

The Aube, **NATURAL LIVING IN CHAMPAGNE**

Glowing Heritage and Promising Future



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In the Spotlight



Based in Troyes, the Vincent-Petit manufacture is one of nine workshops and consortiums of master glassmakers and expert locksmiths to win a bid issued by the public establishment entrusted with the conservation and restoration of the cathedral of *Notre-Dame de Paris*, to perform the required cleaning and restoration work of the stained-glass windows of the cathedral per surveys conducted by the project management team.

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Embrace the Dawn OF A NEW DAY IN THE AUBE



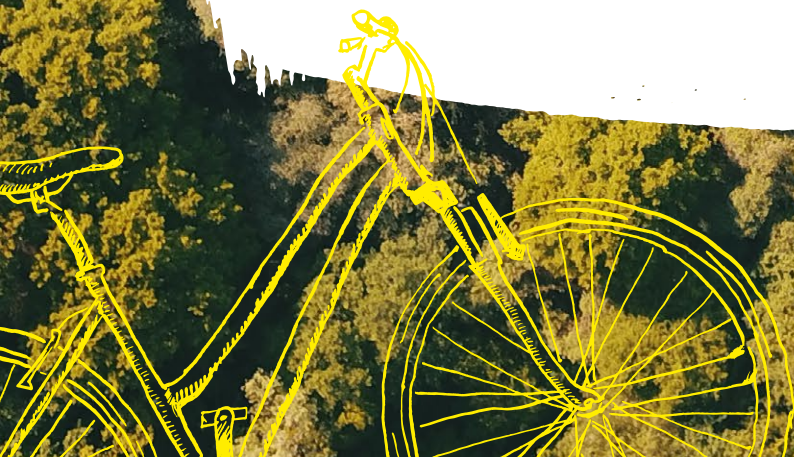
Creating, nurturing, sharing, conveying... **The Aube en Champagne region showcases its rich heritage in both the present and the future** through the colourful prisms of its stained glass windows, steeped in history, to the imposing facades of the numerous **châteaux** spread around its territory. Here, the legacy of past centuries is embraced, highlighted, and generously shared with inquisitive visitors. **The Route du Vitrail** (Stained Glass Route) reveals the secrets of the transparency of glass through churches and civil buildings, paving the way to a visit to the dazzling new **Cité du Vitrail** museum in Troyes.

The effervescence of champagne and the uniqueness of the vineyard landscapes complement this heritage inviting visitors to embark on a **sensory journey** to meet passionate local players, talented chefs, and skilled craftspeople. The entire region is open for exploration and offers a wealth of occasions **to make friendly encounters**, reflecting the **uncompromising authenticity and genuineness** that form the pillars of the **'Aube way of life'**. The Aube en Champagne region lives up to its promise throughout the year, bringing to life a wealth of traditions and revealing the diversity of a comforting and flavoursome gastronomy. The natural heritage and artistic and cultural treasures shine beyond the region's borders thanks **to a strong commitment to responsible tourism**.

All the more reason to head off for a **ride on an electric scooter along the Forêt d'Orient Regional Nature Park** or the hills of the **Côte des Bar**. Admire the **half-timbered structures in Troyes** before enjoying a meal brimming with local flavours. Wander along the banks of the **river Seine in the Nogentais** and succumb to the **charms of the unique character of a listed church in the Pays d'Othe and Armance**.

A glowing heritage and promising future shimmer everywhere you cast your eyes throughout the Aube.

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Museum and Route LEADING TO STAINED GLASS



TROYES LA CHAMPAGNE

Cité du Vitrail Museum, Where Glass Sets the Tone

Cité du Vitrail in Troyes

The Aube en Champagne region boasts an extensive, high-quality, and rich collection of stained glass windows unlike any other in Europe. *The Cité du Vitrail* museum, a beacon of excellence dedicated to all aspects of stained glass heritage, has been dazzling visitors since December 2022 with a **wealth of aesthetic and educational provisions**. Exhibition galleries housed in the former Hôtel-Dieu building offer both historical and contemporary stained-glass windows for contemplation. The exhibition visitor trail provides the essential keys to understanding this ancestral and modern art form. Illuminating and unmissable!



Cité du Vitrail in Troyes - Tuesday to Sunday - November 1st to March 31st from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and April 1st to October 31st from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Full price €4/Exhibitions €5/Free admission under 26 - Guided tours extra €2 - www.cite-vitrail.fr



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Prolong the Experience Along the Stained Glass Route

Route du Vitrail

The Aube region counts no less than 9,000 square metres of stained glass windows predating the French Revolution and 2,048 bays listed as historic monuments. The mesmerising *Route du Vitrail* (Stained Glass Route) brings these invaluable jewels of glass heritage together via a dedicated and free app. The route is a **highly colourful experience, bursting with discoveries**, which unfurls between Troyes and Ervy-le-Châtel, passing through Fontaine-les-Grès and other splendid locations.



Route du Vitrail - Free app including videos, photos, and descriptions of buildings and stained glass windows, download from route-vitrail.fr
Information on www.aube-champagne.com



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(Super) Natural Potions

L'Apothicaiererie in Troyes

L'Apothicaiererie (The Apothecary), adjacent to the *Cité du Vitrail* museum at the heart of the Hôtel-Dieu, has also reopened. A precious collection of 319 painted wooden medicine boxes from the 18th and 19th centuries, some 300 ceramic jars soberly adorned with patterns of foliage and blue flowers, and many more other pharmacy artefacts are displayed in this large room, listed as a historic monument. An outstanding collection that includes no less than 80% of the ingredients used to concoct the famous Harry Potter Polyjuice potion!

↪ L'Apothicaiererie in Troyes – Tuesday to Sunday, November 1st to March 31st from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and April 1st to October 31st from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. – Access included with the *Cité du Vitrail* museum entrance ticket
www.musees-troyes.com



THE PAYS D'OTHE AND ARMANÇE

Renaissance Period and Chaource Poetry

Église Saint-Jean-Baptiste in Chaource

The Gothic-style Church of Saint-Jean-Baptiste in Chaource is home to an outstanding mediaeval statuary, including 'La Mise au Tombeau' (The Entombment) crafted in 1515 by the Master of Chaource, an anonymous Champagne region sculptor, as well as a listed 1696 organ. This church, one of the most visited in the Aube region, showcases a unique exhibition dedicated to Amadis Jamyn, a 16th century poet from the town of Chaource, in a fully restored setting. The poet, overlooked by history, is buried in the church which also displays various works, paintings, sculptures, and collages based on his poems.

↪ Église Saint-Jean-Baptiste in Chaource – November to March, daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., April to October, daily from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. – Guided tours upon reservation at the Tourist Office – Amadis Jamyn exhibition from June to September 2023
www.aube-champagne.com



NOGENTAIS AND SEINE VALLEY

Six Centuries of History in Full Transparency

Église Saint-Laurent in Nogent-sur-Seine

The restoration of the sixth-century-old Saint-Laurent listed church located in the town of Nogent-sur-Seine is now complete. Members of the public can enjoy new guided tours to fully appreciate sculptures by Paul Dubois, Marius Ramus, and Alfred Boucher, alongside paintings, authentic furnishings, and numerous other works of art. An extra beam of light: in addition to the renovation of the stained glass windows of the choir with the collaboration of the artist Fabienne Verdier, the all-new stained glass window in the Saint-Fiacre chapel, created by Flavie Vincent-Petit, has just been unveiled. A must see!

↪ Église Saint-Laurent in Nogent-sur-Seine – Daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. – Guided tours upon reservation at the Tourist Office – www.aube-champagne.com

'King of the Castle' IN THE AUBE

Official launch
Spring 2023

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The Châteaux Route: The Aube's Heart of Stone

La Route des châteaux de l'Aube

Imposing buildings, elegant towers, prestigious facades and *jardins à la française*, the Aube region has over 250 châteaux or castle mounds. The territories of the Aube, historical lands where illustrious architects left their mark, encourage visitors to follow in the footsteps of the great people who built, inhabited, and conquered these exceptional buildings. With a selection of 26 châteaux, marvel at the Renaissance period-style of La Cordelière, admire the regularity of the facades of Villemereuil, or revisit the eventful past of the Maison-Forte (fortified house) of Gyé-sur-Seine... Some of the finest chapters of French history were written along this cultural and heritage-laden route.

La Route des châteaux de l'Aube (Châteaux Route) – Mostly private buildings – Visit during one-off events
Itinerary and details on www.route-chateaux-aube.fr

CÔTE DES BAR

It's a Wonderful Life in Taisne

Château de Taisne in Les Riceys

The Château de Taisne was erected, destroyed, rebuilt, and finally transformed. It is currently surrounded by *jardins à la française*, stately alleys of Platanus and Lime trees, canals, and waterfalls that all recount 800 years of history. The new self-guided visitor trails, using an app, provide the perfect opportunity to appreciate the full scale of the site, to hear names such as Nicolas Rolin, the de Créqui and de Laval families, and to admire the 14th century room ribbed vaults or the 17th century grand stairway. Noble stables and a Renaissance period style cuisine also feature among the highlights of this château, in a region where the architecture derives from neighbouring Burgundy.

Château de Taisne in Les Riceys – Opening according to the site's calendar
Self-guided tours €3/ Guided tour €5/ Free for under 16s – Garden snack €8 – Garden snack with champagne €12
www.chateauдетaisne.com



NOGENTAIS AND SEINE VALLEY

The Effervescence of La Motte-Tilly

Château de La Motte-Tilly

Nestled at the heart of a 60-hectare park, the **Château de La Motte-Tilly** extends a warm welcome courtesy of the regular layout of its remarkable *jardin à la française*. A listed **Tillemum**, an 18th century vegetable garden, a flower garden: the appeal of the exteriors rivals that of the fully furnished interiors. There is plenty of life here all year-round, with **guided tours, art exhibitions, classical music concerts, immersive shows, and the Festival des Gourmandises** (Gourmet Festival). Everything is carefully brought together for a riveting perience in this 18th century countryside estate, very much alive today with ever-renewed charm.

👉 Château de La Motte-Tilly – Guided tours only – Full price €8/Free for under 18s – Opening hours and programme of events available on www.chateau-la-motte-tilly.fr



CÔTE DES BAR

Illustrious Vaux

Château de Vaux in Fouchères

The incredible 1.7-mile-long perspective leading to the stone giant was designed by Germain Boffrand, renowned French architect, and pupil of Hardouin Mansart whose mortumental work was designed to glorify the reign of Louis XIV of France. The restoration of the west wing and the pavilion of this traditional listed masterpiece is now complete. Immersive tours and seasonal activities such as murder parties, Easter egg hunts in the park and orchard, and escape games are on offer. **The Poule de Vaux restaurant**, located in the former caretaker's lodge at the entrance of the estate, provides a delicious culinary treat to complete this appealing and varied offer!

👉 Château de Vaux in Fouchères – Adult price €8/Reduced rate €7/Children (aged 4 to 13) €6 – Seasonal opening times and programme of events available on www.chateau-vaux.com



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Tower Over the Châteaux in One Exhibition

Exhibition Les Châteaux de l'Aube, mille ans d'Histoire (Châteaux of the Aube, a thousand years of history)

Whether a place of defence, a residential building or a prestigious construction, the châteaux have evolved, adapted, and changed through the centuries in keeping with the times, their location and their owners. Today, an **exclusive and immersive scenography exhibition** recounts the rich history of the châteaux dotted around the Aube region. Technological innovations are put to good use to relate the stories of prominent families, with a historical timeline and interactive map to pinpoint the locations of the stone giants. This **exhibition** reveals absolutely all the secrets of the châteaux of the region!

👉 Exhibition Les Châteaux de l'Aube, mille ans d'Histoire (Châteaux of the Aube, a thousand years of history) at the Hôtel-Dieu-Le Comte de Troyes – From June 6th to October 1st – Price €5 (combined ticket for the Cité du Vitrail museum/L'Apothicaire and the exhibition) – www.archives-aube.fr



Heritage Treasures BRIMMING WITH LIFE

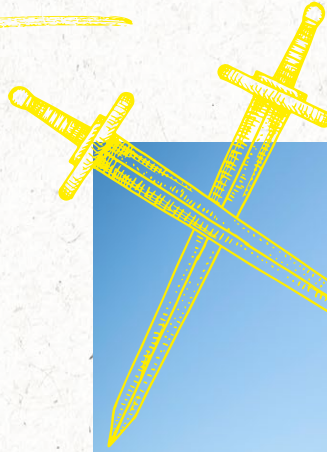
CÔTE DES BAR

Festive Crusade at the Knight Templar Commandery

Commanderie templière d'Avalleur (Knights Templar Commander) in Bar-sur-Seine

Avalleur, once one of the most prestigious commanderies of the Order in the Champagne region, continues to exude the spirit of the Templars to this day. Outstandingly well preserved, the chapel, the main dwelling, and the adjoining outbuildings now play host a lively cultural programme running from the beginning of May until the end of September. Wandering between the stalls of a local producers' market, taking part in the Aube Templars' trail amid history and vineyards, or enjoying a Templar festival, or appreciating a concert glorified by the acoustics of the chapel are just some of the ways to appreciate the full power and engineering genius of the Templars. **Guided tours, educational workshops, and treasure hunts** are the enlightening essentials to discovering the site throughout the season.

➔ Commanderie templière d'Avalleur (Knights Templar Commander) in Bar-sur-Seine - Tuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Full programme and events available on www.aube.fr



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Five-Star Hospitality at La Licorne



La Licorne Hôtel & Spa Troyes MGallery

The five-star hotel located in the listed buildings of the former gendarmerie barracks at the heart of Troyes features a large paved main courtyard, a cut stone façade, and a Mansard roof. This hotel is a haven of luxury and indulgence. Attentive service is provided to guests in **54 timeless elegant rooms**, giving access to the **Sothys Spa with swimming pool, sauna, hammam, and sensory shower** – as well as to the bar mixing contemporary design and plants, and to the hotel's smoking room. Now is the time to experience the ultimate in chic French hospitality.

➔ La Licorne Hôtel & Spa Troyes MGallery - Overnight stay from €260 www.lalicorne-hotelspa.com

NOGENTAIS AND SEINE VALLEY

Sweet Dreams Along the River Seine

Gîte Le Prieuré sur Seine in Marnay-sur-Seine

The thousand-year-old stones of this priory gently whisper some of their history into the dreams of sleeping guests.

Beautifully restored and tastefully decorated, each room offers the pleasures of a **bucolic stay** with outstanding views of the river Seine. **Relax under the sun** in the large south-facing garden after enjoying some of the **many activities and amenities available** (bicycles, kayaks, ping-pong tables, or children's games) there to liven up **your idyllic vacation**.

➡ Gîte Le Prieuré sur Seine in Marnay-sur-Seine - Overnight stay from €190 (min. 2 nights) - two to six guests
www.aube-champagne.com



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Stylish Timber-Framed Cocoon

Gîte Maison Simart in Troyes

The carefully sourced antique decor of Maison Simart produces an atmosphere that combines modern comfort and indescribable old-world charm throughout three floors. With its private cobbled courtyard and 17th century wood panelling, this gîte blends seamlessly into the city centre of Troyes, a stone's throw from the cathedral. **Fully renovated in 2022**, Maison Simart seduces its most demanding guests with **an array of hotel-quality amenities** and ensures a sparkling and comfortable stay in the colourful city.

➡ Gîte Maison Simart in Troyes - From €220 (min. 2 nights) - Up to 6 guests
Instagram: @nuitsatroyes





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The Appeal of L'Instant Champenois



Bed and Breakfast L'Instant Champenois in Bréviandes

The charm of this beautiful mansion, ideally located just a stone's throw from the city centre of Troyes, is so compelling that one wishes their stay would last forever. **Tastefully refurbished and decorated**, it comprises seven spacious rooms, a vast garden, not to mention a wellness area that includes a sauna and a private Nordic bath, and a barn ideal for hosting events. Terrace, barbecue, deckchairs, and garden furniture increase the feeling of having unearthed a **delightful rural spot within the city**.

➔ **Bed and Breakfast L'Instant Champenois in Bréviandes** – Overnight stay including breakfast from €115 – www.linstantchampenois.fr



ANNIVERSARY

Bringing the Invisible to Life

Camille Claudel Museum in Nogent-sur-Seine

Camille Claudel passed away 80 years ago in 1943, following a turbulent and intensely creative life. **The museum bearing her name in Nogent-sur-Seine** celebrates her impassioned life by showcasing Fabienne Verdier's **incandescent stained glass windows**, a tribute to the sculptures of 'La Valse'. This year, **the museum is lending some of its major artworks** to the Getty Center in Los Angeles and to the ART Institute of Chicago, to enrich exhibitions with global reach. The museum also runs an **escape game until March**, and features its latest acquisition, a spectacular Alfred Boucher marble entitled 'Volubilis'.

➔ **Camille Claudel Museum in Nogent-sur-Seine** – From April 1st to October 31st, Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and from November 1st to March 31st, Wednesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Full price €8 / Reduced rate €4.50 / Free entry under 26 – www.museecamilleclaudel.fr

CÔTE DES BAR

Clairvaux, from Cistercian Epic to Prison History

Abbaye de Clairvaux

The elegant lines of the clear ribbed vaults characterise **the Abbey founded by Bernard of Clairvaux in 1115**. The site shone throughout Europe through the centuries and its community ranked among the most prosperous, leading to numerous monastic filiations steeped in Cistercian spirituality. Converted into a prison by Napoleon, the Abbaye de Clairvaux now welcomes visitors with moving and **insightful guided tours** of its rich heritage, which changed from monastic to correctional use. **Concerts, monastic produce markets, and Entretiens Culturels de Champagne** (Cultural Talks) each provides unique opportunities to explore **the Abbey**.

➔ **Abbaye de Clairvaux** – Guided tours only – Duration 1:30 a.m. – Full price €9.50/Reduced rate €7/18–25 years old €6/Free under 18 www.abbayedclairvaux.com

The Unexpected

Les Riceys, 3 AOC Labels, 3 Villages, 1 Preserved Heritage

Promenade in Les Riceys

Branded *Petite Cité de Caractère* (Small City of Character) in July 2022, Les Riceys is also labelled *Site Remarquable du Goût* (Remarkable Taste Site). This area boasts the largest acreage of vines in the Champagne region... But that's not all! With a history dating back to Gallo-Roman times and a well-preserved heritage, featuring listed churches, the Château de Taisne, and typical winegrowers' houses, Les Riceys is the perfect place to visit to sample the three local AOC products, including the inescapable Les Riceys rosé wine.

➔ Promenade in Les Riceys - www.aube-champagne.com

CÔTE DES BAR

Capturing the Mood with Renoir in Essoyes

Maison Renoir, artist studio and cultural centre

Pierre-Auguste, Aline, Pierre, Jean, and Claude: five names, five people, all effortlessly appreciative of the rolling vineyard landscapes around the village of Essoyes, standing behind the reputation of the Master of Impressionism. The intimate family home, the artist's studio that bears witness to the painter's creative impulses, and the Renoir cultural centre relate the story of the family's fondness for the village of Essoyes. Wander through the gardens, watch the painter at work on a sequential video, and allow yourself to be captured by the gentle and joyful atmosphere that he was so fond of...

➔ Maison Renoir, artist studio and cultural centre - Full price €12 / Reduced rate €7 / Family rate €20 / Free admission under 18 - Dates and opening hours available on www.renoir-essoyes.fr



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MAM, Much Anticipated Reopening

Museum of Modern Art - The Pierre and Denise Lévy National Collections in Troyes

The Museum of Modern Art in Troyes is located in the former Episcopal Palace, a listed building adjacent to the cathedral. It displays the Pierre and Denise Lévy National Collections, including works by Gustave Courbet, Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, André Derain, Maurice Marinot, Robert Delaunay, and Nicolas de Staël. Following four years of renovation, the initial phase of the reopening unveils a redesigned and expanded visitor tour, including a landscaped garden featuring a sculpture trail opening onto contemporary art in new or renovated functional spaces (auditorium, educational workshops, reception room).

Museum of Modern Art - From April 1st to October 31st from Tuesday to Sunday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and from November 1st to March 31st, from Tuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission until March 31, 2023, and €5.50 thereafter
Programme available on www.musees-troyes.com



The Finest Traditions INFUSE THE TERRITORY

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Sparkling Benedictine hospitality

new

Prieuré de Viverie guest room in
Viviers-sur-Artaut

The Benedictine Priory was founded on a strategic site during the 12th century. The impassive building bears witness to the passing of centuries, through glorious periods and upheavals, before welcoming the Grandpierre family epic and unifying this architectural heritage around vines and champagne. The old mill of the Prieuré de Viverie has since been converted into a comfortable and charming suite adorning light tones beneath ancient wooden beams. Here, guests are invited to sample some of the estate's wines, to better soak up the atmosphere.

➔ Prieuré de Viverie guest room in Viviers-sur-Artaut - Overnight stay from €120
www.prieuredeviverie.fr





CÔTE DES BAR

Champagne, a Sensory Masterpiece

new
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**L'Empreinte des Fées at Domaine Mondeville
in Champignol-lez-Mondeville**

Domaine Mondeville is where Delphine and Laurent, passionate winemakers, and truffle harvesters, awaken the senses with their emotion-generating products. **Champagne** takes the limelight in a **new discovery experience led by L'Empreinte des Fées**. From Champagne production to tasting, the magical bubbles lead the way on a **fun and delicious olfactory journey**. There is something for everyone, including tastings for adults and discovering flavours for children. In addition, **several ecotourism offers** are available: truffle harvesting excursions in the Champagne region, nocturnal events, a friendly 'GoÛton-Mâchon' (a local snack), and even an augmented reality escape game in the vineyards...

➔ L'Empreinte des Fées at Domaine Mondeville in Champignol-lez-Mondeville - www.lempreintedesfees.com



Troyes Uncorked!

Tasting Champagne in Troyes

Visitors wandering around the historical city centre of Troyes might build up a thirst. Luckily, there is no shortage of hospitable venues to sample fine champagnes. Head to **the Bar À Manger**, this restaurant offers over thirty carefully selected wines and organises private wine-tasting workshops in a sumptuous 12th century vaulted cellar. **The Cellier Saint-Pierre** is another fine address, offering an unparalleled variety of champagnes from all over the region, not to mention the renowned Prunelle de Troyes (40° liqueur made from sloe pits). Cheers!

- ➔ Le Bar À Manger restaurant in Troyes – À la carte wine tasting workshops (white wine, red wine, champagne, all wines) – Prices vary www.bamtroyes.fr
- ➔ Le Cellier Saint-Pierre restaurant and wine shop in Troyes – Wine tasting workshop every Friday (wine or champagne) – Prices from €25 www.celliersaintpierre.fr



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A Villa to Sleep (really) Soundly and Eat (really) Heartily

La Villa de la Croix in Villechétif

Guests are welcome to indulge in a relaxing and stylish interlude in this 14th century house, renovated in a refined and romantic style, located in a peaceful village a few minutes from the centre of Troyes. Five rooms and a gîte surround the heated swimming pool set in a beautifully landscaped garden, providing a haven for unforgettable memories with friends and family. Gourmet bonus: guests at La Villa de la Croix can enjoy themed culinary workshops, in a cheerful, convivial, and gourmet atmosphere!

➔ La Villa de la Croix in Villechétif - Overnight stay from €80 - 2h culinary workshop from €40 per person - www.villadelacroix.com



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At the Root of succulence

Retour aux Sources restaurant in Creney-près-Troyes

Sylvain Thuilliez, Chef at Retour aux Sources, has just returned from a stint in Qatar, where he put his cooking skills to good use. Here, he strives to work with fresh produce in a tastefully renovated half-timbered building. The menu changes weekly, and generously laid out dishes offer a wealth of different influences resulting in a creative and tasty cuisine. A return to the roots of simplicity brimming with the scent of herbs!

➔ Retour aux Sources restaurant in Creney-près-Troyes - Open from Tuesday evening to Sunday noon incl. - Menu from €42
www.retour-aux-sources-restaurant.business.site

Splendours Bequeathed BY NATURE



THE PAYS D'OTHE AND ARMANCE

Leafing Through the Pays d'Othe

Circuit des Arbres Remarquables du Pays
d'Othe (Remarkable Trees Trail)

Unexpected organic splendours emerge on the paths of the Pays d'Othe as you look up in the forest. These include the imposing figure of the five trunks of the **Quintamelle oak tree in Aumont**, the distinctive 8th century-old silhouette of the **Cornier in Vosnon**, and the 34-metre-high **Tulip tree in Coursan-en-Othe**... An efficiently signposted trail leads visitors from ancient branches to green shrubs, while **contemporary works of art** are scattered along the way for contemplation, adding an artistic touch to the wild accents of nature and bark.



Circuit des Arbres Remarquables du Pays d'Othe (Remarkable Trees Trail)
www.aube-champagne.com

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Off-road Cyclotourism

Raid Bulles off-road bike and gravel route

The Raid Bulles route allows you to acquaint yourself with the Aube region along some 185 miles of signposted off-road cycling or gravel riding paths. This route will stretch over 280 miles by spring 2023, with 15 new loops to enjoy. Always further, increasingly sporty, set off for a ride full of thrills, in total safety!

Raid Bulles off-road bike and gravel route
www.aube-champagne.com





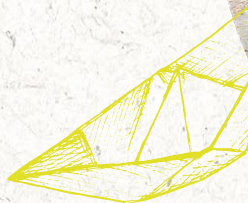
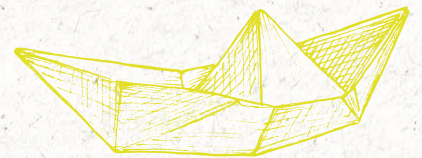
**THE GREAT LAKES
OF CHAMPAGNE**

Splendours of Nature from Above

**Hydro-ULM and balloon flights over the lakes of the Forêt
d'Orient Regional Nature Park**

In the immensity of the lakes of the Forêt d'Orient, whether on the surface or aloft, the choice is yours to stimulate all your senses! Why not take a **flight in a hydro-ULM and touch down on the lake?** The magical landscape of green and blue also unfolds in a soothing silence for those aboard **the basket of a hot-air balloon.** Regardless of the means chosen to reach cloud nine, views of the Forêt d'Orient Regional Nature Park from above will forever remain imprinted on your memory.

- ➔ Hydro-ULM flight with Aube ULM - 30 min 'first flight' fee €95
 - Champagne Air Show hot air balloon flights - €189 per person, 5 people max.
 - Montgolfière du Lac d'Orient hot air balloon flight - Private flight for €580.
- www.aube-champagne.com





NOGENTAIS AND SEINE VALLEY

The Crowing of the Gallic Cockerel

With its red crest and fiery breast, the original Gallic cockerel proudly asserts its status as the French national emblem in the run-up to the upcoming Rugby World Cup. Following a very specific conservation programme, the *Conservatoire du coq gaulois* (Gallic Cockerel Conservatory) dedicates aviaries and brooding pens to the **Gauloise Saumon Doré, the oldest free-range poultry breed in France** and a symbol of the French heritage. Dare a cheerful 'cocorico', French for 'cock-a-doodle-doo'!

↳ Conservatoire du coq gaulois and educational farm at Méry-sur-Seine - Free daily visits
www.conservatoirecoqgaulois.fr



FORÊT D'ORIENT REGIONAL NATURE PARK

Chic Stays in Outhouses

Gîtes de la Maison T&M in Dosches

The stable, the wash house, the woodshed or the dovecote bear the names of their original functions, but their comfort has been enhanced through careful renovation, to the delight of all guests.

These **tastefully furnished self-catering cottages, set in a vast park**, offer top-of-the-range services and amenities to make each getaway between meadows and lakes a relaxing one. This charming Champagne region stopover, **located near the lakes of the Forêt d'Orient and the city of Troyes**, is the ideal starting point for all types of excursions.

Gîtes de la Maison T&M in Dosches - Overnight stay from €80, 4 gîtes accommodating up to 4 people each
www.lamaisonm.fr

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Responsible Experiences to Safeguard **THE FUTURE**

**THE GREAT LAKES OF CHAMPAGNE AND
FORÊT D'ORIENT REGIONAL NATURE PARK
AND CÔTE DES BAR**

On a Roll in the Aube

Slooly electric scooter rides

The Slooly all-terrain scooter can handle any obstacle, from the great lakes of the Forêt d'Orient to the slopes of the Côte des Bar! Setting off from Mesnil-Saint-Père and Dienville, cling firmly to the handlebars and enjoy **an exhilarating ride through the Aube countryside all the way to the vineyards**. No effort is required whatsoever: the adventurous-looking electric scooter propels you effortlessly and silently for close to 30 miles!

➡ Slooly electric scooter rides – Level of difficulty and duration based on the route – Price from €35 per person – www.slooly.fr

NOGENTAIS AND SEINE VALLEY

Like a Fish to Water

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Snorkelling with Blue Life

A diver in freshwater evolves with the same ease as another does in salt water ... but the scenery is dramatically different. Here, **snorkelling** is open to all and enjoyed in the green-tinted light of the quiet river. **Christophe Fuchs** guides visitors through the **aquatic vegetation and discreet fauna**. Immersible literature in hand, silently focus on identifying the river's scaly inhabitants, possibly spotting the largest fish in the river Seine...

➡ Snorkelling with Blue Life
Price from €45 including equipment hire
www.bluelifeeu.wixsite.com



FORÊT D'ORIENT REGIONAL NATURE PARK

On Top of the World

Gîte La tourelle du château de Géraudot

The discreet observation point on the roof of this surprising gîte is ideal to observe the panorama and catch a glimpse of the wildlife in the park day and night with a telescope or a pair of binoculars. **Housed in an authentic turret within the wing of the Château de Géraudot**, the premises harbour a great many surprises: sauna and hammam, a fully equipped kitchen, comfortable bedrooms, private terrace, and even a Nordic bath. Not to mention that all this was achieved using **eco-friendly materials**, in keeping with the local architectural heritage... **An exclusive, authentic, and unique address.**

↪ Gîte La tourelle du château de Géraudot - €220 per night for 4 people (min 2 nights) - www.chateau-de-geraudot.fr



TROYES LA CHAMPAGNE

Nature Notes to Relish

Restaurant Le Petit Basson in Troyes

Le Petit Basson proudly displays the words '*bistro de jardin*' (garden bistro) on its green-painted wooden front. The menu features dishes bringing to life the **fruits and vegetables from the owners' market garden**, which are also sold on the premises. **Freshness, seasonality, and organic farming:** the menu's organic staples are complemented by local partners' products and served within a setting that is both simple and effective.

↪ Restaurant Le Petit Basson in Troyes - Tuesday to Saturday, 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. - Menu from €19 - www.aube-champagne.com





The Unexpected

FORÊT D'ORIENT REGIONAL NATURE PARK

Nature Excursions

Nature walks with Maximilien Maire in the Forêt d'Orient Regional Nature Park

Wearing comfortable shoes and boasting high spirits, follow the naturalist guide through the forests and along the banks of the lakes to uncover the thousand and one secrets of biodiversity and learn about the development of the landscape and the wildlife of the Champagne region. Birdwatching, listening to the bellowing of the stag, and discovering the immersed forest during the summer: whether it's for a few hours or a whole day, nothing could be easier than simply following the guide on an enthralling nature excursion.

➡ Nature walks with Maximilien Maire in the Forêt d'Orient Regional Nature Park - www.maximilien-guide.fr or www.pnr-foret-orient.fr

NOGENTAIS AND SEINE VALLEY

Freshness on the Tip of the Tongue

Restaurant La Rosita in Nogent-sur-Seine

There is no menu at **La Rosita**, nor is there a single dish served the same way throughout the year. Instead, **Chef Lionel Seret** concocts seasonal dishes. His fresh, imaginative, and original culinary creations are served in either a joyful and colourful interior or on the terrace overlooking the garden and the river **Seine**. The restaurant proposes a cuisine that is both pleasing to the eye and to the palate while respecting the environment by partnering with the **Chlorophylle** association, which cultivates a permaculture vegetable garden at the **Château de la Motte-Tilly**, and other local producers.

➡ Restaurant La Rosita in Nogent-sur-Seine - Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Menu from €23 - www.hotel-beaurivage-nogentsurseine.com





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THE PAYS D'OTHE AND ARMANCE

The brand new Café-Brasserie

La Nouvelle Bonneterie café-brasserie in Rigny-le-Ferron

Ideas to bring people together come to life in the small village of **Rigny-le-Ferron**. The joyful and innovative **Nouvelle Bonneterie** is a prime example of this way of thinking. First a bar, open every weekend, it has gradually become a **place of entertainment** (talks, board games, workshops...) following the mood and imagination of its founders. A **fresh and simple menu composed of local ingredients** complements the founding values of this unique place: hospitality, friendliness, and a good measure of sense of community!

La Nouvelle Bonneterie café-brasserie in Rigny-le-Ferron - Opening hours and information on www.facebook.com/lanouvellebonneterie



The Unexpected

NOGENTAIS AND SEINE VALLEY

Peaceful Getaway in Marnay-sur-Seine

The village of **Marnay-sur-Seine**, which lies on the left bank of the river, lives to the quiet flow of its waters and offers visitors a wealth of unexpected treasures including a **stunning botanical garden** with more than 3,000 species of plants, a **church displaying 12th century murals**, and, of course, the popular and lively bar **L'Expressoir**, where artists gather in a rural and vibrant setting... Bucolic and natural, this charming cocoon of the Champagne region is definitely worth a visit.

Jardin botanique de Marnay-sur-Seine (Botanical Garden)
Full price €5 / Reduced rate €2.50 / Free under 18
www.jardin-botanique.org



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