

Modave Castle



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An ideal experience for those who enjoy combining history, the art of living and nature, and who want to discover a château inhabited by centuries, in one of Wallonia's most beautiful natural settings.



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Sunday : 10:00 - 18:00

Reviews

4.6/5 (2581 Google reviews)

Information

Château de Modave, experiencing castle life between exceptional heritage and grand nature

The **Château de Modave** offers a rare experience, where the elegance of history constantly interacts with the power of nature. Listed as an **Exceptional Heritage Site of Wallonia**, it stands on top of a **rocky spur**, overlooking a **450-hectare nature reserve**. From the moment you arrive, the setting impresses: the eye wanders across the landscapes, and the atmosphere becomes calmer, almost solemn. Here, the visit is more than discovering a castle: it is a **complete immersion in castle life**, at the heart of a preserved natural site.

This blend of architecture, art and environment immediately sets the tone: Modave is best discovered slowly, with the pleasure of taking your time.

A refined architecture, heir to the Middle Ages and the 17th century

The castle presents a **classical architecture from the mid-17th century**, built on the foundations of a former medieval keep. This layering of periods strengthens the character of the site and gives it a timeless elegance. The remarkable state of preservation and the care devoted to its maintenance are striking from the first steps, giving the impression of entering a residence still inhabited by its history.

Each façade and each architectural detail tells the story of the ambition and refinement of successive owners, in a subtle balance between defensive strength and the art of living.

25 rooms for a complete immersion in castle life

The interior visit unfolds through **25 fully decorated and furnished rooms**, accessible via an **audioguided route** available in eight languages. Here, nothing feels static: the **set tables**, the **floral decorations**, the tapestries and the authentic furniture give the impression that the occupants have only just stepped out.

The **17th-century stucco ceilings** are among the highlights of the visit. One of them, depicting a **family tree unique in Europe**, impresses both through its delicacy and its symbolism. The decorations, materials and colours immerse visitors in the daily life of past nobility, making history tangible and alive.

Listed gardens and nature as far as the eye can see

Outside, the **listed gardens** naturally extend the discovery. Carefully maintained and structured, they offer elegant perspectives over the surrounding landscape. From the castle, **marked walking trails** lead visitors into the heart of the nature reserve, between forests, cliffs and open panoramas.

This unique location reinforces the feeling of escape. Visitors move seamlessly from the intimacy of the salons to the vastness of nature, in a rare balance between culture and the outdoors.

Ingenuity and cultural life

The site also evokes a fascinating chapter in technical history: that of the **17th-century hydraulic machine**, designed by Liège engineer Rennequin Sualem, which served as the model for the famous Machine de Marly that supplied water to the gardens of Versailles. Further evidence of the **human ingenuity** at work in Modave.

Throughout the year, the castle remains vibrant thanks to numerous **cultural activities**: concerts, theatre, exhibitions, themed visits and various events enrich the experience and continually renew visitors' perspectives on the site.

Car park Coach park
5 parking spots Maestro

Opening times

From 1/04 to 15/11: every day from 10.00 to 18.00 • Closed Mondays except on public holidays and in July and August • Exceptional opening from December 12th, 2026 to January 3rd, 2027: every day from 11.00

Price

adults €9.50 • 60+ €8 • students €5 • accompanied children (<12): free of charge • Audio guide included in entry price

Guided tour

€60 subject to prior booking

Tour length

1 hr

Group

Price (min. 20 people) adults and 60+: €7 • School groups: (<12) €3, (>12) €5

Guided tour Possible in EN, FR, NL, DE - €60 (maximum 30 people per guide)

More information • Picnic area in the old stables.

Weather in Modave

Events







