

Whether you are lovers of the town or the countryside, what really counts in Franche-Comté is to be in love. This is an area perfect for couples! Sleep up in the treetops or at the water's edge, and take away with you some fond memories of fairy-tale castles and of strolling hand-in-hand through the narrow streets of the region's capital with its hidden charms. These are just some of the gentle attractions awaiting you and your loved one here in Franche-Comté this spring!



THE VALLEY CASTLE ROUTE: FOR LOVERS OF REAL-LIFE FAIRY TALES

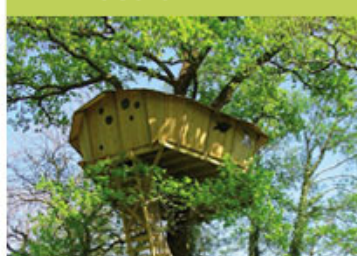
Within a radius of barely 15 km around Val de Bonnal valley you can set off to discover a wealth of authentic castles straight out of a fairy-tale book.

Get ready for a journey through the luscious green countryside and through history itself. **Oricourt** and **Vallerots-le-Bois** bring the mediaeval period to life before your eyes.

Filain and its gardens reveal the elegance of the 14th century. For their part, the **Domaine de Bourneil** estate in Cubry and **Villersexel** will help you discover the splendour of the 18th and 19th centuries.



THE GREAT LAKES TREEHOUSES



1 day / 1 night

FROM
€59
/PERSON

It could almost be every child's dream! Sleeping up in the treetops in a wooden tree house perched on high. In the mornings, you can wake up gently to the sound of birdsongs after your unique and romantic night in the woods.

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THE CITADELLE: FOR LOVERS OF THE REGION'S HISTORY

If there is one site which is truly emblematic of the Franche-Comté, this is it!

Listed as UNESCO World Heritage, this fortress built by Vauban watches over Franche-Comté's capital with its distinctive silhouette on the skyline comprising one of the town's defining features.

Explore the maze of streets leading up to the fortress and admire this splendid *comtoise* monument. More than just a guardian and custodian of the area's history, the fortress is also a lively venue used for festivities. Feel free to request the event programme!

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A ROMANTIC STAY ON A BARGE



2 days / 1 night

FROM
€165
/PERSON

Moored on a loop in the Doubs which snakes around Besançon, the "Quétude" (*Tranquillity*) barge certainly deserves its name.

Get the most from a B&B + evening meal (set menu) package to enjoy a timeless stay in the capital of... timekeeping!

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The delights contained in this e-letter were chosen for you by Anne Chauveau, a journalist in Franche-Comté. She recommends them to you as heartily as she would to her friends.

DELIGHTS

CHEZ BARTHOD

Here is an establishment which has become an institution in its own right! There is a wine cellar and boutique at street level and in the rear yard you will find a small restaurant, which has been offering wine by the glass and hearty meals long before its competitors. Since 1987, this winning formula has continued to delight visitors and is updated in keeping with the seasons and the availability of produce on the markets.



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LES GOURMANDS LISENT



And as we are in rue Bersot, let's pay a visit to "Les Gourmands Lisent". This is a small bookshop and wine cellar offering no shortage of treasures to be sipped, read, nibbled and enjoyed. Truly irresistible!

20, rue Bersot in Besançon - Tel.: +33 (0)3 81 82 27 14

LE MOULIN DE LA PELLE

The menu at this extraordinary restaurant includes healthy, refined cooking with fresh, seasonal and usually local products. Situated in a marvellous natural setting between a stream and a river, a visit here is as relaxing as it is filling.



Open at weekends only. Tel.: +33 (0)6 66 27 81 71

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RENDEZ-VOUS

THE "MOTS D'AMOUR" FESTIVAL ON FEBRUARY 12 & 13 IN BAUME-LES-DAMES



Bringing you a generous dose of love, humour, street art, theatre and creative, risqué or incisive writing, the festival enters its ninth year in 2011, when love once again takes centre stage in the Franche-Comté.

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THE ASIAN CINEMA FESTIVAL FROM FEBRUARY 08 TO 15 IN VESOUL

Europe's leading Asian cinema festival has today become a prestigious event and will be celebrating its 17th year in 2011. Eighty authors' films, celebrity guests and 30,000 festival-goers are expected.



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(french website)

"LA PERCÉE DU VIN JAUNE" ON FEBRUARY 5 & 6 IN ARBOIS



For its 15th event, this legendary gathering of Jura wine enthusiasts will be held in the capital of Jura wines. As ever, there will be competitions, opportunities for wine tasting, a huge auction of old vintages along with cookery competitions and of course plenty of fun!

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