

# Not to be missed

## 1 Grand Parc Miribel Jonage

At the gateway to the Dombes region, enjoy one of Europe's largest peri-urban parks. At l'Atol, you'll find water and land activities, and at l'Iloz, walks and activities for children. Discover the many events organized throughout the year. Taste the «Saveurs du Grand Parc» with its honeys, flours...

L'Atol +33 4 78 80 56 20 - l'Iloz +33 4 37 26 85 10  
[www.grand-parc.fr](http://www.grand-parc.fr)



## 2 Les Jardins Aquatiques

Enjoy a change of scenery in this landscaped park of over 35,000 m<sup>2</sup>, the ideal place to stroll among the wide variety of endemic and Asian-inspired plants. This relaxing space offers a multitude of waterfalls and pools where Koi carp swim amid water lilies, lotus and bamboo...

01140 St-Didier-sur-Chalaronne  
+33 4 74 04 03 09 - <https://parc.lesjardinsaquatiques.fr/>



## 3 Le Parc des Oiseaux

Welcome to Europe's largest bird park. Birds of the world, wild birds... a unique concept! Admire the world's finest show of birds in flight, a unique event made possible by a wide variety of species and passionate caretakers.

01330 Villars-les-Dombes  
+33 4 74 98 05 54 - [www.parcdesoiseaux.com](http://www.parcdesoiseaux.com)



## 4 Ars-sur-Formans

Discover the sanctuary of Ars, where some 350,000 pilgrims and tourists converge every year, drawn by the story of Jean-Marie Vianney, Saint Curé, patron saint of all parish priests. Contemplate the work of the Ateliers Grévin at the Wax Museum and relive, life-size, the highlights of an extraordinary man.

Ars-Trévoix Tourist Office  
+33 4 74 08 10 76 - [www.ars-trevoix.com](http://www.ars-trevoix.com)



## 5 Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne

A medieval town of character, full of flowers, discover its corbelled houses, suspension bridges and 15th-century halles, home to one of France's finest markets. Enjoy a stroll along the castle ramparts and take in the arboretum.

Dombes Tourism  
+33 4 74 55 02 27 - [www.dombes-tourisme.com](http://www.dombes-tourisme.com)



## 6 Ars-sur-Formans

A Cistercian abbey, it was founded by Trappist monks who came to Dombes to drain some of the ponds and improve living conditions. Its red bricks and unusual architecture will win you over. You'll also discover muscine (a secret recipe) and other farm products: apples, cheeses, juices, fruit jellies...

1600, route de l'Abbaye - 01330 Le Plantay  
+33 7 80 77 47 66 - [www.dombes.chemin-neuf.fr](http://www.dombes.chemin-neuf.fr)

## 7 Miribel

Admire France's tallest religious statue, «La Madone», at Mas Rillier. Listen to its 50-bell carillon in a custom-built campanile with exceptional acoustics. The ensemble is listed as a Historic Monument. Every month, a free carillon concert is offered, and in summer, tours, family events and the Swing Sous les Etoiles festival.

Dombes Côtier Tourism  
+33 4 78 55 61 16 - [www.dombes-cotiere-tourisme.fr](http://www.dombes-cotiere-tourisme.fr)

## 8 Montluel

Over the centuries, this ancient seigneurie has preserved the riches of its past. Stroll through its narrow streets to discover its history and monuments: The Collégiale Notre-Dame-des-Marais, the Tour Carrée, the Apothicairerie and the Ancien Hospice are all well worth a visit. Take the high ground to discover the buildings in the upper part of the town: La Madone, the Chapelle Saint-Barthélemy and the remains of the old feudal castle, now converted into an open-air theater, will amaze you.

«Le Costellan» Tourist Office  
+33 4 72 25 78 54 - <https://lecostellan.3cm.fr/>

## 9 Montmerle-sur-Saône

Let yourself be seduced by this charming commune on the banks of the Saône. Follow the towpath upstream to the Minimes site. A 17th-century chapel and a tower surrounded by vines offer a magnificent panorama of the Val de Saône and the Beaujolais mountains.

Val de Saône Centre Tourist Office  
+33 4 74 67 20 68 - [www.tourisme-val-de-saone.fr](http://www.tourisme-val-de-saone.fr)

## 10 Péruges

This medieval gem is the only «Most Beautiful Village in France» in the Ain department. Let yourself be enchanted by its cobble streets, imposing fortress church, beautiful architecture and gourmet sugar galette. This lively village, with its passionate craftsmen, is a must-see.

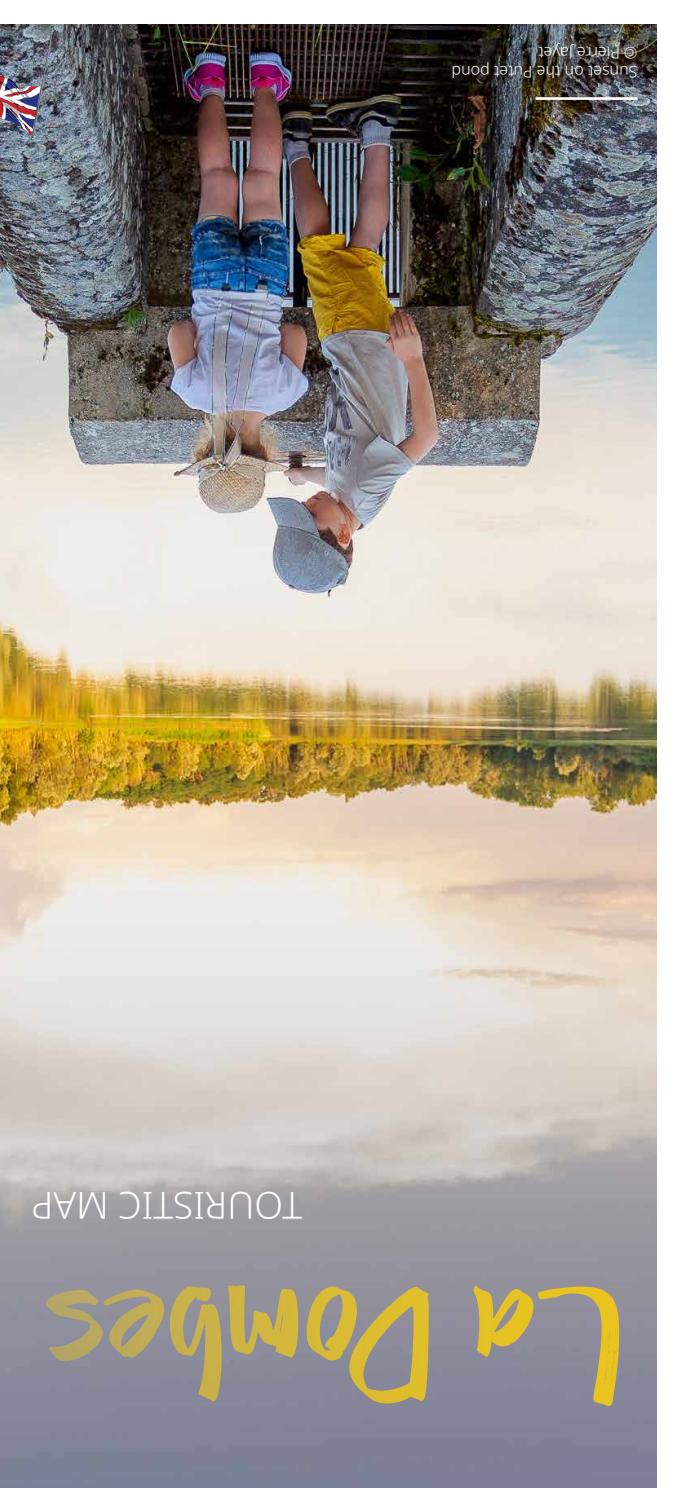
Péruges Bugey Tourism  
+33 9 67 12 70 84 - [www.perouges-bugey-tourisme.com](http://www.perouges-bugey-tourisme.com)



## 11 Trévoux

The medieval town of Trévoux lies on the banks of the Saône in the heart of a Pays d'Art et d'Histoire. Take a stroll through the capital of the Principality of Dombes, home to some 15 artists' and craftsmen's workshops, a fortified castle, a Parliament and two museographic spaces to help you understand its unusual history.

Ars-Trévoix Tourist Office  
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## Nature walks

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## Angling in Dombes



You can fish in rivers or in dedicated ponds, with or without no kill (fish are released back into the pond after being caught).

To fish, you need a day pass, which you can obtain at various sales outlets (Gamm Vert, Maison de la Presse, Vival, etc.).

## Where to fish in Dombes?

- Rivière La Chalaronne à Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne ou Villars-les-Dombes
- Etangs des Prés Gaudet à Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne
- Etang Chaffaud à Villars-les-Dombes
- Etang du Domaine de la Dombes à St Paul de Varax
- Etang Hector à Lapeyrouse
- Etang Chamarin au Plantay
- Plan d'eau des Brotteaux à Chatillon la Palud
- Les Bassins de Birieux à Birieux

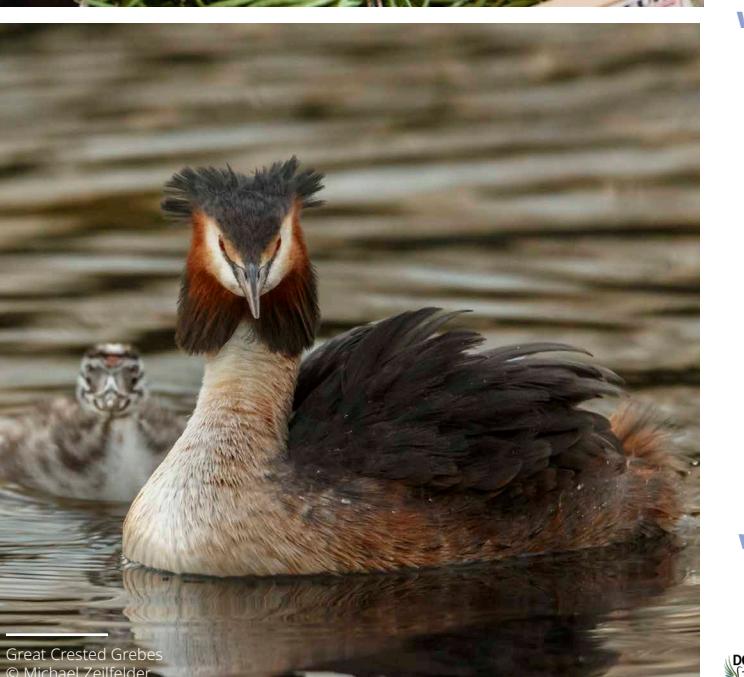
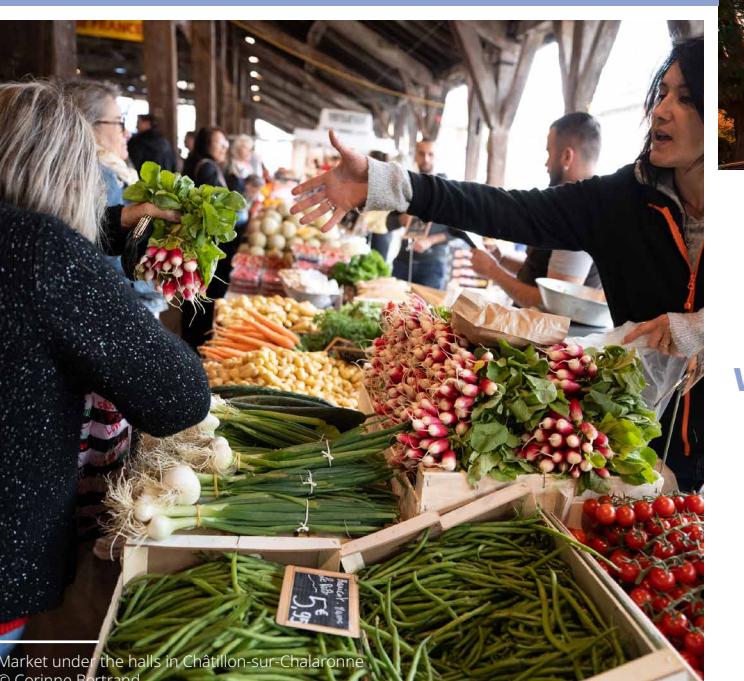


## Picnicking in the heart of nature

On the banks of a pond or river, at the end of a walking trail, at the foot of Notre-Dame des Dombes Abbey, in the heart of the arboretum at Châtillon... there's no shortage of places to picnic in the Dombes.

Put together your own picnic using local produce bought at markets, producers' stores, directly from the farm or in local shops.

A word of advice: make sure you leave no trace of your visit, and take your garbage with you.



## DOMBES TOURISME

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(Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne)

[WWW.DOMBES-TOURISME.COM](http://WWW.DOMBES-TOURISME.COM)

## ARS-TRÉVOUX TOURIST OFFICE

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[WWW.DOMBES-COTIERE-TOURISME.FR](http://WWW.DOMBES-COTIERE-TOURISME.FR)

## LE COSTELLAN TOURIST OFFICE

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[HTTPS://LECOSTELLAN.3CM.FR/](https://LECOSTELLAN.3CM.FR/)

## VAL DE SAÔNE CENTRE TOURIST OFFICE

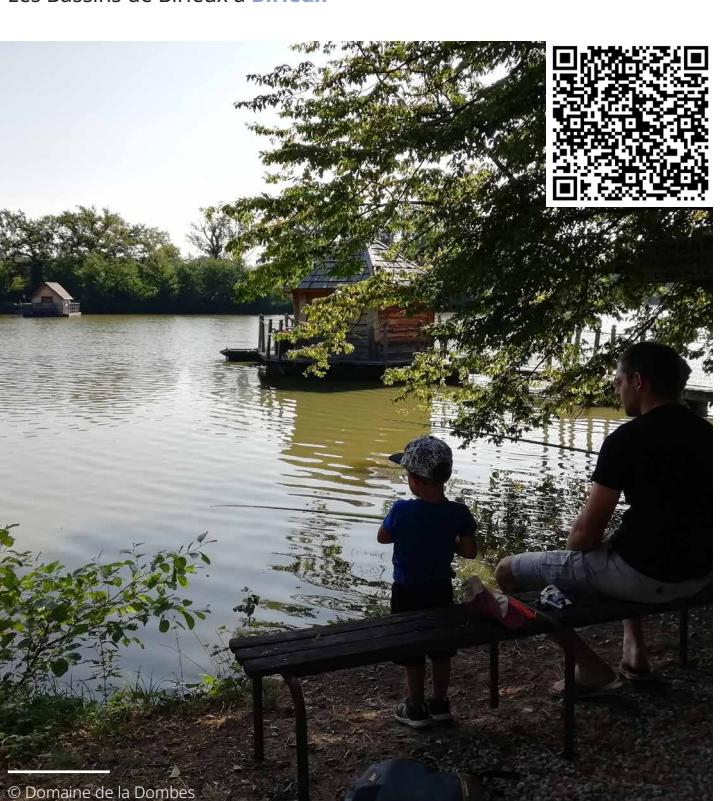
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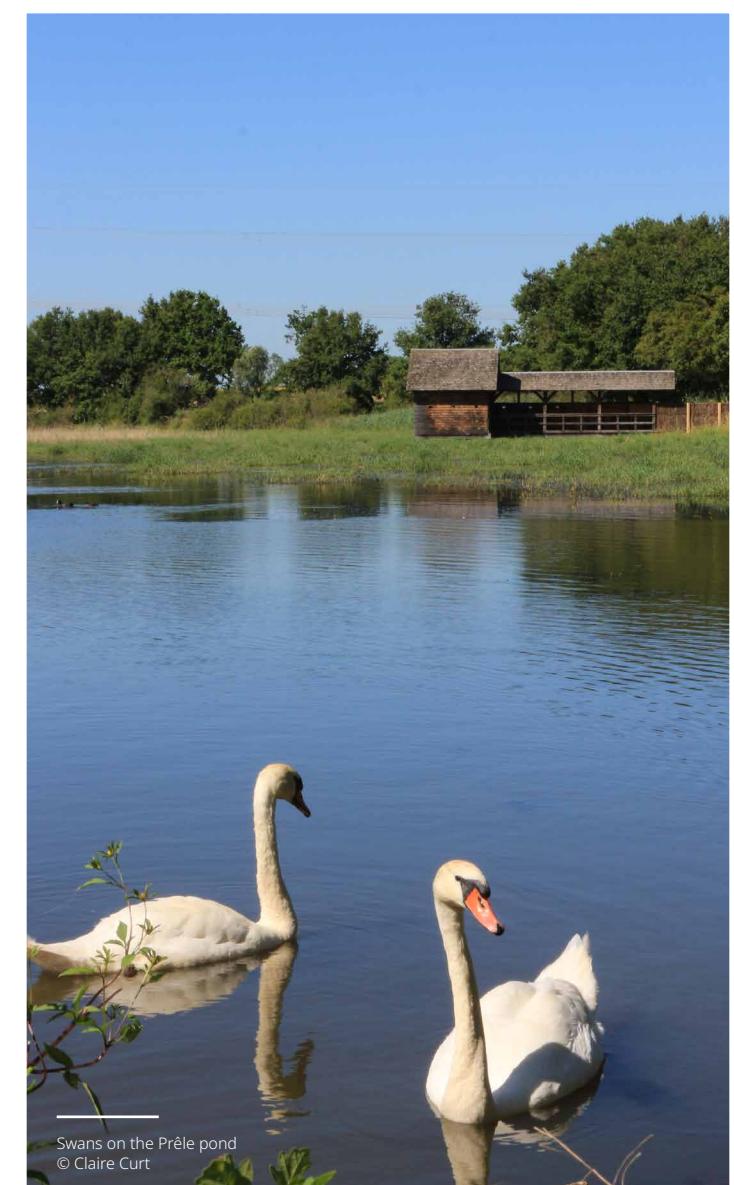
[WWW.TOURISME-VAL-DE-SAONE.FR](http://WWW.TOURISME-VAL-DE-SAONE.FR)

## PÉROUGES BUGEY TOURISME

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## Practical Information

- Tourist Office
- Fishing pond
- Observatory
- Golf
- Walking circuit
- Canoe
- Acrobranche® (tree climbing)
- Nature site
- Heritage site
- Castle with tours
- Motorhome parking area
- Airport
- Railroad line
- Train station
- Freeway
- Exit
- Voie Bleue Moselle-Saône by bike
- ViaRhôna

