

# Trip description

# 5 days at the heart of the Doubs valley

Ride along the Doubs river and discover the treasures of a beautiful region!



Destination	France
Location	Vallée du Doubs
Duration	5 days
Difficulty Level	Easy
Validity	from mid-April to October
Minimum age	9 year
Reference	VD0501

Type of stay itinerant trip



# **Itinerary**



This bike ride in the heart of the region Franche-Comté is not only a dive into the luxuriant nature where cliffs and forests are reflected in the peaceful waters of the river, but also a journey for the foodies: sausages from Montbéliard, Comté, Cancoillotte, Mont d'Or, hot pot from the Comtoise, without forgetting the famous yellow wine.

From the beautiful city of Belfort with its 18th century facades and the lion sculpture overlooking the city, you quickly reach the small peaceful town of Montbéliard and follow the meanders of the Doubs river to reach the vibrant city of Besançon. Along the way, make sure tostop at the Peugeot museum, which traces the history of this great industrial epic.

#### Day 1

#### **Arrival in Belfort**

You arrive in the beautiful city of Belfort. More than a beautiful Vauban citadel and the sculpture of the lion Bartholdi, which made the city famous, you will find a vibrant city with its wide shopping streets, its quaint squares, its Haussmanian buildings with handsome facades covered with geranium.

### Day 2

#### Belfort - Montbéliard

Bike **31km**  You leave Belfort along the banks of the Savoureuse river. You can choose to continue straight along the canal or cross the forest and follow along the Rhine to the Rhone Canal. Your bike route takes you to Sochaux and the Peugeot Museum. Discover this industrial epic before entering the small Renaissance town Montbéliard.

Climb to the castle of the Dukes of Württemberg, visit the Saint-Martin temple, the oldest religious building of the Reformation in France and stroll through the medieval streets admiring the houses with their colorful facades. Do not miss in the evening to taste the famous sausage of Montbéliard!

### Day 3

## Montbéliard - Baume-les-Dames

Bike 63km Today your bike ride leads you to discover the beautiful loops of the river Doubs. First you have to leave the city and Montbéliard to meander leisurely on bike paths the bucolic edges of this river. From Isle-sur-le-Doubs on the valley becomes majestic and very wild. You wind through the incised valley by steep cliffs, which are the delight of climbers. Very beautiful arrival in the small town Baume-les-Dames, labeled "City of character" at the foot of the rift of Babre

### Day 4

# Baume-les-Dames -Besançon

Bike 39km

The Doubs valley is particularly spectacular after leaving Baume-les-Dames. The bike route is very varied: green banks under steep karst cliffs reverberating in the peaceful waters of the Doubs, small villages with bell towers of colored tiles, towpaths lined with plane trees and old brick paper mills tending their chimneys to the sky. At the bend of a loop you arrive without even noticing at the foot of the citadel of Besançon. Big favorite for this student, vibrant and cultural city.

#### Day 5

#### Besançon

Besançon has a very rich historical and cultural heritage. But it does not boil down to its citadel, which includes not only the Vauban fortifications, but also several museums and a zoo. It is also a vibrant city!

Stroll through the semi-pedestrian shopping streets of the city center to meet the many students, who scour the bars along the Doubs. This beautiful city is also a high place of watchmaking; do not miss the astronomical clock and the superb museum of time. Finally you can follow the footsteps of the very famous French writer and politician Victor Hugo, who was born in Besançon.

## Accommodation



# **Category B**

You will get a good night's sleep when you stay in these 3-star hotels or charming Bed and Breakfasts. All properties have been selected for their cleanliness, style and friendliness of the staff. A hearty breakfast is included!



<sup>\*</sup> Example of the type of accommodation

### Practical information

### To get to departure point:

By plane: flight for Bâle (Switzerland) and train to Belfort-Montbeliard TGV (50min).

By train: Regional train or TGV to Belfort-Ville or Belfort-Montbeliard TGV. To plan your trip, www.raileurope.com.

### Parking:

We will inform you about the different options (free and paid-parking) to park your car next to your accomodation in your travel documents.

# To reach back the starting point:

There is a direct train between Besançon and Belfort (1 train per hour, duration: around 1h10). All practical information will be in your travel documents.

# Price description

3-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (sadddle bags, locks, toolkit) the delivery and the return of the bikes the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information 7/7 hotline

High season (*)	30 €/pers
Single occupancy extra	67 €/night
Solo traveller extra	80€
Extra night in Belfort	75 €/pers
Extra night in Besançon	67 €/pers

### Options

Luggage transport

For 1 person 235 €/pers

For 2-3 persons 117 €/pers

For +4 persons 72 €/pers

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (3 days) 125 €/pers

Discount if you ride your own bicycle -75 €/pers

(\*) **High season**: du 01.07 au 30.09.2024

 $\label{lem:count} \textbf{Children discount} \ \ \text{(in the same room as 2 full rate participants):} \\$ 

0-4 years : -70% 5-11 years : -50% 12-17 years : -30%

## The package doesn't include :

the journey to the tour location the drinks the meals which are not included the entrance fee to sites insurances (optional)

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