

We welcome you to the Hôtel Chevillon in Grez-sur-Loing!



It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Hôtel Chevillon. Below, please find some background information and information concerning the current arrangements.

The Hôtel Chevillon is a large, traditional French mansion filled with history. The building dates back to the early nineteenth century when Grez-sur-Loing was a lively international artists' colony. The first artists to discover Grez-sur-Loing were from the United States, England, Scotland and Ireland. During the 1880s most of the resident artists were Scandinavian, while just before the turn of the twentieth century Japanese artists frequented Grez-sur-Loing. In fact, the Japanese impressionist movement was founded in Grez-sur-Loing. During the nineteenth century there were two residential facilities in the village: the Hôtel Chevillon and the Hôtel Laurent. Both were situated on the main street with walled gardens facing the river Loing.

Many of the Scandinavian artists who spent time in Grez-sur-Loing during the late 1800s became prominent artists and authors. The most outstanding names include Swedish painter Carl Larsson and Swedish writer and artist August Strindberg. They resided in Grez-sur-Loing for long periods, as did Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson and Finnish sculptor Ville Vallgren. American artist Francis Chadwick also spent time in Grez-sur-Loing, with his wife, Swedish artist Emma Löwstädt. They eventually acquired the Hôtel Laurent, where they then spent the rest of their lives.

The Hôtel Chevillon is no longer a hotel. Today it serves as a residence for research fellows, grant holders and award winners, whose stays are primarily financed by

various third parties, although it is also possible for artists, scholars, etc. to apply for residencies at their own expense. The premises are owned and managed by the Grez-sur-Loing Foundation, with its seat in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Thus today the Hôtel Chevillon is a venue where artists and scholars can spend time working and writing, as well as meeting on a social basis and conducting discussions in an inspiring environment. The generously sized common rooms, which include the lounge, the library, the communal kitchen and the dining room, as well as the garden with its riverbank are places for meeting and socializing with the other residents.

The bottom of the garden abuts directly onto the famous stone bridge, immortalized in numerous paintings.

Marie Elise Nicolas manages the building and the services provided. While you will be fully independent during your stay, Marie will be there to answer your questions. Occasionally Marie arranges activities such as artists' talks, seminars, exhibitions, and the like for the guests at the Hôtel Chevillon. The communal kitchen on the ground floor is equipped for the guests to prepare their main meals and is a pleasant place to socialize. So there are many opportunities for social and professional interaction, but the house is otherwise very quiet and you are free to organize your days as you choose.

The Hôtel Chevillon is not accessible for wheelchairs or the disabled. Pets are not allowed, and smoking is prohibited throughout, although electronic cigarettes may be used on the terraces.

The apartments

The apartment assigned to you is intended for use only by the recipient of the grant and one close relation (spouse/cohabiting partner/family member). For any additional relatives, friends, colleagues, etc., there are several Airbnb and Bed & Breakfast accommodations in Grez.

Children can only stay with residents exceptionally and only after a special agreement is made in advance with the Foundation's contact person Gunilla Knape (see below).

Each apartment has a simple kitchenette, intended for making breakfast and for coffee and tea. For other meals the large common kitchen is to be used.

Although sheets and towels are provided, you are expected to wash these items yourself during your stay. There is a common laundry room with a washing machine and a tumble dryer, and there are also clotheslines both outside and inside.

It is your responsibility to keep the apartment clean both during your stay and before your departure. This also applies to whatever atelier or workroom/study you may arrange to utilize.

The floors in the Hôtel are cold. Stone buildings are not heated as you might be accustomed to. For your comfort, we recommend that you bring indoor slippers and a warm sweater, especially if your stay is during the winter months. In the summer the stone houses stay pleasantly cool.

It is occasionally necessary, owing to unforeseen circumstances, for you to change apartment or atelier/study or both during your residency. Should this be necessary we will do our utmost to arrange for your new facility to be equivalent.

The Guest rooms at Hôtel Chevillon

There are three guest rooms at Hôtel Chevillon, one of which is a double room, all three have their own toilets with showers. The guest rooms may be booked by scholarship holders who come at their own expense with stays of 2 – 4 weeks. But from time to time rooms become available between residencies or in cases of cancellations. For information about vacant guest rooms, please contact Gunilla Knape.

Insurance

It is your responsibility to see to it that you have adequate insurance coverage during your stay in France, including illness, accident, property damage, etc. Please note that your home insurance may not be sufficient and, if you find that this is the case, we request that you purchase additional travel insurance or the like in advance, both for yourself and for any accompanying family member.

To be eligible for medically necessary, state-provided health and dental care 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 can obtain your EHIC/EU card by contacting your national health insurance institution in good time before you depart for France. Please note that it can take several weeks to receive your EHIC/EU card.

In case of damage to an apartment, room, studio or the Hôtel Chevillon's common areas, property and/or garden, the resident will be held liable for the cost of replacement and/or repair.

Next of kin

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

Internet

Wireless WIFI is available in all the accommodations as well as in the common areas and in all artist ateliers and workrooms/studies.

Materials

There is an art supply store in Fontainebleau but none in Grez-sur-Loing. Therefore, please bring as much of your working material as possible from home to the Hôtel Chevillon. You can also send material in advance by UPS delivery.

There are three printers at the Hôtel Chevillon to be shared by the residents.

Bicycles

Unfortunately, we no longer have bikes for your use at the Hôtel Chevillon. We have discontinued this service owing to concerns about bicycle safety.

However, there are short and long-term bicycle rental options in Nemours and Fontainebleau. Both proprietors speak English, and are even prepared to deliver bicycles to the Hôtel Chevillon. Marie will be pleased to help you contact them, or reserve a bike.

Shopping for groceries, etc.

In Grez-sur-Loing there is a small grocery store/convenience store, a local bakery, a post office and a pharmacy. Larger grocery stores can be reached by bicycle in Montcourt-Fromonville or by bus in Fontainebleau (9 km) or Nemours (6 km).

There is no ATM/Cash machine in Grez-sur-Loing. The nearest machines are in Fontainebleau or Nemours. In the small shops in Grez-sur-Loing you will be expected to pay in cash. The pharmacy takes cards, as do the convenience store and the bakery if you make purchases for more than €5.

Arrival

The manager of the Hôtel Chevillon, Marie Elise Nicolas, is not always present on site. It is therefore imperative that you inform her at least two weeks in advance of your arrival time in Grez-sur-Loing.

You will have access to your apartment from 16.00 the day of your arrival. At the turn of the month several of the apartments may change guests simultaneously. In order

to best organize arrivals and departures, it is important that you contact the manager of the Hôtel Chevillon as early as possible, and before you buy your tickets. Please notify her of the times and dates of your arrival and departure. If you are flying to Paris it is highly recommended that you arrive on a morning flight as the travel time to Grez-sur-Loing may take two to three hours by train and bus. If you are traveling by car, make sure that you plan for some extra time when estimating your arrival in Grez-sur-Loing. Especially around Paris, driving time can vary greatly depending on the time of the day, traffic jams, etc. Do not be overly optimistic about travel times!

The Hôtel Chevillon does not have its own parking facilities. Cars can be parked free of charge on the streets of Grez-sur-Loing but there are rules to be aware of. Parking is only allowed on the side of the street where the buildings are odd numbered. For example, the address of the main entrance to the Hôtel Chevillon is 114 rue Wilson, which is an even number. For that reason, you must park on the opposite side of the road. Parking is prohibited in areas marked by yellow lines, directly in front of building entrances and driveways. Blue marking indicates limited parking time. There is a small parking lot on the rue Victor Hugo. If you wish to park and not move your car frequently, please discuss the matter with our manager, who can advise you of the most suitable parking area.

NOTE!

Four weeks before arriving in Grez-sur-Loing, Marie will email you a link to an internet site "Guide to your visit at the Hôtel Chevillon" with further information about your stay. You will then also receive instructions about the check-in procedure on arrival, the WIFI password, cleaning routines, shops, restaurants and a list of Airbnb and Bed & Breakfast places in Grez.

Departure

Make sure to contact the manager no later than 24 hours before you will be leaving your apartment. The apartment must be empty and cleaned no later than 10:00 on the day of your departure.

When planning your departure at the end of your stay, please focus on afternoon flights. For travel information to and from the airport see below.

Contacts

[Please visit our Guide for more info.](#)

Travel information

Arrival

GreZ-sur-Loing is near Fontainebleau, 70 km southeast of Paris. We recommend that you arrive on a weekday when the busses from Melun to GreZ-sur-Loing run more frequently.

If you arrive at the Charles de Gaulle Airport, take the train to the Gare de Lyon train station. This entails taking the RER B train to Chatelet Les Halles, where you transfer to the RER A to the Gare de Lyon – you will find this train on the opposite side of the platform. (See timetable below)

At the Gare de Lyon station make your way to (Hall 1 where the high-speed trains depart from the upper floor), and take any train going to Melun. There is a train leaving every 10 minutes during peak hours, otherwise every 20 minutes.

Disembark at the train at the station Gare de Melun (your tickets and NAVIGO cards - see below - will be inspected here). Exit the station and turn left immediately onto Avenue Thiers and continue around the station, under the passage, which will take you to the Place de l'Ermitage. The bus station is visible, and the entire walk takes about 5 minutes from the train station to the bus station. The busses depart from the bus stop with the sign indicating: « BUS 34/SEINE & MARNE Express », which is the same stop as for bus line 18, which is more clearly signposted.

BUS 34/SEINE & MARNE Express will take you to GreZ-sur-Loing with 3 intermediate stops, two in Fontainebleau, one in Bourron-Marlotte (Pavé du Roy). The fourth stop is GreZ-sur-Loing (the name of the bus stop is Les Fours). The bus ride takes about 55 minutes from Melun to GreZ-sur-Loing. From there it is about a 10 minute walk to the Hôtel Chevillon. Please consult the map below to find your way. Begin by taking the steps down and proceed through the tunnel under the main road. (See map below).

Monthly transport card – NAVIGO

There is a transport card throughout the Ile de France called Pass NAVIGO at the cost of 70€ per month (valid for a full calendar month, 1-31) + 5€ for the magnetic card itself. A NAVIGO pass can be purchased at the airport from the RATP or SNCF Transilien doors. You will need to have with you a photo (such as a passport photo). With the exception of the Air France buses, the NAVIGO pass applies to all means of public transport in the region of Ile de France, also called The Paris region. You will have made up for the cost of a monthly card 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

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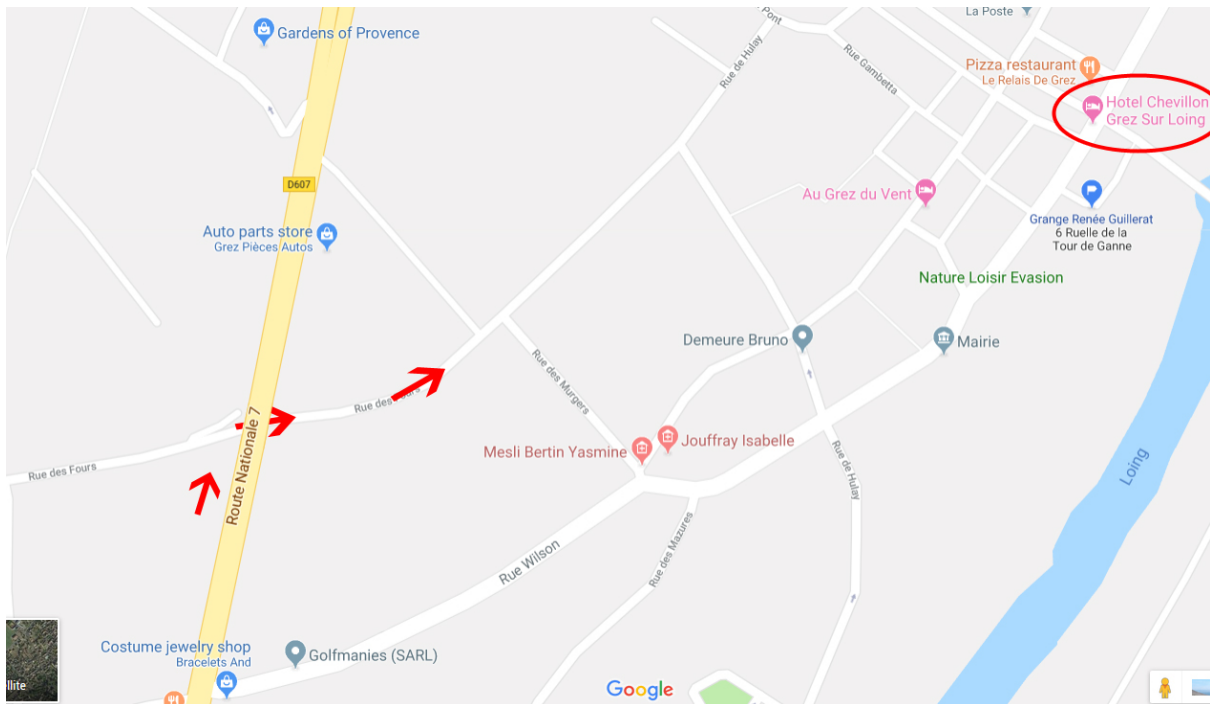
Train times Charles de Gaulle, Gare de Lyon towards Melun. The link below can be used in either direction (copy and paste the link in a browser).

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Making your way on foot to the Hôtel Chevillon in Grez-sur-Loing after arriving on the bus from Melun:



Taxi from the airport (Charles de Gaulle)

The price varies between 170 and 230 € but can be significantly more expensive in case of traffic jams.

The local taxi company in Grez-sur-Loing is Taxi Mako, tel. No. +33 7 72 37 40 87.

Official prices are available at <https://www.itaxis.fr/tarifs/seine-et-marne.php> and

<https://www.taxis-de-france.com/tarifstaxis.php>