

## *Visits not to be missed at Mont Saint-Michel*

*To visit the Abbey of Mont St-Michel and its medieval village is to take a journey through time, between sky and sea, to discover the Wonder of the West, one of the most beautiful historic religious buildings in France.*

### **The medieval village:**

We recommend that you explore the medieval village of Mont-Saint-Michel with its main street and its narrow cobbled streets, lined with beautiful stone and half-timbered houses. Discover its cemetery and its exceptional views from the ramparts. Admire works of great beauty in the village church: Saint-Pierre, with its extraordinary history, and a legendary place accessible at low tide: the founder's chapel, Saint-Aubert. The visit is free, but can also be guided, by reservation (<https://reservation.ot-montsaintmichel.com/visite-mont-saint-michel.html>).



### **Museums :**

(<https://www.ot-montsaintmichel.com/je-decouvre/visiter-le-mont-saint-michel/je-visite-le-mont-saint-michel/les-musees/>)

Various museums are also accessible to visit if you have a little time... The [Musée Maritime](#), located in the lower part of the Grande Rue, allows you to understand the phenomenon of the tides in the Bay of Mont Saint-Michel. It presents a collection of 250 old ship models. The [Archéoscope](#), located opposite the parish church of the village, is a multimedia show that retraces the long history of Mont Saint-Michel in a lively and immersive way. The [Logis Tiphaine](#) is a historic 14th century residence. There is the armor of the knight Bertrand du Guesclin and the astrology cabinet of his wife, Tiphaine de Ragueneil, as well as its period furniture and tapestries. Finally, the [Musée historique](#), at the foot of the abbey, retraces the 1300 years of history of Mont Saint Michel through wax figures representing the monks builders and the prisoners of the abbey and a collection of ancient objects. (weapons, sculptures, paintings, watches), instruments of torture from the Middle Ages, an iron cage of Louis XI and the man stuck in quicksand, a recurring figure in local history. In the enclosed garden of the museum, one of the last five periscopes in the world, dating from the 19th century, allows you to contemplate a large part of the Bay.

### **The Abbey of Mont Saint-Michel :**

Finally, do not miss the Marvel: the abbey of Mont Saint-Michel, a jewel perched 80 m high! It is a masterpiece of religious and military architecture. Built in the 8th century on a granite rock surrounded by swamps and shifting sands, it offers the visitor a dreamlike setting and a historical journey through 15 rooms open to visitors (church, cloister, refectories, scriptorium, crypts, etc.).



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Entrance to the abbey is chargeable (11€), but the guided tour is available for reservation at no extra charge to the entrance fee, for a period of 1 to 2 hours. The various tour services (self-guided tour, audio-guided tour, commented tour or conference tour) are offered in the morning or afternoon by booking online (ideal to avoid the queue): [Billetterie en ligne du Centre des Monuments Nationaux \(monuments-nationaux.fr\)](https://www.monuments-nationaux.fr)

*Abbey opening hours* M from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. - **last entry at 5.30 p.m.**

A special rate (€9) is available online on presentation of an entry ticket to the Cité de la Mer, the Scriptorial d'Avranches or the Grand Aquarium de Saint-Malo, for members of La Société des Amis du Louvre, Vieilles Maisons Françaises, Cezam or Crédit Agricole (on presentation of the card), or on presentation of the Brittany Ferries boarding pass or a train ticket Paris / Le Mont-Saint-Michel (SNCF travelers - NOMAD network within 5 days of the completion of the trip).

A ticket office is also available on site, subject to availability and queuing, depending on attendance.

*By booking online on the Center des Monuments Nationaux website, you benefit from skip-the-line access! Do not miss the visit to the Abbey!!*