

CULTURE AND HERITAGE, ORBE

# ORBE ROMAN MOSAICS

Discovered in the mid-19th century north of the town of Orbe in the Northern Vaud region, the mosaics used to adorn the most important rooms in the villa. Made of naturally coloured stones, they depict gods, trompe l'œil geometric shapes or figurative scenes of Greek mythology, such as the famous labyrinth of Theseus and the Minotaur. ???

Although it is still not known who owned the villa, the luxurious decoration of this huge dwelling (230 m by 90-110 m) would suggest that he was very wealthy and enjoyed a luxurious life style. ???

Between 1986 and 2004, the Boscéaz site was an educational site for archaeology students at Lausanne University. These digs led to the discovery of a 9th mosaic, a mithraeum (place of worship dedicated to the god Mithra) and a spa.

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**2025 timetable**

**May and June :**

- Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays (Ascension Day, Whit Monday): 10am-6pm

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**July, August and September :**

- Wednesday to Sunday and public holidays (1 August, Federal Fast Monday): 10am-6pm

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**October :**

- Saturday and Sunday: 10am to 6pm.

## OPENING HOURS

From 1 Jul 2025 to 30 Sep 2025  
Wednesday - Sunday 10:00 - 18:00

From 1 Oct 2025 to 31 Oct 2025  
Saturday - Sunday 10:00 - 18:00

## PRICES

Individual	CHF 10.-
Adult	CHF 8.-
Child/Student/Senior	CHF 25.-
Family	CHF 15.-
One-parent family	
Guided tour	CHF 85.-
Guide/during opening hours	CHF 115.-
Guide/outside opening hours	
Groups (from 10 people)	CHF 8.-
Adult	CHF 6.-
Child/Student/Senior	CHF 4.-
School group / pupil	CHF 55.-
Visit outside opening hours	

## GOOD TO KNOW

- Guided tours are available in French, German or English on request. To organise a group visit on request (with or without a guide): Intendant of the Roman mosaics, Mr Sylvain Gailloud: 079/308.76.68 - villa.romaine@pro-urba.ch
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- Opening times :
- Open on bank holidays
- Outside opening days by prior arrangement
- During the winter, the site is closed to the public as the premises are not heated and the toilets are not operational during this period. Visits, with or without a guide, are nevertheless possible by prior arrangement



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