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Last weekend, the three of us—just **our daughter and us**—went to **Puy du Fou** to spend some real quality family time together.

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The Vikings

We stayed **there for three days**, which gave us plenty of time to take our time doing everything, see some of the shows multiple times, and—most importantly—adjust our plans based on the weather. Because, let's face it, it was really hot.

In this article, we'll share our experience **visiting Puy du Fou as a family**: how many days to plan for, how to organize your days, where to park, where to eat, our favorite shows, the ones our daughter loved, our tips for dealing with the noise and heat, accommodations near the park, and our overall impression after this trip as a family of three.

Key Information: Puy du Fou with the Family

How many days will you be there?

3 days (our recommendation: 2 days)

Tickets

- Day 1: [Booking link](#)
- 2 days: [Booking link](#)
- 3 days or more: [Booking link](#)

Where to stay at Puy du Fou?

☐ [Hameau Colbert, in Les Épesses](#): a fully equipped house with air conditioning, just 5 minutes from the park. [For more information and reservations for Hameau Colbert.](#)

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How many days should you plan to spend at Puy du Fou?

That's probably the first question you're asking yourself. We decided to spend **three days at Puy du Fou**, and honestly, it was very comfortable with our 6-year-old daughter. It meant we didn't have to rush from one show to the next, we could take breaks, revisit some of our favorites, and adjust our schedule based on the heat. If you've been reading our blog for a while, you know we like to take our time.

□ For a first family trip, we think **two days are enough**.

The park is large, but with a little planning, you can see the main shows in two days.

In summary, in our view:

- **1 day:** not enough time with kids, unless you live near the park and are just stopping by for a quick look around.
- **2 days:** the perfect length of time to see the big shows without having to rush around too much.
- **3 days:** perfect if you want to take your time, see some shows again, and adjust your itinerary based on the weather.

□ **Practical info:** We strongly recommend buying your tickets in advance. During our visit, there were only two ticket windows for on-site purchases, with long lines—even though we were there on a weekday in May. To avoid wasting time as soon as you arrive, you can check [Puy du Fou ticket prices](#) directly and book online.

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Where can I park at Puy du Fou?

Good news if you're coming by car: there are **several visitor parking lots** at Puy du Fou, and **parking is free**.

It's included in the cost of the tour, so there's no need to set aside extra money for

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parking, unlike at many other large parks.

Upon arrival, **park staff direct cars** to the various parking lots based on the time of day, the number of visitors, and your type of vehicle.

As for us, we found the arrival process to be pretty smooth. As always when traveling with kids, we still recommend arriving fairly early (allow 45 minutes to park and walk to the park from the parking lot), especially if you want to get to the first show of the day quickly.

□ [Colbert Hamlet, in Les Épesses](#): a fully equipped house with air conditioning, just 5 minutes from the park

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Line at the park entrance

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How to Plan Your Visit to Puy du Fou?

In our experience, good planning really makes a difference at Puy du Fou, especially when you're traveling with a child. The park is large, not all shows run continuously, and the schedules vary from day to day. We therefore recommend that you download [the official Puy du Fou app](#) before your visit.

Show schedules are available in the app 48 hours before your visit. We strongly recommend that you take a little time before you leave to plan your days—you'll save time and have more flexibility.

□ As for us, we had planned Day 1 and Day 2 in advance, and then at the end of Day 1, we rearranged Day 2 and Day 3 based on what we'd already seen, the weather, and the shows we wanted to see again.

It saves a lot of time, especially in the morning. Instead of arriving at the park and wondering what to do, you know right away which show to go to.

Here's a little tip: **don't necessarily choose the very first show listed in the program**—the one that starts earliest. Many visitors, especially those who haven't planned ahead, naturally gravitate toward the first available show. That's what happened to us with ***Le Bal des Oiseaux Fantômes***: we arrived 15 minutes early, but it was already sold out because it was the first major show of the day.

Our tips for organizing your days effectively:

- Buy your tickets online: [booking link](#)
- Download the official app before your trip
- Check the schedules as soon as they're available
- Plan at least your first morning in advance
- Keep your options open so you can re-create your favorite shows
- Alternate between indoor and outdoor performances if it's hot
- Don't necessarily bet on the first show of the day, because everyone might have the same idea
- Reorganize your schedule each evening based on what you've already watched and the kids' energy levels
- Stay in the village of Les Epesses, just 5 minutes from the park; we

recommend Le [Hameau Colbert](#)

The shows we saw at Puy du Fou

During our three days at Puy du Fou, we had time to see all the shows—and even watch some of them more than once.

Here is our review, show by show:

- **♥♥♥ The Ghost Birds' Ball:** one of **the park's most impressive** shows. The birds fly right over your heads, pop up from everywhere, and the finale is truly magical. Our daughter loved it, and so did we. It's an outdoor show, so be sure to bring a hat, water, and sunscreen in case of hot weather. Early in the

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morning, the north grandstand is nicely shaded.

- **♥♥♥ The Mime and the Star:** our absolute favorite for adults. It's poetic, visually stunning, and different from more war-themed or historical shows. Plus, it's indoors, so it's perfect for hot weather. The show was even voted "[Best Show in the World](#)" at the Thea Awards in 2023. What impressed us most was the way the stage works: the scenery scrolls by like a giant tracking shot in a film, with the facades, streets, and characters all moving simultaneously. It's completely unique; we'd never seen anything like it in a show. And because there are so many details, we saw it twice.
- **♥ ♥ The Vikings:** spectacular, fast-paced, featuring water, fire, boats rising out of the water, stunts, and truly impressive special effects. It's one of our favorite shows for adults. Part of the bleachers is in the shade.
- **♥♥ The Sign of Triumph:** really impressive for kids, with the arena, the gladiators, the chariots, and the ancient Roman atmosphere. Our daughter loved it. As for us, we found the storyline a little less developed, but visually, it works really well for families.
- **♥ Le Dernier Panache:** Technically, it's impressive. We found the rotating stage concept and the staging to be incredibly original. However, the plot didn't quite draw us in, and above all, the story is tragic and may be difficult for sensitive children to handle.
- **♥ Richelieu's Musketeers:** an indoor show featuring horses, dance, fencing, costumes, and a swashbuckling atmosphere. Our daughter loved it, and we thought the second half was truly spectacular—from the equestrian ballet to the choreography and staging. The beginning did seem a little long to us, though.
- **The Secret of the Lance:** a medieval show featuring horses, stunts, and impressive sets. Be careful, though, as the bleachers are very exposed to the sun (they face due south). When it's really hot, be sure to bring water, a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen.
- **King Arthur's Sword / The Round Table:** This world is a great fit for kids who love knights, legends, and medieval settings. As for us adults, we found the storyline a bit shallow—not developed enough. Our daughter, however, didn't notice and just enjoyed the setting.

Overall, we found that the shows are really what make Puy du Fou so special. As adults, some of the storylines seemed a bit simplistic to us, but for children, the magic comes mainly from the sets, the costumes, the horses, the birds, the music, and the stage effects. And in that regard, the park truly knows how to create

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memorable moments.

The Mime and the Star

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The Ball of the Ghost Birds

Richelieu's Musketeer

Our Favorite Shows at Puy du Fou

To make things clearer, here are our true favorites after spending **three days** there.

Our favorite shows for adults:

- **“The Mime and the Star”**: for its poetic, original, and highly visual nature, and because it's truly different from the park's other shows.
- **The Ball of the Ghost Birds**: for the instant “wow” factor, the birds flying overhead, and the truly impressive finale.
- **The Vikings**: for its spectacular, fast-paced, and compelling nature from start

to finish.

Our 6-year-old daughter's favorite shows:

- ***The Ball of the Ghost Birds***: the birds, the finale, the magical atmosphere—everything came together perfectly.
- **“The Sign of Triumph”**: He really enjoyed the arena, the chariots, the animals, and the visually striking atmosphere.
- **Richelieu's Musketeers**: the horses, the costumes, the dancing, and the swashbuckling atmosphere really made an impression.

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Immersive experiences: that wasn't our favorite part

We tried all **four immersive experiences**, and overall, they weren't our favorite part of the park. We get the idea: walking through sets, soaking up the atmosphere, feeling immersed in a different era. But compared to the big shows, we found them less memorable.

We didn't take our daughter to ***Les Amoureux de Verdun*** or ***Le Premier Royaume*** (based on the story of Clovis), because these experiences are not recommended for young children or may be too intense.

We decided to do them without her, to avoid putting her in a situation that was too gloomy or intimidating.

Our take on immersive experiences:

- something to do if you have time;
- not a priority when you have young children;
- Some scenes are dark or impressive;
- It's best to focus on the major shows if you're only staying for 2 days;
- Best avoided with highly sensitive children, especially in Verdun.

In our opinion, if you're torn between seeing a big show you enjoyed again or trying an immersive experience, we'd recommend seeing ***Les Oiseaux***, ***Le Mime***, or ***Les Mousquetaires*** again.

Fun Activities for Kids

Puy du Fou isn't just a series of shows. There are also a few areas and activities where children can take a break between performances.

What our daughter enjoyed besides the shows:

- ♥♥ **Le Repaire des Enfants:** a large, fun playground with a tree-climbing-

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style course—perfect for running, climbing, and letting off steam between shows.

- **La Colporteuse:** the park's free mini-train. It lets you reach some of the more distant areas without having to walk too far. Please note that strollers are not allowed on the train.
- **♥♥ The costume experience in the medieval section: we absolutely loved it.** It takes place in a tower, with gorgeous costumes. We didn't buy the photos, but we thought the experience was really fun. You get to be a king, queen, and princess for a few minutes, and of course our daughter really got into it.

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Where can families stay near Puy du Fou?

We stayed at an Airbnb in Les Épesses, but we don't particularly recommend it.

For a family vacation, you might want to consider the village of **Les Épesses**, about 5 minutes from the park, or Les **Herbiers**, about 10 minutes from the park, depending on your budget and how close you want to be to Puy du Fou.

- **[Colbert Hamlet, in Les Épesses](#)**: We hesitated for a long time about this one, and looking back, we should have chosen it. It's an ideal option if you want to stay very close to the park, in a fully equipped house with air conditioning.

□ [More information and reservations for Hameau Colbert.](#)

- **[Domaine Mélusine](#)**: a great option for families, featuring fully equipped cottages and studios with a kitchen, reversible air conditioning, a terrace, and outdoor spaces. It's convenient if you want to be close to the park while having more independence than you would at a hotel, especially when it comes to preparing meals or picnics.

□ [More information and reservations for the Domaine de Mélusine](#)

Our housing advice:

- Choose accommodations as close to the park as possible;
- **Check the air conditioning** if you're traveling between May and September, because ours wasn't working and we were very hot in May;
- Check to see if there's a **kitchen or kitchenette** so you can prepare dinner and pack lunches;
- Check to see if there is a **parking lot**;
- **Book early** for weekends and school holidays.

Puy du Fou also offers its own themed hotels in the **Cité Nocturne**, with "Hotel + Tickets" packages. The experience is likely to be very immersive, but we wouldn't necessarily recommend it if you're trying to stick to a budget, as prices can quickly add up for families.

After a long day at Puy du Fou, we really don't feel like driving very far. It's very convenient to be in Les Épesses or Les Herbiers.

Where to eat at Puy du Fou?

There are several restaurants and food stands in the park, but prices are still quite high. If you're traveling with children, we recommend packing a picnic lunch: sandwiches, cold salads, fruit compotes, fresh fruit, water bottles... This lets you eat more simply, take a real break, and avoid blowing your vacation budget.

There are several tables and picnic areas, but you can also find nice spots to sit on a bench or in the shade.

As for us, we recommend **sitting by the old pond**, where the **"Noces de Feu"** show takes place in the evening. This is also the area where you can see **"Les Grandes Eaux,"** a short water fountain show. The benches are in the shade, making it a pleasant spot to take a break, and when we were there, the show happened to coincide with our lunch break. It kept our daughter entertained while we ate in peace.

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At what age can you take children to Puy du Fou?

In our experience, Puy du Fou really becomes interesting for children ages 5-6 and up. At that age, children begin to follow the shows well, stay seated longer, and enjoy the animals, costumes, sets, and large-scale scenes.

- **With a baby:** it's doable, but you'll need to plan for plenty of breaks, wear noise-canceling headphones, and accept that you won't be able to see everything. As for us, we decided to have our 10-month-old son stay with his grandma.
- **With children ages 3-5:** Some shows may already be very appealing, but the noise, the length, and the tragic stories can be overwhelming.
- **Ages 6 and up:** We believe this is the ideal age for a child's first real introduction to the subject, especially if your child loves animals, horses, birds, and stories about knights.
- **With teenagers:** they'll get more out of big-budget shows, storylines, and immersive experiences.

Which shows should you prioritize when taking your kids?

- **Best for families with children:** *Le Bal des Oiseaux Fantômes*, *Mousquetaire de Richelieu*, *Le Signe du Triomphe*, *Les Vikings*.
- **The most practical ones when it's hot:** Le Mime and L'Étoile, Mousquetaire de Richelieu, Le Dernier Panache.
- **The most impressive in terms of sound:** *The Vikings*, *The Sign of Triumph*, *The Secret of the Spear*.
- **Not recommended for sensitive children:** *Le Dernier Panache*, *Les Amoureux de Verdun*, *Le Premier Royaume*.
- **Get there early to avoid it being sold out:** *Le Bal des Oiseaux Fantômes*, especially if it's the first show of the day.

Our suggested 2-day itinerary at Puy du Fou

If you're only coming for 2 days, here's how we'd organize the main priorities, while remaining flexible based on the app's schedule.

- **Day 1:** Start with a major outdoor show, then alternate with an indoor show such as **Le Mime et l'Étoile** or **Mousquetaire de Richelieu**. Take a break at the Repaire des Enfants, and finish with a favorite show—one you'd like to see again if possible.
- **Day 2:** Catch the shows you missed the day before, see your favorite one again, try out one or two immersive experiences depending on the children's ages, and then set aside some time for the villages, the little train, and photos in costume.

□ 2 nights at [Hameau Colbert in Les Épesses](#), a fully equipped house with air conditioning, 5 minutes from the park

Our on-site arrangements during the heat wave

We happened to be there during a very hot weekend, so we quickly adjusted our plans. On Thursday and Friday, we focused on indoor or covered shows, since staying in certain bleachers out in the sun for long periods of time could be difficult with our daughter.

We also spent quite a bit of time under the **giant misters**. We spotted two of them in the park, and each time, it was a real refreshing break. Our daughter loved hanging out there, and so did we.

Some outdoor shows are really exposed to the elements. For example, for ***Le Secret de la Lance***, we found that the bleachers were very sunny—facing due south—and had no real shade. In case of extreme heat, this is typically the kind of show where it's best to plan ahead.

Our practical tips for visiting Puy du Fou with your family

After spending three days there, here are some tips we'd give to families planning their trip.

Items to pack in your bag:

- water bottles;
- caps or hats;

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- sunscreen;
- sunglasses;
- Noise-canceling headphones or earbuds (As for me, Floriane, I've worn them to every show. There's a lot of loud music, sound effects, fights, screams, explosions, cannon fire, and highly immersive scenes. Even if you love the show, the volume can be overwhelming.)
- a pocket-sized mist sprayer;
- easy snacks;
- comfortable clothes;
- good shoes;
- A light jacket if you're staying for the evening.

To plan the day:

- Download the Puy du Fou app;
- Check the schedule the day before you arrive;
- Don't necessarily go to the first show listed just because everyone else seems to be heading there;
- Alternate between outdoor and indoor performances;
- Take breaks;
- Take the little train if the distances are starting to wear the kids out;
- Don't try to do everything too quickly.

What's nice about Puy du Fou is that, compared to other major theme parks, there's actually very little waiting. You don't spend the whole day in endless lines. The pace is different: you walk around, settle in, take a look, and move on. With a child, it's actually quite comfortable.

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Our Review of Puy du Fou

Our overall opinion is very positive. **Visiting Puy du Fou with the family is a blast.** Our daughter loved most of the shows; the three of us had a really good time, and we found the park to be a pleasant place to visit with a child.

What we really liked:

- the truly impressive shows;
- the short wait times compared to other parks;
- general organization;
- truly immersive settings;
- animals, horses, and birds;

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- the large playground;
- the free little train;
- indoor shows when it's hot;
- the ability to get everything done in 2 or 3 days.

What we liked least:

- some scenarios that are a little too simplistic from the adults' perspective;
- a few performances that are very exposed to the sun;
- the volume, which can sometimes be very loud;
- some less memorable immersive experiences;

What struck us most of all was that Puy du Fou is a great place to visit with children, even without rides. The children are captivated by the sets, the costumes, the horses, the battles, the birds, and the special effects.

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What We Wish We'd Known Before Our Visit

- The first show of the day can sell out very quickly, even if you arrive 15 minutes early.
- Some sections of the bleachers are in direct sunlight, with no real shade, even if you arrive early.
- The sounds are really loud: headphones or earbuds are recommended.
- Indoor shows are a blessing during heat waves.
- Planning your schedule 48 hours in advance using the app saves a lot of time.
- Picnics are a great way to stick to a budget and take a real break.

Feel free to leave us a **note** below to let us know if you're planning to visit Puy du Fou with your family, ask us any questions, or share your experience.

You can also message us on [Instagram](#) (check out all our stories about Puy du Fou in the featured folders)—we'll be happy to reply!

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