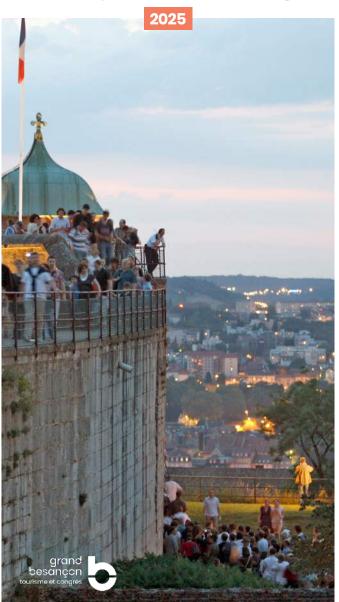
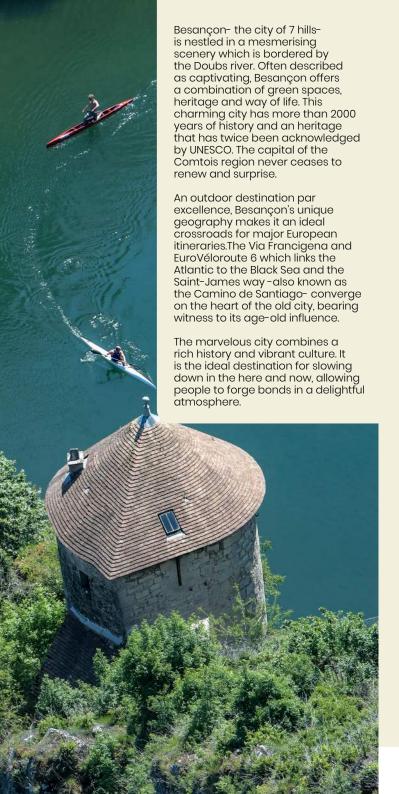




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Besançon & surroundings





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Highlights of the season



























Heritage • Antiquity

PORTE NOIRE

This Roman triumphal arch, built around 175 AD (during the reign of Marcus Aurelius), is original in both its architecture and its sculptures.

It is one of the few Roman triumphal arches preserved in France. Decorated with bas-reliefs depicting war scenes, heroes and gods from Greco-Roman mythology, it conveys a strong political message of allegiance to the Roman Empire.

From the 3rd century onwards, the dangerous situation led the inhabitants of Vesontio to seek shelter on the hill of the present-day citadel. The arch was then turned into a city gate enclosed within a defensive wall.

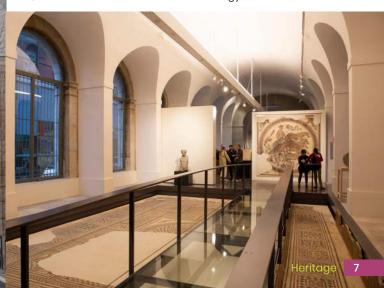
Rue de la Convention

GALLO-ROMAN MOSAICS

Vesontio, the Sekan's oppidum, was mentioned by Julius Caesar in his 'Commentaries on the Gallic War'. The great strategist's attention is drawn to the exceptional defensive site in which the gallic town evolves. Vesontio changes.

The wealthy neighbourhoods and public spaces were characterised by masonry architecture, richly decorated with sculptures, frescoes and mosaics. These were gradually uncovered from the 17th century to the present day. The mosaics have been either restored, preserved in museums or relocated on the site.

Museum of Fine Arts and Archaeology



In 2008 Vauban's fortifications - including the Citadel- were included on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

In 2020, it's time for the Franco-Swiss Jura Arc's expertise in watchmaking and art mechanics to be inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.



The singular Musée du Temps takes visitors on a journey through History and Time. Located in a Renaissance building called Palais Granvelle, the Museum pays tribute to Besançon's watchmaking history and tradition.

Jump back in time and discover large collections, from the sundial to the Leroy 01, the ultra-complex watch, and the wall hanging of Charles V. After admiring Foucault's pendulum-which demonstrates that the earth rotates- the tour ends at the palace tower, which offers a remarkable panoramic view over the roofs of the city and the Citadel.



1st of April to 31st of October

and during zone A school holidays: tuesday, wednesday, thursday, friday / 10am-12.30pm, 2pm-6pm

2nd of November to 31st of March

(excluding school holidays): tuesday, wednesday, thursday, friday / 2pm-6pm

All year round

saturday, sunday and public holidays / 10am-6pm non-stop

Closed on monday / 1st of January, 1st of May, 1st of November, 25th of December

Admission fees

Combined ticket for the Musée des Beaux-Arts et d'Archéologie and Maison Victor Hugo.

- ✓ Adult : 9€
- Inhabitants of Besançon : 7€
- Reduced price : 4,50€
- Free: students and under 18yo

Free admission on the 1st sunday of each month, during night-time events and national events (European Heritage Days, European Museum Night, etc.)

- Palais Granvelle, 96 Grande Rue
- 03 81 87 81 50
- www.mdt.besancon.fr







The astronomical clock was classified an historical monument in 1991. Located inside the Saint-Jean's cathedral, it was designed and built by the clockmaker Auguste-Lucien Vérité between 1858 and 1860. Its functions are to operate the outside and inside clocks of the cathedral as well as two Comtois bell towers. The clock is made up of 30,000 parts.

57 dials run on a single movement and give 122 interdependent indications such as hours, dates, seasons, zodiac signs, solar eclipses, phases of the moon, etc. The upper part of the clock displays automatons. They come to life every hour to perform biblical scenes.

Opening hours

1st of April to 31st of October 10am-12.30pm, 2pm-6pm

All Saints, Christmas, Winter and Easter holidays

10am-12:30pm, 2pm-6pm

Closed on monday, 1st of January, 1st of May, 11th of November and 25th of December

Admission fees

✓ Adults: 5€

Free : subject to conditions

Free admission on the 1st Sunday of January, February and November.

The clock is not currently in operation but can be visited.

- Cathédrale Saint Jean de Besançon,
 Rue du Chapitre
- 03 81 81 12 76
- 🤣 www.horloge-astronomique-besancon.fr





1884, the observatory is closely linked to watchmaking in the Franche-Comté region.

The role of the observatory is to 'make' time by observing certain identified stars. These measurements allow the verification and control of the quality of any time-keeping device. Protected as a historic monument in 2012, it contains a rich collection of scientific equipment, including a meridian telescope.

Since 1969, the observatory has been equipped with atomic clocks, contributing to the creation of French and international time scales.

Guided tours only:

- > 23th of July
- > 13th of August
- > 27th of September

> 29th of October

Information and booking at the Office de Tourisme et des Congrès du Grand Besançon



This Vauban's masterpiece is considered as one of the most beautiful citadels in France.

It rises more than 100 metres above the old town of the Comtois capital, embraced by the meanders of the river and offering spectacular panoramic views from its ramparts.

The Citadel is a significant cultural landmark which offers an emotionally powerful living heritage. In addition to the admirably restored architectural complex covering 11 hectares, the Citadel houses three Museums of France behind its ramparts, offering fascinating tours.



Comtois Museum

The Musée comtois offers a better understanding of the Franche-Comté society through its collection of objects, stories and materials from the recent past and present day.

Natural History Museum

The Museum is a rather unexpected place to visit within the Citadel, exemplifying biodiversity and helping to preserve endangered species through its different areas: the Zoological Garden, the Aquarium, the Insectarium, the Noctarium and the Little Farm.

Resistance and **Deportation Museum**

This museum reopened the 8 of September 2023 after a complete metamorphosis: redesigned spaces, a new tour, and an embodied approach to history through archives, testimonies, objects and photographs.



Discover the site according to your desires

self-quided tour including discovery of the fortification and its three museums; guided tours with an actor; with a discovery booklet for children between 7 and 11y.o or with the free Ma Citadelle app.









Soundscape Open-air cinema Exhibitions

Find out all about the citadel's programme at citadelle.com

Opening hours

8th of February to 31st of March & 1st of November to 5th of January 10am-5pm except on Monday

1st of April to 30th of June & 1st of September to 31st of October 9am-6pm

1st of July to 31st of August 9am-7pm

Admission fees

- Adults (April to Oct.): 13€
- → Adults (Feb, Mar, Nov, Dec): : 9.5€
- Children: 9.5€ (8>17 y.o), 5.8€ (4>7 y.o), free (-4 y.o)
- Family day pass: 38€ (2 adults and unlimited children under 18 y.o)
- 99 Rue des Fusillés de la Résistance. 25000 Besançon
- 03 81 87 83 33
- www.citadelle.com



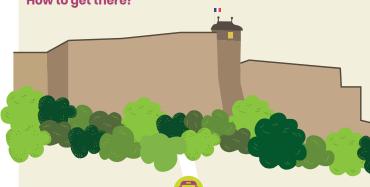














Bv bus

Recommended route

Departure from Chamars car park, Ginko Citadelle bus line. Every day from **April to October.**

By mini-train Departure from Rivotte car park.

The mini-train takes you through Besançon's old town and its winding streets. Stop at the entrance of the Citadel

and return after your visit. From 15th of May to 15th of September



2 marked paths

> from the Porte Rivotte and from the Rodia car park, > from the Tarragnoz neighbourhood, rue Charles Nodier.

Take full advantage of the panoramic views over the old town and the loop of the Doubs that surrounds Besançon. Both paths include stairways.



By bike

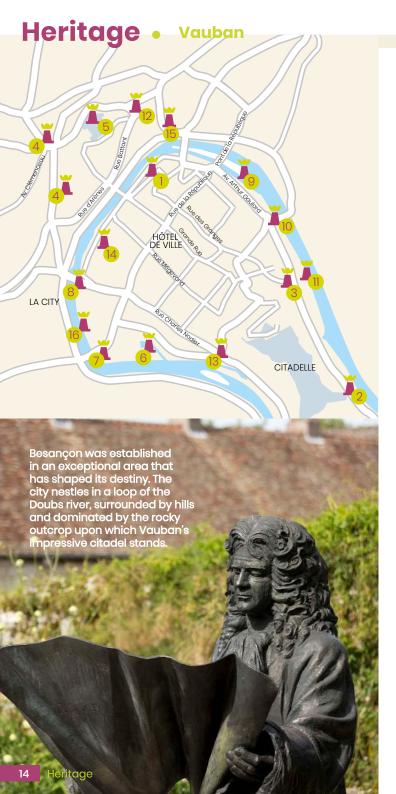
Bike racks and a bike shelter are available at the foot of the citadel. To make your journey easier. self-service electric bikes are available in Besançon.



Except from June to September (only people with reduced mobility allowed).

car park in front of the main gate. Very limited number of parking spaces. Follow the Citadel signs from the town centre.

Free Rodia car park, then reach on foot, by bus or with the mini-train from the town centre.



1 VAUBAN QUAY

It was built between 1690 and 1695 on the initiative of the engineer Robelin. Its only defense structures are its ends: the Cordeliers, Poitune and Saint-Esprit bunkers. The Battant bunker no longer exists. This harmonious architectural ensemble, set back from the quay, was what Jean-Jacques Rousseau saw when he came home in 1733.



2 CARVED GATE

The tower of this medieval gateway was remodelled by Charles V and then in the 17th century by Vauban, who added a guardhouse. The 19th-century modifications can be seen in the passageway above the vault when coming from the south.

3 RIVOTTE GATE

This medieval gateway guards the road from Switzerland via Pontarlier. Renovated in 1546 under Emperor Charles V, it was again transformed in the 17th century. Vauban reworked the central part, adding a forecourt featuring the coat of arms of France and the royal sun above it.

4 FORTIFICATIONS OF BATTANT

The Portes d'Arènes and the Portes de Charmont, which were identical, no longer exist. Only the guardhouses remain on either side.

FORT GRIFFON

Built by Vauban between 1680 and 1695, this is Besançon's second citadel. It protected the area outside the city walls and kept an eye on the newly conquered town.

Heritage • Vauban

BASTIONS

6 City bastion

This defensive structure once encompassed the town's mill.

7 Chamars bastion

Built by Vauban between 1688 and 1695, this tower has remained in its original state, with the exception of a few modifications carried out around 1840.

8 Archbishop's bastion

This bastion encompassed the mill that belonged to the Archbishop of Besançon until the 18th century.

9 Saint-Paul mill bastion

This defensive work encompassed a mill belonging to the Saint-Paul abbey and was transformed in the 19th century into a flour mill leased to a private individual to supply the garrison with bread.

10 Bregille bastion

Transformed in the 19th century, it became a military dovecote in the early 20th century.

11 Rivotte bastion

Formerly connected to the Rivotte gate by a curtain wall with a firing gallery to defend the area around the gate.

12 Battant bastion

This medieval tower, also called Tour Montmart, was preserved by Vauban and used as a gunpowder magazine. Its structure has not been modified.



13 Tower of Notre-Dame

This medieval tower is part of the fortified gateway known as the Porte Notre-Dame, which provided access to Besançon from the route de Lyon. The Porte Notre-Dame was dismantled by Vauban in the 17th century and rebuilt a little further down on the banks of the Doubs, adding a bastion in 1691.

Tower of Cordeliers

Reworked in the 19th century, it gained an external staircase.

15 Tower of Pelote

Medieval tower preserved by Vauban, who incorporated it into a bastion defending the eastern end of the fortification.

16 Tower of Marais

In the 19th century, the tower was reworked and an external staircase was added.



FOUTAINS OF BESANÇON



Fountain "des Dames"

On the corner of the prefecture, this fountain was designed by the architect Claude Joseph Bertrandand, decorated by the sculptor Luc Breton and built in 1785. In a stone niche, treated to resemble limestone concretions, two intertwined dolphins support a shell used as a setting for a small bronze mermaid.

7 Rue Charles Nodier

Fountain in Place Jean Cornet

This fountain was designed by the sculptor Pasche in 1900, based on drawings by the architect Saint-Ginest.

The inscription 'Utinam' engraved under the pediment is the motto of Besançon, which is also found in the form 'Plût à dieu' engraved on other monuments.

Place Jean Cornet



Anchored at the foot of the Robert Schwint Bridge, this monumental 7-metrehigh bronze fountain was designed by the Besançon artist Jens Boettcher, who also created the statue of the Saint-Quentin fountain, known as La Source.

Pont Robert Schwint

Bacchus Fountain

The name of this fountain recalls the wine-growing activity that once animated the Battant district and the existence of an old fountain decorated with a Bacchus made of stone, the work of Claude Lullier in 1579.

Alphonse Delacroix the town's architect - designed the present fountain in 1854.

• Rue Battant



Heritage • Religious

RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS

Cathedral of Saint-Jean et Saint-Étienne

Besançon Cathedral is one of the few religious buildings in France to feature two opposing apses since the 11th century. Until the French Revolution, the Holy Shroud and the right arm of Saint-Etienne were two relics kept in this building. In 1724, the bell tower collapsed, destroying the western apse. An imperial-style bell tower was rebuilt, becoming the 1st Comtois bell tower to serve as a model for the entire region.

🔾 10, rue de la Convention

Opening hours

Every day 9am to 7pm in summer and 9am to 6pm in the low season. Guided tours on Cathedrals' Night (2nd Saturday of May) and during the European Heritage Days.



Church of Sainte-Madeleine & Jacquemart

This neoclassical building replaces one of Besançon's oldest collegiate churches and is the masterpiece of Nicolas Nicole. Its construction began in 1746 and continued throughout the 18th century. The architect's inspiration for the new building came from the church of Saint-Sulpice in Paris, designed by the Italian architect Servandoni. The Jacquemart, an automaton which rings the bell every hour, became the emblem of the neighbourhood and the city whose colours it bears (red, yellow and black).

Discover the Jacquemart and the Musée du Trésor de la Madeleine during one of our guided tours!



Information and booking at the l'Office de Tourisme et des Congrès du Grand Besançon

Rue de la Madeleine (Pont Battant rive droite)

Opening hours

Tuesday to Saturday, 9am to 4pm (autumn and winter) and 9am to 5pm (spring and summer).

Church of Saint-Pierre

Saint-Pierre was one of the first five churches built in Besançon at the end of the 3rd century. In the 18th century, the building, which was damaged, was demolished and replaced by a church.

Place du 8 septembre

Opening hours

Every day, 9am to 5pm (6pm in summer)

Synagogue

Designed by the architect Pierre Marnotte, the Synagogue opened in 1869. It's a masterpiece of Hispano-Moorish style, which was inspired by the Mosque of Cordoba and the Cathedral of Granada. It is one of the few 19th-century synagogues to have survived the 2nd World War.

Quai de Strasbourg

Opening hours

Can only be seen from the outside.

Église de Saint-Férréol et Saint-Ferjeux

Saint Férréol and Saint Ferjeux are siblings who came to Christianise Besançon in the 3rd century. In the 19th century, the town decided to build a basilica in their honour on the supposed site of the cave they used. Between 1884 and 1898, Alfred Ducat built a Romano-Bizantine basilica, which was listed as a historic monument in 2006.

• Rue de la basilique

Opening hours

Every day from 8am to 6pm in winter and from 8am to 8pm in summer



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Hotel of Chambrier

This hotel now houses the Regional Council. The medieval dwelling was rebuilt in the 18th century by François Gaspard de Grammont, Bishop of Aréthuse and suffragan to the Archbishop of Besançon.

11, rue de la Convention

Hotel of Bouteiller

This town house was built in 1582 by Claude de Jouffroy, Lord of Marchaux. Its façade is decorated in a style reminiscent of the one of the Palais de Justice, built at the same time.

2, rue des Granges

Hotel Gauthiot d'Ancier

The home of Simon Gauthiot d'Ancier, cogovernor of Besançon and rival of Nicolas de Granvelle, who had his house built in the early 16th century.

15. Grande Rue

Hotel Boitouset

This mansion was built in the 2nd half of the 18th century for Canon Boitouset. It is now the residence of the Archbishop of Besançon.

9 5, rue de la Convention

City of Arts

The architectural design of the 'Cité des Arts' was entrusted to the Japanese architect Kengo Kuma, who came up with a project symbolising 'the meeting of nature and the city, of residents with the banks of the river and of the public with cultural practices'.

🔾 12, avenue Arthur Gaulard

La Rodia

Located near Besançon city centre, built on stilts, La Rodia is a project by architects Denu et Paradon that houses a concert hall.

🔾 4, avenue de Chardonnet

Memorial

The war memorial has been moved to the Parc des Glacis, to create a new place of remembrance that pays tribute to the soldiers who fell for France.

Parc des Glacis

The Tourist Office's historic pavilion

This pavilion - designed by Bisontin architect Michel Demenge - blends harmoniously into the site and into the greenery thanks to the lightness and transparency of its structures.

Place de la 1^{ère} armée Française

La City

La City is home to the Centre de Linguistique Appliquée, which attracts students of around a hundred different nationalities every year. It was designed by the Studio architectural firm.

Rue Gabriel Plançon

Courthouse

The contemporary version of this courthouse was designed by Henri Gaudin. The rue Hugues Sambin entrance continues to serve the Court of Appeal, which remains in the old part.

1, rue Mégevand

Heritage 2



Museums •

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS AND ARCHAEOLOGY Let yourself be surprised

by the Museum of Fine Arts and Archaeology in Besançon, one of the most

The first thing that strikes you when you enter the museum is its unique architecture, a hodgepodge of a grain market built in the 19th century and a raw concrete structure in the style of a 'museum of unlimited growth', a concept invented by Le Corbusier. The two architectural styles interact, just like the archaeology and fine arts collections.

Admission fees

Combined ticket for the Time Museum and the Maison Victor Hugo.

- ✓ Adult: 9€
- Inhabitants of Besançon : 7€
- ✓ Reduced price: 4,50€
- ✓ Gratuit : étudiants et -18 ans

Free admission on the 1st Sunday of each month, during late-night opening hours and national events (European Heritage Days, European Museum Night, etc.).

- 1, Place de la Révolution
- 03 81 87 80 67
- www.mbaa.besancon.fr

Opening hours

1st of April to 31st of October

and during zone A school holidays: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday / 10am-12.30pm, 2pm-6pm

2nd of November to 31st of March

(excluding school holidays): Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday / 2pm-6pm

All year round

Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays / 10am-6pm non-stop

Closed on Tuesdays / 1 January, 1 May, 1 November, 25 December











BIRTHPLACE

Opening hours

1st of April to 31st of October

10.30am to 6pm except Tuesdays

2nd November to 31st of March

10.30am to 5.30pm except Tuesdays

School holidays and weekends

10.30am to 6pm except Tuesdays



On the square where Charles Nodier and the Lumière brothers were born, and where Gustave Courbet lived, the Maison natale de Victor Hugo opened its doors in September 2013. In a contemporary scenography with a strong emphasis on multimedia, the struggles of this committed man are displayed.

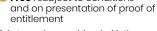
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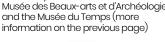
✓ Free : subject to conditions entitlement

Ticket may be combined with the Musée des Beaux-arts et d'Archéologie and the Musée du Temps (more information on the previous page)

✓ Adults: 3.2€

Unhabitants of Besançon : 2.1€





REGIONAL CONTEMPORARY



FRAC (Regional Contemporary Art Fund.) Franche-Comté presents temporary exhibitions throughout the year, showcasing the great diversity of contemporary art. These are highlighted by a rich programme of meetings with artists, etc.

Admission fee Opening hours

Wednesday to Friday 2pm to 6pm

Satudray & Sunday 2pm to 7pm

Closed on Monday and Tuesday,/1January,1May,1 November, 25 December

Regular ticket : 5€

Reduced price : 3€

Free :every Sunday and subject to conditions

12, Avenue Arthur Gaulard

0 03 81 87 87 40





The Musée des Maisons Comtoises is made up of 35 buildings from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. from all over Franche-Comté: farms, workshops, communal ovens,

this open-air museum!

They represent the main types of rural architecture in the Franche-Comté region.

Museums

Admission fees

Adults: 12€

- Reduced (students, jobseekers, disabled people, ginko season ticket holders): 8.5€
- 6 to 25 y.o : 8.5€
- Under 6 y.o : gratuit Family ticket: 37€

Opening hours

July-August

Every day from 10am to 7pm

May-June and September

Every day from 10am to 6.30pm

April and October

Monday to Saturday 1pm to 6pm, Sundays and public holidays 10am to 6pm and every day during zone A school holidays 10am to 6pm

November

Open daily from 10am to 6pm

Possibility of going to the museum by ginko shuttle from the Chamars center (L81), by reservation (up to the day before before 6 p.m.)

- Rue du musée, 25 360 Nancray
- 03 81 55 29 77
- 🔗 www.maisons-comtoises.org

The Royal Saltworks of Arc-et-Senans is an architectural masterpiece designed by Claude Nicolas Ledoux. It was a salt factory built in the 18th century at the request of Louis XV. It is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site open to all.

In this 13-hectare park, you'll find permanent and temporary exhibitions, 30 themed gardens to explore, and events all year round.

Admission fee

1st April > 31st October

- Adults: 15€
- W Reduced price: 13€
- 6 to 15 years : 10€
- Under 6 y.o: : gratuit
- V RMP : 13€

1st November > 31st March

Adults: 13€

Reduced price: 12€

6 to 15 y.o : 9€

Under 6 y.o : gratuit

Disabled people : 12€

Passes, season tickets and family passes also available

Opening hours

November to March

10am to 5pm

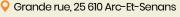
April, May, June, September and October

9am to 6pm

July and August 9am to 7pm







0 03 81 54 45 00

www.salineroyale.com





Prehistoric themed park for all the family! A visit to Dino-Zoo is like stepping straight into the heart of the history of the world's evolution. It's a thrill to discover these extraordinary creatures, and a chance to see at a glance what life was like on our planet millions of years ago.

A real passport to an extraordinary adventure! 3 attractions, 2 play areas and 6 educational activities complete the visit.

- 🔾 1, Rue de la Préhistoire, 25620 Charbonnières-Les-Sapins
- 0 03 81 59 31 31
- www.dino-zoo.com

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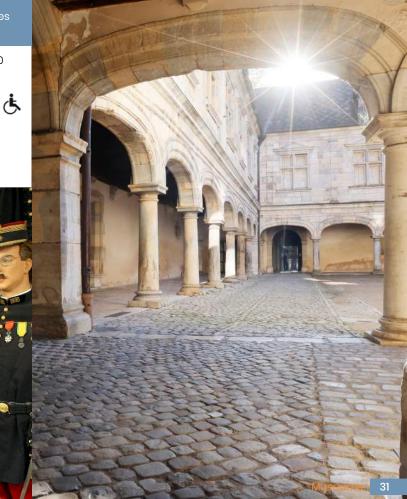
The museum of time

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- > Comtois Museum
- > Natural History Museum



conflicts of the Empire, the two world wars and the colonial wars. The 250 manneguins in uniforms, weapons and ammunition give an idea of the courage of these men

12 rooms narrating the great

ARMY MUSEUM V

fighting for freedom.

- 70 rue de Besançon, 25 720 Beure
- Museelucienroy@orange.fr
- www.museelucienroy.fr





BY BOAT

Enjoy the charm of a guided cruise through the heart of Besançon, with a breathtaking view of the various monuments. Pass through two locks and the tunnel under the Citadel.



Opening

Summer holidays

Departures : 10am, 11.15am, 14.15pm, 15.30pm, 16.45pm

April to June September to October

2.15pm and 3.30pm (+ 4.45pm weekends and public holidays)

Admission fee

✓ Adults: 15€

4 to 16 y.o : 11€

Groups: all year round by prior booking

Special ticket for boat + panoramic bus

By prior booking online or by telephone

- Pont de la République
- 0 06 64 48 66 80
- vedettesdebesancon.com



Opening

July / August

Departures : 10.15am, 14.45pm, 16pm, 17.15pm

April to June September to October

Check timetables online

Admission fee

Adults: 15€

3 to 12 y.o : 11€

Special ticket for boat + little train

By prior booking online or by telephone

- O Pont de la République
- 03 81 68 13 25
- n bateau-besancon.fr



Electric boats

Discover the city from the Doubs in complete safety and freedom. It takes two hours to get on board, get used to the boat in the harbour, and sail around the loop, passing through the Tarragnoz and Saint-Paul mill locks.

Opening hours

15th April to 15th September Every day, 9.30am, 1.15pm and 3.15pm

16th September to 15th October

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays, 9.30am, 1.15pm and 3.15pm

Prices

55€ / boat, deposit 50€

- O Pont de la République
- 03 81 81 75 35
- doubsplaisance.com



BY LITTLE TRAIN

As a complement to the boat tour of the Doubs loop aboard the Vauban, the Little Train takes you on a 45-minute tour of the old town of Besançon through its narrow streets, with historical commentary. Stop off at the entrance to the Citadel. Discount on adult admission to the Citadelle on presentation of Petit Train ticket.



- Parking Rivotte (en face restaurant Le Manège)
- 03 81 68 13 25
- bateau-besancon.fr

BY PANORAMIC BUS

Aboard the Besançon tourist bus, enjoy a unique tour with a panoramic view of the city, revealing its historical, cultural and natural treasures



- O Centre Saint-Pierre
- 06 64 48 66 80
- n vedettesdebesancon.com



RIVER STOP

To stay at or book a berth please contact Doubs Plaisance 03 81 81 75 35 / 06 71 17 91 29 or doubsplaisance@sdh-epsms.fr

Moulin Saint-Paul boat stop

25 berths for boats up to 13m, draught 1.30m, air draught 3.50m

- > Facilities : reception desk, showers and toilets, floating mooring pontoons, laundry room, water and electricity supply points. Relaxation area, drinks and ice-cream shop, numerous shops nearby.
- ♀ 4 pont de la République, 25 000 Besançon

Cité des Arts water sports centre

20 berths for boats up to 20m, 2 berths for boats up to 38m, draught 1.80m, air draught 3.50m.

- > Facilities : floating mooring pontoons, water and electricity supply points, waste water recovery station.
- 🔾 Avenue Arthur Gaulard, 25 000 Besançon

River stopover at Deluz

30 berths for boats up to 15m. Boatyard with nautical services (repair, painting, mechanics, etc.).

- > Facilities : mooring pontoons, water and electricity supply points, waste water recovery station, launching ramp and picnic tables. The harbourmaster's office offers a wide range of services including toilets, showers, laundry facilities, a cloakroom and outdoor activities
- 26, rue des papeteries, 25 960 Deluz

Other river stops in the Grand Besançon



Via Francigena

This route links Canterbury in Great Britain to Rome in Italy. The trail crosses the Bourgogne Franche-Comté region -195kmpassing through the Grand Besançon and heading towards Switzerland. Further information: www.viefrancigene.org/fr

Chemin de Compostelle

Leaving Besançon, this trail to Marnay passes through quiet, green sceneries. A 22.7km link. Further information: www.af-ccc.fr

Hikina

36 short hiking trails invite you to explore the hills around Besançon, the 1st Plateau of the Jura or the Doubs valley. 3 heritage discovery trails to learn more about different areas of the historic centre by following arrows on the pavement.



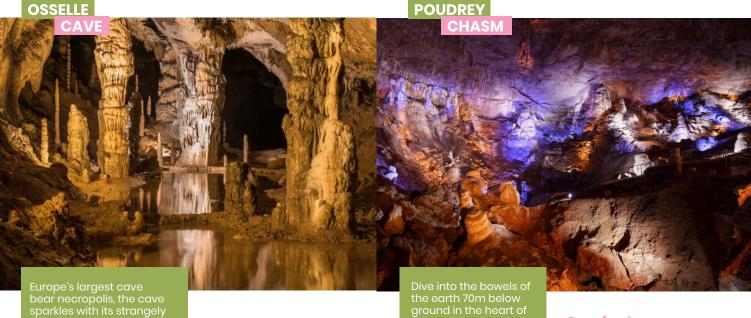
Eurovélo 6

Eurovélo 6 Nantes-Budapest passes through the region, including the heart of Besançon: the Doubs Valley stop is often described by cycle tourists as the most beautiful on the whole routel

Sentiers cyclo touristiques ou VTT

14 cycling and mountain biking paths await you in the Grand Besançon area! The 'Grand Tour de VTT' (195km) allows you to discover the Grand Besançon area over 2, 3 or 4 days.

For more information, download the 'Besançon Grandes Heures Nature' app.



and stalagmites. The

Osselle cave is one of the

It was also a place of place of worship under the and also a spot to be visited in the heat of summer.

 Adults : 11€ Students: 9€ 4-12 y.o: 7€

> 42, route des Grottes, 25 410 Roset-Fluans

Opening hours

9.30am-6pm non-stop

Weekdays: 2pm-5pm

Admission fee

12pm / 2pm-5pm

April to June / September - October

Sundays and public holidays: 10am-

July - August

0 03 81 63 62 09

www.grotte-osselle.fr

ground in the heart of

largest underground chamber in France.

Along the way, you'll discover stalactites, stalagmites and other limestone concretions,

Opening hours

February-June/September-October Visits at 11am, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm from Wednesday to Sunday

July (1st week)

Visits at 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm and 4.30pm every day

July-August

Visits at 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 1.30pm, 2pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm, 4pm, 4.30pm, 5pm daily

Admission fee

Adults : 11,5€

y 5-14 years : 9,5€

♀ 1, lieu-dit Puits de Poudrey, 25 580 Étalans

0 03 81 59 22 57

www.gouffredepoudrey.com

FORESTS OF AILLUZ & BREGILLE

On the outskirts of town, the Forêts de Chailluz and Bregille offer more than 1,780 hectares of playground for nature lovers. Waymarked paths, picnic areas, a wildlife park where you can have a chance to admire wild boars, fallow deers, roe deers and other stags. These elements favour the meeting between humans and nature. Marked hiking and mountain biking trails.

Access to the Chailluz forest via the route de Tallenay // Access to the Bregille forest via the chemin du fort de Bregille

THE FORTS



outdoor centre offers beach volleyball court, a picnic area and other

LAKE OF

The centre also includes a snack bar and

Car parking and cycle racks. Bus service from Besançon, with easy access via the EV6.

Admission fee (leisure centre)

 Adults : 5€ 3-18 y.o : 4€

activities.

Opening hours

Leisure centre - June Wednesdays and weekends. 10am-7pm

Leisure centre - July-August Every day from 10am to 8pm. until 9pm on Fridays and Saturdays

Campsite

1st of June to 31st of August

Catering

All week from 11am to 6.30pm - until 8.30pm on Fridays and Saturdays

Restaurant Les bords du lac

Tuesday to Sunday (except Wednesday and Sunday evenings plus Thursday lunchtime. Sunday lunchtime brunch only)

Campervan campsite All year round

OUTDOOR SPORTS CENTRE



Want to reconnect with the hills and valley of the Doubs? Would you like to meet people who share the same aspirations as you? Come to the Grandes Heures Nature outdoor centre to explore this wonderful region and create your own wonderful experience.

Parc de la Rhodiacéta

- Lieu-dit La Corvée 25 320 Osselle-Routelle
- grandbesancon.fr/infos-pratiques/sports-loisirs/base-deloisirs-osselle





people of Besançon.



Greater Besançon has two outdoor swimming pools:

- > Swimming pool of Chalezeule: open until 31st of August
- > Swimming pool of Port-Joint: open until 31st of August



Campsite of Besançon-Chalezeule

> 12, route de Belfort, 25 220 Chalezeule

Campsite of Lacs d'Osselle

> 60, grande rue, 25 320 Osselle-Routelle



The Deluz site, in the heart of the Doubs valley, is home to a wealth of exceptional flora and fauna (of European interest under Natura 2000). It is known for its water-related activities: paper factories (in the past), , a micro-electric power station (present) and a sailing stopover.



The silhouette of an 11th-century medieval keep can be seen on the rocky outcrop overlooking the Doubs valley. Around the ruins of the castle, vaulted cellars, wine cellars and the base of a church wall remind walkers of the old village abandoned by its inhabitants after a devastating fire which occurred during the 10 Years' War.

BOUSSIÈRES

The 11th-century bell tower is one of the few remaining examples of Romanesque architecture in Franche-Comté.

ARGUEL

Nestled on the heights of Besançon, Arguel has more than enough to surprise you, with the remains of its castle, green sceneries and a little-known local history. Guided tours on the 9th of September and 14th of October.

MONCLEY

The Château de Moncley embodies 18th century elegance. Nestled in the heart of the countryside, the castle unveils sumptuous interiors. Guided tours on the 14th of September and the 12th of October.

The Saône marsh is one of 20 Espaces Naturels Sensibles (ENS) of interest to the département. It covers 800 hectares. For visits and events please check www.maraisdesaone.fr

PIREY

A castle, a typical church, a caborde and a remarkable Virgin Mary - Pirey hasn't revealed all its secrets yet!

Discover them all during a guided tour on the 28th of September.

CHAUDEFONTAINE

Covered fountain-washhouses. Rue des Fontaines and route de Moncey form a whole with the chapel.

ÉCOLE-VALENTIN

Château du Saint-Esprit (Renaissance period) listed as a Historic Monument. **Guided tours of the chapel on the 11th of July and the 17th of October.**

MISEREY-SALINES

The actual castle was rebuilt in the late 15th/early 16th centuries.

MONTFERRAND-LE-CHÂTEAU

All that remains of the 13th-century castle are the outer walls and the keep. From the castle esplanade, there's a breathtaking view over the Doubs valley.







CINEMAS

Cinéma Mégarama Beaux-Arts

- 3. rue Gustave Courbet
- **O** 03 81 61 54 54
- www.beaux-arts.megarama.fr

Mégarama École-Valentin

- 1, rue des Sources, 25 480 École Valentin
- **3** 03 81 85 38 38
- www.besancon.megarama.fr

Plazza Victor Hugo

- 6. rue Gambetta
- 03 81 82 09 44
- www.cinemavictorhugo.fr

SHOWS AND CONCERTS

Kursaal

- 🔾 1, place du Théâtre
- O3 81 87 83 00
- www.kursaal.besancon.fr

Nouveau Théâtre Besançon

- Avenue Edouard Droz, Esplanade Jean-Luc Lagarce
- O3 81 88 55 11
- www.cdn-besancon.fr

La Rodia

- 4 avenue de Chardonnet
- **3** 03 81 87 86 00
- www.larodia.com

Les deux scènes - Théâtre Ledoux & L'espace

- 49, rue Mégevand
- **o** 03 81 87 85 85
- www.les2scenes.fr

Le Scénacle

- 6. rue de la Vieille Monnaie
- **③** 03 57 65 73
- www.lescenacle.fr

La Comédie

- 4 rue de la Convention
- **o** 06 19 98 07 10
- www.comediedebesancon.com

CASINO

Casino JOA

- 2. avenue Edouard Droz
- 03 81 47 49 00
- 🥱 www.joa.fr



MARKETS IN THE GRAND BESANÇON

BESANÇON

Beaux-Arts covered market

> **City centre** (2, rue Goudimel): Tuesday to Thursday 7am to 2pm, Friday and Saturday 7am to 6.30pm, Sunday morning 8am to 1pm

Market

> City centre (place de la Révolution) : Tuesdays 7am to 1pm, Fridays 7am to 1pm and Saturdays 7am to 6pm

Organic markets

- > **Place du Jura** : organic market every Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm from April to December
- > **Velotte** : organic market every Friday from 5.30pm to 8pm

Local markets

- > **Battant**: place Jouffroy d'Abbans on Sunday 7am to 1pm
- > **Palente** : place des Tilleuls Wednesday 7am to 1pm, Saturday 7am to 1pm
- > **Planoise**: place Cassin: Wednesday and Saturday 7am to 6pm,
- > Saint-Ferjeux : place de la Bascule Sunday 7am to 1pm

Farmers' markets

> **Rivotte** : village des terroirs in Rivotte. Every Sunday morning from 8am to 1pm

GRAND BESANÇON Farmers' markets

- > **Avanne-Aveney**: place Champfrêne, every Thursday during summer from 4pm to 9pm and during winter from 4pm to 7pm
- > **Busy** : 3rd Friday of the month (May to October) from 5.30pm to 9pm
- > **Cussey-sur-l'Ognon**: opposite the town hall Sunday from 8am to 12pm (during spring time)
- > **Deluz** : marché café de Deluz, in the café La Pergola, 2nd Saturday of the month from 9.30am to 12pm
- > **Gennes**: salle des fêtes-2nd Friday of the month 5.30pm to 9.30pm (except July-August)
- > Les Auxons : place de l'Église- Sunday 9am to 12pm
- > Morre : 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month 9am to 12pm
- > Pugey: every Saturday 8am to 12pm Halle du marché
- > **Saint-Vit** : place de la Mairie Every 4th Friday of the month (April to October) from 4.30pm
- > Saône : Saturday mornings 8am to 1.30pm
- > **Thise**: Fridays 5.30pm to 9pm
- > **Vaire**: Last Friday of the month 5.30pm to 9.30pm



An unusual place to stay, the comfort of a hotel or the charm of a bed and breakfast?

Find accommodation by scanning the QR code or on besancon-tourisme.com

Strolling through the city, admiring the local crafts or eating an ice cream?

Find out where to do your shopping by scanning the QR code or on besancon-tourisme.com







Want to relax on a terrace, grab a bite to eat or sample some local specialities?

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Going for a bike ride, a hike around the city or a family outing?

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Travel information



TRAIN

Besançon Franche-Comté stations

- > Besançon Viotte station
- > Les Auxons Franche-Comté TGV station (15km from Besançon)

TER Franche-Comté

www.ter.sncf.com/bourgognefranche-comte TER shuttles run between Besançon-Franche-Comté TGV station and Viotte station (city centre)

> 2h05 from Paris; 1h50 from Strasbourg; 2h10 from Lyon; 3h30 from Marseille: 4h50 from Brussels: 6h from London.

PLANE

Besançon-La Vèze aerodrome

Thise gerodrome

BOAT

Find out all about the river stops in the Grand Besançon on p. 36!

BY CAR

Motorway A36

3 exits for Besançon: №3 (Besançon west) №4 (Besançon centre) №4.1 (Besançon north)

Road

RN57 Metz/Pontarlier route RN83 Strasbourg/Lyon route RN73 Dole/Besançon route

To reduce your expenses and limit your carbon emissions, think about carpooling too!

BUS & TRAM

The GINKO public transport network serves all the communes of the Grand Besançon and all the districts of Besançon. **Bus and tram services are free every Saturday (starting July 2025).**

CITIZ, THE CAR-SHARING SERVICE

Citiz is a self-service car-sharing service available in 80 French towns and cities, which is easy to book and use, economical and environment friendly. The service is available 24/24, 7/7.

BICYCLES

For your personal bicycle, you can use bicycle racks throughout the city. You can use the self-service bicycles (mechanical or electric): GINKO VéloCité, an automated system that lets you borrow one of the 200 available bicycles. Different options available: 1 day/1 € or +24h/2 € (first 30 min. free per journey).

Secure bike shelters (€1.40/day) are available at Saône station, Saint-Vit station, Marnières (Chalezeule), Marché Beaux-Arts, République, Mairie, Chamars, Piscine Mallarmé, CROUS Université, CHU Minjoz, UFR Santé.

4 filling stations, Mairie car park, Gare Viotte, Parc Micaud and Rivotte not far from the EV6.

CAMPER VAN AREA

Besançon

> Rue d'Arènes, accessible all year round 24/24, waste water disposal, water, no electric hook-up points.

Nancray

> Entrance to the Musée des Maisons Comtoises, open from 01/03 to 14/11

Osselle

> 60 grande rue, accessible all year round, waste water disposal, water and electricity available



Practical information

Car parks

www.besancon.fr

Besançon-Viotte station car park

- Besançon-Viotte
- 0 03 81 21 66 01

Besançon Franche-Comté TGV

- 0 03 81 65 44 13
- 💋 www.effia.com

SAMU

15

Fire service

18

Police rescue

SOS médecins

0 0 826 88 24 24 20

CHU Jean Minioz

- 3, bld Fleming (Planoise)
- 0 03 81 66 81 66

Pharmacy on call

32 37

Theft / loss credit card

<u>0</u> 08 92 705 705

Lost property

- 6, rue Mégevand
- 03 81 61 51 33

Town Hall

- 2, rue Mégevand
- 03 81 61 50 50

Office de tourisme

- 52. Grande rue
- 03 81 80 92 55
- besancon-tourisme.com









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Why not discover Besançon and its surroundings like never before?

L'Office de Tourisme et des Congrès du Grand Besançon is unveiling a brand new guided tours schedule.

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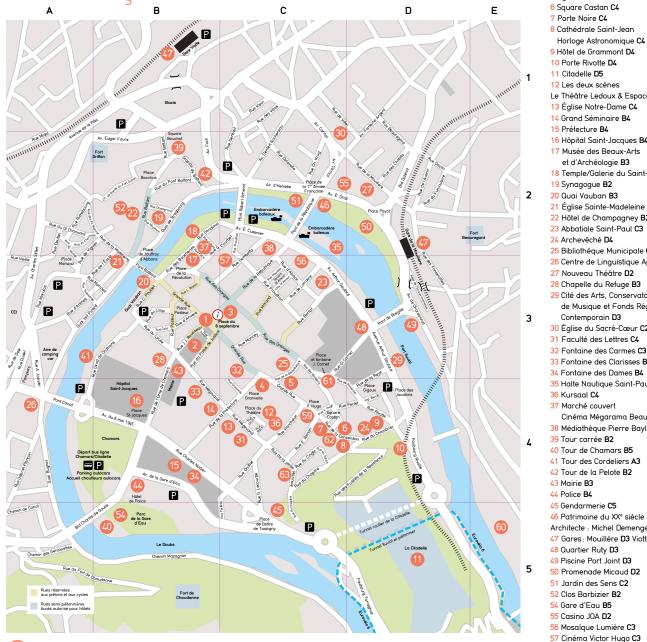
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3 Éalise Saint-Pierre C3

4 Musée du Temps Palais Granvelle C4

1 Hôtel de Ville/Office de Tourisme B3

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Le Théâtre Ledoux & Espace C4

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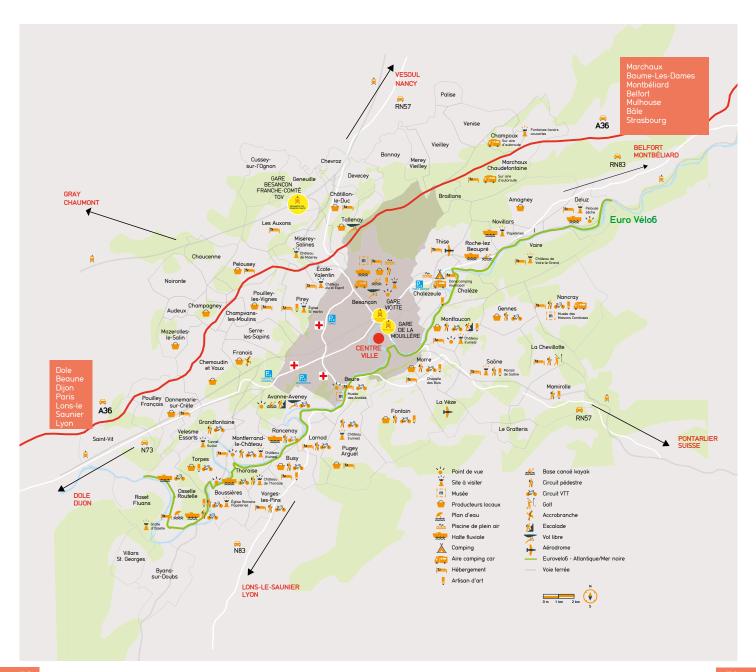
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Free admission

to 5 key cultural sites

- > The Besançon Citadel and its 3 museums
- > The Museum of Fine Arts and Archaeology
- > The Victor Hugo House
- > The Museum of Time
- > The Regional Contemporary Art Fund (FRAC)

Reduced admission

- > Musée des Maisons Comtoises in Nancray
- > Osselle leisure centre
- > Hire an electric bike from MyCycle

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