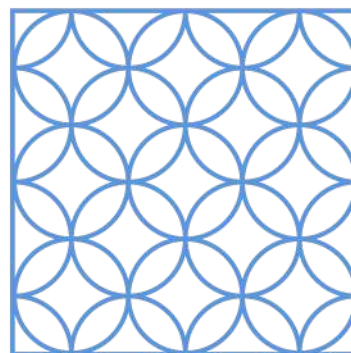
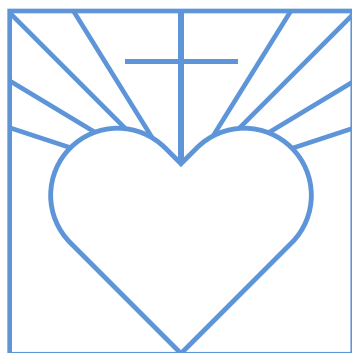
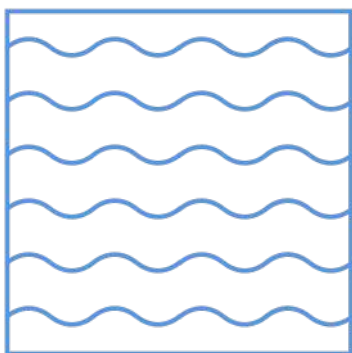




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Welcome to

Paray-le-Monial



The Basilica of the Sacred Heart

This masterpiece, a jewel of medieval art, is the best conserved example of Cluniac architecture in Burgundy. The basilica was built in the 12th century by Hugues de Semur, one of the most important abbots of this religious order: he also built the third abbey of Cluny. Since the abbey was delapidated during the French Revolution, the intact priory of Paray-le-Monial gives us an idea of the splendour of the cluniac architecture.

Inside, the barrel vault has a unique lighting. An elegant ambulatory surrounds the choir on which sits on the half-dome apse covered by an outstanding painting of the 15th century. During your visit, you will reach the high chapel overhanging the nave. Outside, you will appreciate the exceptional chevet, rising in stages from the ground to the bell tower.

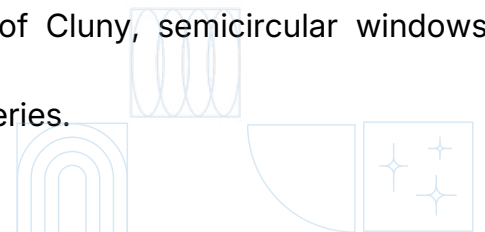
The Basilica was renovated between 1997 and 2005 and several contemporary artists worked on new designs for the lights and the Stations of the Cross.

The cloister

Next to the basilica, it leads us to find the way of life of the last monks of Paray-le-Monial. One can enter the cloister by the south door, still covered by polychrome medieval vestiges. The garden, of medieval inspiration, evokes the charm and mystery of the monastic gardens of this period.

The façade of the cloister is characteristic of the neoclassical architecture of the 17th and 18th centuries: a triangular pediment which shows the coat of arms of Cluny, semicircular windows, griffins and vintage cartouches.

Regular cultural events as exhibitions or concerts are held in the galleries.



The historic city centre



The town of Paray-le-Monial has made a considerable effort in the redevelopment and lighting of the historical centre. Whether by night or by day, it is a wonderful setting for the 4 major buildings, labelled as Historic Monuments.

During your guided tour, you may admire the Maison Jayet and its Renaissance façade, characterised by rich ornamentation.



Close by, you will discover the tower Saint-Nicolas. This ancient parish church of the 16th century has had many uses: a prison, law courts. Now it is used for exhibitions.

Not far away, the Museum of Hiéron presents an exhibition of two thousand years of sacred art, in a 700m² building.



Following your route, you will reach the Chapel La Colombière. This Jesuit chapel shelters the relics of Saint Claude La Colombière, the spiritual advisor of Saint Marguerite-Marie. The chapel's exterior is simple but the interior is enriched with mosaics and stained glass windows by the brothers Mauméjean. This 1930's architecture is registered with the Historic Monuments and since August 2012, it has been labelled as heritage of the 20th Century.

Our rates



Guided tour of the Basilica and the Cloister



7€/person

140€ (less than 20 persons)



1 hour 30



Guided tour of the basilica and the historic centre



8€/person

160€ (less than 20 persons)



2 hours

The group department of the Paray-le-Monial Tourist Office is pleased to help you discover the city heritage throughout the year.

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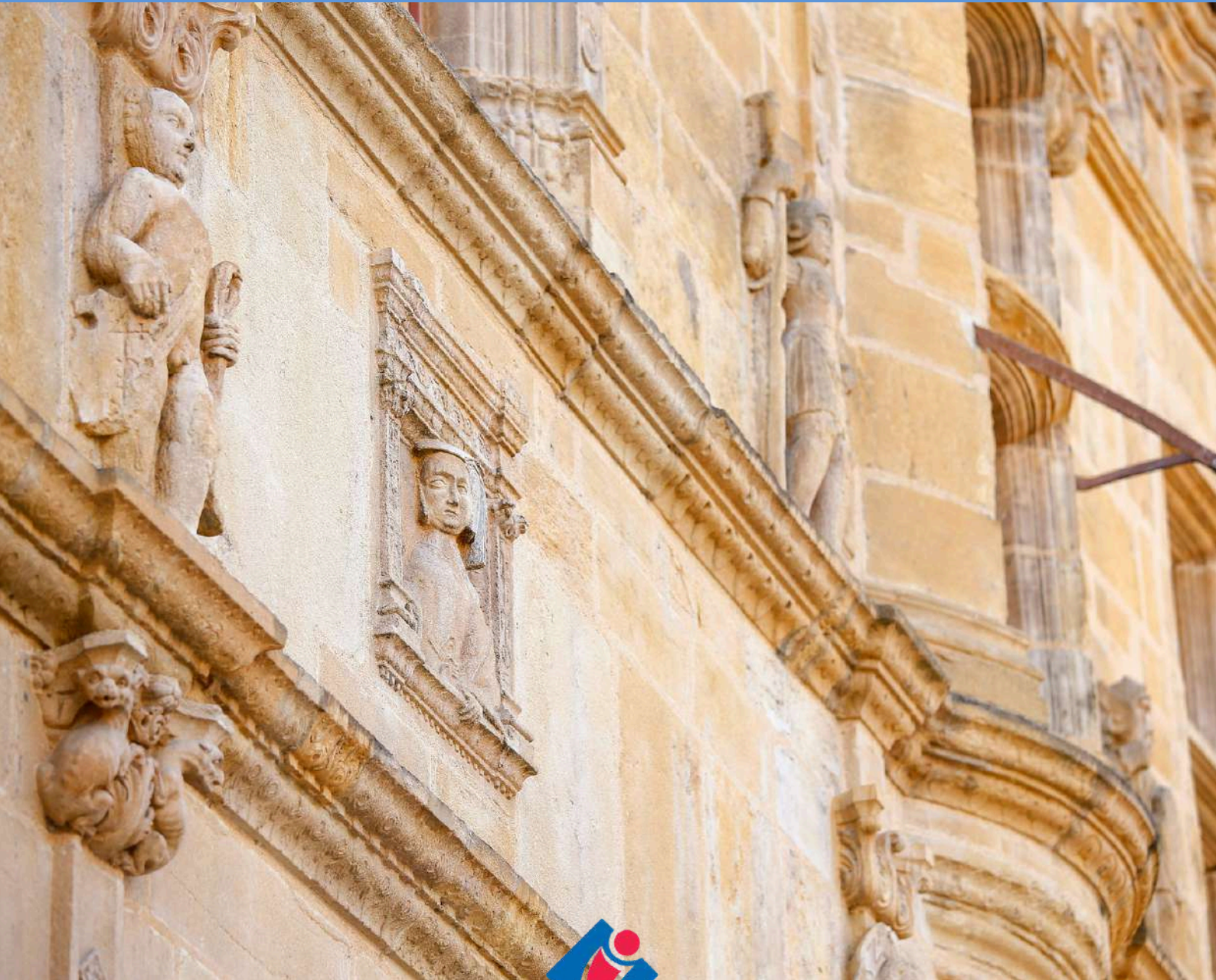
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