

MUSEUM STORAGE – CURRENT SITUATION AND NEW CHALLENGES

Visits in English

ICOM international & ICOM France are proposing a programme of visits to reserves/conservation centres in conjunction with the conference: Museum Storage – current situation and new challenges, to be held at the Sorbonne nouvelle from 27 to 31 October 2024.

Monday 28 October 2024: 3 regional visits: Liévin (Hauts de France), Strasbourg (Alsace), Reims & Epernay (Champagne-Ardenne).

Thursday 31 October 2024: 7 visits in Paris and the inner suburbs.

BOOKING CONDITIONS:

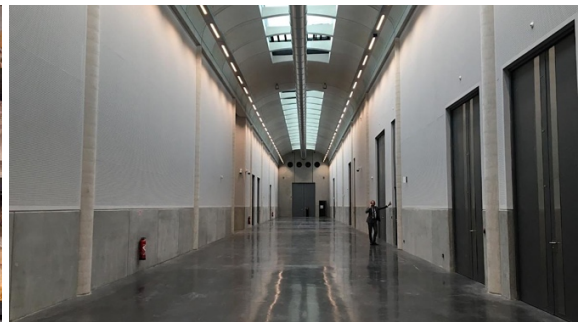
1. Only participants **registered** for the symposium on the reserves, organized by ICOM, may book a visit.
2. Participants may book only one visit per day (except for the afternoon of Thursday 28 October at the MNHN, when two visits may be combined).
3. A minimum number of visitors must be present for the visit to take place. If not, two visits may be grouped together - or cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

MONDAY 28 OCTOBER 2024

- Louvre Conservation Centre in Liévin

Hauts de France

17, rue du Docteur Piette, 62800 Liévin



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The Conservation Centre houses around 250,000 objects from the Louvre's reserves.

Created to improve conditions for the conservation and study of the national collections for which the Louvre is responsible, the Louvre Conservation Centre opened its doors in Liévin (Hauts-de-France) just 5 years ago.

Two tours are proposed on Monday 28 October:

- 9.30 - 11.00 – Visit in English
- 13.15 – 14.45 – Visit in English

Find out more / Book your visit:

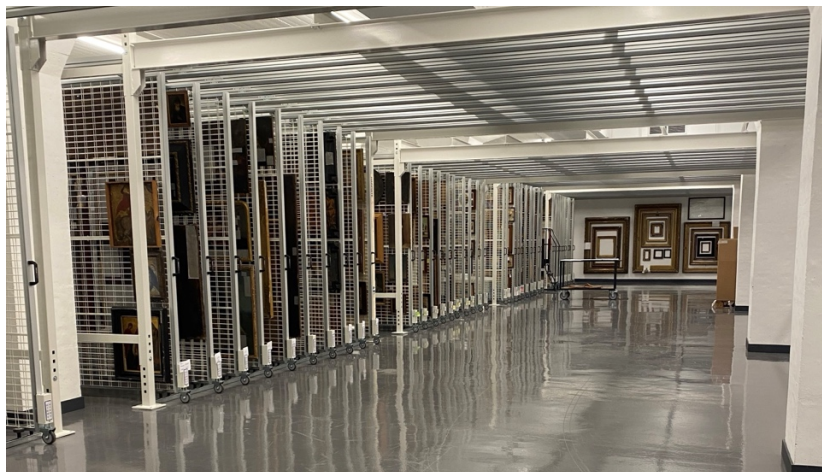
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MONDAY 28 OCTOBER 2024

- Storage L'Union Sociale - Museums of the city of Strasbourg

Alsace

1 allée Käthe Kollwitz, 67000 Strasbourg



The "Union Sociale" is the Strasbourg Museums Study and Conservation Centre.

The Strasbourg project reinvents the industrial heritage in which it is located. The building invested in has been preserved, repaired, enlarged and reinvented through its specific programming. Its architecture is based on the qualities of the existing building, contributing to its unique identity while offering functional and technical coherence.

Two tours are proposed on Monday 28 October:

- 11.00 -12.30 - Tour in English
- 14.00 -15.30 - Tour in English

Find out more / Book your visit: <https://www.eventbrite.fr/e/storage-lunion-sociale-museums-of-the-city-of-strasbourg-tickets-944056296797>

MONDAY 28 OCTOBER 2024

- A day in Champagne // Shared reserves of the museums of Reims & Conservation Centre of the Champagne Wine and Regional Archaeology Museum, Epernay

Champagne-Ardenne

Reims : 6 rue Robert Fulton, 51100 Reims

Epernay : 57 rue Edouard Vaillant, 51200 Epernay



Reims Museum Conservation Centre



Champagne Wine Museum and Regional Archaeology Conservation Centre

Reims Museum Conservation Centre

This new 5,200 m² building was inaugurated in June 2020. It already houses the 53,000 works of the Musée des Beaux-Arts, which is currently undergoing renovation, and those of the Musée Le Vergeur.

Champagne Wine Museum and Regional Archaeology Conservation Centre

The conservation centre was handed over in spring 2018 and is located 2 km from the museum.

Covering almost 1,500 m², it houses areas for receiving and processing collections, a photo studio, a quarantine area, offices and 600 m² dedicated to storing collections.

The programme of visits will take place on Monday 28 October:

- 10.00 - 11.30 - Visit in Reims – English
- 16.45 - 17.45 - Visit in Epernay – English

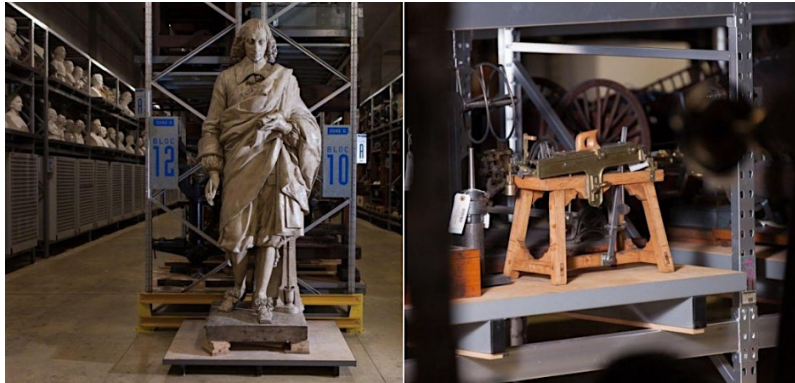
Find out more / Book your visit: <https://www.eventbrite.fr/e/a-day-in-champagne-storages-english-tour-tickets-944061873477>

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2024

- Storage musée des Arts et Métiers (arts and crafts)

Saint-Denis

218 Avenue du Président Wilson, 93210 Saint-Denis



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The reserves of the Musée des Arts et Métiers house a collection of 80,000 objects (Scientific Instruments, Materials, Energy, Mechanics, Construction, Communication and Transport).

Most of the conservation work - inventory, study, research and restoration - is carried out in the reserves. Although not very visible, this intense activity contributes to our knowledge of the collections and ensures that a unique heritage is preserved for future generations.

Two tours are proposed on Thursday 31 October:

- 14.00 -15.30 : Tour in English
- 15.30 -17.00 : Tour in English

Find out more / Book your visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.fr/e/storage-musee-des-arts-et-metiers-english-tour-tickets-936477016967>

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2024

- Storage musée du Quai Branly Jacques Chirac

Paris

37 Quai Branly, 75007 Paris



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The museum's reserves house 320,000 objects in an area of 8,000 m². They are used to study and promote the collections: works from Africa, the Near East, Asia, Oceania and the Americas, which illustrate the richness and cultural diversity of non-European civilisations from the Neolithic period (+/-10,000 BC) to the 20th century.

The tour will include the visible reserves of the musée du quai Branly - Jacques Chirac, as well as its general reserves, its museum library (consultation rooms), its work and work-packaging areas, and its transit and disinsectisation areas.

One visit is proposed on Thursday 31 October:

- 15.30 - 16.15 : English Tour

Find out more / Book your visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.fr/e/storage-musee-du-quai-branly-jacques-chirac-english-tour-tickets-936415492947>

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2024

- Storage musée national de la Marine (National Maritime Museum)

Dugny (93)

1 Rue Sébastien et Jacques Lorenzi, 93440 Dugny



The Musée National de la Marine's conservation and resource centre is an outsourced site located in Dugny (93). It houses the collection reserves, archives, library and all the museum's documentary resources.

Restoration workshops, a photo studio and treatment areas for works of art are located around the reserves. All the professions involved in scientific research and the conservation and restoration of works of art work here on a daily basis.

One visit is proposed on Thursday 31 October:

- 15.30 - 17.30 : English Tour

Find out more / Book your visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.fr/e/storage-musee-national-de-la-marine-dugny-93-english-tour-tickets-938206840917>

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2024

- National Museum of Natural History - National Herbarium

Paris

57 Rue Cuvier, 75005 Paris



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The National Herbarium houses 8 million specimens, making it one of the largest in the world. The specific diversity covers vascular plants, mosses and algae, as well as lichens and other fungi.

These collections, built up over almost 4 centuries of exploration on every continent, are open to researchers from the international community.

One visit is proposed on Thursday 31 October:

- 14.00 - 15.30: English Tour

Find out more / Book your visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.fr/e/storage-of-the-mnhn-national-herbarium-english-tour-tickets-938224935037>

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2024

- National Museum of Natural History - Storage of the Museum's central library

Paris

57 Rue Cuvier, 75005 Paris



As a research, heritage and public library, the Muséum national d'histoire naturelle library is one of the largest in the world in the fields of life and earth sciences: biology, botany, zoology, geology and ecology.

The tour will focus on the conservation areas: the printed matter shop and the reserve of books, archives, manuscripts and rare and precious works of art, and will provide an opportunity to discuss conservation and restoration techniques.

One visit is proposed on Thursday 31 October:

- 14.30 - 15.30 : English Tour

Find out more / Book your visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.fr/e/storage-of-the-museums-central-library-english-tour-tickets-938495052967>

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2024

- National Museum of Natural History - new Paleontology Storage

Paris

57 Rue Cuvier, 75005 Paris



The recent relocation of the Museum's Palaeontology collections has brought them into the 21st century, with modern, ergonomic storerooms that offer the technical and scientific teams, as well as visitors, new and optimal working facilities.

The 5 to 6 million fossils are grouped together in seven storerooms: four are equipped with sliding shelves, one is dedicated to micropalaeontology, one to the typothèque and one to 'outsize' fossils (mammals, dinosaurs, etc.).

One visit is proposed on Thursday 31 October:

- 16.00 - 17.30 : English Tour

Find out more / Book your visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.fr/e/mnhns-new-paleontology-storage-english-tour-tickets-938463297987>

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2024

Chenue Art Conservation Center - Chenue Le Bourget

Dugny (Suburb of Paris)

[28 Av. de l'Europe, 93440 Dugny](#)

RER B : Bourget station (10 minutes from gare du Nord), then Bus 152

Bus 350 from Metro station Porte de la Chapelle



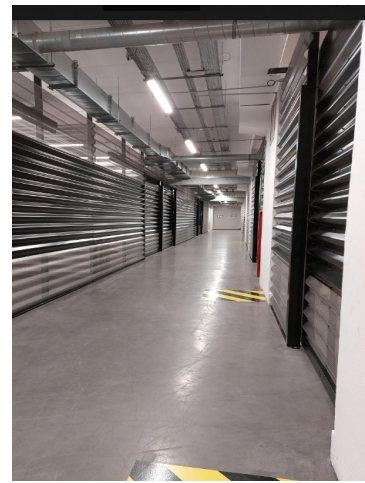
Delivered in March 2020, the Chenue art conservation center at Paris-Le Bourget airport is a collection of innovations and special features.

Located less than 20 km from the center of Paris, just a stone's throw from Larry Gagosian's art gallery, this new site, winner of the SIMI Grand Prix in the logistics category in 2020, was designed with the approval of the Architecte des Bâtiments de France, in keeping with the urban planning of the area, which features aircraft hangars.

Spanning almost 25,000 m² over three floors, the center features a concrete structure for reasons of safety, temperature stability and hygrometry. It is certified NF HQE Bâtiments Tertiaires level very good, and its excellent insulation significantly reduces energy consumption.

The storerooms are customized and equipped to customer specifications. They also include technical and service rooms dedicated to restoring works of art.

A concentration of technical features



Access to the building is facilitated by its unloading docks, which are sheltered from the elements and equipped with secure reception locks that also limit climatic variations. The conservation site is equipped with video surveillance based on around a hundred cameras with night vision (interior and exterior) and individual access control with personalized management by holder (level of authorization, hours of operation, etc.).

The building is equipped with hypoxia technology in all storage areas. This technology lowers the oxygen level in the air, drastically reducing the risk of fire. Each cell is equipped with an oxygen level detection device and alarm.

To maintain stable oxygen levels in the storage areas, Chenue aims for perfect airtightness. The temperature is stable (maximum variation of $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$) and relative humidity is between 45% and 55% with a fluctuation of $\pm 5\%$. A CTA-type computer system enables automated climate management and historical monitoring. A treatment service for infested collections is offered by dynamic anoxia (preventive or curative), which consists of depriving insects of oxygen for a 21-day cycle, thanks to 3 anoxia rooms, one of which is over 40 m².

A visit to this unique site will provide an opportunity to discover a new building specially designed for the conservation and logistics of works of art, and the way in which museum teams and collection management professionals work there.

One visit is proposed on Thursday 31 October:

- 15.00 – 16.30: English tour

Meet in front of the site entrance at the suggested tour times

Find out more / Book your visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.fr/e/chenu-art-conservation-center-chenu-le-bourget-tour-in-english-tickets-949588774587>