

LE GRAND CHALON, HERE BEGINS BURGUNDY

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Locate the Grand Chalon



Halfway between Paris and Lyon, Chalon-sur-Saône is the destination that ticks all the boxes when it comes to surprising you.

Easy to reach, a pleasant place to stay, nestled on the banks of the Saône and in the heart of Burgundy: an ideal base for organising a variety of group stays, combining cultural explorations with culinary delights.

Cultural heritage, vineyards, nature and French art of living make the Grand Chalon the region everyone's talking about!

Chalon-sur-Saône, iconic

• Saint-Vincent Cathedral reveals its secrets

 Duration of visit: 1 to 2 hours

Located in the heart of the historic centre, Saint-Vincent Cathedral is **one of Chalon's most iconic landmarks**. Its architecture blends Romanesque and Gothic styles. A unique gem that captivates visitors with its impressive façade and luminous stained-glass windows, but the real wonder begins when you step inside.

After two years of restoration, Saint-Vincent Cathedral reveals unexpected treasures. This reopening marks a major turning point for Chalon's heritage. The work has uncovered rare, colourful medieval frescoes, exceptional liturgical furnishings and original architectural features that are perfectly preserved. A spectacular result that restores the cathedral's splendour, from the walls to the vaults.

Listed as a Historic Monument since 1903, it is now one of the iconic sites of Chalon-sur-Saône and offers an immersion in over 1,000 years of religious and artistic history.

 **Saint-Vincent Cathedral**



History around every corner



📍 Saint-Vincent Cathedral Cloister



The Old Town

🕒 Duration of visit: 2 hours

Chalon-sur-Saône is easy to explore, simply by wandering **through the medieval alleyways**, on foot or with a guide.

Don't forget to look up to admire the half-timbered houses and elegant classical façades! The town's rich history is told from building to building.

🔍 **Not to be missed:**

Saint-Vincent Cathedral and its cloister, which are an essential stop in the heart of the historic centre.

The Cloister

🕒 Duration of visit: 1 hour

Adjacent to the cathedral, the **Saint-Vincent Cloister**, dating from around the year 1000, is the only surviving canonical cloister in Bourgogne-Franche-Comté. Reopened following restoration in 2019, it offers a haven of calm in the heart of the historic centre, as well as a space for contemplation for lovers of medieval architecture.

The Heritage Centre

🕒 Duration of visit: 1 hour

Housed in an elegant **18th-century mansion**, discover a clear and vivid overview of the city's urban development. With models, archives, temporary exhibitions and interactive displays, visitors can explore its ancient past whilst discovering the more contemporary projects that bring Chalon to life.



📍 Nicéphore Niépce Museum



A cultural immersion in our museums

Nicéphore Niépce Museum

🕒 Duration of visit: 1.5 hours

The cradle of photography! Entirely dedicated to the history of the image, the museum traces the journey from Nicéphore Niépce's early experiments to contemporary photography. It is a must-see in Chalon.

Vivant Denon Museum

🕒 Duration of visit: 1.5 hours

A journey from prehistory to the fine arts. Ancient artefacts, Flemish, French and Italian paintings, and a focus on Dominique Vivant Denon, a great explorer and local artist, make for a rich and eclectic visit.

Grand Chalon – Highlights

Around Chalon-sur-Saône, the region has some wonderful discoveries in store for you. Castles, museums and historic houses dot the villages and, each in their own way, tell the story of Burgundy's history and identity.

Accessible and diverse visits that can be easily incorporated into a group stay.



 The vineyards of the Grand Chalon

School Museum in Saint-Rémy

 Duration of visit: 2 hours

Three reconstructed classrooms take you back to **the school of yesteryear**. Desks, purple ink, wall maps and moral lessons create a visit that is both fun and full of nostalgia, enjoyed by all generations.



Germolles Castle in Mellecey

 Duration of visit: 1.5 hours

Former residence of the Dukes of Burgundy, Germolles offers a refined glimpse of the Middle Ages. Ornatly decorated apartments, a chapel, a hall of honour and a romantic park provide an elegant experience, set in the heart of the vineyards of the Côte Chalonnaise.



Maison Niépce in Saint-Loup-de-Varenes

 Duration of visit: 1.5 hours

In this discreet house, Nicéphore Niépce took the **first ever photograph in history**. Throughout the house, one can still sense Niépce's inspiring atmosphere and spirit of invention. A memorable visit exploring the birth of the photograph.

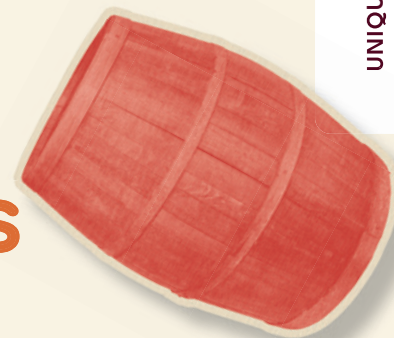
Rully Castle in Rully

 Duration of visit: 1.5 hours

A family fortress that is still inhabited, Rully Castle offers a tour through its medieval keep, Renaissance living quarters and vaulted kitchens. A lively tour (often led by its current owners) in the heart of the vineyards, which combines architecture, history and winemaking tradition.



The Côte Chalonnaise and its unique activities



Fun activities & team-building

Walking rally

A team treasure hunt through the town, combining puzzles, challenges and blind tasting.

Urban escape game

A collaborative game in the heart of Chalon, combining heritage, strategy and team spirit.

For 16 to 72 people

Immersive detective investigation

A gripping scenario to solve in the heart of the vineyards, combining role-play and investigation.

Burgundy Olympics

Challenges and games centred on local flavours: mustard, cheese, pétanque, wine barrels...

Duration: 2 to 3 hours for the activities mentioned above



Walks & foodie discoveries

Exploring the vineyards by scooter, on foot or by bike

Guided tour of the Côte Chalonnaise, through vineyards and past stone walls, including a visit and tasting at a local winery.

Duration of visit: 2.5 to 3 hours

Wine tour in a vintage vehicle

Explore the vineyards in a Citroën 2CV or Estafette van, with two tasting stops in the Côte Chalonnaise.

Duration of visit: 2.5 to 3 hours

Gourmet tour

Guided tour of Chalon featuring tastings of local specialities.

Duration of visit: 2.5 to 3 hours • Up to 12 people

Discovery tastings

Private cellars, estates or microbreweries, with a themed tasting or a traditional local snack.

Duration of visit: 2 hours

Relaxation & experience

Boat trip on the Saône river

Discover Chalon from the water, for a peaceful and enjoyable break.

Duration of visit: 1.5 hours • Boat capacity: 12 people • Private hire available

Wine-themed sketches

A performance and tasting hosted by a winemaker-storyteller, combining words and wine.

Duration of visit: 1.5 hours • 10 to 50 people



Activity prices

Available on request from
the Tourist Office
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The Best of Grand Chalon « à la carte »

Our fully organised day trips are designed for your groups, combining guided tours, explorations of the local area and, above all, a friendly atmosphere.

Each programme can be tailored to suit your requirements and preferences.



1-day tour

Cultural treasures of the Chalonnais region



From

79€ VAT / pers

Based on a group of 30 people

Included:



Guided tours



Lunch



Activities



Not included:

Transport, drinks,
personal expenses

Morning

Guided tour of Germolles Castle

Start the day in the heart of this former residence of the **Dukes of Burgundy**. As you explore the ornately decorated state rooms, the chapel and the grounds, you'll discover an elegant, intimate setting, nestled **amongst the vineyards**. A wonderful introduction to understanding the history of the region..



Lunch in the Côte Chalonnaise or in Chalon-sur-Saône

Afternoon

Boat trip on the Saône river

Comfortably seated **aboard small boats**, you'll discover the charms of the Saône, its peaceful landscapes and the riverbanks that give the town its character. Combining nature and heritage, this convivial trip allows you to admire the town from a different angle and enjoy a special moment.

Guided tour of the Denon Museum

Discover the city in a different way! The various collections along the tour tell the story of the region, from prehistory to the fine arts beaux-arts.

End of the day and of our services.
Return to your home town.



1-day tour Chalon-sur-Saône and the Côte Chalonnaise

From
75€ VAT / pers

Based on a group of 30 people

Included:



Guided tours



Lunch



Activities



Not included:

Transport, drinks,
personal expenses



Saint-Vincent Cathedral

Afternoon

Guided tour of the School Museum in Saint-Rémy

After lunch, it's back to the school desks! A tour of the **three reconstructed classrooms** will take you back in time to an era when school desks, purple ink, moral lessons and practical lessons were the hallmarks of schooling in days gone by.

Departure for Mercurey

Head to a vineyard in the Côte Chalonnaise to discover the expertise and finesse of the wines. With a glass in hand, you'll be introduced to the secrets of the vineyard and the magic of winemaking.

Morning

Guided tour of the Niépce Museum

The cradle of photography is a must-see in Chalon. From the earliest images to contemporary practices, the exhibition within the museum is easy to follow, even for those new to the subject.

Chalon-sur-Saône, as you've never seen it before!

Continue the day with a guided tour of Chalon, strolling through the medieval alleyways. The half-timbered houses, classical façades and **Saint-Vincent Cathedral with its restored cloister** tell the story of the town's rich history..

Lunch in Chalon-sur-Saône





📍 Saint-Vincent Square

2-day tour A break in Burgundy from town to vineyard

From

239€

VAT /pers

Based on a group of 35 people

Included:



Not included:

Transport and personal expenses

DAY 1

📅 Morning

Strolling through the streets of Chalon

The trip begins with a **guided tour of Chalon-sur-Saône**.

As you wander through the medieval alleyways, discover the half-timbered houses, the elegant classical façades and the lively squares of the historic centre.

The restored Saint-Vincent Cathedral and its cloister are a must-see highlight of your visit.




Lunch in the heart of the city

📅 Afternoon

A floating discovery

A change of pace with a **boat trip on the Saône**. From the water, Chalon reveals itself from a different, calmer angle, perfect for relaxation and contemplation.



 Rully Castle

Departure for Mercurey

Tour and tasting of four wines at a vineyard in the heart of the Côte Chalonnaise. You will discover the expertise and delicacy of the wines and, glass in hand, be introduced to the secrets of the vineyard and the magic of winemaking.

End of the day

Return to Chalon-sur-Saône and check-in at the 3* hotel located in the town centre. The evening continues with a group dinner, before spending the night there.

DAY 2

Morning

Guided tour of the Niépce Museum

The cradle of photography! This European museum traces the evolution of the image, from the earliest plates to digital photographs. Cameras, archives, temporary exhibitions... for all audiences, from the curious to the enthusiast.

Lunch in the town centre

Afternoon

Guided tour of Rully Castle

An authentic **family fortress nestled amongst the vineyards**. From the 12th-century keep to the Renaissance residence, via the vaulted kitchens and stone roofs, this living castle reveals its architectural and traditional secrets.

Tasting of Crémant de Bourgogne at a vineyard estate

The village of Rully is considered the **birthplace of Crémant de Bourgogne**, as it was here that the first methods for producing this sparkling wine were developed in the 19th century.

End of the day and of our services.
Return to your home town.

Option for an additional day trip to the Côte de Beaune

ON REQUEST

Guided tour of the Fallot Mustard Factory,

Guided tour of the Hôtel-Dieu de Beaune,

Tour and tasting at the Cassissium in Nuits-Saint-Georges





3-day tour

Authentic Burgundy: History, vineyards and monuments

From

363€ VAT / pers

Based on a group of 30 people

Included:



Guided tours

Lunches
and dinners

Tasting sessions



Hotel



Not included:

Transport, dinners' drinks
and personal expenses

DAY 1

Morning

Guided tour of the Niépce Museum

A historic snapshot to kick off your stay. As the **cradle of photography**, the museum traces the evolution of the image, from the earliest plates to contemporary practices, through cameras, archives and exhibitions accessible to all visitors.

Guided tour of Chalon-sur-Saône

Strolling along the banks of the Saône, crossing Place Saint-Vincent and the old town centre, **discover a city marked by its past** as a Merovingian capital and by the



Chalon-sur-Saône

importance of its great medieval fairs. **Saint-Vincent Cathedral and its cloister**, unique in Bourgogne-Franche-Comté, are the highlight of your visit.

Lunch in the town centre

Afternoon

Guided tour of Germolles Castle

Former residence of the Dukes of Burgundy, this 14th-century castle reveals its decorated apartments, its chapel, its hall of honour and its grounds. A guaranteed immersion in the world of medieval royalty!

Tour and tasting in the heart of the Côte Chalonnaise

A visit to a Mercurey estate and a guided tasting of four wines will allow you to explore the vineyard in a relaxed atmosphere and discover the winemakers' expertise, from vineyard work to the secrets of winemaking.

End of the day

At the end of the day, **return to Chalon-sur-Saône**, check-in at the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 2

 Morning

Departure for Cormatin and a tour of the castle

The guided tour of **Cormatin Castle** allows you to explore a vast 17th-century estate surrounded by wide moats and featuring a magnificent French-style garden.

Behind its impressive façades, the castle hides refined interiors and a spectacular 21-metre-high open-riser staircase. Beware of heights!

 Lunch in Tournus

 Afternoon


Guided tour of Tournus Abbey

Fancy some more amazing discoveries? If so, here is **Saint-Philibert Abbey**, world-renowned for its Romanesque art.

It will impress you with its fortress-like appearance and the harmony of its monastic complex, whilst offering an insight into the religious and architectural history of the Middle Ages.

Guided tour of the town

The walk continues with a guided tour of the **town of Tournus**. Picturesque narrow streets, colourful façades and rounded tiled roofs lend an almost southern feel to your visit.

 End of the day

At the end of the day, return to your hotel in Chalon-sur-Saône, dinner and overnight stay there.



Cormatin Castle



DAY 3

 Morning

Exploring Le Creusot

The day begins in Le Creusot with a **guided tour of the town** and its industrial heritage. This heritage is closely linked to the history of the Schneider family and the rise of the metalworking industry in Burgundy.

A cultural fusion with a visit to the Petit Théâtre, a former smelting furnace converted in the early 20th century into a magnificent pocket theatre inspired by the Petit Trianon at Versailles.

Departure for Le Creusot C.F.C. station

Board the Trans-Bourgogne Express!

Settle into the dining car and enjoy lunch whilst travelling through the Burgundian countryside. A journey as delicious as it is picturesque.

 An unusual lunch on board the train

 Afternoon

Visit to the 241 P 17 locomotive

The afternoon is devoted to a tour of the **241 P 17 locomotive**, a jewel of France's railway heritage. In the restoration workshops, let yourself be inspired by the passion of the volunteers who preserve the locomotive by combining expertise with a love of mechanics.

End of the trip and of our services.

Le Grand Chalon, a destination for automobile enthusiasts

Tailor-made driving tours, for a day or a longer stay

With its rolling roads, the vineyards of the Côte Chalonnaise, charming villages and gourmet stops, Chalon-sur-Saône and the Grand Chalon region offer an ideal setting for **combining the pleasure of driving with the discovery of an exceptional heritage**. The destination is aimed at owners of classic cars and, more broadly, at motoring enthusiasts wishing to explore the region at the wheel of their own vehicle.

Full-day driving tour

- Selected scenic routes
- Stops at lookout points
 - Gourmet lunch
 - Tour and tasting

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to the group

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- 3-star accommodation with secure parking
 - Selected restaurants
 - Cultural experiences and tastings

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Tour guide



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