



The Châteaux of Île de France : The Château of Chantilly



The Chateau of Chantilly stands in the heart of a 7,800 hectare domain located in one of the largest forests surrounding Paris, called the three forests massif (Chantilly, Halatte, Ermenonville).

Built during the Middle Ages among the marshes of the Nonette valley, the Chantilly castle is the result of the constructions and additions of succeeding families. It is mainly the Montmorency family who arranged the chateau to give it its pleasantness and agreeable aspect.

It was Anne de Montmorency, in the 16th century, who decided to build a leisure chateau in the French Renaissance style.

Partly destroyed during the French revolution, it is rebuilt by Henri de Orléans who used it for his art collections.

The Chantilly castle holds within it one of the most beautiful ancient painting museums after the Louvre, and a rich library of rare and precious books.

The chateau's library and archives preserve the collections of written works and documents gathered by the lords of Chantilly, members of the Montmorency and Bourbon-Condé families, over the centuries.

The Duke of Aumale's collection, made during the 19th century is an example of their success in gathering these valuable works.

Chantilly's park is immense, including such magnificent garden as one designed by Le Nôtre, Louis the XIVth gardener, who also drew the Château de Versailles' gardens.

Directed by Jacques VICHET A documentary of 52'

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