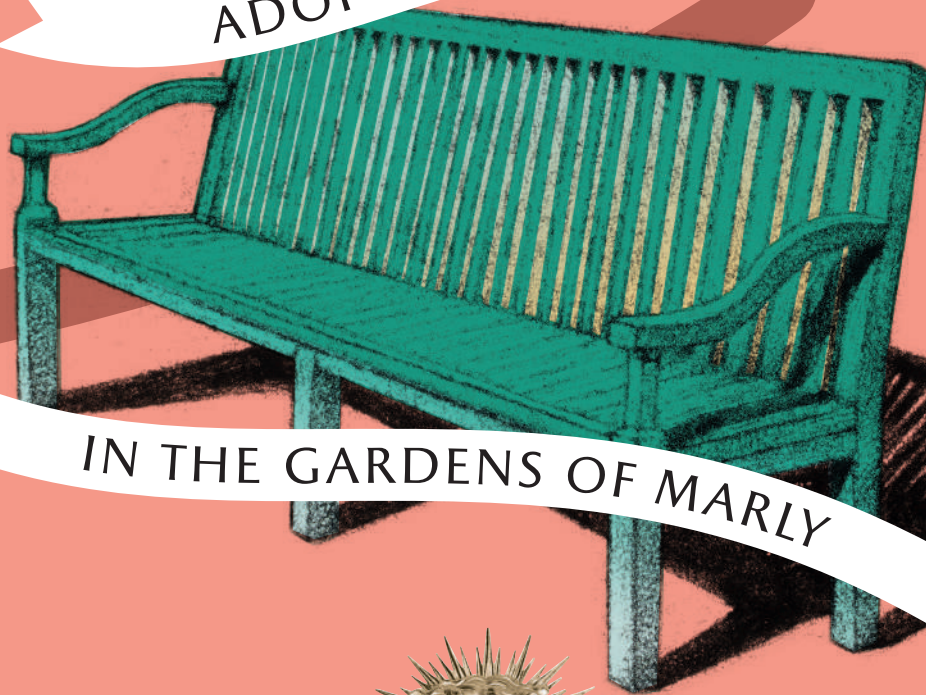


ADOPT A BENCH



IN THE GARDENS OF MARLY

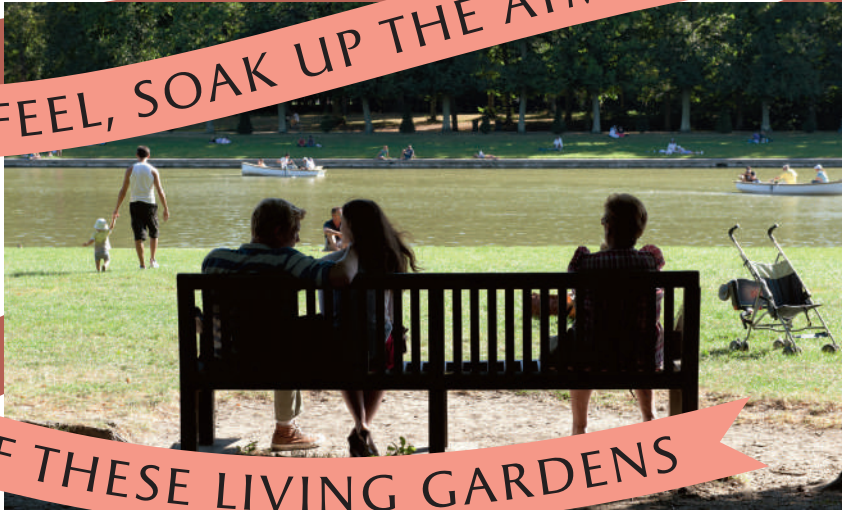


CHÂTEAU DE VERSAILLES

BE PART OF HISTORY

CONTEMPLATE, LISTEN,

FEEL, SOAK UP THE ATMOSPHERE



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OF THESE LIVING GARDENS

Every year the royal estates of Versailles and Marly welcome over ten million visitors from all over the world. In order to allow visitors to take a break as they explore the gardens, the Public Institution for Versailles installed 12 new wooden benches in the gardens of Marly.

These benches are based on a historical model in use at Versailles since the 19th century. 2.3 metres in length and carved from oak, the benches feature 6 tapering legs, a slatted seat, a back of sculpted bars and armrests at each end.

*“Adopting a bench is an example of the emotional ties that contribute to form a parallel history of Versailles. The letters we receive add new chapters to this story every day: some of them are moving and some light-hearted, some straightforward and some genuinely surprising, but what they all have in common is a sense of intimate connection with the Palace of Versailles. Recently two lifelong friends adopted benches side by side, making a pact to meet there and reminisce about old times.”*

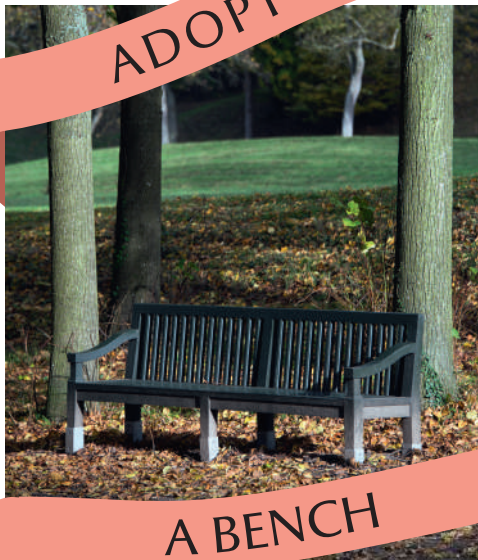
Catherine Pégard  
President of the Public Establishment of Versailles.



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A plaque featuring your name or the name of your choice will be fitted to the adopted bench.

ADOPT



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A BENCH

- To commemorate a significant event
- To celebrate a birth
- In memory of a loved one
- To celebrate your attachment to this iconic international landmark of art and history
- To contribute to the illustrious reputation of Versailles

## HOW CAN I ADOPT A BENCH?

Select your bench on the map and get in touch with our Donor Relations Department.

Information and advice:  
Serena Gavazzi, Head of the Patronage Department  
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## IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR GENEROSITY

### FOR PRIVATE DONORS

#### PLAQUE

The name of the sponsor or the person to whom the adopted bench is dedicated will feature on a plaque affixed to the bench.

#### PHOTO RIGHTS

Donors have free rights to use photographs of the adopted bench and its surroundings in the gardens of Versailles, on greeting cards for example.

"A YEAR AT VERSAILLES"  
ANNUAL PASS  
Private individuals contributing to this campaign will receive the annual pass "A Year at Versailles",

offering unlimited access to the Palace for a whole year.

### FOR COMPANIES

#### PLAQUE

The company's name will feature on a plaque affixed to the bench.

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## HOW MUCH WILL ADOPTING A BENCH COST?

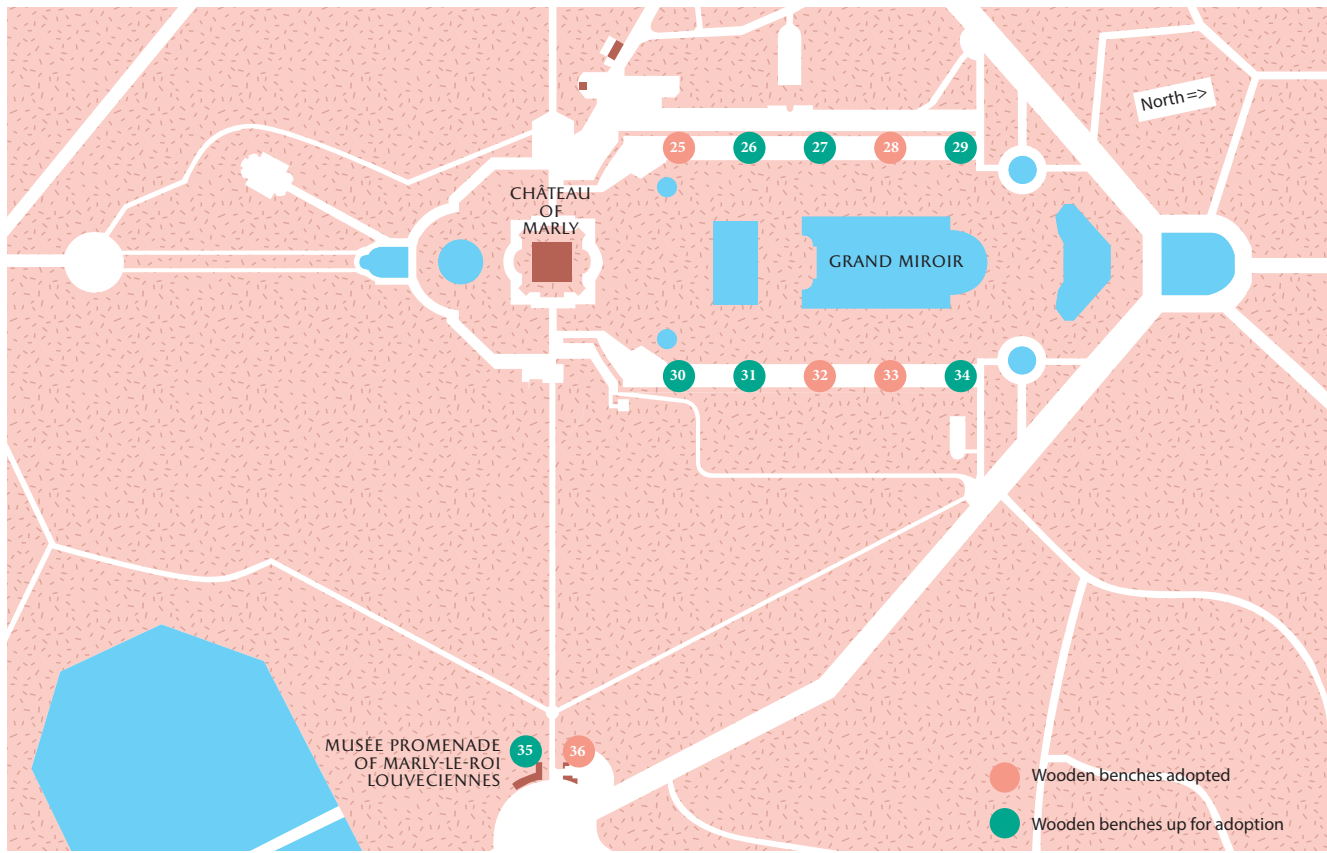
The cost of adopting a bench is €2,900. After income tax deductions, that makes just €986 for French tax payers and €1,160 for companies with a subsidiary in France (donations tax deductible by 66% and 60% respectively).



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ENTRANCE TICKETS  
Donor companies are entitled to free passes to visit the Palace and Estate of Versailles during public opening hours.

VENUE HIRE  
Donor companies may also make use of certain reception spaces within the Palace to organise events for PR purposes (private tours outside the public opening hours, cocktail receptions, dinners). Such benefits are offered up to a maximum value equivalent to 25% of the donation.



MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE BENCHES IN THE GROUNDS AT MARLY