

# Château de Voltaire à Ferney



Discover the château where Voltaire spent the last twenty years of his life at Ferney, on the edge of the Haut-Jura Natural Regional Park lying near the Swiss border.

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## Opening / Closing

Times may vary

Open

1 April to 31 October, every day except Monday, 10 am to 1 pm and 2 to 6 pm

July and August, every day, 10 am to 6 pm

Strongly advised reservation for guided tour of the chateau : (33) 04 50 40 53 21

## Prices

Adult rate : **5,50 €**

Reduced rate : **4€**

Adult group rate : **4,50 €** (minimum 20 persons)

School group rate **20 €** (maximum 35 students, 2 accompanying adults included, adult group rate

for additional accompanying adult)

### **Free admission :**

Minors under 18 (family visit)

18-25 years old (for people under 26 years old who are citizens of one of the 27 countries of EU or are non-European permanent residents of France)

Disabled visitors and their escorts

Unemployed persons

## **Going there**

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A40 (Mâcon-Geneva), exit Bellegarde Pays de Gex,  
N206 toward Pays de Gex,  
D984, then D35 toward Ferney-Voltaire.  
On highway A1 (Lausanne-Genève) : exit Ferney

## **Localisation**

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Château de Voltaire  
Allée du Château  
F- 01210 Ferney-Voltaire  
T (33) 04 50 40 53 21  
F (33) 04 50 28 04 84

### **GPS details**

Latitude : 46.2581  
Longitude : 6.1044

## **Discover**

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## **Visit**

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### **Understanding Voltaire's château in Ferney**

- **An entire project.** Voltaire had the château wholly rebuilt from 1758 on. He had the grounds laid out, and didn't shrink from working in the garden himself. Alternately town planner, entrepreneur, and patron of the arts, Voltaire transformed the town of Ferney along the lines laid out in *Candide* (1759) and summed up in his famous maxim 'il faut cultiver notre jardin' (we must tend to our garden).

- **An intense social and literary life.** Voltaire continued to combat intolerance and wrote some 6000 letters from Ferney as well as the *Dictionnaire Philosophique*, the *Traité sur la Tolérance*, and

several tragedies. He staged dramatic works in the château and received guests from all over Enlightenment Europe. The French State bought the château in 1999.

## Visits

### Unaccompagnied visit

avec documents de visite  
accès aux intérieurs du château limité en nombre

### Guided visit

guided tour of the château  
guided tour limited to 18 people at a time.  
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### Adventure visit

sur réservation uniquement  
se renseigner auprès du château au (33) 04 50 40 53 21

### Gift and book shop

### Guide Dog allowed

### Dogs excluded

## Services

Lavatories  
Gift Shop  
Seating available in the park

## Useful links

- Office de Tourisme de Ferney-Voltaire