

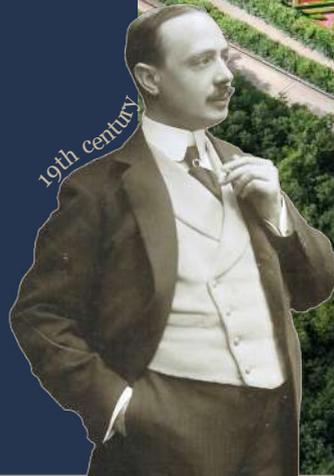


Villandry

Château et Jardins

Group offer 2026 / 2027





A few words...

Chronologically speaking, Villandry is the last of the great Loire châteaux built during the **Renaissance**. It is the work of **Jean Breton**, an influential adviser to king **François I**. In **1754**, **Count Michel-Ange de Castellane**, former ambassador of France to Constantinople, redesigned the interior of the chateau. From **1906** onwards, my great-grandparents, **Joachim Carvalho** and **Anne Coleman**, who were Spanish and American respectively, became passionate about this Villandry site and vowed to **restore the chateau and the current gardens to their former Renaissance glory**. Today, my family continues to run the Chateau de Villandry and its gardens, dedicated to showcasing its beauty to the widest possible audience. I would be delighted for you to visit and to have the opportunity to share the beauty and harmony of the site with you.

Henri Carvalho, Owner and Manager of the Chateau and Gardens of Villandry



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The living room

the **C**hâteau

The interiors of this Renaissance chateau were completely redesigned by Count Michel-Ange de Castellane. As you explore the living room, dining room, kitchen, bedrooms, library and more, you'll discover a unique testimony to **the French art of living in the 18th century**.



The dining room

A charming visit

- A family chateau, **fully furnished**, with a warm and friendly atmosphere
- **Bouquets of fresh flowers** in every room
- **Around fifteen rooms** open to visitors, divided over 3 levels
- **Stunning views of the gardens** from the windows and the terrace of the keep
- An astonishing **15th-century mudéjar ceiling** at the end of the gallery of Golden Age Spanish painting



The kitchen



The mudéjar ceiling



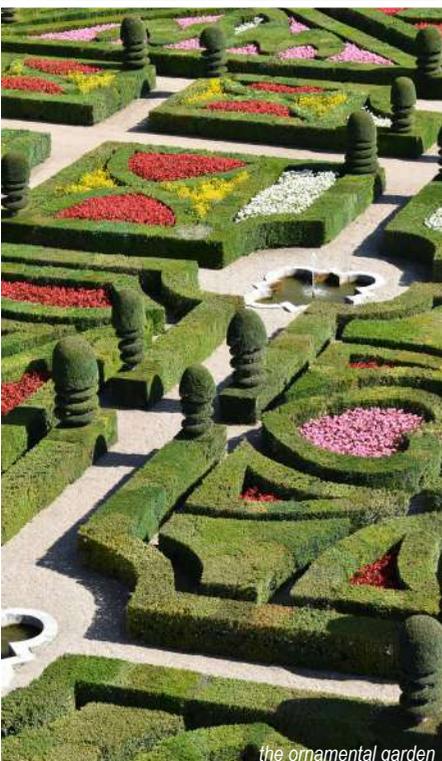
The ground floor (living room, study, dining room, kitchen, main staircase) is fully accessible to people with reduced mobility. The other floors are reached by stairs.



the kitchen garden



the Sun garden



the ornamental garden

the **G**ardens

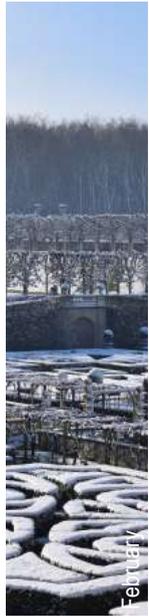
At the heart of the Loire Valley, Villandry is undoubtedly **the château most famous for its gardens!** All year round, explore a remarkable series of internationally-renowned, **Renaissance-style gardens**, which form a 360-degree backdrop for the château.

The garden in figures

- **7 hectares of gardens**, including over a hectare of **ornamental kitchen gardens**
- **6 gardens** split over **4 levels of terraces**
- **115,000 flower and vegetable plants** planted each year
- **30km of box**
- **162 topiary yews**
- **324 rose bushes** in the kitchen garden alone
- **10 gardeners**
- **No pesticides or chemical insecticides** used in the garden for the past 15 years



A route allows you to explore all the gardens without any steps.



When is the best time to visit Villandry?

The gardens are open every day, all year round, except on 25 December. The château is accessible from February to mid-November and then in December, except 25.

Villandry offers an ever-changing spectacle. From April to October, the gardens are in full bloom and at their most colourful, but the beautiful winter days can be just as spectacular as the flamboyant lights of autumn or the soft colours of spring.

A few things to look out for:

- In **April**, **tulips** bloom in ornamental gardens.
- In **May** and **June**, the **roses** are particularly exquisite.
- In **May**, the **spring kitchen garden** is at its peak.
- From **August to October**, the **begonias** fill the ornamental gardens with colour.
- From **August to October**, the **summer kitchen garden** is at its most colourful, especially in September.
- From October to November, the forest is carpeted with gold.

the **E**vents



The Nights of a Thousand Lights

Candlelit gardens, activities, fireworks and more...

Every summer, the first week-end of August



The Vegetable Garden Days

Meet the Villandry gardeners, activities and exhibitors' market.

Every last weekend of September



Christmas magic in the land of châteaux

*From 28 november 2026 to 3 January 2027**

At Christmas, nature comes into the château!

The cosy interiors of the château are filled with a festive atmosphere. With reindeers, fauns, owls, squirrels and more, the forest's inhabitants await you to celebrate Christmas amid stunning plant-filled scenes and richly decorated trees.



Guided tours of the château are offered for groups, on reservation only, from 1 to 18 December inclusive (excluding weekends).

35 people. max/group

Price: €110 + €11/pers. - ⌚ 1 h15

* The château and gardens are closed on 25 December.



the Prices

2026

2027

	Château and gardens	Gardens	Château and gardens	Gardens
Adults	14 €	8,50 €	15 €	9 €
Young people <i>8 to 17 years and students under 26 on presentation of their card</i>	8 €	5,50 €	9 €	6 €
Groups <i>from 15 paid visitors</i>	11 €	7 €	11 €	7 €

Free for under-8 years old



Visiting options

Château, gardens or both? *



1h env.



1h min.

How to visit?



INDEPENDENT VISIT

with visitor booklet



VISIT WITH AUDIOGUIDE**

4€ / audioguide

Adults :

Children :



GUIDED TOUR

45 pers. max.



- Château and gardens: 140€** - ⌚ about 2h15
- Château or gardens: 110€** - ⌚ about 1h15

* Available visits: "Château and gardens" or "Gardens only"

** prices valid in 2026 and 2027, to be added to the entry price

School groups

Sensory activities, gardening, symmetry, eco-friendly garden management... The details of our guided tours and workshops for school groups of all levels can be found on our website.  *In French only*

Prices	2026	2027
Entrance « château et jardins »	8 € / student	9 € / student
Entrée « Jardins »	4 € / student	4,50 € / student

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Restaurant

la Douce Terrasse

- Located at the site entrance
- **Seasonal cookery** inspired by the château's kitchen garden
- **Groups are welcome for lunch**, at the restaurant or in a dedicated room depending on the number of people
- **Bespoke services:** picnics, tastings, etc.

The restaurant is open from April to November.

Informations and reservations :

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how to get to Villandry

Villandry is **the nearest château to Tours**, just 15 km away, and is easily accessible by car, bus or minibus.

The château and its gardens are 2.5 hours from Paris, 15 min. from Azay-le-Rideau, 40 min. from Chenonceaux and 1 hour from Chambord...

Follow the route of the châteaux!



The Loire à Vélo cycle route circuit runs along the Cher, 600 m from the entrance to the château... It's a wonderful way to explore the Loire Valley.

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Free car, bus, minibus and bicycle parking within direct proximity.



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