

VAUBAN

La Citadelle, Arras



LIVE
SHOW

VAUBAN, A MAN, A PLACE, OUR HISTORY

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Arras is lively on this market day.
The danger lurks around the beautiful city, which will soon be besieged by the Spaniards.
To protect his kingdom, Louis XIV calls upon a strategist: The Marquis de Vauban, Sébastien Le Prestre.

What does the Artois region owe to this humanist?
The Citadel: a jewel of military architecture now listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
In this exceptional setting, the 350 volunteers of Artois Culture Nature invite you to share a human and historical adventure.

Theatre, music, dance and equestrian vaulting carry you into the story of a passionate life: that of a great engineer, visionary military architect, driven by curiosity, passion, courage, and humanism.

A musical prelude of around 7 minutes is performed by the Vauban Orchestra before each show.

Director of the show: Mickaël Boulé

Compositor of the original music score: Gilles Prevel

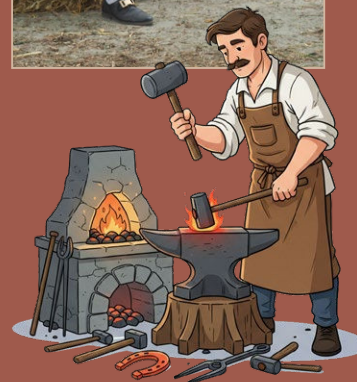
Enjoy a spectacular 90-minute show for the whole family.

The 17th century village a timeless escape

Before the show begins, or to extend the experience, you can explore our 17th-century village.

Near the Saint-Louis Chapel craftsmen invite both young and old to discover skills passed down through the centuries: working with wool, iron, wood, leather, beekeeping, pottery... In the square, around the fountain, settle in for a drink or enjoy a sweet or savoury treat.

Dancers, actors, and musicians regularly gather to transform this space into a living theatre, where the audience can be both participant and spectator.



90 minutes
of intense emotion !

Theatre, original contemporary choreography, baroque dances, breathtaking horsemanship, trick riders and stunt performers, exceptional pyrotechnicians!

30 years of stage experience with more than 200000 captivated spectators.

An immersion into 17th century French history.

An original multi-channel soundtrack by Gilles Prevel.

A live orchestra of 50 musicians.

An exceptional setting on the place d'Armes of the Arras Citadel.

A complete century village featuring dozens of local artisans: stone carving, painting, embroidery, pottery, local produce, handmade jewellery, children's activities.





To come to the show practical informations

Getting to the Citadel of Arras by shuttle

You can easily reach the Citadel thanks to the free Ma Citadine shuttle (Line 2).

Get off at the "Citadelle" stop, located just in front of the Porte Royale, at the entrance to the site.

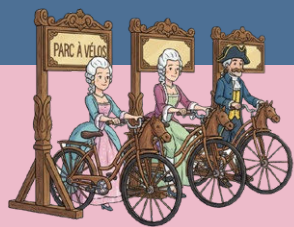
"Ma Citadine" is running regularly (every 10 minutes) from Monday to Saturday and provides convenient, free and eco-friendly access to the show.



Recharge your horses

Charging stations are installed in the immediate vicinity of the Citadel of Arras, allowing you to easily recharge your vehicle during the show.

The city of Arras has around 119 charging points available.



Park your mount

The Citadel is easily accessible by bicycle. A secure bike garage is available by subscription, and it is also possible to park your bike freely around the Citadel.



Park your carriage

The Citadel car park is located directly opposite the site (access via Boulevard du Général de Gaulle).

For visitors with reduced mobility, you may park directly inside the Citadel to make access to the show easier (via Avenue du Mémorial des Fusillés).



Entering the Citadel

Access to the show is primarily via the Porte Royale (Turenne), located on Boulevard du Général de Gaulle.

This majestic historic gateway to the Citadel of Arras will lead you straight into the heart of the 17th century!



To have lunch on the site !

Light refreshments in the 17th century village (open access relaxation area)
Sandwiches, pancakes, waffles, croque-monsieur, hot dogs and so on.
Sweets, soft drinks, wine and beer.

Dining at the Clos Vauban (lunch only)
A complete hot meal and quality menu.
Advance booking, at the time you reserve your tickets.



90 minute show

Thursday, August 20 at 6 p.m. Vendredi

Friday, August 21: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Saturday, August 22: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Sunday, August 23: 11 a.m.

Online ticketing : www.artoisculturenature.fr

Points of sales :

- Artois Culture Nature (+33.6.80.68.61.65)
- Offices du tourisme Arras Pays d'Artois

PRICES

SINGLE TICKET :

Adult : 19€ / Child* : 8€

GOLD SQUARE - "CARRÉ OR"*** :

Adult : 25€ / Child* : 14€

FAMILY PASS :

46€

REDUCED RATES :

- PRM, Seniors (70 years and over), Students : 15€

LUNCH (ONLY)

Adult : 33€ / Child* : 16€

Meal with drinks included

*Child: from 2 to 12 years old.

**Carré Or: Central seating, program, small gift and complimentary drink of your choice.



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Our association has been a member of the French Federation of Historical Festivals and Shows since 2001. The Federation's quality label has been awarded to it every year since then. It was recognized by the Ministry of Tourism in 2003.