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# WELCOME TO VINCENNES!



The reason why Vincennes is so charming and attractive is the fact that despite its historical character it has nevertheless kept up with the times. Due to its strategic geographical location close to Paris and the fact that it is situated half way between the Parisian airports of Orly and Roissy, the town boasts many assets, thanks to its unique environment consisting of the Chateau, some very varied architecture and the woods nearby, as well as both its quality public facilities and the many reputed shops and businesses to be found nearby.

Since Vincennes has such a rich cultural life and because of the way its exceptional architectural heritage has been strongly emphasized recently, the town was awarded the Town of Art and History Label 'label Ville d'art et d'Histoire' in 2012. The town's woods, monuments, Chateau, Town Hall, the Church of Saint-Louis as well as the many other sites well worth a visit (such as the racecourse and the oral park amongst others) attract thousands of visitors every year.

In order to discover everything Vincennes has to offer, a visit to the Tourist Office is a must! Inside this venue completely dedicated to what the town can offer to tourists and which is situated just opposite the Chateau you will find everything you need to know to make your stay a successful one.

**Charlotte Libert-Albanel**  
Maire de Vincennes



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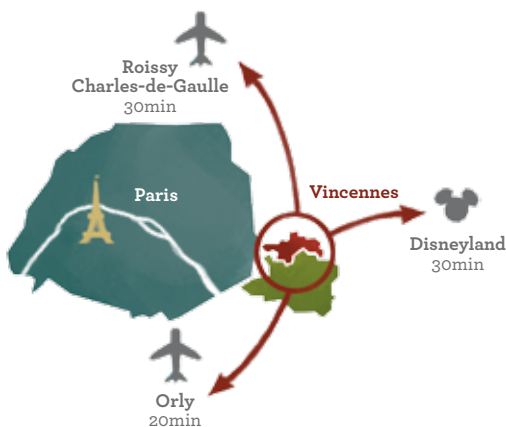
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## VINCENNES

<b>Region</b>	<b>Surface area</b>
Île-de-France	1.1m2
<b>County</b>	<b>Altitude</b>
Val-de-Marne (94)	170 ft.
<b>Location</b>	<b>GPS co-ordinates</b>
10 minutes from the centre of Paris by the RER A suburban train or Metro line n°1, 30 minutes from Disneyland Paris by the RER A suburban train	48°50'42"N - 2°26'4"E
	<b>Population</b>
	49600 Inhabitants known as : 'les Vincennois'



**The Saint-Louis district**  
**The Vignerons district**  
**The République district**  
**The Sorano district**

**The Town Centre**  
**The Diderot district**  
**The Domaine du bois district**

# TOURIST OFFICE



The Tourist Office which is located just opposite the Chateau not only provides you with local and regional information about both Vincennes and the surrounding area, but also offers advice and guidance to help you choose where you would like to go and where to stay.

Guided tours, events and exhibitions information.

Free access to Wifi and Internet points

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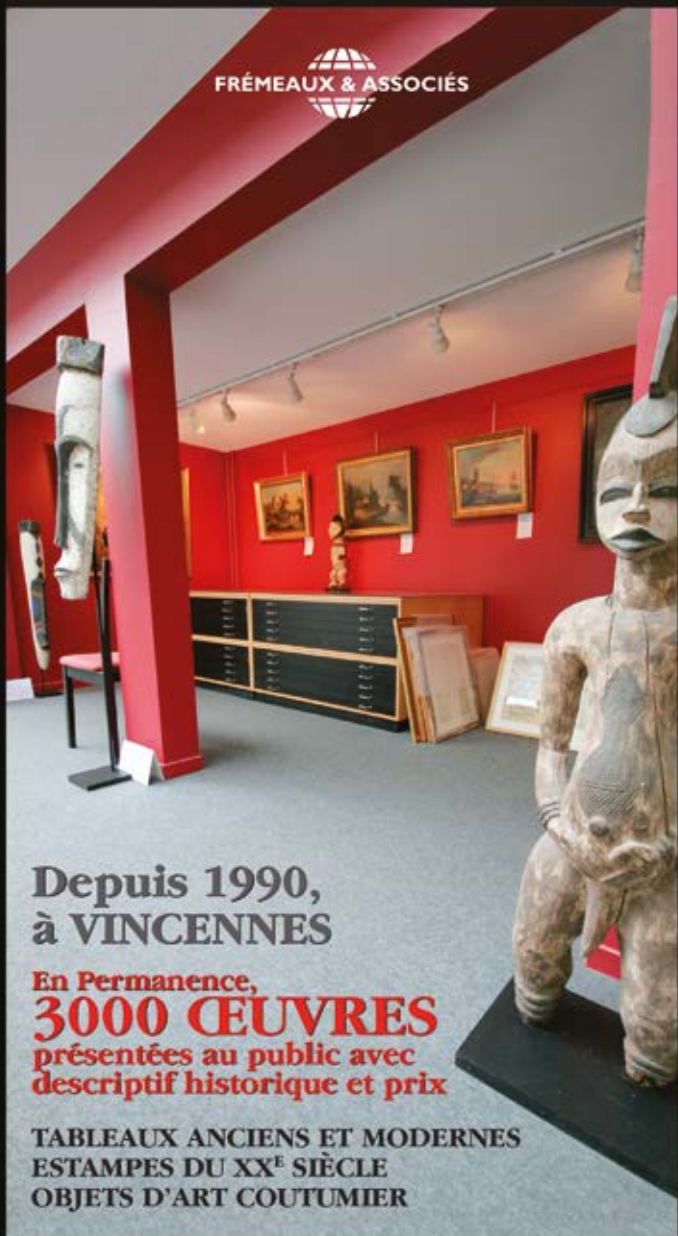


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# A TOWN LOADED WITH HISTORY

## VINCENNES, A ROYAL TOWN

Although Vincennes' history is closely related to the history of the town's woods and Chateau, it is also closely linked to the History of France as Vincennes was a royal residence for almost 500 years.

In fact in the 12<sup>th</sup> century King Louis VII decided to have a hunting lodge built in the Forest of Vincennes (called Vilcena at this time), as it was a preferred hunting ground amongst monarchs.

In the 14<sup>th</sup> century whilst the Chateau was still under construction King Charles V had an outer courtyard added on to the building work which was to serve as lodgings for the royal family's servants. Later, the hamlet of Pissotte appeared, of which the name derives from a stream originating from the Montreuil hillsides. In 1667 Pissotte and the Outer Courtyard merged into the same parish which kept the same name Pissotte. In 1787 administrative reforms led to the creation of the Borough of Vincennes.

## URBANIZATION

The military presence in the Chateau as well as the numerous barracks set up in the woods and more particularly the arrival of the railway brought about a huge population increase between 1851 and 1901, during which the number of inhabitants in Vincennes soared from 4 800 to 31 500. The town's population continued to grow as the transport networks were improved (that is, the tramways, buses, the 'metro' which arrived in 1934 and later with the suburban train network 'RER A' which was launched in 1969.

Today, Vincennes, which has a population of over 50 000 is divided into seven districts.

## THE HISTORY OF THE WOODS

The woods which belonged to either the State or the Crown up until the time of the Second Empire were sold to Paris under the law of 24<sup>th</sup> July 1860. They became part of the Borough of Paris in 1929.

Throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries military establishments and all kinds of amenities were set up there according to the town's needs. As far as the military establishments are concerned some remain standing such as the Fort neuf, the Pershing stadium, the Bégin hospital, the Carnot Barracks and the Cartoucherie (former munitions factory). Others also remain and have become symbols of Vincennes such as the floral park, the Paris-Vincennes Racecourse and the Paris Zoological Park, commonly known as Vincennes Zoo.







## FOCUS

### Saint Louis' Oak Tree

The picture of Saint Louis applying justice under an oak tree is one of the most popular pictures of the woods of Vincennes and often features in history manuals.



### A few famous names from Vincennes

#### **Pierre Daumesnil** (1776-1832)

This French general became known as 'Wooden Leg' after losing a leg in the Battle of Wagram in 1809. In his status as Governor of the Chateau of Vincennes since 1812, he defended the stronghold against the allied Austrian, Russian and Prussian troops who had occupied Paris in 1814.

#### **Ferdinand Foch** (1851-1929)

Marshall Foch signed the Armistice which marked the end of the First World War. He resided in Vincennes at avenue Marigny during his post as officer at the Chateau between 1893 and 1895; this street where he lived was later named avenue Foch in 1929.

#### **Charles Pathé** (1863-1957)

After founding the family workshops as well as a film studio in Vincennes in 1896, Charles Pathé made the town the world's film capital at the beginning of the 20th century. He is buried in the town's older cemetery.

#### **Pierre Messmer** (1916-2007)

Pierre Messmer, who was born in Vincennes, rue des Deux-Communes, was Charles de Gaulle's Minister of the Armed Forces and later Prime Minister under Georges Pompidou, after first becoming a hero of the Second World War battle of Bir-Hakeim and Companion of the Liberation.

#### **Bourvil** (André Raimbourg, 1917-1970)

Between 1943 and 1947, at the beginning of his acting and singing career, the actor and comedian Bourvil lived in a tiny flat situated on rue des Laitières in Vincennes.

#### **Jean Rochefort** (1930-2017)

This French actor who has appeared in 135 films and series has received many awards including three César Awards. He lived in Vincennes from the end of the 1940's to the beginning of the 1950's.

#### **Alphonse Halimi** (1932-2006)

The 1957 World Bantamweight Boxing Champion lived in Vincennes in the 1960's and kept a bar there on the avenue du Château.

#### **Kun Woo Paik** (born in 1946)

This virtuoso pianist of Korean origin has lived in Vincennes since 1980. Awarded the French Diapason d'or distinction for best instrument in 1993, he continues to enjoy a brilliant international career.



## VINCENNES AND THE CINEMA

Thanks to the Pathé brothers who founded their film manufacturing company and recording studios here, Vincennes was the centre of the film industry until the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Even today some of the most famous French film directors such as Claude Chabrol, Patrice Leconte or Costa Gavras come to Vincennes to film. There are also a certain number of cinema producers and post-production firms which are established in Vincennes.



## FOCUS

### The Pathé factories

The Pathé family settled in Vincennes in 1865. The family's sons set up their film printing workshop as well as a recording studio here. The Pathé firm which soon became the world's largest film manufacturer witnessed a decline when Hollywood was created. Charles Pathé sold his firm to the Eastman-Kodak Company in 1927, which led to the creation of Kodak-Pathé. The factory site which was destroyed in 1987 has since been replaced with a new district comprising of living accommodation, offices and public amenities.



## EMBLEMS

The town's emblems also allude to its history

### Motto

« LILIIS JUSTITIA, LAPIDIBUS FAMA »  
(The justice of lilies, the fame of stones)



### Coat of Arms

It was designed in 1942 by the heraldry creator Robert Louis, who was a native of Vincennes.

### Flag



It was designed by Olivier Touzeau in 2007 to mark the occasion of the Year of the Chateau (Année du château) and the re-opening of the keep to the public.

## TWIN TOWNS



### Lambeth (United Kingdom)

A town of the Greater London Borough famous for its big wheel, the London Eye.



### Castrop-Rauxel (Germany)

A town situated in the Eastern Ruhr area in North-Rhine Westphalia.



### Montigny-le-Tilleul (Belgium)

A small town in Wallonia which has some very impressive calcium quarries.



### Tomar (Portugal)

This former Templars' capital is situated halfway between Lisbon and Porto on the Costa Prata (the Silver Coast).

Vincennes has links with a sister town in Indiana in the United States, also called Vincennes.

Following the two World Wars, Vincennes, after helping the town of Vorges (situated in the Aisne County) to re-build in 1920 and later Condé-sur-Noireau (situated in the Calvados County) in 1945 became patron to both.

Vincennes is also committed to Fair trade initiatives in so far as it has undertaken a solidarity and sustainable development partnership with Gondar in Ethiopia.

## AGENDA 21



Vincennes declared itself ecologically responsible in 2006. As far as sustainable development is concerned, the town is active in a number of varied domains including economics, society, transport, energy, housing and the quality of life amongst other areas.



# DISCOVER

## The must-sees

### CHÂTEAU

The Vincennes Château is one of the most important in French History. It is the largest French royal Château to remain standing and with its 150 feet-high keep is one of the tallest medieval fortresses in Europe.

Its history goes back to the 12th century when Louis VII decided to have a hunting lodge built in the Forest of Vincennes (called Vilcena at this time). It was during the reign of Louis IX (1226-1270) that the Château officially became a royal residence which continued to be the case until the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

The Kings who succeeded undertook vast construction work when both a keep and an outer wall were erected amongst other aspects which changed the Château's appearance. Charles V (1364-1380) decided to have a holy chapel erected in 1379; however, this site was completed much later during the reign of Henry II (1547-1559). Many constructional changes were also carried out during Louis XIV's reign

by the architect Louis Le Vau (1612-1670) who had the King's and Queen's pavilions erected as well as other buildings.

Although the Château of Vincennes was Louis XIV's first large construction projects, it was gradually neglected by the Court who settled permanently in Versailles.

The keep's vocation as a prison (which is what it had been since the 16<sup>th</sup> century) developed further during this period and was shelter in the 18<sup>th</sup> century to some famous prisoners such as Diderot, Latude, Mirabeau but also the Marquis of Sade.



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The Château, which was occupied successively by various manufactures (porcelain, ceramics, weaponry) fell increasingly into ruin until it was taken over by the capital in 1796; although this transfer of occupancy saved the Château it brought about many changes to the edifice, in so far as Saint-Louis' manor disappeared, some of the towers were levelled and the portico considerably altered. From this time on one of the Paris area's largest military garrisons was concentrated on the site.

The Château was classed a National Heritage Site in 1913 and has served its dual purpose since the Second World War. The Chapel and keep are administered by the Ministry of Culture via the French governmental body, the National Monuments Centre, whereas the remaining parts are governed by the Ministry of Defence, the libraries and archive centres which are open to the public being run by the Defence Ministry's Historical Service.

The keep, which was restored in 2007, traces the Château's history and that of its occupants. As for the Holy Chapel it too re-opened in 2009 and houses both exhibitions and concerts.



## FOCUS

### The keep

The Château de Vincennes keep which is 150 feet high is the tallest medieval fortified edifice in Europe.



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*chateau-de-vincennes.fr*

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## TOWN HALL

The Town Hall which is the result of two distinct stages of construction work, the latter undertaken 44 years after the first (1891 and 1935) illustrates on the one hand the Neo-Renaissance style which was inspired by the model represented in the Paris Town Hall at the beginning of the French Third Republic, and on the other, the Art deco style, which is remarkably represented by the monumental staircase and the 480 inch-wide glass dome which weighs 30 tons. Both the staircase and the dome are classed National Heritage works.

The Town Hall's complete roofing as well as all its façades including those in the two entrance halls, in the Reception room, in the Weddings room and also those in the first deputy mayor's office situated south-westerly on the Ground Floor were listed on the French ISMH Regional Heritage Site list in 1999 by the regional historical study commission.



*53 bis, rue de Fontenay  
(Château de Vincennes metro station  
or RER A Vincennes station) 01 48 08 13 00*

## FOCUS

### The paintings in the Weddings Room

These paintings which were produced by Maurice Chabas were classed National Heritage Sites in 1982. They evoke the Chateau, the Town Hall, the woods of Vincennes and the Daumesnil Lake.



## CHURCH SAINT-LOUIS

Built by the architects Jacques Droz and Joseph Marrast between 1914 and 1924, the Church of Saint-Louis, thanks to its original Neo-Byzantine architecture characterizes the return of religious art which marked the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The church's interior decoration is, in fact, the result of the much talented artists who belonged to the Religious Art Workshops, in other words, Henri Marret and Maurice Denis who produced the frescos, Maurice Dhomme creator of the ceramics and Carlo Sarrabezolles and Raymond Subes who respectively designed the sculptures and wrought-iron craft. The whole of the Church of Saint-Louis was classed a National Heritage Site in 1996.

*22, rue Fajès (Saint-Mandé metro station) 01 43 28 29 77*





## TOWN VISITS



Whatever the district, there are many buildings in Vincennes which are well worth a visit. You will find both 19<sup>th</sup> century and Art deco style façades right next to modern buildings which were designed by well-known architects.

### GUIDED TOURS

Theme-related tours with tourist guides are scheduled throughout the year within the framework of the Town of Art and History Label. On fine days some of these tours are carried out in the woods either on foot or by bike.

*For further details regarding the program and admission fees or to enroll please enquire at the Tourist Office.*

### TOURS WITH AN AUDIO-GUIDE

Browse through Vincennes with your audio-guide in your hand and let yourself be led on an architectural circuit through the town's different districts.

*Download the free izi.TRAVEL app in French or English or borrow a tablet at the Tourist Office.*

### HERITAGE CIRCUIT

Thanks to our seven different walking circuits you have the opportunity to discover the town's architectural curiosities from 19th century façades to Art deco style buildings.

### INFORMATION SIGNPOST CIRCUIT

This circuit takes you along the trail of 10 signposts containing historical and local heritage information which are spread out across the town.



### ENIGMATIC FUN CIRCUITS

These discovery circuits which cater for families include treasure hunts, enigmas and decoding activities designed to move around in, learn about and observe Vincennes.

*Circuits are available at no charge from the Tourist Office.*

### TREASURE HUNTS WITH AN AUDIO-GUIDE

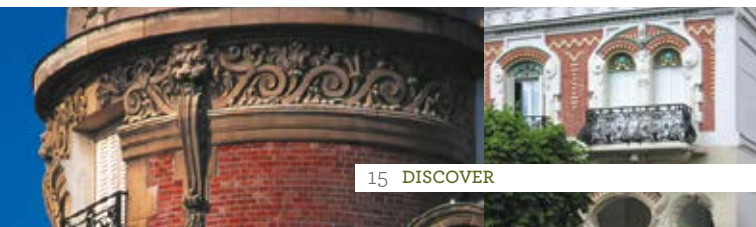
The visitor's task is to help Lucas, a little boy who is working on a comic based on Vincennes' history, on his trip which is marked with enigmas. This is a fun-filled multi-media orientated treasure hunt which is an ideal family activity or to be carried out amongst friends.

*Download this circuit for free, in both French and English, on [vincennes.fr](http://vincennes.fr) or borrow a tablet at the Tourist Office.*

### GREETERS

Discover Vincennes in a unique, authentic and friendly way by following a greeter! These people who love their town will show you round Vincennes differently and share with you their favourite venues.

*More information on [vincennes-tourisme.fr](http://vincennes-tourisme.fr) and [greeters.online](http://greeters.online)*







## FOCUS



### Cœur de ville

Cœur de ville which was opened in 2003 is a vast cultural complex extending over 6560 ft<sup>2</sup>, and houses primarily a media library, a conservatory and an auditorium. The building which was designed by the architect Henri Gaudin (who is also known for the Charléty Stadium amongst others), hosts frescos produced by the Hungarian visual artist Janos Ber, whose works are exhibited in the major European capital cities.



### Le Dôme (Watersports & Leisure Centre)

This water sports centre which was recently built by the architect Pierre Boudry disposes of three swimming pools, a cardio-training section, a well-being space which is equipped with a hammam, sauna and spa as well as a solarium.



### The Hector-Berlioz Centre

This sports centre was designed in 2003 by the internationally-renowned architect Dietmar Feichtinger, who also created both the Simone-de-Beauvoir footbridge in Paris as well as the Mont-Saint-Michel jetty.





## IN THE WOODS

A detailed map of the woods is available at the Tourist Office.

### FLORAL PARK

The renowned botanical garden, the Paris Floral Park, is famous for its horticulture, exhibitions and theme-related gardens.

Major events taking place here between June and September: the Paris Jazz Festival, 'Festival Classique au vert' (Classical Music with Greenery Festival), Pestacles...

Play areas, acrobatics in the trees, the Astral theatre (shows for children aged 3 to 8 years), fitness trail and well-being space CityZen.

*Free entry from November to April (2,5 euros from May to October)*

*Access via either the Chateau Esplanade or via route de la Pyramide (metro station Château-de-Vincennes)*

*01 49 57 25 50 (Maison du Bois et du Parc)*

*01 49 57 24 81 (for the Floral Park's payable activities)*

*parcfloraldeparis.com*

*equipement.paris.fr/parc-floral-de-paris-1*

*parcfloraldeparisjeux.com*

*cityzenparis.com*



### THE PARIS ZOOLOGICAL PARK (VINCENNES ZOO)

After undergoing many years of restoration work the Zoo re-opened in 2014. It offers the possibility to immerse into the heart of five bio-areas, namely Patagonia, Sahel-Sudan, Europe, Guyana and Madagascar, in order to discover the animals which these areas represent and watch them live in an environment which is a duplicate of their native natural habitat.

*Situated on the fork between avenue Daumesnil and the route de la Ceinture-du-lac-Daumesnil – Paris 12th district (either Porte-Dorée, Saint-Mandé or Château-de-Vincennes metro stations, then take Bus N°46)*

*0 811 224 122*

*parczoologiquedeparis.fr*



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Since 1863, the Vincennes Racecourse of Paris has been hosting the most famous trotting races of which the prestigious Prix d'Amérique harness race. Lunches and dinners catered for on the track and bets accepted from 1 €.

*2, route de la Ferme – Paris 12<sup>th</sup> district (alight at the Château-de-Vincennes metro station, then take Bus N° 112, alight at Carrefour-de-Beauté, then turn right into Route de la Ferme and proceed as far as the racecourse.)*

*01 49 77 17 17 - vincennes-hippodrome.com*



## THE PORTE DORÉE PALACE (Palais de la porte Dorée) (Tropical aquarium and Museum of the History of Immigration)

The Palais de la Porte Dorée which was built to mark the occasion of the 1931 Colonial Exhibition is an exceptional collection of Art Déco architecture and decoration which is classed a National Heritage Site. Nowadays it houses the Museum of the History of Immigration and the Tropical Aquarium.

Apart from the collections which it houses, the museum is also host to a cultural events agenda.

The aquarium, which has existed since 1931 is home to the fauna and flora which lives and grows in tropical waters (both fresh and sea water) and in which over 5 000 animals of 300 different species inhabit.

*293, avenue Daumesnil - Paris 12<sup>th</sup> district (metro Porte-Dorée or Bus N°46) - 01 53 59 58 60 - palais-portedoree.fr*





### THE 'FERME DE PARIS'

This 5-acre farm, which has a teaching vocation, is run according to the practices of organic farming. Numerous season-connected activities are organized here.

*Route du Pesage - Paris 12<sup>th</sup> district (RER A Joinville-le-Pont Station or Bus N° 112) - paris.fr*

### THE ÉCOLE DU BREUIL HORTICULTURAL SCHOOL GARDENS AND ARBORETUM

The Ecole du Breuil Horticultural School which was established over 150 years ago stretches across 23 acres of land. Its theme-based gardens include a contemporary rose garden, rockeries, perennial plants, a collection of shrubs, a landscape garden, an orchard, a vegetable garden, green houses, seasonal plants and the list goes on.... The arboretum contains 1 300 trees and 500 different plant species – it's a veritable living tree museum!

*Free entry - 50, route de la Pyramide – Paris 12<sup>th</sup> district (RER A Joinville-le-Pont Station or Bus N° 112)*

*01 53 66 14 00 - paris.fr*

### TROPICAL AGRONOMICS GARDEN

In this garden nest the remains of the 1907 Colonial Exhibition, that is, tropical green houses, monuments and Asian-style bridges, half of which are overgrown.

*Free entry - 45 bis, avenue de la Belle-Gabrielle – Paris 12<sup>th</sup> district (RER A Nogent-sur-Marne Station or Bus N° 110 or 114) paris.fr*



### PAGODA

The Buddhist Temple houses the largest statue of Buddha in Europe which is entirely covered with gold and stands 27 feet tall.

*Closed to the public except on occasions such as the Buddhism Festival (in May) and the Tibetan Cultural Festival (in September). Dates are available at the Tourist Office - 40 bis, route de la Ceinture-du-lac-Daumesnil - Paris 12<sup>th</sup> district (metro Porte-Dorée or Liberté)*

### THE ASTRAL THEATRE

The Astral Theatre which is situated right in the centre of the Floral Park stages a wide choice of plays for children from 3 years upwards.

*The Floral Park may be accessed via either the Château Esplanade or via route de la Pyramide (metro Château-de-Vincennes) - 01 43 73 13 93 - theatreastral.com*

### PUPPET THEATRE AT THE 'PARC FLORAL'

*The Floral Park may be accessed via either the Château Esplanade or via route de la Pyramide (metro Château-de-Vincennes) - guignolparcfloral.com*

### PUNCH & JUDY SHOWS

A people's Punch & Judy-style theatre where the puppets talk to the children, whether they're 3 or 103!

*The Saint-Mandé side of Orée du bois – Paris 12<sup>th</sup> district (metro Saint-Mandé) - 06 75 23 45 89 - lesmarionnettesdeparis.com*

## Let's go for a walk in the woods...



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[cycloramaevents.fr](http://cycloramaevents.fr)



### PONY RIDES

*Daumesnil Lake*

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[trottin.cycloramaevents.fr](http://trottin.cycloramaevents.fr)



*Saint-Mandé Lake*

06 07 32 53 95

[animaponey.com](http://animaponey.com)

### ON FOOT (GR 14 AND GR 14A)

Two signposted trails cross the woods. The GR14 A is a short hike and the GR14 a long hiking trail, the best way to go walking without losing your way!

Guided walks in the woods, both on foot and by bike, are regularly scheduled.

*For further enquiries please contact the Tourist Office or visit the [vincennes-tourisme.fr](http://vincennes-tourisme.fr) web site.*

### SPORTIVE CIRCUITS

• **The Daumesnil circuit:** two laps (the 1400-metre short version and the more hard going 2400-metre one). The circuit's departure point is situated on avenue Daumesnil, 250 metres from the corner of avenue Saint-Maurice in the direction of the Château.

• **The Patte d'Oie circuit:** A 1 400 metre-lap with 11 sets of gym apparatus which departs from the Patte d'Oie crossroads.

• **The Minimes circuit:** A 1 800 metre-lap with 13 sets of gym apparatus. The departure point is situated near La Porte Jaune.



## GOING OUT

There's not a day goes by in Vincennes without either a show, an exhibition, a conference or some other kind of event takes place! The town's cultural agenda is both rich and varied. Vincennes organizes both a cultural season as well as an events calendar for younger members of the public in the three following domains: theatre, dance and music.

Organizing around 800 events annually, Vincennes has a new outing in store for you every day! A lot of these events see the light of day thanks to the town's associations, whose members are very active and invest their talent in a wide range of areas, including sport, culture, youth initiatives, social schemes and humanitarian projects amongst others.

Discover all the above events in the cultural agenda available at both the Tourist Office and the Town Hall as well as on the [vincennes.fr](http://vincennes.fr) web site.



### The major events

- **January:** The bike trip Festival, the Prix d'Amérique event at the Racecourse
- **February:** The Vincennes Stride (sprint race - 6 000 competitors)
- **March:** The 'Prix du Bois de Vincennes' race at the Racecourse
- **May:** The Vincennes Images Festival (photography festival, odd years), The Africa in motion Festival (even years)
- **June :** A picture beneath the stars (open air cinema within the Chateau's walls), The Chateau race, Open air opera within the Chateau's walls, The World Music Day
- **July:** Open air sports events, The Fireman's Ball
- **September:** The America Festival (American Literature festival, even years), Make room for the Arts Festival 'Place(s) aux arts !' (odd years), European Heritage Days (with the Fine Arts Fair and the Treasure Hunt in even years)
- **November:** Cinema Festival (odd years)
- **December:** Ice-skating rink and fairground rides, the Christmas Village, the 'Prix de Vincennes' event at the Racecourse





## CINÉMA

### Cinéma Le Vincennes

Varied scheduling, with films in their original version and a cine-club on Monday evenings.

30, avenue de Paris

0 892 68 75 11 - [cinemalevincennes.com](http://cinemalevincennes.com)

## ART GALLERIES

### Artedomus

74, rue de Montreuil

01 43 28 75 60

[atelierartedomus@free.fr](mailto:atelierartedomus@free.fr) - [atelier-artedomus.com](http://atelier-artedomus.com)

### Atelier Sobre papel

100, rue de Fontenay

09 54 90 19 98 - [sobrepapel-atelier.blogspot.fr](http://sobrepapel-atelier.blogspot.fr)

### Galerie Frémeaux

20, rue Robert-Giraudineau

01 43 74 90 24 - [galerie-fremeaux.com](http://galerie-fremeaux.com)

### Toutes latitudes

38, avenue Franklin-Roosevelt

01 58 64 09 73 - [info@touteslatitudes.com](mailto:info@touteslatitudes.com)



## FOCUS

### Festival America

The Festival America, which takes place every two years in September (even years) is the only one of its kind in Europe in so far as it is completely dedicated to North American literature and culture. Its book fair which groups a large number of both French and foreign publishers attracts 35 000 visitors. Tony Morrison, Bret Easton Ellis, Douglas Kennedy, Russel Banks and others are just some of the guests of honour who have attended the event.



### •SOMETHING WORTH KNOWING! •

As Vincennes Tourist Office is part of the Francebillet and Fnac network it is possible to buy and/or collect your tickets here for any of the 60 000 shows and events (exhibitions, monuments, sports events, entry tickets to leisure parks) marketed by the network.



## CONVENTION ROOMS



### The Jean-Pierre-Miquel Auditorium

Seats 284.

98, rue de Fontenay - 01 43 98 68 87



### The Georges-Pompidou Cultural Centre

Seats 523.

142, rue de Fontenay - 01 43 98 68 87



### Espace Sorano

Jazz music and theatrical scheduling.  
Exhibitions.

16, rue Charles-Pathé

01 43 74 73 74 - [espacesorano.com](http://espacesorano.com)

## THEATRES

### Théâtres de la Cartoucherie

The Cartoucherie, formerly a munitions factory, was converted into a theatre in 1970 by Ariane Mnouchkine. It houses 2 theatrical research workshops where 4 theatre groups reside and act throughout the year.

*Route du Champ-de-Manœuvre - Paris 12<sup>th</sup> district (a free shuttle bus operates from the Château-de-Vincennes metro station and runs every 15 minutes, an hour before each theatre production) - [cartoucherie.fr](http://cartoucherie.fr)*

### The Paris Carolyn-Carlson Dance Workshop

Route du Champ-de-Manœuvre - Paris 12<sup>th</sup> district  
01 417 417 07 - [atelierdeparis.org](http://atelierdeparis.org)



## SPORT AND WELL-BEING

### Centre aquatique Le Dôme

This water sports centre which was recently built disposes of three swimming pools and a fitness area which is equipped with a hammam and spa as well as a solarium.

20, avenue des Murs-du-Parc

01 58 64 19 69

[ledomedevincennes.fr](http://ledomedevincennes.fr)



### • SOMETHING WORTH KNOWING! •

Vincennes has 12 squares and 6 parks which are equally spread across the different districts.

Discover all of Vincennes grass lands on the Town Map available at both the Tourist Office and on the [vincennes.fr](http://vincennes.fr) web site interactive map.



## SHOPPING

### Shops

Vincennes, which has over 200 shops offers a wide and attractive range of goods and services. Some are nested within the inner districts and the others in the Town Centre mainly around la rue du Midi and the avenue du Château. Whether it's quality food stuff or clothes you're looking for, shoes or ornaments – you'll find everything in Vincennes!

### Markets

**Tuesdays:** rue de Fontenay

**Wednesdays:** place Diderot

**Fridays:** rue de Fontenay

**Saturdays:** place Diderot and place Carnot

**Sundays:** rue de Fontenay

All the markets are held in the morning.

You can easily identify the tradesmen who sell organic produce on their stalls as they exhibit a '100% Bio' macaroon.





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## STAYING HERE

### ACCOMMODATION

*A full list of hotels, B&B establishments, furnished as well as other apartment-type accommodation is available at both the Tourist Office and on the [vincennes-tourisme.fr](http://vincennes-tourisme.fr) web site*



### RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS

Vincennes boasts 120 catering establishments of varying style and price. They include traditional, gourmet or international cuisine, creperies, bars, fast food restaurants, tea rooms and even restaurants in the woods.

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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### ACCESS

- **Metro:** Line 1, Château-de-Vincennes, Bérault and Saint-Mandé stations
- **RER:** Line A, Vincennes Station (situated on the square, 'place Pierre-Sémard')
- **Buses:** Lines 46, 56, 112, 114, 115, 118, 124, 210, 215, 318, 325, Noctiliens (Nightbuses) 11 and 33
- **By car:** From the Paris ring road exit at Porte-de-Vincennes and take the road D120  
There are 4 Autolib' stations (hire of electricity-powered cars)
- **By taxi:** The taxi point is situated on avenue de Nogent (opposite the bus station) - 01 48 08 00 00
- **By bike:** 12 Vélib' points (bicycle hire) in Vincennes itself and 4 points nearby

## PARKING

### · On road parking

Parking is charged during the day from Mondays to Saturdays from 9am to 12.30pm and from 2pm to 5.30pm. Free parking on Sundays and on Bank Holidays.

There are many parking plots which are free in the woods, right down the route de la Pyramide, around the Racecourse, on the avenue du Polygone and also on both avenue de Saint-Maurice and on la route de Ceinture du lac Daumesnil (near the Daumesnil Lake).

### · Underground parking

The town disposes of six underground car parks. The shopkeepers' association Lacomidi offers free parking coupons. An information sheet to this effect is posted up in the windows of those shops who are members of this association.



## WIFI POINTS ZONE

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| · Tourist Office<br><i>28, avenue de Paris</i>              | · Town hall lobby<br><i>53 bis, rue de Fontenay</i>                             |
| · Media Library Cœur de ville<br><i>98, rue de Fontenay</i> | · District library<br>Alfred-de-Vigny<br><i>3, rue du Maréchal<br/>Maunoury</i> |
| · Restaurant L'Avenue<br><i>3, avenue de Nogent</i>         | · District library<br>Denis-Diderot<br><i>162, rue de la Jarry</i>              |
| · Bar/Restaurant Le Boudoir<br><i>82, rue de Fontenay</i>   | · District library<br>Christine-de-Pisan<br><i>9, rue de Lagny</i>              |
| · Les Fées Papilles<br><i>13, rue Lejemptel</i>             |   |
| · Mac Donald's<br><i>26, avenue du Château</i>              |   |

## USEFULL ADRESSES

### · La Poste (Post Office)

*18 bis, avenue du Château*

### · Office de tourisme (Tourist Office)

*28, avenue de Paris - 01 48 08 13 00 - vincennes-tourisme.fr*

### · Hôtel de ville (Town Hall)

*53 bis, rue de Fontenay - 01 43 98 65 00 - vincennes.fr*

### · Commissariat de police (Police station)

*23, rue Raymond-du-Temple - 01 41 74 54 54*

## EMERGENCIES

### · Medical emergencies

*15 ou 112 (from a mobile phone)*

### · Poison control centre

*01 40 05 48 48*

### · Police

*17 ou 01 41 74 54 54*

### · Fire brigade

*18*

### · Bégin Hospital

*69, avenue de Paris - St-Mandé  
01 43 98 50 01 (emergency service)*



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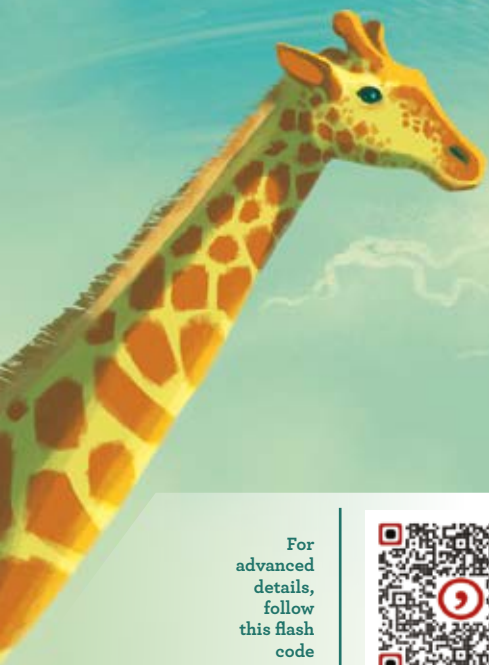
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