



# Cloister of LA PSALETTE

Visit the part-Gothic, part-Renaissance cloisters of Saint-Gatien cathedral in the city of Tours.

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## GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A panoramic terrace affording breath-taking views of the cathedral.
- An extraordinary collection of stained glass windows by master stained glass artist Max Ingrand.
- A staircase that is a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture.

The Cloître de La Psalette, meaning choir cloister, is located on the north side of Saint-Gatien's Cathedral in Tours and is an example of transitional architecture spanning the Flamboyant Gothic and Renaissance periods.

An impressive spiral staircase leads to the scriptorium and the chapter bookshop, housed in a beautiful vaulted room completed in 1460. Balzac used the site as the setting for one of his characters in his work *La Comédie humaine* in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The cloister regularly hosts exhibitions and is accessible from inside the cathedral.

### **DID YOU KNOW...?**

The cloister staircase, believed to have been built by Bastien François, is thought to be a replica of the one built by Francis I at the Château de Blois around 1520.

## 2024 ADMISSION PRICES

### CATEGORY 6



- FOR 20 ADULTS + /  
RESELLER PRICE €4

- INDIVIDUALS €5

- FREE admission: minors under 18\*.  
Free admission: 18-25 years old  
(EU nationals and regularised EU  
residents).

\* excluding school groups



## VISITS

### SELF-GUIDED TOUR

With guide booklet.  
Duration: 30 min.

### LECTURE TOUR

Duration: 1hr.

### PRIVATE VISIT

With or without catering service.  
Outside standard opening hours.  
Prices on request.

## FACILITIES



400 m

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Drop off and pick-up point for groups by entrance.

Venue hire: garden and gallery (from 50 to 150 people seated).



Number of floors visited during tour: 1

Exterior accessible to visitors with reduced mobility.

## GETTING HERE



- Tours (2.6 km).



- Tours Loire Valley (7 km).



## OPENING TIMES

*Subject to modification*

- March to April: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
  - May to August: from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
  - September to October: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
  - November to February: from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Last admission 15 minutes before closing time.
- Closed October to March: Mondays, Tuesdays, Sunday mornings.
  - Closed April to September: Sunday mornings.
  - Closed 1st January, 1st May and 25th December.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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