

SUCH A GREAT (HI)STORY



The Legacy of the Abbey Church

Shortly before the year 1000, a religious way of life began to thrive at Payerne, supported by the Royal Family of Transjurane Burgundy. Thanks to the efforts of Empress Adelaide, daughter of Queen Bertha, the Payerne community was attached to the great Benedictine monastery of Cluny, France.

A great Romanesque church was built from the 11th century, embellished and transformed over time at the request of priors such as Pierre Vincent de Poligny and Jean de Grailly.

In 1536, the Reformation reached Payerne and the monastery was closed, ushering in a lengthy period of time during which the building fulfilled a number of non-religious functions.

It was only at the end of the 19th century that interest in the Abbey Church was renewed. It was listed as a historic monument in 1900, and was later restored by archaeologist Louis Bosset.

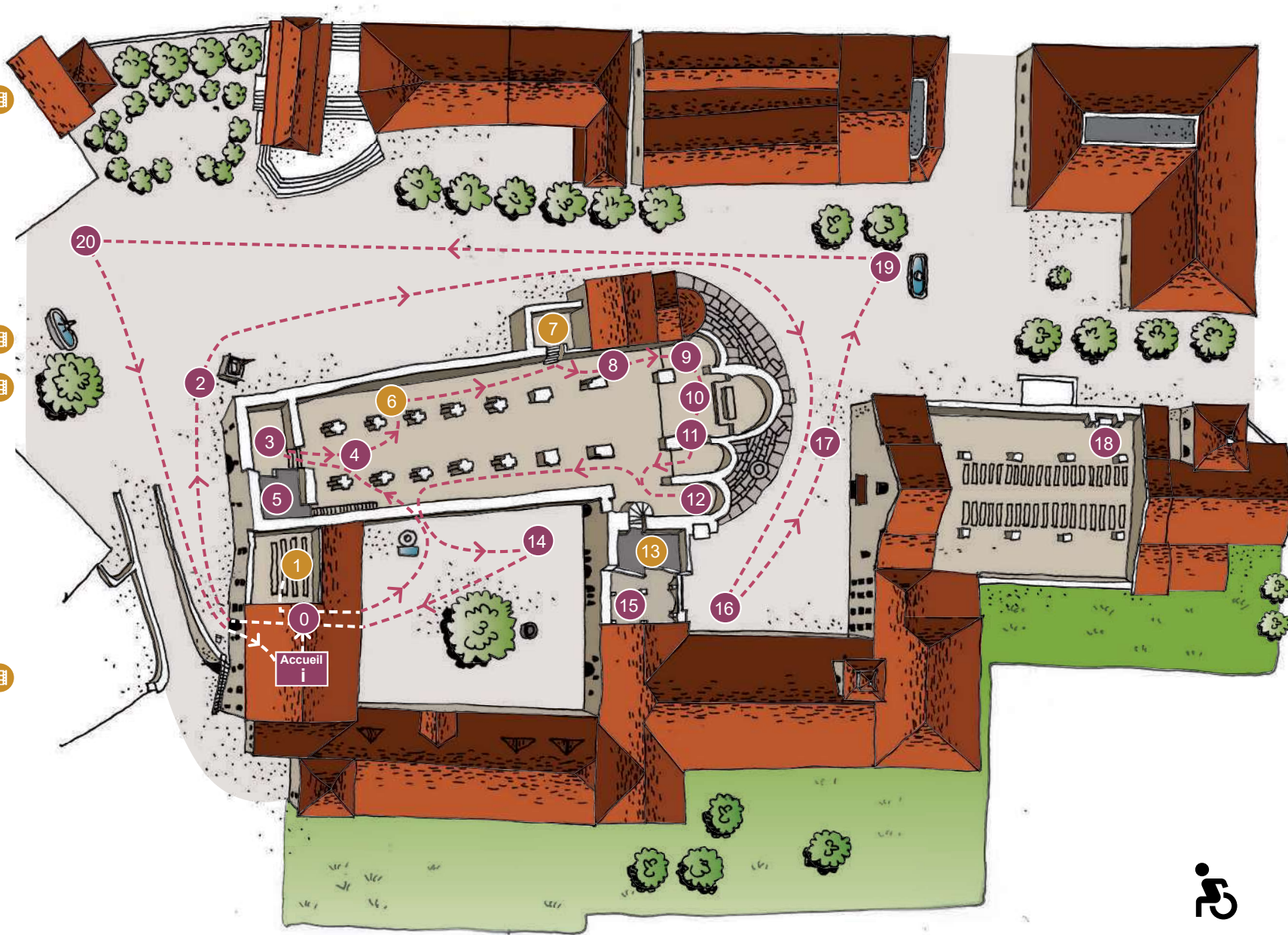
Today, you are invited to explore the newly renovated Abbey Church. The discovery tour will take you on a journey that retraces its history and introduces you to some of the memorable characters who have contributed to its influence.

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