

**Histopad**  
**The Palace Comes to Life!**

**Press Release**



## **Step back in time!**

Starting October 21, the City of Avignon, Avignon Tourisme and the Histoverly firm invite visitors to experience a unique discovery of the greatest Gothic palace.

The new **Histopad** guide shows the Palace of the Popes like you have never seen it before.

### **History enhanced with leading-edge technology and augmented reality:**

The interactive **Histopad** is proposed to each person visiting the Palace and is included in the ticket price. **Histopad** uses augmented reality and 3-D technology that enhance your experience as you discover or rediscover many rooms of the Palace. **Histopad** is user-friendly, interactive, educational and fun.

### **9 major rooms:**

The Consistory, the Great Treasury, the Lower Treasury, the Papal Chamberlain's room, the Grand South Tinel, the Grand North Tinel, the Upper Kitchen, the Robing Room, the Great Chapel. Nine major rooms are on the **Histopad** which shows them as they were in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. A real key to better understanding the Palace. See the original splendour of the interiors: floors, ceilings, wall hangings, furnishings, and food and drink. **Visitors cross the gates of time and go back 8 centuries of history, finding themselves present at the time of the Popes!**

### **One thousand Histopads!**

The Palace of the Popes is the very first – and the only – monument in the world to propose the **Histopad** to all its visitors. This new guide is included in the price of the entrance ticket.

### **Scientifically-endorsed visit.**

The historical recreations developed by Histoverly firm were scientifically prepared by a committee of experts that includes acknowledged medieval scholars under the auspices of Dominique Vingtain, Curator-in-chief of the Palace of the Popes. This committee accompanied and approved each step in the historical reconstitutions.

### **Guided visits in 7 languages, priceless frescoes and painted decors at your fingertips with geolocation!**

Visitors can obtain detailed explanations in 7 languages at all times throughout their visit, and can better understand the paintings that are still visible on the walls in the Chamber of the Stag and the magnificent Saint Martial and Saint John Chapels. Use the interactive, geolocating map to orient yourself and guide your exploration at all times.

### **Fun for all!**

Children and their families are invited on a **Treasure Hunt**. Coins struck with the image of the popes, hidden in 3-D objects that you can hold and handle, are scattered throughout the visit path. Open the hidden doors of a safe, lift up the exquisite dishes on the papal serving table as you look for them. A lively and fun way to visit the palace as you play with the whole family. The **Histopad** is totally user-friendly and easily used by everyone including the younger crowd!

## **Practical info**

The Palace of the Popes is open 365 days a year.

Last tickets sold one hour before the palace closes.

1 September to 1 November: 9am to 7pm

2 November to 29 February: 9:30am to 5:45pm

March: 9am to 6:30pm

1 April to 30 June: 9am to 7:30pm

July: 9am to 8pm

August: 9am to 8:30pm

[www.avignon-tourisme.com](http://www.avignon-tourisme.com)

Tickets:

Full rate: 12€

Discounted rate: 10€

media contact: Sylvie JOLY [s.joly@avignon-tourisme.com](mailto:s.joly@avignon-tourisme.com) / tél 00 33(0)4 32 74 36 54