



# JOURNÉES DES PLANTES DE CHANTILLY

22, 23 AND 24 MAY 2026  
PATRON : CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN

## A HIGHLIGHT OF THE GARDENING YEAR

One of the year's must-do gardening events, the celebrated *Journées des Plantes de Chantilly* is returning to the breathtaking Château de Chantilly estate, voted France's favourite historic site of 2025.

From first-time gardeners to seasoned horticulturists, nature lovers to budding designers, and all those involved in managing or creating gardens, the show has something for everyone. A celebration of gardening, it invites visitors to explore rare plants and discover practical ideas for garden design, maintenance and decoration.

But the *Journées des Plantes de Chantilly* is more than a gardening event: it brings together enthusiasts and newcomers alike for a hands-on, shared experience, where everyone — regardless of skill level — can find answers to their questions, discover new ideas and leave inspired to enrich their own gardens.

## ANOTHER INSPIRING THEME: ONE THOUSAND AND ONE GARDEN GEMS

The 21st *Journées des Plantes de Chantilly* explores the theme of **“One Thousand and One Garden Gems”** — the small (and sometimes spectacular) treasures that devoted gardeners cultivate with care. Exhibitors will showcase the standout specimens of their collections, featuring plants not usually found in garden centres and reflecting the creativity and skill of European gardeners.



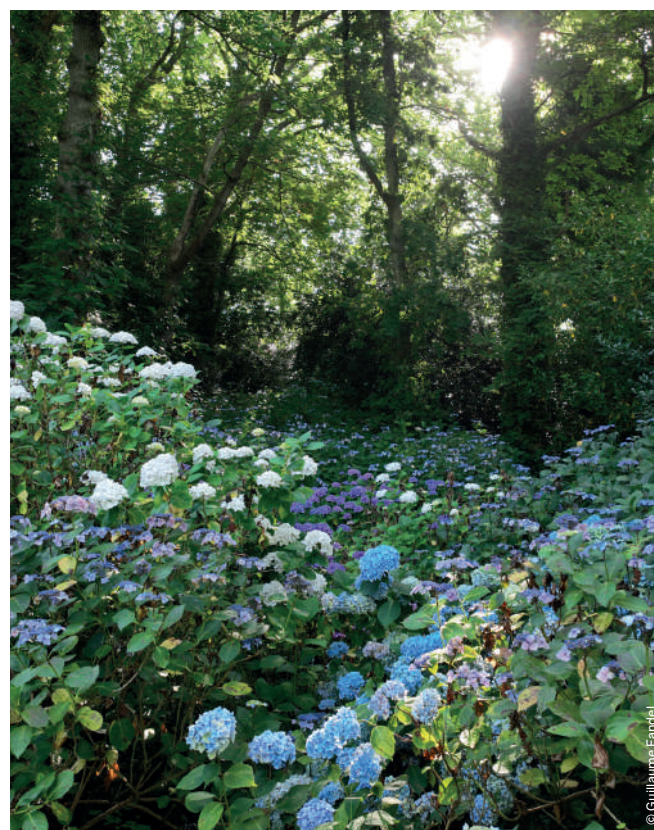
## FASHION LEGEND AND PATRON: CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN

This three-day event is being held under the patronage of **Christian Louboutin**. Known globally for his signature red-soled shoes, the designer has left a lasting mark on fashion through both his namesake brand and high-end accessories.

Less well known is Christian Louboutin's passion for gardens: in his twenties, after working with his mentor Roger Vivier, he stepped away from shoe design to devote several years to landscape design. One day, while working on a garden on the island of Bréhat, he visited a nearby nursery — **Kerdalo** — and discovered the gardens that he would go on to purchase in 2021. This botanical paradise had been created in the 20th century by Russian prince Peter Wolkonsky, then living in exile in Brittany. Officially designated a **Jardin Remarquable** (Remarkable Garden) in 2005 and listed as a protected historic site in 2007, Kerdalo is a rich mosaic of nearly 5,000 species, including rare botanical treasures, making every visit feel like a carefully choreographed performance. The *New York Times* ranks it among the 25 most beautiful gardens in the world.



Christian Louboutin has played a key role in drawing attention to this previously overlooked garden. Now, nearly 500 visitors a day wander through Kerdalo, exploring its groves and terraces, where nature truly feels poetic. The event's patron will apply his keen eye to choose and reward his favourite among the very best on display.





## PLANT FESTIVAL

---

Among the 200 exhibitors, over **one hundred French and European nurseries** invite visitors to explore their collections of seedlings, flowering shrubs, fragrant roses, spring perennials and colourful bulbs, and pick up eye-catching, easy-to-grow plants with vibrant blooms. By sharing their expertise with beginners, the nurseries help visitors engage with the *Journées des Plantes de Chantilly*, encouraging them to learn about and select plants, and to enjoy the displays and discover new ideas for their own gardens.



## GARDEN AND DECOR ESSENTIALS

---

The *Journées des Plantes de Chantilly* is about more than just plants! A wide array of garden crafts is also on display, including stylish pots, both classic and contemporary, striking decorations, practical gardening tools with clever, sustainable designs, inventive accessories for terraces and balconies, and distinctive outdoor furniture.

## A PLACE TO LEARN AND DISCOVER

---

- **Hands-on workshops** give everyone the chance to learn key gardening skills, from sowing and repotting to cultivating and pruning.
- Visitors also have the chance to admire some genuine botanical marvels, including this year's exquisite **Barnhaven Primroses**. Auricula primroses, admired for their beauty since the 17th century, sometimes bear a dusting of silver or white so perfect it looks hand-painted. Their flowers come in a dazzling range of colours, from deep red and bright yellow to rich blue, violet and orange. In England, they inspired the creation of small "auricula theatres": simple or decorative cabinets that sheltered them from the rain, while showcasing them as prized collectables. A miniature auricula theatre, lent by Christian Louboutin for the occasion, will be on display at the Barnhaven stand.





## TWO LANDMARK EVENTS

### ● OPENING OF THE PEONY GARDEN

FRIDAY 3 PM

Over the past two years, the Château de Chantilly's teams have been readying the Candie Meadow behind the Hamlet to display **nearly 300 peony varieties** across an area spanning almost 8,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

The garden's thirteen themed plots include a "historic" section of 19th- and early 20th-century French and European varieties, a "demonstration" area for learning proper peony care, "artistic" plots inspired by painterly colours from Romantic tones to sunsets, and "discovery" plots showcasing giant, fragrant and unique peonies, plus varieties perfect for floral arrangements.

The new Peony Garden was accompanied by Florence Woerth and Christian Langlois-Meurinne, with the participation of Prince Aryn Aga Khan.



© Thibault Champetier

### ● "REMARKABLE TREE" STATUS GRANTED TO 10 PARK SPECIMENS

SATURDAY 11 AM

A.R.B.R.E.S.\* grants state-recognised "Remarkable Tree of France" status to trees of exceptional national importance for age, size, shape, rarity, history or the stories they inspire. Label holders must maintain and protect the trees, ensuring they are recognised as part of France's natural and cultural heritage.

At the Château de Chantilly, **ten specimens will soon be recognised as "Remarkable trees"**. They include a **Tulip Tree** (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) by the Beauvais fountains in the English garden, a **Horse Chestnut tree** (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) that spreads by layering (rooting its own branches), and a row of eight **Bald Cypress** (*Taxodium distichum*) standing guard over Swan Lake. Planted by the Duke of Aumale, these trees have witnessed almost a century and a half of history.

\* Remarkable Trees: Assessment, Research, Study and Conservation.



© Jérôme Houyvet



## FAMILY FUN

---

The *Journées des Plantes de Chantilly* offers families a delightful day out. Children can join fun, hands-on workshops throughout the event, from face painting and crafts to animal- and plant-themed creative activities, all designed to spark curiosity and imaginative thinking.

Young visitors can also enjoy a simple yet educational encounter with nature by watching sheep graze peacefully in the park, gaining a firsthand insight into the bond between animals and their environment.

The experience continues with the chance to savour authentic Chantilly cream, a local speciality, and explore stalls overflowing with regional products bursting with flavour.



---

## JOIN US

**ON 22, 23, AND 24 MAY 2026 AT THE CHÂTEAU DE CHANTILLY  
TO DISCOVER ONE THOUSAND AND ONE BOTANICAL GEMS!**

---

## USEFUL INFORMATION

---



### ADMISSION

Tickets are available online: <https://journeesdesplantesdechantilly.fr/>

- “*Journées des Plantes de Chantilly* + Grounds” ticket (excluding the Château and the Great Stables): full price €14 and reduced price €10.
- “1 Day + *Journées des Plantes de Chantilly*” ticket (providing access to the entire estate): further information is available on the website.

### INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

[chateaudechantilly.fr](https://chateaudechantilly.fr)

### PRESS CONTACT

Agence CommStrat - Adeline Truchot - 06 60 83 01 03 - [atruchot@commstrat.fr](mailto:atruchot@commstrat.fr)