



Le REMPART de la contrevallation

Le rempart se compose d'une terrasse (*agger*) surmontée d'un parapet damé, cette terre constitue le noyau du rempart. Les deux p...
construits avec des moles de gazon. En se développant, les racine...
et la solidité de l'ensemble.
Le parapet est constitué de claies tressées. Elles sont fixées à la p...
l'armature en bois de la terrasse.
Des tours renforcent le rempart tous les 18...
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In the footsteps of the Gauls and the Romans in Burgundy-Franche-Comté

Take a sip of magic potion and discover our great archaeological sites, including the stars of the show at Autun, Alesia, Bibracte or Montbéliard, that invite you on an astonishing journey back in time... You may not be so familiar with Luxeuil-les-Bains, Sens or Besançon. With the oppidums of the Gauls and ancient sanctuaries, you can also sample the cuisine of Gaul whilst exploring Roman influence throughout the region.

Alésia: the ultimate battle

It was here that the famous battle took place in 52 B.C. By defeating Vercingétorix, Julius Caesar was able to assimilate Gaul into the Roman Empire. At the MuséoParc Alesia you can quite literally dive into history, with the help of interactive terminals, by viewing a film that depicts the battle or by facing up to real life Legionnaires. Audio guides in 7 languages, with versions for adults or children, lead you along a scenography trail. The excavated remains of the ancient town and the statue of Vercingétorix round off the visits available.

This summer, don't miss:

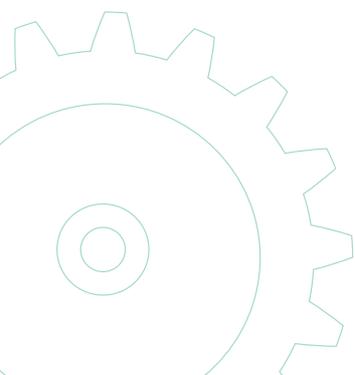
- **Legionnaires on the lawn** (from 8 years of age).
- **Aperitif at MuséoParc** on Saturdays at 17h30 throughout July and August.

An open-air museum: Roman Autun

Autun - Augustodunum founded by the Emperor Augustus - was the main Gallo-Roman city of what is now northern France. Its splendour earned it the nickname « sister and emulator of Rome ». The ruins, out in the open (and free to visit), from this period are impressive: The great ancient theatre (12,000 spectators), 6km of Gallo-Roman walls, 2 Roman doors, the so-called « Temple of Janus », the unusual « Pierre de Couhard » funeral monument and the extremely rich collections of the Musée Rolin. www.autun-tourisme.com

This summer, don't miss:

- **Roman flavours and aromas:** a family workshop on Wednesdays at 17h30 throughout July and August.
- **Roman Days:** 5th & 6th August 2017.
- **Augustodunum:** son et lumière show on 26th, 28th and 29th July and on 2nd, 4th and 5th August 2017.



Bibracte: Welcome to the home of the Aedui

Bibracte, ancient capital of the Aedui people of Gaul, was home to more than 10,000 inhabitants at its height. It was here that Vercingétorix was proclaimed chief of the Coalition of Gauls in 52 B.C.

It is a very complete site: a mountain in the heart of the Morvan, a field of excavations with information panels and guided visits, as well as a modern museum. In summer you can take advantage of the restaurant « Au Chaudron » in Bibracte, where the cuisine is based on ingredients that were available in the households of the Gauls.

This summer, don't miss:

- **Aperitif-Museum visit in Bibracte:** visit the museum and enjoy a convivial aperitif on 12/07/2017 and 16/08/2017 at 18h30.
- **09/08: archaeological film night** in the open air.
- **24/09: the Fantastic Picnic.**

Luxeuil-les-Bains: spas and ceramics

Welcome to Luxovium, an ancient spa town located in the north of the region. The Romans were wild about these thermal baths with 34°C water springing forth from the ground. They built around this hot water spring with properties that included purification, longevity and fertility.

From the 1st Century to present day, these waters attracted patients and pilgrims. Potteries sprang up alongside them and Luxovium became home to ceramics workshops. Ten kilns embedded in the sandstone and perfectly preserved provide evidence of this flourishing artisan industry. Their speciality was Samarian tableware. With its bright red colour, it was decorated with scenes from mythology or of daily life.

This summer, don't miss:

- **Visit the ruins of the Gallo-Roman and Merovingian periods** at excavation sites, potteries and an archaeological museum on 4th July and 15th August from 18h00 to 19h30.

Mandeure: Gallo-Roman theatre in the Pays de Montbéliard

In the communes of Mandeure and Mathay, the ancient city of Epomanduodurum was once the 2nd largest urban area of what was Sequanie after its capital, Vesontio (Besançon).

This veritable urban complex carried out a number of important religious and commercial roles. Its theatre, with a diameter of 142m, was one of the largest in Gaul.

In addition to this, preserved at the château of the Dules of Wurtemberg are a number of objects discovered during excavations of the ancient city (religious statues, objects from daily life...).

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New for 2017

augmented reality at the Gallo-Roman theatre in Mandeure – a visit that can be enjoyed by the whole family thanks to the M-Cicerone Mandeure app that can be downloaded with a QR code.

There are other sites that illustrate the thousand and one facets of this distant past. It could be **Besançon** and its Arc de Triomphe, known as the « Black Door », which was the subject of major restoration works in 2011 or **Escolives-Sainte-Camille** whose buildings along the Via Agrippa form one vast villa. Don't forget **Sens** and its impressive collection of funerary stones that are sure to make an impression...

By Toutatis! Let's go to Burgundy-Franche-Comté!

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