

A / Lassay-les-Chateaux

37km/41'

The town of Lassay-les-Chateaux boasts three chateaux, one of them in ruins, one being slowly restored and the third, near the town center, which is in a remarkable state of preservation. Built originally in the twelfth century, it was restored to its current design in the fifteenth century. It is an impressive castle, built on a rock, with eight towers connected by massive walls. The drawbridge still works and you will start your visit at the barbican, beautifully preserved.

The visit of the inside is particularly interesting (especially the kitchen), and if you are lucky, your guide will be an old gentleman who grew up on the premises and has all kinds of stories to tell.

The town of Lassay-les-Chateaux itself is a "petite cite de caractere" and is worth strolling around; many of the old buildings have posters explaining their age and function, summarized in English.

With its 'roseraie' (nice collection of roses), its lake, its little shops and bars, Lassay is a gem of a small town.



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Entry to the castle is by guided tour only. It is best to phone first to check. There is a small admission charge, and texts of the guided tour are offered in English translation. Check on days and hours of opening by clicking on the following address :

http://www.tourisme.fr/office-de-tourisme/lassay-les-chateaux.htm?item_sommaire=3