

NOTRE-DAME

A WIDER WORLD

On April 15, 2019, the world watched in grief as fire engulfed the Cathedral of Notre-Dame, a landmark in the center of Paris since construction began in 1163 on the site of a Roman temple.

In 1991 UNESCO designated it a World Heritage Site, a space not only sacred to Catholics, but also a cultural testament to eight centuries of history, art, and architecture that drew from a dynamic, multicultural, and religiously diverse medieval world.

Its reopening in December 2024 has come to mean more than reconstruction: It is a spectacular commitment to preserving a shared cultural treasure. From October 2024 to June 2025, Houston's Archaeology Now is pleased to present a series of multimedia, multidisciplinary events by archaeologists, artisans, and scientists who are making the cathedral's restoration possible and scholars who are opening broader understandings of its interconnected world.

Our events centered around Notre-Dame will explore the larger multicultural world of which Notre-Dame was a part.

In addition to our presentations about Notre-Dame, we continue to offer our usual family and cemetery events as part of our yearly programming. Look for fleur-de-lis icons that indicate events related to Notre-Dame. We're grateful to our sponsors: **Consulat Général de France à Houston, Villa Albertine, Rebâtir Notre-Dame de Paris, and Alliance Française Houston.**

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2024 EVENTS		FEB 1		Family Event: Knights and Castles	
OCT 1	Notre-Dame Through Time	FEB 19	A Medieval Musical Journey: Gregorian Chant		
OCT 19	Family Event: Kids Day & International Archaeology Day	MAR 4	African American Gothic		
OCT 26	The Hunchback of Notre Dame	MAR 15	Family Event: Ancient Games		
NOV 12	A Medieval Feast	MAR 20	Digging in Hallowed Ground: Excavating Notre-Dame		
DEC 1	Live YouTube Talk: Babylon Dreams of the Future	MAR 30	Live YouTube Talk: Life in the Heart of Golden Age Baghdad		
DEC 4	How 3D Scanning Saved Notre-Dame de Paris	APR 5	Cemetery Preservation		
DEC 6	Medieval and Renaissance Tour of France	APR 10	Rebuilding Notre-Dame: "All Together"		
2025 EVENTS		APR 26		Family Event: Knights and Castles	
JAN 19	Family Event: Pioneering Texas	JUN 27	A Renaissance Banquet		
JAN 26	Live YouTube Talk: Stories from Medieval Africa	JUN 28	Family Event: Notre-Dame Rises again		

This program is realized in partnership with the public body in charge of Notre-Dame de Paris.

Live YouTube Talks – Voyage Across Time



Over four million people from Houston and around the world have viewed free live presentations on our YouTube channel, "Archaeology Now." This year, we bring you two stories about the cultures of the medieval world of Africa and the Golden Age of Iraq, interwoven into the European world of Notre-Dame. Then, the renowned Dr. Irving Finkel returns. Please see our website for more information about how to access live YouTube talks. Archaeologynow.org

Dr. Sara Ann Knutson, Medieval Studies, Univ. British Columbia

Gold Caravans, Ivory Networks: Stories from Medieval Africa
Sun Jan 26, 2025, 3pm

Life in the Heart of Golden Age Baghdad
Sun Mar 30, 2025, 3pm

Irving Finkel, PhD, British Museum

Babylon Dreams of the Future
Sun Dec 1, 2024, 3pm



Cemetery Preservation – Preserve Houston's History



Your hands-on work will help preserve and restore a historic African American cemetery in Houston, saving and commemorating the past. Descendants will be on hand to tell the stories of their families buried at the site.

10am-3pm
Evergreen Negro Cemetery
5499 Market Street at Lockwood

Sat April 5, 2025

In partnership with PROJECT R.E.S.P.E.C.T./WHY NOT LEGACY AND HERITAGE GROUP



Explorations – Discover Notre-Dame: a Wider World



The world of Notre-Dame was wider than you think. Explore its world-wide cultural connections and discover how its architecture still influences our world today.



Notre-Dame Through Time

Pr. Dany Sandron, Director of Restoration, Notre-Dame; Dr. Lindsay Cook, Dept of Art History, Penn State University

Learn about the story of Notre-Dame, from Roman temple to the fire-damaged cathedral's rebirth.

Tue Oct 1, 2024, 7pm
Rice University, Hudspeth Auditorium

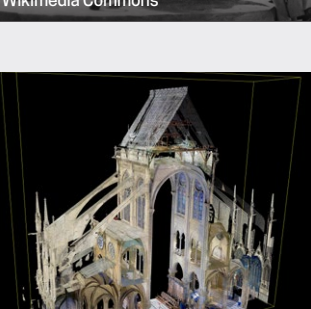


The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Starring Lon Chaney, Patsy Ruth Miller, Norman Kerry, Nigel de Bruhier, and Brandon Hurst.

A fantasy world of Notre-Dame existed in the Hollywood imagination. Experience a silent film classic.

Sat Oct 26, 2024, 6pm
Trebly Park

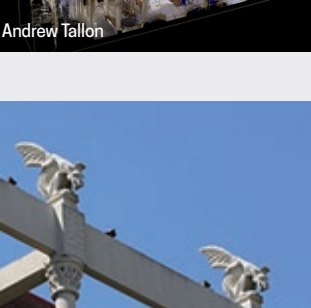


Creating a Cathedral: How 3D Scanning Saved Notre-Dame de Paris

Members of the Iconem Team

The important work of art historian Andrew Tallon, who created highly detailed 3D scans, enabled the Cathedral to be rebuilt exactly as it was before the fire.

Tue Dec 3, 2024
Alliance Française



Houston Gothic: An Architectural Tour

Led by Phil Stewart, Discover Houston Tours
Stephen Fox, Architectural Historian

Gothic architectural elements still influence our world today. Explore their presence in Houston, in some of the most surprising spaces!

Sat Jan 11, 2025, 2pm-4pm
Departure location to be announced



Medieval Music from Notre-Dame de Paris

Music meets architecture. Composers stretched sound to allow for artistic communication between music, architecture, and light. Experience its beauty.

Wed Feb 19, 2025, 7pm
St. Anne Catholic Church

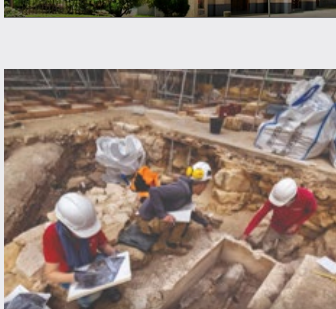


African American Gothic

Pastor Lou & Mrs. Jacqueline McElroy, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, in conversation with Dr. Lindsay Cook, Department of Art History, Penn State University.

Notre-Dame's architecture inspired the designers of the historic Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. Hear the story of Houston's oldest African American church.

Mar 4, 2025, 7pm | Antioch Missionary Baptist Church

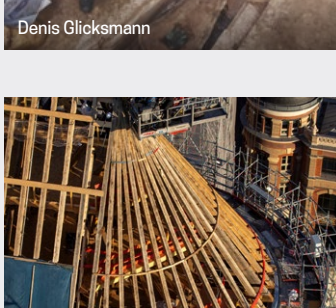


Digging in Hallowed Ground: Excavating Notre-Dame

Christophe Besnier, Director of Archaeology Excavations, Dr. Dorothee Chauvi-Derieux, Chief Heritage Curator, Ministère de la Culture.

Learn about excavations at Notre-Dame and how they revealed exciting new knowledge.

Thu Mar 20, 2025, 7pm
University of St. Thomas, Jones Hall



Rebuilding Notre-Dame: "All Together"

Dr. Jennifer Feltman, member of Chantier Scientifique de Notre-Dame.

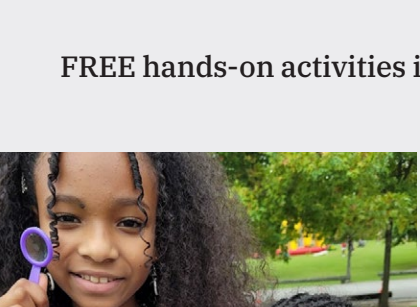
Technology and traditional artisans helped Notre-Dame rise again. Discover the collaborations that made this unprecedented restoration possible.

Thu Apr 10, 2025, 7pm
Rice University, Hudspeth Auditorium

Ancient Encounters – Travel to the Past



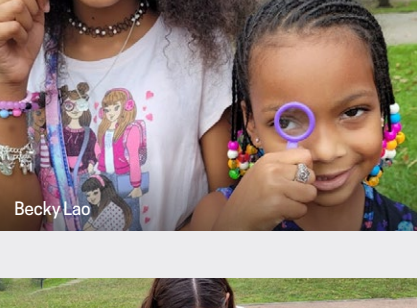
FREE hands-on activities in Houston neighborhoods introduce children to world cultures – and Texas history.



KBR Kids Day & International Archaeology Day

Discover stories of Indigenous people who lived along Buffalo Bayou long ago before Houston was a city.

Sat Oct 19, 2024
10am-3pm
Tony Marron Park



Pioneering Texans: Children's Texas Art Festival

Learn about Black Texans in Freedom Colonies and German immigrants on farms through hands-on activities.

Sun Jan 19, 2025
1pm-5pm
Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens



Ancient Games Tournament: Fun in the Medieval World

Play games of the medieval world from the Silk Route, Middle East, Africa, and Europe.

Sat Mar 15, 2025
10am-3pm
Market Square Park



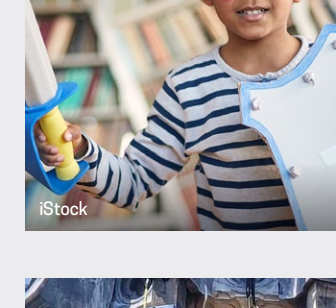
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Knights and Castles

Explore exciting tales of knights and castles around the world.

Sat Feb 1, 2025
2pm-4pm
Octavia Fields Branch Library

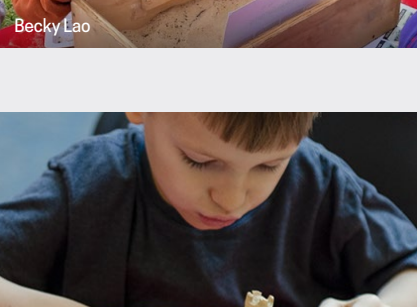
Sat Apr 26, 2025
2pm-4pm
Katherine Tyra Branch Library



Rebuilding a Cathedral: Notre-Dame Rises Again

Demonstrations, videos, and large-scale models reveal the skills of Compagnons du Devoir in rebuilding Notre-Dame.

Exhibit mounted June 28-July 31, 2025
Julia Ideson Library



Pioneering Texans: Juneteenth Celebration

Hands-on activities reveal the lives of Black Texans in Freedom Colonies at a Juneteenth celebration of freedom.

Family Day
Date to be determined
University Museum at Texas Southern University

Denotes Notre-Dame related event.

Culinary Adventures – Savor the Past



Travel to medieval and Renaissance France to feast on foods from ancient recipes recreated by French chefs under the advice of international culinary experts. Taste history in your glass! Learn how spices, flavors, and techniques from the profoundly world and Silk Route of Europe. Troubadours and musicians supply the merriment!

\$100 per person.
Limited seating.

A Medieval Feast

Enjoy a candlelight feast featuring recipes from the medieval era, recreated in consultation with culinary scholars. A highlight of the meal will be an ale brewed in the medieval style, courtesy of Backyard Brewing Company.

Tue Nov 12, 2024, 7pm-9pm
Beckendorff Farm

Register at www.archaeologynow.org/culinary-adventures.



A Renaissance Banquet

Cuisine in the Renaissance became increasingly sophisticated with new developments in brewing and fermentation. Our celebration includes a French cognac and champagne! Special preview of Compagnons du Devoir exhibit.

Fri Jun 27, 2025, 6pm-8pm
Julia Ideson Library



Medieval and Renaissance Tour of France



Celebrate the holiday season in France!

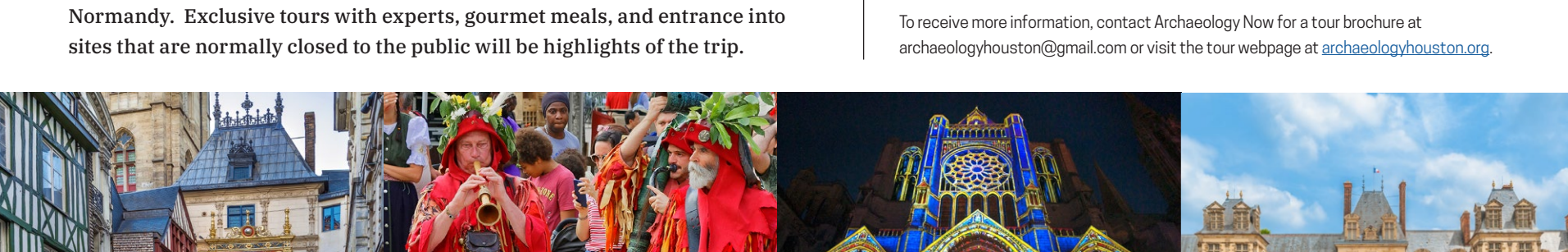
A specially designed tour of medieval and Renaissance sites across France transports you back across the centuries. We'll discover little-known medieval sites in Paris, attend a medieval feast in the UNESCO world heritage village of Provins, visit the illuminations at Chartres, tour Renaissance chateaux, medieval castles, shop Christmas markets, and visit historic locations across Normandy. Exclusive tours with experts, gourmet meals, and entrance into sites that are normally closed to the public will be highlights of the trip.

This exclusive event is arranged through

"Trésors de France."

December 6-16, 2024
Limited to 16 people.
Price: \$6,500

To receive more information, contact Archaeology Now for a tour brochure at archaeologyhouston@gmail.com or visit the tour webpage at archaeologyhouston.org.



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