

Park and gardens of the Sun King, Versailles, France

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Fig. 1 - S2 (06.01.2020) - A simple hunting lodge built 19 km west of Paris in 1623, it became the royal residence and de facto capital of France in 1682, under Louis XIV.

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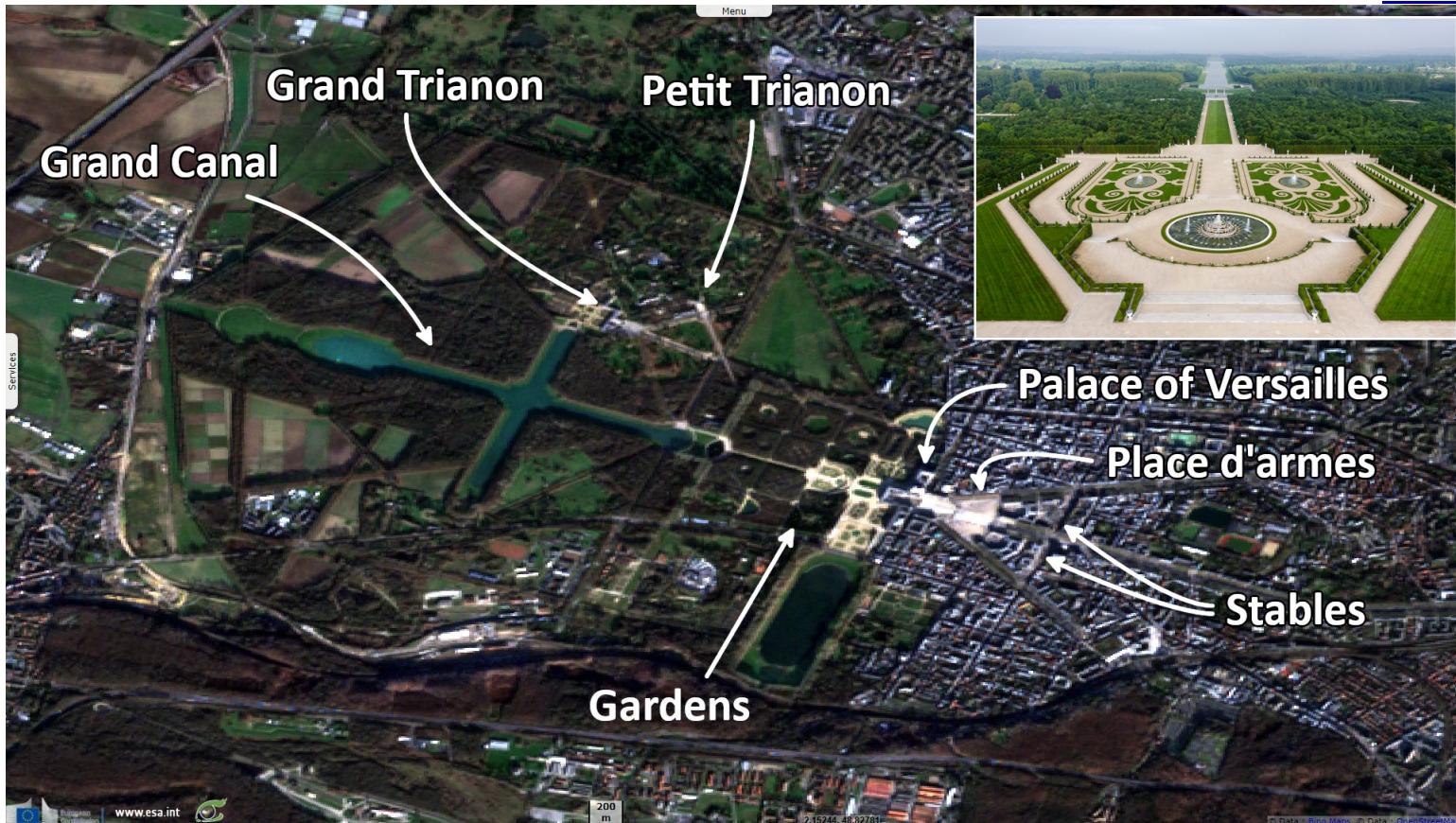
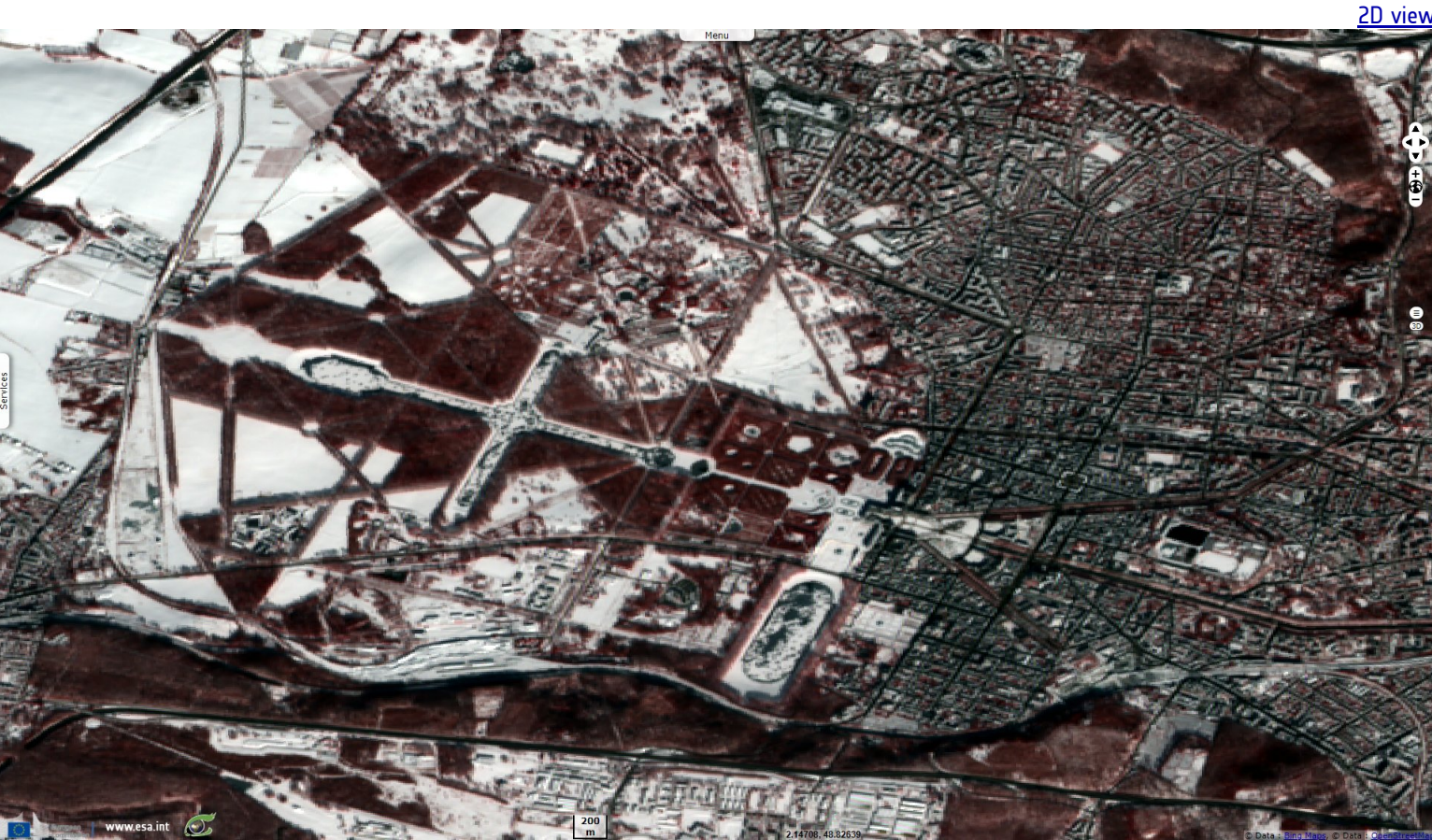














Fig. 2 - S2 (10.02.2018) - 15 000 000 people visit the Palace, Park, or Gardens of Versailles every year, making it one of the world's most popular tourist attractions



While the Palace is famed for its Hall of Mirrors and its French Baroque style of the "Grand Siecle", the gardens designed by André Le Nôtre are considered the epitome of the French formal garden style. The palace and park were designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1979 for its importance as the center of power, art, and science in France during the 17th and 18th centuries.

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