



The Palace of Rambouillet



The chateau de Rambouillet started out as a simple manor house. A knight, Jehan Bernier, bought it from Girard Tournebu on May 6, 1368. As Provost of Paris, Jehan Bernier was around that time named "Sovereign informant on the Rivers and Forests of the Kingdom" by Charles V, which was why he decided to move to Rambouillet. The chateau's progress towards its status as a Presidential residence began in 1870. At that date, the chateau was rented to the Duc de la Trømoille, its tenant until 1883. President Jules Grøvy had the use of apartments in the chateau to receive his guests. Neither Sadi Carnot nor Jean-Paul-Pierre Casimir-Perrier stayed at the chateau.



On February 23, 1896, Rambouillet was visited by President FØlix Faure, with a view to spending the Summer months there each year. Rambouillet thus became the Summer residence of the Presidents of the Republic. Emile Loubet, Armand Falliķres and Raymond PoincarØ held hunting parties there for numerous foreign dignitaries, princes and Heads of State. Alexandre Millerand, Paul Doumer, and Albert Lebrun maintained the tradition. RenØ Coty often spent weekends at the chateau. Under the Fifth Republic, General de Gaulle held many parties and receptions at the chateau de Rambouillet.



In November 1975, ValØry Giscard d'Estaing assembled the Heads of State and Government of the six leading industrialized nations: Gerald Ford, Harold Wilson, Aldo Moro, Takeo Miki and Helmut Schmidt, for the first meeting of the G7. The State undertook the renovation of the French garden, at the south-eastern side of the chateau, at the initiative of Franķois Mitterrand. Certain bilateral summits are still held at the chateau.

Visit



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View and ancient plan of the Château



The Grand Lounge



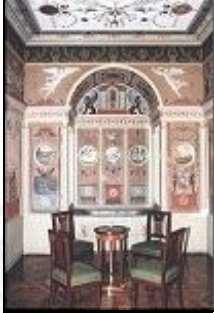
The Dining Room



The Marble Room



The Count of Toulouse bathroom



The Emperor's bathing room



The Chapel



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The Sea Shell Thatched Cottage



The Queen's dairy

Album



Opening of the Kosovo peace conference on 6 February 1999 (Dining room of the Chateau)



Mr. Nelson Mandela President of the Republic of South Africa's visit on 13 July 1996 (Chateau park)



State visit of Mr. and Mrs. Boris Yeltsin on 20 October 1995 (Chateau park)