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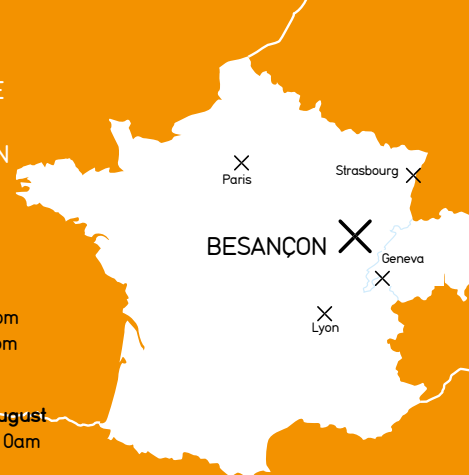
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## BESANÇON CONTINUES TO RENEW ITSELF

Besançon's heritage is doubly distinguished by UNESCO: in terms of World Heritage for its fortifications by Vauban (citadel and city walls) and Intangible Heritage for its watchmaking know-how.

With six "Musée de France" museums, and the well-deserved status of City of Art and History, Besançon offers something to nourish your mind, to escape, discover, and contemplate beauty, rarity, preciousness.

The exceptional collections of the Museum of Fine Arts and Archaeology, which is the oldest one in France, as well as the original Time Museum, created within the prestigious walls of Granvelle Palace, the three museums of the Citadel (Museum and its zoological garden, Museum of Resistance and Deportation (currently being renovated) and the Comtois Museum) and Victor Hugo's Birthplace, bearing witness to his commitments, offer the possibility of multiple discoveries.

Higher up, on the «first plateau», towards the Jura Mountains, the Musée Parc des Maisons Comtoises [Franche-Comté House Museum Park], in Nancray, encourages us to immerse ourselves in the heart of our countryside and offers a reflection on man and nature.

A historic city with more than 2,000 years of history, Besançon was built on an exceptional natural site, a near-perfect loop of the Doubs overlooked by the hills surrounding the old city. In the surrounding areas, unspoilt nature encourages you to discover and enjoy various sports and leisure activities.

From the viewpoints, the forts and the lookouts over the city or countryside, along the Eurovélo6 and the Via Francigena, two European touring routes, a whole range of places, villages and landscapes is on offer.

If it's a destination to tick off on your to-do list, it's Besançon, two hours from Paris, Lyon and Strasbourg, a city where you take time, time to get together, and enjoy the good times... with friends, your family or as a couple. Whether you are a fan of microadventures, slow tourism or great history, Besançon welcomes you!

So, discover what's new and our locations!



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## WRITERS

### GABRIELLE SIDONIE "COLETTE" 1

(1873–1954)

Colette was a novelist, journalist and music hall artist. In September 1902, her husband Henry Gauthier-Villars (Willy), descendant of an old Franche-Comté family, bought a house and property at Monts-Boucons. She spent several summers there, using some of her time to write some of her novels. Some titles: *Claudine at School*, *Claudine in Paris*, *Claudine Married*, *Seven animal's conversations*

### JEAN-CHARLES EMMANUEL NODIER 2

(1780–1844)

Nodier was a journalist, writer and leader of the Romantics. He frequently mentioned the charms of his native province in his writings. He was born on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1780, in a house – no longer extant – on Victor Hugo Square (site of the current No. 7).

### VICTOR HUGO 3

(1802–1885)

Due to one of the military postings of his father, then General of the Empire, the Hugo family settled in the Doubs for a time. Hugo was born on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 1802 in Besançon at No. 104, Grande Rue. He was a poet, playwright and novelist and is considered one of the most important writers of the French language. He was also involved in politics and was an intellectual who played a major role in 19<sup>th</sup> century history. His birthplace is now a museum, which celebrates his talents and influence. Some of his most well-known novels are: *The Misérable*, *The Hunchback of Notre-Dame*, *The Last Day of a Condemned Man*, *The Legend of the Ages*.

*"I am one  
of the paving  
stones on  
the road of  
humanity."*

In a letter from Victor Hugo to the people of Besançon, 1880

## ARTISTS

### CLAUDE GOUDIMEL

(ca 1520–1572)

Born in Besançon, Goudimel was a musician and a composer who put several of Ronsard's odes and sonnets to music.

### OUSMANE SOW 4

This sculptor from Senegal created the statue of Victor Hugo for the Refusal of Exclusion and Poverty Day in 2002. It stands in the Rights of Man plaza in Besançon's city centre. In 2013, Sow sculpted *Man and Child* for Besançon's new memorial to the dead at the Memorial Space at Les Glacis Park.

### LUC BRETON 5

(1731–1800)

Born in Besançon, Breton was a sculptor, who made his career in Italy. He returned to Besançon in 1771 and in 1773, with the Swiss painter Jean Wyrsh, founded the Besançon School of Painting and Sculpting. He is considered to be the best Franche-Comté sculptor of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. His works in Besançon include *The Pieta* in Saint Peter's Church, the *Angels in Adoration* behind the high altar at Saint John's Cathedral and the decor of the Fountain of the Ladies at 8 bis, rue Charles Nodier.

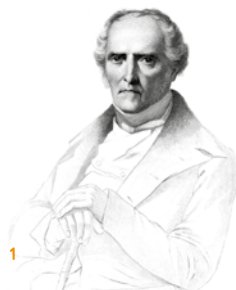
### JENS BOETTCHER 6

This sculptor, born in Essen, Germany in 1933, came to live in France in 1968. He was appointed professor at the School of Fine Art of Besançon in 1975; he taught there until retirement. He now lives in Barjac in the Gard Department. He created *The Minotaur*, the huge fountain sculpture in bronze you can see in the river at the Denfert-Rochereau Bridge. *The Minotaur* is 7m high and weighs 10 tonnes. Another of his sculptures is at Victor Hugo square. The St. Quentin Fountain dates from 1756: it forms the background for Boettcher's *La Source*.

### GUSTAVE COURBET

(1819–1877)

Born on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1819 in Ornans, near Besançon, Courbet was a painter and one of the leaders of the Realist School. He is known for the raw realism of his works, in particular, *The Origin of the World* (1866), which was considered scandalous at the time. Courbet was anticlerical, had anarchistic leanings, was a friend of the socialist theoretician, Pierre-Joseph Proudhon, and one of the elected members of the Paris Commune of 1871. He lived at No. 140, Grande-Rue in Besançon. There is a trompe-l'œil of him at the windows giving onto Victor Hugo Square. He died on 31 December 1877 in La Tour-de-Peilz in Switzerland.



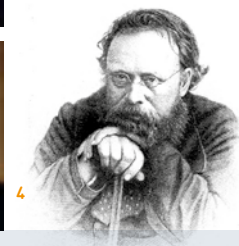
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## MILITARY AND POLITICAL PEOPLE

### CHARLES FOURIER 1

(1772–1837)

After working in trade and banking, Charles Fourier, philosopher and utopian economist, designed plans for a harmoniously built city, a Phalanstère (Phalanstery), whose citizens would find personal and professional fulfilment in their work. This economic, social and human reform project aimed at ensuring an ideal life for mankind, but attempts to bring this to fruition failed. Fourier was born in a 16th century house, today Nos. 81 and 83, Grande Rue.

### LOUIS XIV

(1638–1715)

In 1674, Louis XIV conquered Besançon for the second and final time. It remained the capital of the province. On June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1683, he, Queen Maria Theresa and the dauphin arrived in the city and spent several days with the governor at Granvelle Palace.

### NICOLAS PERRENOT DE GRANVELLE 2

(1486–1550)

De Granvelle was a lawyer, who became the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V's First Advisor in 1524. He built the Granvelle Palace in Besançon.

### ANTOINE PERRENOT DE GRANVELLE 3

(1517–1586)

Son of Nicolas, Antoine de Granvelle became a cardinal and succeeded his father in service to the Hapsburgs. He was a great statesman, patron of the arts and a collector. He added to art and literature collections begun by his father and thanks to him, the Besançon Municipal Library has a formidable collection.

### PIERRE-JOSEPH PROUDHON 4

(1809–1865)

Born on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1809 in Besançon at No. 23, rue du Petit-Battant, Pierre-Joseph Proudhon was the author of internationally recognised socialist theories. A sculpture honouring him stands in Sarraill Square. His letters are archived at the Besançon Municipal Library.

### VAUBAN (SÉBASTIEN LE PRESTRE DE VAUBAN) 5

(1633–1707)

Louis XIV owed much to Sébastien Le Prestre de Vauban. From 1668 onwards, as the King's Engineer, he designed and built the first defence system for France's land and maritime borders. He studied attack procedures and created a method of siege that was used for 2 centuries. He provided the brilliant strategic and military advice that was largely responsible for the destruction of the Besançon (and Franche-Comté) forces, both in 1668 and in 1674. After the conquest in 1668, he designed the plans for the Citadel. And then, with the treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, Franche-Comté was returned to the Spaniards, who continued to build according to his plans. From 1674 to 1688, he continued building and reinforcing the Citadel. From 1689 to 1695, he reinforced Fort Griffon, Besançon's "second Citadel", and rebuilt strong defensive bastions around the Loop. As garrison for the troops, barracks were built: another innovative idea.

## SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS

### AUGUSTE AND LOUIS LUMIÈRE 6

(1862–1954) (1864–1948)

The Lumière brothers were the inventors of the technology and the commercial exploitation of cinematography. They also made significant improvements to photography. They were born at No. 1, Saint Quentin Square (now Victor Hugo Square). There is a sculpture illustrating a scene from their film, *The Sprinkler Sprinkled*, done by Pascal Coupot\* in the courtyard of the Pierre Bayle Centre, rue de la République, in the city centre.

### PASCAL COUPOT 7

Born in 1960 in Haute-Saône (Franche-Comté), Coupot followed artistic training at the Regional College of Fine Arts in Besançon. He describes himself as largely self-taught.

*“If Louis XIV had listened to him, Vauban would have in many ways forestalled the Revolution.”*

Adolphe Thiers, 2nd president of the French Republic



## LOUIS PASTEUR 1

(1822–1895)

Born in Dole, Pasteur spent his childhood in Arbois. While he studied in Besançon for his baccalaureates, he worked as a teaching assistant at the Royal Grammar School (today, the Victor Hugo Secondary School, 8, rue du Lycée) from 1839–1842. He was very interested in drawing with pastels and did the portrait of the head teacher. You can see a trompe-l'œil of him on one of the houses on Pasteur Square (No. 5). Jean-Joseph, his father, born at No. 53, rue d'Arènes in Besançon, was a tanner. (The house was rebuilt in the 19th century). Pasteur's birthplace in Dole and his home and laboratory in Arbois are open to the public.

## CLAUDE FRANÇOIS DOROTHÉE, MARQUIS DE JOUFFROY D'ABBANS 2

(1751–1832)

The Marquis Jouffroy d'Abbans was a naval engineer who built the first steamboat, using the improved steam-driven machine by James Watt. His *Pyroscaphe* sailed on the Doubs in 1776. There are 2 statues erected to his memory: one on the Helvétie Promenade and the other at the Battant Bridge, cast in bronze in 1998 by Pascal Coupot.

## ARCHITECTS

### RENÉ TOURNIER 3

(1899–1977)

Tournier came from the Jura, and was an architect for civilian buildings and historic monuments, an art historian and writer. He came to Besançon in the 1930s after getting his diploma from the College of Fine Arts in Paris. In 1929, he won the competition for the university halls of residence which line Vieil Picard Quai: one of the first in France. He also designed the Notre-Dame Liberation Monument at la Chapelle des Buis, a village which overlooks Besançon.

### MICHEL DEMENGE

Demenge is an architect from Besançon: he designed the former Besançon Visitor and Convention Information Centre, situated in Micaud Park. The building is integrated seamlessly into the park and melts into the greenery because of its lightness and transparency.

## CLAUDE-NICOLAS LEDOUX

(1736–1806)

A visionary architect from the Age of Enlightenment, Ledoux's work was the precursor to functional architecture. He designed the Municipal Theatre, built between 1778 and 1784 by Claude-Joseph Bertrand. It was a totally new concept of design for the times. Ledoux created the auditorium in the form of an amphitheatre, got rid of the boxes, gave the parterre audience seats and created the first orchestra pit in the world, a century before Bayreuth. The auditorium was destroyed by fire in 1958, and it was renovated in 1994 in a contemporary style. He also designed the Royal Saltworks at Arc-et-Senans.

### HUGUES SAMBIN 4

(ca 1520–1601)

Born in Gray, Sambin was a Renaissance man; he was an architect, decorator, carpenter, engineer and designer. He designed the facade of the former Town Hall, which is today the Courthouse.



## KENGO KUMA 5

Born in 1954 in Japan, Kuma is a world-renowned architect. His goal in his structures is to reinterpret Japanese tradition in 21st century terms, putting nature at the centre of his works. He designed and built the Centre of the Arts, inaugurated in 2013.

*“Architecture  
is to masonry  
what poetry  
is to literature.”*

Claude-Nicolas Ledoux



# BESANÇON

## CULTURAL HERITAGE



### FROM VESONTIO TO BESANÇON

A historically fascinating city, Besançon is on the UNESCO World Heritage List because of its Vauban fortifications. Located in an exceptional natural setting, Besançon has a rich and diverse past.

A proud city of a Gallic people, the Sequanes, it became Gallo-Roman under Julius Caesar, and was, for a long time, a free and imperial city, functioning as a small republic. After it was conquered by Louis XIV, Vauban constructed strong defensive bastions on its high, surrounding hills, making it impregnable. It became the new capital of Franche-Comté.

Here, history greets you at every turn on your walks, and Gallo-Roman archaeological remains, Renaissance palaces, bastioned fortifications and private mansions with classical facades prepare to delight you.

Besançon is also the birthplace of many writers, artists and philosophers. **Victor Hugo**, **Charles Nodier**, **Auguste and Louis Lumière**, and **Pierre-Joseph Proudhon** have contributed strikingly to the prestige of Besançon.

### IDEAS AND MEN

#### THEY MADE FILMS!

**Auguste and Louis Lumière 1**, physicists and DIY enthusiasts, filed more than 193 patents. They were born in Besançon, in Victor Hugo Square; they are the inventors of cinematography and made significant contributions to the development of photography.

#### FRENCH LITERATURE CHANGED FOREVER

Besançon, capital of Franche-Comté, is proud to be the birthplace of **Victor Hugo 2** (1802-1885). Hugo was a playwright, poet, writer and intellectual. Through his personal life, by the quality of his work, his fight against poverty and commitment to the freedom of mankind, Hugo brought French literature to its apogee. In Besançon, two schools are named after him and there are two statues which pay him homage.

#### STEAMBOATS

The Marquis **Jouffroy d'Abbans 3** was a naval architect and engineer, and constructed the first steamboats.

#### SOCIOLOGY AT WORK

**Pierre-Joseph Proudhon 4**, philosopher and sociologist, was born in Besançon. He is one of the main theorists of French socialism and was the father of the Mutualist Movement and a pacifist. He was an activist for social revolution through peaceful means and not class struggle, putting him in opposition with Karl Marx.



### ARCHITECTURAL ORIGINALS

#### OUTSIDE STAIRCASES 5

All the courtyards in the old town have one! Spiral or straight flight, these staircases are mostly in stone, decorated with wrought iron to the first floor and then wood balusters for the upper rental floors. The outside stairs in the inner courtyards are specific to the urban architecture of Besançon.

#### TIME AND SUNDIALS 6

In the City of Time, many building facades are decorated by sundials. These sundials show the sun's movements in the morning or the afternoon and are perfect examples of the rigorous expertise of the artisans who created them.

#### THAT PALE BLUE-BEIGE LOCAL STONE 7

The city centre owes its sense of harmony to both its architectural unity and to the stone used for its buildings. This stone, called **Chailluz stone** (from the old quarries in Chailluz Forest) is a limestone of blue and other tones, lending a soft light to the old town.

### OUT-OF-THE-ORDINARY THINGS

#### THE MOST COMPLEX WATCH IN THE WORLD 8

This watch, the **Leroy 01**, manufactured between 1900 and 1904, is one of the jewels of the collection at the Museum of Time. It is a showcase of mechanical knowledge: it performs 24 complications besides indicating the seconds (as a unity of measure): a record that is still unbeaten!

#### TELL TIME DIFFERENTLY AT SAINT MADELEINE'S CHURCH 9

This church, a splendid example of the beauty of Neo-classical architecture, has an astonishing sundial, which is a large noon mark sundial whose hour lines are carved into the paving stones in the church.

### “Plût à Dieu”

#### THE MOTTO OF BESANÇON

Or **UTINAM** (in Latin) is the **official motto of Besançon**. It was a favorite expression of Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, and it means “God Willing”. It is carved above the fountain at Jean Cornet Square.





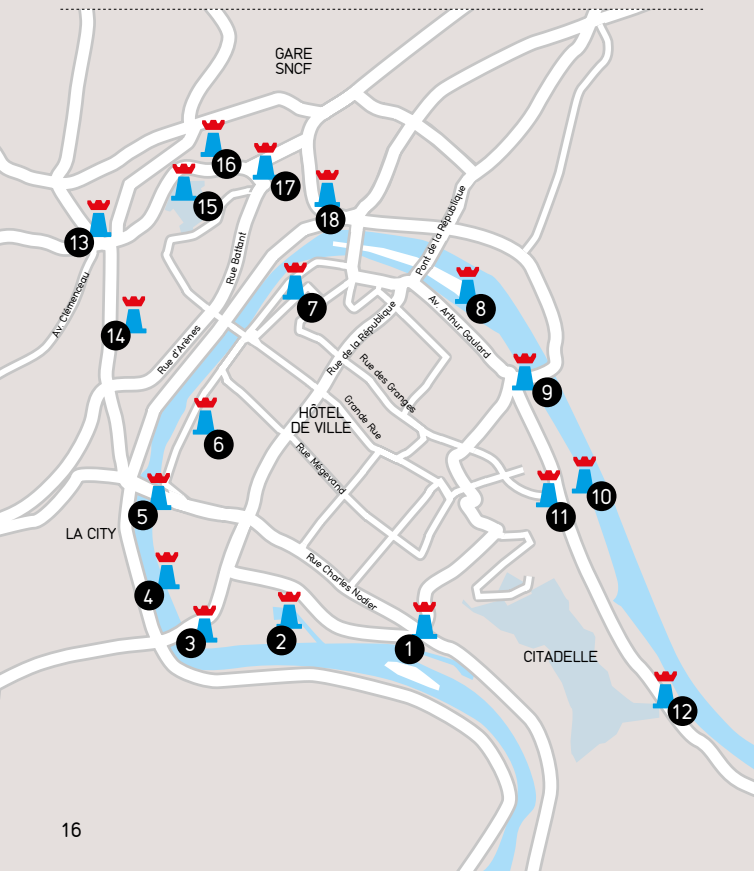
# BESANÇON VAUBAN

Besançon was established on an exceptional site that has marked its destiny. The old town nestles in a loop of the Doubs River, surrounded by hills and dominated by the rocky outcrop upon which stands the impressive citadel, designed by Sébastien Le Prestre, Maréchal de Vauban.



## A NETWORK OF MAJOR VAUBAN SITES

In 2008, Besançon, along with the 11 other network member cities, became a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There are, in all, **18 key fortification sites** in Besançon.



### 1 TOUR NOTRE-DAME

**Notre Dame Tower** - This mediaeval tower was part of the fortified entryway called Notre Dame Gate. It allowed access to Besançon from the South. Vauban had the gate dismantled and then had it rebuilt nearer the bank of the Doubs, adding a bastion in 1691.

### 2 BASTION DE LA VILLE

**City Bastion** - This defence structure once encircled the old mill.

### 3 TOUR BASTIONNÉE DE CHAMARS

**Chamars Bastioned Tower** - This bastioned tower was built by Vauban between 1688 and 1695 and, except for some modifications made around 1840, is still largely intact.

### 4 TOUR DU MARAIS

**Marais Tower** - In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, an extension to the Tower was removed and an outside staircase was added.

### 5 BASTION DE L'ARCHEVÊQUE

**The Archbishop's Bastion** - This bastion encircled the mill belonging to the Archbishop of Besançon until the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

### 6 TOUR DES CORDELIERS

**Cordeliers Tower** - In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, a part of the tower was removed and an outside staircase was added.

### 7 QUAI VAUBAN

**Vauban Embankment** - Designed by the engineer Robelin, the Quai Vauban was built between 1690 and 1695. Its only defence structures are at its ends: the Cordeliers, Poitune, the Holy Spirit casemates. The Battant casemate no longer exists. This harmonious architectural ensemble, set back from the embankment, was what Jean-Jacques Rousseau saw in 1733 when he came to Besançon.

### 8 BASTION DU MOULIN SAINT-PAUL

**Saint Paul's Mill Bastion** - This bastion originally encircled a mill belonging to Saint Paul's Abbey and in the 19<sup>th</sup> century it was leased to a professional miller who supplied the garrison with bread.

### 9 TOUR BASTIONNÉE DE BREGILLE

**Bregille Bastioned Tower** - In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, one part was removed; in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century it became a dovecote for the military.

### 10 TOUR BASTIONNÉE DE RIVOTTE

**Rivotte Bastioned Tower** - At one time, it was connected to the Rivotte Gate by a defensive wall with a gun gallery to defend the perimeters of the gate.

### 11 PORTE RIVOTTE

**Rivotte Gate** - This is one of the gates into the old town of Besançon. It dates from medieval times and had a drawbridge to guard the road to Switzerland via Pontarlier. It was renovated in 1546 under Emperor Charles V, and other changes were made in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Vauban reworked the central portion, giving it a protruding avant-corps. On the upper part, you can see the coat of arms of France, with the Royal Sun symbol above it.

### 12 PORTE TAILLÉE

**The Stone-cut Gate** - This gate dates from medieval times. The tower was redesigned by Charles V and again in the 17<sup>th</sup> century by Vauban, who added a guardhouse. Modifications made in the 19<sup>th</sup> century can be seen in the passage above the vault when you come from the South.

### 13 + 14 FORTIFICATIONS DE BATTANT

**Battant Fortifications** - The Arenas and Charmont Gates, which were identical, no longer exist. Only the guardhouses remain on either side.

### 15 FORT GRIFFON

Built by Vauban between 1680 and 1695, it is the second citadel of Besançon. It protected the area outside the city walls and watched over the newly conquered city.

### 16 PORTE BATTANT

**Battant Gate** - This gate was demolished in 1872 and rebuilt in 1873 with two entries and a new guardhouse. In 1957 it was demolished, but the guardhouse is still there.

### 17 BASTION DE BATTANT

**Battant Bastion** - This bastion is intact. Montmart Tower was built in medieval times and was kept by Vauban and used as a powder magazine.

### 18 TOUR DE LA PELOTE

**Pelote Tower** - Vauban kept this mediaeval tower; he built a bastion around it, defending the eastern end of the fortification.

# BESANÇON CITADEL



## VAUBAN FORTIFICATIONS: UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

*One visit won't be enough!*

The Besançon Citadel, a Vauban masterpiece, is one of the most beautiful citadels in France.

Towering more than 100 metres over the old town which is enclosed in the loop of the Doubs River, it offers spectacular panoramas from its ramparts. The Citadel is an important cultural and tourist centre and it makes heritage come alive for all who visit.

Besides the beautifully restored architectural ensemble of 11 hectares, the Citadel is home to three Museums of France, all of which offer exciting tours.



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## MULTIMEDIA IMMERSION SHOW

Experience a total immersion into the past. This show takes you through time and space to explore the moments that have marked the history of Besançon and the Citadel.

It is all in Saint Stephen's Chapel at the Citadel, where the walls, the chancel and the vaulted ceiling become huge expanses of historical image and sound: exciting episodes of history are related for your eyes and ears. In 15 minutes, experience key events of the Citadel's past that will make the rest of your visit that much richer.

## MUSEUM

The museum demonstrates biodiversity and helps preserve endangered species in its Zoological Garden, Aquarium, Insectarium, Noctarium and a small farm. Nowhere else in France can you find a place with so many species of animals on the same site.

## MUSEUM OF FRANCHE-COMTÉ

This museum is all about Franche-Comté. You will see exhibits on many of its traditions (clothing, tools...).

## THE RESISTANCE AND DEPORTATION MUSEUM

The Museum is closed for renovation.

## CHOOSE YOUR TOUR...

The Citadel offers a number of different tours, depending on what you want to see and the time you have available. **Unguided tour** (explore

the site, the museums and animal areas on your own). **Actor-accompanied tour** (An actor will accompany you, combining performance with history). **Interactive tours** (accompanied by a multilingual audioguide (French/English/German)). **Guided tour** (French/English/German). **Children's tour** (a booklet for children provided for the 7-11 year-olds).

## Let the app **Ma Citadelle**

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## A REALLY DIFFERENT TOUR

### Guided tour only.

Go into one of the Citadel tunnels, dug into the earth, that was used for troop movement within the Citadel; it was especially useful for protection during an attack.

## PLAYS, CONCERTS, EXHIBITIONS, SHOWS...

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Between intrigues, logic, enigmas, clues, manipulations and other games of deception, solve the sulphurous «affair of the poisons» in the allotted time.





# BESANÇON THE GAULS AND THE ROMANS

THE BLACK GATE

## CITADEL

Recommended length of visit at the Citadel: at least one half-day on your own, and at least 2 hours for a Discovery Day.

### ACCESS

From the Besançon city centre. Park your car in the city-centre at Chamars car park and from there, take the bus marked Chamars-Citadelle.



Bus line Chamars-Citadelle daily from April to October  
For more information  
[www.ginko.voyage](http://www.ginko.voyage)



By car (except from June to September, except for people with reduced mobility)  
Parking on the outskirts of the site, very limited number of spaces (pay parking)



Board the Little Tourist Train in the Rivotte quartier! On your way to the Citadel, you'll go through the city-centre: the commentary will give you a glimpse into Besançon's history.

For more information  
[www.citadelle.com](http://www.citadelle.com)  
[www.besancon-tourisme.com](http://www.besancon-tourisme.com)  
[www.bateau-besancon.fr](http://www.bateau-besancon.fr)

### OPENING PERIODS

**February to December 7 days a week**  
Closed on 25 December and the month of January

### OPENING HOURS

**Low season** from February 5th to March (26 th and from October 30th to December 31th : 10 am -5 pm

**Middle season** from March 27th to July 1st and from August 29th to October 29th : 9 am - 6 pm

**High season** from July second to August 28th : 9 am - 7 pm

### PRICES

**High season** : 12€  
**Middle season** : from April 1st to May 31th and from Oktober 1st to Oktober 31 th : 11€  
**Low season** : from February 5 th to March 31 th and from November 1st to December 31 th : 9€  
**Students, apprentices, job seekers** 9€

**Disabled and carer** free entrance  
**Children:**

**Under 4** Free entrance  
**From 4 to 7** 5,50€  
**From 8 to 17** 9€  
**Family day pass** (2 adults + any number of children) = 35€

### EATING FACILITIES

Brasserie-restaurant 'Le Grand Couvert' and snack bar 'La Taverne': open seasonally. Please contact beforehand.

## PORTE NOIRE

### The Black Gate

This Roman triumphal arch was erected around 175 CE, during the reign of Marcus Aurelius, at the southern entrance to the city, where the road from Italy became a major north-south crossroads. The original architecture and sculptures are basically intact.

Its proportions were uncommonly high. It has lost 3 metres in height, since its foundation is buried more than a metre underneath the modern road, and its attic, which supported the imperial statue at the top, is missing. In Roman times, the arch stood on its own, and its short sides, now hidden by the Archdiocese and the Rectorat (local education authority) were entirely decorated with images, such as those on the facades, drawn from mythology and religion. There are only a few scenes of war, which can be seen in the passage. Thus the arch, a part of local history, transmits a political message via philosophy and the analogy made between the worlds of the gods and human beings.

At the time of the Later Roman Empire, when danger threatened and inhabitants had to flee to the slopes of the hill, the arch became a town gate, defending the town. Neglected for centuries, the arch was saved from destruction by P. Marnotte in the 19th century. Thanks to its recent restoration, its original elegance can be appreciated once more.

## GALLO-ROMAN MOSAICS

Julius Caesar wrote of Besançon (Vesontio in those days) in his "Commentary on the Gallic War", calling it "oppidum Sequani" (town of the Sequanes). His strategist's mentality was attracted to the site where the Sequanes had built their town for its superior strategic possibilities. The town, protected by its ramparts, occupied the entire loop where neighbourhoods were set up. Its streets were lined with wood frame buildings.

When Vesontio became an administrative town under Roman rule, it changed. Affluent neighbourhoods and open squares were marked by masonry architecture, richly decorated with sculptures, frescoes and mosaics. The mosaics were discovered by chance during the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries; today archaeological excavations are programmed whenever construction requires digging.

The mosaics discovered over the last 30 years have been restored, and either preserved in museums or replaced at, or nearby, the site where they were discovered. If you go to the corner of the rue d'Alsace and rue de Lorraine, you will see a beautiful mosaic under glass in front of the Lumière Middle School, right in the heart of Besançon! It has a geometric design and dates from the 2nd century CE.



## BESANÇON MUSEUMS



### BIRTHPLACE OF VICTOR HUGO

The house where Victor Hugo was born is on the same square where Charles Nodier and the Lumière brothers were born and where Gustave Courbet lived. Its doors were opened to the public in 2013.

Hugo's battles and his commitments come alive through sets designed with the latest technology. No. 140, Grande Rue is the place to learn about and reflect upon the extraordinary heritage, both literary and political, that he left for us. Objets d'art, some of them major, and some that belonged to him, are also on display. Ten years after the celebration of the bicentenary of his birth, the City of Besançon now has a permanent tribute to Victor Hugo.

✕ For more information  
Maison Victor Hugo  
140, Grande Rue  
[maisonvictorhugo.besancon.fr](http://maisonvictorhugo.besancon.fr)

#### OPENING HOURS

Every day except on Tues.  
From the 1st Apr. to the 31th of Oct. 10.30 am to 6 pm  
From the 2nd of Nov. to the 31st of March 10.30 am to 5.30 pm  
During school holidays and on the week-end 10.30 to 6 pm  
Closed 1st Jan., 1st May, 1st Nov., 25 Dec.

#### PRICES

Full price 2,50 €  
Reduced price 1,50 €  
Free entrance under 18 years and every Sunday and bank holidays for all the visitors.

Guided tours with audio guide are available (in French, English and German).

Combined tickets with the Museum of Fine Arts and Archaeology:

Full price 8 €  
Reduced price 4 €

Obtained the «Qualité Tourisme» label



MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS AND  
ARCHAEOLOGY

### MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS AND ARCHAEOLOGY

The expanded spaces, new showcasing of two existing architectures (Pierre Marnotte, 1842 and Louis Miquel, 1970) and importance given to incoming daylight by the firm Architectures A. Scaranello, offer visitors the opportunity to truly rediscover the site and its collections.

Part of the French and international cultural landscape, the oldest public collection in France, born in 1694, can take pride in the breath and depth of its collections. In addition to the international renown of its European graphic arts collection (more than 6,000 drawings), it also boasts significant archaeological holdings (Egyptian, Mediterranean and regional collections), numerous sculptures, ceramics, goldsmiths' pieces and an exceptional collection of paintings representative of the main currents of Western art history from the end of the 15th to the 20th century.

#### OPENING HOURS

From 2nd. Nov to 31st March (except during school holidays): Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. from 2 pm to 6 pm  
From 1st. April to 31st October, Wed., Thu. Fri., 10 am to 12:30 and 2 pm to 6 pm.  
Every day except on Tues.  
All year on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 6 pm.  
Free entrance on first Sunday of the month

✕ For more information  
1, place de la Révolution  
[www.mbaa.besancon.fr](http://www.mbaa.besancon.fr)

### MUSEUM OF TIME

Granvelle Palace is a beautiful example of Renaissance architecture in Franche-Comté. It was restored (1988-2002) so that it could house the Museum of Time, which combines Besançon history, science and clockmaking. Time, which encompasses history and clockmaking, is the link that connects the rooms on your tour. From the collection of Abbot Boisot in the 17th century, to the historical one of time measurement objects, to the collections of clocks reflecting Besançon as the capital of watchmaking... your tour presents time from the broadest sense, to its most technical and scientific, to its most universal and poetical.

#### OPENING HOURS

Every day except on Mon.  
From 2nd. Nov to 31st March (except during school holidays): from Tues. to Fri. from 2 to 6 pm  
From 1st. April to 31st October, and during school holidays: from Tuesday to Friday from 10 to 12:30 am and from 2 to 6 pm.  
All year on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 6 pm.  
Closed 1st Jan., 1st May, 1st Nov., 25 Dec.

#### PRICES

Combined tickets with the Museum of Fine Arts and Archaeology  
Full price 8 €  
Reduced price 4 €  
Free entrance on first Sun. of the month.  
Free guided tour every Sun. at 3 pm

✕ Palais Granvelle - 96, Grande Rue  
[www.mdt.besancon.fr](http://www.mdt.besancon.fr)





THE FRAC

Vue de l'exposition Aller contre le vent, Frac Franche-Comté, 2022 - Photo : Blaise Adilon

## THE FRAC

The Franche-Comté FRAC is a unique venue created to introduce audiences to contemporary artistic creation. It is intended as a place where people from all walks of life can meet and interact. The Frac is located in the Cité des Arts, a building created by architect Kengo Kuma, with the agency Archidev (Hervé Limousin and Séverine Fagnoni) and landscape architect Jean-Marc L'Anton. The building, with its personable feel and soft, luminous aesthetic, was designed to facilitate visitors' first experience of the works, as they amble through the spaces. They are offered an ever-changing range of programming, with an ambitious mix of temporary exhibitions and multidisciplinary cultural offers.

The programming is built around the Frac's collections, rich with 700 works by 316 artists, giving prime status since 2006 to works that take on the vast question of Time, an issue chosen for its permanence in the history of art, its latest news and its anchoring in regional history.

### OPENING HOURS

**Closed on Mon. and thu.**

**From Wed. to Fri.** 2 pm to 6 pm

**On Sat. and Sun.** 2 pm to 7 pm

**Closed** 1st Jan., 1st May, 24, 25 and 31 Dec. and during the (dis)assembly of exhibitions

### PRICES

**Full price** 4€

**Reduced Price** 2€

**Free** under 18 years and on Sunday

## ARCHITECTURAL AND HERITAGE INTERPRETATION CENTRE (CIAP)

The CIAP's purpose is to give Besançon residents and visitors an understanding and appreciation of the heritage and identity of the city (its urban changes, its history, its people, its architectural features...) There is a permanent exhibition at the Town Hall. Discover the architecture and heritage of Besançon. Watch some films on the history, from the times of the Gauls and the Romans until today.

## BESANÇON AS TIME GOES BY



## THE ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK AND SAINT JOHN'S CATHEDRAL <sup>1</sup>

The Astronomical Clock was classified an historic monument in 1991. It was designed and built (1858 to 1860) by the master watchmaker, Auguste-Lucien Vérité. It has its own special room in the lower part of St. John's bell tower, and one of its functions is to operate the outside and inside clocks of the cathedral and those in 2 Comtois bell towers. The upper part of the clock displays automaton. They come alive every hour and perform scenes inspired by the Catholic Bible.

### OPENING HOURS

**See opening periods and times on the website:**

**[www.horloge-besancon.monuments-nationaux.fr](http://www.horloge-besancon.monuments-nationaux.fr)**

### PRICES

**Full price** 4€

**Reduced price** 3,50€

**Free** under 18 years and for persons from UE, disabled person and their carer.



**GPS** N 47°14.016' E 006°01.849'

**St. John's Cathedral - Rue du Chapitre**  
**[www.horloge-astronomique-besancon.fr](http://www.horloge-astronomique-besancon.fr)**

## BESANCON OBSERVATORY <sup>2</sup>

The observatory opened on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1885; it celebrated its 130th anniversary in 2015.

It was originally designed to be a chronometric, astronomical and weather observatory. Adapting to the times, chronometry gave way to time-frequency analysis and astronomy to astrophysics. The observatory and its grounds were classified as an historical monument on 3 May 2012.

### ✕ GUIDED TOURS ONLY

Besançon Visitor and Convention Information Centre  
**[www.besancon-tourisme.com](http://www.besancon-tourisme.com)**

## SUNDIALS <sup>3</sup>

"The sun lies; the clock tells the truth" was the watchmakers' motto. The Besançon sundials testify to this.

The vertical noon mark sundial at the Town Hall, made in 1786, uses the sun's movement in the morning. It is a perforated disc supported by three legs, and it gives the local time according to the sun from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. Sundials often have sayings engraved on them, which give food for thought. Something functional has a philosophical or moral message. "Gaudium et luctum fero" (I bring joy and pain), the inscription on this sundial, is a good example.

# BESANÇON RELIGIOUS HERITAGE



OUR LADY OF REFUGE  
CHAPEL



SAINT JOHN'S  
CATHEDRAL

## ÉGLISE SAINT-PIERRE

**Saint Peter's Church**  
**Place du 8 Septembre**

In 1780 the architect C.J. Bertrand presented the plans for a new church in a royal square in the heart of the city. The church, in the shape of a Greek cross, was built between 1782 and 1786. The French Revolution interrupted the completion of the project.



The painting *The Resurrection of Lazarus* by Martin de Vos, 1580, from the Granvelle collection, and *The Pieta*, a group sculpted by Luc Breton, 1787.

## BASILIQUE DES SAINT-FERRÉOL ET SAINT-FERJEUX

**Basilica**  
**Rue de la Basilique**

The basilica, begun 1884 and finished in 1901, is the work of architect Alfred Ducat, with the collaboration of artists of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. It contains many Besançon and Franche-Comté works of art.

## CHAPELLE NOTRE-DAME DU REFUGE

**Our Lady of Refuge Chapel**  
**18, rue de l'Orme de Chamars**

The chapel, begun in 1739 and completed in 1745, is the work of the Besançon architect Nicolas Nicole. It was initially part of the Convent of Refuge and was annexed to St. Jacques Hospital in 1802.

## ÉGLISE DE LA MADELEINE ET LE JACQUEMART

**Saint Madeleine's Church**  
**and the Jacquemart**  
**Rue de la Madeleine**

(right bank of the Battant Bridge)  
Saint Madeleine's Church is the magnum opus of architect Nicolas Nicole. Work on it began in 1746 and continued for the rest of the century. The two towers were completed in 1830. The church is divided into three naves, harmoniously proportioned by paired columns, standing on imposing stylobates. The architectural unity makes this church a model of Neo-classical architecture.

A **jacquemart** is a special antique automaton sculpted in wood or metal whose job is to tell the time by striking a bell with a hammer.



## CATHÉDRALE SAINT-JEAN

**Saint John's Cathedral**  
**10, rue de la Convention**

Construction was begun in the 12th century (the pillars and large Romanesque arches of the nave) and completed in the 13th century (cross-ribbed vaults), according to an unusual plan, which featured two opposing apses.



From the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century until the Revolution, *the Holy Shroud of Besançon*, a relic venerated throughout region, was kept in the Holy Shroud apse. The decoration of the apse, baroque-inspired, is, today, the background for an iconographic ensemble of paintings and sculptures, representing the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. There are paintings by J.F. Detroy, Natoire and Vanloo, *The Madonna with Saints*, a masterpiece of the Italian Renaissance by the Florentine Fra Bartolomeo (1512), and the tomb of Ferry Carondelet (1543).

## SYNAGOGUE

**Quai de Strasbourg**

Of all the synagogues built in the east of France under the Second Empire, this is one of the most markedly influenced by the Middle Eastern style of architecture.

## GALERIE DU SAINT-ESPRIT

**Holy Spirit Gallery**  
**1, rue Goudimel**

Established in Besançon in 1203, the Hospitaller Order of the Holy Spirit began the construction of a chapel and hospital buildings as of 1207, thanks to the generosity of Jean de Montferrand. Their main mission was the reception and care of the sick, the poor, pilgrims and abandoned children. Over the centuries architectural changes were made on the buildings and in the chapel, and a tower was built in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Later, a gallery was built, carved in wood. Its decor is a harmonious blend of Mediaeval and Renaissance styles.



## BESANÇON ARCHITECTURE



COURTHOUSE



## INTERIOR COURTYARDS AND SPLENDID STAIRCASES

In the heart of the city, mansions and bourgeois homes line the main streets. The high rocky crags of the Citadel and the loop of the Doubs River which surrounds the old town were constraints the builders of the past had to deal with. Building space was limited, which is why the houses in Besançon were built on narrow but long parcels.

Buildings, mansions and rentals, were separated by courtyards or indoor gardens. To gain space, the stairs were built outside, affixed to the party walls. Flights were coupled to serve two main buildings. Most staircases were made of stone, and decorated with wrought iron up to the first floor; wood balusters were used for the upper rental floors. The outside stairs in the inner courtyards are distinctive to the city centre of Besançon.



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## CONTEMPORARY ARCHITECTURE

### PALAIS DE JUSTICE

#### **The Courthouse 1, rue Mégevand**

The modern section of this courthouse was designed by Henri Gaudin. The preserved old section, entrance at Hugues Sabin Street, houses the Court of Appeal.

### IN MEMORIAM

#### **Glacis Park**

The monument to the dead was moved to Glacis Park where a new memorial site has been created that honours soldiers who died for France. We offer a guided tour for the sculptures from the old war memorial and the contemporary creation by Ousmane Sow: *Man and Child*.

### DELTA DU DOUBS

#### **At the Neuchâtel Roundabout and the Huddersfield-Kirklees Roundabout (at each end of the Citadel Tunnel), you can see half of one huge sculpture.**

Created by the artist François Morelet, it was erected in 1996, to commemorate the drilling of the tunnel under the Citadel.

### LA CITY

#### **Rue Gabriel Plançon**

Both a business centre and a communication hub, La City, designed by the architectural firm Studio, symbolises Besançon's commitment to state-of-the-art technologies.

### THE HISTORIC PAVILION OF THE CONVENTION AND TOURISM BUREAU

#### **Place de la 1<sup>re</sup> Armée Française**

The centre is located in Micaud Park, and is the work of Besançon architect Michel Demenge. It is integrated seamlessly into the park and melts into the greenery because of its lightness and transparency.

### LA RODIA

#### **4, avenue de Chardonnet**

La Rodia, built on stilts, is located near the city centre of Besançon. It was designed by the architecture firm of Denu et Paradon.

### THE CENTRE OF THE ARTS

#### **12, avenue Arthur Gaulard**

It was designed by the Japanese architect Kengo Kuma, whose design symbolises "the place where nature and the city meet, where inhabitants and river banks meet and where people meet with culture in its multiple forms."



## MANSIONS

“Hôtel particulier”, shortened to “hôtel”, in this section, is a mansion.

### HOTEL DU CHAMBRIER

11, rue de la Convention

This mansion, with a mediaeval past and rebuilt in the 18<sup>th</sup> century by François Gaspard de Grammont, Bishop of Arethusa and suffragan to the Archbishop of Besançon, today houses the Regional Council.

### HOTEL DU BOUTEILLER

2, rue des Granges

This mansion was built in 1582 by Claude de Jouffroy, Lord Marchaux. Its facade is decorated similarly to the Courthouse, built at the same time. Some sentences engraved on the facade, such as “No opted laudari sed factors laudanda” (Do not wish for praise: be worthy of it), convey philosophical or moralistic thoughts of the humanism of the Renaissance.

### HOTEL GAUTHIOT D'ANCIER

15, Grande Rue

This mansion was built in the early 16<sup>th</sup> century by Simon Gauthiot d'Ancier, co-governor of Besançon and rival of Nicolas de Granvelle. The facade on Grande Rue, with its ogee-arched bay windows, is Late Gothic. It was in this house that Simon Gauthiot d'Ancier hosted the Supreme Commander of the French Armies, Charles III, Duke of Bourbon, who offered his services to the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V.

### HOTEL DE TERRIER-SANTANS

68, Grande Rue

### HOTEL DE COURBOUZON

20, rue Chifflet

### HOTEL BOITOUSET

5, rue de la Convention

This mansion was built in the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century for Canon Boitouset, and is today the residence of the Archbishop of Besançon.

# BESANÇON FOUNTAINS

In 1559, the spring in the small Bregille valley was harnessed to feed six fountains in the heart of the city, and from 1560 to 1580, the Franche-Comté sculptor Claude Lullier, commissioned by the city, decorated each of them. In a niche, the Fontaine des Carmes with its stone basin embellished by a sculpted Neptune astride a dolphin is a testimonial to his talent.

### FONTAINE DES DAMES



### Fountain of the Ladies Rue Charles Nodier

This fountain, in its stone niche at a corner of the Prefecture, was created in 1785 after the designs by architect Claude Joseph Bertrand. It was decorated by the sculptor Luc Breton. Against a background of stone, treated to resemble limestone formations, two intertwined dolphins support a shell: a lovely setting for a little bronze mermaid. Claude Lullier sculpted the little mermaid, who first graced the courtyard of Granvelle Palace in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

### FONTAINE DE LA PLACE JEAN CORNET

#### The Jean Cornet Square Fountain

This monumental fountain, which is at an intersection, was sculpted by Albert Pasche in 1900, after the designs by the architect E-B St. Ginest. It replaced a fountain which was built in 1740 and destroyed during the Revolution. “Utinam”, the inscription engraved under the pediment, is the motto of Besançon, in Latin. On other monuments, this motto appears in French “Plût à dieu” (“God Willing”).

### FONTAINE BACCHUS

#### Rue Battant

The very name of this fountain commemorates not only the wine industry which existed in the Battant section of Besançon, but also the existence of an old fountain decorated with a stone Bacchus, sculpted by Claude Lullier in 1579. Alphonse Delacroix, a city architect, designed the present fountain in 1854. He also designed the impressive Arcier aqueduct in 1850. To celebrate the arrival of the water supply from Arcier, the city voted to create three new fountains, one of which was the Bacchus Fountain.

### LE MINOTAURE

This modern fountain, *The Minotaur*, built near the **Robert Schwint Bridge**, is right in the middle of the river. It was designed by the Besançon artist Jens Boettcher and is 7 m high, in bronze. Boettcher also designed the statue, *La Source*, which stands in the basin of Saint Quentin's Fountain.

### LA SOURCE

This fountain is at **Place Victor Hugo** (Victor Hugo Square): its background and lighting enhance its presence.

### L'ARROSEUR ARROSE

#### *The Tables Turned on the Gardener or The Sprinkler Sprinkled* Rue de la République, Centre Pierre Bayle

This sculpture, by Pascal Coupot, pays tribute to the Lumière brothers. It depicts a scene from their film, *Tables Turned on the Gardener*. It was the first fiction film and what may be the first sight gag in cinema history.

“Do not wish  
for praise:  
be worthy of it.”



# BESANÇON THE DOUBS



VEDETTES PANORAMIQUES DU SAUT DU DOUBS

Other ways to discover the charm of our city and our river: sightseeing boat rides or small rental boats, with or without a driver..., they will take you, moving with the current, to a waterfall, a lock or a tunnel...

## VEDETTES DE BESANÇON BOAT LE BATTANT



Take the Loop of the Doubs Cruise, passing through locks and through the Citadel Tunnel. Learn about Besançon during the live commentary. Length of tour: **about 1 hour and 15 min.** Departure from the Pont de la République (Republic Bridge)

[www.vedettesdebesancon.com](http://www.vedettesdebesancon.com)  
Christmas Cruise (reserve at the Visitor and Convention Information Centre).  
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## DEPARTURE TIMES

**Daily in July and August: 10am, 11:15am\*, 2:15pm, 3:30pm, 4:45pm and 6pm\*\*.**  
**From April to June, and from Sep. to Oct., 2:15pm and 3:30pm (+4.45pm on weekend and bank holiday).**

## PRICES

**Full price** 13€  
**Children** (from 4 to 16 years) 10€  
\* cancellation in case of a meal cruise  
- updating on the website.  
\*\* only with reservation

## BATEAU DE BESANÇON BOAT LE VAUBAN



Discover Besançon differently! Our boat, *Le Vauban*, takes you all around the Loop of the Doubs. You pass through two locks and through the impressive, 375-metre-long underground canal, dug under the Citadel. From the boat, you have a stunning view of the Vauban fortifications and the Citadel (both are on the UNESCO World Heritage List). Take *Le Vauban* for a dinner cruise, or as a venue for your corporate seminars, weddings, parties with shows.

Departure from the Pont de la République (Republic Bridge)  
info@visitezbesancon.com  
 [www.visitezbesancon.com](http://www.visitezbesancon.com)  
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## DEPARTURE TIMES

**For individuals**, scheduled departures in season: for precise times, go to [visitezbesancon.com](http://visitezbesancon.com)  
**For groups**, daily (except in winter), reservation necessary

## PRICES

**Full price** 13€  
**Children** (from 3 to 12 years) 10€  
**Combined ticket**  
Boat + Little Tourist train 19,50€ and 14,50€ children

**At Villers-le-Lac, visit the river basins and the Falls of the Doubs River (le Saut du Doubs) by boat.**

## CNFS VEDETTES PANORAMIQUES DU SAUT DU DOUBS

2, place Maxime Cupillard  
25130 Villers-le-Lac

[www.vedettes-panoramiques.com](http://www.vedettes-panoramiques.com)



## BATEAUX DU SAUT DU DOUBS DROZ-BARTHOLET COMPANY

Les Terres-rouges  
25130 Villers-le-Lac  
 [www.sautdudoubs.fr](http://www.sautdudoubs.fr)



CNFS Vedettes Panoramiques and Bateaux du Saut du Doubs provide cruises with and without dinner on the Doubs River basins at Villers-le-Lac and include a visit to the Falls. Reservations essential for dinner cruises.

## MONSIEUR CANAL

**Lock 56 at Thoraise:** a river tunnel with **magical lightworks!** Created by Jeppe Hein (artist) and Olivier Vadrot (architect/design).



MONSIEUR CANAL





## GREATER BESANÇON RIVER PORT AND MARINAS: 3 SITES, 75 MOORINGS

If you are transiting or want to rent a short- or long-term mooring at any of the 3 marinas:

Doubs Plaisance  
[www.doubsplaisance.com](http://www.doubsplaisance.com)  
[contact@doubsplaisance.com](mailto:contact@doubsplaisance.com)  
 0033 3 81 81 75 35



### ST. PAUL'S RIVER PORT AND MARINA IN BESANÇON

Location: on St. Pierre's Island (Ile Saint-Pierre) in the heart of Besançon. Open year-round. Harbour Master's Office of Greater Besançon. 25 moorings for boats up to 14 metres. Facilities: reception office, showers and toilets, floating pontoons for moorings, power and water hook-ups. Maximum Draught: 1.30 metres Maximum Air Draught: 3.50 metres During the summer season, priority is given to transiting boats. During the winter, medium- and long-term moorings available: location is well-protected from flooding.

### THE CENTRE OF THE ARTS MARINA IN BESANÇON

Flowing water marina  
 20 moorings for boats up to 20 metres + 2 berths for big boats (passenger boats, boat hotels... reservation required for boats over 20 metres long). Facilities: floating pontoons for moorings, power and water hook-ups, a pump-out station, and a gangway to the dock for people with reduced mobility.

Maximum Draught: 1.80 metres  
 Maximum Air Draught: 3.50 metres  
 The marina accommodates vessels for short-, medium- and long-term mooring during the summer season. Because the marina is on flowing water, it is closed in winter. See St. Paul's Marina for winter moorings.

**PETROL PUMP**  
 (diesel only)  
 Call to **06 71 17 91 29**  
[www.grandbesancon.fr/portdaggglomeration](http://www.grandbesancon.fr/portdaggglomeration)



### DELUZ RIVER MARINA

Accommodates all types of boats up to 15 metres long, 30 moorings. Full-service marina (painting and mechanical service, winter berthing...) Facilities: floating pontoons for moorings, power and water hook-ups, a pump-out station, access ramp, picnic tables.



## DOUBS PLAISANCE BOAT RENTALS

### ELECTRIC BOAT

Electric boat rental: so you can see Besançon from the Doubs, safely and at your own rhythm. Allow 2 hours for reception, getting settled in the boat and to tour the Loop. You will go through 2 locks at Tarragnoz and Moulin St Paul (St. Paul's Mill).

**OPENING TIMES**  
 15th April to 15th October

### RIVER CRUISES

Cruises organised for disabled adults (approved by Vacances Adaptées)

**OPENING TIMES**  
**April to September**  
[www.grandbesancon.fr/portdaggglomeration](http://www.grandbesancon.fr/portdaggglomeration)

# BESANÇON THE SURROUNDING AREA

## MUSEE DE PLEIN AIR DES MAISONS COMTOISES



AN OPEN-AIR MUSEUM AND PARK UNLIKE ANY OTHER IN FRANCE! The Musée des Maisons Comtoises is an ideal place to stroll and explore. Enjoy a unique blend of heritage, activities, exhibitions and events! Architectural interest - The Musée des Maisons Comtoises comprises 35 17th-, 18th- and 19th-century buildings from all over the Franche-Comté region, including farmhouses, workshops, a communal oven and a chapel. They are typical of rural architecture in Franche-Comté, with each building representing a specific local area. Each testifies to the unique connection between a society and its environment. Get a real insight into how local people and communities lived between 1750 and 1950!

Rue du Musée  
25360 NANCRAÏ  
**03 81 55 29 77**  
[musee@maisons-comtoises.org](mailto:musee@maisons-comtoises.org)  
[www.maisons-comtoises.org](http://www.maisons-comtoises.org)



## GOUFFRE DE POUDREY



Deep in the bowels of the earth, a full 70 metres below ground, the Gouffre de Poudrey is a cave so colossal it could hold Notre-Dame. It is the largest

underground chamber open to visitors in France. During the tour, you will see stalactites, stalagmites and other limestone concretions, in what is a veritable city of darkness. The guided tour and the Sound and Light show bring this magnificent setting into sharp relief.

1 lieu-dit Puits de Poudrey  
25580 ÉTALANS  
**03 81 59 22 57**  
[contact@gouffredepoudrey.com](mailto:contact@gouffredepoudrey.com)  
[www.gouffredepoudrey.com](http://www.gouffredepoudrey.com)

## GROTTE D'OSSELLE



The cave, with its sparkling stalactites and stalagmites and its strange, shifting colours, houses the largest collection of cave bear bones in Europe. Its wealth of crystals and colours, its rock formations, and its historic and pre-historic treasures make it one of the most amazing caves in the world. It was also a place of celebration for Voltaire, a place of worship under The Terror, a historic monument, and a geological gem that sheltered visitors from the summer heat.

42 route des Grottes  
25410 ROSET FLUANS  
**03 81 63 62 09**  
[grotte.osselle@yahoo.fr](mailto:grotte.osselle@yahoo.fr)  
<https://grotte-osselle.fr>

## TUYÉ DU PAPY GABY



Discover the most impressive "tuyé" in the Haut-Doubs region. This is a huge, 18-meter high smokehouse where in the past, hams and the famous Morteau sausages were smoked. Enter the small Saugeais Republic with its realistic automates (the customs agent, the President Mrs Pourchet who will sign your pass and the famous Papy Gaby, an exact replica of Père Marguet, who will sing the Saugeais hymn for you.

2 lieu-dit Cotey  
25650 GILLEY  
**03 81 43 33 03**  
[magasin@tuye-papygaby.com](mailto:magasin@tuye-papygaby.com)  
[www.tuye-papygaby.com](http://www.tuye-papygaby.com)



## CHÂTEAU MÉDIÉVAL DE MONTFAUCON

Remains of the castle of Montfaucon, a real paradise for hikers, joggers and other lovers of nature, geology or history. At the beginning of the path of the Donjon, there is a very nice view on the Vallon du Château; an educational panel brings your eyes on the different characteristic points of this site. Free access.

Chemin du Donjon  
25660 MONTFAUCON  
**03 81 43 33 03**  
[un25.nguyen@yahoo.fr](mailto:un25.nguyen@yahoo.fr)  
[www.chateau-de-montfaucon-doubs.org](http://www.chateau-de-montfaucon-doubs.org)

## LA MAISON DU COMTÉ

Come enjoy a four-step guided tour on Comté Cheese and emerge an expert! A model and a fully automated tour programme explain the PDO rules applicable to Comté and showcase various professionals and their passion for the industry, the job and the world of milk production, cheese making and ripening.

10 route de Lons  
39800 POLIGNY  
**03 84 37 78 40**  
[info@maisonducomte.com](mailto:info@maisonducomte.com)  
[www.maison-du-comte.com](http://www.maison-du-comte.com)



## CHÂTEAU DE VAIRE LE GRAND

This 18th-century château is famous for its French gardens and their panoramic views over the Doubs valley. Visitors are welcome.

10 rue de Charmont  
25220 VAIRE ARCIER  
**06 81 87 41 38**  
[vairlegrand@gmail.com](mailto:vairlegrand@gmail.com)  
[v.l.g.free.fr](http://v.l.g.free.fr)

## MUSEE DES ARMEES LUCIEN ROY

Twelve rooms depicting the great imperial wars, the two world wars and the colonial wars. 250 uniformed models, along with weapons and ammunition, paint a picture of what those wars were really like, and illustrate the courage of those fighting for freedom.

70 rue de Besançon  
25720 BEURE  
**06 42 06 96 64**  
[museelucienroy@orange.fr](mailto:museelucienroy@orange.fr)  
<http://www.museelucienroy.fr/>



# BESANÇON SPORTS AND LEISURE

## HAPPY'S EXPERIENCES



Specialist in cycle touring in Franche Comté, we offer the rental of electrically assisted VTCs and organised day or half-day programmes. A complete offer perfect for the organization of your leisure days in family or between friends. We also propose short itinerant stays allowing to discover the marvellous Comtois landscapes in a playful and original way. An original way for companies to unite their teams.

32c rue de la Gare  
25620 MAMIROLLE  
**06 20 53 53 62**  
**marion.michel@happys-experience.fr**  
[happys-experience.fr](http://happys-experience.fr)

## CARROUSEL BAILLY COCHET



The Bailly Cochet carousel adventure began in 1865, the year in which the Thurin family ordered a Prussian carousel, where the first wooden horses were born ... In 1991 Francisque Bailly-Cochet took over the activity and increased the number of carousels. Two carousels installed year-round in Besançon (place de la Révolution and Parc Micaud).

2 manèges  
Place de la Révolution et Parc Micaud  
25000 BESANCON  
**06 08 77 14 01**  
**fbcb@carrouseland.com**  
[www.carrouseland.com](http://www.carrouseland.com)

## PARC DINO-ZOO



Prehistoric park for the whole family! Visiting the Dino-Zoo is to penetrate without reserve into the heart of the history of the evolution of the world, to live strong emotions by discovering these creatures out of norms, to embrace in one glance what was the life on our planet several million years ago. A real passport to an extraordinary adventure! 3 attractions, 2 playgrounds and 6 educational activities complete the visit.

rue de la Préhistoire  
25620 CHARBONNIERES LES SAPINS  
**03 81 59 31 31**  
**contact@dino-zoo.com**  
[www.dino-zoo.com](http://www.dino-zoo.com)

## DOMERGUE AVIATION



Professional structure, the flight school is a company of professionals with a club atmosphere and aeroclub rates. Domergue Aviation offers discovery flights in the Besançon area and above Ornans and its valley, initiation to flying, a flying school, first flights and aerial photographs. Bar on the spot. Flights by appointment.

Aérodrome de la Vèze  
25660 LA VEZE  
**03 81 81 50 82**  
**claud@domergue.com**  
[www.domergue.fr](http://www.domergue.fr)

## FERME AUX LAMAS



During a guided visit we will introduce you into our lama and alpaca world. The environment is guaranteed to change your perception. A walk of about 30 minutes with a lama or an alpaca will complete your experience. After this you will have time to discover all other small animals at our farm, like poneys, old breed of sheep, goats, pigs, peacocks and a variety of hens. They are surely not refusing to be fed by you. An afternoon at our farm will be of a great experience, don't miss it.

Champ Pailot  
25620 MAMIROLLE  
**06 84 14 44 12**  
**contact@lafermeauxlamas.fr**  
[www.la-ferme-aux-lamas.fr/](http://www.la-ferme-aux-lamas.fr/)



## GOLF CLUB DE BESANCON



Besançon golf club is set in a beautiful wooded estate and offers a year round welcome to members and guests, whether they are beginners or more experienced players. Located in La Chevillotte, 15 minutes from Besançon, the estate stretches over 200 hectare sand boasts an 80 hectare golf course. Discover the selective and varied 18 hole course, which is suitable for all abilities. Everyone can play at their own space, and you will be impressed by the design and variety of the course, the peace and quiet, and the well maintained setting. You will also love the club restaurant with its superb terrace and its new team of lively and professional staff. Perhaps you will find the club of your choice..

1 route de Naisey  
25620 LA CHEVILLOTTE  
**03 81 55 73 54**  
**accueil@golfbesancon.com**  
[www.golfbesancon.com](http://www.golfbesancon.com)

## FUNAMBULLE



Located in the middle of the forest, the Funambulle park is the ideal place to spend a day with family or friends in the trees with its 13 courses, 4 of which are 1m high for the little ones and up to 12m high for the red/black courses. Tyrolean traverse on all courses and 2 tyrolean traverse courses, 1 for adults, 1 for children, cuddle trees, loan of games, felts etc... picnic area, small refreshment bar, dry toilets.

Le Grand Barmaud  
25290 CHASSAGNE SAINT DENIS  
**06 32 78 08 62**  
**contact@funambulle.com**  
[www.funambulle.com](http://www.funambulle.com)



## PETIT TRAIN TOURISTIQUE DE BESANCON



As an ideal complement to the boat tour on the Doubs loop aboard the Vauban, the Little Train takes you through the old Besançon through its winding streets in 45 minutes, with historical comments where Vauban and Victor Hugo will tell you about Besançon. Stopover at the entrance of the Citadel, then return to the departure parking lot. Discount on the adult rate for the Citadelle entrance on presentation of the Petit Train ticket. Departure from Faubourg Rivotte, in front of the restaurant Le Manège or Place du 8 Septembre.

Parking Rivotte  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 68 13 25**  
**info@visitezbesancon.com**  
[www.visitezbesancon.com](http://www.visitezbesancon.com)



## POUPET VOL LIBRE



The desire to fly is in your head, we hold the secret of healing! A little blue sky, the mountain to launch, a dose of smile and our pedagogy to accompany you; the wind will do the rest. The Poupet Vol Libre school has been certified for 31 years by the Fédération Française de Vol Libre. All the instructors of the school are state qualified. You can do discovery baptisms, initiation and improvement training over several days. With the Handicare qualification, the school also offers flights in adapted wheelchairs for disabled people.

9 rue du Poupet  
39110 SALINS LES BAINS

**06 32 90 84 91 - 03 84 73 04 56**  
**info.ecole@poupetvolibre.com**  
[www.poupetvolibre.com](http://www.poupetvolibre.com)

## ROC & EAU



Our commitment: to share with you unspoiled places by combining outdoor activities and discovery of regional culture. Explore the underground networks, traverse the canyons: abseils, jumps, join us and try the adventure! All dressed in neoprene, you will follow the journey of this precious liquid through the Jura limestone over the water. Equipped with equipment specific to the activity, come and experience the riches of the Jura subsoil, browse tumultuous rivers and discover magnificent landscapes in complete safety.

25290 ORNANS  
**06 19 80 31 22**  
**roceteau@gmail.com**  
[www.roceteau.com](http://www.roceteau.com)

## LES ATTELAGES DE LA ROCHE PERCEE

In an exceptional natural environment! Cani-rando: to hike and discover magnificent viewpoints; Cani-trottinette, scooters pulled by 1 or 2 dogs; Kart à chiens, to taste the joys of driving a sled on forest roads; Dog sledding, to glide silently in the powder snow; discovery rides or initiation to driving a sled Make a reservation!

La ferme de Nirveau  
25510 PIERREFONTAINE LES VARANS  
**03 81 56 30 04**  
**fabrice.talvat@ozone.net**  
[www.lesattelagesdelarochepercee.com/](http://www.lesattelagesdelarochepercee.com/)



## CHAUX ET LEGENDES



Pedal more, get tired less and discover differently. If you want to ride with an electric mountain bike guide through the Sommières, the lanes and small roads of the forest of Chaux and its surroundings, then follow me and I will make you discover them. The commented electric mountain bike routes are accessible to all (over 1m55) and you can pedal your way through the magnificent itineraries in the lair of the "never-ending forest" without exhausting yourself. Nature is your guest in this preserved massif of Franche-Comté. Passionate, in love with the forest of Chaux, I will make you discover it under various aspects by proposing commented courses in good mood and in all peace.

24, rue de la Riotte  
25410 ROSET FLUANS  
**06 86 94 48 13**  
**chauxetlegendes@gmail.com**  
[www.chauxetlegendes.fr](http://www.chauxetlegendes.fr)

## ESCAL'O

In Besançon and Franche-Comté, Julien Carraud shares his passion and accompanies you in complete safety to discover outdoor activities: climbing, canyoning, via ferrata, canoeing, kayaking and mountain biking..

10 rue des Frères  
25320 BOUSSIERES  
**06 74 26 72 56**  
**escal-o@outlook.fr**  
[www.escal-o.fr](http://www.escal-o.fr)

## LA FORET DE CHAILLUZ

On the outskirts of the city, the forests of Chailluz and Bregille offer more than 1,780 hectares of playground for the faithful of a virgin and sovereign nature. Marked trails, picnic areas, animal viewing parks from which one can admire wild boars, fallow deer, roe deer and other deer, here everything participates in the happy meeting of man and nature. Marked hiking and mountain bike trails.

25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 80 92 55**

## LES LACS D'OSSELLE

Enjoy some time swimming and relaxing with your family or friends! The leisure complex provides free access to a large outdoor space with a food truck, terrace, children's playground and boules pitch. For a small fee, you will also have access to the supervised lakeside beach with two bathing areas (subject to opening hours); facilities and activities include a floating dock, beach volleyball, a picnic area, water sports such as paddleboarding and canoeing, a 42-pitch campsite and parking areas: 240 spaces for cars, 40 spaces for bicycles and 4 disabled spaces. First aid station.

Lieu-dit La Corvée  
25320 OSSELLE-ROUTELLE  
**06 52 03 73 83**  
**osselle@woka.fr**  
[www.woka.fr/](http://www.woka.fr/)

## LOCATION DE QUADRICYCLES

Atypical, this means of locomotion is on 4 wheels, has two or more pedals and a steering wheel. Ideal for a walk in family or between friends, come to make a stroll on the Eurovéloroute 6 which skirts the Doubs and the Halte. Perfectly equipped and signposted, this paved cycle route is totally suitable for children. In one way or the other you will take pleasure to ride on a few kilometers and discover green landscapes in the heart of the Doubs Valley. On your way back, come and enjoy a well deserved rest on the terrace of the Capitainerie, we offer refreshments, ice creams and hot drinks.

26 rue de la Papeterie  
25960 DELUZ  
**03 81 25 65 93 - 06 49 78 78 04**  
**halte.deluz@sdh-epsms.fr**  
[doubsplaisance.com/capitainerie-deluz/](http://doubsplaisance.com/capitainerie-deluz/)

## OKIDOK

A giant recreation 100% games, 100% fun! The perfect place to celebrate your birthday! In the heart of Okidok, come and challenge the obstacles of the Jungle, a mega maze on three levels to climb, slide, jump, crawl and let off steam!

7 rue Guillaume Apollinaire  
ZAC Chateaufarine  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 25 44 00**  
[besancon@okidok.fr](mailto:besancon@okidok.fr)  
[okidok.fr/besancon](http://okidok.fr/besancon)

## PATRIMOINE ET ENVIRONNEMENT 25

If you want to discover Besançon and its surroundings in an original way, you are at the right place! Alexandre offers you different ways to discover Besançon, by walking, running and cycling. These tours are aimed at both locals and tourists who would like to venture into the old town and the surrounding hills.

39 avenue Montjoux  
25000 BESANCON  
**06 84 75 49 40**  
[alexandre.cailler25@gmail.com](mailto:alexandre.cailler25@gmail.com)  
[www.visite-besancon.com](http://www.visite-besancon.com)

## SAINT VIT CANOE KAYAK

Come and relax on the wild Doubs river in free navigation. Practice your course in the boat of your choice, Canoe 2 to 3 places, Kayak 1 place, Paddle. Duration of rental from 1 hour to half a day from 10 am to 6 pm on reservation. If you have never practiced canoeing, no problem, the courses are accessible to all, with the only requirement to know how to swim.

route du Moulin du Pré  
25410 SAINT-VIT  
**03 81 87 67 99 - 07 68 95 63 49**  
[canoestvit@hotmail.fr](mailto:canoestvit@hotmail.fr)  
[www.svck.fr](http://www.svck.fr)

## VAL NATURE

For the day or for 2 hours, discover the lower valley of the Loue river (from Port-Lesney to Ounans) where calm and white water alternate. Val nature welcomes you on two sites along the Loue, Ounans and Quingey, paddle on more than 70 km!

1 rue de la Plage  
39380 OUNANS  
**06 62 21 58 92**  
[contact@valnature.eu](mailto:contact@valnature.eu)  
[valnature.euw](http://valnature.euw)

## TIR A L'ARC

### LA FERME DE NIRVEAU

Come and discover archery on straw targets and on a forest course with targets in the shape of animals and in 3D. An activity close to nature. This activity requires patience and discipline and is accessible to children from 10 years old.

25510 PIERREFONTAINE LES VARANS  
**03 81 56 30 04**  
[manonloisirsnature@gmail.com](mailto:manonloisirsnature@gmail.com)  
<https://manonloisirsnature.wixsite.com/manonloisirsnature>



### WOKA LOISIRS CANOE KAYAK

An escape and relaxation with your feet in the water, 10 minutes from Besançon, where you can enjoy canoeing and kayaking on the Doubs all summer long. The base offers an EcoPayageurs course which is part of a policy to promote and protect the natural environment.

Paddle : On the water, in perfect harmony with nature, let yourself be carried by the current on an inflatable or rigid board.

2 rue du Pont  
25720 AVANNE AVENEY  
**03 81 87 53 11**  
[avanne@woka.fr](mailto:avanne@woka.fr)  
[www.woka.fr](http://www.woka.fr)

### WOKA LOISIRS PADDLE

Inflatable or rigid board, the activity allows you to challenge the waves in the sea, as well as to go for a ride on calmer waters. The practice of Stand Up Paddle contributes to the well-being of the body and mind. On the water, in perfect harmony with nature, let yourself be carried by the current.

2 rue du Pont  
25720 AVANNE AVENEY  
**03 81 87 53 11**  
[avanne@woka.fr](mailto:avanne@woka.fr)  
[www.woka.fr](http://www.woka.fr)

# BESANÇON TABLE SERVICE

## L'INSOLITE



L'insolite, culinary escape, offers you a refined French cuisine in a calm and modern setting. Gastronomic restaurant in the heart of the city, a clear and contemporary room, a kitchen in short circuit.

58 rue des Granges  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 85 24 48**  
[contact@linsolite.fr](mailto:contact@linsolite.fr)  
[www.linsolite.fr](http://www.linsolite.fr)



## LA BELLE EPOQUE



Make yourself comfortable and enjoy the cosy atmosphere of our restaurant to taste the Chef's specialties! You can consult on our website the panel of menus and proposed cards as well as our programs of shows. Retro ball with musician on Friday and Saturday evening, on Sunday afternoon.

RN 73  
25410 POUILLEY FRANCAIS  
**03 81 81 08 17**  
[contact@la-belleepoque.fr](mailto:contact@la-belleepoque.fr)  
[www.la-belleepoque.fr](http://www.la-belleepoque.fr)



## LA PLANCHA



In a warm and friendly atmosphere, feel like a trapper for an evening. La Plancha is 7 meats on stone, many burgers, salads, but also beautiful pieces of meat matured by us (Charolais beef), fish and fried carp. On our menu? A delicious tartar, bull, quail fillets ... meticulously concocted.

10 rue Gustave Courbet  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 48 25 39**  
[laplanchacnrl@gmail.com](mailto:laplanchacnrl@gmail.com)  
[www.laplancha-restaurant.fr](http://www.laplancha-restaurant.fr)

## LE SAINT PIERRE



A gastronomic kitchen which puts the fish and the good products in the honor with originality. Happiness in the plate! Scampi nems with basil and fresh mint, pan-fried scallops with leek and truffle juice, shelled lobster on cockle juice risotto... Market menu for lunch and dinner (wine and coffee included). What do the customers say about it? «A cosy setting with blond stone walls, a cozy decor, the refinement of the dishes», «the plates are beautifully presented with the flavors highlighted», «all our taste buds explode».

104 rue Battant  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 81 20 99**  
[lesaintpierre2@wanadoo.fr](mailto:lesaintpierre2@wanadoo.fr)  
[www.restaurant-saintpierre.com](http://www.restaurant-saintpierre.com)

## VISCONTI



In an atmosphere that recalls the Franco-Italian cinema of the 1960s, we offer you a cuisine based on pure Italian products. Simple dishes and quality products, Italian and regional dishes revisited with Italian colors, such is the approach of our establishment. We also offer you dishes and pizzas to take away.

10 faubourg Rivotte  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 21 64 88**  
**contact@levisconti.fr**  
[www.levisconti.fr](http://www.levisconti.fr)

## CHINA TOWN



The refined decor of this place will make you travel and discover Chinese and Vietnamese specialties which you will enjoy: filet of sole with acidulous sauce, crispy peking duck in honey infusion. In summer, terrace for lunch and dinner. Superb view on the quays of the Doubs. A take-away service is also available when the restaurant is open. Gastronomy is for us a tasty mixture of discovery, exchange and meeting. Your satisfaction and loyalty are our greatest rewards.

23 bis, quai de Strasbourg  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 82 21 00**  
**chinatownbesancon@gmail.com**  
[www.china-town.fr](http://www.china-town.fr)



## L'UNALÔME



At Unalôme, we cook with our heart and nature, according to the arrivals of our local producers and in the respect of our planet.

3 rue Rivotte  
25000 BESANCON  
**09 86 79 53 05**  
**contact@lunalome.restaurant**  
<https://lunalome.restaurant>

## BISTRO REGENT

What are you in the mood for today? Choose between a beef tartar, a piece of beef, a grilled duck breast filet, a salmon tartar or a fresh salmon escalope a la plancha. All these dishes will be served with Charméncia's sauce which will perfectly match the flavors of our specialties. Each of them is accompanied by unlimited fries and a salad bowl of green salad.

25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 85 11 71**  
**besancon@bistroregent.fr**  
[www.bistro-regent.fr](http://www.bistro-regent.fr)

## BLEU DE SAPIN

After several years spent combining our two passions, cooking and traveling, we moved to Besançon and are pleased to introduce you to our culinary world. «With us, your taste buds will discover fresh, seasonal and local products. We open the doors of our restaurant with the desire to take the time to taste homemade food» Charlene and Thibaud

7 rue Richebourg  
25000 BESANCON  
**09 50 38 57 16**  
<https://bleudesapin.fr/>

## BRASSERIE DU COMMERCE

A historical place, where since 1873, the inhabitants of Besançon have enjoyed meeting to take advantage of the enchanting setting of the Brasserie while tasting one of the gastronomic recipes or its very famous coffee/tea gourmand. It is a variety of flavors at any time of day, its specialties rooted in the culinary tradition of Franche Comté and ice cream and pastries house in the afternoon.

31 rue des Granges  
25000 BESANCON  
**03.81.81.33.11**  
**brasserie-du-commerce@orange.fr**  
[www.brasserie-du-commerce.com](http://www.brasserie-du-commerce.com)

## LE CHALET DU CERVIN

In a «mountain chalet» or vaulted cellar atmosphere, everything is good to taste a fondue with Swiss cheeses, perch filets, meat on the slate or Franc-Comtois specialties. Grilled fish and salads to enjoy on the terrace in summer. Our favorite cuisine: Swiss and Savoyard cuisine, the choice is vast!

8 faubourg Rivotte  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 83 29 78**  
**david.proquot@wanadoo.fr**  
[www.lechaletducervin.fr](http://www.lechaletducervin.fr)

## FERME AUBERGE AU DOUBS REPOS

We offer you a family and traditional cooking from the products of the farm. Family and traditional cooking. The meats are from the farm or from neighboring farms, the desserts are homemade.

Route de Quingey  
25320 VORGES LES PINS  
**03 81 65 12 29**  
**emmanuelle.devaux@orange.fr**  
[www.fermeaubergebesancon.com](http://www.fermeaubergebesancon.com)



## LA BOITE A CREPES

The place to be to taste Breton pancakes in a typical setting but also regional specialties made from fresh products. Compose your own galette! Plain or filled pancakes, special or complete buckwheat pancakes. Enjoy typical Breton products, Niniches, Salidou cream pots, at the foot of the Citadel and the Victor Hugo square.

6 rue Ronchaux  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 81 38 99**  
[www.boiteacrepe.com](http://www.boiteacrepe.com)

## BISTROT LA CHARRETTE

Located close to the Beaux-Arts Market in Besançon, the Bistrot La Charrette invites you to a gustatory journey to the heart of the traditional flavors of yesteryear. Come and discover or rediscover, in a comfortable setting, the gastronomic richness of this establishment with its traditional dishes and its specialties: foie gras with macvin, puff pastry of Morteau with Morbier, filet of Saint-Pierre...

11 rue Jean Petit  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 81 28 01**  
**restaurantlacharrette10@orange.fr**  
[www.restaurantlacharrette.com](http://www.restaurantlacharrette.com)

## LA DAME BLANCHE

A delicate, inventive and tasty cuisine. The creativity and curiosity of the chef are always on the alert. He is constantly looking for new combinations of flavors. They give taste and color to his very «natural» plates whose gustatory tones change with the seasons

1 rue de la Goulotte  
25870 GENEUILLE  
**03 81 57 64 64**  
**contact@chateau-de-la-dame-blanche.fr**  
[www.chateau-de-la-dame-blanche.com](http://www.chateau-de-la-dame-blanche.com)

## LA GRANGE

Located in the heart of the old town, our chalet of pure mountain tradition is bathed in the warmth of wood and traditional tables. We welcome you in the conviviality of Bisontine around a local cuisine. We serve cheese and Savoyard specialties. You can taste all kinds of fondues, raclettes, tartiflettes, Mont-d'Or...

17 avenue Cusenier  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 50 82 97**  
**info@lagrange-restaurant.fr**  
[www.lagrange-restaurant.fr](http://www.lagrange-restaurant.fr)



### LE CLEMENCEAU

The restaurant Le Clemenceau welcomes you every day in an elegant setting with a contemporary decoration. In a cosy atmosphere, you will be pleasantly received in one of the many spaces that the restaurant-brasserie Clemenceau reserves for its customers. Whether for a «brasserie» lunch, a «restaurant» dinner with friends, a family or professional meeting.

70 avenue Clémenceau  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 52 44 96**  
[info@le-clemenceau.com](mailto:info@le-clemenceau.com)  
[www.le-clemenceau.com](http://www.le-clemenceau.com)

### LE COMPTOIR

Our chef offers you a cuisine adapted to your business meals or your gourmet dinners.

Discover our menus and enjoy «Resto-Casino» evenings dedicated to gambling and the pleasures of the table. Discover our animations and shows on : [www.joa.fr](http://www.joa.fr)

1 avenue Edouard Droz  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 47 49 01**  
[contact-besancon@joa.fr](mailto:contact-besancon@joa.fr)  
[www.joa.fr](http://www.joa.fr)

### LE MANEGE

Here, we welcome you «as at home» for a quick lunch, a business meal or a romantic dinner where we like to linger a little longer. Everything is homemade according to the seasons! A former XVIIIth century armoury located in the Rivotte district, under the Citadelle, you will fully enjoy the chef's cooking, in the dining room or on the terrace!

2 faubourg Rivotte  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 48 01 48**  
[restaurant-le-manege@wanadoo.fr](mailto:restaurant-le-manege@wanadoo.fr)  
[www.restaurantlemanege.com](http://www.restaurantlemanege.com)

### LES QUATRE SAISONS

What could be better than a warm welcome, food and service without false notes? Les Quatre Saisons is everything at once! A home-made, tasty and refined cuisine, an impeccable service and a great welcome...

The menu is short but there is something for everyone, roasted pike-perch with morels, ravioli with

Mont d'Or, vacherin glacé with sorbets from our region, crunchy with seasonal fruits... each menu is thought out with the love of the product, the desire to surprise and satisfy our taste buds.

22 rue Mégevand  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 82 30 46**  
[restaurant.les4saisons@orange.fr](mailto:restaurant.les4saisons@orange.fr)  
[restaurant-les-4-saisons-besancon.eatbu.com](http://restaurant-les-4-saisons-besancon.eatbu.com)

### RESTAURANT DE L'ETOILE



An artist at the stove and brimming with imagination, David Milardo makes you discover his authentic and original cuisine. His passion and respect for good products are reflected in his dishes, both visually and in terms of taste. Olivera welcomes you warmly in a family atmosphere, advises you in your choices and informs you about the composition of each of the dishes prepared and cooked by the chef. A zest of combawa, a hint of bahia pepper and a few drops of Spanish olive oil make the party with fish or meat!

14 rue de l'Étoile  
25660 SAONE  
**03 63 35 62 51**  
[restaurantdeletoile@laposte.net](mailto:restaurantdeletoile@laposte.net)

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Micropolis is an 11-hectare exhibition center and a theater with a capacity of 7,256 people. All the program of events, concerts, exhibitions... can be found on the website.

3 boulevard Ouest  
25050 BESANCON  
**03 81 41 08 09**  
[www.micropolis.fr](http://www.micropolis.fr)

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Irish pub - café - concert  
Irish pub offering 18 drafts on which 80 different beers are featured throughout the year, as well as more than 60 bottled beers and about 50 whiskies. The bartenders and barmaids will be able to give you the best advice and will take care of finding a beverage that suits your tastes. Fast food service throughout the day (Fish & chips, Tartines, Boards...). You will also find all that makes the tradition of Irish pubs: music, darts and chess games.

7 rue Gustave Courbet  
25000 BESANCON  
**contact@kilarneypub.fr**  
[www.kilarneypub.fr](http://www.kilarneypub.fr)

**CASINO JOA DE BESANCON**



Discover the JOA Casino in Besançon in the heart of this ancient spa town, renowned for its citadel and its cultural dynamism. A real place of relaxation and leisure, the casino invites you to plunge into the fantastic world of gambling: slot machines and table games will give rhythm to your evenings! The restaurant Le Comptoir will spice up your meals. Relax with friends at the bar with its modern and original setting, its unmissable cocktails and its concerts every Saturday. Place your bets!

2 avenue Edouard Droz  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 47 49 00**  
**p.pauli@joa.fr**  
[www.joa.fr](http://www.joa.fr)



**CDN BESANÇON FRANCHE-COMTÉ**



The Centre Dramatique National Besançon Franche-Comté is a place of theatrical creation. The shows that you will discover this season, through the many journeys that they provoke, like so many encounters, decentering, blurring and (af)crossing of borders, both geographical, aesthetic, and interior, draw the map of a world as bitterly real as it is absolutely perfectible...» Céline Pauthe.

6 rue de la Mouillère  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 88 55 11**  
**accueil@cdn-besancon.fr**  
[www.cdn-besancon.fr/](http://www.cdn-besancon.fr/)



**LA RODIA**



The Rodia Besançon, concerts and pole of the current musics organizes more than 80 evenings per year and welcomes 38000 spectators per year with moreover two strong times which mark the season: The Festival Détonation (at the end of September) and the Festival Génériq (in February). Built on stilts, it has a 600 m2 esplanade, 2 concert halls, 1 hall-bar. Find the program on our website.

4 avenue de Chardonnet  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 87 86 00**  
[www.larodia.com](http://www.larodia.com)

**LE KURSAAL**



The Kursaal was built in 1892. At the time, it housed a circus and a brewery. It is now a place for shows, conferences and cinema. The events hosted include dinner dances, gala evenings, conferences, symposiums, congresses, meetings, exhibitions, book/clothing fairs, variety shows and plays. The Petit Kursaal is also used as an «arts and trials» cinema.  
The program on our website !

Place du Théâtre  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 87 83 00**  
**kursaal@besancon.fr**  
<http://kursaal.besancon.fr>



**LES DEUX SCÈNES**

**LE THÉÂTRE LEDOUX et ESPACE**



The Ledoux Theater is located in downtown Besançon. This Italian-style theater has 1000 seats and hosts about half of the shows in our performing arts program. The Kursaal hosts our «art house» cinema program about ten days a month and in the summer during the weekly «Summer of French Cinema» events.

49 rue Mégevand  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 87 85 85**  
**billetterie@les2scenes.fr**  
[www.les2scenes.fr](http://www.les2scenes.fr)

# BESANÇON

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### DOUBS DIRECT



Enter the store and discover a magical place! The team welcomes you warmly; listening to your expectations, they are ready to advise you! An anthology of products from the region! All the Franche-Comté region under the same roof... a large choice of fresh products : delicatessen - cheeses - delicatessen and regional groceries - ice creams - souvenir gifts - handicrafts - wooden toys - jewels - potteries - artists' exhibitions...

6 rue Pasteur  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 50 55 91**  
[contact@doubs-direct.fr](mailto:contact@doubs-direct.fr)  
[www.doubs-direct.fr](http://www.doubs-direct.fr)

### GRUYERE DE FRANCE



Le Gruyère de France is a tasty raw milk cheese. Its blond paste offers a melting texture with subtle aromas. It is recognizable by its small holes. This taste, this melt-in-the-mouth texture, these aromas, owe nothing to chance. It all starts on the farm, with the quality of the meadows, the well-being of the animals and the quality of their food. It is a long succession of gestures; the milk producer, the cheesemaker, the master refiner...

[www.gruyere-france.fr](http://www.gruyere-france.fr)

### L'ENGRENAGE MAISON DE COUTURE ET DE LA MODE



100M² of exclusive services designed to dress you, train you and entertain you. A Made in France (and made in Besançon) manufacturing workshop, offering unique and custom-made pieces. A sales and rental space offering the creations of our collections...

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25000 BESANCON  
**06 80 53 83 85**  
[rb.cc.mode@gmail.com](mailto:rb.cc.mode@gmail.com)  
[www.romuald-bertrand-cc.fr](http://www.romuald-bertrand-cc.fr)

### MANUFACTURE HORLOGÈRE UTINAM - PHILIPPE LEBRU



In this 1900s setting, restored furniture rubs shoulders with contemporary showcases with wooded lines. A workshop equipped with old workbenches is separated from the store by a glass roof. On the spot, the watchmakers assemble watches under the gaze of the visitors. By appointment, you can assemble your own UTINAM watch and experience an exceptional moment.

117 et 119 Grande Rue  
25000 BESANCON  
**07 68 42 21 71 - 07 66 39 87 37**  
**117@utinam.fr**  
[www.utinam.fr](http://www.utinam.fr)

### PUREMENT CHOCOLAT



Chocolatier, pastry chef, confectioner, Claude Péquignot offers pastries such as cocoa, florentines and entremets. Purely Chocolate makes chocolate spreads and bars available in the store.

35 rue de Belfort  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 40 10 10**  
[www.purementchocolat.fr](http://www.purementchocolat.fr)

### XAVIER BRIGNON



Xavier Brignon creates high-end, seasonal pastries for amateurs and experts. The classics are reworked with audacity and creativity. Xavier Brignon's pastries are contemporary. Imaginative and innovative, it surprises with its colorful diversity and can be enjoyed without moderation.

53 rue de Vesoul  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 50 33 90**  
[patisserieb@gmail.com](mailto:patisserieb@gmail.com)  
[www.xavierbrignon.com](http://www.xavierbrignon.com)

### BIOCOOP LA CANOPEE LA BOUCLE



Nice fruit and vegetable section, a large bulk section, a cut section with cheese and cold cuts. Catering department with salads and sandwiches to take away. Customers will have a wide range of self-service groceries and fresh products.

20 rue des Granges  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 660 72 91**  
[lacanopee-laboucle.biocoop.net](http://lacanopee-laboucle.biocoop.net)



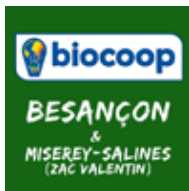
## BIOCOOP LA CANOPEE



Organic food, eco-products, organic cosmetics. Biocoop participates in the development of organic agricultural sectors with the distribution of more than 50 producers in Franche-Comté and more than 120 references in bulk.

3 allée de l'Île aux Moineaux  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 80 25 47**  
[biocooplacanopee@orange.fr](mailto:biocooplacanopee@orange.fr)  
[lacanopee-besancon.biocoop.net](http://lacanopee-besancon.biocoop.net)

## BIOCOOP LA CANOPEE VALENTIN



The 400 m2 surface area meets the demand of local consumers and tourists. In addition to the savory and sweet grocery, a large fresh space presents local organic productions. A beauty care section, books and eco-products complete this beautiful space.

Chemin de Maurapans  
25870 CHATILLON LE DUC  
**03 81 60 31 10**  
[biocoop.valentin@gmail.com](mailto:biocoop.valentin@gmail.com)  
[lacanopee.biocoop.net](http://lacanopee.biocoop.net)

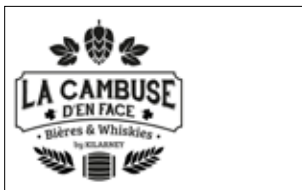
## CONSERVIERIE DU MONDE



Fine seafood grocery store & tasting area. Come and indulge your sweet tooth in a market atmosphere on the terrace or at the counter. To taste oysters, vintage sardines, tapas of the sea accompanied by a selection of wine by the glass. Aperitif trays, tapas... New! Canned sardines bearing the effigy of the Besançon Citadel in memory of its Royal Cannery.

2 rue Claude Goudimel  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 81 25 90**  
[conservieriedumonde@gmail.com](mailto:conservieriedumonde@gmail.com)  
<http://conservieriedumonde.fr/>

## LA CAMBUSE D'EN FACE



Beer and whisky cellar. More than 300 beers of different origins and styles with a large choice of local and regional beers. Range of whiskies in constant evolution. Come and discover this small annex of the Kilarney, we are waiting for you!

20 rue Gustave Courbet  
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**06 85 15 77 65**

## LA CAVE AUX FROMAGES



A gourmet stopover not to be missed, we offer no less than 11 Comté cheeses (matured from 6 to 40 months), Morbier, Tomme with Arbois wine, Mont d'Or and Tomme with aniseed, cancoillottes with wild garlic, Savagnin, morels... Basque ewe, Poitou goat, Brillat-Savarin with truffles, Swiss fondue «half and half» with Fribourg vacherin and Appenzeller ... Not to mention smoked cured meats, terrines and foie gras, chocolates, gingerbread, jams... Our cellar contains more than 150 references of wines and 120 spirits, gins and old rums.

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25000 BESANCON  
**03 63 18 33 81**  
[contact@lacaveauxfromages.com](mailto:contact@lacaveauxfromages.com)  
[www.lacaveauxfromages.com](http://www.lacaveauxfromages.com)

## LE CRIOLLO CHOCOLATIER



Welcome to Le Criollo chocolate factory, an institution for all chocolate lovers. You will discover all our treasures: about fifty chocolate candies, the chocolate plates to be broken and many other sweets... Discovery of the manufacture, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 14:30. Free entrance

25220 CHALEZEULE  
**03 81 40 07 23**  
[contact@lecriollo.com](mailto:contact@lecriollo.com)  
[www.lecriollo.com](http://www.lecriollo.com)



## AUX BELLES ETOFFES

Store specialized in furnishing fabrics. To find Belles Etoffes, it is the address not to be missed! On 2 levels, the store proposes a whole range of fabrics for the house. Lovers of creative leisure activities, a department is dedicated to you!

2 rue de la Convention  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 81 60 10**  
[auxbellesetoffes@wanadoo.fr](mailto:auxbellesetoffes@wanadoo.fr)  
[www.tissu-besancon.fr](http://www.tissu-besancon.fr)

## BAUD BESANCON

Good catering dishes, sweet and salty pastries, chocolates and homemade ice creams that you can taste on the spot or take away. Member of the prestigious association of Relais Desserts International which gathers the best professionals of the French and international pastry.

4 Grande Rue  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 81 20 12**  
[stebaud@baudbesancon.com](mailto:stebaud@baudbesancon.com)  
[www.baudbesancon.com](http://www.baudbesancon.com)

## BIOCOOP VESONBIO

Vesonbio, your local store with all the good organic products ! Vesonbio is committed to the development of organic farming in a spirit of fairness and cooperation. The Vesonbio store is located five minutes walk from the Viotte train station and is very close to the historical heart of Besançon. Biocoop Vesonbio is located in the heart of an eco-neighborhood with public transport.

Place du Maréchal Leclerc  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 82 00 72**  
[biocoopvesonbio@gmail.com](mailto:biocoopvesonbio@gmail.com)  
[vesonbio.biocoop.net](http://vesonbio.biocoop.net)

## BIERES ET CAETERA

«Bières & caetera» is a beer cellar that offers a selection of craft beers. The beers on draught can be tasted directly on the spot. Beer but not only, we also offer other products and services to take away or taste on the spot: regional products (aperitif boards), other alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages, personalized objects, rental of a roller bar and realization of aperitif trays. &caetera...».

12 rue Luc Breton  
25000 BESANCON  
**09 53 36 40 48**  
[contact@bieres-et-cetera.fr](mailto:contact@bieres-et-cetera.fr)

## BRASSERIE - BIÈRE DU DOUBS

Dimitri Morin created a microbrewery in an old carpentry shop that has become a meeting place for beer lovers. The activity of the brewery is the production of high fermentation, unfiltered, re-fermented beers in bottles. Customers can drink at the counter before leaving with their purchases. Free visit by appointment.

26 Grande Rue  
25360 NANCRAIY  
**06 07 26 18 04**  
[bieredudoubs@orange.fr](mailto:bieredudoubs@orange.fr)  
[www.facebook.com/bieredudoubs](https://www.facebook.com/bieredudoubs)

## FRUITIERE DE FONTAIN

The store is the link between producers and consumers and allows you to see, through beautiful glass windows, the work of the cheesemakers, as well as the Comté cheeses aging patiently in the cellar. You will find a wide range of Comté cheeses, many dairy products, as well as local specialties and products such as charcuterie, wines and beers from the region and many other local delicacies...

ZA du Brey Route de Pugey  
25660 FONTAIN  
**03 81 57 21 05**  
[fromageriedefontain@orange.fr](mailto:fromageriedefontain@orange.fr)

## LES COMPTOIRS THE CAFE

In this place rich in aromas, you will first see the majestic row of silos containing coffees from all over the world roasted by us; then the space with 200 boxes of tea as well as a large choice of infusions and objects and gift boxes.

68 rue des Granges  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 81 38 45**  
[besancon@comptoirs-the-cafe.com](mailto:besancon@comptoirs-the-cafe.com)  
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25770 FRANOIS  
**03 81 50 05 94**  
[manufacture@horloges-vuillemin.com](mailto:manufacture@horloges-vuillemin.com)  
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## PAUL GONEZ - SCULPTEUR

Sculptor specialized in the work of metals, steel, brass, bronze... he particularly likes the symbolic monumental works and his works of medium and small dimensions associate various materials until the stones embedded in the bronze.

14 rue de l'Avenir  
25000 BESANCON  
**03 81 80 94 50**  
[paulgonez@hotmail.com](mailto:paulgonez@hotmail.com)  
[www.paulgonez.com](http://www.paulgonez.com)

## LE VIGNOBLE DU MOUTHEROT

The Domaine Viticole du Mouterot is located 15 km from Besançon, in a pretty village perched on a hill. On this land, renowned for centuries for the quality of its vines, the Colin family has been producing for more than 20 years a local wine of Franche-Comté which has conquered over the years, lovers of white wine and sparkling wine in the region, in France and recently abroad.

31 rue des Granges  
25170 LE MOUTHEROT  
**03 81 58 22 46**  
[info@vindumouterot.com](mailto:info@vindumouterot.com)  
[wp.vindumouterot.com/](http://wp.vindumouterot.com/)



# BESANÇON

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[hello@oravan-camper.com](mailto:hello@oravan-camper.com)  
[oravan-camper.com](http://oravan-camper.com)

### AGENCE ROULE MA POULE - ORGANISATION DE SÉJOURS



Accessible tourist excursions adapted to the physical level of all, our excursions are the occasion to live Franche-Comté in movement, and to «consume» the territory by taking its time, in all freedom, and without any logistic constraint / cyclos circuits, minibus circuits, snow & ski days, lake days, thematic outings...

20 chemin du Clos Paillard  
25000 BESANCON  
**06 83 21 38 07**  
[contact@agence-roulemapoule.fr](mailto:contact@agence-roulemapoule.fr)  
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[www.ami-loc.com](http://www.ami-loc.com)

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25000 BESANCON  
**06 95 63 57 55**  
[contact@franchecomte-vtc.fr](mailto:contact@franchecomte-vtc.fr)  
<http://www.franchecomte-vtc.fr>



## BESANÇON, AN INTERNATIONAL CITY

Besançon is a city which is connected to the world, both inside and outside.

In Besançon, at the University of Franche-Comté, over 2,500 of its students come from all over the world, and the Centre of Applied Linguistics counts more than 4,000 course participants yearly who come to Besançon to learn French and other languages. With all the foreign residents, students and course participants who are in Besançon, there are 129 nationalities!

Visit our site, [migrations.besancon.fr](http://migrations.besancon.fr), to learn about the incredible richness that the people who have come to live in Besançon have provided.

And beyond its borders, Besançon has partnerships with 14 cities, the first of which was signed in 1955. Opening up to others is a long tradition in our city. Projects have ranged from:

- The **SC Clémenceau football tournament** and the **Handi'Forts Raid**: each year Besançon invites participants from its twinned cities
- At "**Instants Gourmands**" and at the **Christmas Market**: regional products and crafts from partners are on display
- **Cultural exchanges**: loans of our museum works to Japan; Franco-German concerts; a contemporary music project with Switzerland...

Besançon is present at events in partner cities too. Constant sharing goes on.

## BESANÇON IS TWINNED WITH



## FRANCHE-COMTÉ SWISS UNESCO SITES

When cities, landscapes and monuments have a unique beauty, then it behooves all of humanity to protect them. "If wars start in the minds of men and women, it is in the minds of men and women that the defences of peace must be constructed."

This is the founding principle of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), founded in 1945. Its ultimate goal is to preserve peace; one of its tasks is managing the natural and cultural heritage of humanity.

### 9 SITES TO EXPLORE

- **Besançon** and the Citadelle
- The Great Saltworks of **Salins-les-Bains** – the Salt Museum <sup>1</sup>
- The Royal Saltworks of **Arc-et-Senans** <sup>2</sup>
- Sites of prehistoric pile dwellings (on stilts) in and around the Alps, dating from 5000 to 500 BC. Some of the most remarkable of these lakeside settlements are located on **Clairvaux Lake** and the western shore of **Chalain Lake** in the Jura.
- **Ronchamp** Chapel (Haute-Saône)
- **Vézelay Basilica** <sup>3</sup>
- **Fontenay Abbey**
- "**Les Climats**" of Bourgogne
- **Charité-sur-Loire Chapel** <sup>4</sup>

### Switzerland

- **La Chaux-de-Fonds** and **Le Locle** (Switzerland) The architecture and planning of these two towns have been predominantly influenced by their main industry: watchmaking
- **The Old Town of Berne**







DELUZ

MONTFAUCON  
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## VILLAGES AROUND BESANÇON

### BOUSSIÈRES

Visit its Romanesque church. Under the control of the Madeleine Church Chapter (Besançon), it was declared independent in 1092. The bell tower, a beautiful example of Romanesque architecture, has 5 levels with Lombard arches. The porch of the church, an intersecting ribbed vault, was built in the latter half of the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

### ARGUEL

From the ruins of a feudal castle, you have a panorama of the Doubs Valley.

### DELUZ

Deluz and its surroundings are located in the heart of the Doubs Valley. Its flora and fauna are an exceptionally rich heritage (Natura 2000 European (green) networking programme). Its water-related activities bear witness to the past (paper mill), and the present (small hydro-electric power plant, marina and boat service).

### PIREY

The Church of St. Martin and the Cloaked Madonna.

Accessible to persons with reduced mobility.

### CHAUDEFONTAINE

The fountains and the covered wash house are near the chapel at rue des Fontaines and rue Moncey.

### MONTFERRAND-LE-CHÂTEAU

Only the outer walls and the dungeon remain from this 13<sup>th</sup> century castle built by Jean II de Montferrand. If you stand on its esplanade, you have a breathtaking view of the Doubs Valley. The town has two religious institutions: the Benedictine Sisters of Bethany and the Congregation of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, whose nuns and nurses have ministries throughout the world.

### THORAISE

Nearby, you can see the castle ruins of Montferrand-le-Château, see the Doubs Valley spread out below you from the lookout point, and visit the double lock at Rancenay, the Freycinet Canal and Osselle Cave.



GPS  
N 47°09.952' E 005°54.54.472'

### ÉCOLE-VALENTIN

Château du Saint-Esprit. This castle (Renaissance period) is on the Historic Monuments List.

### VORGES-LES-PINS

A stone quarry, a plaster factory and a mill were active into the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. There is also an open iron mine.

### NOVILLARS

Paper mills from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

### MARAIS DE SAÔNE

There is a great variety of flora and fauna in this wetland ecological preserve. The GR 59 (national hiking trail) goes through it.

### MONTFAUCON

The open-to-the-sky remains of an 11<sup>th</sup> century mediaeval dungeon stand on a rocky spur overlooking the Doubs Valley. As you walk around the castle, the vaulted caves and cellars and the foundations of church walls bear testimony to the old village, abandoned after it was destroyed by a fire during the Ten Years' War. On a cliff above, at 617 m, is the Montfaucon Fort, built between 1874 and 1878 to watch over the plain of Thise. It is part of the fortification line developed by General Séré de Rivières.



GPS  
N 47°14.487' E 006°04.938'

### MUSÉE DES ARMÉES "LUCIEN ROY" IN BEURE

This museum is dedicated to Lucien Roy, soldier 2nd class born in Beure and killed in 1915. It houses a large collection of French and foreign uniforms, and rare objects, such as the flag from the house where Napoleon lived on Elba. It also treats the role of women in war. 12 exhibit rooms.

### OPENING TIMES

Besançon Visitor and Convention Information Centre  
[museelucienroy.e-monsite.com](http://museelucienroy.e-monsite.com)  
70, rue de Besançon  
25720 Beure



### THISE

Thise occupies a picturesque site between the hill of Montfaucon and the Chailluz massif. It is a very sunny town, well protected on the north side by the wooded massif. From the Buis hill, situated at an altitude of 352 m, there is an exceptional view of Montfaucon.

#### To see:

- The Notre Dame de la Libération monument offers a beautiful view of the village and the Doubs plain (World War II memorial)
- The airfield and its Eiffel structure hangars



- 2 fountains, one of which is still in operation
- The 20th century church

# BESANÇON

## LIVING THE GOOD LIFE



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Besançon's historical city centre is warm, inviting and culturally rich. Its lovely squares come alive with concerts, music festivals, and beautiful exhibitions throughout the year.

### CONCERTS AND MUSIC FESTIVALS

#### FESTIVAL DE MUSIQUES ANCIENNES DE BESANÇON / MONTFAUCON

**Besançon/Montfaucon Festival of Early Music**  
[www.festivaldemontfaucon.com](http://www.festivaldemontfaucon.com)

#### FESTIVAL DE CAVES

[www.festivaldecaves.fr](http://www.festivaldecaves.fr)



#### FESTIVAL DE MUSIQUE DE BESANÇON FRANCHE-COMTÉ ET CONCOURS DE JEUNES CHEFS D'ORCHESTRE 1

**Besançon Franche-Comté Music Festival and the International Competition for Young Conductors**

SEPTEMBER

The Besançon Franche-Comté Music Festival was created in 1948: it is one of the oldest and most prestigious music festivals in France. It offers recitals and chamber music, but is much better known for its symphonic repertoire. Guest conductors include some of the world's most famous, such as André Cluytens, Carl Schuricht, Igor Markevitch, Rafael Kubelik, Lorin Maazel, Charles Dutoit...

A significant part of the Festival is the International Competition for Young Conductors, created in 1951. This is one of the most prestigious events of its kind. Winning the prize in Besançon enabled Gerd Albrecht, Seiji Ozawa, Michel Plasson, Zdenek Macal, Sylvain Cambreling and Yutako Sado to take their first steps onto the international stage.

✕ For more information  
[www.festival-besancon.com](http://www.festival-besancon.com)

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#### LA RODIA: TODAY'S MUSIC IN BESANÇON 2

La Rodia is located near the city centre of Besançon in Près de Vaux, a neighbourhood under vibrant urban reconstruction, where cultural experiences abound. Le Bastion, mainly for young people, has 12 rehearsal areas and more than 220 music groups use them. La Rodia is built on stilts, and was designed by the architecture firm of Denu and Paradon.

✕ For more information  
 4, avenue de Chardonnet  
[www.larodia.com](http://www.larodia.com)

*“Music expresses that which cannot be said and about which it is impossible to remain silent.”*

Victor Hugo



#### THE CENTRE OF THE ARTS

The Centre of the Arts exists due to the combined efforts of Greater Besançon, the Franche-Comté Regional Council and the City of Besançon. This imposing cultural centre, located at the old river port of Besançon, houses the CRR (Greater Regional Conservatory) and the FRAC (Regional Collection of Contemporary Art of Franche-Comté).

It was designed by the Japanese architect Kengo Kuma, whose design symbolises *“the place where nature and the city meet, where inhabitants and river banks meet and where people meet with culture in its multiple forms”*. Kuma has said, *“I want to make architecture disappear. It's what I have always wanted to do, and I doubt that I will ever change my mind.”* With the Centre of the Arts, Kuma created an architecture that symbolises a new generation of interdisciplinary cultural exchanges and discoveries. Its sculptured forms invite experimentation. It is also a place of exchanges and meetings, symbolised by the *“Passage des Arts”* which connects the FRAC and the Conservatory, the city and the river, people and culture.

✕ For more information  
[www.citedesarts.grandbesancon.fr](http://www.citedesarts.grandbesancon.fr)  
[fr-fr.facebook.com/citedesartsetdelaculture](https://fr-fr.facebook.com/citedesartsetdelaculture)

# BESANÇON

## ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW



### BIEN URBAIN / JUSTE ICI

#### THE URBAN GOOD ART IN (AND WITH) THE PUBLIC SPACE

Since 2011, the association Juste Ici has organised the festival, Bien Urbain, the Urban Good, inviting ten artists from around the world to catch audiences by surprise with their understated and sensitive creations, all across Besançon. Over the years, 245 works were created in Besançon (by more than 100 artists of 23 nationalities), 95 of which (mainly wall art) continue to be visible to passers-by. Contextual in concept, the ephemeral installations, wall art or collective performances call out to passers-by and venture beyond the supposed aesthetic codes of graffiti or public art. For this 9th edition, David Demougeot came up with the programming, in collaboration with an artist: Hyuro! The guest artists' creations will be experienced by visitors as they walk or cycle along, or through conferences, workshops and other events offered to all audiences.

With each edition, it has become a festival tradition to erect a pop-up meeting and information centre in Besançon. This year, you will find the Bien Urbain team every weekend in a different neighbourhood in Besançon, during the proposed themed events. All the details will be available on the festival website, from as early as April!

✕ For more information  
[www.bien-urbain.fr](http://www.bien-urbain.fr)



# BESANÇON

## GOING OUT



### CINEMAS

**MÉGARAMA BEAUX-ARTS**  
3, rue Gustave Courbet

**PLAZZA VICTOR HUGO**  
6, rue Gambetta

**MÉGARAMA**  
1, rue des Sources  
25480 École Valentin

**PETIT KURSAAL**  
1, place du Théâtre

### BESANÇON BY NIGHT

#### CASINO JOA



Discover Besançon's casino, which was an integral part of a 19th century spa. Relax and enjoy your evenings as you experience our game universe of slot machines and card games!

Dine at "Le Comptoir", where the Chef proposes seasonal fine cuisine with exceptional tastes. And, for an unforgettable evening, we propose dinner shows every month. Relax with your friends at the Tourbillon Bar. Enjoy its modern, original décor, delicious cocktails and freeconcerts every Saturday night.

Place your bets, ladies and gentlemen! And get ready for a unique and innovative experience at the Joa Casino!

✕ For more information  
2, avenue Édouard Droz  
[www.casino-besancon.com](http://www.casino-besancon.com)



# BESANÇON OUTDOORS

## HIKING TRAILS AND LOOKOUT POINTS

### GREATER BESANÇON IN OUTDOOR MODE

Greater Besançon is a unique combination of heritage and nature spaces.

From family walks to sporting activities, a whole range of offerings have been developed, to give everyone -- families, curious passers-by or athletes looking to push back their limits -- the chance to have a **LARGER THAN LIFE** experience of our territory, in line with their preferences and passions.

Keep your feet firmly on the ground:

- 2 long-distance hiking trails: GRR59 and GRR145-Via Francigena (European cultural route) linking Canterbury to Rome via Greater Besançon
- 36 short hiking trails inviting walkers to the hills of Besançon, the Lower Plateau of the Jura or the Doubs Valley upstream and downstream from Besançon, including 3 trails featuring heritage discovery opportunities, assisted by a special pamphlet and sound track (MP3): a fun experience for the youngest walkers, and a new take on hiking for the more experienced.
- 13 trails from Besançon and Avanne-Aveney

By bike:

- the Nantes-Budapest EuroVélo6 cycling route crosses our territory and in particular the heart of Besançon: the Doubs Valley stage is often described by biking-tourists as the most beautiful part of the entire itinerary!
- 13 bicycle touring loops from Besançon and spanning the Doubs Valley, travelling on certain portions of the EuroVélo6, or venturing into the Chailluz Forest and the First Plateau, for visitors perched on their traditional or electric bicycles,
- 17 varied mountain bike routes, from green to black on the First Plateau, the Doubs Valley and the Chailluz Forest

On water or high in the sky:

- 3 Kayak bases in Besançon, Saint Vit and Avanne-Aveney on the Doubs offering activities, and a roving hiking

- offer on the Ognon Valley
- 1 climbing site in Montfaucon (10 min from the city centre)
- 7 free flight sites on the hills around Besançon!

✂ For more information  
[www.grandes-heures-nature.fr](http://www.grandes-heures-nature.fr)

### THE GRAND TOUR DE BESANÇON

The Grand Tour de Besançon (GTB - 198 km for 3,700 m of positive altitude difference), accessible by mountain bike, ATV and GRAVEL, allows mountain bikers to discover 3 valleys and the first plateau of the Jura massif. From one surprise to another, you will ride through the typical Franc-Comtois villages with their imperial bell towers, without forgetting the Doubs, the river and the backbone of the region. For your comfort, you will find near the GTB the best tables covered with regional products, accommodations adapted to welcome mountain bikers, and luggage transport services.

### EUROVÉLO 6 BIKEWAY



Atlantic Ocean-Black Sea  
Cyclists, rollerbladers, walkers, people with reduced mobility: Explore the Doubs along its towpaths. From Dole to Belfort, passing through the city centre of Besançon: 187 km are secure and signposted, waiting to give you unforgettable memories. Would you like to go farther? The EuroVélo 6 Bikeway is 3,860 km long and passes through 9 countries.

✂ For more information  
[www.eurovelo6-france.com](http://www.eurovelo6-france.com)



### THE FRANCIGENA WAY (from Canterbury to Rome)

The Francigena is a major cultural walking trail of the Council of Europe – 2004. The Francigena, 195 km of which are in Franche-Comté (mid-way between Canterbury and Rome) crosses Switzerland, going through the gorge of Saint Maurice and Great Saint-Bernard Pass. About 1,500 walkers following the Way cross through Franche-Comté each year.

✂ For more information  
[viefrancigene.org/fr](http://viefrancigene.org/fr)

### CHEMIN DE COMPOSTELLE St. James's Way

The association and its members offer guidance to the Pilgrims, both materially and spiritually, upon request.

✂ For more information  
Association Franc-Comtoise  
du Chemin de Compostelle  
[af-ccc.fr](http://af-ccc.fr)

### NATURE HIKES

Besançon Visitor and Convention Information Centre organises nature hikes around Besançon and in the communities of Greater Besançon. Join us as we take our time, exploring nature: which is often ignored and yet so accessible to us all.

You will be accompanied by a nature guide as you walk along trails which cross limestone fields, follow cliffs overlooking the Doubs River and pass through forests. The picturesque landscapes, the richness of Franche-Comté's natural heritage and the magnificent lookout points will make this a hike to remember. (See the Guided Tours programme for more information)

N.B. the commentary will be in French.

✂ For more information  
[www.besancon-tourisme.com](http://www.besancon-tourisme.com)

# BESANÇON ORIGINALS



# BESANÇON OPEN-AIR MARKETS/ ANTIQUE MARKETS



## ASSOCIATION DES PETITES CITES COMTOISES DE CARACTERE

### Association of Small Franche-Comté Towns with Character

This organisation was founded in 1989 and today it has 59 small rural community members. They each have the label "Small Franche-Comté Towns with Character" because they have an urban, architectural and landscape heritage of the first order.

✕ For more information :  
[www.cites-caractere-bfc.fr](http://www.cites-caractere-bfc.fr)

## COMITE DE PROMOTION DES PRODUITS REGIONAUX DE FRANCHE-COMTE

### Gastronomy & promotion of regional products from Bourgogne Franche Comte

With nearly 220 products recognised by official quality labels, Burgundy Franche-Comté definitely isn't short on flavours to share! We are dedicated to promoting the region's wealth of agricultural and food products on behalf of its sectors and players. From the pitchfork to the silver fork, GPPR is the voice of the agri-food sectors of Bourgogne Franche-Comté with the general public and buyers. True to its mission statement, it works daily to unite, support and promote sectors and their partners.

✕ For more information  
[www.unpeubeaucoupfranchecomte.fr](http://www.unpeubeaucoupfranchecomte.fr)

## MADE IN CHEZ NOUS

How was your Peugeot manufactured? How was the high-quality Cristel cookware made? And what about the Obertino bells, the Maty jewelry collections and those delicious regional products you eat or those accessories you like to wear?

The members of **Made In Chez Nous** provide group tours. Each company invites you to discover their exceptional know-how. Tours include visits to factories, farm production crafts, unusual trades...

Welcome to Doubs businesses which are paradoxically "natural" par excellence and some of the most industrialised in France.

✕ For more information  
Departmental Committee for Tourism in the Doubs  
83, rue de Dole  
[www.doubs.travel](http://www.doubs.travel)

## EVERYTHING YOU CAN IMAGINE MARKET

### BATTANT

2nd Monday of the month  
8.00 am – 5.00 pm (5.30 pm in Summer)

## BEAUX-ARTS COVERED MARKET

2, rue Goudimel  
Tuesday – Thursday : 7 am – 2 pm  
Friday and Saturday : 7 am – 6.30 pm  
Sunday morning : 8 am – 1 pm

## ALL KINDS OF THINGS MARKET

Place de la Révolution  
Tuesdays 7.00 am – 1.00 pm  
Fridays 7.00 am – 1.00 pm  
Saturdays 7.00 am – 7.00 pm

## OUTSIDE ORGANIC FOOD MARKET

- Place du Jura (De Lattre de Tassigny)  
Every Tuesday 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm  
Mid-April to end October  
- Velotte : every Friday from 5.30 to 8pm  
- Tarragnoz : on Tuesdays from 5pm to 8pm from April to December

## NEIGHBOURHOOD MARKETS

### PALENTE

Place des Tilleuls  
Wednesdays 7.00 am – 1.00 pm  
Saturdays 7.00 am – 1.00 pm

### BATTANT

Place Jouffroy d'Abbas  
Sundays and Bank Holidays  
7.00 am – 1.00 pm

### SAINT FERJEUX

Place de la Bascule  
Sundays 7.00 am – 1.00 pm

## PLANOISE

- Place Cassin  
Wednesday and Saturday  
7.00 am – 6.00 pm  
- Epoisses : Tuesday and Friday  
7.00 am – 1.00 pm  
- Ile de France : Thursdays  
7.00 am – 1.00 pm

## FARMERS' MARKETS

For more information  
[www.grandbesancon.fr](http://www.grandbesancon.fr)

## ANTIQUE/SECOND-HAND MARKETS

### MICROPOLIS

2nd Sunday of the month,  
8.00 am – 1.00 pm (admission free)

## AUCTION HALLS

### CHAPRAIS

11, rue de l'Église  
For more information  
[www.interencheres.com](http://www.interencheres.com)

## RENOUD GRAPPIN

4, rue Robert Demangel  
25000 Besançon  
Tél. **03 81 82 14 14**  
Fax **03 81 82 14 15**  
[renoud-grappin@wanadoo.fr](mailto:renoud-grappin@wanadoo.fr)

# BESANÇON

## USEFUL ADDRESSES



### PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

#### MAIRIE

Town Administration Centre  
2, rue Mégevand  
25034 Besançon Cedex  
Tel **03 81 61 50 50**  
[www.besancon.fr](http://www.besancon.fr)

#### GRAND BESANÇON

4, rue Gabriel Plançon  
25000 Besançon  
Tél. +33 (0)3 81 87 88 89  
[www.grandbesancon.fr](http://www.grandbesancon.fr)

#### PREFECTURE

8 bis, rue Charles Nodier  
25035 Besançon Cedex  
Tel **03 81 25 10 00**  
[www.franche-comte.pref.gouv.fr](http://www.franche-comte.pref.gouv.fr)

### TOURISM

#### GÎTES DE FRANCE DOUBS

5, rue Mairet  
[www.gites-de-france-doubs.fr](http://www.gites-de-france-doubs.fr)

#### MISSION RÉSEAU VAUBAN

2, rue Mégevand  
25034 Besançon Cedex  
Tel. +33 (0)3 81 87 82 18

### UNIVERSITÉ DE FRANCHE-COMTÉ

1, rue Claude Goudimel  
25000 Besançon  
Tel. +33 (0)3 81 50 11 03  
[www.univ-fcomte.fr](http://www.univ-fcomte.fr)

#### CENTRE RÉGIONAL D'INFORMATION JEUNESSE

27, rue de la République  
25000 Besançon  
Tel. +33 (0)3 81 21 16 16  
[www.jeunes-fc.com](http://www.jeunes-fc.com)

#### BESANÇON CONGRÈS

52 Grande Rue  
Hôtel de Ville  
place du Huit septembre  
25000 Besançon  
Tel. +33 (0)3 81 80 92 00

#### MICROPOLIS

**Congress Palace**  
3 boulevard Ouest  
CS 82019  
25050 Besançon Cedex  
Tel. +33 (0)3 81 41 08 09  
[www.micropolis.fr](http://www.micropolis.fr)

#### AVF

#### ACCUEIL DES VILLES FRANÇAISES

**Centre Mendès France**  
3 rue Beauregard  
25000 Besançon  
Tel. +33 (0)6 51 50 25 36  
[www.avf.asso.fr/fr/besancon](http://www.avf.asso.fr/fr/besancon)

### WEATHER NEWS

(Weather forecasts for the 'departments')  
Tel **08 99 71 02 25** (for Doubs)  
(for other departments, change the last two digits)  
Only in French  
[www.meteofrance.com](http://www.meteofrance.com)

### DRIVING CONDITIONS

[www.inforoute25.fr](http://www.inforoute25.fr)

### CAR POUND

Tel **03 81 51 42 57**

### CAR PARKS

[www.besancon.fr](http://www.besancon.fr)

### TRAIN STATION CAR PARK

**Besançon-Viotte**  
[www.resaplace.com](http://www.resaplace.com)

### EMERGENCIES

#### AMBULANCE SAMU

Tel **15**

#### FIRE BRIGADE

Tel **18**

#### POLICE

Tel **17**

#### EUROPEAN NUMBER

Tel **112**

#### EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

Tel **114** (text messages)

#### SOS DOCTORS

Tel **0 826 88 24 24**  
20, avenue de l'Île-de-France

#### JEAN-MINJOZ HOSPITAL

3, bld Fleming (Planoise)  
Tel **03 81 66 81 66**

#### DOCTOR ON DUTY

Tel **36 24**

#### CHEMISTS ON DUTY

Tel **32 37**  
From 9.00 am – 7.00 pm

#### LOST AND FOUND

6, rue Mégevand  
Tel **03 81 61 51 33**

#### LA POSTE PROUDHON

**Proudhon Post Office**  
23, rue Proudhon  
Tel **36 31**



# BESANÇON

## COMING AND GOING



BY PLANE



### BY TRAIN

**Besançon Franche-Comté**  
**TGV Train Station**

25870 Les Auxons

**Besançon-Viotte** Train Station  
(city centre)

**TGV – RHIN-RHÔNE**

For information, go to  
[www.voyages-sncf.com](http://www.voyages-sncf.com)

**TER FRANCHE-COMTÉ**

**TER: regional trains**

These trains are shuttles between  
the TGV Train Station and  
the Besançon-Viotte Train Station

For information, go to  
[www.ter.sncf.com/franche-comte](http://www.ter.sncf.com/franche-comte)



### BY CAR

**Motorway A36**

No. 3 Besançon ouest > Besançon West

No. 4 Besançon centre

No. 4.1 Besançon nord > Besançon  
North

**RN57** Direction Metz/Pontarlier

**RN83** Direction Metz/Pontarlier

**RN73** Direction Dole/Besançon

## IN AND AROUND BESANÇON



### BY BUS AND BY TRAM

Run by Ginko, the public transport  
company. A network of buses and  
trams serves Besançon and Greater  
Besançon.

### SPECIAL CAR PARKS



This sign  
tells you that this is a car park  
on the outskirts of the city with a bus  
or tram station right nearby.



### BY BIKE

If you have your own bike, there  
are bike racks especially for you at  
2 car parks: Marché  
Beaux-Arts/Cusenier and the Mairie,  
and in most public areas of the city.  
You can also rent a bike from VéloCité.  
They have bike racks and 200 bikes  
all around the city centre. Rental  
is via a ticket-dispensing machine.  
Rates: 1 day/€1 or 7 days/€2  
(first 30 min are free)

### 3 PUMPING STATIONS:

Town hall parking, Viotte station and  
Micaud Park.



### TAXIS

Taxis Radio

Tel **03 81 88 80 80**

Taxi stands: rue du Palais de Justice,  
Besançon Franche-Comté TGV Train  
Station,  
Besançon-Viotte Train Station,  
Jean-Minjoz Hospital

### CITIZ

The car sharing service

Easy to book and to use, economic and  
ecological. Available 24/7

## GETTING TO THE CITADEL

Park your car in Chamars and take the  
Ginko Bus : Chamars/Citadelle  
(This bus only runs from April  
to October.)



Useful Links  
[www.grandbesancon.fr](http://www.grandbesancon.fr)  
[www.ginko.voyage](http://www.ginko.voyage)  
[www.velocite.besancon.fr](http://www.velocite.besancon.fr)



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### PARK AND SPEND A LATE NIGHT IN TOWN

For €1 per night (7.00 pm – 9.00 am)  
you can park your car at the Marché  
Beaux-Arts/Cusenier Car Park  
or the Mairie Car Park. Both have  
security surveillance.  
All other car parks are free from  
7.00 pm – 9.00 am.

For more information  
[www.besancon.fr](http://www.besancon.fr)

### CARAVAN SITES

**Besançon 25000**

Quai Veil Picard,  
Open all year

**Chalezeule 25220**

Camping de la Plage de Besançon\*\*\*

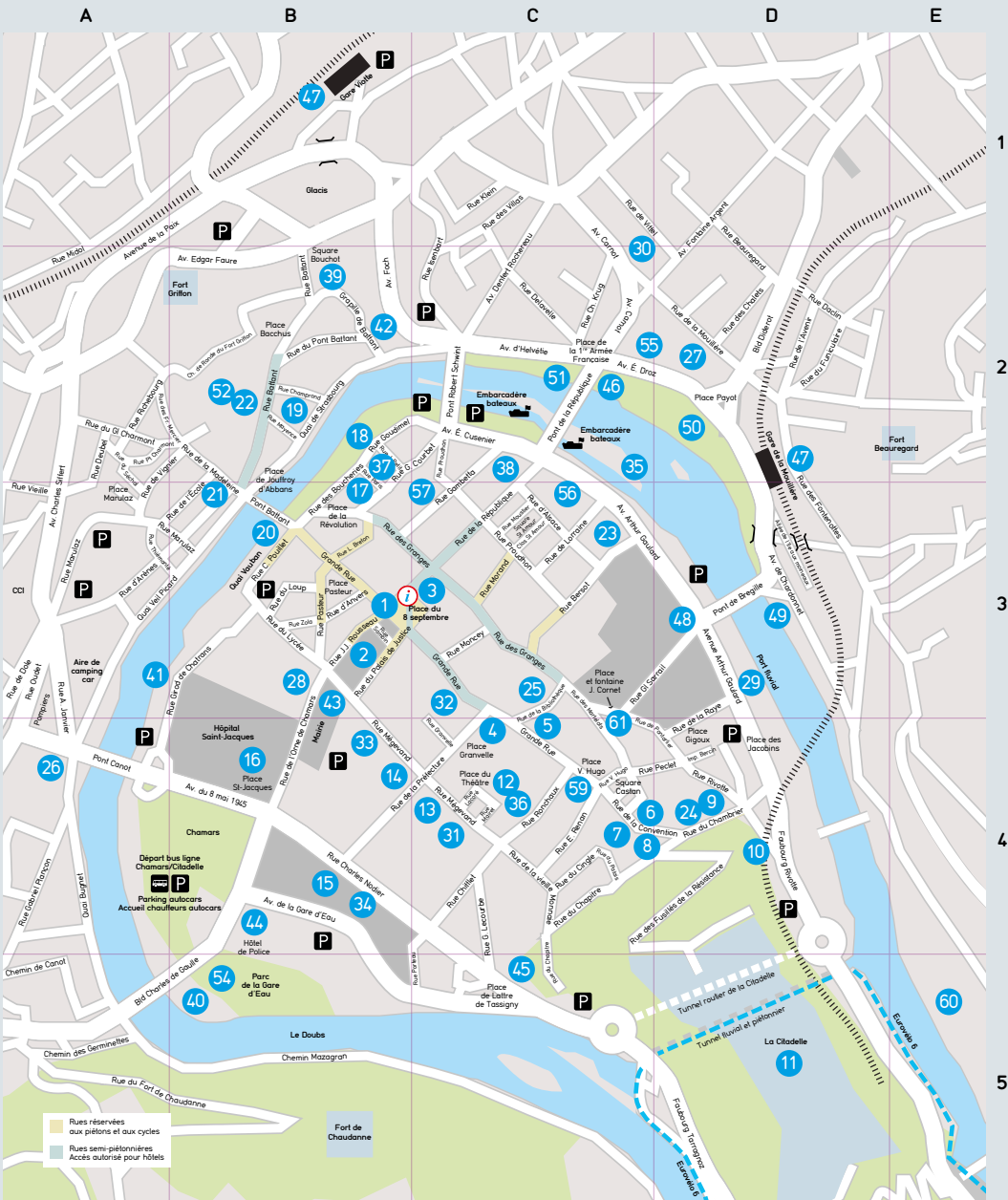
For opening times, go to  
[www.campingdebesancon.com](http://www.campingdebesancon.com)

**Nancray 25360**

Car park at the Franche-Comté Houses  
Museum

For opening times, go to  
[www.maisons-comtoises.org](http://www.maisons-comtoises.org)

# BESANÇON CITY CENTRE MAP



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*Music Conservatory*  
Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporain  
*The FRAC* **D3**
- 30 Église du Sacré-Cœur  
*Sacred Heart Church* **C2**
- 31 Faculté des Lettres  
*Department of Letters* **C4**
- 32 Fontaine des Carmes  
*Carmel Fountain* **C3**
- 33 Fontaine des Clarisses  
*Poor Clares Fountain* **B4**
- 34 Fontaine des Dames  
*Fountain of the Ladies* **B4**
- 35 Halte Nautique Saint-Paul  
*Saint Paul's Marina* **C2**
- 36 Kursaal **C4**
- 37 Marché couvert  
*Covered Market*  
Cinéma Mégarama Beaux-Arts  
*Fine Arts Cinema Complex* **B2**
- 38 Médiathèque Pierre Bayle  
*Pierre Bayle Mediatheque* **C2**
- 39 Tour carrée  
*Square Tower* **B2**
- 40 Tour de Chamars  
*Chamars Tower* **B5**
- 41 Tour des Cordeliers  
*Cordeliers Tower* **A3**
- 42 Tour de la Pelote  
*Pelote Tower* **B2**
- 43 Mairie  
*City Administrative Centre* **B3**
- 44 Police  
*City Police Station* **B4**
- 45 Gendarmerie  
*Rural Police Station* **C5**
- 46 Former tourist office  
Architect Michel Demenge  
Label heritage of the twentieth  
century **C2**
- 47 Gares : Mouillère **D3** Viotte **B1**  
*Train Stations*
- 48 Quartier Ruty  
*Ruty Barracks* **D3**
- 49 Port Joint Pool  
*SNB Pool* **D3**
- 50 Promenade Micaud  
*Micaud Promenade* **D2**
- 51 Jardin des Sens  
*The Garden of the Senses* **C2**
- 52 Clos Barbizier  
*Clos Barbizier Rose Garden* **B2**
- 53 Jardin Botanique  
*Botanical Garden* **A2**
- 54 Gare d'Eau  
*Gare d'Eau (Water Station) Park* **B5**
- 55 Casino **D2**
- 56 Mosaïque Lumière  
*Lumière School Mosaic* **C3**
- 57 Cinéma Victor Hugo  
*Victor Hugo Cinema* **C3**
- 59 Maison natale de Victor Hugo  
*Victor Hugo's Birthplace* **C4**
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**6 HIKE** along the Loue River and through the **NOUAILLES CANYON** searching for the Wivern's escarbuncle.



**7 DESCENT** the **LOUE RIVER** and admire the relief of the valleys. On your paddles, ready, row!

**2 APPRECIATE** the view from the **ORNANS BELVEDERE** by surveying the course of rocks.

**8 IMMORTALIZE** your getaway in Ornans with a selfie in front of the **LOUE RIVER HOUSES**.

**3 STROLL** around the **COURBET MUSEUM** and discover the life and work of the painter in his birthplace.

**9 INDULGE** in our **LOCAL FLAVOURS**: the Comté cheese, the sausage from Ornans...

**4 PICNIC** near the magnificent **LISON SPRING** and wander the site.



**5 CRISS-CROSS** the **LOUE VALLEY** and appreciate its beautiful landscapes.

**10 HAVE SOME FUN** with your family at the **DINO-ZOO PARK** with his life-size prehistoric creatures.

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