

Cité de l'architecture et du patrimoine

A journey through 1,000 years of history and monuments, in the heart of Paris



Presentation of the Cité

- **Inaugurated in 2007** at the Palais de Chaillot, the Cité is the heir to a long tradition of showcasing heritage and architecture.
- Its mission: to **raise awareness**, **share knowledge**, and **teach architecture** and urban planning, both in their historical and contemporary dimensions.
- An exceptional collection initiated by **Viollet-le-Duc**, featuring monuments, frescoes, and models that embody the excellence of French art.
- The Cité's galleries offer a **journey through time and space**, from the Middle Ages to the 20th century, across 20,000 m² of exhibitions.

Casts Gallery

- Collection initiated by **Viollet-le-Duc** in 1878.
- **Life-size plaster casts** of the **most beautiful monuments**, from the Middle Ages to the modern era.
- A journey through **10 centuries** of architectural history.
- Examples: Moissac Abbey, **Notre-Dame de Paris**, **Arc de Triomphe**.



Mural painting Gallery

- **Unique collection** in Europe, started in **1937**.
- **Life-size** reconstructed chapels.
- The most outstanding French mural works from the **11th to 16th Centuries**.
- Examples: Cahors dome, Avignon paintings, choir of Nohant-Vic.



Modern and contemporary gallery

- From **1850 to the present day**.
- Models, photographs, archival films, and life-size elements.
- Two pathways: **Design & Build** | **Architecture & Society**.
- From **Gustave Eiffel** to **Jean Nouvel**.



Exhibition – 1925: Art Deco and Its Architects

October 22, 2025 – March 29, 2026



To mark the **centenary of the 1925 International Exhibition of Modern Decorative and Industrial Arts**, the Cité celebrates the **birth of Art Deco**. Virtual models and recreated gardens bring back the creativity of this landmark event, where **Le Corbusier**, **Mallet-Stevens**, **Perret**, **Plumet**, and others showcased bold and visionary designs. A **major retrospective** that retraces the origins of a movement which reshaped modern architecture and lifestyle.