

Welcome to Hôtel Chevillon in Grez-sur-Loing!



We are pleased to welcome you to Hôtel Chevillon and will start with some information to our background.

Hôtel Chevillon is a large, traditional French mansion filled with history. It dates back to the 19th century when Grez-sur-Loing was a buzzing international artists' community. First to arrive were the Americans, English, Scots and Irish. During the 1880s most of the artists were Scandinavians, and just before the turn of the century Japanese artists arrived. They founded the Japanese impressionist movement in Grez-sur-Loing. At that time there were two pensions in the village: Hôtel Chevillon and Hôtel Laurent. Both were situated on the main street with walled gardens, facing the river Loing.

Many of the Scandinavian artists who came here during the late 1800s became prominent artists and authors. Most famous were the Swedish painter Carl Larsson and the Swedish author August Strindberg. They stayed in Grez-sur-Loing for long periods. As did the Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson and the Finnish sculptor Ville Vallgren. The American artist Francis Chadwick was also there, married to the Swedish artist Emma Löwstedt. They acquired Hôtel Laurent and both of them lived there for their remaining life.

Hôtel Chevillon is no longer a hotel. Today it serves as a guesthouse for fellows, grantees or awardees either financed by various third parties or to some extent by artists, scientists, etc at their own costs. The premises are owned and managed by the Grez-sur-Loing Foundation established in Gothenburg, Sweden.

The activities of Hôtel Chevillon are aimed towards artistic and scientific work, writing, exchange of thoughts and social interactions in an inspiring environment. The generously

sized common spaces; the lounge, the library, the kitchen, the dining room and the garden with the riverbank are places where you meet and socialize with other residents.

At the bottom of the garden you will find the famous stone bridge, immortalized in numerous paintings.

Marie Nicolas-Cook is the manager in charge of the building and the services that are provided. While you have to expect a very independent stay, Marie is there to answer any questions on where to shop and where you can go to enjoy the life in the Village of Grez-sur-Loing. Occasionally Marie will be arranging activities such as artist talks, seminars, exhibitions, etc for the guests at Hôtel Chevillon. The common kitchen on the ground floor is set up for the guests to prepare their main meals and it is a good place to socialize. Thus, there will be many possibilities for social and professional interaction but the place is otherwise very quiet and you can organize your days, as you prefer.

Hôtel Chevillon is not accessible for wheelchairs. Pets cannot be brought and smoking is not allowed anywhere except that e-cigarettes can be taken on terraces.

The apartment

The assigned apartment is set for the recipient of the grant and a family member (limited to spouse/cohabiting partner/family member). For any additional relatives, for friends, colleagues, etc., there are (in limited extent) guest rooms for rent (see below).

If you wish to bring a child a special agreement must be obtained in advance with one of the contact persons below. If allowed an extra fee will be debited.

Each apartment has a simple mini-kitchen. It is intended for breakfast cooking of coffee and tea. For other meals the large common kitchen is to be used.

Sheets and towels are provided. Yet you will have to wash these items by yourself during your stay. A common laundry room is available with a washing machine, a tumble dryer and possibilities to dry both outside and inside.

It is your responsibility to clean the apartment as well as any artist atelier or writing room that you have utilized both during your stay and before your departure.

The floors are cold and the stone houses are not heated the way you might be used to. For your comfort please bring indoor slippers and a warm sweater, especially if you stay during

the winter months. In the summer the stone houses bring pleasant coolness, on the other hand.

Due to unforeseen circumstances it may sometimes be necessary to change the apartment or atelier/writing room or both. In that case we will do our very best to offer an equivalent substitute.

Guest rooms for rent

The rents for the guest rooms are:

Single room: 50€ for the first night and 30€/night thereafter, weekly rate 200€.

Double room: 60€ for the first night and 40€/night thereafter, weekly rate 260€.

Insurance

Ensure that you have adequate insurance coverage during your stay in France, including illness, accident, property damage, etc. Please note that your home insurance may be insufficient and that additional travel insurance or similar most likely must be arranged in advance both for you and for any accompanying family member.

To be eligible for emergency medical and dental treatment at the same costs as the French citizens you will need a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). You must be insured by or covered by a state social security system in any Member State of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland or the United Kingdom.

Each family member travelling with you must have his/her own card. You need to obtain your EHIC card by contacting the health insurance institution, where you are insured before you depart to France. Please note that it can take several weeks to receive the EHIC card.

Next of kin

If anything happens to you during your stay in Grez-sur-Loing, the Foundation's contact persons need to know whom to contact. Notify both contact persons no later than two weeks before your arrival of name, address, telephone and e-mail of two next of kin, who can be reached in an emergency situation during your stay at Hôtel Chevillon.

Internet

Wireless Wi-Fi is available in all accommodations as well as in the common areas and in all artist ateliers and writing rooms.

Materials

There is an art supply store in Fontainebleau but none in Grez-sur-Loing. Therefore bring as much of your working material as possible from home to Hôtel Chevillon. There are two printers at Hôtel Chevillon to be shared between the residents.

Bicycles

A couple of bicycles are available that you can borrow when needed.

Shopping groceries etc

In Grez-sur-Loing there is a small grocery store/service shop and a local bakery. Larger grocery stores can be reached by bicycle in Montcourt – Fromonville or by bus in Fontainebleau or Nemours.

ATM/Cash machine is not available locally. You will have to go to either Fontainebleau or Nemours. A post office and a pharmacy are available in Grez-sur-Loing.

Arrival

Our manager at Hôtel Chevillon is not always present. It is therefore necessary that you contact her at least two weeks prior to your arrival to obtain information on how you can enter Hôtel Chevillon.

You will have access to your apartment from 16.00 the day of your arrival. At the turn of the month several apartments often change guests simultaneously. In order to best organize your arrivals and departures, it is important that you contact the manager at Hôtel Chevillon as early as possible, and before you buy your tickets. Please give times and dates for arrival and departure. If you are flying to Paris it is highly recommended to arrive with a morning flight as the travel time to Grez-sur-Loing may take between two and three hours by train and bus. If traveling by car make sure that you have some extra time and don't be a time optimist when estimating your arrival in Grez-sur-Loing. Especially around Paris, driving time can vary greatly depending on the time of the day, traffic jam, etc.

The Hôtel Chevillon does not have its own parking. Cars can be parked for free in the streets in Grez-sur-Loing but there are special precautions to be aware of. Parking is allowed on the houses' uneven number side of the road. For example, our main entrance is 114 rue Wilson, i.e. you must park on the other side of the road. It is forbidden to park on yellow lines, and in front of house and parking entrances. Blue marking means limited parking time. A small parking area is located on Rue Victor Hugo. In case you intend to park and not move your

car for a long period, please discuss the issue with the manager and she can advise you of where to best park your car.

Departure

Make sure that you contact the manager no later than 24 hours before you will leave the apartment. The apartment must be empty and cleaned no later than 10.00 the day of your departure. For information on routines for departure, see the welcome binder in the apartment. When you are planning your departure trip, please consider afternoon airplanes. For travel information to and from the airport see below.

The contact person of the Grez-sur-Loing Foundation in Sweden is Gunilla Knape. She speaks Swedish and English and is a member of the Board of Directors.

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If you have any questions, do not hesitate to email or call any of the contact persons above.

Once again, Heartily Welcome to Hôtel Chevillon!

The Board of the Grez-sur-Loing Foundation

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Travel information

Arrival

Grez-sur-Loing is located near Fontainebleau, 70 km southeast of Paris. It is best to come here on weekdays when the bus traffic from Melun to Grez has greater frequency.

When arriving at the Charles de Gaulle Airport - take the train to the Gare de Lyon train station. First you have to take RER B to Chatelet Les Halles and there switch to RER A to Gare de Lyon - just cross over to the other side of the platform.

At Paris Gare de Lyon (Hall 1/top ground railways – on upper floor), take any train going to Melun. There is one train leaving every 10 minutes in peak hours, otherwise every 20 minutes.

Get off the train at the station Gare de Melun (your tickets and NAVIGO cards - see below - will be inspected here). Exit the station building at the main entrance. Take left on Avenue Thiers. After approx 300 meters take left and enter the stairs to the passageway under the railways and you are now on the street Place de l'Ermitage. The bus station is nearby. The walk takes about 5 minutes. Look for the bus stop indicating « BUS 34 / SEINE & MARNE Express ».

With the BUS 34 / SEINE & MARNE Express to Grez-sur-Loing there are 4 stops, 2 in Fontainebleau, the next one in Bourron-Marlotte (Pavé du Roy), then in Grez-sur-Loing (Les Fours).

At Grez-sur-Loing, you will have about 10 minutes walking to Hôtel Chevillon. Watch the map below to find your way. You have to cross the main road at which the bus arrives by taking the passage under the driveway.

Monthly transport card – NAVIGO

There is a transport card throughout the Ile de France called Pass NAVIGO at the cost 70 € per month (valid a full calendar month, 1-31) + 5 € for the magnetic card. This can be purchased at the airport in RATP or SNCF Transilien doors. A photo is needed. Except for the Air France buses, all means of public transport may be used in the region of Ile de France also called The Paris region. The cost of a monthly card is recovered if, in addition to the return trip between the airport and Grez-sur-Loing, you make one trip to Paris and a couple of trips to Nemours, Melun or Fontainebleau in the relevant calendar month.

Map of the RER system

http://www.ratp.fr/informer/pdf/orienter/f_plan.php?nompdf=rer

(copy and paste the link in a browser)

Train times Charles de Gaulle, Gare de Lyon towards Melun. The link below can be used in either direction (copy and paste the link in a browser).

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Walkway to Hôtel Chevillon in Grez-sur-Loing from the bus from Melun

