

The Château d'Ainay-le-Vieil, the Story of a Restoration

Before/After

For six years, the Château d'Ainay-le-Vieil lived to the rhythm of scaffolding, stonemasons and carpenters.

Six years of construction to restore to this jewel of the Berry region - a listed Historic Monument - all the majesty that eight centuries of history had bestowed upon it.

Arielle and Hervé Borne, owners of the château, led this major restoration with a constant commitment to preserving a living place, open to the public and rooted in its territory.

Through the photographs presented in this exhibition, photographer **Arielle de La Tour d'Auvergne** retraces the story of this restoration, showing the château as it was in 2019 and as it stands today, seven years later, fully restored.

A series of before-and-after photographs that demonstrates how it is possible to restore the full majesty of a place dating from the 13th century, steeped in history, through the skill of local craftsmen and businesses, and the drive of its owners — who invite you to discover the richness of this heritage and its ability to adapt to the realities of the 21st century.

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