

Experience the 4 River Region!



Travel back in time !

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Visit Champlitte and Ray-sur-Saône castles.

Discover the flavors and know-how of the 4 Rivers !

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Visit the producers and creators of the territory.

Experiment the fun of our educational hikes !

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Walk the interpretive trails of the territory.

Dare to take an interactive visit !

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Let your smartphone guide you.



...between Champlitte & Ray-sur-Saône!



SIGÉRIC
AU PAYS DES 4 RIVIÈRES
CHALLENGE YOURSELF WITH EXPLOR GAMES®!

Become the hero of a unique adventure with the 'Sigéric in the 4 Rivers Region' app.

Step into history with Sigéric and Colomban, and explore the charming town of Champlitte, the majestic Ray-sur-Saône castle, the enchanting Renaucourt forest, and the mysterious Savoyeux underground canal. Or, take a leisurely stroll with Charles Couyba in Dampierre-sur-Saône.
Fun for all ages, free and available year-round.

Download the app and let the adventure begin!



JOURNEY ALONG THE VIA FRANCIGENA GR®145!

Walk in Sigeric's footsteps.

In 990, Archbishop Sigeric of Canterbury completed his pilgrimage to Rome, returning with the pallium. He documented his 2,000 km journey, creating a historical record of this route through Italy, Switzerland, and France, culminating in England. Today, this ancient path attracts a growing number of hikers from all over the globe.

Get away...

...between Saône & Francigena!



Tourist map & experiences



4 Rivières
TOURISME

8 Become a captain or a ship boy on the Saône !

Rent a weekly boat at Savoyeux port or a day canoe at Autet beach.

9 Wet your swim suit !

Refresh yourself at Autet beach or Renaucourt swimming pool.

10 Leave your bed behind and try something out of the ordinary !

Sleep in a boat, a cabin, a tipi, a kota... or under the stars !



3 CYCLE ALONG THE VOIE BLEUE !

Treat yourself to breathtaking views of the banks of the Saône, by bike.

Explore the scenic Saône riverbanks at your own pace, immersed in nature. This 700 km route (from Luxembourg to Lyon), ideal for walking or cycling, will lead you through charming villages known for their architectural heritage and warm hospitality.



Ray-sur-Saône washhouse

Discovery

Two Towns of Character

Champlitte Through Time

Once a defensive stronghold of the County of Burgundy, Champlitte boasts a rich historical and architectural heritage, carefully preserved over the centuries. Castle, museums, charming alleyways, defensive towers, a convent, wine production, and links with Mexico... these spread the town's renown internationally.

The Authentic Charm of Ray-sur-Saône

The Romans recognized the strategic position of Ray-sur-Saône, overlooking the Saône river, and settled there. The Saint-Pancras church, dating back to before 1224, with its bulbous spire, its oval wash house, its mill, its wayside crosses, its lock... all create an unusual setting in the shadow of its majestic castle.

Castles & Residences

A Museum-Castle in Champlitte

The presence of a fortified castle (regularly destroyed over the centuries) has been documented since the 12th century. The current building largely dates from the 16th and 18th centuries. Today, Champlitte Castle is owned by the Department of Haute-Saône and houses a museum.

A Castle Inherited at Ray-sur-Saône

The medieval castle was the largest fortress in Franche-Comté during the Middle Ages. A witness to a past of fire and blood, the two Romanesque towers still watch over the village. The imposing building was restored in 1700 and overlooks an English-style park. The Department inherited it upon the death of its last countess, Diane de Salverte. This true gem still houses furniture and paintings accumulated over centuries by her family, which can be discovered during guided tours.

Guided Tours - May-June & September-October: Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays at 2:30 PM and 4:15 PM. July-August: Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Sundays, and public holidays at 10:30 AM, 2:30 PM, and 4:15 PM; Saturdays at 2:30 PM and 4:15 PM. Château Park - Free Access - November 1st to April 30th: Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. May 1st to October 31st: Daily, 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Admission and Additional Information : for ticket prices and other details, please contact: chateaudery@haute-saone.fr.

Going Further

During your exploration, don't hesitate to take a look at the former Hôtel Grillot in Champlitte (16th century), the Beaujeu keep (12th century), a vestige of an old fortified castle, the entrance to the medieval castle of Montot, of which a carriage gate and a keep remain, and not forgetting the 'Coubay' house in Dampierre-sur-Salons, built at the end of the 18th century, where the local child, former minister, and local poet, Charles Coubay, lived.



Coubay House - Dampierre-sur-Salons

Religious Heritage

Saint-Christophe Church of Champlitte-la-Ville (11th century - IMH), with surviving elements from its original era, bears witness to a strong religious presence until the late 19th century. Also dedicated to Saint-Christophe, the church in Champlitte (IMH) was built in 1437. A fire in 1888 caused it to lose its status as the tallest bell tower (80 meters) in Haute-Saône. Today, the church houses a fresco by Alfred Giess, a local artist and Grand Prix de Rome winner. Another must-see church is in Grandecourt (12th century - MH), whose gem is its crypt, unique in Haute-Saône, its Christ in Majesty depicting the Last Judgment, and its 13th-century frescoes. Open from Easter to All Saints' Day.



Grandecourt church

Going further

Founded in 1399 at the request of the Hermits of St. Augustine to the Lord of Vergy, the Augustinian Convent in Champlitte was listed as a Historic Monument in 1999. In Lavoncourt, Saint Valentine's Church (listed as a Historic Monument) houses a perfectly preserved altarpiece depicting the parish's patron saint. A Gothic chapel built in 1510 (also listed as a Historic Monument) still stands in Queutrey.

Must-See Museums

The Departmental Albert & Felicie Demard Museum in Champlitte

The Museum of Folk Arts and Traditions sheds light on traditional rural society in late 19th-century France, particularly in the Champlitte region. A wide range of themes are explored: peasant life, crafts, medicine, hunting, school, peddlers, and other itinerant trades... Two rooms are dedicated to the twinning with Mexico.



The Museum of Arts and Techniques highlights the technological changes that occurred at the very end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century in France and their considerable influence on the artisanal world. It is presented in the form of small reconstructed workshops, accompanied by videos showing the work of artisans : clog maker, shoemaker, garage mechanic...

Departmental Museums Opening Hours : Open from April 1st to October 31st. Monday to Saturday: 10 am - 12 pm and 2 pm - 6 pm. Closed all day on Tuesdays and Sunday mornings. Open on public holidays except May 1st. For prices and other information: <https://musees.haute-saone.fr/champlitte>

Museum of Earth Sciences

In Dampierre-sur-Salons, a collection of fossils and minerals is displayed in the cellar of the Coubay house. Open year-round by reservation for groups of 5 or more.

Opens one Saturday per month during the tourist season and during the European Heritage Days.

Info : +33 3 84 68 16 35

Calvaries, fountains and wash houses

Heritage forged by men, washhouses and fountains constitute a rich artistic heritage in Franche-Comté. There are nearly 2,500 in Haute-Saône built between 1760 and 1914. Take a look at the town halls-washhouses of Beaujeu and Dampierre-sur-Salons. You will also come across many Calvaries, witnesses of the beliefs of our regions.

Unconventional Heritage

The Remarkable Savoyeux Vault

Built in the 19th century over a 54-year period, this 643-meter underground canal bears witness to the many workers who lost their lives during its construction. Today, it never fails to impress visitors. Nearby, on dry land, it also serves as the starting point for some beautiful hiking trails.



Savoyeux Vault

Dry Stone Walls and Vineyard Enclosures at Les Lavières in Champlitte

Named after the stones extracted from the site for roofing and the construction of dry stone walls and winegrowers huts, Les Lavières invites you to wander among its charming private enclosures and observe its modest vineyard, peacefully ripening in the sun. To keep your bearings, you can always explore an interpretive trail dedicated to the vine and local flora.

Theuley-lès-Lavoncourt, Birthplace of the FIFA World Cup

Born in Theuley-lès-Lavoncourt in 1873, Jules Rimet, FIFA President from 1921 to 1954, was the driving force behind the first FIFA World Cup. Since 2012, the Jules Rimet Literary Prize has celebrated sports literature, both French and international. A memorial was inaugurated in 1995 in the presence of the Minister of Sports, Marie-Georges Buffet, and the first goal scorer of the 1930 World Cup, Lucien Laurent.

IMH: Listed Historic Monument (officially protected historical site)
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Nature

A Millennia-Old Vineyard in Champlitte

Since the Middle Ages, Champlitte has been a land of vineyards, once boasting approximately 500 hectares. In the late 19th century, 80% of the hillsides disappeared due to climatic conditions, competition from transportation on the Saône, and the phylloxera epidemic. However, the Saint-Vincent winegrowers festival, have been maintained every January since 1612. In 1960, under the impetus of the Demard couple, the vines were replanted. Today, the Chanitois vineyard produces wines with the IGP Franche-Comté label and has two producers: Domaine Pascal Henriot since 1985, and since 2017, the Joyandet family through "Le Domaine de la Pâturie". Both are certified in organic agriculture and cultivate a total of about twenty hectares.



A Touch of Exoticism at the Vanne Bamboo Grov

Discover the incredible varieties of bamboo and its hundred or so cultivars, of local and international origins, in the Parc du Pâtis de Vanne. This is a private site.

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Stroll Through Remarkable Parks and Gardens

Whether English-style and planted with century-old trees at Ray-sur-Saône Castle, or French-style, recreated in 2008 at Champlitte Castle from original plans, or generously endowed with rare plant species, including over 800 rose bushes, at Baillot Park in Velleuxon-Queutrey-et-Vaudey, the parks are plentiful and offer peaceful walks.

Barefoot on Dry Grasslands



Dry grasslands are habitats of major ecological interest, managed by the Conservatoire des Espaces Naturels (Natural Areas Conservatory). They are present in Champlitte, notably at the sites of La Pâturie and Montgin (where a discovery trail has been created), but also in the areas of Argillières, Fouvent-Saint-Andoche, Roche-et-Raucourt, and Renaucourt.

The Saône and its Treasures

The Saône is a river nearly 480 km long, originating in Vioménil (88) and flowing into the Rhône in Lyon. Between sky and riverbank, you can observe its wildlife (herons, kingfishers, swans, frogs, beavers...) and its protected flora, typical of wetlands. In Autet, almost opposite the beach, you will find the Old Saône, an ancient dried-up river arm, where remarkable and protected plants thrive.

Escape

Leisure

Set sail from Savoyeux !

Rent a boat, cruise the Saône, and journey through Burgundy-Franche-Comté. During these multi-day houseboat getaways, take the time to live at the river's pace and admire unspoiled, wild natural landscapes. Navigation is easy, even for beginners, and most locks are now automated. You'll receive all the necessary information and on-site navigation advice.

Rental: "Saône Plaisance" at Savoyeux Harbour. Info: +33 3 84 67 00 88 or www.saone-plaisance.com

Relax at Autet Beach !

Discover a peaceful, family-friendly space at Autet, on a beautifully developed site. The beach is supervised in the summer, and you can rent paddleboards, bicycles, canoes, and more.

Entertainment and food services are available from mid-May to the end of September. Info: +33 6 72 89 86 92 www.laplageautet.com

Cool Off at the Renaucourt Swimming Pool !

The Renaucourt outdoor swimming pool welcomes you every summer in July and August.

The pool is supervised Monday to Friday, from 1:30 PM to 7:00 PM, and on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays, from 1:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Outdoor swimming pool, 1 route de Volon.

Info : 03 84 92 04 18 or 03 84 92 09 16.

Catch a Movie !

The Ciné Foyer, Dampierre-sur-Salons community cinema, offers a quality film selection with 3 to 4 screenings per week.

Closed annually in July and August. 23 rue Alfred Dornier. www.cinefoyer.fr

Reel in the Fun !



A true angler's paradise with over 3,500 km of waterways in Haute-Saône, our region is not to be outdone. The Saône, Salon, Vannon, Gourgeonne, Vingeanne, Romaine, and Bonde... these are just some of the fishing spots where barbel, breams, pikes, zanders, carps, and even catfish await you in the Saône. Please note, a fishing license is mandatory. It can be purchased directly on the website www.cartedepêche.fr or at the 4 Rivières Tourist Office.

Find our regional products, souvenirs and crafts in our tourist information offices in Dampierre-sur-Salons and Champlitte.



Itineraries

Heading : On the Move !

Numerous marked trails await you in the heart of a natural area ideal for this activity. Discover: dry stone and grassy landscapes, the banks of the Saône, picturesque little villages dotted with fountains, wash houses and numerous wayside crosses, peaceful woods, breathtaking viewpoints, vestiges of mysterious legends and calm and tranquil paths.

Detailed brochures are available at the Tourist Office and on our website.

Hike... and Learn !

Our interpretive trails will unveil the treasures of our region: the dry stone trail in Champlitte (history of the 'lavières' site, vineyards, and botany), the Montgin discovery trail (dry grasslands, fauna, and flora), the Magny interpretive trail in Pierrecurt (fountains, wash houses, village heritage), and the Galléau Romain interpretive trail in Membrey (discovery of the natural environment and history of the territory).

Get interactive !



Explore with your smartphone and experience digital tours in Champlitte or Membrey (Cirkwi), Ray-sur-Saône (Legendr), Dampierre-sur-Salons (Explor Games®), and Lavoncourt (Looks).

Cycling in Haute-Saône

Explore Haute-Saône by bike on low-traffic cycling loops developed by the Departmental Council: the Chanitoise Loop (31 km - Champlitte area), the Beaches Loop (47 km - Dampierre-sur-Salons, Autet, Achey area...) and the Jules Rimet Loop (46 km - Lavoncourt area). Discover the Haute-Saône by taking the recommended bike circuits, signposted to avoid heavy traffic.



You can find Explor Games®, the Via Francigena®, and the Voie Bleue on the tourist map side.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

EMERGENCY NUMBERS :

- Firefighters : 18 - Ambulance : 15
- Police : 17
- On-call Doctor: 3966
- European Emergency Number : 112
- Number for the deaf/hard of hearing : 114

GETTING AROUND :

- Taxis Deroy : 03 84 91 07 72
- Taxis Podubcik : 06 80 96 65 03
- Mobigo Bus : 03 80 11 29 29

www.mobigo.fr

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