

## Experience nature in Franche Comté!



Between the mountain range, fields, forests and waters, nature is simply beautiful, lush and varied... With its more than 700'000 hectares of woods, which sums up to about 42% of the surface of Franche Comté, its over 9'000 caves, 5'500 km of waterways and 80 lakes, Franche Comté is a paradise for holidays in the middle of nature and to spend time hiking. Natural sights, special hiking-trails on culture or gastronomy, one-day-tours included in the program or as a main holiday destination, for individual travellers or groups, there are hundreds of possibilities. [more info](#)

### Hiking...

*On foot, on horseback or by bike, for leisure or as a sport challenge, hiking has found its ideal setting here.*



#### On foot:

More than 7'000 km of marked paths take hikers through fir forests or deciduous woodland, characteristic villages, vineyards or along rivers, over fields or up the summits.

#### By bicycle or mountain bike:

Franche Comté is a paradise for cyclists. More than 3'500 km of marked cycle routes of all levels take through the departments, each of them with its own characteristics, either relaxed along riverbanks, through little villages full of cultural treasures or through valleys and up mountains for the more ambitious cyclist. Just as well, there are more than 3'500 km of tracks for mountain bikers. From beginners to skilled cyclists, everyone finds what they are looking for.

#### On horseback:

Numerous equestrian centres, farms and stables are scattered all over the area. They offer whatever route is requested over all four departments. Hikes, accompanied by a donkey to carry luggage or small children, are also available.

## Organisation :

Accommodation of all different types available  
Luggage-transport available  
Hiring of bicycles or mountain bikes available  
Guided walks/hikes available  
Route-descriptions and maps available

#### Information on hiking-tours

Region Franche-Comté [more info](#)  
Department Jura [more info](#)  
Department Doubs [more info](#)  
Department Haute-Saône [more info](#)  
Department Territoire de Belfort [more info](#)

#### Examples

Hikes in Doubs [more info](#)  
Hikes in Jura [more info](#)  
Bicycle-tours in Haute-Saône [more info](#)  
Bicycle-tours in Pays de Montbéliard [more info](#)  
Mountain biking in les Rousses [more info](#)  
Mountain biking in Metabief [more info](#)  
UNESCO, hiking & cycling [more info](#)

## CROSSING THE JURA

On foot, by bicycle or mountain bike, snow-shoe hiking or cross-country skiing, the legendary route is an absolute pleasure all year round. A 400 km marked hiking trail takes from the Gorges du Doubs (Doubs gorge) to the Monts du Jura (Jura mountains). 90 accommodation facilities of high quality are available for stays of any length. [more info](#)

## EURO VELO 6

187 km of the Eurovelo 6, a 4'000 km bike-course between Nantes and Budapest, run through Franche Comté, between Burgundy and Alsace. Eurovelo 6 is a fully secured and signposted route. Depending on the cyclist's constitution and the means of transport, it can be accomplished in larger or smaller steps. [more info](#)



## LA COULEE VERTE

Cycling for all the family!

The route takes over former towpaths and connects Montbéliard and Belfort.

[more info](#)



## JURA DU GRAND 8

Specialised in horseback riding, le Jura du Grand Huit offers a 1'500 km course, lined with accommodation facilities. At any time of the year, the signposted route offers a huge variety of possible rides between the lakes, vineyards and mountains. [more info](#)

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### Editorial:

Why "News from Franche-Comté" ?

Still not too well known, Franche-Comté has nevertheless a lot to offer. Now you can get the "News from Franche-Comté" to give you a glimpse of the region which might become a new destination for your customers.

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