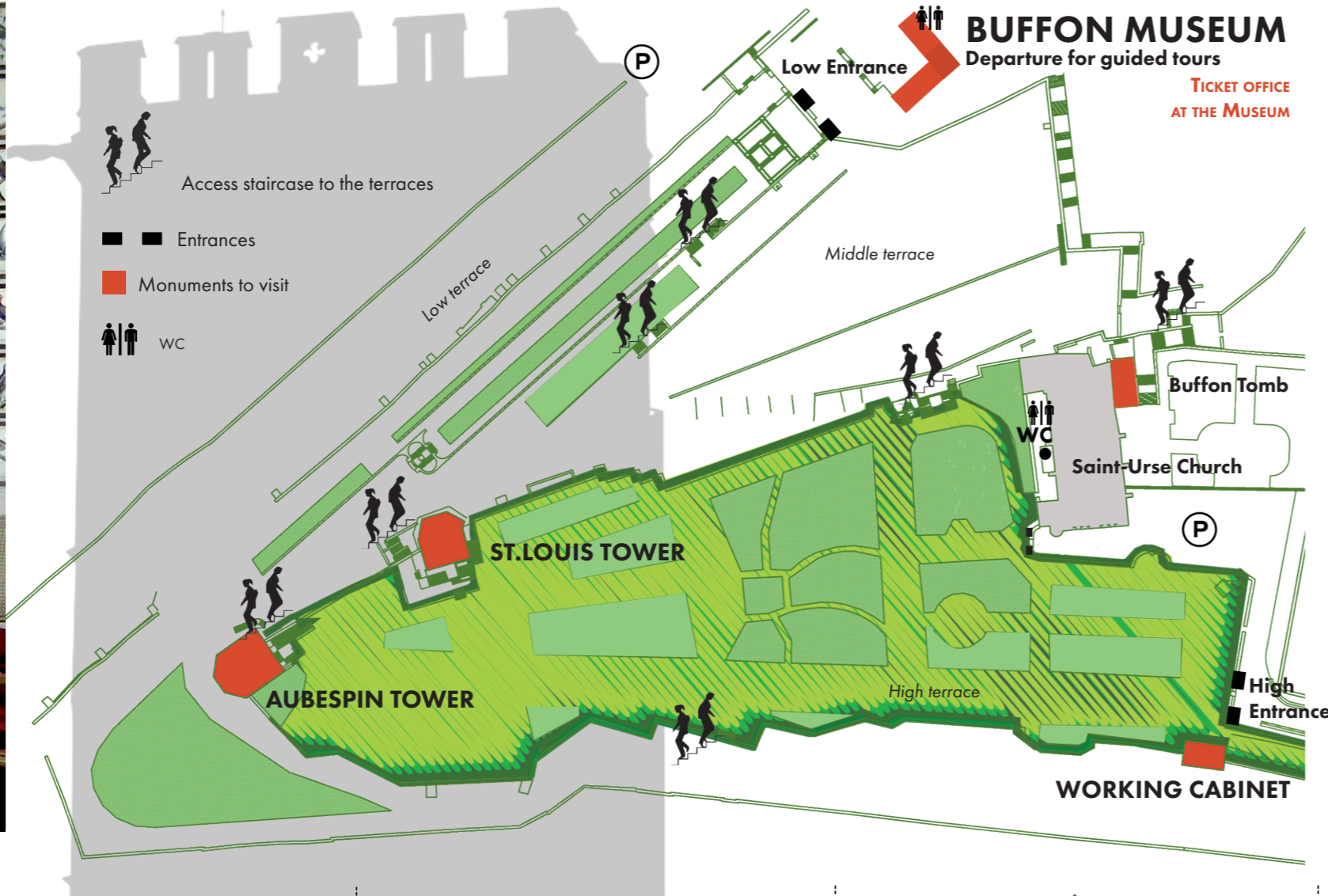




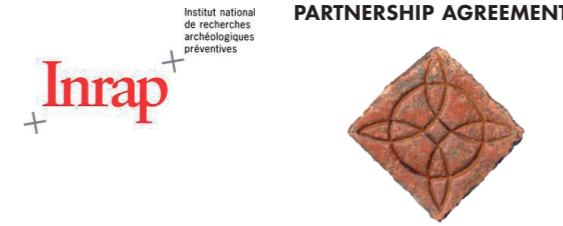
Interior view of Buffon's Working Cabinet



The City of Montbard is strongly influenced by the personality of **Georges-Louis Leclerc, Count of Buffon**, born in the city on 7 September 1707. From its private mansion to the orangery, passing by the old stables and the 7 hectares of Buffon Park, planted with trees, historic built and natural heritage come together and invite you to discover the «Age of Enlightenment».



For more than 20 years, the knowledge of the medieval occupation of the site has been the subject of an in-depth study of Inrap Bourgogne - Franche - Comté.



From the Lords of Montbard to the Dukes of Burgundy, remains still visible.





## BUFFON MUSEUM

Classified as a Historic Monument, the Museum of France, labelled as a «house of illustrious people», the museum offers a journey through the history of science, from curiosity cabinets to the first Museums, focusing on two prominent personalities born in Montbard : Georges-Louis Leclerc, Count of Buffon (1707-1788) and Louis Jean-Marie Daubenton (1716-1800). Two temporary exhibition halls offer, in conjunction with the museum's collections, a discovery of the artistic and scientific heritage of the two leading naturalists.

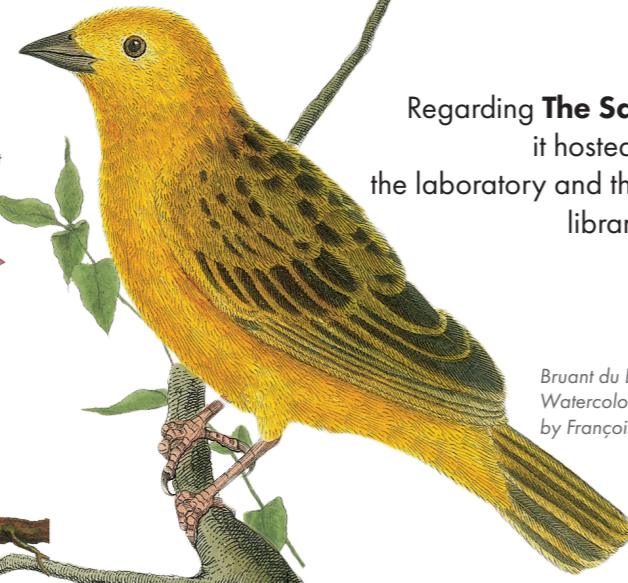
## BUFFON PARK

Built by Buffon in the 18th century, this park is intimately linked to the castle of the dukes of Burgundy history on which it was built. **Classified as a Historic Monument** in 1947, the park offers along its fourteen terraces an exceptional natural and historical setting.

## WORKING CABINET

Buffon rarely gave access to this intimate place where he spent many hours composing the **36 volumes of General and Special Natural History**. The walls covered with watercoloured prints by François-Nicolas Martinet illustrating the Natural History of Birds, the marble mantel or the Newton's portrait, recreate the special atmosphere of this history-filled place.

Cardinal dominicain huppé,  
Watercoloured print  
by François-Nicolas Martinet



Bruant du Brésil,  
Watercoloured print  
by François-Nicolas Martinet

## AUBESPIN TOWER, SAINT-LOUIS TOWER

These 14th century two towers, **The Saint-Urse Church, the ramparts and the underground rooms** form the most visible vestiges of the ancient medieval fortress. The Aubespain Tower, 46 meters high, is made of four vaulted rooms and an upper terrace that offers a remarkable panorama of Montbard and the Brenne valley, crossed by **the Burgundy Canal**.

Regarding **The Saint-Louis Tower**, it hosted the summer study, the laboratory and the famous naturalist library at the same time.

## RATES

### MUSEUM

Permanent collections and temporary exhibitions free of charge.

### PARK

Access to Buffon Park is free of charge.

**The monuments of the Park can only be visited on guided tours** (See rates).

### GUIDED TOURS OF THE PARK

**FREE** : - 18 years old,...etc.

**FULL PRICE** : 5€

**REDUCTION** : 4€ /students, partners

**GROUP RATES** : 4€ / from 8 persons

These visits last approximately 1 hour and allow you to discover the ancient castle of the dukes of Burgundy and the developments carried out by Buffon in the 18th century (Working Cabinet and Aubespain Tower).

**VISIT MONDAY AT 3PM IN JULY AND AUGUST**

followed by tastings with panoramic view from the highest tower-terrace of Burgundy /**FULL PRICE** : 7€

**REDUCTION AND GROUP RATES** : 6€

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION TIMETABLES

### MUSEUM

**October to March**

Wednesday to Friday from 14h to 17h

Weekend: 10h -12h / 14h -17h

**April to September**

Every day except Tuesday

10h -12h/14h -18h

**Annual closing** : Museum : May 1st and winter holidays / Park : July 14

### PARK

Departure for guided tours of the Buffon Museum :

at 3pm on Mondays in July and August.

at 11 am, 2:30pm and 4pm from Wednesday to Sunday from **April to September** (See rates).

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TICKET OFFICE  
AT THE MUSEUM



## CULTURAL PROGRAMMING

Throughout the year, visitors to the Museum and Buffon Park can enjoy a rich program of meetings, conferences and national events free of charge.

### ADULT GROUP

Several visit formats can be considered: zoom visit, half-day or day-discovery, conference and visit...

There are also possibilities of privatization of both interior and exterior spaces for your projects.

### SCHOOL GROUPS AND STUDENTS

From kindergarten to university, projects, activities are initiated in consultation with teachers around several themes: environmental education and sustainable development, naturalism, archaeology, art and science...

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## PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The destiny of these two institutions is intimately linked by the personalities of **Buffon**, Intendant du Jardin du Roy (1739-1788) and **Daubenton**, first Director of the National Museum of Natural History in 1793.



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