



Château
St Mesmin

Work
in progress



2026



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The castle with a wealth of activities

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TOUT AU LONG DE L'ANNÉE

LANDSCAPE GAME

**FROM APRIL 5
TO NOVEMBER 1**



IN QUEST OF THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE

*(included in the admission fee,
depending on opening days)*

The castle's great investigation game «In Quest of the Philosopher's Stone.» is to be shared with family or friends. In the manner of alchemists, you will have to find the ingredients to make the real recipe for the Elixir of «long life» to save, from an imminent death, Hugues de Montfaucon, son of the lord of the castle. A fun hour-long game to explore the castle while playing.

ESCAPE GAME



Team of 4
to 6 players



2:30



At 5:00pm



By
reservation
only



€15/pers.

Thus, time is limited, 75 minutes chrono is the defined time to get out of the enclosure of the castle of Saint Mesmin. It is a guaranteed immersion in the heart of a history.

LES SCÉNARIOS

- « À LA BARBE DES ANGLAIS » **January 10 and October 10**
- « ABRACADABRA OU PAS » **February 14 and September 19**
- « CAPTIFS DU TEMPS » **March 14 and December 12**
- « LE PRIX DE LA RANÇON » **November 14**



APRIL
• **From April 5 – April 26 :**
Take on the challenges
for your "Work in progress"



JULY
• **JULY 5 – JULY 31 :**
Work in progress
(summer entertainment)

AUGUST
• **AUGUST 1 – AUGUST 28 :**
Work in progress
(summer entertainment)



OCTOBER
• **October 18 - November 1 :**
Work in progress, Playmobil® style

SEPTEMBER
• **September 12 and 13 :**
Games at the castle
• **September 19 and 20 :**
European heritage days



DECEMBER
• **December 4 :**
Saint Nicholas day





DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

EVERYDAY

JULY 6 - AUGUST 28 « WORK IN PROGRESS »

In the Middle Ages, the construction of a fortified castle was strategic: ramparts, moats, a keep, watchtowers, and a drawbridge were the basic fortified elements. Over time, comfort and hygiene were added, along with larger windows, grand staircases, and beautiful decorations. During wars, these fortresses became vulnerable to the constant advancements in artillery. Many castles were thus besieged, partially destroyed, and abandoned. It is quite an undertaking today to retrace their eventful histories. Stepping into the shoes of a builder, a set designer, or a mercenary, this vast, ongoing project will be shared with the actors throughout the summer, like an encounter to be etched in stone...

IN THE LODGE : Build!



The architect draws up the plans and is now only waiting for the workforce to begin construction on the castle: quarrymen, masons, carpenters, blacksmiths, and other tradespeople will be hired to complete this project. After discovering the different trades, materials, tools, and techniques used, all that remains is to roll up your sleeves and «contribute your stone to the building»!

IN THE CHAPEL : Embellish!



«Adorn the stone, and it becomes a marvel.» The decorative artist opens the doors to his workshop. What a project, with brushes, molds, and sketches! Boasting a rich palette of colors that enhance mosaic tiles, stained glass, frescoes and murals, tapestries, and sculptures, this veritable haven of creativity will undoubtedly improve the daily comfort of the castle's inhabitants and their families.

IN THE BARN : Destroy!



«Kill two birds with one stone!» The captain and his men-at-arms have numerous assault strategies at their disposal to bring down the fortress. Besieging a castle is always possible, but it requires extra ingenuity: setting fire to the cannons, bombarding the ramparts, and ramming the gates... A true war of attrition, demanding strength, patience, and determination to achieve its goal!

Daily events for visitors, in addition to exploring the castle.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

- Unaccompanied tour with explanatory map in French, English, Spanish and German
- Unaccompanied tour with multimedia guide in English, French sign language, audiodescription
- Room fact sheets in French and English
- Birthdays at the castle for a Wednesday afternoon.
- Visit of the castle with loan of Adults and children's costumes

FAMILY GAMES

According to the season, provision :

- Wooden, skill, brainstorming and strategy games
- Course games of «club des intrepides» in Vendée Bocage.



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

OPENING OF THE CASTLE

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SHOP



• **ON SITE** : The castle of Saint Mesmin gives you the opportunity to finish off your visit by buying a « souvenir » !

In the shop you will find items specifically for children, adults : games, CD's, costumes, stationery, hygiene products, postcards,

Fast-food menus are offered: sandwiches, salads, croque-monsieur (toasted sandwiches), cheeseburgers, fries, hot and cold drinks, ice-creams...



• ONLINE SHOP

www.chateau-saintmesmin.com/eboutique



E-TICKETS

www.chateau-saintmesmin.com/ebilletterie

TYPES OF PAYMENT ACCEPTED



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From 10:30am to 7:00pm*

From 2:30pm to 6:30pm

Dates closed (except groups)

From 10:30am to 6:30pm

From 6:30pm to 10:30pm

*So that the artists can strike their pose, the castle closes its doors between 1pm and 2pm. Nevertheless, spaces like welcome, shop, picnic and fast food remain open to all. The admission ticket is valid for day.

04/05 to 04/26
07/05 to 08/28
09/12 to 09/13
10/18 to 11/01

01/05 to 06/28
09/06

09/19 to 09/20
12/04

PRICES
Adult : €11
Adult reduced price : €9
Child (5/14 years old) : €7
Family pass : €32

REDUCED PRICES
Adult : €8
Adult reduced price : €6,5
Child (5/14 years old) : €5
Family pass : €23

SPECIAL EVENTS
SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20 :
Adult : €6,5
- 18 years old : Free
DECEMBER 4 :
€4/ Free : - 5 years old

Free for Privilege and Ambassador cardholders