



The Châteaux of Île de France : The Royal Château of Saint-Germain-en-Laye

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Saint-Germain-en-Laye is a town of history and culture.

Its chateau was built under the seal/eye of History, having been where numerous historical events took place, such as the handing over of Christ's crown of thorns by the Emperor of Constantinople to Saint-Louis. Witness to Francis the first and Claude the France's wedding, the castle also held the birth of Henri the second, Charles the 9th and Louis the 14th.

The Chateau with its terrace overlooking the Parisian valley is one of the most beautiful dwellings the kings of France have lived in. The park, designed by Le Nôtre, and the irregular garden are a delight for the visitors.

Saint-Germain-en-Laye became the de facto *seat* of the realm's government.

The Chateau de Saint-Germain-en-Laye exhibits architectural splendours, such as the Saint-Louis chapel, a masterpiece of flamboyant gothic style. Napoleon the 3rd had the castle restored by Eugene Millet, who removed the corner pavilions added by Louis the 14th.

The Emperor added the "Museum of Celtic and Gallo-Roman antiquities" to the castle in 1867. *The ancient rooms of this Renaissance building present some of the world's richest archaeological collections.*