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What is the point of seeking out experiences?
Quite simply, because they leave indelible
memories written across our souls.

Here with us, in this natural region that is
simple, authentic and spontaneous, we have the
perfect destination for you to travel
a little bit differently...We don't
set out on a trip, we write a story.
You return home changed because
these people are so welcoming,
because nature here is so generous
and because our centuries of
history have so many stories to tell.

That is why in Burgundy-Franche-
Comté:

We don't book a hotel room... We sleep in the
trees, under the stars or at a UNESCO site;
We don't visit a town...We hunt for treasure, we

escape from a Citadel or go exploring ;
We don't read travel guides ...We dive into a
prehistoric lake, we follow in the footsteps of a
dinosaur or sing at a chapel ;
We don't go for a walk...We step into the shoes of
a nomad or a river boat captain;

We don't go up a
mountain...We bathe in
the forest or fly above a
hillside on a zip wire;
We don't go to a
restaurant...We relive
the feasts of the wine
growers or taste the stars;

**We don't
set off on a
journey, we
start writing
a story.**

**Believe us when we tell you that there is
a before and an after Burgundy-Franche-
Comté...**

3 identities, 1 destination!

ON THE ROAD!

THROUGHOUT THIS PRESS
PACK YOU WILL ENCOUNTER
THE 3 GREAT TOURIST
DESTINATION BRANDS
THANKS TO:

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Going back to what's important, that is something our region really knows how to do. It is often difficult to explain because it has so many faces and characters. However, it has a common yearning for what is real, a capacity for creating emotions and encouraging authenticity. From north to south, three destination brands enhance this one great region: Burgundy-Franche-Comté.

Designed by Bourgogne



I am elegant, epicurean, generous and gourmet, but at the same time I know how to be fashionable and glamorous. Despite my provincial airs I reveal a refined spirit, French-style chic and openness to high design. I attract lovers of all things fine and beautiful and I cultivate a certain art de vivre that has earned me an international reputation.

Just two hours from Paris, I appeal to city folk that are in vogue, lovers of the great outdoors, of good food, fine wines and remarkable heritage that is sure to surprise them; travellers who break the rules and prefer to awaken their senses than endure the bling-bling of the overcrowded coasts. Here you quickly find yourself in the heart of the vineyards, surrounded by secular wine cellars, centuries-old châteaux, rivers and canals, Michelin star restaurants and charming hideaways where you can drop your bags off. I embody all that is fine, beautiful, the pleasures of eating well, which has meant that I am the standard bearer for wine and gastronomy across the globe.

I know how to share; so do the people of my region. The wine growers are not short of stories that let you understand why their wines are so good. Producers reveal the secrets of their star products – Dijon mustard, Charolaise meats, Bresse poultry, Burgundy truffle, anise from Flavigny... - The great chefs, without words, demonstrate their generosity every time you sit at table. We combine star turns (Vosne-Romanée, Nuits-Saint-Georges, Gevrey-Chambertin...), and even the great UNESCO sites, with the gentle landscapes of my discrete Morvan mountains.

I am all of this at once, I am... Designed by Bourgogne.

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Montagnes du Jura

L'AUTRE VERSANT DE LA MONTAGNE

They say I am reassuring, authentic, sincere, welcoming. People love my wild side, the rounded slopes of my mountains.

To come here you have to love life, real life, the type that centres us on real values, the simple things in life that we tend to forget. A return to where it all began. Conditioned by my climate and my landscapes, the mountains that are inhabited by my villages have kept alive so many traditions and savoir-faire that they share with open-minded and curious visitors. Right across my territory you reconnect with nature, you can press pause on your often hectic lives. You open up your heart. The wise tourist learns to think. Sporty types find an exceptional playground here with me. I also love families. Here they feel right at home.

In summer, my meadows take on an intense green, the colours of my countless forests are reflected in my lakes. My waterfalls roar. Water springs forth from everywhere. Adventurers pass one another on foot along my trails, or paddle along my lakes and mountain bike through the heart of my Regional Nature Park.

In winter, I offer my scintillating expanses to lovers of Nordic activities that never dreamed of finding such pristine spaces. I am compared to Lapland, Québec, the Scandinavian countries... In short, to all those beautiful countries that feel so remote. My slopes are ideal for sporty descents, for gentle initiations. My ridges often provide breathtaking viewpoints from which you feel you could reach out and touch Mont-Blanc.

I am a soothing cocoon in the midst of a beautiful and flourishing nature. I am...the Jura Mountains.

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I am a destination for all seasons, a land that is sought after by responsible travellers looking for a gentle pace, to slow down the rhythm of life so that they can better appreciate things. Slow tourism takes pride of place. My inhabitants, generous and welcoming by nature, are its guardians.

Nature is everywhere in my home. Here we take good care of her. We are serious about this duty! I can't count the number of nature reserves that dot my lands, not to mention the Regional Nature Park of which I am so proud. Flora and fauna have reclaimed their kingdom. I watch over the lynx, wolf, deer and western capercaillie... Sometimes, the careful traveller will meet them along my paths.

I am also the most wooded region in France and I have water all around me. I invite the wandering traveller, on foot, on horseback or on two wheels, to follow my 18,000km of trails, to explore my themed routes, to discover my towns brimming with character, to skirt the banks of my 1,000 ponds and to enjoy the cool of my 80 lakes. I offer up landscapes of great diversity, an array of surprising colours. My forests, my ridges, my gorges and my mountain make up a selection of rich and varied ambiances. This way my visitors can choose between a variety of outdoor activities on land and in the skies.

From atop its hill the chapel of Ronchamp, a masterpiece by Le Corbusier, appears to protect this natural space that forged my identity and from which I draw my strength. I am... The Vosges Massif.

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UNESCO Experiences

**EIGHT PROPERTIES
LISTED AS UNESCO
WORLD HERITAGE**

To better understand the power of the 8 UNESCO sites of Burgundy-Franche-Comté, the French region with the most properties on the World Heritage list, we have tried out some new ways of experiencing them. Here's a guide on how to enjoy them a little bit differently and get to the heart of the wonders of this region.

PRAY FOR THE FIRST TIME

Regardless of religion, there are sites that instantly inspire the admiration and respect of all. An almost initiatory spiritual experience begins with your ascent to the basilica of Vézelay and its Eternal Hill. Once at the summit, it's hard not to be overcome by this hub of Christianity that has attracted pilgrims through the ages. The venue is luminous, in a literal and figurative sense. It's here at the end of August that the Musical Gatherings of Vézelay take place. A feeling of solemnity and calm such as this can also be found at Fontenay Abbey, one of the finest symbols of Cistercian monastic life. Finally, along the Way of St. James, believers and non-believers can discover the priory church of Notre-Dame in La Charité-sur-Loire with their eyes but also with their hearts. From the top of the town's preserved ramparts, the views are breathtaking, creating an intense moment where you feel you are at one with these old stones. Noble, popular and festive music reigns at the Blues en Loire festival that is held in late August, notably at Notre-Dame Priory.

A NIGHT AT THE SALT WORKS

This venue makes an immediate impression. The Royal Salt World at Arc-et-Senans, built by visionary architect Claude-Nicolas Ledoux, is a unique testament to the history of industrial architecture. A model town in its purest sense, it depicts « the sun's passage across the skies » and offers the promise of some extraordinary nights. Hidden inside the buildings are around thirty bedrooms that allow visitors to fully enjoy the site outside of normal opening times. There are unbeatable views of the well-tended gardens, which in 2020 celebrate their 20th festival on the theme of the circus. Parades, original exhibitions and circus performances transform this model town into a joyful and artistic hub. Finally, to add seasoning to this stay, around fifteen kilometres from here you can visit its neighbour and UNESCO sibling: the Great Salt Works at Salins-les-Bains. Up until 1962, Salins-les-Bains exploited the white gold that lies deep beneath its feet. In the immense underground galleries you can view the last operational salt pan in France, evidence of a centuries-old technique...and the exploits of the Sauniers.

SINGING AT A CHAPEL

At the Chapel of Notre-Dame du Haut in Ronchamp, a masterpiece by Le Corbusier, the acoustics are so perfect that voices take on a new dimension. Patti Smith has even held a concert here, overwhelmed by the unreal ambiance and the emotions created by this white arch

that is luminous and bright, sitting at the brow of its hill. When designing this sacred site, Le Corbusier played with curved lines and cement, and this is showcased perfectly in 2020 with an exhibition and intriguing visits beneath the hull of this incredible vessel. In order to bring another dimension to the visit, a new digital tool is now available to the general public. This certainly is a religious building unlike any other.

SOME SURPRISING ENCOUNTERS

Climbing to the top of the Citadel of Besançon, it's impossible to imagine that this colossal fortress is home to some unusual inhabitants. Once through the Royal doorway, visitors are greeted by the first of the animals. The new aquarium cleverly shares the immense venue with other occupants. Within the rooms of the Musée Comtois, a new and rare permanent collection of puppets from the 19th Century to present day is housed. Here and there, children wander around entranced by 3D features, games, quizzes and videos presented by the fun and interactive app nicknamed MaCitadelle. This site really does come alive.



WINE TASTING IN THE MIDST OF THE CLIMATS

You don't raise your eyes to the heavens in order to understand a Climat, you lower them to the earth; the answers lie there. 1,247 Climats, vineyard plots that were painstakingly drawn out, lie across a thin strip of land between Dijon and Santenay, to the south of Beaune. Some of these answer to legendary names, such as Chambertin, Romanée-Conti, Clos de Vougeot, Montrachet, Pommard... This is a mosaic of Crus so exceptional that it has been deemed worthy of UNESCO status.

PLUNGING INTO A HISTORIC SITE

The attraction of the banks of Clairvaux-les-Lacs is not new, because on these banks we can discover impressive vestiges of lakeside towns dating back to Prehistoric times. The site is slowly revealing its secrets to archaeologists, resulting in its UNESCO inscription (alongside the neighbouring Lac de Chalain and 110 other lakeside pile-dwelling sites stretched across the Alipne Arc). An unusual atmosphere presides over the site; a mix of joyful nautical pursuits and history that dates back 100,000 years.



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Journey through time

Who hasn't dreamed to taking a journey back in time? A fascinating land where history is enjoyed in the open air, Burgundy-Franche-Comté offers the incredible opportunity to explore the ages. And there's no need for a magic wand!



-150 MILLION YEARS The age of the Sauropods



The last witnesses to a major climactic change, the dinosaurs fascinate people of all ages. In Burgundy-Franche-Comté, the JURA-ssic land in which these giants have left footprints that are still visible, you can go millions of years back in time. At **DinoPlagne**, in the Bugey, a palaeontological hub that is listed as a Sensitive Natural Site, as well as reading information panels you can stroll whilst connected across a platform that protects 115 Sauropod footprints made by creatures weighing 40 tonnes and measuring 30m in length, the largest site of its kind in the world and due to open in summer 2020.

If you want to meet the famous Tyrannosaurus Rex, the largest predator of all time, head to the area around Besançon. A

monumental sculpture based on the very latest findings by palaeontologist Scott Persons has just taken up residence **at Dino-Zoo**.

At Romanèche-Thorins, in the far south of the region, we prefer the living. A species rarely found in zoos or in nature, the Komodo Dragon, a great ferocious lizard measuring 2.70 metres, has been entrusted to **Touroparc** as part of the European Breeding Programme. The last of the dinosaurs? Not really, although this fascinating reptile does share a resemblance!

5th CENTURY B.C What did the Lady of Vix look like?

Once upon a time, in the 5th Century B.C, a Celtic princess was buried in a lavish tomb. Covered in gold and precious stones, she rested on a spectacular float within her funereal chamber surrounded by a colossal bronze bowl, two cups and a decanter... More than 2000 years later, in 1953, this princely grave was discovered at Vix in the Pays Châtillonnais. It was a first in the history of ancient funereal archaeology. Since then, countless efforts have been made to reconstruct the story and the appearance of the deceased, nicknamed the **Lady of Vix**. Thanks to the latest DNA analyses, this mystery will soon be solved... A life-sized **reconstitution of her face** will soon be on display at a museum devoted to her at Châtillon-sur-Seine. Rendezvous in 2020.

2nd CENTURY B.C The predecessor of the spa

Well before the Roman conquest of Gaul, **Luxeuil-les-Bains** was reputed for its thermal springs. 2,000 years later, people are still coming to take advantage of the soothing waters. Excavations in 2008 and 2009 unearthed a significant archaeological site in the very heart of the town: vestiges of the church belonging to the monastery founded by Saint-Colomban in the 6th Century, a Roman villa from the 2nd Century and, more spectacular still, a necropolis of 170 sarcophagi, the largest concentration in Europe. The reputation of Luxeuil-les-Bains has since become international and the town has decided to showcase this incredibly rich site. As of 2020 visitors can get up close to the forthcoming archaeological site known as **«L'Ecclesia»**.



52 B.C *Understanding Alesia*

What really happened in 52 B.C? How did 82,000 Romans win out against 328,000 Gauls at the Battle of Alesia? In order to better understand this legendary conflict that changed the course of history, rendezvous in Burgundy. Educational, interactive and fun, **the MuséoParc Alésia** shifts up a gear in 2020. It will offer a 3D immersion based on photogrammetry.

1ST CENTURY A.D *Under the skin of a Legionnaire*

In the 1st Century the VIII Augusta Legion set up their main camp at Mirebeau. Over twenty years, nearly 8,500 soldiers would be stationed at this enormous camp that stretched across 23ha. Located on the key Roman road that connected Langres and Besançon, the VIII Augusta Legion held an excellent position from which to keep watch over the Lingon, Séquanes and Aedui people. The castrum at Mirebeau, surrounded by ditches and a perimeter wall, is the subject of an interesting redevelopment. The **«Mirabellum»**, a new interpretation space of 150m², invites visitors to explore this facet of local history through fun activities and a self-guided trail through the Roman camp with the help of **augmented reality** and audio-guides. Opening September 2019.

69 A.D *Where did all this water come from?*

Although tucked away on a bend of the River Doubs, Besançon experienced problems finding a supply of drinking water. For the Romans, any civilized settlement simply had to have a source of good-quality running water. That is why they decided to capture waters from the Arcier spring 11 kilometres away in order to supply Besançon. Major construction works were therefore launched in 69 A.D, which would take a decade to complete. A few vestiges of **the Gallo-Roman aqueduct** can still be seen to this day and a brand **new augmented reality** app allows you to appreciate the scale of this impressive construction on the hillside.

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VISIBLE FROM THE SKY,
THE «BEAN-OSAURUS» IS A VAST
PLANT MAZE IN THE SHAPE OF
A DINOSAUR; A WONDERFULLY
ENTERTAINING JURASSIC FEATURE
AT LAND ART PARK.

City Breaks

When it comes to a city break, there are those that want to blend in, live life at the pace of the locals, seek out advice that invites them to improvise an escapade « on their doorstep ». There are those who love to loosen the purse strings and seek out all things « Beautiful » on a short break. Then again, there are lovers of exotic urban adventures, travellers that are fleeing the major capitals to explore new towns where not everything has already been Instagrammed and posted. In any case, these three travellers come together in the towns of Burgundy-Franche-Comté. Here are some examples of experiences enjoyed by our avid and passionate city-breakers.

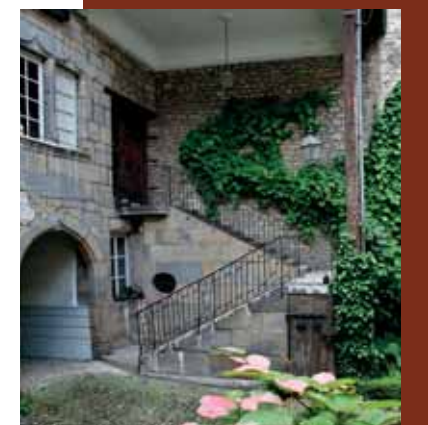


A JAUNT IN BESANÇON

“ We really needed to escape Paris for a weekend, just the two of us. Martin loves culture, cities with character, and I love charming spots with the accent on nature. On the advice of a friend, we wasted no time and headed to Besançon for a couples' city break. ”

Two and a half hours later we found ourselves in the centre of Besançon, a curious town surrounded by the bend of a river and overlooked by a high fortified hill with undeniable cachet. I know someone who's going to be happy! As for me, I simply melted when I saw the beautiful *Le Sauvage*, the charming hotel in which we were looking forward to unwinding...at this former convent of the Poor Claires, that shouldn't be too hard. Martin was bowled over by the unbeatable views, its proximity to the Citadel and its fortifications listed as World heritage by UNESCO, as was I by the brand new pool. But there was no question of relaxing too much; we'd barely put down our bags when we tackled the steps of the fortress, an essential visit if you want to understand the town, its landscapes and its history.

100 metres further down, in the old town, markets, bars, shops, restaurants, the Porte Noire, Saint-Jean Cathedral, the Palais Granvelle with its airs of a cloister, the Museum of Fine-Arts, La Madeleine Church and its statue of Jacquemart on horseback at its summit, ancient ruins, Renaissance and Belle Époque monuments all live together in perfect harmony. The guide books had informed us that Victor Hugo was born in Besançon, but what we didn't realise was that here, no matter where you look, you're sure to spot a sculpted face on the corner of a street, a hidden courtyard with a pretty spiral staircase, a hanging garden, an artisan workshop that's open and welcoming. So picturesque and so romantic! And at the risk of falling into cliché, nothing could be finer than a trip aboard a barge on the River Doubs. We sailed past the wooded park



of Micaud where someone had recommended we try the new gastronomic restaurant managed by the prestigious Château de Germiny. This eatery has taken up residence in the old tourist office, an unusual venue with its cubed lines. Who would have imagined that this steel structure would have been designed by architect Michel Demenge in 1969? And speaking of art, the Fonds Régional d'Art Contemporain, FRAC to its friends, is unmissable. You enter along the riverbank, on foot, by bike or e-bike, hired from Proxy Cycles. Here, majestic and contemporary, the Cité des Arts has set up home at the former river port from the 1930s. This building is a veritable architectural masterpiece in its own right. This ancient and rebellious capital, which has now become a land of trails, boasts a very special allure!

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IT'S INCREDIBLE THAT, UPON VISITING THE CITADEL, WE LEARNED THAT THIS VENUE ALSO HIGHLIGHTS THE NATURAL WORLD. WE VISITED THE BRAND NEW ECO-RESPONSIBLE AQUARIUM THAT SHOWCASES THE LIFE OF THE RIVER THAT FLOWS AT ITS FEET. IN ITS FRESH WATERS YOU CAN SEE IMMENSE BULLHEADS, CARP, EELS, AMPHIBIANS, REPTILES... IDEAL FOR HELPING YOU BETTER UNDERSTAND THE ECOSYSTEM OF THESE CRYSTAL WATERS.

DIJON; INSPIRED

“ Ever since its museum of Fine-Arts was transformed, it's been as if Dijon has found its second wind. More inspired than ever before, the capital of the Dukes of Burgundy invites us to (re) discover it. The city has changed so much that it's well worth another visit! ”



Day 1. Armed with our **City Pass 72h** available from the tourist office, we were ready to explore the city! Thanks to the tram and the new pedestrian districts, the city has been totally transformed. As you approach the Rue de la Liberté, there you see the **Palais des Ducs**. This incredible monument set in the heart of the city nowadays houses the brand **new museum of Fine-Arts** that we were dying to explore: 8 chronological sequences, 20 centuries of history, from Egyptian sarcophagi to contemporary art, from the tombs of the Dukes to decorative arts and including drawings and sculptures. This is really a museum that is in step with modern tastes: a boutique and chic brasserie inside, an astonishing programme of events and, of course, an app to supply a connected visit. And it's free to get in!



Jeudis Vins really is a tempting concept: every Thursday, a heritage venue in Dijon – mansion house, secret garden, gallery... - transforms into a pop-up wine cellar. For us it was the Grand Théâtre, on stage with a glass in hand. Superb! After dinner around Les Halles, we headed back to our room. I would never have imagined 10 years ago that **the Poste Grangier** post office building would become a hotel! The art deco building is even more beautiful since being restored. It certainly delivered a perfect night...

Day 2. Think of Dijon and you think of mustard. It may be a cliché, but here things are different: we set off to create our very own condiment, coached **by Maison Fallot**, Burgundy's last family-run mustard company. An opportunity too good to pass up! We headed off proudly with our pot of home-made mustard. After stopping for lunch at a terrace café we took the time to wander around and do a spot of shopping in the city centre. We headed to **the Tour Philippe le Bon**. 316 steps later ... The view and an aperitif provided by the tourist office 46 metres up as the sun sets: everything is perfect! Over a glass or two of wine we decided on tomorrow's programme: I really wanted to go to the canal and sail off aboard **La Bougeotte**, a floating wine bar that has just dropped anchor in Dijon. The plan was to sample the cooking of Angelo Ferrigno who, at just 23, has just become the youngest French chef to be awarded a Michelin star. Actually, 3 days is not enough to visit Dijon!



COME ALIVE IN NEVERS

“ Peacefully set alongside the Loire, Nevers is a discrete place. However...by following the potters' route I discovered a town with so many stories to tell. ”

You just have to follow the blue line through Nevers to discover the town's connecting thread: pottery. Museums, boutiques and an ancient artisan quarter all provide evidence of the flourishing activity of this

refined art that arrived here from Italy.

It's inside the church at St-Gildard's convent that, in a glass cabinet, you find the body of Saint Bernadette de Soubirous, almost fully intact...A moving and emotional encounter. Also emotional is a visit to St Cyr Ste Julitte Cathedral with its Romanesque choir and, across from this, its Gothic choir...as well as its contemporary windows that allow beautiful light to penetrate through 130 bays (the largest ensemble in Europe).

Strolling around the narrow streets of Nevers you're led to the Ducal Palace, one of the very first châteaux of the Loire. The town has retained its natural spirit, criss-crossed as it is by the last wild river in Europe. It is aboard



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BOOK LA GUINGUETTE DE NEVERS ON LOIRE... ONCE THE FINE WEATHER ARRIVES, IT'S A REAL JOY TO HAVE A GLASS OF WINE OR ENJOY DINNER ON THE TERRACE. AND ON SUNDAYS, LET'S DANCE!



a Gabare, the traditional boat of the Loire, that you can best appreciate the local wildlife, or indeed aboard a hot-air balloon that reveals an entire mosaic of châteaux and vineyards below. For less adventurous types, a trip on a Tuk-Tuk or all-terrain bike will allow you to get close to beavers, grey herons or great white egrets, testament to the area's biodiversity...

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A BREAK IN DOLE

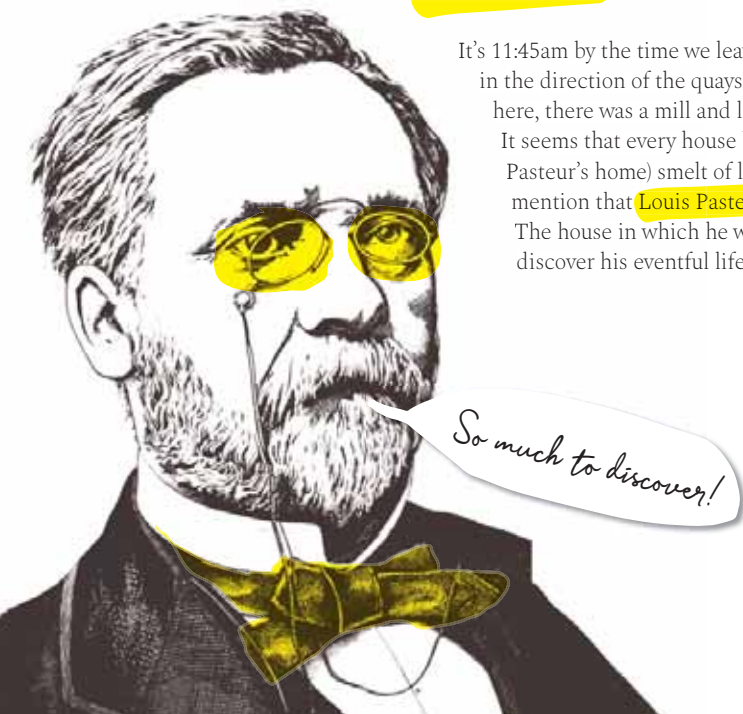
“ It appears that small really is beautiful. Dole is a pocket-sized town. No ring road, no bypass, no tram but rather a sort of Dolce Vita that wafts across its cobbled streets. One fine Saturday in June, we headed to Dole with the family. ”

To begin with, we had a stroll through the market. The areas around Notre-Dame are full of people, but what really

interested us was what was happening in Dole's covered market, a short hop from the collegiate church. Pascal began his show at the hobs. On the first Saturday of every month he cooks there. Beans from Mémet's stand, a bit of cheese from Emma's cheesemongers, a nice piece of veal and we're ready to go! Pascal is happy alongside his microwave oven. He calls on his clients to help chop his vegetables as they happily set the world to rights, all whilst sipping on a local beer from Brasserie Doloise.

After that, we felt we deserved a home-made ice cream from Damien Benetot. Everyone tells us that this is the locals' favourite patisserie... We soon found out why that is! We may have to return soon to take part in one of his workshops.

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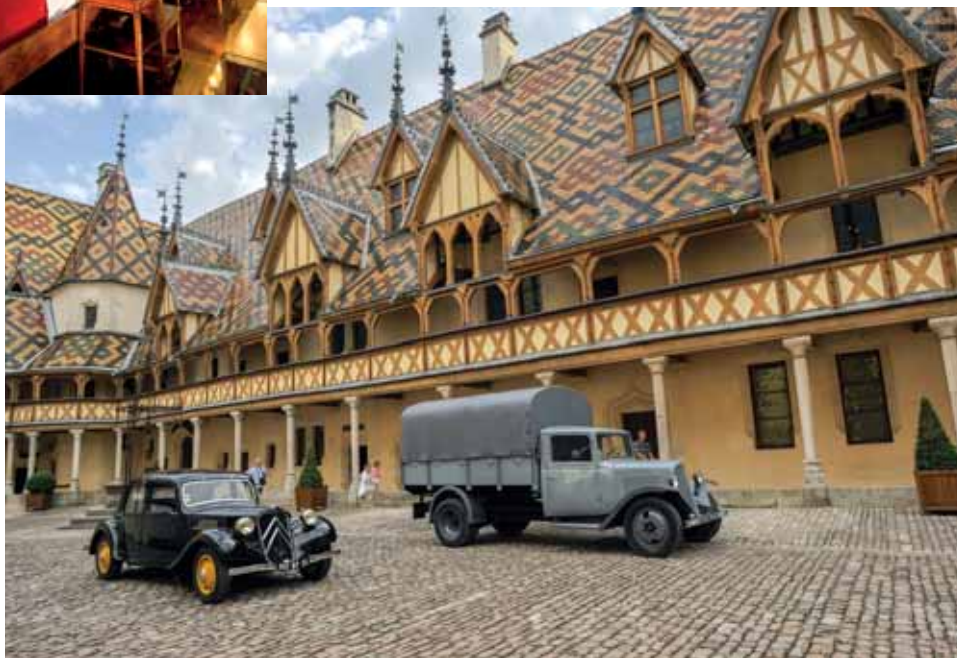
It's 11:45am by the time we leave the market. We headed in the direction of the quayside. In fact, before Dole was here, there was a mill and lots of tanneries on this spot. It seems that every house backing onto the canal (even Pasteur's home) smelt of leather! I almost forgot to mention that Louis Pasteur was actually born in Dole. The house in which he was born can be visited to discover his eventful life!





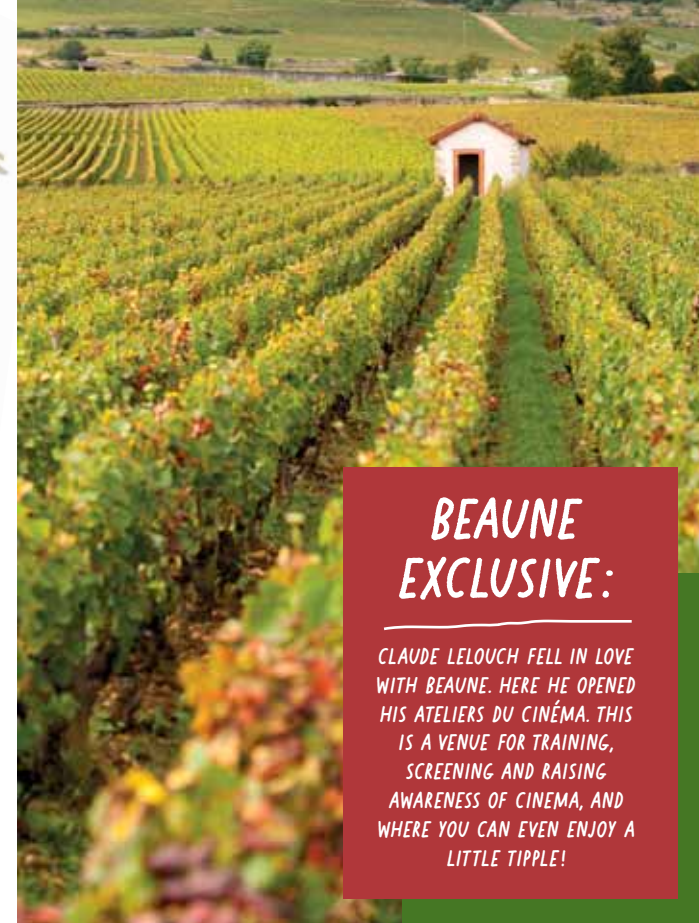
BEAUNE; HEDONIST

“ When Quincy and Mary, our friends from Boston, told us that they were coming to spend a few days in Burgundy-Franche-Comté, we immediately suggested Beaune. It's the ideal town for discovering French-style art de vivre. ”



Beaune has all the advantages of a little provincial town. Narrow cobbled streets, magnificent churches, a colourful market, smashing boutiques, restaurants on every street corner, friendly wine sellers and convivial wine bars... After an obligatory stop to see the Hospices de Beaune (more than 400,000 visitors go there each year), we arranged a little surprise for Quincy and Mary... We headed to Flaveurs and Chef! on Rue Thiers, where the smiling Bérangère was waiting for us in the rear courtyard of a mansion house. Inside were

XXL worktops, professional equipment and ingredients, renowned chefs, holders of the Meilleurs Ouvriers de France title, and recipes that are SO French: all you need to spend a magic moment at a patisserie school! With our « home-made » macarons in hand, we'd earned a little stop at a terrace bar on Place Carnot before going shopping. Our mission for the day: find the best of Made in France! And a good job too because, in Beaune, you can combine big French brands – Manufacture Perrin, Durance, Le Jacquard Français, Saint-James, Le Creuset, Cristel, Opinel... - and little boutiques from local designers. It was already time for dinner and to discover a few local specialties, such as eggs en meurette and bœuf bourguignon. Quincy and Mary didn't know it yet, but the next day, after a quick bike ride in the vineyards, they would once again find themselves in the kitchen: we had a rendezvous at Terroirs by Adeline for a cookery course based on food and wine pairings. They were certainly right when they said that France was the land of great taste!



BEAUNE EXCLUSIVE:

CLAUDE LELOUCH FELL IN LOVE WITH BEAUNE. HERE HE OPENED HIS ATELIERS DU CINÉMA. THIS IS A VENUE FOR TRAINING, SCREENING AND RAISING AWARENESS OF CINEMA, AND WHERE YOU CAN EVEN ENJOY A LITTLE TIPP!E!

MONTBÉLIARD; ALWAYS WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT

“ It's true to say that we really didn't know what to expect from Montbéliard. What was the theme of this weekend with friends? High adventure! We were certainly taken by surprise by this little corner of Burgundy-Franche-Comté. ”



At the crossroads of Switzerland and Germany, Montbéliard shows its true colours. Oranges, reds, yellows, blues, greens, pinks: in the shadow of the imposing chateau, the façades of the old town light the way. You can get lost in the winding streets if you want to travel back in time, charmed by the Germanic spirit mixed with Italian and Renaissance influences. Seduced by the sumptuous mansion houses of the XVIII Century, we gave in to the temptation of the local specialities, including the iconic Montbéliard sausage. Setting out from the tourist office, the « Heinrich-Schickhardt and his era » urban trail (named after the famous architect and town planner who set his sights on Montbéliard) guided us through an inspiring town: a college, university, print works and libraries dating from the XVI Century!

Great minds also converge at the church of Sacré-Cœur: a feast for the eyes is provided courtesy of the stained-glass windows by Fernand Léger.

A revelation! By now it was dinnertime. On the advice of Gilles we spent the evening at **Bektance**, an Eco-responsible restaurant that was perfect for us. Recycled materials, locally-sourced food, built-in micro-brewery, zero-waste cuisine: it's the type of place where you can treat yourself and feel good about it!

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- NOTEBOOK -

LUXURY LEATHER GOODS COMPANY HERMÈS HAS SET UP AN ARTISANAL SADDLERS AND PURSE MAKING HUB IN THE PAYS DE MONTBÉLIARD (FACILITIES AT ALLENJOIE, SELONCOURT AND HÉRICOURT, IN HAUTE-SAÔNE). THEIR AIM BY 2023 IS TO HAVE 780 ARTISAN LEATHER GOODS MAKERS USING THEIR SAVOIR-FAIRE TO CREATE EXCELLENT BAGS AND LEATHER GOODS FOR THE COLLECTIONS OF THIS LEGENDARY BUSINESS FROM PARIS' FAUBOURG SAINT-HONORÉ!



AUXERRE ALONG THE WATERWAY



“ Ever since Valentine spoke to us of Auxerre in loving terms we wanted to enjoy a long weekend here for a little Burgundy break with friends. 2h30 by train from Paris and here we are on the banks of the Yonne, enjoying a Kir. ”

Whilst waiting for our XXL summer holidays, we decided to explore Auxerre. We had barely got off the train when we set off for **Pyneau Prutnitz**. The savoury Gougères made by Aymeric are a must. This young pastry chef has reinvented this little traditional Chou bun using Fallot mustard, gingerbread from Mulot & Petitjean, Epoisses cheese and even cornichons from Maison Marc... After much deliberation we decided to try them all, alongside a glass of Kir (the famous Burgundian aperitif made with crème de cassis), on the banks of the River Yonne. In short; the evening started off well! Then it was Aline's turn to set the agenda. She had arranged tickets for a concert at **the Scène des Quais**, a brand new café-theatre on the water. Great! Once back on dry land we finalised our plans for the following day. With a 67 hectare preservation area, we had the promise of some wonderful discoveries! On the programme was a visit to Saint-Etienne Cathedral and Saint-Germain Abbey. Its IX Century crypts are still decorated with the oldest mural paintings in France. As for the Cadet Roussel trail, this offered us the chance to discover the Tour de l'Horloge and the famous home of Cadet Roussel...

Photography buffs should get ready to admire one of

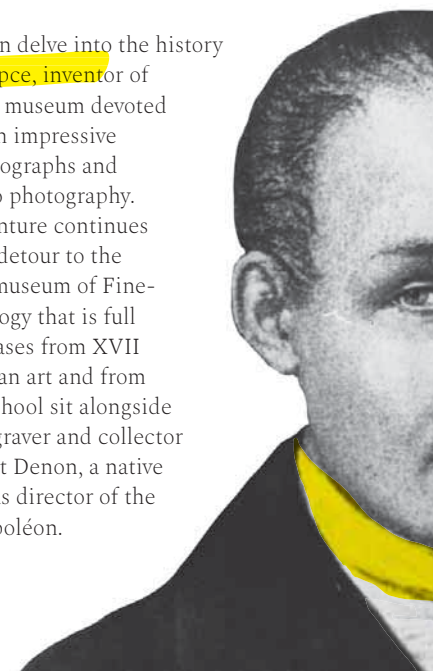
the most beautiful panoramas in the region! On Sunday we once more took to the water: Matthieu had the idea of stepping aboard **the Luciole**, one of the oldest barge-hotels in France, which is celebrating its 150th birthday. We gently sailed near to Saint-Bris and on to Irancy...leaving enough time to mix some wine in with our water!



MADE IN CHALON

“ Travelling is, first and foremost, about discovering, exploring, encountering, sharing! Chalon is perfect for this. Along the l'Orbandale walking circuit, around thirty points of interest are served up to visitors in this town boasting the « Art and History » label. ”

In this way you can delve into the history of **Nicéphore Niepce**, inventor of photography. The museum devoted to him presents an impressive collection of photographs and objects relating to photography. The cultural adventure continues with a wonderful detour to the Musée Denon; a museum of Fine Arts and archaeology that is full of surprises; canvases from XVII Century Neapolitan art and from the Rembrandt School sit alongside collections by engraver and collector Dominique-Vivant Denon, a native of Chalon who was director of the Louvre under Napoléon.





After this visit you can head into the colourful narrow streets of Chalon. The half-timbered houses, towers and turrets, fortifications and bastions of the XVI Century and, of course, the magnificent Saint-Vincent Cathedral; this town plays hide and seek with history... We have to admit that Chalon also has a secret life. Were you aware, for example, that the billiard and foosball tables of the René Pierre Company have been constructed here in Burgundy for over 60 years? Did you know that the official kit of the France football team is created in Chalon-sur-Saône? Unseen and

unknown, Ateliers Gauthier has made a name for itself in the field of high-end shirts. But the name Chalon-sur-Saône also includes the word Saône. The river is perfect for strolls along the quayside, canoe rides and boat trips, days out by bike along the Eurovelo 6 trail that leads to the Canal du Centre. 1000 artists gather for *Chalon dans la Rue*. For over 30 years, this festival of street performance has electrified the heart of Chalon over 5 days. Finding an excuse to visit Chalon is easier than ever before!

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It's in the can!



VISIT VESOUL

“We wanted to see Vesoul... and we saw Vesoul. For me, Vesoul was summed up perfectly by Jacques Brel. What a surprise to discover a pretty town that really cherishes the good life!”

Whilst the whole world knows it exists predominantly because of that famous song by Brel, few are left in doubt of the wild charm of this discrete little town in Haute-Saône. I never once imagined a town could be so rich in historic and architectural monuments.

Overlooked by the chapel of Notre-Dame-de-la-Motte, the town is home to ravishing courtyards and half-timbered houses. Going from street to street you discover beautiful mansion houses with Renaissance swirls, gargoyles, a hexagonal tower or a Gothic doorway, a Palais de Justice clad in blue and blonde stone and even a museum that houses the collection of painter and sculptor Jean-Léon Gérôme, a local son.

In addition to this astonishing heritage, Vesoul is also a town that cultivates good living thanks to its terrace cafés, market, boutiques and a 86ha lake on the threshold of the town.

Yes, Jacques Brel did visit Vesoul in 1961. He had lunch and left without ever forgetting the place. This old place is sure to leave lasting memories of a break that blends town and countryside.

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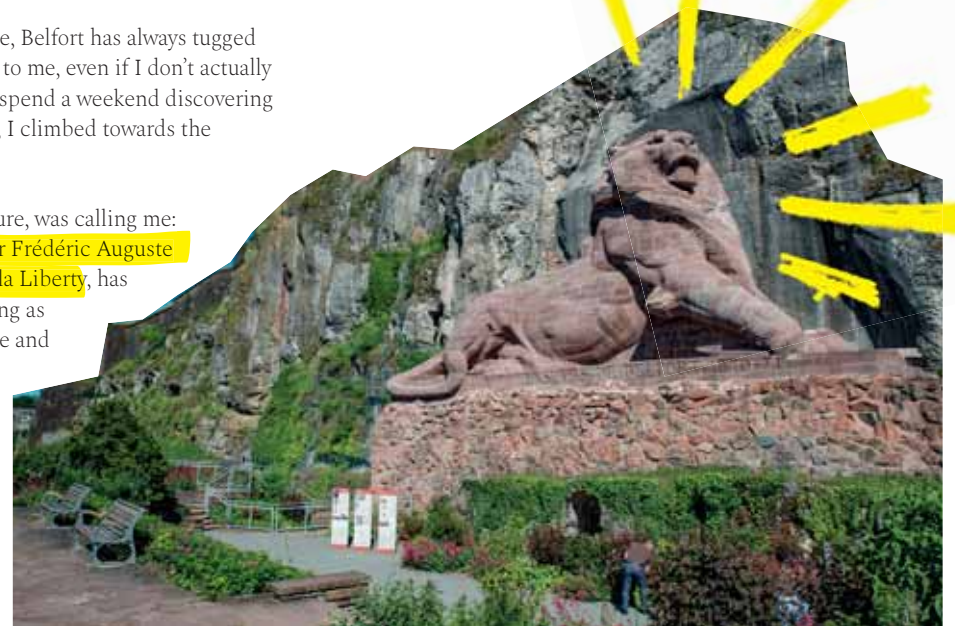
BELFORT IS GOING STRONG

“ With its half-timbered houses, pink Vosges sandstone, splendid covered market, monthly flea markets, unmissable Eurockéennes Festival and unexpected local specialties, Belfort beckons. ”



The chameleon city par excellence, Belfort has always tugged on my heartstrings and called out to me, even if I don't actually know it at all. I finally decided to spend a weekend discovering the town and, as soon as I arrived, I climbed towards the Citadel.

The lion, ready to roar with pleasure, was calling me: this monumental work by sculptor Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi, father of the Statue de la Liberty, has just been given a face lift. Sparkling as ever, he has rediscovered his grace and power... and serenity! In fact, the city is getting ready to celebrate 150 years since it was placed there. This is a major chapter in the history of Belfort that can be explored throughout the coming year thanks to historical reconstructions, notably siege-themed meals with menus drawn from the archives. My mouth was already watering...



I took the opportunity of recharging my batteries at the Vieux Garage Café. This former carwash has metamorphosed into an astonishing vintage bar. Licence plates, jukebox, record players, a Minitel, 1960s pinball, bikes hanging from the ceiling: my head was spinning. I wolfed down a charcuterie board at the bar before heading to the Museum of Fine-Arts.

Tower 41, a bastion designed by Vauban, has rediscovered its mojo: the renovations that started 3 years

ago have just been completed and the result is a trail that has been entirely reimagined taking you back through time to the highpoints of European history and art, from Brabantine Gothic to the Dutch landscapes of the XVII Century, without forgetting the XIX and XX Centuries. I had the impression that I wouldn't have enough time to do it all...Especially as I had arranged to

meet at Mon Café an hour later for a coffee roasting workshop. Alice Guinard is a coffee pro; she was waiting to share with me her best-kept secrets. After that, I don't think I'll ever drink another cup of coffee in the same way again...Even in my coffee cup, Belfort gave me a taste for visiting once again...

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Romanesque garden

Featuring a hundred or so edifices – some of which are key sites at national and international level – Burgundy-Franche-Comté is one of the richest French regions when it comes to Romanesque art.

For architecture lovers, Burgundy-Franche-Comté is often considered to be a « Romanesque Garden ». A land of encounters in which people and nature have joined forces to create some truly incredible monuments and exceptional ornamentation, an infinite variety of forms, colours, paintings and mosaics catches our eye across this Romanesque Land. At Tournus, we can be beguiled by

Saint Laurent Chapel, a major work from early 1000 A.D. As we draw closer still we can hear the « choir » of **Saint Philibert Abbey in Tournus**: the last remaining example of a complete European monastic ensemble, this Grande Dame (one of the largest Romanesque monuments in France) a just celebrated one thousand years since its consecration!

The journey continues in Autun, where **Saint-Lazare Cathedral**, which is 900 years old this year, dominates the upper town. Beneath its Gothic exterior we find an interior in a more pure Romanesque style. The great nave, with its three floors beneath a barrel vault, and the great transept with its cupola are both characteristic of this architecture, of which we can find many examples across the region, notably in Paray-le-Monial. At Autun, it is the quality of the sculptures that makes Saint-Lazare a masterpiece of Romanesque art: The Last Judgement by

Gislebertus on the main doorway of the cathedral is a major reference point, as is the array of capitals in the nave.

In Côte-d'Or, on the threshold of the Morvan, **Saint Andoche Basilica** made the most of its 900th anniversary to step into the future: a digital gallery has been installed in the building's cloister to allow the 23 capitals created by sculptors and designers from the XII Century to be viewed in minute detail. Scenes from the Old Testament, the Resurrection of Christ, lotus flowers, majestic eagles, the mythical Vouivre and dragons have all been scanned in 3D to create an exceptional effect that flits between Heaven and Earth.



Indian summer IN BURGUNDY



If there is one season that really suits Burgundy, it's autumn!

Whether in the forests or the vineyards, autumn in Burgundy is the season of the wine-growers' festivals. This is a special time when, from village to village, we gather to pay homage to the vine and celebrate wine. It's an Indian Summer! The ideal moment for enjoying a break in Burgundy.

What do Pasteur, Eiffel and the Great Universal Exhibitions have in common? Answer: wine

and, more specifically, that of Maison Champy. Based in Beaune for 300 years – it's the oldest in Burgundy – Maison Champy shares its history with us at a new visitor centre: the opportunity to (re)discover Burgundy through some extraordinary anecdotes, colourful characters and exemplary savoir-faire.

Following the Grands Crus Route towards Côte de Nuits, a charming stop can be enjoyed at Gevrey-Chambertin. At Domaine Trapet you can choose between a tasting with commentary by the fireplace, lunch with a distinctly Burgundian accent or even a lovely night at « Maison T » or one of the astonishing treetop cabins.

Further south, in Côte Chalonnaise, the « Château de Chamirey » offers a chance to stay at the foot of the vineyards in Maison du Clos du Roi or Maison du Grand Four.

These two properties have been dreamed up in order to set the pulse racing of anyone who loves Burgundy! These wine-growers' houses combine chic decor, absolute tranquillity and art de vivre in the heart of the village of Mercurey.

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EXTRAORDINARY
LIVE HAPPILY, LIVE HIDDEN
(IN A BARREL):

IN CHÂTILLON-EN-BAZOIS, CLOSE TO THE CANAL DU NIVERNAIS, « CASTOR » AND « POLLUX » PRESIDE OVER THE GARDEN AT THE LARGE GITE « AU FOUDRE DU BAZOIS ». THERE IS NO WINE INSIDE THESE BARRELS, BUT RATHER SOME QUIRKY GUEST ROOMS!

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Burgundy is also one of the most heavily-wooded regions in France. You can shelter in the silence of the forests, travel gently along shaded trails whilst listening to the rustling leaves and the singing birds: nature is at home here. In order to preserve this original character, a project to create a national park here began in 2009. Ten years later, the Forêts de Champagne et Bourgogne Nature Park finally became **the 11th national park in France**. On the Burgundy side, it is in the Châtillonnais (in Haute Côte-d'Or) that you can explore these well-preserved habitats. A veritable green lung covering over 9000 hectares, it is perfect for discoveries and activities. 20 walking routes, mountain biking and horse riding trails and walkways through the trees mean there is something to suit all tastes.

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Evergreen

MORVAN

1970-2020: The Morvan Regional Nature Park celebrates its 50th birthday this year! Half a century on and this little corner of Burgundy-Franche-Comté is still green, wild and enticing. It has never changed nor has it ever lost its soul, although it has learned how to reinvent itself, to make use of its natural wealth and to throw up some surprises...

At first glance peaceful, this mid-mountain region is brimming with fresh ideas. Should you wish to explore it, you are spoilt for choice: mountain biking on the Grande Traversée du Massif Central trail, on horseback along the Bibracte-Alesia itinerary, by kayak on the Chalaux or Cure rivers or striding along its countless walking trails...

As for accommodation, lovers of the unusual are well-served: hobbit holes, treetop or lakeside cabins...something to suit all tastes.

And don't forget a gastronomy that is honest and generous, based on quality local produce. The Morvan boasts the simplicity of the countryside and a natural energy that makes everything easy!

This year, to mark its 50th anniversary, the Morvan is proudly sharing its values: a popular land that effortlessly knows how to please all-comers. On the programme, simple, festive highlights such as the Fête de l'Automne et des Associations planned for October, a pâtisserie competition to create a « Morvan Gateau », photo exhibitions, an array of 50 cultural, sporting and economic events throughout the year...as well as the traditional Fête de la Vielle à Anost, the Nuits Cajuns or the Journées Gourmandes du Grand Morvan.

A regional nature park should also help its inhabitants to live in harmony with their environment; managing and developing itself in a way that respects and showcases natural and cultural local heritage. It is in this vein that the accommodation at the Actival Nature Centre at Lac des Settons has been renovated. Its 136 rooms have all had a face lift. This Eco-base at Lac des Settons has even launched a new sustainable development project for the region!

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Awash with Forests

IN THE VOSGES MASSIF

“ We’ve all heard of Shinrin-Yoku, a forest bath popular in Japan. A soothing paradise, the forest awakens the senses and releases pent-up stress. Let’s head out on a wellbeing tour of northern Burgundy-Franche-Comté... With a forest that covers 2/3 of the Vosges Massif, this destination is tailor-made! ”

Immense and changing with the seasons, the forests of the Vosges Massif stretch as far as the eye can see. Viewed from above, they create a gigantic green stripe of hillsides and mountains... You simply have to head for their peaks to appreciate the spectacular scale.

At the heart of this calming environment, wild orchids sit alongside the pine trees of the Vosges, the peat bogs and the heathlands. In the midst of all this luxurious vegetation you can find hundreds of sign-posted trails, which allow you to go from strolling in the heart of the forest to a sporty escapade in the great outdoors with consummate ease.

You can even ride along the wheel tracks of a local champion, Thibaut Pinot, as you climb the Grand Ballon and tackle the « Tour de France Historic Route » that has just been listed this year. Along the twelve kilometres of the trail you will find technical information relating to the climbs and a look at the history of the Tour de France. That’s right ; in the Vosges Massif there’s a before and

after the Tour de France... In 2014, the Tour de France let the world see the beauty of the Mille Etangs, a beautiful but still little-known area. To set off and explore this mosaic of land and water, you simply have to jump on a hybrid bike or mountain bike with electrical assistance and follow the Boucle de la Mer (24km) trail or the Boucle de la Petite Finlande (33km). For sporty types, the steep hills of the Planche-des-Belles-Filles have become a must. That said, you don’t stumble upon the Vosges Massif by accident... Local people also enjoy the benefits of the forest. Viviane and Guy have inherited its famous positive energy. Their home at the top of the world, the Ferme de Là-Haut, is a guest house surrounded by forests and prairies where goats, sheep and donkeys add to the sense of escapism. A short hop from the Mille Etangs, this is an idyllic setting creating a venue of astonishing tranquillity... Totally « Shinrin-Yoku ».

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- NOTEBOOK -

REMEMBER TO MAKE A DETOUR TO FOUGEROLLES. THE ECO-MUSEUM IN THIS LAND OF CHERRY-GROWERS HAS JUST OPENED A MAGNIFICENT ROOM DEVOTED TO LACEWORK...EXAMPLES OF THIS REPUTED SAVOIR-FAIRE CAN BE FOUND AT CHANEL OR HERMÈS.

Dive into nature

IN THE JURA MOUNTAINS

Nature is trendy. Designers draw inspirations from it, urbanites want to get close to it. Its therapeutic virtues are growing ever more popular...For a 100% wild nature experience, nowhere could be better than the Jura Mountains.

In the Jura Mountains, the scenery exerts an incredible power. Once there, the contrasts are striking: raw yet benevolent landscapes, gentle yet rugged reliefs (sometimes dizzying), green valleys studded with blue lakes, great forests hiding gorges and blind valleys ("reculées" as the locals say), towering viewpoints over the neighbouring Alps...You may be in France but the sensation is of being miles from anywhere. Nature is overwhelming, secretive and wild, perfect for re-energising through slow tourism.

In order to better understand the geology of these places and get close to the flora and fauna, you can follow the new discovery trail on the Col de la Faucille at the Monts Jura resort. From the top of the numerous viewpoints and observation decks, you can

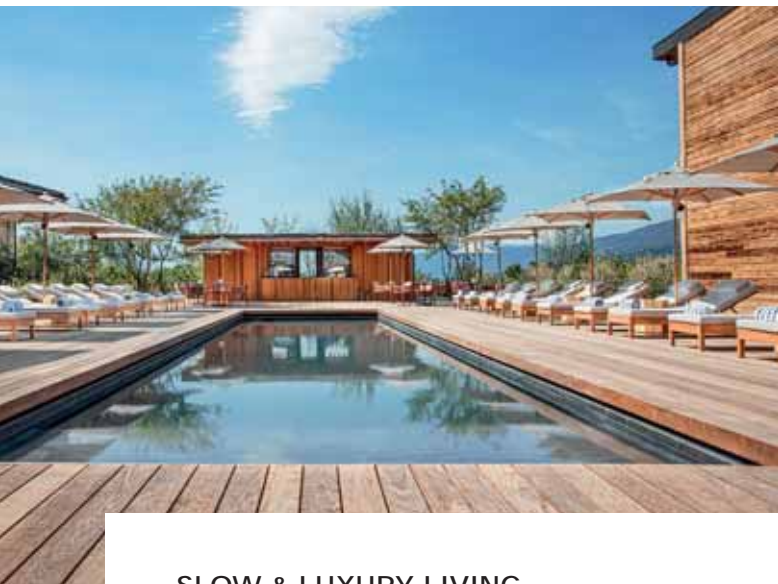
pull out your camera and immortalise your favourite landscapes.

Nearby you can also try out the new zip wire, the steepest in France. It's an experience that really has the WOW factor and sends you hurtling at 90 km/h between the Col de la Faucille (1,323m) and Mijoux (1,000m). It's sure to make your head spin...and take your breath away. Whether you're an adventurer, a sporty type or a contemplative soul, you'll feel at ease in

the Jura Mountains...It's the perfect place for you to dive into nature.

Rich and secretive nature

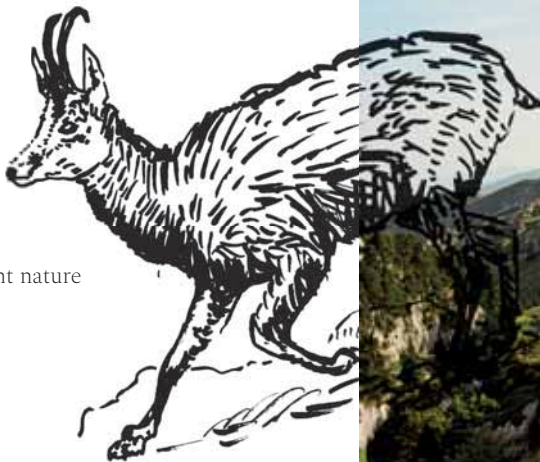
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SLOW & LUXURY LIVING

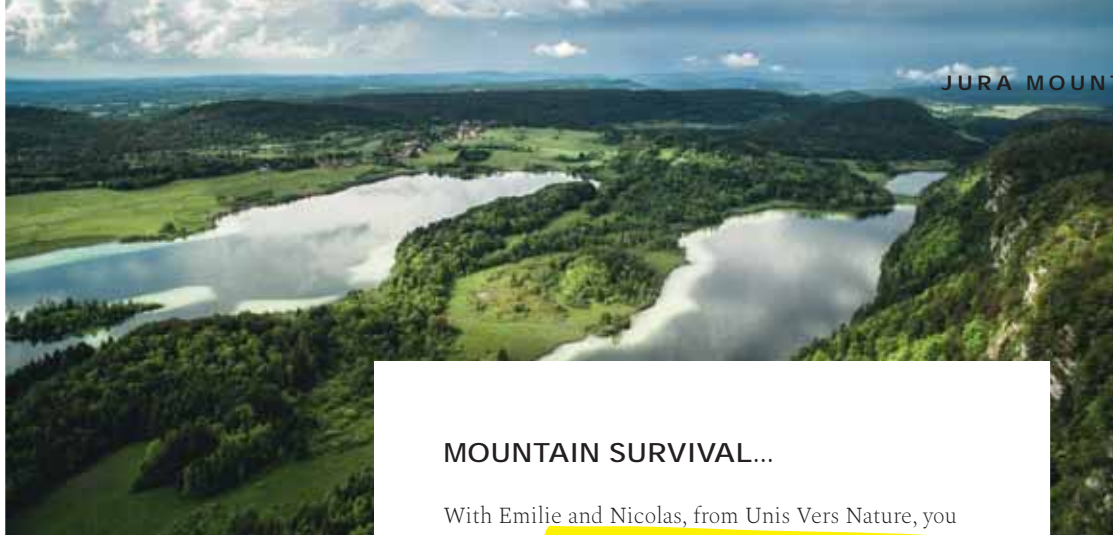
Long considered to be refuges far from local life and from nature in its true state, luxury hotels have since been reinvented to meet today's more sustainable needs. This is certainly the case with **Jiva Hill Resort, a 5* Relais & Châteaux** set between the mountains and the heavens. Jiva means Life in Sanskrit...A name that sets the tone and defines the ambiance.

A quarter of an hour from Geneva, in Crozet in the Pays de Gex, this hotel peacefully contemplates nature from an altitude of 500m. The buildings of wood and metal perfectly integrate with the environment by means of South African-style lodges or Swedish bungalows. Here, everything is simply luxurious, calm and beautiful. From the cosy warmth of the pavilion, on the terrace or behind the immense bay windows, you can gaze out at the snow-capped peaks of Mont-Blanc or the foothills of the Jura Mountains. Every space is thoughtfully decorated by Italian architect Cristina Gherardi. The restaurant's menu is showcased by Jean-François Vasseur, a promising young chef. A 45 hectare estate that changes with the seasons, here golf, tennis, a swimming pool, a lake devoted to water skiing and a nearby ski resort offer all the promise of a vibrant nature destination.



- NOTEBOOK -

TAKE A JAUNT TO THE RESORT OF MÉTABIEF, A HOT-SPOT FOR MOUNTAIN BIKING, AND HEAD OFF ALONG THE RECENTLY BUILT ATLAS PISTE; 4KM LONG WITH A DROP OF 340M. BANKED CORNERS, JUMPS AND BEAUTIFUL SEQUENCES IN THE HEART OF THE FOREST ARE ALL ON THE AGENDA. AND IF YOU WANT TO GET BACK IN SHAPE, TRY THE NEW 9KM TRAIL FOR E-MOUNTAIN BIKES.



JURA MOUNTAINS

MOUNTAIN SURVIVAL...

With Emilie and Nicolas, from Unis Vers Nature, you can try out **a survival course in the heart of nature**. As well as the therapeutic advantages associated with such an experience, you can reinforce your bond with nature and all its benefits. Bush craft, wildlife watching, surviving in the heart of nature, meals concocted from foraged berries, plants, fruits and roots that you learn to identify and cook with, botanical walks and natural cosmetics workshops...This provides a taste of TV show Born Survivor with zero carbon footprint, because it's far closer to home!





» It's great that the ski jumping events at the Youth Olympic Games in Lausanne 2020 will take place on the hill at Tuffes in Prémanon in the Jura. This new ski jump has facilities of the highest order. You can make some really long jumps there...It's going to be a real spectacle.

Killian Peier,
Swiss ski-jumping No.1, trained on the hill at Tuffes.

The resort of Les Rousses in the Jura Mountains is really bubbling. From 9th to 22nd January 2020 it will host the 3rd edition of the Youth Winter Olympic Games in Lausanne. The Stade Nordique des Tuffes will stage the biathlon from 10th to 15th January and will welcome the ski jump and Nordic combined from 17th to 22nd. It provides an opportunity for the Olympic stars of tomorrow to try out the updated facilities, which are capable of meeting the exacting demands of staging four different disciplines in one space...Quite unusual for Europe. 71 nations and 1,880 athletes are expected for this major event on the winter sports' calendar. The countdown has started.

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UNDER THE SKIN OF A CHAMPION

You may have already gathered that the region and its mountains offer the ideal conditions for breeding champions: Anaïs Bescond, Vincent Desfrasse, Florence Baverel, Martin Fourcade, Jason Lamy Chappuis... Their medals are evidence of the reputation of the area and its sporting facilities that have once more in the spotlight. Born nearly 25 years after Corinne Niogret's gold medal, the very first biathlon course in France created at Les Plans d'Hottonnes on the Retord Plateau is an illustrious example. Recently renovated, it can now host international competitions as well as welcoming tourists and disabled visitors. This is great news for all cross-country skiers and biathletes from the Ain or elsewhere.

To get under the skin of these flyers, head to Chaux-Neuve in the Doubs. A ski-jumping simulator, a visit to the international-standard hills, a museum and digital facilities allow you to get the measure of the exploits of these top-level competitors. If you get the shivers, it won't be because of the cold.

THE TRAIL CHALLENGE

With its lakes and mountains, gorges, steep trails and airy valleys, Burgundy-Franche-Comté lends itself perfectly to trail running. Every year, new sign-posted spaces appear in order to cater for a growing demand. The last, but by no means the least, of these remarkable sites that make up an ensemble of 21 courses is the new Permanent Trail Space at the Haut-Jura Regional Nature Park, an exclusive area that spans 6 villages. Next to Mont-d'Or in the Haut-Doubs, the area provides a whole array of trail running circuits certified by Xavier Thévenard, a local boy and, above all, a double winner of the Mont Blanc Ultra Trail. Running in the footsteps of a champion is quite some motivation, isn't it?

The Jura Mountains Ultra Trail: 25th, 26th and 27th September 2020

- NOTE -

CLIMBING HAS FINALLY BEEN GRANTED A PLACE AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN TOKYO IN 2020! ALTHOUGH THE TRUE ESSENCE OF CLIMBING CAN ONLY BE FOUND ON THE MANY NATURAL ROCK FACES AND CLIFFS THAT DOT THE REGION, IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A MORE GENTLE INITIATION THERE ARE TWO NEW CLIMBING WALLS THAT HAVE RECENTLY OPENED IN THE BESANÇON AREA (18M) AND IN LURE IN THE HAUTE-SAÔNE (9 M).

Nomadic spirits

What actually is a Nomadic spirit?

- It's someone who enjoys themselves at their own pace, in a positive ambiance. It's someone who is patient and understanding of the vagaries of every journey. They know that the unexpected often throws up some wonderful experiences. They're curious, open and they journey in order to learn the truth about the lands they cross, the people of those lands, the plants and wildlife, in perfect simplicity. That's what a Nomadic spirit actually is.

With its kilometres of walking trails, cycle paths and navigable waterways, its wide range of landscapes and locals renowned for their hospitality, Burgundy-Franche-Comté offers all the promise of an ideal setting.

Itinerant touring means breaking with the day-to-day, electing to see fewer, but better, things, owning an adventure. Leaving your comfort zone, you let the road guide you on a journey that speaks to you: finding yourself on the Way of St. James or the Via Francigena; going gourmet on the Vineyard Trail or the Absinthe Route; border-hopping along the EuroVelo6, the Francovélosuisse or **the new véloroute Moselle à La Saône à Vélo**; surfing along the mountaintops on the Grandes Traversées trails of the Jura or the Morvan; playing the hero on the Contraband Trail or the d'Artagnan Route on Horseback; stepping into the shoes of a riverboat captain whilst flowing down the River Saône... The adventures that await along these trails are interconnected, and yet diverse. It's all about

getting away from everything and enjoying the experience of something unique and different.

This new form of tourism is popular with younger, more connected, travellers who rely on apps to find the right track or head off the beaten path.

In **southern Burgundy, the « Route71, Bourgogne du Sud »**

Treat yourself to an adventure

app is your ideal travelling companion for a road trip punctuated by wonderful encounters. For those who prefer a bike, the « Voie Verte 71 » app reveals **45 points of interest** to visit along a legendary itinerary from Mâcon to Chalon-sur-Saône, the spot where the very first Greenway Trail in France

was born. This app sends you a message whenever one of **the unmissable sites is nearby: the view of Solutré-Pouilly-Vergisson, the Mâconnais vineyards...** with a new trail along the River Loire planned for 2020. These are modern tools that serve to create a « nature break » and, above all, the desire not to miss a single thing.



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**AT TOUR-DE-SÇAY
IN THE DOUBS, YOU
CAN CLIMB ALL THE
WAY UP A 25 METRE
PANORAMIC TOWER!**

Delicious and beautiful escapades



A TRAVELLING COMPANION

When it comes to touring, we seek out simple connections with local people. To experience a slice of local life, there's nothing like a fascinating guide, a travelling companion that gives up their time to share the things that they love most. Séverine Mornand is responsible for some of these precious encounters. A distinguished horsewoman and wine expert for 20 years at **the Grand Site de la Roche Solutré**, she offers **wine cellar visits on horseback, the cherry on top being an amazing lunch-tasting** beneath this beautiful rock. Her « Sabots de Verres » tours can be adapted for all ability levels, from the gentle Comtois horse to thoroughbred Arabians with real stamina.

Cycling trips take on the allure of deliciously delightful escapades. For this, the team at Active Tours concoct everything you need for a guided cycle touring break, from their one-day **City Bike Tour** in Dijon to a circuit for 7 days. It's an opportunity to go off the beaten track, cross the most beautiful vineyards by bike, recharge the batteries at charming hotels, savour the terroir, treat yourself to some unique Crus and, in short, enjoy the exceptional so that you return home with life-changing memories.

If you prefer pedalling along at leisure, don't hesitate to follow the picturesque **Voie des Vignes** that links Dijon and Santenay. This features more than 80 kilometres of intense wine experiences that can be enjoyed by bike, as well as vineyard trails frequented by wine-growers and grape pickers. This is a flavoursome trail studded with villages

boasting evocative names – **Chambolle-Musigny, Beaune, Pommard, Volnay, Meursault, Puligny-Montrachet, Chassagne-Montrachet...**

In Auxerre, ideally located along the Canal du Nivernais and Canal de Bourgogne, the Maison du Vélo is a great address to share. They now also hire electric boats here; perfect for setting off silently on a jaunt along the canals.

In Burgundy-Franche-Comté, with its vineyards and AOC products, touring becomes a gourmet escape... That's why Dijon, in order to showcase its many culinary specialities (mustard, gingerbread, wines, crème de cassis...), has put forward **a gourmet urban rally**. Further east, cheese takes pride of place along 6 cycling itineraries that combine a great many cheese producing sites (dairies, farms, museums, restaurants...): Sport and Leisure tours of the Jura by bike, loops around Val d'Amour, the Haut-Jura Saint-Claude, the Val Suran or the Jura Monts Rivières have now been officially launched and bear **the « Vélo & Fromages »** label...Gourmet encounters served up on a plate.

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DBB WWW.LA-BOURGOGNE-A-VELO.COM
DBB WWW.MAISON-VELO.FR
DBB WWW.DESTINATIONDIJON.COM
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All-terrain towns

The mountains are the preferred destination for 90% of itinerant walkers. In Burgundy-Franche-Comté, the massifs of the Vosges and the Morvan, and even the Jura Mountains, are still the favourite destinations for lovers of nature and authenticity. In winter, strap on some cross-country skis and cut through the midst of landscapes with the look of Lapland. In summer, you can enjoy the trails on foot, by bike or mountain bike and even on horseback.

BUT LET'S NOT FORGET THE TOWNS OF BURGUNDY-FRANCHE-COMTÉ...

Besançon, Belfort, Dijon, Beaune, Montbéliard, Joigny, Luxeuil-les-Bains, Nevers and all the other pretty towns that reflect the soul and culture of their region. Here, touring on foot takes on a different dimension, one that gets your mind as well as your legs moving. Put on your walking boots and follow the Chat Perché trail in Dole, the Chouette trail in Dijon or the Golden Circles trail of Chalon-sur-Saône. **These urban trails** gently reveal little morsels of history; a hidden garden, an intimate story that can be explored slowly and haphazardly.

with itineraries studded with astonishing viewpoints and the incredible heritage of a town built on 7 hills. Recently, **13 new cycling** loops have been added to this list. Suggested trails are available to download on GPS across this area that is brimming with surprises.

As for **the Belfort** area a little further north, it boasts 31 walking itineraries and has just **created 420km of sign-posted trails** devoted to mountain biking. These include **14 new** circuits in a loop around the greater Belfort area! There are walks for all based on heritage (Tour de la Miotte, Boucle de la Ligne à Grande Vitesse, Fort Ordener or Sénarmont...) or environmental themes (Parcours Vita Salbert, the Grand Bois...).

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WWW.GRANDES-HEURES-NATURE.FR

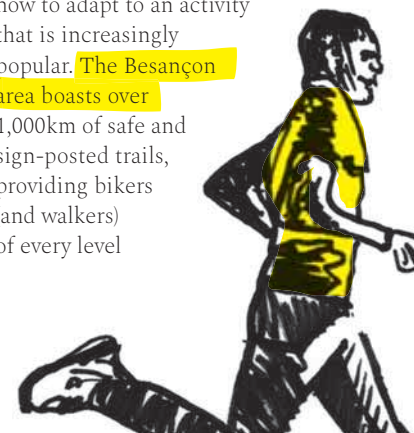
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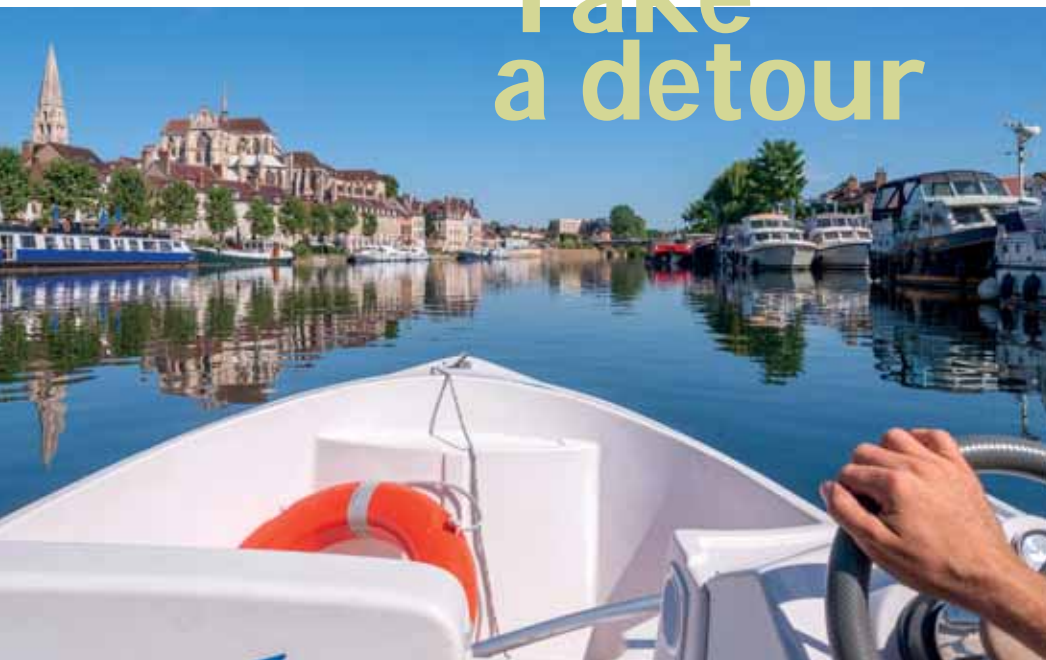
ORIGINAL, FUN AND ENTERTAINING, THE 3 AUDIO TRAILS IN THE BESANÇON AREA, AT ARGUEL AND PUGEY (GREAT MEADOWS TRAIL), DELUZ (HERITAGE TRAIL) AND THORAISE (OUR LADY OF MONT TRAIL) BRING THESE PATHS TO LIFE.

WWW.PARCOURSBESANCON.FR

As for mountain bikes, these towns have learnt how to adapt to an activity that is increasingly popular. **The Besançon** area boasts over 1,000km of safe and sign-posted trails, providing bikers (and walkers) of every level



Take a detour



FOLLOW THE SOUND OF RUNNING WATER

If you want to pamper yourself by taking things slowly, there's nothing quite like touring along the waterways for a type of slow tourism that is right on trend and puts you at the helm...and at 6km/h, you have plenty of time to admire the scenery and stop when and where the mood takes you. The nomadic spirit without the need for a backpack!

To enjoy the waterways experience, head to Mailly-le-Château on the banks of **the Canal du Nivernais**. Considered one of the most beautiful canals in Europe, the Canal du Nivernais connects the Loire and Seine basins by crossing the River Nièvre. A 174 kilometres trail marked by history and the works of art of yesteryear, thanks to Canalous you can step aboard a boat that requires no licence, equipped with 6 cabins and sleeping up to 12 people. Ideal for holidays with the whole clan.

GOING UNDERGROUND:

*A NEW ARCHAEOLOGICAL VISIT
ALLOWS YOU TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND UNRAVEL THE
MAGNIFICENT CAVE PAINTINGS
OF THE GREAT ARCY GROTTO
IN THE YONNE.*

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Remarkable due to the navigation quality and the beauty of its landscapes (13,400 hectares listed Natura 2000!), the Saône is the most visited waterway after the Canal du Midi. This river defines the pace of life for countless villages, some of which are listed Towns of **Character of Burgundy-Franche-Comté**. From barges for hire to themed cruises aboard the Cadet Rousselle from Scey-sur-Saône (gourmet, aperitifs, meals, music, conferences...) you can go with the flow as you enjoy the views.

More dynamic, **Pontoon boats** set out from Chalon-sur-Saône. These boats that hail from the United States are causing a stir in this town of art and history. On board « Big Bazar », sailing along the River Saône you can explore bucolic and natural gems, but also the heritage of its environs. We promise you that river touring is sure to put you in a good mood.



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WWW.LA-HAUTE-SAONE.COM



E-BIKES; THE TOURING BOOSTER

On every map there is always a little corner of paradise that we would love to visit. But because we feel it would take too long or we're worried about getting there, these spots can end up on the list of places to go « next time ». That's why e-bikes have become the touring traveller's new best friend. They allow you to go beyond the usual places and offer the promise of new lands to explore.

In Burgundy-Franche-Comté, trails are starting to be equipped with recharge terminals or specially adapted hire points. So that you can set off with

Speed with a capital S

peace of mind along the Grande Traversée du Massif Central (GTMC), it's best to set up base at Diverti'Parc in Saône-et-Loire. After a night in their quirky accommodation, you can hire an e-bike on site and set off safely along one of the suggested loops. Along the EuroVelo6 or the Tour de Bourgogne à Vélo, you can reach the pretty spa town of Bourbon-Lancy, medieval Paray-le-Monial, the old mining town of Montceau-les-Mines or the wine producing towns of Beaune and Chalon-sur-Saône. Via the GTMC, a new mountain biking itinerary linking Avallon to Cap d'Agde, you can head out to Bibracte or Autun. This provides a dream opportunity to discover a little-known land that lies between the Morvan and the Charolais-Brionnais: the Val d'Arroux.

Along the Grandes Traversées du Jura trail, e-bikes are also de rigueur. Suppliers provide a wide range of offers (e-bikes with GPS, all-terrain e-mountain bikes, multi-use hybrids...), GTJ topography guides are being modernised and around ten communes are equipped with the latest recharge points. The entire cycling trail, some 370km, is currently covered, so bikers needn't worry about tackling the Col de la Faucille or even the Grand Colombier (1498m) from Culoz (18,30km and 1,255m of climbs!), an ascent that has always been the preserve of hardened cyclists. This trail can be tackled with no holding back and, once at the summit, you can recharge your battery at a little pop-up bike shop that is there all summer long. Even with electrical assistance, the spirit of the journey and of touring is not diminished. You can just focus on the essentials.

DBB WWW.DIVERTIPARC.COM
DBB WWW.GTJ.ASSO.FR
DBB WWW.E-VELOBIKE.COM

SNAPSHOTS:

ON THE MOLUNES TRAIL, ONE OF THE TRAILS FEATURING STUNNING VIEWPOINTS AROUND SEPTMONCEL, PANORAMIC PHOTOS PRESENT THE LANDSCAPES OF THE JURA MOUNTAINS. IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE YOU GO FROM A PICTURE WITH INFORMATION TO THE REAL THING.

WHY DON'T WE SCOOT ALONG?

When it comes to touring, everyone has their own mode of transport that makes them feel truly free! This is a way of thinking that Estelle promotes all along the trails of Burgundy-Franche-Comté. In Cormatin in Saône-et-Loire, a little town surrounded by paths and by the Greenway Trail, as well as Gallo-Roman routes and waterways, she has launched her famous tours ...by electric scooter; TTT for those in the know. These machines are perfect for a fun day out and are completely safe, as well as being kind to other ramblers and nature enthusiasts because they are noise and pollution free. She has added her own passion for local products to her tours, thanks to tastings with an array of local producers. 100% local. In the Jura Mountains, it's in Gex that you can scoot off across the trails and landscapes of the Col de la Faucille. Equipped with large and robust tires for use all year round, these all-terrain scooters from ZeTrott Jura are becoming more and more popular with touring travellers searching for new experiences.

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Sleeping under the stars

Feel like getting back to basics, reconnecting with nature whilst enjoying real comfort? It's a winning combination that you get with « glamorous camping », and last year we tried glamping for ourselves... In Burgundy-Franche-Comté, there's a constellation of trends, as you enjoy a stargazing ambiance that is sure to satisfy every desire under the heavens.

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IT'S COOL TO SLEEP UNDER THE STARS, BUT IT'S EVEN BETTER TO KNOW THEM. IT'S A GREAT IDEA TO BOOK A STAR DISCOVERY NIGHT AT THE DOMAINE DE L'ETOILE IN FAYMONT IN THE HAUTE-SAÔNE. TELESCOPES AT THE READY, YOU'LL SOON BECOME AN EXPERT ON THE MYSTERIES OF THE PHASES OF THE MOON, THE CONSTELLATIONS AND NEBULAE.

SLEEPING IN A BUBBLE

Feel like giving in to reverie without feeling guilty about doing nothing? In your own little bubble?! For this, the La Corbette farm in Cluny has dreamed up a « Countryside Bubble» that is decidedly quirky. It's just like camping but more sheltered and with a real bed, as well as a front-row view of the farm's funny inhabitants. The plus? A table d'hôte where you can sample meat produced on the farm. Quirky and Eco-responsible; we love that! At the Domaine de Bugnon, in the little commune of Lac des Rouges Truites in the Jura, a geodesic dome with dizzying views of the forest and its animals, far from prying eyes, lets you get close to the stars when night falls. In the heart of nature, without electricity and safe in your bubble, you'll quickly begin to feel a sense of fulfilment. It really works.

CLOSER TO THE STARS

In a wooded park at the crossroads of the Chalonnaise and the Beaune hillsides, Emilie and Joël design the bedrooms of their dreams. Today, this has taken the form of a magnificent conservatory on stilts next to the forest. Beneath the structure of metal, wood and glass decorated with great taste, the Nid aux Etoiles is nestled away with its 360° panorama of the starry night. With no light pollution for 2km in all directions, the Burgundian sky puts on a celestial show of stunning beauty. And it's such a pleasure first thing in the morning when you haul up your organic breakfast hamper to enjoy 3 metres up.

CANOEING IN THE STARLIGHT

Canoe-bivouac or canoe-camping is the ultimate experience for thrill-seekers looking to escape from it all and find adventure. An experienced guide and connoisseur of the picturesque Loue Valley, Samuel accompanies his guests during their unforgettable experience. From setting up camp and a fire to cooking and enjoying a natural Jacuzzi, followed by stargazing, everything is expertly organised. Just one condition: you must know how to swim. Let's dive in!

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Legendary Route

This is an itinerary that really highlights the best of the terroir, a gourmet route through 3 regions and, above all, some excellent excuses to stop off! The Vallée de la Gastronomie has all of these things...along with a touch of nostalgia and lots of great places to eat.



Notes:
620km long /
97 Michelin
star chefs /
877 wine cellars

The legendary RN6, the inimitable Nationale 7...they have welcomed holidaymakers in search of sunshine, families with their boots full to bursting and overexcited kids dying to be beside the seaside! In their suitcases, a thirst for freedom, the joy of the

very first paid holidays and a few gourmet stops along the way. The journey was therefore transformed into an art form, taking the time to sit at table, enjoy the break and making a detour to congratulate the chef! It's in order to rediscover these pleasures that **the Vallée de la Gastronomie®** was created across three regions with exceptional gastronomic

heritage. An essential stage along the holiday road, Burgundy-Franche-Comté simply had to be involved!

In this way **the Vallée de la Gastronomie®** highlights once again a route that was almost forgotten...

You can sample local specialities, visit a wine cellar, drop in on a market or chit-chat with a cheese producer, all within easy reach of a motorway junction.

This itinerary draws out a gourmet map from Dijon to Marseille where there's no shortage of good excuses to delight your taste buds. A stop at the Fallot mustard factory to discover the secrets of production, an uplifting tasting at the Roche de Solutré, an encounter with Michelin star chefs in Sampans or Saulieu: the Vallée de la Gastronomie® works up quite an appetite!

Summering Away

IN BURGUNDY-FRANCHE-COMTÉ

AT TABLE!

THE GASTRONOMY AND REGIONAL
PRODUCTS OF BURGUNDY-
FRANCHE-COMTÉ IS ALL AT:
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Let's be clear: the people of Burgundy and France-Comté are proud of their gastronomy! In every corner of this land, the terroir is ever-present: small producers, food artisans, a humble cook or Michelin star chef...not forgetting a generous nature that provides countless treats. Time for dinner?

IN THE KITCHEN AND AT THE TABLE

It's undoubtedly due to its love of good taste that Burgundy-Franche-Comté has become, over the centuries, a land of artisan craft and culinary creativity. Small factories that are now world-famous, family brands that have a cult following, gourmet success stories to discover in real life! Since the very first casserole was canned in 1826 by the Japy Company, the arts of the table have been cherished throughout the region. Ravaged by two successive wars, battered by the arrival of plastic, this area has known highs and lows. With the arrival of **the Cristel Company**, the colour came back to its cheeks. The adventure continues today thanks to Bernadette and Paul Dodane. Ambitious and visionary, they have turned Cristel into a global reference point for the high-end culinary sector. It was also in order to cook our very best recipes to perfection that **the Lacanche Company** dreamed up its cooking ranges. Thanks to their exceptional ovens, the little village of Saône-et-Loire where it is based has become a brand in its own right! Plate-warmers, fryers, stoves and even griddles: a Lacanche is like a Rolls Royce, where customers can choose every possible option! Near Marcigny in the 19th Century, in a small workshop, a young potter started creating. Jacques Henry was then just 18 years old and it was impossible to imagine then that he held one of the great French brands of the future in his young hands! After having travelled across France in search of the best artisans he returned to his native Burgundy. His little workshop quickly became renowned as far away as Paris where the



finest eateries used ceramics from Maison Henry. The corolla plate designed in 1911 is now an emblematic piece and the famous colourful plates of **Maison Emile & Henry** are still manufactured in the region.

Another tasty tale plays out in the Doubs: ever since the first ever coffee grinder was perfected in 1840 **by the Peugeot family, this brand with the lion** has kept one eye on the kitchen. In 1874, the Model Z became Peugeot's first ever pepper grinder for use at the table. It's still being made to this day! But the local brand that really embodies a revolution in the kitchen is Seb. On 19th October 1953, the tiny commune of Selongey awoke to a hissing sound, one that was then unfamiliar but would soon become so: the sound of the first pressure cooker! The **Société d'Emboutissage de Bourgogne (SEB)** Company had just launched production. Coffeemakers, electric fryers, toasters and even vacuum cleaners: seven Seb products are sold around the world every second!

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KEY FIGURES:

- 135 AOC/AOP
- 33 IGP products
- 35 RED LABEL products
- 60 CHEESES
- More than 100 WINES AND SPIRITS
- 39 MICHELIN STAR EATERIES



REVISITING OUR CLASSICS!

When it comes to talking about food, the people of Burgundy and Franche-Comté always have an idea or two up their sleeves. What they love above all else is revisiting the classics. This is the idea behind **NewBulles**, an aperitif concept created by Bernard Silvant. His idea is to pair high-quality sparkling wine, made using the traditional method and boasting the natural flavours of the Jura. His bottle of bubbles with Savagnin nectar has already scooped the Innovation Award at a food fair. As for Antoine Boileau, he's decided to go back to his childhood: in Loray, a little village in the mid-mountains of Haut-Doubs, he has created **Délicassie**, a brand of sweet treats

with the flavours of yesteryear. Original gingerbread, iced Languettes and other biscuits: it's hard to resist temptation! A past-master in the art of revisiting **Cancoillotte cheese**, Fabrice Piguet adores venturing into unknown territory: Lautrec pink garlic, Burgundy truffle, Muscadet sur Lie, wild garlic, pine...Lately, he has even dreamed up « Cancoillotte des Eurockéennes », made using plants collected at the site of the famous annual music festival. When you mention cocoa in Burgundy-Franche-Comté, **Édouard Hirsinger**, a **Meilleur Ouvrier de France chocolatier**, is never far from the conversation. He has just perfected a veritable « raw chocolate »: raw cocoa paste and pure unrefined cane sugar. No vanilla, no lecithin, no nonsense: just real chocolate!

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WWW.PIGUETGASTRONOMIE.COM



GOOD FOOD HITS THE ROAD!

When Meilleurs Ouvriers de France award winners decide to hit the road together in the name of good taste, you get **Vagabon**. The concept is a high-end touring catering service combining caterers and food-truck. At the wheel of this « good truck » are Romuald Fassenet, Marc Janin and Vincent Ballot, 3 Meilleurs Ouvriers de France winners (cook, cheese maker and coffee roaster*) ... Dinners, lunches, cocktails, culinary activities, meals served at table, at the counter of the food truck or with the aid of poser tables, buffets, brunches, backstage catering...with Romuald, Marc, Vincent and their team anything is possible at Vagabon.

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- NOTEBOOK -

* YES, BURGUNDY-FRANCHE-COMTÉ IS ALSO THE LAND OF COFFEE! VINCENT BALLOT IS THE FIRST EVER MOF COFFEE ROASTER IN FRANCE! TO FIND OUT MORE: WWW.LAGRANGEDIRECT.COM

NEWS FROM THE TERROIR

THE SCENT OF PINE!



Whenever you feel a bit thirsty in Pontarlier, you can order a « Pont » (a « Pontarlier-Anis »), or a « Vert-Sapin », two beverages created by Armand Guy in the early XX Century. 100 years later, the **Guy Distillery** is still going and the ideas are still flowing. Pierre Guy has recently perfected a light mousse flavoured with the buds of pine trees from the Haut-Doubs that can be used in dishes, pastries and cocktails. For lovers of the « green fairy », this famous mousse is also available in absinthe flavour. The pine tree was also the emblem chosen by Jean-Marie **San Martin**, creator of the eponymous brand. This former chef has set up home in the heart of Franche-Comté to enjoy a second life with Mother Nature... he has planted no fewer than 700 feet of lavender, aromatic herbs of every kind, an orchard of apple, pear and fig trees and has surrounded himself with talented local producers that help him create a range of truly exceptional products: vinegars, oils, chutneys, nut butters and fermented garlic all with no artificial flavourings, colourings or preservatives.

MDJ WWW.PONTARLIER-ANIS.COM
WWW.SAN-MARTIN.FR

ANIS DE FLAVIGNY STILL HAS A STORY TO TELL!



An aniseed and some sugar: that's the basic recipe for this « bon bonbon ». Anis de Flavigny were the first sweets ever sold in the Paris metro. Nowadays, **Anis of Flavigny Abbey** is headed up by Catherine Troubat and remains the keeper of a recipe used by Benedictine monks since the Middle Ages in this village in Côte-d'Or. The bonbon, about the size of a pea, is now available to buy on-line and is exported across the globe. But it's still marvellous to take a trip around the factory in Flavigny. From spring onwards, however, there's a twist in the tale: from the historic crypt to the loading bays, this little round bonbon will reveal its secrets to you in a completely redesigned setting.

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FROMETON, MON AMOUR

Delin has a special place in the heart of the Burgundian people...mature IGP Brillat Savarin, Petit Vougeot, Crèmeux de Bourgogne, Régat de Bourgogne with grapes, Amour de Nuits, Soumaintrain, Époisses: Delin specialties have quite a reputation! In order to satisfy the tastes of cheese lovers everywhere, Philippe Delin has opened a restaurant. Housed in Nuits-Saint-Georges, the Grenier à Sel plays the local cuisine card with pride of place, of course, given to the cheeses of the house.

DBB WWW.FROMAGERIE-DELIN.COM

LUXUEIL HAM HAS THE LAST WORD

This is THE best news of the year. We thought Luxeuil ham had disappeared. Thankfully, thanks to a love for fine produce and the savoir-faire of our producers, it's back and has set tongues wagging once again! Renowned for its flavour and quality, this famous ham's origins stretch back to the smoked meats and techniques of the Séquanes people, ancient Gauls of Franche-Comté. Today, the «**Les artisans du Jambon de Luxeuil**» Association brings together pig farmers, butchers-charcutiers and other institutions in order to relaunch and showcase this product. Phew: we're saved!

MDV WWW.LUXEUIL-VOSGES-SUD.FR

HOME IMPROVEMENTS FOR COMTÉ

Following several months of work, the **Maison du Comté** will soon welcome its first visitors. With a stunning interplay of transparency, this building of wood and zinc presents a hybrid space that is devoted to France's favourite fromage: a shop in the shape of a cheese wheel, a Comté bar and, of course, new displays all help you explore the different stages of production and maturing that Comté undergoes.

MDJ WWW.COMTE.COM

SILENCE IS GOLDEN...

A restaurant, bistro and micro-brewery all rolled into one, **MBC** « Microbrasserie and Co » is shaking up Belfort with its energy and its hoppy bubbles. Beers in the basement, good food on the ground floor: the concept dreamed up by Grégory Cerf has struck gold. Local and home-made products are in evidence throughout and are served in a casual and gourmet atmosphere.

MDV [HTTP://MICROBRASSERIE-ET-COMPAGNIE.FR](http://MICROBRASSERIE-ET-COMPAGNIE.FR)

Wine

STEP INTO LEGEND!

Wine has flowed through the lands of Burgundy-Franche-Comté since the dawn of time... or near enough. Among the rows of vines, in its wine cellars, at table around a fine bottle or viewed from the skies, here the vineyards have fabulous stories to tell.

MYTHICAL VILLAGES

From village to village, the region reveals its wine-loving side and invites discovery. In Gevrey-Chambertin, **the Halle Chambertin** is a new space that blends wine, nature and tourism. This venue showcases the craft of the wine-grower, letting you travel back in time, learn about nature and sample the great wines of Gevrey.

Hitting the road and heading further south **for a Wine Tour in the Côte Chalonnaise**, this time it's Nicolas Tacquard at the wheel: after a landscape reading, it's time for a tasting and an encounter with a wine producer.

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DIVINE CHÂTEAUX

Between Dijon and Nuits-Saint-Georges, among the vineyards, it's all you can see: the **Château du Clos de Vougeot**. It's astonishing, but this temple to wine, founded by the monks at Cîteaux Abbey in the XII Century, didn't used to offer wine tastings. Faithful to its motto - « Toujours en vin, jamais en vain » - the Confraternity of the Knights of Tastevin now offers three tastings with commentary that let you sample the best of Burgundy in a glass and on a plate with amuse-bouches concocted by the château's kitchens.

Further south, in the Mâconnais, the **Château de Chasselas**, keeps on innovating. Following on from personalised visits to the estate, trails through the vineyards, the tasting area, the guest house, all that was missing was a quirky outdoor activity: a trip through the vineyards can now be enjoyed aboard an electric Gyropod.

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Always in vine, never in vain!

ICONIC HOUSES

In Burgundy-Franche-Comté, the wine houses have all played a major role in local wine history. Still to this day, some of them bring out their A game and forge new ideas. In Nuits-Saint-Georges, a former Ursulines convent dating from 1717 returns to life under the stewardship of **Maison Jean-Claude Boisset**. This new winery boasts an architectural prowess that combines allegorical windows, vaulted cellars, a conservatory and French-style gardens.

In Santenay, the **Domaine Prosper Maufoux** invites you to set off aboard an e-bike.

Accompanied by someone from the estate, you amble gently through its vineyards: Santenay, Chassagne-Montrachet, Saint-Aubin, Puligny-Montrachet, Meursault. One or two tasting stops (including Criots-Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru) will break up the journey.

To the south of the region, where it flirts with the Beaujolais, the

Duboeuf family in

Romanèche-Thorins has dreamed up the largest wine appreciation park in Europe. Its latest feature: « Mon Beaujolais », an immersive experience

where you can get under the skin of Beaujolais wine producer Toine in the company of his grandson Louis.

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BRIEFS ON THE TERROIR

AN ADDRESS THAT'S ON THE UP, UP, UP!

Olivier Leflaive is a Burgundian unlike others. Considered the pioneer of wine tourism, he has always sought to take his region ever higher. With his new rooms and **gastronomic restaurant** (opening in spring 2020), he should set tongues wagging once again!

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A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF JURA WINES

This wine-growing estate at Arbois offers an immersion into Jura wines through workshops and a la carte experiences: visits to wine cellars, wine-food pairing soirees, discoveries by bike, overviews of yellow wine, prestigious vintages...

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UFO: UNEXPECTED FUN WITH OENOLOGY

Wine tourism sometimes throws up the unexpected in this region. What would you say, for example, to an **underground wine tasting wearing a headlamp**? In the vineyards of Château-Chalon, a grotto awaits lovers of Jura wine. On the programme: natural and cave wines! At Nuits-Saint-Georges, the proprietors of Vign'Appart have come up with a life-size puzzle. They lead their guests through town in the footsteps of a secret confraternity: time for **the City Game**. If you want to enjoy an extraordinary experience in the vineyards, you can also trust Secret Wine Tour. On horseback,

hot-air balloon, helicopter, Segway, classic car or moped, all roads lead to the vineyards!

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JULIA JOYANDET: A NEW WINE PRODUCER IN HAUTE-SAÔNE

After attending a prestigious school, working as a parliamentary advisor in the Senate, undergoing training at the Cordon Bleu Paris, Julia Joyandet decided to become a wine producer! She has just taken over at the **Domaine de la Pâturie** in the heights of Champlitte, in Haute-Saône.

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YOU DON'T JUST STAY, YOU LIVE AT CHEZ GERVAIS!

Recent renovation works have rekindled the memory of this venue. The ancient paintings, the pieces of old tapestries from different eras, superimposed like layers of rock stretching back in time. 70 years of history cannot be so easily wiped out! At *Chez Gervais*, on the banks of the Doubs, ten large rooms have re-emerged, reimagined with class in their original state, like a comforting nod to the past. The *Hôtel Gervais*, listed « four stars » in 1935 was then the discrete hideaway of Charles Ritz, the world's great fly fishing expert! Today, the hotel-restaurant has not only got the colour back in its cheeks, it has reinvented a destiny that is so closely linked to Chenecey-Buillon!

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LOUNGING IN LOUHANS

Coming and going as you please, settling in with ease, cooking your favourite meals or simply enjoying doing nothing at all: the *Appart Hôtel Eugénie* has made freedom its hallmark. Nestling in the historic centre of Louhans, capital of Burgundian Bresse, these 4 apartments allow guests to stroll to the Hôtel-Dieu, the Musée de l'Imprimerie, the 157 Arcades and the banks of the Seille, as well as hop on the Greenway trail.

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THIS INN INTENDS TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE FUN!

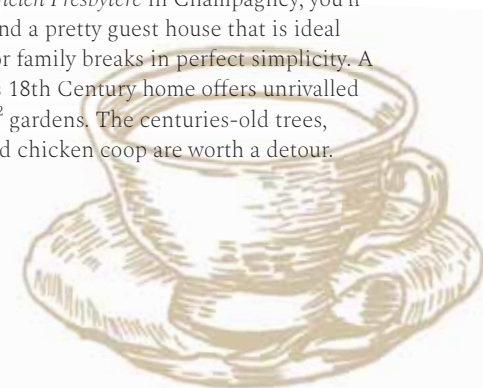
Effortlessly quirky decor, all the charm of an old farmhouse and the ambiance of a family-run inn: the *Ferme Intention* will manage to charm you from the outset. Ideal for groups and families, this hotel at Gimouille in the Nièvre boasts 12 rooms. With its cinema room, giant Playmobil, table football, pool table and farm animals, young and old alike will love making the *Ferme Intention* their own a glorious playground!

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A FORMIDABLE FAMILY

On the doorstep of Besançon, at the *Ancien Presbytère* in Champagny, you'll find a pretty guest house that is ideal for family breaks in perfect simplicity. A veritable haven of peace, this 18th Century home offers unrivalled views of its immense 5,500m² gardens. The centuries-old trees, orchard, vegetable garden and chicken coop are worth a detour.

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New life

A STARRY DREAM

Before being this delicate little guest house, the *Clos des Étoiles* had already lived a full life. In 1907, Victor Burtin, one of Kaiser Wilhelm's cooks, had this Art Nouveau-style home built in Paray-le-Monial. This property nowadays houses 4 magnificent suites, including the unusual brick suite or the « chacun chez soi » family cocoon. A luxurious, peaceful and sumptuous stay awaits...with your head in the stars.

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A STUNNING SAWMILL

A colossal building and a park brimming with life: *La Scierie* in Salins-les-Bains certainly makes an impression. Behind each door of this unusual property lies a different facet of its history: a canal that flows at its feet and cuts through the building, a machine still in one piece, an oversized staircase, dizzyingly vast spaces... and a little bit further on, a fitness room and spa that bring you back to reality! With its 4 rooms and a suite, this former sawmill transformed into a guest house is simply stunning!

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AN OLD COACHING INN

In the heart of the Revermont, between Poligny and Château-Chalon, this former coaching inn has been completely renovated to become a charming guest house. Welcoming or modern, traditional or in the spirit of the terroir: here every room has its own style and personality. It's in this spirit of conviviality and shared experiences that Caroline, the owner, also provides table d'hôtes meals on certain evenings.

CLOS-DE-LA-GOURMANDIERE.FR



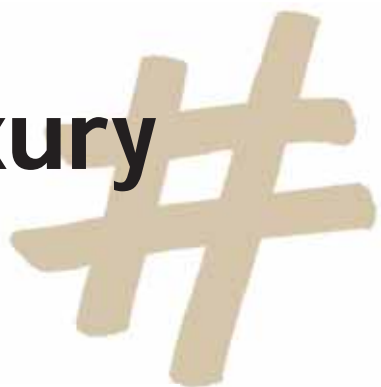
DON'T BE IN SUCH A HURRY!

Currently a home brimming with character, in the 18th Century this 4 star hotel was once a wine press: grapes were stored and pressed here to produce the famous wines of Morey-Saint-Denis. Today, with a new contemporary and intimate decor, the *Castel de Très Girard* has been reinvented inside and out to create a charming stop-off along the Grands Crus route.

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Luxury



PLOTTING A NEW COURSE

One of the most beautiful golf courses in the region, the *Domaine de Roncemay* reveals its brand new setting. With 19 entirely renovated rooms, this establishment boasts a new identity: chic, cosy and comforting. Here, art de vivre is cultivated on the greens, in the park, by the pool, at table and behind every numbered door. All that's missing is a spa: this will soon open its doors to provide a wellbeing break in the heart of the Auxerrois countryside.

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TOURNUS SEES THE BIG PICTURE

A veritable gastronomic stop in southern Burgundy, Tournus attracts thousands of gourmets every year who come to discover the cuisine of its Michelin star chefs. To keep the pleasure going, the Badey Family Group has drawn up plans for a 4 star complex. The *Hôtel des 7 Fontaines* will comprise 40 rooms, including 10 suites, seminar rooms, a boutique, spa with indoor pool, treatment rooms, Jacuzzi and hammam - a reception area in the chapel of the former hospice of La Charité - a 500m² wine cellar with presentations, tastings and sales by the region's wine producers - an indoor garage with 40 spaces - an outdoor exhibition area. Opening late 2019.

IT'S A PRIVATE SPA OR NOTHING!

Along the Grands Crus Route, *Le Richebourg* has become an essential wellbeing stop. Much more than a spa and freshly opened last year, this hotel has created a cocoon. The principle is a personal sauna and private terrace with sun loungers that provide relaxation at any moment in the heart of Vosne-Romanée. A dream!

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CHÂTEAU LIFE

It recently closed its doors in order to reinvent the interiors, dust off its image and spruce up its exterior. The *Château de Saulon* has not merely had a face lift, it has metamorphosed. A new look but, above all, a new atmosphere; one of a family home bursting with life, locally sourced produce, the gourmet delights of a vegetable garden and, of course, the finesse of French-style art de vivre. In the park, close to the heated outdoor pool, at the gastronomic restaurant, in the shade of the fruit trees or enjoying brunch, the Château de Saulon is writing a new chapter...just a short hop from Dijon.

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LUXURY IN ITS WILD STATE

Perched on stilts, 6 metres up, the *Cabanes Spa Prestige* in the very heart of the Jura offer the promise of a totally unique weekend full of charm! Isolated in the midst of nature, among the trees, season after season guests can enjoy the sweet life and the delights of thermal waters heated to 39°C. It's a short-cut to relaxation, far from prying eyes, in a little corner of wild nature.

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A SECRET ADDRESS

The village of Châteauneuf-en-Auxois has a touch of magic about it. Classified as a « Most Beautiful Village of France », it seems to keep watch over its washhouses, fountains, listed buildings, gardens, medieval fortress and unique hotel suite with private spa. Clad in clay, oak, poplar, linen and wool, the owners have created an extraordinary refuge, an address that is discretely romantic and practically a secret...

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COUNTRY AIRS

Nestling in the countryside with a view of the medieval village of Châteauneuf, this XVII Century home has enjoyed a remarkable transformation. The *Château de Sainte-Sabine* is now a four star hotel with 22 rooms and a charming eatery. Following an aperitif in one of the elegant little lounges, head to the restaurant to discover a dining room that opens out onto 8 hectares of parkland, the Canal de Bourgogne and Châteauneuf-en-Auxois. Unrivalled views with guaranteed escapism, friendly service and thoughtful decor: It's all here!

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AN EXTRAORDINARY GARDEN

It's difficult not to start by mentioning the park that surrounds *La Borde*, a 5 star hotel hidden away in the Yonne. Listed as a Remarkable Garden, it invites you to drop off your bags, wander around and forget everything else! Not to mention the vegetable garden that covers 1,600m² and features vegetables, fruits and aromatic plants... We then slip inside the building to explore a world of countryside chic designed by the owners. By the fireside or at the spa, at the bottom of the garden or in one of the many intimate corners of this seigneurial house from the 14th Century, a sense of absolute calm reigns supreme.

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Vintage instincts

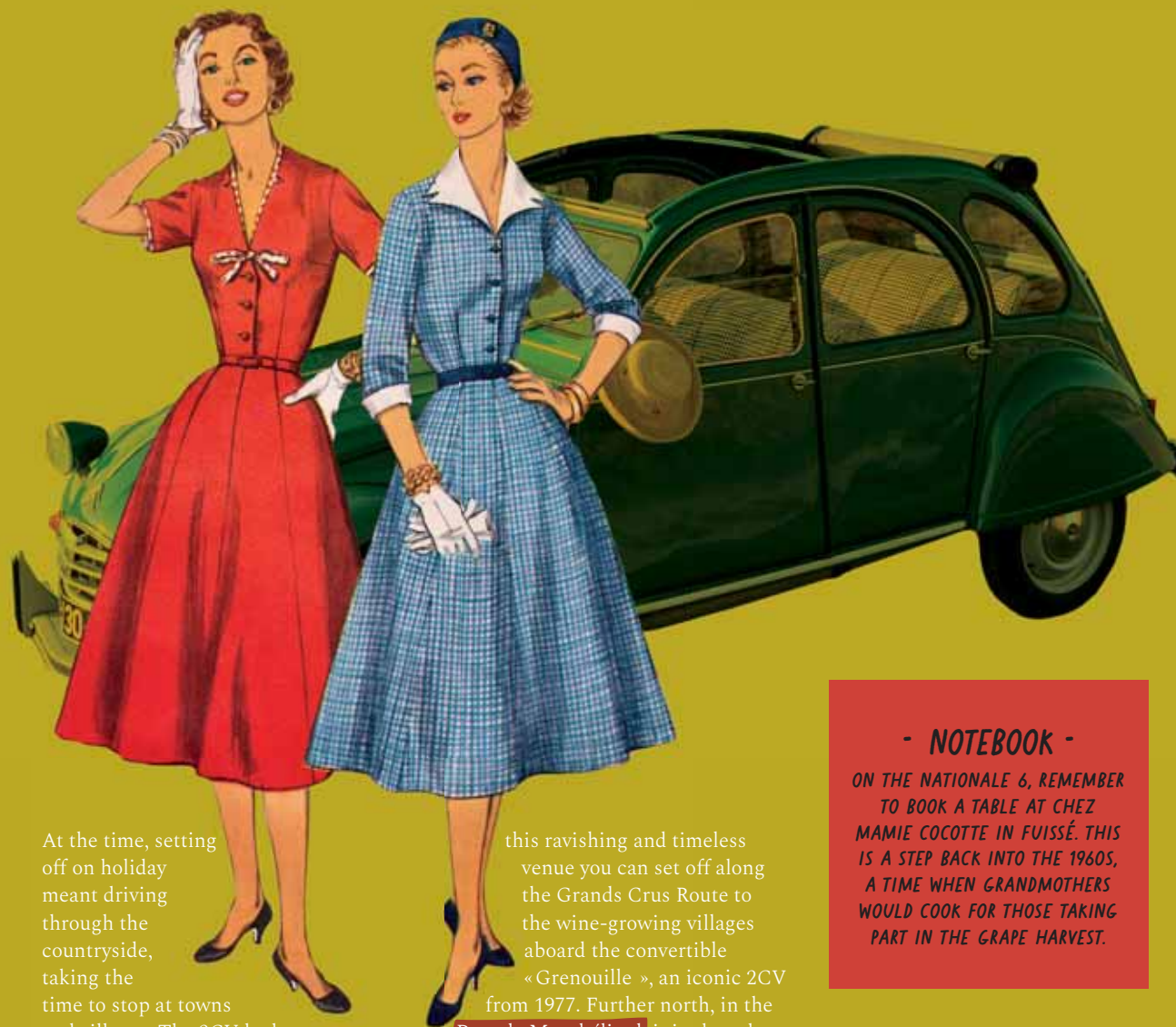
In the 1950s, the French wanted something new; nowadays...they look to the past. Vintage remains the key to reconnecting with the essentials. All things retro are entwined in our everyday life.

FINDING HAPPINESS IN THE PAST

In the 1950s, the road to sunshine and the holidays was the emblematic Nationale 6. A key stop-over, Burgundy took full advantage of the summer rush. 70 years on and it's in Merceuil that the very **first 100% vintage leisure park in Europe** will

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be built. In what will soon become a Sixties Valley, due to open in spring 2020, you can travel around on foot, or aboard exclusive period motorbikes and cars, through a trail featuring a range of different atmospheres. Here, a garage with old vehicles; there, an exhibition and retro restaurant ; further on, a vintage flea market, drive-in cinema, live shows, Jerk dance classes or even a collection of classic cars. The aim is to let every visitor to **Vintage Land** experience the carefree days of the 50s, 60s and 70s.



At the time, setting off on holiday meant driving through the countryside, taking the time to stop at towns and villages. The 2CV had the wind in its sails, an indefatigable travelling companion that is enjoying its second wind at **La Bussière Abbey**, a Cistercian abbey from the 12th Century that has been converted into a Relais & Châteaux hotel and Michelin star restaurant. From

this ravishing and timeless venue you can set off along the Grands Crus Route to the wine-growing villages aboard the convertible « Grenouille », an iconic 2CV from 1977. Further north, in the **Pays de Montbéliard**, it is aboard a Renault Prairie, a Peugeot 402 and other models from the 30s that you can enjoy the surrounding areas. Simply hopping inside is an adventure in itself and the first step to some wonderful sensations with accents of yesterday.

- NOTEBOOK -

ON THE NATIONALE 6, REMEMBER TO BOOK A TABLE AT CHEZ MAMIE COCOTTE IN FUISSÉ. THIS IS A STEP BACK INTO THE 1960S, A TIME WHEN GRANDMOTHERS WOULD COOK FOR THOSE TAKING PART IN THE GRAPE HARVEST.

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