

DISCOVERING ANOTHER VERSION OF HISTORY IN RENNES-LE-CHATEAU

If you are interested in discovering another version of history, Rennes-le-Chateau is the place you must visit. Located in the south of France, near Carcassonne, Toulouse and Albi (Languedoc-Rousillon department), Rennes-le Chateau is a village on the top of the hill with splendid views of the surroundings. Its population is around one hundred inhabitants. It is the link that the village has with the Cathars that attracts many of the visitors to Rennes-le-Chateau.

History says that in the time of Jesus Christ, when he was killed, his significant other, Mary Magdalene escaped on a boat by sea with other two women called Mary, too. They arrived at the French coast, in fact, the town where they arrived is named Saintes-Maries-de-la-mer.

It is said that Mary Magdalene was pregnant and she had a daughter called Sara who continued the blood-line of descendants from Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene and sowed the seed of the purest Christianity. The Cathars, whose name means pure, lived in the south of France until the year 1208, when Pope Innocent III who considered them heretics, and his ally, the king of France, interested in occupying their territories, started “the Albigensian Crusade”, the only ever conducted against Christians. It is said that ten thousand Cathars were massacred.

The history of Cathars and their purest version of Christianity was hidden by Catholicism. In late 1800 a priest of Rennes-le Chateau called Berenguer Sauniere, reputedly found a treasure or other type of evidence of the family line descendant from Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene. It is not known with certainty what he found, but the truth is that it brought him a lot of money and contacts with important people from different parts of the country and he started rebuilding the most important historical buildings in Rennes-le-Chateau, all of them related to Mary Magdalene: The Magdalene Tower, the Mary Magdalene church and Villa Bethania. All these buildings are offered to the visitor as a guided tour.

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