

CANTON OF JURA

VISITORS' GUIDE



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WELCOME TO THE CANTON OF JURA !

Jura is an area of unspoilt countryside in north-western Switzerland.

SPORTS AND LEISURE

This region of rolling hills dotted with picturesque towns and villages is full of things to see and do. It's a haven for outdoor sports throughout the year, with plenty to offer visitors of all tastes and abilities. With golf, competitive rock climbing, canoeing, all-terrain scooters, horse riding, cross-country skiing in winter, mountain biking and more, Jura boasts a wide range of activities in magnificent surroundings. And if you prefer to strike out and see the countryside in all its glory, you can explore the unspoilt surroundings along more than 1,000 km of footpaths.

THE HOME OF EQUESTRIAN TOURISM

Jura is the home of Switzerland's only native horse breed, the Franches-Montagnes (or Freiburger), and there are plenty of ways to enjoy the area from the saddle, including horse-and-wagon rides and our traditional fondue and gourmet dining trips, along with stud tours, traditional Romani horse-drawn caravans, and more.

WATCH MAKING

Watch making was invented in Jura, and here you'll learn about all things time-keeping. The museum at the Espace Paysan Horloger tells the story of modern watch making, and the Watch Case Museum and the Watch-Making Foundation provide a fascinating insight into this quintessential Swiss craft. And in our watchmaking workshops you can even have a go at assembling your very own timepiece to take home !

CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

Another great way to get under the skin of Jura is to experience some of our wide range of cultural activities. For culture vultures, our region boasts no end of museums, art galleries – both classical and contemporary, open-air exhibitions such as the Balade de Séprais sculpture park, and historical attractions galore. For example, did you know that Jura is home to the highest concentration of modern stained-glass art in Western Europe ?

And if historical buildings are your thing, it's worth taking the time to seek out some of our beautifully preserved traditional Jura towns and villages such as Delémont, Porrentruy and the picture-postcard medieval village of Saint-Ursanne, the ' Pearl of the Doubs '.

EVENTS

Because Jura is such a small, intimate canton, you're never far from a warm, friendly village welcome from the locals. This is your chance to get stuck in and experience the traditions of Jura up close and personal, all year round. Get toggled out in fancy dress for Jura Carnival, join us for a hearty feast on Saint Martin's Day, head back to the Middle Ages in Saint-Ursanne, and get drawn into the excitement at the Saignelégier equestrian exhibition and horse-racing event.

FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Stay at least one night in Jura and you'll qualify for the JURA-PASS, which entitles you to FREE public transport and reduced admission to a host of activities !

AROUND AND ABOUT BY BIKE

Jura is THE place to see from the saddle ! Like mountain biking, gravel riding or e-bikes ? Then Jura is for you ! Explore every nook and cranny of the region on hundreds of kilometres of waymarked routes, from rolling hills to wooded pastureland, dreamy villages and (almost) enchanted forests.

STARTS

Delémont

DISTANCE

40 km

ASCENT

950 m

DIFFICULTY


Moderate

FINISHES

St-Ursanne

ROUTE NO.3 – JURA BIKE

Just a stone's throw from central Delémont the rolling hills begin. Your route climbs towards the Rangiers Mountains, and from the col of the same name you whizz down into the deep Doubs Valley. The final stretch potters along the riverside, ending in the medieval village of Saint-Ursanne.

360° trip through
the Jura 



STARTS

Montfaucon

DISTANCE

22 km

ASCENT

460 m

DIFFICULTY

Easy

FINISHES

Montfaucon

DESCENT

440 m

FITNESS

Minimal

ROUTE NO.723 – COURTINE BIKE

This easy route starts at Montfaucon (Le Pré-Petitjean railway station) and takes you through a patchwork of landscapes, natural attractions and heritage sites in the Franches-Montagnes district.

Cycling routes to explore



Pottering in the saddle



STARTS

Courgenay

DISTANCE

36 km

ASCENT

1,100 m

DIFFICULTY

Moderate

FINISHES

Saignelégier

DESCENT

640 m


FITNESS

Moderate

ROUTE NO.7 – JURA ROUTE

Jura Route runs alongside the mysterious River Doubs, taking in the medieval village of Saint-Ursanne, followed by some tough climbs up to the high plains of Franches-Montagnes. The sweeping, peaceful scenery includes meadows, fir forests, grazing cattle and horses.



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the Jura 



THE DOUBS... TREASURE TROVE OF DISCOVERIES

off the beaten track ★

TREASURE HUNT ON THE DOUBS

Set off on an adventure worthy of a Hollywood movie along Jura's iconic river ! Adventurers, to your canoes ! Paddle the tranquil waters of the Doubs to seek out the hidden treasure by solving the clues along the way. And who knows – maybe you'll find more than one hidden delight ? Two safe, easy paddling options, starting from Saint-Ursanne. Great for all the family.



traffic lights

Watery adventures



The Doubs is a particularly tranquil river, Just the job for a gentle paddle in a canoe while watching the amazing plant and animal life go by. From the water you get a totally different view of our region – in peace and quiet.

BORN TO RUN FREE !



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the Jura 





Saddle up for more



Home to a mix of wooded pastureland and sweeping landscapes, Jura is a haven of peace and quiet for the semi-feral horses that roam the countryside here. It is also an equestrian paradise for both regular riders and visitors who come here to have their first experiences with horses. Several farms organise guided hacks and pony trekking for riders of all abilities, plus stud tours and excursions in horse-drawn carts and carriages.

THE BEST WALKS AND HIKEs

our pick ♥

THE RIDGES OF FRANCHES-MONTAGNES

A walk on the Franches-Montagnes plateau that picks its way along ridges, through wooded pastures and past quaint hamlets, taking in sweeping views of Jura Mountains.

STARTS	FINISHES
Les Breuleux	Le Noirmont
DISTANCE	DURATION
10 km	2 hrs 35
ASCENT	DESCENT
220 m	260 m
DIFFICULTY	FITNESS
easy	minimal



Up hill and down dale



STARTS	FINISHES
Montsevelier	ditto
DISTANCE	DURATION
11 km	3 hrs 50
ASCENT	DESCENT
700 m	680 m
DIFFICULTY	FITNESS
easy	minimal

VAL TERBI TRAIL

This hike in the upper Val Terbi includes the climb up to the Welschgätterli Pass. This rocky Alpine col, on the 'border' between the French- and German-speaking parts of Switzerland, Treats hikers to a panoramic view of the Delémont Valley and the Basel and Solothurn regions. And there are some gorgeous picnic spots along the way.



1,130km

of footpaths and trails

STARTS	FINISHES
Bonfol	Bonfol
DISTANCE	DURATION
10 km	4 hrs 20
ASCENT	DESCENT
280 m	280 m
DIFFICULTY	FITNESS
easy	moderate

BONFOL KM 0

This walk marks 'Kilometre Zero', the southernmost point on the Western Front that ran all the way from the Swiss border to the North Sea during the First World War. In the forest here you'll come across the remains of military barricades, observation posts and bunkers. The walk crosses the border at several points.



IMMERSE YOURSELF INTO AN OASIS OF WELLBEING

opposite:
Pleujouse

double-page spreads
overleaf:
Etang de la Gruère,
Pichoux Gorge
and Lac Vert,
Les Sommètres

NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

Jura is packed with a host of weird and wonderful geological oddities. Our best-loved natural attractions include the **Etang de la Gruère** lake, the Bonfols Lakes, the Réclère Caves, the Lac de Lucelle and the spectacular rocks at Les Sommètres.




36,290

hectares of forests

Wild wonders





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FUN, OUT OF THE ORDINARY AND MADE IN JURA

Courroux
(in Delémont
from late 2025)

JUMPING JACK

This indoor trampoline park covering more than 750 m² and featuring six exciting fun zones is the perfect place to let the kids run wild and let off steam.

Located in Courroux, this brand new trampoline park is great for adults too ! It's open all year round for birthday parties, family fun and having a blast with your mates.

Saignelégier
During the winter, when
snow is on the ground,
this trail is closed.

DETECTIVE TRAIL

Set off in search of clues with Detective Badger, and follow the trail for 6.7 km ! This fun activity starts at the iconic Halle du Marché-Concours and explores the countryside around Saignelégier. With Detective Badger's help, solve the riddles and puzzles you discover along the way. Through wooded pastures and thick forests, keep your eyes peeled and follow the photo clues on your route sheet. And who knows ? Maybe there'll be a prize waiting for you at the end !

Boncourt

BUFFALO PARK

Recently, Jura has become the stamping ground of a famous animal worthy of the Wild West... Can you guess which one ? The Buffalo !

Have you ever wished you could walk with confidence among a great herd of buffalo ? Well, here you can ! The Parc à Bisons in Boncourt, a pretty town right on the French border, is a great family attraction where you can get up close and personal to Europe's largest land mammal – weighing up to 1,200 kg !

Don't miss the guided tour and the thrilling horse-drawn ride among the herd !

Try something different



our pick ♥

Réclère

PRÉHISTO-PARC

West of Porrentruy, right on the French border near the tiny village of Réclère, embark on a fascinating journey through time at Préhisto-Parc.

Préhisto-Parc is an exciting 2km dinosaur trail through the woods. Go back millions of years in time as you explore the trail, Coming across no fewer than 45 life-size dinosaur models that follow the evolution of these incredible beasts. And from the high observation tower you are treated to amazing views of the meandering Doubs Valley.




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ONE-OFF SWISS EXPERIENCES THAT ARE TRULY UNIQUE !

our pick ♥

July

LES MÉDIÉVALES

The total medieval experience : live, eat and dance as if you've gone back in time ! All in one of Switzerland's most iconic and unusual medieval villages : Saint-Ursanne. A weekend-long medieval summer festival held in every odd-numbered year.

November

ST MARTIN'S DAY DELIGHTS

Tuck into our traditional St Martin's Day dishes at various restaurants around the region when you Join us to experience our traditional celebration of St Martin's Day, feasting on our delicious local cuisine in unspoilt cosy and friendly surroundings.

June to August

DELÉMONT'BD & LES JARDINS DU DESSIN

Les Jardins du Dessin is a free permanent open-air celebration of graphic art in the streets and gardens of Delémont's old town. Some 25 exhibitions of artwork from graphic novels, comic strips and press illustrations are dotted around the capital of Jura. So what are you waiting for ?

August

MARCHÉ-CONCOURS

This great celebration of the Franches-Montagnes horse breed takes place in Saignelégier on the same dates every August. The Marché-Concours de Saignelégier is a household name in Switzerland, with horse races of all kinds, parades, exhibitions, dancing and good food all vying for attention To ensure the long-term future of Switzerland's only horse breed. Don't miss one of Switzerland's most famous events !

Experience the moment



FOLLOW YOUR NOSE AND SEEK OUT HIDDEN TREASURES...



A different kind of
sightseeing



CIRCUIT SECRET ®

Here's a very different way to see the sights! Had your fill of the usual guided tours around the town? Circuits Secrets take you on a journey through the backstreets, with mysteries and surprises around every corner. The special key you are given unlocks places inaccessible to others, with local actors bringing history alive.



Explore our museums



MUSÉE JURASSIEN D'ART ET D'HISTOIRE

This museum in the heart of Delémont old town unlocks the door to Jura and the history of an entire region. The Jurassic, the monk's head... this permanent exhibition explores the clichés and symbols associated with Switzerland's newest canton, shedding light on the events and places that make Jura and its people what they are today.

GLIDE INTO THE JOYS OF WINTER !


our pick ♥

SNOWSHOEING IN FRANCHES-MONTAGNES

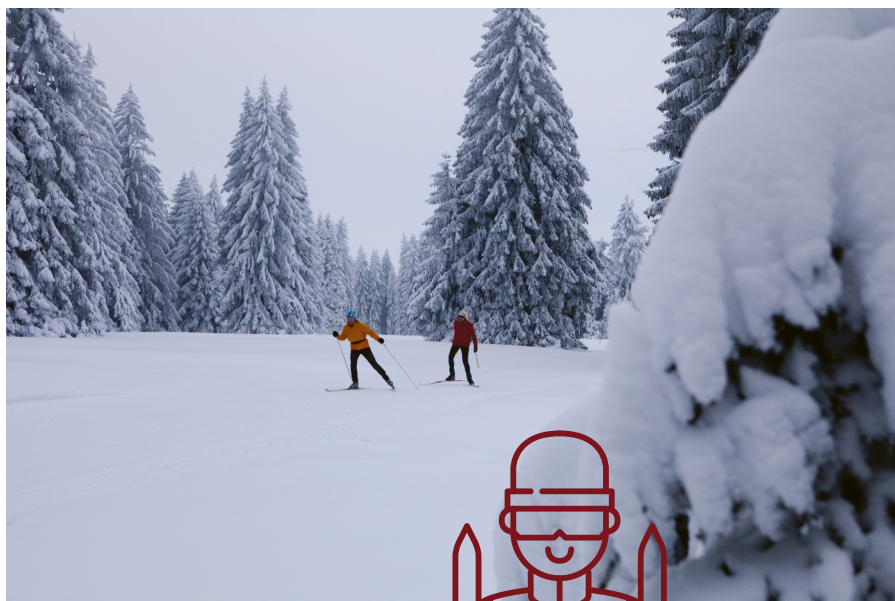
Who needs Lapland ? Franches-Montagnes is a fabulous destination for winter sports enthusiasts. Slip on your snowshoes... and take a deep breath of fresh air.

Winter thrills



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120 km

of cross-country skiing trails

STARTS FINISHES

Les Breuleux Ditto

DISTANCE

11 km

ASCENT

150 m

DIFFICULTY

Moderate

DESCENT

40 m

FITNESS

Moderate

TRAIL NO.303 PISTE DES PREMIERS FLOCONS - CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

A superb circular route around an area with an excellent snow record. The trail winds its way through the wooded pasturelands so typical of Les Breuleux. Lots of variety, with a perfect mix of wide open spaces and tree-lined sections.



A CHEESE WITH SOMETHING OF A REPUTATION.

TÊTE DE MOINE AOP

Tête de Moine AOP cheese has been made for centuries in the village of Bellelay. It is served in very thin rosettes pared off using a tool invented especially – the girolle. At La Maison de la Tête de Moine AOP you can watch the cheese being made in a large copper vat according to a traditional method used by the monks who first made it centuries ago. Or join a guided tour at the cheese dairies at Le Noirmont, Les Reussilles and Saignelégier to see how Tête de Moine AOP is made the modern way.

Gastro tour of the region



DAMASSINE AOP

According to legend, knights returning from a crusade brought with them a little red plum they had found in Damascus – the damson. The locals soon developed a taste for the fruit spirit distilled from its juices. The chalky soils and climate here suit the damson down to the ground, bringing out the essence of its delicate flavours. The result ? Damassine eau de vie, certified AOP for its high quality, which flies the flag for the canton of Jura and the Ajoie region.

A FLAVOR FROM JURA.

Here's a line-up of the finest dining in the region : The restaurants recognised by the famous Gault&Millau gourmet food guide, Picked out for their culinary creativity, insistence on using local produce and unrivalled experience in gastronomy.

Le Noirmont

MAISON WENGER

18 Gault&Millau points

At the iconic Maison Wenger, chef Jérémy Desbraux and his partner Anaëlle Roze serve up an artful blend of local character and fine Jura cuisine. The menu, décor and surroundings offer the very best in refined sophistication.

Châtillon

LE SOLEIL DE CHÂTILLON

16 Gault&Millau points

In the heart of the tranquil village of Châtillon, just outside Delémont, Le Soleil restaurant boasts a pretty terrace with a sunny disposition and its very own herb garden.

Chef Clément Bourgeois took over this gourmet restaurant to pursue his twin passions of gastronomy and nature, with sumptuous results !

Le Boéchet

LE PAYSAN-HORLOGER

14 Gault&Millau points

Le Paysan-Horloger occupies a beautifully refurbished traditional farmhouse in the familiar Franches-Montagnes countryside. Diners are treated to a winning combination of rustic surroundings and a creative yet subtle gourmet offering.

Pleujouse

CHÂTEAU DE PLEUJOUSE

14 Gault&Millau points

Sophisticated, elegant cuisine in remarkable surroundings. This late-11th-century château keeping watch over a peaceful valley in the Ajoie region boasts several modern, comfortable dining rooms. There is also a splendid terrace at the foot of the castle watchtower, featuring a magnificent chestnut tree.

Bon appétit!



Delémont	<p>LA BONNE AUBERGE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT 13 Gault&Millau points A character bistronomic address in the heart of Delémont's old town. Joël and his team invite diners to sample his original gourmet creations featuring high-quality fresh produce. This friendly restaurant in unusual surroundings is the perfect setting for a unique dining experience.</p>
Delémont	<p>KOMACHI 13 Gault&Millau points An intimate Japanese restaurant in Delémont's old town That serves up traditional Japanese family cooking in authentic and warmly welcoming surroundings.</p>
Porrentruy	<p>AUBERGE DU MOUTON 12 Gault&Millau points This hotel-restaurant oozing with history and charm offers Good honest cuisine prepared with seasonal market produce And served in a straightforward, modern way. Meals come with a personally chosen wine selection, with the emphasis on organic and natural Swiss wines from the neighbouring localities.</p>
Delémont	<p>MÉTROPOLE 12 Gault&Millau points The Métropole serves up flavoursome gourmet delights in convivial surroundings in Jura's capital, Delémont.</p>
Saint-Ursanne	<p>PASTAVERNE 12 Gault&Millau points At Pastaverne, diners tuck into the chef's Italian specialities in surroundings with a distinctly medieval flavour. Known for its pasta, freshly made in-house, this atmospheric restaurant offers other regional recipes and produce too.</p>

A great deal more ✓

JURA-PASS

Stay with us for at least one night and use public transport for FREE, plus discounts on a host of activities !



LE JURA C'EST CADEAU

Stay with us in the canton of Jura for at least two nights in May or October and get one activity for FREE !



**LE JURA,
C'EST CADEAU !**



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