

Pilgrimage to Chartres Cathedral and the Famous Labyrinth

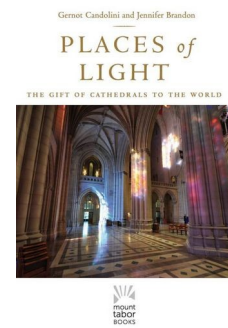
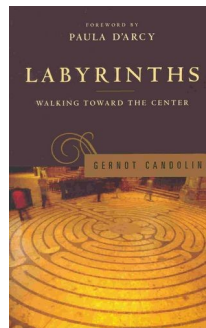
with Gernot Candolini

Monday, June 22nd – Saturday, June 27th 2026

The program starts on Monday June 22nd 6 p.m. in Chartres and ends in Chartres Saturday June 27th after breakfast. To make your travel plans you will get additional information.

Chartres is one of the most beautiful and energetic places on earth. We will be invited to enter into the wonderful symbolism of the whole building, the stained glass windows and the labyrinth. In Chartres we will have special opening times into the crypt, in the morning before the cathedral officially opens and a labyrinthwalk just for our group.

The labyrinth is a metaphor of the life path. It is our journey through time reflecting major life themes like departures, turnings, achievements, and the mysteries and grace of being led. All together this week will be an extraordinary experience that will create lifelong memories.



Gernot Candolini (*1959) is a labyrinth builder in Europe and former headmaster of the Montessori School in Innsbruck, Austria. Every year he leads several groups to Chartres. He is a great storyteller and guide to the cathedral of Chartres. He is the author of several books, like "Labyrinths – Walking Toward the Center (Crossroad Publishing), and "Places of Light - the Gift of Cathedrals to the World" by Gernot Candolini and Jennifer Brandon (Paraclete press). Both books are a good introduction to what will be shared. Find more information about me and this trip: www.gernotcandolini.com

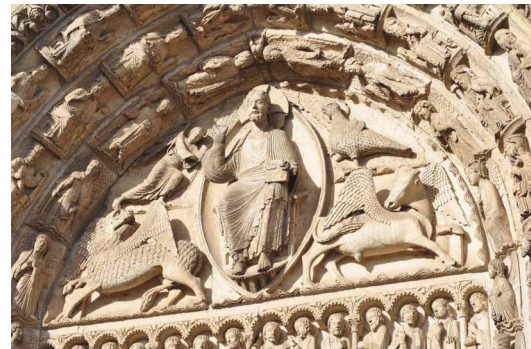
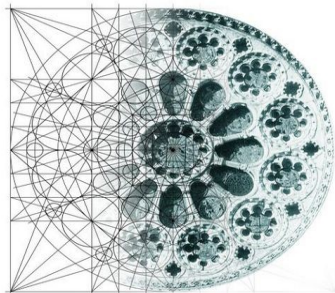
Programm:

Day 1 MON: 6 p.m. Reception and Welcome

French Dinner

Day 2 TUE: Morning: Guided tour: The holy geometry of the Cathedral and the main figures of the portals.

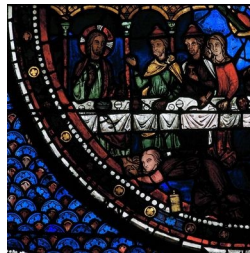
Afternoon: Introduction Crypt and walk into the crypt



Day 3 WED: Morning Opening of the cathedral just for our group

Guided tours: The secret messages of Chartres

The Arch of the teaching women and the window of Mary Magdalene



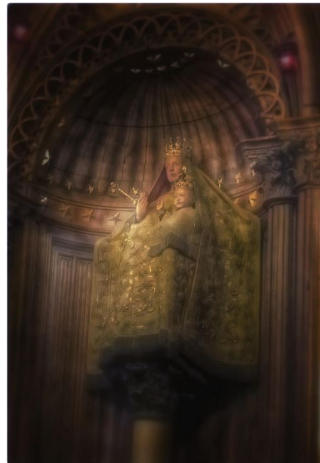
Day 4 THU: Walk towards the cathedral - picknick in the fields

Guided tour: The message of the labyrinth

Extra opening of the cathedral: Labyrinth walk in the evening just for our group



Day 5 FRI : Morning opening of the cathedral
Labyrinth is open all day
Guided tour: The dark and the blue Madonna and Tour to the roof –
Special French Dinner



Day 6 SAT: Blessings and Farewell

Trains from Chartres to Paris available every hour.

We will stay in an old Pilgrims Guest House Maison St. Yves right beside the cathedral.
See: <https://maison-st-yves.com/en>. If you want to book an extra night in advance or later in Chartres let me know. You will receive an information letter with more details of the trip and a detailed information how to get to Chartres. (It is easy – no french necessary)

Price: \$/€ 1.600,- To be paid cash in Chartres or send to my bankaccount in February 2026. **For two places a scholarship is available. Please feel free to ask if needed.**

The price covers reception, 5 overnight stays in *** double rooms with breakfast, 2 dinners, (surcharge for single room: + \$/€ 200) all entries, extra openings, guided tours, lectures,
Not included: individual journey to Chartres.

Some excerpts from mails that people send after a they joined a week in Chartres:

"Thank you for your part in the sweetness that continues to linger this week as a result of our pilgrimage together, especially for your wisdom, poignant detours, and unforgettable stories."
Anne Ndegwa (participant of the 2015 trip)

"The pilgrimage will stay in my heart forever and I am especially grateful for the beautiful feeling of connectedness with everyone and with the Cathedral itself in all it's beauty, history, mystery, and wisdom." Edwina (participant of the 2017 trip)

Application form

(Please copy and paste in an email to: gernot.candolini@drei.at)

Name:

Address:

Date of birth:

Email:

Single room:

Double room (one bed):

Double room (separate beds):

If double with: (leave empty if not specified)

Please specify if you have special food needs:

Let me briefly know why you want to come to Chartres?

Any extra wishes?