

World Heritage Days

A weekend dedicated to the
UNESCO World Heritage Sites



**Saturday
08 June
2024**

Every second weekend in June, the World Heritage Days invite visitors to explore the UNESCO World Heritage properties in Switzerland. On Saturday, 8 June 2024, the Fortress of Bellinzona invites you to travel back in time to the Middle Ages with exciting activities between the three castles and the old town.

The detailed programme can be found on the following pages.



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World Heritage Day in the Fortress of Bellinzona

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OLD TOWN

Experience the Middle Ages in Bellinzona: the tour!

The new guided tour "Experience the Middle Ages in Bellinzona: the tour!", lasting about two hours, will take you on a discovery of the capital and its history. Departure is from the InfoPoint Bellinzona in Piazza Collegiata, where an experienced guide will accompany you from Piazza Collegiata to Castel Grande, passing through the most characteristic streets, alleys and places. But be careful, you must keep your eyes peeled because along the way you may encounter some eccentric characters straight out of history books ready to catapult you into other eras.

Location: InfoPoint Bellinzona meeting point 10 a.m.

Duration: 2 H

Registration required.

CASTEL GRANDE

MALTA. History and science in fragments.

From the Convent of St John in Müstair to the Fortress of Bellinzona, discover the genius of medieval craftsmen.

As part of the 'Researchers Tell' programme, there will be a 30-minute guided tour of the exhibition followed by a 30-minute 'face-to-face' meeting with the researchers. The theme will be: Communicating science to enhance heritage with Dr. Silvia De Ascaniis and Dr. Marta Caroselli.

Time: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Location: Castel Grande - Arsenale Hall

Registration NOT compulsory.

MEDIEVAL ANIMATION – CASTEL GRANDE

Animation by the Spada nella Rocca Association. In the inner courtyard of Castel Grande shows and family activities.

Programme

- 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. Children's show Teatro Auriga with Vladimir & Olga
- 2.30 p.m. & 3.30 p.m Show with horses "Medieval Jousting"
- 2.00 p.m. & 4.30 p.m. Sudalp Group medieval fighting demonstration
- 1 pm & 4 pm Madame Violante, storyteller

Encampments

- Madame Violante tells stories
- Court of Emperor Frederick Barbarossa with guards
- Hospitallers of Contone
- Stefano Schäublin, craftsman with educational explanations
- Sudalp games for children
- Knights of the sword with saddle christening
- Auriga Theatre with Vladimir and Olga

MONTEBELLO

Didactic workshop - A message for the gods

Activity for children to discover the beliefs and ritual practices of the ancient Romans; creation of a tablet with votive inscription.

Organised by the AAT-Ticinese Archaeological Association.

Time: 2 p.m.

Duration: 1H / Min. 5 - Max 15 participants (school age))

Location: Montebello Castle

Registration required.

Guided tour of the Montebello Archaeology exhibition

Organised by the Cantonal Archaeological Service, Office for Cultural Heritage.

Time: 2 p.m.

Duration: 1H / Max 15 participants (for all)

Location: Montebello Castle

Registration required.

SASSO CORBARO

WE ARE NO LONGER IN THE MIDDLE AGES. From the castles to the Fortress

Always known as the castles, today they are known as the Bellinzona Fortress - but why? This exhibition explores centuries of transformations of Bellinzona's fortifications. An interesting guided tour of the exhibition will take visitors on a journey through past, present and future. From the Neolithic period to the latest restoration work, with a foretaste of what is to come: today the Fortezza is a timeless place.

Time: 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2 p.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Sasso Corbaro Castle

Language: visit in Italian

Registration required.

INFO & REGISTRATION

Activities are by reservation only and included in the ticket price for registration and more information write to info@fortezzabellinzona.ch or visit www.fortezzabellinzona.ch.



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