

# TOP 10 UNFORGETTABLE CHATEAUX AND CASTLES IN FRANCE



From Burgundy to the Dordogne via the Loire and Champagne, castles, of all sizes and all times, number in tens of thousands in France. But which are the most amazing ones? Here are the top 10 castles in France. Brought to you by Tourism Review.

## 1/ Palace of Versailles

The Palace of Versailles is one of the most famous and visited castles in France. It was built during the reign of Louis XIV in the seventeenth century and is famous for its architecture, beautiful gardens and the Mirrors' Hall.

## 2/ Château de Chambord

The Château de Chambord is one of the largest castles in the Loire. It was built during the reign of Francis I in the sixteenth century and is famous for its ornate façade, revolutionary double staircases and crown-shaped roof.

## 3/ Château de Chenonceau

Château de Chenonceau is a magnificent Renaissance castle located on the river Cher. It was built in the sixteenth century and is famous for its two-story gallery that crosses the river and its formal gardens.

## 4/ Château de Fontainebleau

The Château de Fontainebleau is another Renaissance castle that was built during the reign of Francis I in the sixteenth century. It is famous for its architecture, gardens and beautiful interiors, including the Francis I Gallery.

## 5/ Castle of Vaux-le-Vicomte

The castle of Vaux-le-Vicomte is a magnificent seventeenth century castle that was built by Nicolas

Fouquet, the superintendent of finances of Louis XIV. It is famous for its architecture, French gardens and sumptuous interior.

## **6/ Château de Compiègne**

The Château de Compiègne is a magnificent eighteenth-century castle that was built during the reign of Louis XV. It is famous for its architecture, richly decorated interior, and beautiful gardens.

## **7/ Château de Cheverny**

The Château de Cheverny is a magnificent Renaissance castle that was built in the seventeenth century. It is famous for its architecture, lavish interior, and pack of hunting dogs.

## **8/ Château de Villandry**

The Château de Villandry is a Renaissance castle located on the banks of the Loire. It is famous for its beautiful French gardens, including its famous vegetable garden.

## **9/ Château de Blois**

The Château de Blois is a seventeenth-century castle that was built during the reign of Louis XII. It is famous for its architecture, sumptuous interiors and beautiful gardens.

## **10/ Bonaguil Castle**

Bonaguil Castle is a thirteenth-century castle located in southwestern France. It is famous for its tall tower, fortifications and magnificent views of the surrounding countryside.

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