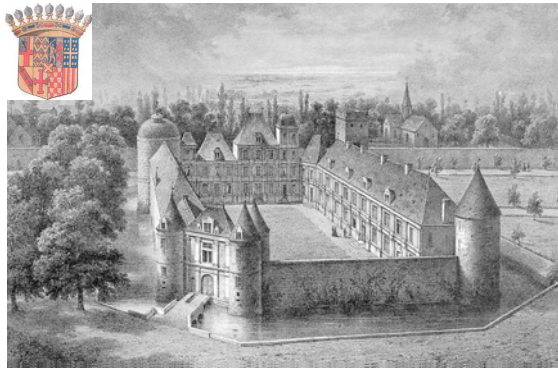


THE CHÂTEAU ACROSS THE AGES

In the Middle Ages

In the 12th century, Lord Montigny d'Amoncourt, belonging to an illustrious and noble family from the Franche-Comté Region, decided to build a new fortified house “with walls nine feet thick that twenty five men could defend against an entire army”.



Nesle estampe, Bibliothèque nationale de France, cabinet des estampes.

At the Renaissance

In 1501, Hélion d'Amoncourt, Lord of Piepape, bought Montigny for three thousand French pounds. In 1520, his son Jean d'Amoncourt the Fifth, decided to bring the château up to date. The château consisted of three buildings and one wall, creating a courtyard totally surrounded by a moat.

THE CHÂTEAU IN THE MODERN TIMES



In 1794, the revolutionary tribunal of Châtillon-sur-Seine decreed the partial destruction of the château, notably the western wing which connected to the chapel. The chapel itself suffered from vandalism during the first years of the Restoration. In 1794, a terrible fire damaged the château, destroying most of the buildings except the chapel and the beautiful Renaissance south wing with its 12th century Red Tower attached overlooking the moat.



On the south side of the château, there is a beautiful English style park which has been registered historical site since 1961.

THE CHAPEL, JEWEL OF THE RENAISSANCE

It is to Jean d'Amoncourt the Fifth, related to the famous cardinal of Givry, bishop of Langres and Poitiers, that we owe the magnificent chapel attributed to the architect Jean Bullant.

The construction of the chapel started in 1553, as noted on the front of the sepulture.



Inside the chapel, we can admire the magnificent vault with caissons both round and square, ornamented with cartouches, rosaces and garlands of flowers and fruits.



ILLUSTRIOUS MEN

Antoine de Barillon de Morangis

Philiberte d'Amoncourt brought Montigny in 1665 to her new husband, Antoine de Barillon de Morangis, in her dowry. In 1697, the lordship of Montigny was elevated into a marquisat by Louis XIV in order to compensate Antoine Barillon de Morangis for faithful services as counselor of state and finance director.

René Charles de Maupeou

In 1724, the château was acquired by René Charles de Maupeou, first president of the Parliament of Paris in 1743, guard of the Seals and vice-chancellor from 1763 to 1768, then chancellor of France for twenty four hours to preserve certain privileges and pass them along, with the Seals, to his son (René Nicolas Charles Augustin de Maupeou) who owned the château until 1784 and passed it on to Benigne Joseph Vaillant de Savoisy. The château remained in the family up to the end of the 19th century.

Harry Truman

In 1918, Harry Truman, future US President, lived here while attending artillery school for the US Army in Montigny-sur-Aube.

ACCESS TO THE CHÂTEAU 21520 MONTIGNY-SUR-AUBE

By train

Montbard (TGV), Chaumont or Troyes train stations, then by bus to Châtillon-sur-Seine.

By car

Châtillon-sur-Seine (15 km), Dijon (100 km), Chaumont (50 km).
From freeway A5, take exit 23, following the signs for Montigny-sur-Aube (17 km).

Visiting hours

For the exteriors of the château, the chapel, the park, the orangery (temporary exhibits) as well as the orchards.

For groups (10 and over): all year around by appointment.

For individuals: from January 1 to June 30 and from September 1 to December 31 (except on holidays): from 10 am to 12 am and from 2 pm to 4.30 pm. From July 1 to August 31 from Tuesday to Sunday included: from 10 am to 12 am and from 2 pm to 4 pm.

Admission fees

For groups (10 and over): €4.50

For individuals (over 6): €5.00

Audio tour (2 earphones) including

Electric golf cart with driver upon request

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