



# CHRONOLOGY OF FONTEVRAUD

1045	BIRTH OF ROBERT D'ABRISSEL IN RENNES
1101	FOUNDATION OF FONTEVRAUD
1104	HERSEND DE CHAMPAGNE IS APPOINTED ABBESS
1115 - 1149	PETRONILLE DE CHENILLE IS ELECTED FIRST ABBESS OF FONTEVRAUD
1116	ROBERT D'ABRISSEL DIES
1101	POPE CALIXTUS II CONSECRATES THE ABBEY'S CHOIR
1149 - 1155	ABBACY OF MATHIDE D'ANJOU
1150 - 1200	THE ORDER HAS MORE THAN A HUNDRED PRIORIES IN ITS DOMAIN; 10 OF THEM ARE IN ENGLAND
1189	DEATH OF HENRY II, PLANTAGENET KING OF ENGLAND
1194	ELEANOR OF AQUITAINE, HENRY II'S WIDOW RETIRES TO FONTEVRAUD
1199	DEATH OF THEIR SON, RICHARD THE LIONHEART
1204	DEATH OF THEIR SECOND SON JOHN
XIII, XIV CENTURIES	DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF MONASTERIES
1457 - 1477	ABBACY OF MARIE DE BRETAGNE WHO REFORMED THE FONTEVRAUD ABBEY
1491 - 1534	ABBACY OF RENEE DE BOURBON; THE FIRST ABBESS OF THE BOURBON LINE. SHE ESTABLISHED STRICT SEPARATION.
1611 - 1637	ABBACY OF LOUIS DE BOURBON-LAVEDAN

CHRONOLGY OF FONTEVRAUD CONTINUED

- 1637 – ABBACY OF JEANNE BAPTISTE DE BOURBON,  
1670 NATURAL DAUGHTER OF HENRY IV WHO  
COMPLETED THE REFORM OF THE ORDER
- 1638 – INSUBORDINATION OF THE MONKS  
1640
- 1670 – ABBACY OF MARIE-MADELEINE GABRIELLE DE  
1704 ROCHECHOUART, APPOINTED BY LOUIS XIV  
1739 THE DAUGHTERS OF LOUIS XV BOARD AT  
FONTEVRAUD FOR 10 YEARS
- 1742 – ABBACY OF LOUISE CLAIRE DE MONTMORIN DE  
1753 ST. HEREME  
1753 THE ABBESS BURNS ALL OF THE JANSENIST  
BOOKS AT THE ABBEY IN THE COURTYARD
- 1765 – ABBACY OF JULIE-GILLETTE D'ANTIN THE LAST  
1792 ABBESS TO LEAVE IN 1792  
1792 A DECREE ORDERS THE NUNS TO VACATE THE  
PREMISES
- 1793 FONTEVRAUD IS ABANDONED AND PLUNDERED  
10 DAYS AFTER THE DEATH OF LOUIS XVI
- 1796 THE ABBEY IS SOLD – A FARMER BUYS IT FOR  
7,762 FRANCS
- 1804 A DECREE SIGNED BY NAPOLEON  
TRANSFORMS THE ABBEY INTO A PRISON
- 1814 ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST PRISONERS  
1840 THE ABBEY IS CLASSIFIED AS AN HISTORIC  
MONUMENT
- 1840 – RESTORATION BY THE PRISONERS OF THE  
1900 LARGE CLOISTER AND THE CHAPTER HOUSE OF  
THE REFECTORY
- Post 1900 RESTORATION OF THE ABBEY CHURCH AND THE  
ROMAN KITCHENS
- 1963 JEAN FOYER, KEEPER OF THE SEALS (MINISTER  
OF JUSTICE) FROM ANGERS CLOSES THE  
PRISON
- SINCE 1965 THE BEGINNING OF THE BIGGEST RESTORATION  
PROJECT IN EUROPE
- 1975 TO IN 1975 FONTEVRAUD ABBEY BECAME THE  
THE PRESENT ARTS CENTRE OF THE WEST WITH A FOCUS ON  
DAY MUSIC