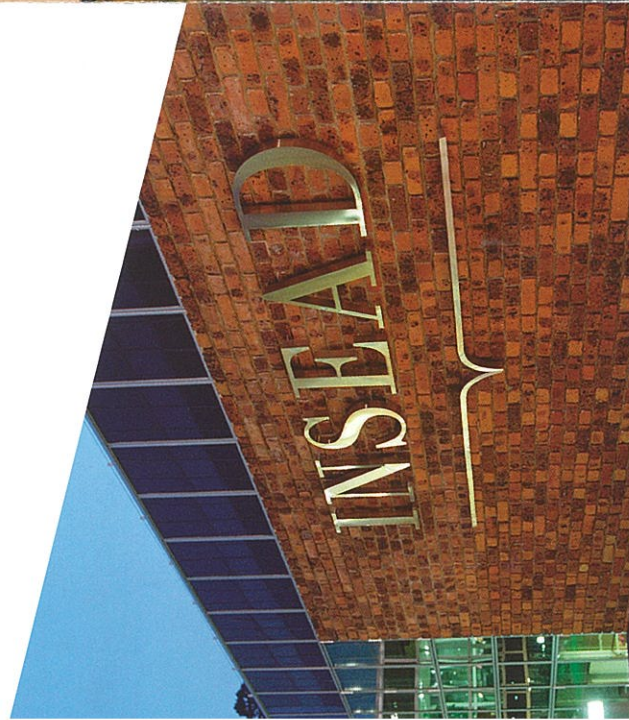


AN INTERNATIONAL CITY

Fontainebleau is host to several international events including the Django Rheinardt Jazz Festival which takes place in the grounds of the Fontainebleau Palace in early July; the Art History Festival in June and the Série Séries European TV Series Summit featuring the best of European TV series, FBLO Music Festival at the Grand Parquet. It also hosts several international horse-riding competitions at the Grand Parquet and horse-racing at the Solle racecourse. Over 126,000 foreign visitors visit the Chateau every year.

Life in Fontainebleau has a distinct international flavour, with students from all over the world enrolled each year at INSEAD, The Business School for the World®. INSEAD is ranked among the world's top business schools and is renowned for the quality of its teachers and its MBA programme. INSEAD also boasts over 57,000 alumni of 162 different nationalities who return regularly to visit the school and the town.



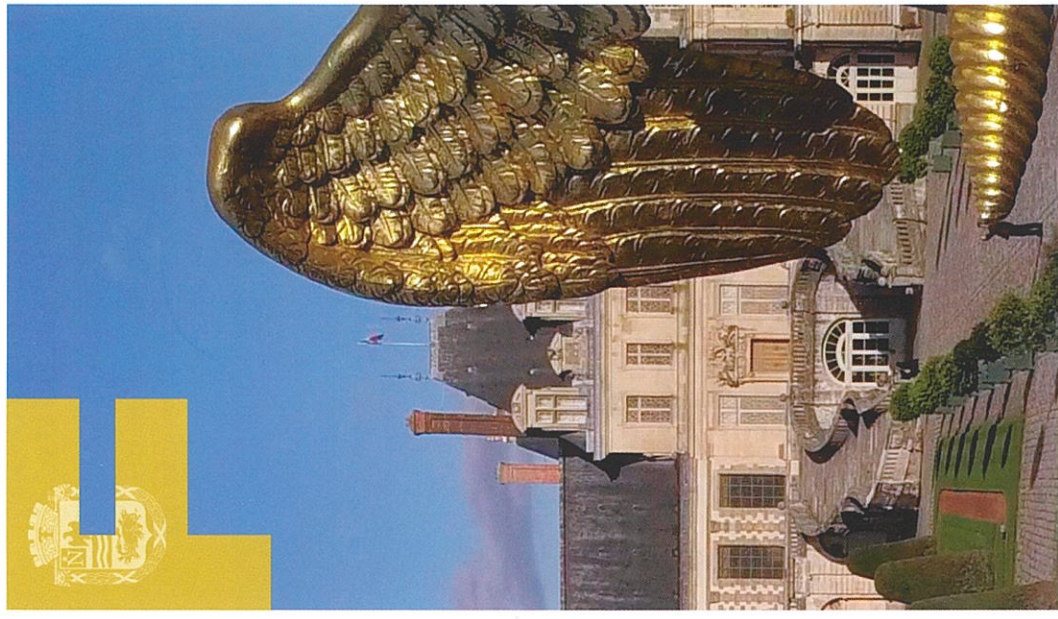
Fontainebleau has managed to preserve a lively city centre with artisans and shops proudly displaying the savoir-faire characteristic of French excellence: masters of cheese, chocolate and perfume; restaurants and brasseries with tables lining the pavement. Let's not forget its exceptional market, nominated runner up in the Paris region for the quality of produce on sale. This is the essence of what the French call savoir-vivre – taking time to indulge, meeting up with friends, enjoying the city, the Palace and the Forest: a beautifully preserved art de vivre à la française, or French art of living.

THE FRENCH ART OF LIVING

FAMOUS FONTAINEBLEAU CITIZENS

Claude-François Denecourt,
Picasso, Proust,
Jean-Jacques Rousseau,
George Sand and Alfred de Musset
and Madame de Sévigné

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Embark on our short guided tour to discover the most remarkable monuments in terms of architecture and historical significance. Breathe in the very spirit of Fontainebleau with its rich heritage, which has adapted to the transformations of this century without sacrificing tradition. Admire the Place de la République, where locals spend time relaxing and enjoying themselves – a true reflection of a dynamic city firmly focused toward the future and committed to a sustainable development policy.

THE MARK OF KINGS AND EMPERORS OF FONTAINEBLEAU

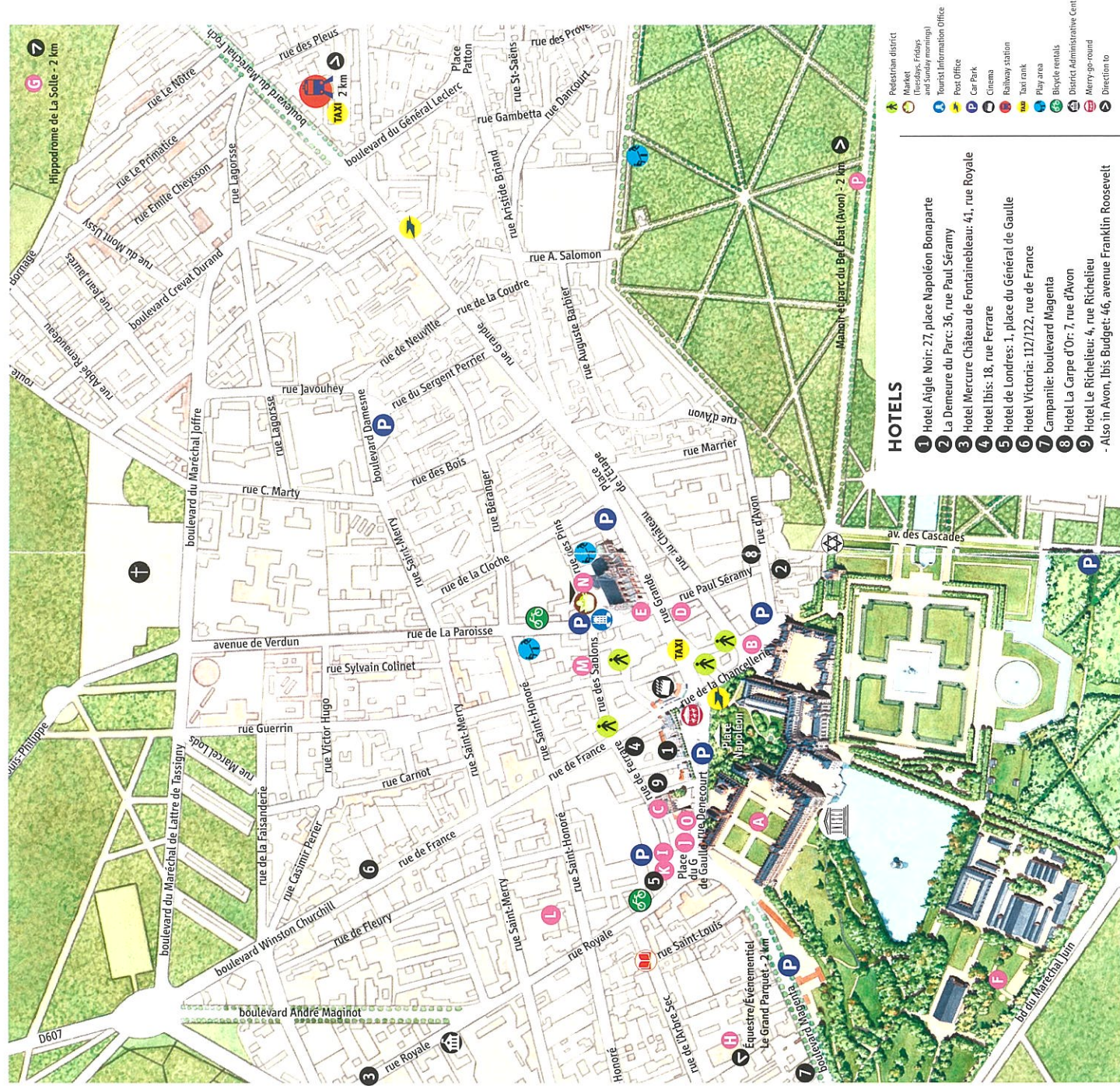
- A** Château de Fontainebleau/Cour des Adieux Gardens & Grounds: UNESCO World Heritage site
- B** La Place d'Armes: known as the Carrefour du Grand Portail during the reign of Henri IV, transferred from the state to the city on 27 December 1905.
- C** The municipal theatre: Built in the style of Louis XIII and inaugurated in 1912, it is one of very few French theatres built in Italian style.
- D** City Hall: Rebuilt during the reign of Napoleon III, a replica of the former City Hall of Ruell-Malmaison, dating from 1864.
- E** Saint Louis Church: built in 1611–14, extended and enhanced by Napoleon III.

HORSE-RIDING: AN IMPERIAL PASSION

- F** Military Riding School and Sénarmon Indoor Arena: listed as a historic monument, the Arena was built during the reign of Napoleon I in 1807 – proof that equestrian tradition lives on.
- G** The Solle Racetrack: inaugurated by Napoleon III, one of the oldest racetracks in France, dating from 1862.
- H** The Grand Parquet: the former hunting grounds of sovereigns in the 11th Century and a stunning venue for horse-riding competitions and events since 1924.

PLACES AND MONUMENTS OVERFLOWING WITH HISTORY

- I** The former Hôtel de Guise: built in 1551 for the Duchess of Étampes (à François 1's beloved); converted to the Residence of Building Inspection then later becoming Hôtel de France & d'Angleterre in 1830.
- J** Hôtel de Londres: formerly Hôtel de l'Europe, built under the Directorate Governing Committee in the wake of the French revolution.
- K** Portail de l'Hôtel de Ferrare: a magnificent doorway to the former residence of the Cardinal de Ferrare Hippolyte Este, 1545.
- L** At 42 rue St Honoré: Residence of the Grande Prévôté Provost Guards. During the reign of Louis XV the Residence was converted to house cavalry; the magnificent wooden door features two carved "L"s is also known as the Quartier Bouffiers, named after Marshall Louis-François de Bouffiers. These buildings are now home to the top engineering school, l'École des Mines.
- M** Rue des Sablons has had several changes of name, and was known as the Plat d'éta in the 16th Century.
- N** Hôtel de la Mission: built in classic style, a former home for priests from Saint Vincent de Paul in 1663 and now the home of the Fontainebleau Tourist Information Office.
- O** Hôtel de la Surintendance des Bâtiments, 5 rue Denecourt: built in 1695 on the site of the Hôtel de Foix.
- P** Bel Ebat Manor and Grounds, Avon: residence of Henri IV, it was also a destination for many musicians including Ravel and Debussy. Its grounds cover 7 hectares and dates back to the 17th Century.



HOTELS

- 1 Hotel Aigle Noir: 27, place Napoléon Bonaparte
- 2 La Demeure du Parc: 36, rue Paul Séramy
- 3 Hotel Mercure Château de Fontainebleau: 41, rue Royale
- 4 Hotel Ibis: 18, rue Ferrare
- 5 Hotel de Londres: 1, place du Général de Gaulle
- 6 Hotel Victoria: 112/112, rue de France
- 7 Campanile: boulevard Magenta
- 8 Hotel La Carpe d'Or: 7, rue d'Avon
- 9 Hotel Le Richelieu: 4, rue Richelieu
- Also in Avon, Ibis Budget: 46, avenue Franklin Roosevelt