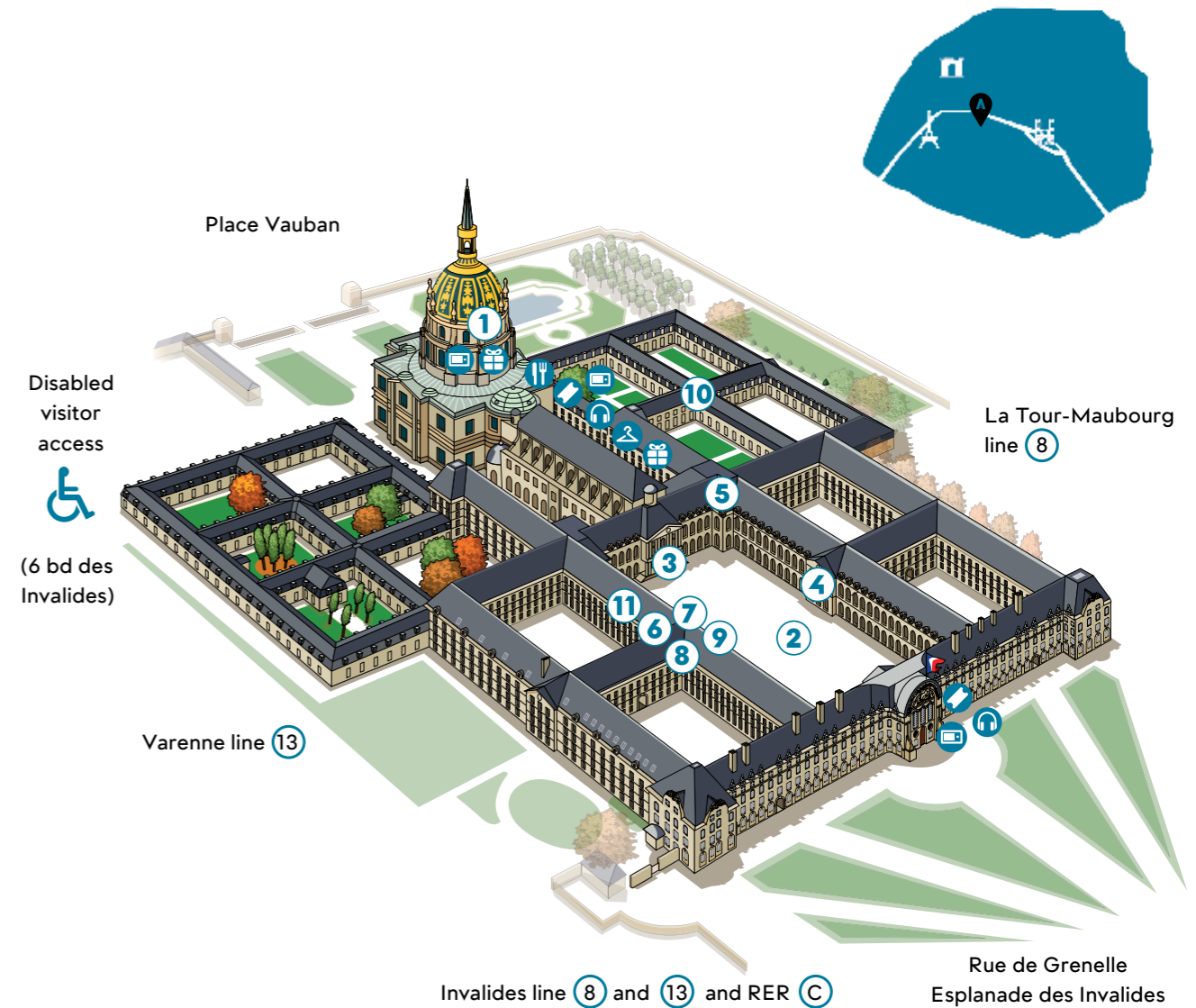
## CLOAKROOM

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).

## PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

- ▶ For any textual or visual materials:

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



## MUSEUM SPACES

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