



Modave Castle and its exceptional gardens



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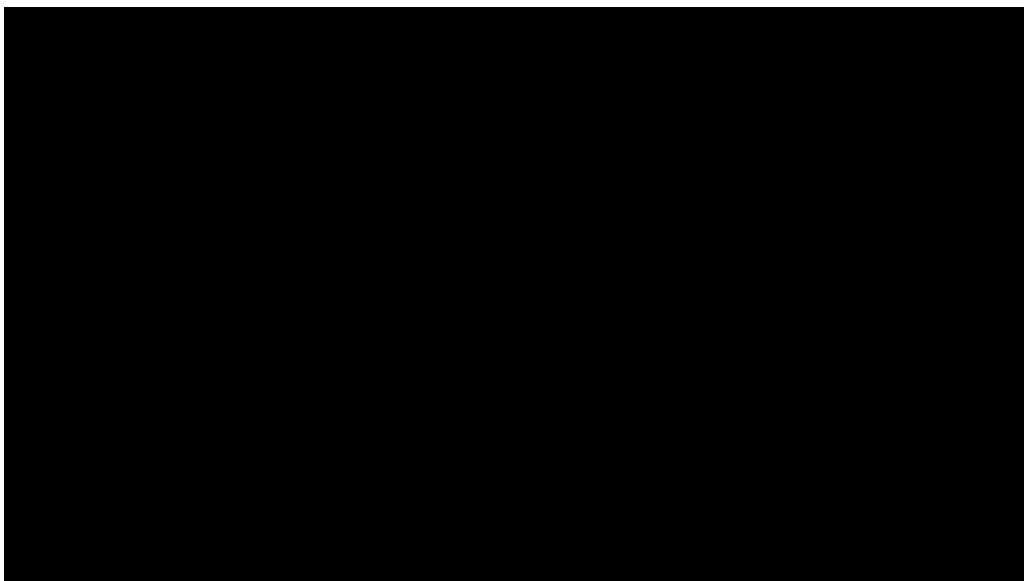
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Modave castle, listed as major cultural heritage of Wallonia, is well worth the detour. Built on a rocky hill in the province of Liège, it is said to date back to the Middle Ages.



This superb building, listed as a major heritage site in Wallonia, was built on a 60 metres high rocky outcrop overlooking the Hoyoux river and valley. The view over Condroz simply is breathtaking.

History

The castle was first mentioned in 1233 as a small fortress defending the town of Huy. The current chateau was built in the late 17th century by the Count of Marchin, with two distinctive towers, mansard roof and classical façade which transformed the fortress into an elegant country house.

The relatively unadorned exterior though belies the extraordinary richness of the twenty highly decorated rooms of the living quarters of the castle, where elaborate stucco ceilings, large Brussels tapestries and carved panelling hung with period paintings create an ambiance of unrestrained opulence.

The castle is set at the heart of a 450-hectare nature reserve which can be viewed from the recently restored terrace overlooking the river. Today it belongs to Vivaqua, a company which manages the extensive number of springs and wells in the park and which is restoring the chateau to its former glory.

Visiting the castle

There are 25 rooms to discover along the basement, ground and first floor, audio guide in hand (available in 8 languages). Don't miss the gallery dedicated to the water wheel built in Modave by master carpenter Renkin Sualem. The visit concluded with the screening of a short movie.

Classic French gardens

Redeveloped in the 19th century, the French-style park and gardens have been recognized as exceptional heritage [Parks & Gardens of Wallonia](#). They are accessible free of charge during the opening hours of the castle. Splendid rose beds add to the beauty of the site.

Audio commentaries can be downloaded from [the Château de Modave website](#) for more information about the garden and its facilities,

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