

besançon With the Tourism Pass, make your life easier!

The Tourism Pass the following formulas: 24, 48 or 72 hours, depending on your wishes

>>> Free admission to four major cultural sites in Besançon: the Citadel, the Museum of Fine Arts and Archaeology, the Museum of Time and the Victor Hugo House

>> Reduced rates at the Fonds in Besançon, at the Musée-parc des maisons comtoises in Nancray, at the Base de loisirs d'Osselle

>> A discount on the rental of from MyCycle (106, Grande Rue in

www.ginko.voyage/boutique
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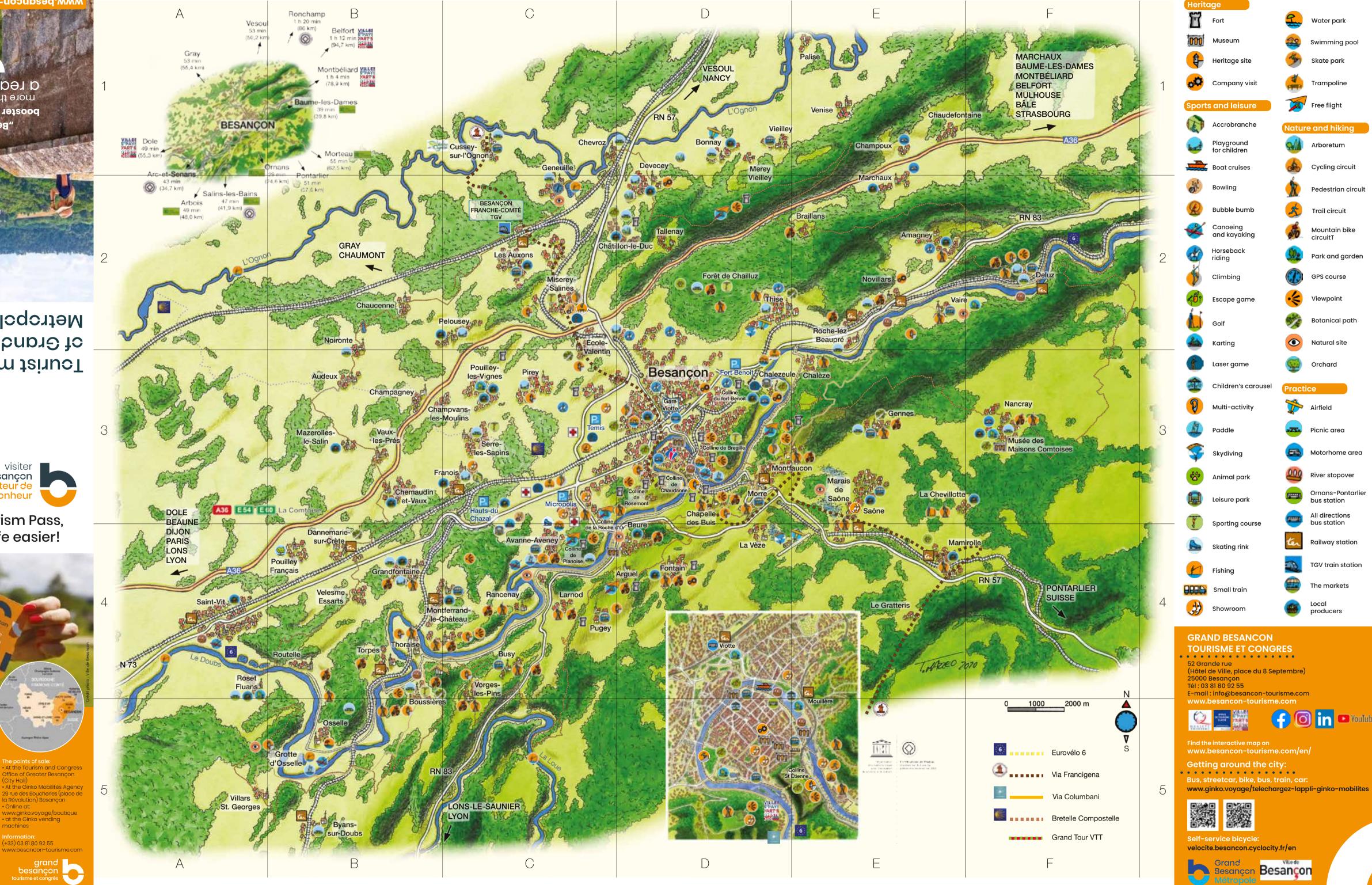
or a short trip on the Eurovélo6

The points of sale:

• At the Tourism and Congress
Office of Greater Besançon

29 rue des Boucheries (place de

la Révolution) Besançon



ature and hiking

Arboretum

Cycling circuit

Trail circuit

Mountain bike

Park and garden

Viewpoint

Natural site

**Botanical path** 

Motorhome area

Ornans-Pontarlier

All directions bus station

Railway station

TGV train station

Pedestrian circuit

# WELCOME TO THE GRAND BESANÇON Here you will have



Known as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its Vauban fortifications and as an intangible heritage site for its watchmaking know-how, Besançon, a historic city with more than 2,000 years of history, was built in an exceptional natural site, an almost perfect loop of the Doubs River into which the hills surrounding the old city plunge. With 6 museums of France and the well-deserved status of City of Art and History, Besançon offers something to nourish your spirit, to escape, to discover and contemplate the beautiful, the rare, the precious. All around, a preserved nature invites you to discover and practice various sports and leisure activities. From the viewpoints of the forts and belvederes, along the Eurovélo6 or the Via Francigena, two European itinerary routes, a whole range of places, villages and landscapes are available to the eye.

Whether you are a lover of microadventures, slow tourism or great history, this is the • destination to check off your to-do list!

### THE TOP 10!

The must-sees selected for you, the epicurean visitor



THE CITADEL OF BESANCON (D3)

Assaulting the fortifications of the Citadel . but beware, Vauban designed them to be impregnable!

Rising more than 100 meters above the city, the ramparts offer an exceptional site with spectacular spectacular panoramas. The Citadel houses the Musée Comtois, the Museum of the Résistance and Deportation, the Museum: Zoological garden, Aquarium... www.citadelle.com/en/



so many assets that will satisfy your desires www.besanconandco.com/ THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS AND ARCHAEOLOGY (D3) Its origin dates back to 1694

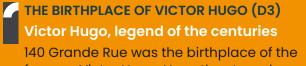
The museum presents the oldest French public collection. Paintings, graphic arts, sculptures of all periods and origins, punctuate an artistic journey with a sophisticated aesthetic. The archaeological collections bear witness to a very rich past. www.mbaa.besancon.fr



THE MUSEUM OF TIME (D3)

In the capital of French watchmaking

The Granvelle Palace houses heritage collections that trace centuries of watchmaking history. From the most complicated watch in the world to the precision instruments of the Astronomical Observatory, from the infinitely large to the infinitely small. www.mdt.besancon.fr



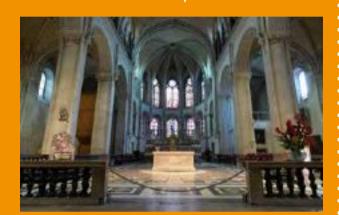
famous Victor Hugo. Here, the struggles of the writer for freedom, rights and human dignity are presented in a contemporary

maisonvictorhugo.besancon.fr/en/



THE SAINT JEAN CATHEDRAL (D3) . And its treasures!

Its particularity is to have two apses, the Romanesque choir and the richly decorated 18th century counter-choir. Among the furnishings is the circular white marble altar, the only French example of this type, or the painting of the Virgin and Saints. www.diocese-besancon.fr/cathedrale



# THE REGIONAL FUND OF CONTEMPORARY ART (D3)

The Frac presents exhibitions that are renewed throughout the year and that show the great diversity of today's art. A rich program of events: concerts, shows, conferences, performances.... www.frac-franche-comte.fr/fr



#### THE ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK (D3) A particularly complex mechanism!!

A technical masterpiece where mechanical perfection and a very poetic decoration are combined. It is equipped with a mechanism of more than 30,000 parts, 57 dials, 11 movements, some of which are used for the animations of the bells and automatons. www.horloge-astronomique-besancon.fr/en/



A place of exchange and encounters!



Discover the heritage and architectural

treasures of the old city center thanks

Stroll through the streets of the capital

from a different angle.

TO YOUR AGENDA,

www.besancon-tourisme.com

# THE HIGHLIGHTS

Home of artistic expressions, the old center and the squares come alive with events. Rich of 11 theaters, the cultural life of Greater Besançon rhythm of the seasons. www.besancon-tourisme.com/en/going-out/



#### THE CAVE OF OSSELLE (B5) The cave bear's den!

Its international reputation is based on the variety of its paleontological and prehistoric treasures, including the world's largest deposit of cave bears, spectacular crystallizations and a 1,200-meter-long trail with magical light shows. www.grotte-osselle.fr

## THE MUSEUM OF COMTOISES HOUSES (F3)

#### The museum park that doesn't lack air!

A 15-hectare outdoor museum where you go from a vegetable garden to a 17th century Comtoise farm, from a pond to a traditional oven. The rural heritage of the Comtois is intermingled with animations and reflections on the societal issues of the future. www.maisons-comtoises.org/en/



# VISIT DIFFERENTLY

**Guided tours** 



Let yourself be led by a guide! History, heritage and the know-how of the city will no longer hold any secrets for you. In hiking mode, discover the variety of sites and landscapes in the area. www.besancon-tourisme.com/en/

#### Juste Ici Bien Urbain

Creating the unexpected and emotions in the city by transforming it into a real place of expression... 141 contemporary artistic creations contemporary art visible in space! bien-urbain.fr/en



#### Routes - Sound walks

Poetic, curious, intimate... the sound walks allow you listen to a story, voices nd atmospheres in motion and with headphones, along a circuit. npusbesancon.fr/les-

a well-kept secret In Besançon, nature invites itself into the city, the river surrounds the historic center, the hills overhang the tide of old roofs and offer superb panoramas. Erected in a natural setting out of norm the city is a beautiful plant. The second largest protected

plunges into the heart of the city.

www.montagnes-du-jura.fr

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Discovering

THE CITY

OF THE JURA

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Our little French Canada

Mountains can be seen from all sides. Jura

When you enter the Grand Besançon, the Jura

Mountains, it is an alternation of geomorphological

characteristics which make their richness and their

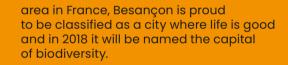
originality. Between valleys, hills, plateau and faulted

ridges, the landscape is remarkable. A particularity,

the anticline of the Citadel of Besançon which

**GREEN CITY PAR EXCELLENCE** 

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## IT'S GOING TO BE A SPORT Get to know the green eminences

This is the flagship destination for lovers of greenery. 7 wooded hills offer the choice of running, walking and cycling in contact with a preserved biodiversity. Take a paragliding flight over the gentle hills of the city, jump on your paddle for a descent on the Doubs, or ride your mountain bike down a forest trail. It's up to you to choose your way of moving!

#### An area conducive to deconnection...

- nearly 1,500 km of hiking trails thousands of hectares of forests
- rivers, the Doubs
- cliffs for climbing

and the Ognon

 lakes for swimming In such an environment,

outdoor activities are legion!



ATV trip of 192 km, it is a mix between wide open spaces and historical city It has all the necessary services for a tour over several days.

www.grandes-heures-nature.fr

### SOME IDEAS **JUST FOR YOU!**

- You like to move with your family? It's too hot!



You dream of taking a dip, but not only that... The lakes of Osselle, the nature base of the Grand Besançon awaits you! The cooler well filled with smoked ham from the Haut-Doubs, generous portions of comté, morbier and other regional specialties and let's go for a sporty day! Swimming, canoe, paddle or pedal boat rental! And if you are still too hot, a visit to the Grotte d'Osselle, just a stone's throw away, with a constant temperature of 13°, will be your remedy!





# - Escape in love!

#### Follow the meandering Doubs River in Besançon!

As soon as you leave the train station, the city offers itself to your dazzled eyes! You will have understood it at first sight, your stay will be rich in astonishment. Conquer Besançon by self-service bicycle. In search of a shaded terrace to discover our local products, you will marvel at the architectural richness of the buildings. The river is omnipresent, so let yourself glide on the waves by embarking on a boat tour and admire unexpected



## - A sports challenge between friends!

Welcome to the city where sport is king

It's a promise! You will enjoy a range of activities in the middle of nature without being far from the urban pleasures! Mountain biking is your passion? How about a 4-day trip or a paragliding flight over the city, with a view of the Jura mountains and the highest points of the Alps! Runners? Labelled UNI'VERT TRAIL, the territory is a real playground for champions! What a great way to spend «Great Hours of Nature»!



# TERROIR AND GASTRONOMY

Our territory satisfies all the senses and reserves treasures to be savored. Land of savoir-vivre, the region conceals specialities whose reputation goes beyond the borders of the Comtois. Jura wines, Haut-Doubs cured meats,

prestigious AOC cheeses... and all the recipes of our chefs that highlight them cannot be ignored by the curious and epicurean visitor.

# FOLLOW THE GUIDE 2.0

**Visiter Besançon application** 



ourist portal, it allows ou to choose a visit oute with your points of interest. ww.visiter.besancon.fr



**App Grandes Heures Nature** 

All outdoor activities in the Freater Besançon area, ports, cultural and discovery activities.

www.grandes-heures-nature.fr

#### **Ginkotour application**

The history of the monuments on the Ginko Citadelle line and tramway

www.ginko.voyage/ginkotour



App walks of famous people



hey were born nere, they lived here, created, oved, invented.. lugo, Colette, ourbet...