



Touristic guide



The spots of pays de Montbéliard

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The Pays de Montbéliard

A landscape with stories inside

Calling art and history lovers, adventure seekers, gourmet epicureans and inquisitive travellers, the Pays de Montbéliard region, offers a unique balance of vibrant nature and lively city-centres, and invites you to memorable experiences. Near Switzerland, between the Vosges and Jura mountain ranges, the Pays de Montbéliard will prove to be an adventure you'll never forget.

Yesterday and tomorrow

The city of Montbéliard has retained its colourful walls, a fairy tale castle and the creations of the urban architect Heinrich Schickhardt, who was commissioned by Prince Frédéric 1st of Württemberg to build the Logis des Gentilshommes au-Château, and the temple Saint-Martin (Lutheran church). Other note-worthy architecture in the area includes Audincourt church of Sacré-Cœur stained-glass windows, designed by Fernand Léger, and it's as well as all the military architecture, with the fort du Mont-Bart overlooking the Vallée du Doubs in Bavans and the Batterie des Roches de Pont-de-Roide. There is also Mandeure's ancient theatre, which has Historical Monument status, and the archaeological dig that is taking place has not yet revealed all the remains on the site ! In Audincourt, the contemporary arts-centre « Donation Patt » brings together more than 230 perfectly heterogeneous pieces.

Franco-German

400 years of Württemberg presence has left its mark on the Pays de Montbéliard with defining elements such as, for example, some that can be seen in the architecture (major Renaissance buildings, Protestant churches, etc.), the traditions (the diari - the women's hat from the traditional costume - and the verquelure - traditional hemp fabric) or the agriculture : Montbéliarde cow, France's 2nd dairy breed, were in fact born at the end of the 19th century, thanks to the expertise of Swiss Anabaptists who sought refuge in the Principality. Montbéliarde milk is used for various cheeses that have PDO status (protected designation of origin), such as Comté produced directly at La Fruitière du Lomont and other local cheeses such as Wurtemberg, or the Tome des Princes..., which can be eaten with the famous Saucisse de Montbéliard (smoked sausage) with its subtle taste, protected by the Confrérie des Compagnons du Boitchu and a PGI (Protected Geographical Indication).

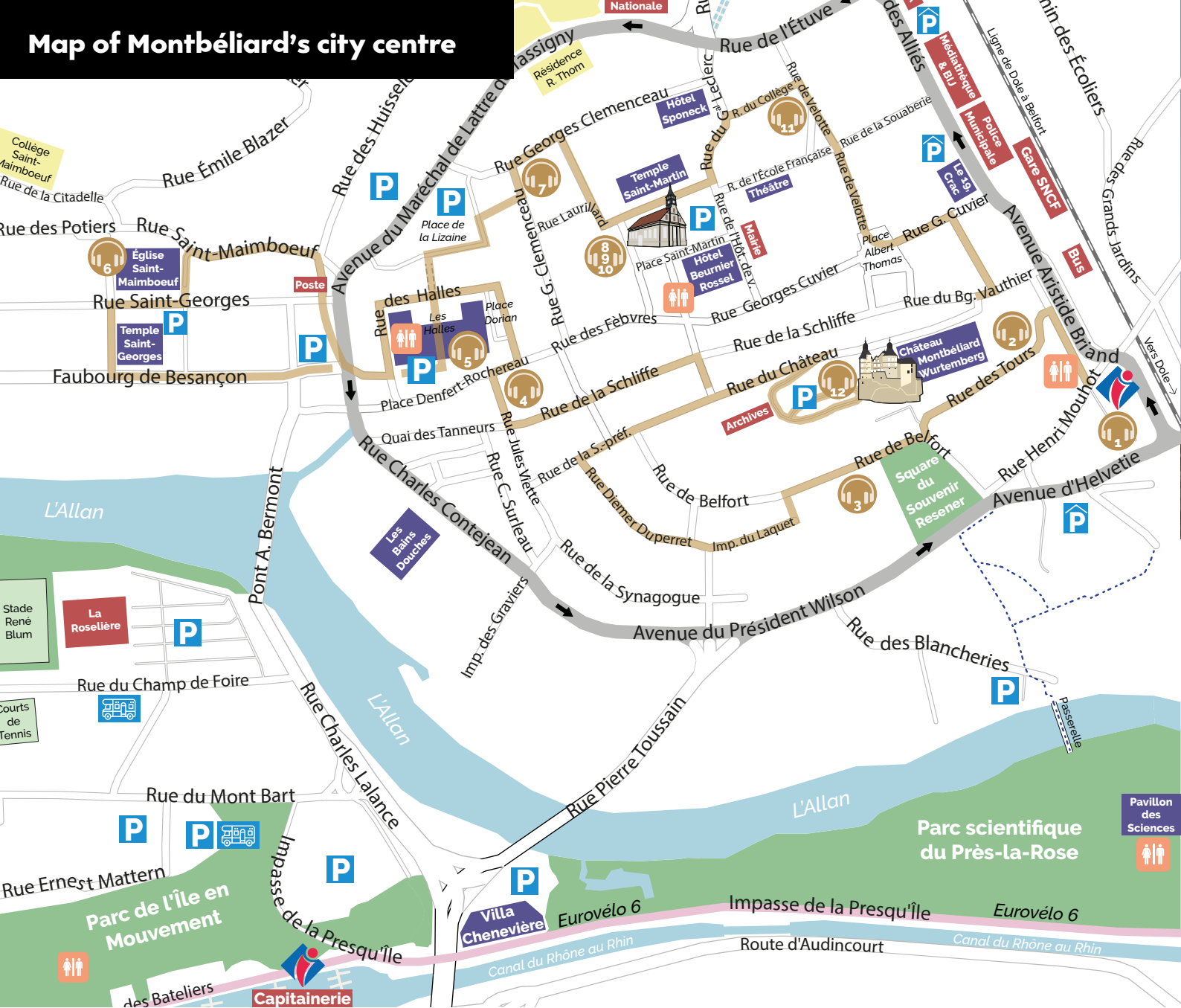
This history is unique and includes the destiny of powerful families of inventors and internationally-renowned scientists : the Japy and Peugeot families, and of course Georges Cuvier, father of modern paleontology (1769-1832), one of the most prominent scholars of his century. This industrial and technical adventure is therefore extraordinary and linked to the development of the motor car and other innovative expertises, especially with the Cristel company, France's leading manufacturer of high-quality stainless steel culinary items.

Nature and city

If you're travelling around, natural sites provide remarkable view points over the Jura mountains (the Crêt des Roches in Pont-de-Roide, the fort du Mont-Bart in Bavans, etc.), crossed by various hiking trails, including the GTJ (the Great Jura Crossing). Down below, some prefer to take a gentle boat trip along the Rhône-Rhine Canal and the Doubs river, while those with more energy try the Eurovélo 6 bike route, which leads either to Nantes in one direction or to Budapest in the other.

The adventure continues at the Musée de l'Aventure Peugeot (The Peugeot's Adventure Museum), which presents more than 200 years of industrial history from the « lion » brand. This passion for science and technology can also be found at the Pavillon des Sciences (Science Pavilion) and the Parc Scientifique du Près-la-Rose, a Science Park, close to Montbéliard's river marina. And to top it all off, many events are organised, such as the famous Lumières de Noël de Montbéliard (Christmas lights), the traditional Christmas market for producers and artisans, known as one of the best in Europe, and the illuminations that transform the City of Princes into a wonderland during Advent and for Christmas each year.

Map of Montbéliard's city centre



Audio guide

Discover Montbéliard freely through 12 audio points by renting an audio guide from the Tourist Office (price : 2€). Includes the circuit for young public.

Scan for download the visit in MP3.



Audio points

- 1 Office de Tourisme | Tourist Office
- 2 Pied du château | Below the castle
- 3 Rue de Belfort | Rue de Belfort
- 4 Plaque « Square Guillaume Farel » | « Square Guillaume Farel » street sign

- 5 Stèle de Denfert-Rochereau | Denfert-Rochereau's stèle
- 6 Église Saint-Maimboeuf | St Maimboeuf Church
- 7 Maison natale de Fanny Durbach (28 Rue Georges Clemenceau) | Fanny Durbach birthplace (28 Rue Georges Clemenceau)
- 8 Temple Saint-Martin | St Martin's Protestant Temple
- 9 Hôtel Beurnier-Rossel | Hôtel Beurnier-Rossel
- 10 Statue de Georges Cuvier | The statue of Georges Cuvier
- 11 Ferme de la Souaberie | The Swabian Farm
- 12 Esplanade du Château | Castle esplanade



Heinrich Schickhardt city walk

Architectural walk to discover Renaissance buildings by the famous architect Heinrich Schickhardt. 3-km city walk. Duration : 2 hours. Starting point from the Montbéliard Tourist Office.



Discover Montbéliard

City of Princes

Château Montbéliard Wurtemberg (Montbéliard Württemberg Castle)

Built on a rocky promontory, this stronghold, already erected in the 10th century, was constantly transformed over the centuries. All that is left of the castle, built in the 15th and 16th centuries, are two massive towers with roof lanterns : the Henriette tower (1422-1424), the Frédéric tower (1572-1595) as well as the main building (18th c). All the other elements were destroyed in the

mid-18th century to make way for Classical-style buildings. The porch of the Henriette tower boasts some beautiful wrought iron railings, made by Jean Messagier (1920-1999).

Parcours historique du château (Historical Tour)

A spectacular makeover of the Montbéliard Württemberg castle is currently underway, to give the building a new lease on life by creating an immersive and exciting tour to captive future visitors.

The first unveiling of this ambitious transformation, scheduled for completion in 2030, is ended.

This is the historic circuit, housed in the Henriette and Frederic towers, composed of 15 rooms enriched with multimedia displays, where historical objects and furnishings interact with sound and visual effects.

Visitors dive into the history of Montbéliard by reliving the destinies of emblematic figures such as the countess Henriette of Montfaucon, the prince Frederick I of Wurtemberg or the tsarine of Russia Maria Feodorovna.

Opening/closing hours and prices ->
www.chateau-montbeliard-wurtemberg.fr

📍 Cour du Château -
25200 Montbéliard
☎ Tel. +33(0)3 81 99 22 61





Musée d'Art et d'Histoire Beurnier-Rossel (Beurnier-Rossel Art and History Museum)

The Beurnier-Rossel mansion, located two steps away from the temple St. Martin (St. Martin's church), is an elegant building dating from 1774, awaiting your arrival. The mansion now houses the Museum of Art and History. On the first floor, time is frozen during the era of the Württembergs. Romantic paintings and marquetry set the scene of a bourgeois interior from times past. On the second floor, the time machine stops between the 18th and 19th centuries, presenting a collection of popular images, craft tools, clothing and culinary objects, signs and furniture from Montbéliard, showing domestic, social and religious life. In the attic, music boxes made by Manufacture L'Epée play their charming and haunting songs.

Opening/closing hours and prices -> www.montbeliard.fr
 8 place Saint-Martin - 25200 Montbéliard
 Tel. +33(0)3 81 99 22 61

Le 19, CRAC (Le19, Regional Centre for Contemporary Art)

Le 19 showcases temporary art exhibitions to allow the public to discover artists from all backgrounds and countries in its unique space. One of its main objectives is to raise awareness regarding contemporary art, especially to younger visitors. The centre supports and promotes contemporary artistic creation via support for the production of works, editions of artists' catalogues and regional partnerships. Le 19 offers events based on its exhibitions throughout the year (meetings with artists, personalised tours, conferences, thematic visits, workshops for children, and more).

Opening/closing hours and prices -> www.le19crac.fr
 19 avenue des Alliés - 25200 Montbéliard
 Tel. +33(0)3 81 94 43 58



Temple Saint-Martin (St Martin's Protestant Church)

Built more than 4 centuries ago (1601-1607) under the direction of Heinrich Schickhardt, the Württemberg architect, this building reflects the singularities of the Pays de Montbéliard region : French-speaking, an island of Lutheran Protestantism, governed for more than four centuries by a German dynasty, the Württemberg family. In its time, the construction of the church was the crowning moment of the religious policy of Prince Frédéric 1 er , Duke of Württemberg, making the triumph of Lutheranism. After five years of restoration the work has brought to light fantastic trompe l'œil decorations and frescoes dating from the period of its construction. More informations about guided tour and opening hours at the tourist office.

www.temple-saint-martin.fr
 Place Saint-Martin - 25200 Montbéliard

Église Saint-Maimboeuf (Saint-Maimboeuf Church)

Built between 1850 and 1875 on request of Cardinal Mathieu to assert the Catholic reconquest over Lutheranism, the church of Saint Maimboeuf dominates the city.

It has rich facade adornments in a Neo-Renaissance style. Inside, a polychrome wood altarpiece faces the wooden organ of the same proportions (10 meters high) at the other end of the church. It was listed as an historical monument in 1994.

> Open every day 8am to 6pm (except during religious services).

1 Parvis Jean Flory - 25200 Montbéliard



Le pavillon des sciences (The Science Pavillon)

Located in the Parc du Près la Rose in Montbéliard, and holder of the Qualité Tourisme state mark since 2016, the Pavillon des Sciences is a pure marvel of scientific discovery that gives you a new perspective on science. Its main strengths : a determination that hits the mark every time when it comes to making the carefully prepared exhibitions accessible to the general public, with facilitators permanently present in the exhibitions. Whether these are temporary or permanent exhibitions, the facilitators will transport the visitor to the heart of their subject with incredible ease. A children's area, interactive and fun, is also provided by the team, who take unconcealed pleasure in welcoming curious people of all ages.

The Island of Discovery (Permanent exhibition) :

On the trail of a shipwrecked captain, explorers aged from 4 to 9 will have to use their 5 senses to reach the island's treasure. Each step guides them through exotic flora and fauna to discover other cultures.

Opening/closing hours and prices -> www.pavillon-sciences.com
 1, impasse de la Presqu'île (Parc du Près-la-Rose) - 25200 Montbéliard
 Tel. +33(0)3 81 91 46 83



Parc scientifique du Près-la-Rose (Science Park)

A leisure park located on the surroundings of Montbéliard city centre, along the EuroVélo Route 6 cycle track. The Parc du Près-la-Rose is home to more than 100 plant varieties, a majestic poplar grove, a vegetable maze and a family-orientated sports park. This urban garden skilfully combines scientific and technical culture (in the science pavilion) and fun activities (playgrounds, fishing and canoeing).

Surface area : 10 ha
Facilities : playground, skate park, science pavilion, restaurant with patio in the summer. The Coulée Verte cycle route links the Parc du Près la Rose to the Pays de Montbéliard recreation centre.

> Access via Impasse de la Presqu'île, via the bridges over the Allan Canal or the river marina.
Opening dates and times : Open all year round.



Port de Plaisance (River Port)

This large, welcoming river port is situated only a few steps from the city centre. It offers 30 moorings close to the Parc du Près la Rose and Ile en Mouvement. A large dock with a launching ramp, electrical points, drinking water, showers and toilets, are available to all boaters, in a pedestrianised, landscaped area that reflects the city's 4-flower status given by France's « Town in Bloom » awards.

Showers, toilets and washing machines are accessible via a payment terminal.
Maximum boat length : 15 meters. A supermarket and laundromat service stand on the other bank.

Seasonal office (harbour master's office) from April to September, provided by the Tourist Office.



The Pays de Montbéliard

The other treasures

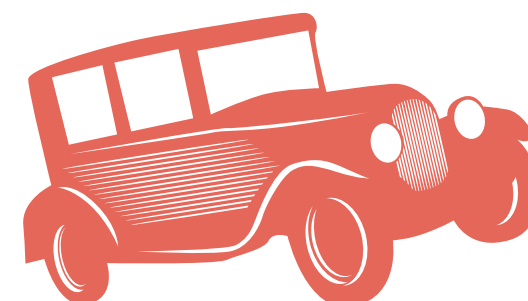
Vintage car tour in Pays de Montbéliard

Discover the Pays de Montbéliard from a vintage car and learn about local history from the Vieux Volants Franc-Comtois vintage car club.

During your tour, you will see such sights as : the Fort du Mont-Bart, the Château Montbéliard Württemberg, the Musée de l'Aventure Peugeot, the historic centre of Montbéliard, the Rhône-Rhine Canal, and more.

Prices -> www.mvisite.fr

Reservations at Office de Tourisme du Pays de Montbéliard :
☎ +33 (0)3 81 94 45 60 / reservations@paysdemontbeliard-tourisme.com





Fort du Mont-Bart

The Fort, built between 1874 and 1877 on Mont-Bart, was part of a national defence chain started after the 1870 defeat in the Franco-Prussian War. It completed the Belfort fortified belt, preventing garrisons from skirting the 'gap'. The fort has several interesting elements, the most impressive of which are underground inner road lined with barrack block façades and a bombproof room. From the top of the fort (497m), you will enjoy an unobstructed view over the Pays de Montbéliard Region (viewpoint indicator). You can also enjoy the 7km of forest paths with playgrounds and picnic areas.

Opening/closing hours and prices -> www.mvisite.fr
 📍 Access via Rue du Mont Bart in Bavans

Fort Lachaux

The Fort Lachaux is located at 410 metres in altitude, at the top of a hill on the edge of the municipalities of Montbéliard and Grand-Charmont. It is part of the southern Belfort defensive belt, as is Mont Bart. Its elevated position (406m altitude) allowed it to monitor the gaps formed by the Doubs and Lizaine rivers. There is a very beautiful panorama over the surrounding mountains, from the Vosges to the Jura via the Black Forest. The lookout point and the viewpoint indicator will help you find your bearings.

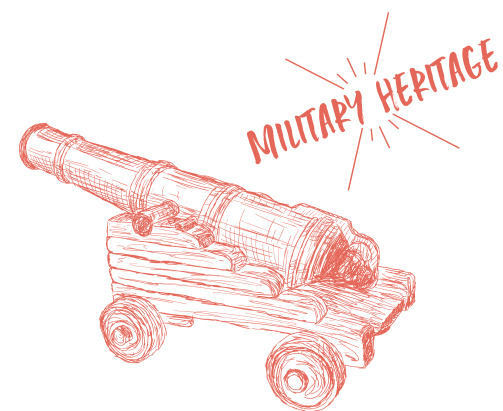
> To discover the site of the fort and other local heritage sites, the Club des Marcheurs de Grand-Charmont (walking club) has 6 signposted hiking routes. Information available from the tourist office.

📍 Access via Rue du Fort Lachaux from Montbéliard.

Batterie des Roches

Built between 1877 and 1879, this is one of the masterpieces of the Lomont fortified pier. Its altitude at 614 metres makes it an unmissable spot at Pont-de-Roide-Vermondans. It offers a panoramic view across the Vallée du Doubs (with viewpoint indicator), a visit to an historical building and the possibility of climbing, hiking or mountain biking.

📍 Vehicular access via the D124 from Pont-de Roide, Fort des Roches.



Musée de la paysannerie et des vieux métiers (Museum of Country Life and Traditional Crafts)

Built in 1766 the farm, which houses the museum, was extended in the 19th century. In the outbuildings, you will see agricultural machines, old equipment and a presentation of traditional crafts (shoemaking, carpentry, cooperage, tinkering, clog-making, wood-turning, etc.).

In the main building, you will find on the ground floor a 19th century Montbéliard interior (kitchen, dining room, bedroom with furniture and characters dressed in costumes from the time).

On the first and second floors is a documentation room dedicated to local heritage, as well as permanent and temporary exhibition spaces.

There is also a room exhibiting the works of Etienne Oehmichen, the inventor of the modern helicopter who spent all his teenage years in the village. Another room presents works by painter Louis Vuillequez, who was born on this farm.

Opening/closing hours and prices -> www.musee-paysannerie.org
 📍 25 rue Villedieu - 25700 Valentigney
 ☎ Tel. +33(0)3 81 34 39 90



Musée de l'Aventure Peugeot (The Peugeot Adventure Museum)

More than 210 years of industrial history !

The flagship site for the Franche-Comté, industrial tourism and Peugeot culture, the Musée de l'Aventure Peugeot, is laid out over a 6,000sqm area and presents 210 years of industrial history, stretching from the Pays de Montbéliard to the whole world, from 1810 to today. From saw blades to modern and futuristic vehicles, this is an adventure of extraordinary longevity that is both lively and exciting.

With its permanent collection and temporary exhibition space, events, a shop and restaurant, the Musée de l'Aventure Peugeot

is an unmissable site of industrial culture in the Franche-Comté, to be visited alone, with your family, or friends. To complete your visit, the Museum offers a « digital visit partner » include in the ticket price.

Opening/closing hours and prices -> www.laventure-association.com
 📍 Carrefour de l'Europe - 25600 Sochaux
 ☎ Tel. +33 (0)3 81 99 42 03



L'Église du Sacré-Coeur à Audincourt (Church of the Sacré-Coeur in Audincourt)

Erected after the Second World War, between 1949 and 1951, in the « car district » in Audincourt, thanks to a skilled association of parishioners, volunteers from the church and inspired artists, the church of the Sacré Coeur is a jewel of light. Fernand Léger, the remarkable 20th century artist, turned this church into an unmissable monument of Sacred Art. He created 17 stained glass windows and the tapestries behind the high altar. The different stages of the passion of Christ are depicted with much symbolism for the faithful and visitors alike.

The stained-glass windows in the crypt were made by Le Moal, those from the baptistery were created by Jean Bazaine. The latter also made the abstract and coloured mosaic which decorates the main façade.

Opening/closing hours and prices -> www.mvisite.fr
 Rue du Pauvrement – 25400 Audincourt



Théâtre antique de Mandeure (Mandeure's antique Theatre)

Stand in the centre of this vast arena with its 142-metre diameter, where there would have been 4 tiers of seats. Imagine 18,000 spectators around you. The noise of the public would be comparable to that which would have been experienced in the Roman Coliseum at the same time. Across the millennia, the emotion is still there, enduring. Linked to a temple facing it, the building against the wall was an integral part of a sacred enclosure, a high place of pilgrimage in Antiquity. The site is accessible all year round. More than 5,000 archaeological items found on the site are in the museum of the Château Montbéliard Württemberg.

> Free admission all year round.

www.mvisite.fr
 Rue du Théâtre – 25350 Mandeure

Centre d'art d'Audincourt Donation Patt (Audincourt Art Centre Donation Patt)

Driven by a desire to pass on and share, collectors Andrée and Gérard Patt have offered the town of Audincourt the fruit of 22 years of a shared passion for contemporary art. 124 paintings and graphic works, 99 sculptures, 13 lithographs : no fewer than 236 artworks make up this fabulous donation.

A unique gift to which the town of Audincourt has committed to provide a fitting setting. The former 19th-century Peugeot castle has been entirely restored to house this collection of rare quality, aiming at opening the doors to as many people as possible.

Opening/closing hours and prices -> www.audincourt.fr
 2, rue du Puits – 25400 Audincourt



Vandoncourt

Village of character

With up to 300 inhabitants in the 16th century, Vandoncourt had later lost two-thirds of its population. Strong immigration from Switzerland allowed the village to be repopulated, and it became mostly Protestant, which allowed the church that was destroyed during the Thirty Years War to be rebuilt. After the Revolution and the reunification of the Pays de Montbéliard with France in 1792, the population increased, despite a strong emigration to the USA and Northern Europe. The end of the 19th century was a time of industrial and artisanal development, small factories with large bay windows framed in red brick, built at this time, still exist : the village's event room, the parish house and the workshop on Rue Sous-Fresnois. The inhabitants of Vandoncourt are known

as 'Damas', from the name of a blue plum that ripens around 15th August and is still much sought-after for making plum pies. The protestant church, built in 1769, includes a rectangular nave and a square bell tower with thick walls, which has two large 19th-century bells as well as a recent sundial. The church's ceiling, in one piece, is suspended from the building's structure. The church appears on the register of heritage sites. It is one of the rare protestant churches built in France after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685.

A discovery tour allows you to explore this site.

Le Pont Sarrazin (Sarrazin Bridge)

The « Pont Sarrazin » (Sarrazin bridge) is a natural calcareous arc situated deep in the forest. As the legend goes, in the 8th century, a Saracen on expedition caught a young girl and tried to run away with her by crossing this strange bridge-shaped rock. The captive struggled for freedom and fell unharmed at the foot of the rock. Her kidnapper who had fallen with her was killed outright.



La Damassine, Maison de la nature et des vergers (House of nature and orchards)

La Damassine is a teaching space dedicated to local fruits and trees. It has an exhibition space, a landscaped teaching garden, a bar and an eco-shop with local produce, a fruit press, a teaching kitchen, a honey farm, a meeting room for groups and a programme of events all year round that combine knowledge, expertise and tasty delicacies...

- Museum displays on the themes of « orchards », « landscape » and « energy ».
- Landscaped garden, playgrounds and relaxation areas.
- Fruit press. Events and workshops for the public and schools.
- Bar / shop area.
- Workshop area where you can press fruit, taste regional produce, obtain advice and help for orchard maintenance...

> Admission free.

Opening/closing hours and prices -> www.mvisite.fr
 23, rue des Aiges – 25320 Vandoncourt
 Tel. +33 (0)3 81 37 78 30





The Pays de Montbéliard

Activities & Nature

Grandes traversées du Jura (The Great Jura crossing)

Conquer the 370 km of the GTJ, from Mandeure in the north to the mountain of Ain in the south. Between 5 and 10 days of adventure on a strenuous trail as far as les Fourgs, then a gentler ride to Giron and Hauteville. From May to October, the GTJ welcomes you into the heart of rich, wild, unusual countryside, leading you from peaks to valleys, up to 1500m altitude.

The Pays de Montbéliard GTJ will enable you to access the countryside in the first kilometer of your route. Before setting out, you can visit the Musée Peugeot in Sochaux and the remains of antic theatre in Mandeure, close to where the GTJ starts.
Route : Mandeure > Ecuarcy > Pont de Roide > Chamesol > Saint Hippolyte.

www.gtj.asso.fr



GR® de Pays des bornes et des forts (GR® -long hike- of milestones and forts)

The new GR of « Forts et bornes du Pays de Montbéliard » (Forts and milestones of the Montbéliard region) takes hardy walkers from bucolic landscapes to picturesque villages and from valleys to viewpoints, unveiling peculiar engraved steles along the way...

You'll recognize the antlers of the Württemberg-Montbéliard deer, the bear of the Swiss canton of Berne, or the lily flower of the King of France : dating from the 15th to the 18th century, these are just some of the 230 milestones marking the past boundaries of the Principality's territory. No less exceptional, the fortified belt of Montbéliard is marked along this GR by three 19th-century military constructions at Bavans, Grand-Charmont and Pont-de-Roide, offering breathtaking panoramas and moving testimonies to local history.

Departure and arrival at the tourist office, 120km circuit, total altitude difference 2400m, altitude from 310 to 830m.

www.mvisite.fr



La Plage de Pont-de-Roide Vermondans (Pont-de-Roide Vermondans Beach)

Located in a bend in the Doubs River, where the Pont de Roide bridge spans it, in July and August the beach offers a few different services : a relaxation area, a shallow and deep bathing area. Unpatrolled beach.

Information from the Pont-de-Roide Vermondans « La Maison pour Tous »

16, rue du Général Herr - 25150 Pont-de-Roide
Tel. +33 (0)8 81 99 33 99

Base de loisirs du Pays de Montbéliard (Recreation Centre)

The Pays de Montbéliard recreation centre is spread over 120 ha and has 5 bodies of water along with many sporting pleasures : sailing, windsurfing, water skiing, canoeing, kayaking, beach volleyball, fishing, stand-up paddle board and petanque. Lessons (reservation required), equipment rental (pedalo boats, bat boats, sailing dinghies, etc.) and events in the summer. Snacks for sale. For relaxation, unfold your towel on the sandy beach before taking a dip. « Tiralo » beach chairs available for people with disabilities. The bathing area has the « Tourisme & Handicap » label status : for people with mental and motor disabilities. The site is also accessible to joggers, hikers and mountain bikers, thanks to the various paths stretching out deep in the countryside.

Opening/closing hours and prices -> www.mvisite.fr

Access via exit 10 Grand-Charmont on the A36 motorway. 900-place car park. Admission free. Site accessible via the Coulée Verte route (cycle path), and via the « L'Estivale » bus line between mid-June and end of August.



La Citédo (La Citédo Aqua Centre)

The Citédo is a swimming facility in the Pays de Montbéliard, which consists of a single, large facility for practising numerous sports, leisure and relaxation activities. Enjoy this experience on your own or with friends and family, and make the most of the 5 pools in the aquatic area or the spa facilities.

Opening/closing hours and prices -> www.lacitedo.fr

11 rue du Collège - 25600 Sochaux
Tel. +33 (0)3 81 32 90 25



Les Étangs des Princes (The Princes' Ponds)

A true haven of peace, the Étangs des Princes, named after the Württemberg family, are located in the heart of the Rupt valley, between the towns of Raynans, Échenans and Saint-Julien-Lès-Montbéliard.

Dried out two centuries ago, the ponds were re-watered in 1991 and today offer a pleasant setting for a stroll or picnic with family or friends.

The area around the ponds is perfectly laid out, with pontoons and footbridges from which you can observe remarkable flora and fauna : ducks, herons, moorhens, cormorants, black kites...



Hiking in Pays de Montbéliard

The Pays de Montbéliard boasts over 600 kilometers of marked hiking trails, ranging from protected nature and scenic lookouts to architectural and urban heritage. The Tourist Office and local hiking clubs offer you a selection of varied, signposted, safe and well-maintained trails to discover the area during your stay. Enjoy your walk(s) !

- **Hiking maps:** Discover 15 multi-faceted hiking trails to explore the nature, heritage and lookouts of the Pays de Montbéliard.
- **Further afield :** Our hiking guide offers 55 walking itineraries spread throughout the Pays de Montbéliard, along 400 kilometers of permanent signposted trails.



Mini-Golf de La Peupleraie (Peupleraie Mini-Golf)

In a beautiful green park, an 18-hole miniature golf course awaits you, for leisure and outdoor sport with family or friends. Picnics possible near the Parc de la Peupleraie

Opening/closing hours and prices ->

www.ville-exincourt.fr

📍 Rue Paul Fleury – 25400 Exincourt

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The Pays de Montbéliard

by Bike

EuroVélo 6

From the Black Sea to the Atlantic, from Budapest to Nantes, EuroVélo 6 invites you on an exceptional journey among culture and nature, taking you beyond boundaries

to encounter remarkable, and sometimes surprising, sites.

A clean, safe and flat route

Crossing the Pays de Montbéliard over 32 km, the EuroVélo 6 has the particularity of running along the Rhône-Rhin canal and the Doubs river, thus offering a route that is clean and safe, without any elevation gains. You can explore : the Montbéliard river port and the Parc du Près-la-Rose, important architectural works such as the Pont-Canal d'Allenjoie (Canal bridge, 1926), the Pont-Levis de Courcelles-les-Montbéliard (Lift bridge, 1914), and the Ecluse de Brognard (lock).

> *Brochure and guide available at the Tourist Office*

www.eurovelo.com

Bike Retals

The Tourist Office offers bikes for rent so that you can enjoy rides along the EuroVélo 6 and Coulée Verte cycling routes. Electric bikes, bicycles and mountain bikes for adults and children are available.

Reservation and collection of bikes from the Tourist Office on +33 (0)3 81 94 45 60.

Opening/closing hours and prices -> www.mvisite.fr



Cycle paths and loops

More than 150 km of cycle paths and 14 circuits to discover in the Pays de Montbéliard.

> *Map available at the Tourist Office. Cycle tours can be downloaded from* www.mvisite.fr





The Pays de Montbéliard

Local produce & expertise



La Câle à Diairi (The Cale a Diairi, a traditional hat)

The word « diairi » means « bun ». The « câle à diairi » is simply a hat used to cover the bun. The diairi is a particularity of the Pays de Montbéliard. It symbolises not only Protestantism but also the connections with the Württemberg family in the area. The « câle à diairi » was the very last part of the traditional costume worn by women in the countryside. It was generally abandoned in the early 20th century, but during that time, a few older people still wore the hat every day. The hat was usually made from black satin or black, blue, brown and dark red velvet. Elderly women and widows used to wear a black « câle à diairi » embroidered all over with tiny black beads. White « câle à diairi » with coloured beads were made in cotton pique and kept for special events such as engagements or weddings. It was customary for the design to be kept a secret between the hat maker and the bride; no one was allowed to see the hat before the day of the wedding. There was also often rivalry between young ladies who felt a sense of pride from wearing the most beautiful « câle à diairi ».

Other than the « diairis », these makers have designed a whole range of items that enrich the shelves of the Tourist Office shop : boxes, dolls, frames, all of them hand beaded.

On sale at the Tourist Office -> www.boutique.paysdemontbeliard-tourisme.com
Tel. 33 (0)3 81 94 45 60

La Verquelure (Verquelure fabric)

A woven fabric part of the Pays de Montbéliard's characteristics. Originally, this was a rough hemp cloth, known in the 16th century as « verquelée », but whose manufacture dated back to the Middle Ages. Cultivated, then spun on spindles in the villages of the Pays de Montbéliard, it was hand-woven in the form of a simple canvas (to cover pillows, bolsters, quilts) or a damask (for tablecloths, napkins). Verquelure always has a classic design made up of checks in two or three colours (white, blue and madder red).

Today, this « Montbéliard fabric », which was exported to the markets of Basel and Cologne, is woven in the Pays de Montbéliard thanks to a rediscovered expertise and the determination of the Tourist Office to restore it to its former glory.

The shop in the Tourist Office has various items in verquelure for sale : tablecloths, napkins, aprons, table sets and more.

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La Vache Montbéliarde (Montbéliarde cow)

Montbéliarde cattle-breed, recognised in 1889, is the result of selection and cross-breeding carried out by Anabaptist farmers who came to the Principality of Montbéliard in the 18th century to settle with their herds from the « red magpie » breed. The Montbéliarde is France's 2nd dairy cow and is known internationally. Montbéliardes produce the milk used to make the region's cheeses (Comté PDO (Protected Designation of Origin), Morbier, Cancoillotte, etc.) but also for butter, cream, and other cheeses such as Tome des Princes, du Wurtemberg, etc. that can be found in farms and from the cheese-makers in the Pays de Montbéliard.

La saucisse de Montbéliard (The Montbéliard sausage)

You cannot mention the Pays de Montbéliard without talking about this famous, filling, authentic sausage ! The Montbéliard sausage has been made since the 14th century by farmers in the Pays de Montbéliard. However, its reputation has endured since the 1st century B.C. as traces of it have been found among the Mandubii, a Gallic tribe who had developed great skills in salting in order to preserve their meat. By the 14th century, the Montbéliard sausage was in every pantry and part of the daily diet of every Montbéliard resident. Served warm with potatoes and salad, it was enjoyed at every opportunity - during fairs and market days, at funerals or during an unannounced visit, etc. Labelled since 1992 and benefiting from a PGI (Protected Geographical Identity) since spring 2013, it holds a special place in regional cuisine. It is served with lentils, cancoillotte (a mild local cheese), or in 'paipéfie' or 'paipé-fier' (a Montbéliard potato stew).

> It can be enjoyed in restaurants and can be bought from artisan butchers in the Pays de Montbéliard.



Le Comté (Comté cheese)

Comté is an uncooked pressed cheese. Its place of manufacture is the Massif du Jura, a middle mountain region that extends over the Jura and the Doubs (two départements in the Bourgogne-Franche-Comté region) and the Ain (a département in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region).

Montbéliarde and Simmental Française cattle are the only cows whose milk is authorised for manufacturing Comté. Each day, Comté is made by hand in around 150 small village cheese workshops, known as « fruitières ». It takes time for Comté to develop its full taste. It needs a minimum of 4 months maturing in a cellar, but it is often matured for longer. Comté is characterised by its surprising aromatic richness. It is not a cheese with a uniform taste. Each wheel of Comté has a different taste profile, depending on the micro-region in which it was made, the season, the particularity of the cheese-maker's hand, and the cellar in which it was matured. Due to this, Comté is a unique cheese.

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> Available at the farms and from cheese-makers in the Pays de Montbéliard.



La Route des Savoir-Faire du Pays de Montbéliard (The Pays de Montbéliard's Know-How Route)

Along the new « Route des Savoir-Faire », the history and creative skills of the men and women from the Montbéliard region are on display. From industrial sites to intimate stopovers, from instructive guided tours to welcoming shops, from admirable demonstrations to hands-on workshops... The Route reveals great names and devouring passions !

> Program of the visits and workshops available from the Tourist Office and the website -> www.msavoirfaire.fr

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