Group tours with a heritage guide

CHARTRES Stained-glass capital

Stained-glass windows and light
Art of the Gothic period
The modern stained-glass windows

Chartres
CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DU VITRAIL
The stained-glass windows of Chartres

Demonstration and guided tour – 1½ hrs

Studio demonstration of the technique of stained-glass window making and introduction to the symbolism of the windows of Chartres, followed by a guided tour of the cathedral.

Price: €11.00 per person
Set price of €220 for groups of fewer than 20 people
Tour starts at the École du Vitrail et du Patrimoine in front of the cathedral, at 1 rue de Bethléem.

The symbolism of Chartres' stained-glass windows

Demonstration with video and guided tour – 2 hrs

Studio demonstration of the technique of stained-glass window making and wide-screen video presentation of the symbolic message in the numbers, colours and gestures featured in Chartres' stained-glass windows. Followed by a guided tour of the subjects depicted in the cathedral and their connection with the scenes carved on the portals.

Price: €12.00 per person
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An overview of Chartres' stained-glass windows from the Middle Ages to the present day

Demonstration and guided tour – 1½ hrs

Presentation on the characteristics of stained glass. Demonstration followed by a guided tour of Chartres' principal medieval stained-glass masterpieces in the cathedral, the Renaissance stained-glass windows on show in the Museum of Stained Glass, and the collections of stained-glass windows by contemporary artists.

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The restoration of the stained-glass windows and of Chartres Cathedral

Demonstration with video and guided tour – 2 hrs

Lecture illustrated by wide-screen video showing the different stages and techniques used to restore the stained-glass windows. Presentation of the restoration programmes currently under way, focusing on the stained-glass windows and the spectacular work being done to restore the 13th-century painted decoration, which has remained well preserved underneath the dirt and dust that has accumulated over the centuries.

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Specialised visit

The Renaissance windows

Demonstration and guided tour – 1½ hrs

The Museum of Stained Glass is home to a collection of 83 original 15th and 16th-century stained-glass windows unique in France that illustrates the iconography of the Renaissance in Chartres, reveals missing links in the history of stained-glass art in this major centre of medieval art, illustrates the thriving business of master glaziers in Chartres and shows how Chartres' stained-glass ateliers have worked on uninterrupted from the Middle Ages to the present day.

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Specialised visit

An overview of contemporary stained-glass art

Demonstration and guided tour – 1½ hrs

A exceptional collection of 60 contemporary stained-glass windows presented at the Stained-glass Museum in Chartres, in a listed historic monument, a unique gothic vaulted 12th century cellar, provides insight into the contemporary stained-glass creation of the 21st century and its most recent glazing projects in France. New tendancies, new techniques, revival of figurative design, artistic innovations, the complete universe of artists and glass painters of today to be discovered in this unedited exhibition of architectural monumental stained-glass art.

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Tour of the Museum of Stained Glass

Demonstration and guided tour – 1 hr

Demonstration of the techniques of making stained-glass windows, cutting antique glass and assembling the lead rods, plus the development of techniques from the Middle Ages to the present day, followed by a guided tour of the collections of ancient and modern stained-glass windows.

Price: €10.00 per person
Set price of €200 for groups of fewer than 20 people
**Chartres and its medieval buildings**

**Guided tour – 2 hrs**

A guided tour of the medieval city: the ancient canonical precinct around the cathedral, medieval houses, the Churches of St Peter and St Aignan and their collections of historical stained-glass windows, plus the terraced gardens of the bishop’s palace.

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**Medieval trades as depicted in Chartres’ stained-glass windows**

**Demonstration and guided tour – 1½ hrs**

Studio demonstration of the technique of stained-glass window making, followed by a guided tour of the cathedral to consider the medieval trades depicted in the stained-glass windows: tools, gestures and scenes from working life.

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**Medieval trades and building methods as depicted in Chartres’ stained-glass windows**

**Demonstration with video and guided tour – 2 hrs**

Studio demonstration of the technique of stained-glass window making, wide-screen presentation of how trades are depicted in medieval stained-glass windows, followed by a guided tour of the cathedral to consider the illustrations in the medieval stained-glass windows.

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**The restoration of the stained-glass windows in Chartres Cathedral**

**Demonstration and guided tour – 1½ hrs**

One of the finest examples of Western art, Chartres Cathedral is undergoing a restoration campaign unrivalled in France: stained-glass windows, portals, carvings, painted plasterwork and interior walls. Demonstration of the medieval stained-glass window making technique and presentation of the window restoration programmes, followed by a guided tour.

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**Group visits of the Museum of Stained Glass in Chartres**

The Museum of Stained Glass is home to a collection of original Renaissance stained-glass windows and also provides an overview of international contemporary stained-glass art. More than 400 stained-glass windows are on display at Loëns Gothic hall and attic in Rue du Cardinal Pie, close to the cathedral’s north portal.

**Chartres’ modern stained-glass windows**

**Max Ingrand’s modern stained-glass windows for the Church of St John the Baptist in Chartres and in memory of Franz Stock**

**Guided tour – 1½ hrs**

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How the church was built and the story of Abbot Stock in Chartres.

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**Guided tour – 2 hrs**

The two churches built in Chartres by Jean Redréau in 1957 and 1963: the Church of St John the Baptist in Rechèvres, with Max Ingrand’s panoramic stained-glass windows, and the Church of St Lazarus in Lèves, with dalle-de-verre windows by Gabriel Loire and sculptures by Jean Lambert-Rucki.

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