



Must-see

OUT-OF-THE-ORDINARY TOURS

Year round

As music plays, by candlelight, in the footsteps of a sister, or for Halloween, discover the Hôtel-Dieu in a new way !

Varied times / Special rates

MUSEUMS' NIGHT

3rd Saturday in May

Free tour of the patients' rooms and mini guided tour of the apothecary.

From 8pm to 11pm / free entry

EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAYS

3rd weekend in September

Free tour of the patients' rooms and mini guided tour of the apothecary.

From 10am to 12 noon and from 2pm to 6pm / free entry



Opening times

With guided tour only (no access to apothecary and toilets for people with reduced mobility).

Open every day except Tuesday.

Closed in January and February. Closed on 01/05 and 25/12.

Low season (from 1st to 31st March and from 1st November to 31st December) : 2 tours per day, at 2.30pm and 4pm.

High season (from 1st April to 31st October) : 3 tours per day at 10.30am, 2.30pm and 4pm.

Contact us for prices
and to make a booking !

Events, concerts...

Find all the Hôtel-Dieu news on the website www.louhans-chateaurenaud.fr or scan the QR code below.

All the news is also available on the Town Facebook page.

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& Hôtel-Dieu Apothecary

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3 CENTURIES OF HISTORY

For over three hundred years the Hôtel-Dieu has stood in the centre of the town. This magnificent building in **Préty pink stone** was built between the 17th and 18th centuries. Intended for local patients it was run by the Hospital Sisters of **the Order of Saint Martha** until it was closed in 1977.

A tour of this majestic site takes you to the heart of a different era, in a place filled with memories that come to life thanks to all the artefacts, **old furniture and tales told** by the guides ! Wander through the various rooms and be amazed as you discover the everyday lives of both sisters and patients.

A PLACE STEEPED IN MEMORIES

The two **enormous rooms lined with box beds**

and **the Chapel** are the perfect illustration of the spirit of community, where care for body and soul was offered to even the poorest of patients.

In the wing, which was reserved for the sisters, **the old refectory** bears witness to meals taken together, dominated by portraits of the mothers superior who worked here. In **the kitchen** a massive fireplace and set of copper cauldrons evoke the hustle and bustle of a kitchen in the past.

In 2018 a new room was added to the tour : **the doctor's office**. This is located in **the sisters' old infirmary**.

On display in the office are the medical instruments used in the 1930s and 40s, used for example to treat tuberculosis, as well as so-called "ordinary" illnesses.

This new installation was made possible thanks to various donations made to the Hôtel-Dieu.

Discover here a variety of objects used in the past, such

as the Küss apparatus, the ancestor to the Laennec stethoscope, a radiography device, and much more...

A TREASURE OF INESTIMABLE VALUE

Without question the jewel of the Hôtel-Dieu is **its apothecary pharmacy** considered to be one of the finest in Europe. Its treasures include, set in made to measure oak cases, **an exceptional collection of 15th and 16th century Spanish-Moorish lustreware**. The jars, vases, powder pots and other recipients still contain powders, dried flowers and herbs, unguents and other substances.

1500

1600

1700

1800

1900

2000

1459

Creation of the order of the hospital sisters of Saint Martha



1682

Foundation stone laid

1689

Letters patent from Louis XIV, allowing the Hôtel-Dieu to receive donations

1715

Foundation stone laid for the 2nd room



1901

Closure of the pharmacy

1977

Closure of the hospital

1984

Opening of the Hôtel-Dieu as a museum

2018

Creation of the doctor's office