QR Codes for the Chartres Cathedral Labyrinth

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While the Labyrinth in the Chartres Cathedral is well-known to many, others who visit the cathedral are surprised to discover it on the floor of the medieval church. When it is uncovered, three of the most asked questions are, "What is that?" (Qu'est ce que c'est?), "What does it signify?" (Qu'est-ce qu'il signifie?) and "Where do I start?" (Où est-ce qu'on commence?)



The labyrinth hospitality team recently created QR codes in French and English so that tourists and pilgrims alike could learn a bit about the labyrinth and be invited to experience it for themselves. Most often people are on hand to answer questions when the labyrinth is open on Fridays (from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. unless there is a special service or program), from the beginning of Lent until All Saints Day on November 1st. However, nowadays, many people like to learn on their own, especially online. Creating a QR code and online text seemed like a wonderful extension of the cathedral's welcome.



Scan the QR code to read or listen in French or English.

You are invited to come walk the labyrinth at Chartres, it's a great next step!

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The Labyrinth Society

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The Labyrinth Society was founded in 1998 to support all those who create, maintain, and use labyrinths and to serve the global community by providing education, networking, and opportunities to experience transformation. Though based in the USA, we are an international organization with members all over the world. Membership in the Society not only connects labyrinth enthusiasts to a worldwide community, but also supports the society's websites and other labyrinth projects that provide labyrinth information and resources to the world at large.

TLS stages an annual Gathering and Conference in North America each autumn. These gatherings are an opportunity to meet with fellow enthusiasts from around the world and participate in a weekend of labyrinth-related presentations, workshops and activities.

The World-Wide Labyrinth Locator Website, a joint project between TLS and Veriditas, provides information about labyrinths, new and old, around the world as a free service to the public. This user-friendly database can be searched by anyone with access to the Internet, and allows individuals to upload information about their local labyrinths, both public and private. The locator now lists over 6100 labyrinths worldwide, in around 90 countries, with more being added each week.

Go to **www.labyrinthlocator.org** to visit the Labyrinth Locator, or follow the links directly from the websites of either organization: **www.labyrinthsociety.org** or **www.veriditas.org**

The **TLS Website** is a treasure house of information about labyrinths, with extensive bibliography, downloadable finger labyrinths, research materials, interactive features and local, regional and international events schedules. TLS also maintains three social media sites, including a Global Facebook Group for public access and a Labyrinth Bazaar buy & sell group.

The **TLS Marketplace**, an online directory of labyrinth related products and services is also appended to the website and is a great place to show your labyrinthine products and services to the world.

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