

# 1919

## PADEREWSKI PREMIER

1919. After four years of war, Poland was free at last, but ravaged. Over a century of fragmentation among Russia, Germany and Austria made reconstruction all the more complicated.

As far as the victors were concerned, the international piano star and great patriot Ignacy Paderewski (1860-1941), resident in Morges, on the edge of the lake Lemán since 1897, was the only personality capable of forming a national union government. On January 17, 1919, the illustrious figure became the first recognised president of the Council of Ministers of the Second Polish Republic. He was however forced to resign already on December 9, having completed an enormous amount of work, but having also faced insurmountable obstacles on the Polish political and military scene.

Using documents often previously unpublished, this exhibition invites you to relive the highlights of this outstanding presidential year, and also to embrace Ignacy Paderewski's patriotic commitment as a whole, from the Krakow and Lwów founding speeches in 1910 to the ultimate fight of the Polish government in exile in 1939-1941, including the Vevey Committee (1914), the League of Nations (1920) and the Morges Front (1936).



### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Paderewski Museum is included in the Morges Castle and Museums tour itinerary. Its opening times are identical to those of the Castle:

[www.chateau-morges.ch](http://www.chateau-morges.ch)

### TICKETS

For all Castle Museums

**Adults:** CHF 10.-

**AVS, AI:** CHF 9.-

**Students and groups** (min. 10 people): CHF 8.-

**Children:** CHF 3.- / free up to 6 years

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**"Association des Amis du Musée Militaire**

**Vaudois" and "Association des Amis de la**

**Fondation Paderewski":** free entry

Guided tours upon request

### MUSEUM HOURS

**Mondays:** closed

**Tuesdays to Fridays:**

10am to 5pm

**Saturdays and Sundays:**

1.30pm to 5pm

**July and August:**

Mondays: closed

10am to 5pm (Tue-Fr)

10am to 6pm (Sa-Su)

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# PADEREWSKI PREMIER

A lifelong patriotic commitment  
in favour of Poland between  
Morges and the United States

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**POLAND THROUGH THE CENTURIES**

1000 years of history in 50 dates and 9 maps with Paderewski's patriotic commitment in parallel.

**1910 – GRUNWALD**

Inauguration of the Grunwald monument in Krakow & Chopin speech in Lwów: first official steps of his patriotic commitment.

**1914 – VEVEY**

Creation of the Vevey Committee with Henryk Sienkiewicz: Paderewski at war for Poland.

**1915-1918 – AMERICA**

Polish Victims' Relief Fund, Helena Paderewska's dolls, ambassador to the National Polish Committee for President Wilson, formation of a corps of volunteers and creation of the Polish White Cross: commitment of the Paderewski couple overseas prior to their return to Europe.

**1919 – POLAND**

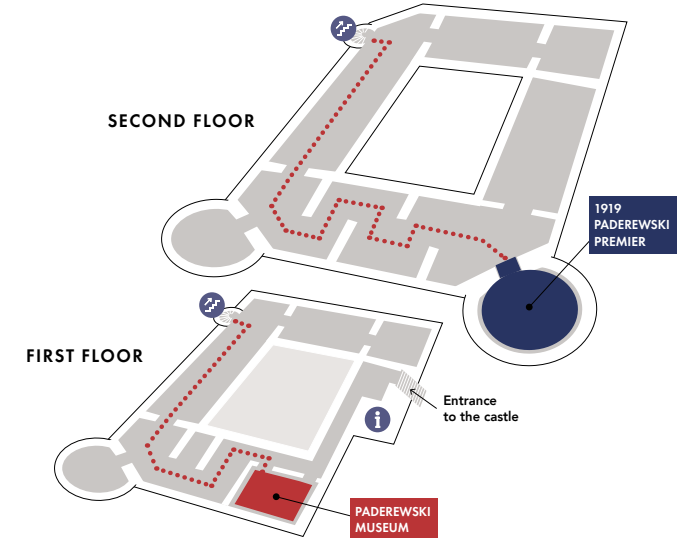
Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the first government of the Second Polish Republic and head of the Polish delegation to the Paris Peace Conference; from glory to decline, the painful experience of power.

**1920-1941 – GENEVA - PARIS - MORGES - NEW YORK**

Official Polish delegate to the first League of Nations Assembly in Geneva, founder of the Morges Front in 1936 and of the "Pro Polonia" Committee in 1939, first President of the National Council of the Polish Republic in exile in 1940 and founder of the Paderewski Testimonial Fund in New York: the fight went on right up to the final American salute and national funeral at the Arlington cemetery.

**HELENA & IGNACY**

Behind glass, a few personal objects of his and hers – and in drawers, documents connected with the Paderewski couple's patriotic commitment (programmes, letters, photos, prints...).



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