

In the footsteps of Louis XIV

Discover the castle with your family!

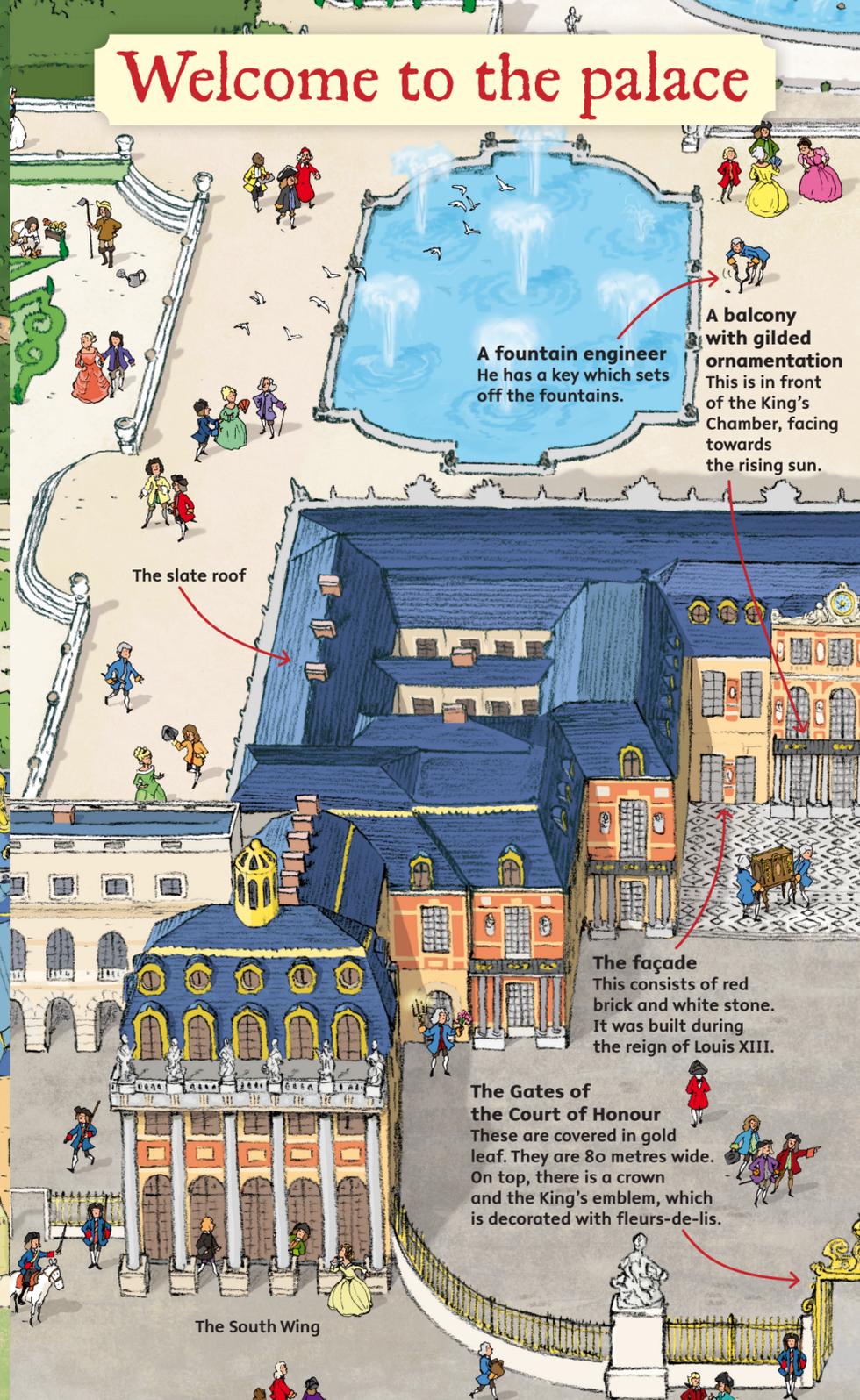
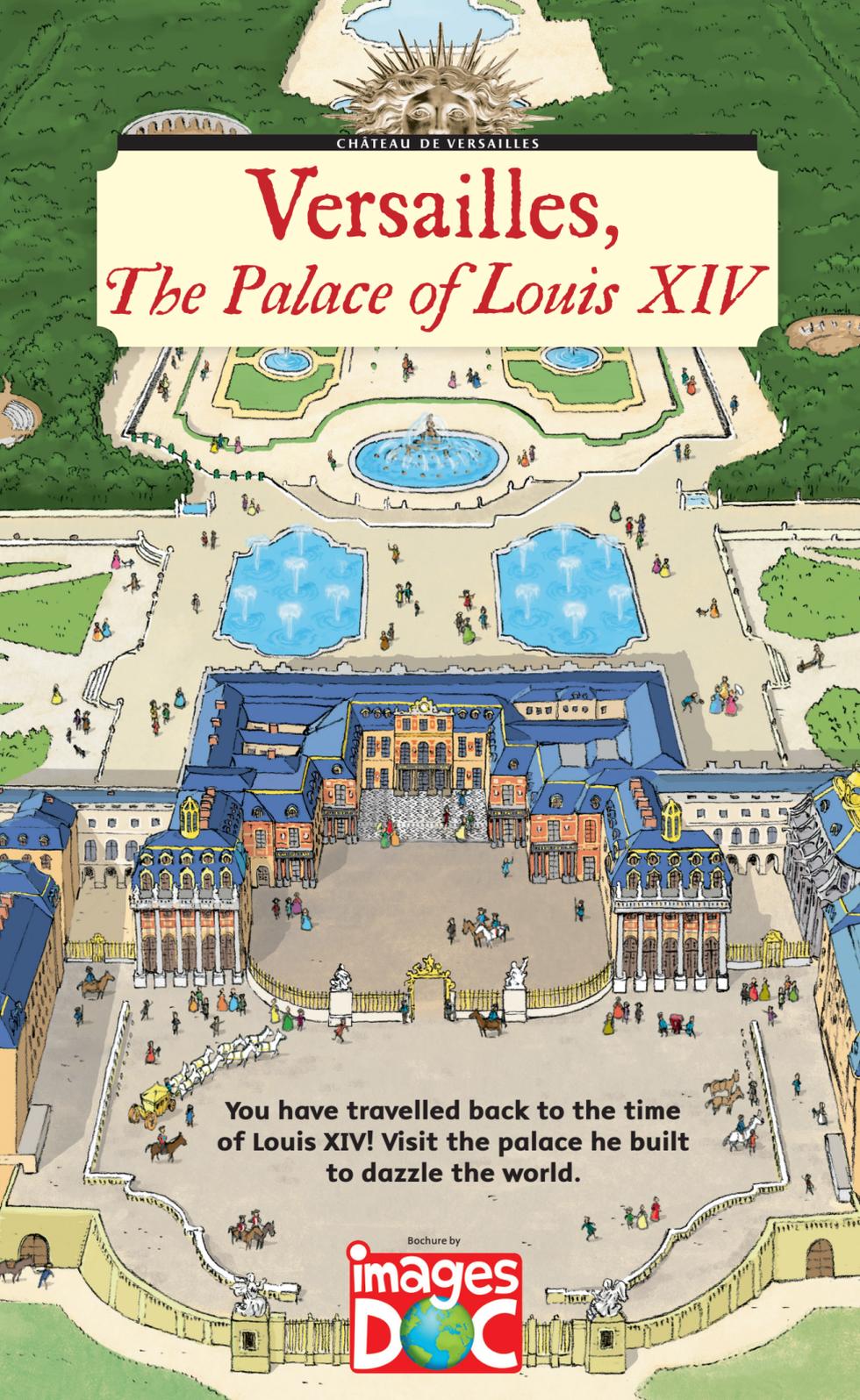
- An unaccompanied tour with an audioguide:** discover what official court life was like at the time. The Hercules Salon, the Grand Apartments (the Diana Salon, the Apollo Salon), the Hall of Mirrors, the King's Chamber, the King's Antechamber and the Council Study.
- A guided tour of the Kings' private apartments:** discover the intimate ambience and refined decoration of his living quarters (Louis XVI's library, the dining room, the Clock Cabinet, etc.).
- Add the Grand Trianon to your visit:** discover Louis XIV's country palace. The free App "Palaces and gardens of Trianon" reveals many secrets.

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The Sun King's Palace

This simplified plan shows the main rooms of the palace. But, can you see the King?

The Queen's Chamber
This is where the Queen sleeps, washes and dresses, in the company of the ladies of the court. Royal births take place here too, in public.

The Antechamber of the Grand Couvert
The King dines here, with his family, in the presence of his courtiers and the public.

The Apartments of Queen Marie-Thérèse
300 people work here, serving the Queen. They include clergymen, officials in charge of her meals, servants, chambermaids, etc.

The Guard Room
12 guards watch over the Queen, night and day.

The Apartment of Madame de Maintenon
Here, the King's favourite mistress looks after the royal children. The King often comes to see her and listen to her advice.

The King's Courtiers
1,000 courtiers live in the castle. The important ones, for example noble lords of the Kingdom of France, live in luxury apartments. Others live in damp rooms.

The Hall of Mirrors
This was called the "Grande Galerie" in the 17th century. It is 73 metres long. 357 mirrors reflect the natural light that enters through 17 windows.

The Council Study
In the morning, the King receives his advisors here. He listens attentively but speaks very little, and makes all decisions on his own.

The King's Antechamber
Here, the courtiers sometimes wait several hours to be received by the King.

The King's Chamber
This is where the King is washed, shaved, groomed and dressed in the morning, in public. At midday, he eats here, often alone (this meal is called the "Petit Couvert"). Around 11.30pm, he goes to bed with 100 courtiers in attendance. One courtier is chosen to hold the King's candle and extinguish it.

The Jewel Room
The jewels and precious stones used to decorate the royal hats and shoes are kept in this room.

The Apollo Salon
The furniture is made of solid silver and includes a 2.6 metre high throne.

The Wig Room
The King changes wigs several times each day – he has hardly any hair. His wigs are made from real hair.

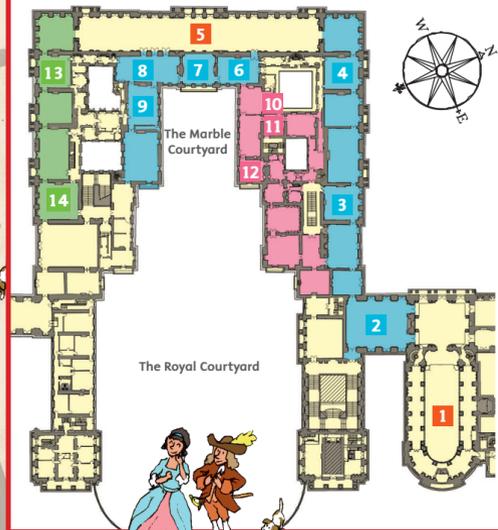
The Royal Dogs Chamber
A servant looks after the King's greyhounds. A pastry chef prepares their meals!

The Diana Salon
When the King plays a good shot at billiards, everyone applauds.

The Hercules Salon
Refreshments are served here ... wine, coffee, fresh and candied fruit, marzipan, etc.

The Royal Chapel
The King comes here every morning to attend mass. He sits in the royal gallery. Each day, a choir sings a new piece of music.

This plan shows the rooms of the palace today



- 1 The Royal Chapel
 - 2 The Hercules Salon
 - 3 The Diana Salon
 - 4 The Apollo Salon
 - 5 The Hall of Mirrors
 - 6 The Council Study
 - 7 The King's Chamber
 - 8 The Bull's Eye Salon
 - 9 The Antechamber of the Grand Couvert
 - 10 The King's Dressing Room
 - 11 The Dogs Antechamber
 - 12 The King's Interior Cabinet
 - 13 The Queen's Chamber
 - 14 The Guard Room
- The King's Grand Apartment
■ The Queen's Grand Apartment (temporarily closed)
■ The Kings' Private Apartments

The South Wing

The North Wing