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FOREZ
ROANNAIS

en Loire Volcanique

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Welcome Wine Route Forez-Roannais en Loire Volcanique

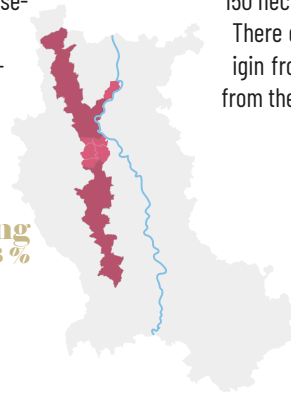
The Volcanic Loire wine-growing area is located in the heart of the Massif Central and is characterised by granitic or basaltic soils with a certain acidity, an exceptional climate partly due to the foehn effect, vines planted at altitudes of between 200 and 600 metres which ensures optimum ripening of the grapes, and a grape variety common to all the wine-growers, namely Gamay.

2 vineyards in the Loire Volcanique Côte Roannaise & Vignoble du Forez

An AOC (Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée) since 1994, the Côte Roannaise is situated in the north of the Loire department and covers some twenty kilometres and 14 communes, and culminates at an altitude of 550 metres. The Gamay grape reigns supreme on these **granite slopes**. The Gamay Saint-Romain is particularly present as it is this grape variety which is native to the area and consequently shapes the identity and the wines in the appellation. The Roanne area, so dear to Pierre Troisgros, is a land of gastronomy and its granite soils give a very special quality to the Gamay Saint-Romain grape variety. The terroir is full of refinement, which is reflected in the fragrant, fresh wines.

Les Côtes du Forez is the vineyard located the furthest upriver in the Loire Valley. It is nestled in the heart of the Loire department on the lower volcanic slopes of the Massif Central, just a stone's throw from St-Étienne and 100 km from Lyon. An AOC (Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée) since 2000, the vineyard now covers almost 150 hectares across 17 communes.

There are two types of soil in this area: **basaltic** mounds of volcanic origin from the oldest volcanoes in France and a granitic **terroir** resulting from the erosion of the Massif Central.



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The Route in figures

- 59 mi of trails
- 72 certified partners
- 32 villages
- 38 winegrowers
- 365 hectares of vines
- 13 mountain bike trails
- 45 tourist attractions

Certification Vignobles & Découvertes

The national 'Vignobles et Découvertes' certification is awarded to destinations offering a complete range of wine and vineyard themed holidays. It combines everything that makes the 'Forez-Roannais en Loire Volcanique Wine Route' so attractive: the vineyards and their cellars, the cultural, natural and intangible heritage (gastronomy, skills and expertise), as well as leisure activities, events, accommodation and restaurants. It offers a warm welcome and gives you the tools you need to understand the world of wine.



The destination

'The Forez-Roannais en Loire Volcanique Wine Route'
has been certified 'Vignobles & Découvertes'
since 18 June 2020

The certification guarantees you a specialised offer and quality services from the 72 approved partners. The selected accommodation will be able to advise you on your vineyard visits and activities, the restaurants will help you discover the region's wines, and the wine cellars will be able to offer you suitable visiting times. The Vignobles & Découvertes certification is your guarantee of an enjoyable stay on the Forez-Roannais en Loire Volcanique wine route!

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full of colour and character visit & enjoy!

Roanne

Restaurants

Michelin-starred restaurants

LE BOIS SANS FEUILLES

Ouches - +33 (0)4 77 71 66 97

Roanne is synonymous with Troisgros, the world-famous three Michelin-starred restaurant. This historic establishment is the leader in providing a generous, gourmet cuisine. It upholds the commitment to flavour and ingredients shared by other restaurateurs in the town.

LE CHÂTEAU D'ORIGNY

Ouches - +33 (0)4 77 72 52 67

Chef Julien Laval is thriving in this 16th-century château, where he offers a gourmet cuisine which is contemporary, refined, understated and inventive. This recently Michelin-starred restaurant is definitely a place worth visiting.

LE PRIEURÉ

Ambierle - +33 (0)4 77 65 63 24

In the heart of the village of Ambierle, this Michelin-starred gourmet restaurant with its sleek,

contemporary décor is housed in a beautiful stone residence. Chef Thierry Fernandes' focus is on selecting the best local ingredients and showcasing local producers.



Bib Gourmand

OMA - Roanne - +33 (0)4 77 71 24 54

Oma offers bistro-style cuisine based on fresh seasonal ingredients. In a relaxed, contemporary setting, chef Ludovic Puzenat makes the most of the finest ingredients with taste and respect.

LE CENTRAL - Roanne +33 (0)4 77 67 72 72

A brasserie opened in 1995 by the Troisgros family. The kitchen, much like the grocery shop has influences from around the world. The freshness of the products is a priority. The set menu every week.

L'ATELIER LOCAVORE

Le Coteau - +33 (0)4 77 68 12 71

A 'locavore' restaurant which uses local raw ingredients from within a 124 mi radius. The menu is refreshed every month.

A must-see



Municipal Theatre

Roanne

This Italian-style theatre is an iconic cultural venue, offering a wide range of shows and events throughout the year.



Bords de Loire -

Roanne

Since April 2021, this new, completely redeveloped area of over 5 hectares combines greenery, paths, games and leisure activities!



Old town - Roanne

The old town is the very soul and charm of Roanne! This place has over twenty centuries of history. It contains the oldest remains of the town, whether visible or not.

La Pacaudière • Le Crozet • Changy

Winegrower

DOMAINE DU TAFRET
VICTOR LEHUGER - Le Crozet

Restaurants

L'AUBERGE DU VIEUX CROZET

Le Crozet - +33 (0)4 26 54 63 22

The dishes are created by our chef in the finest tradition of French cuisine, with a touch of daring and a great deal of attention to detail. The service is meticulous and welcoming.

BURGERS CHEF - La Pacaudière

PIZZ'À DOUDOU - La Pacaudière

Out and about

ROUTE ① - 8 MI LA PACAUDIÈRE

On the edge of the Wine Route, climb up to the characterful village of Le Crozet and wander through the small hamlets to reach Changy, and then La Pacaudière, along paths across the plain.

LES ETANGS - 5.6 MI LA PACAUDIÈRE

If you are quite observant and quiet, you are sure to come across some of the ponds' inhabitants...

L'ORÉE DES BOIS - 6.8 MI LE CROZET

A pleasant walk above the Roanne plain which takes you to the edge of the wooded Montmeugne massif.

L'ETANG D'ARÇON - 6.2 MI CHANGY

Take a stroll through the wooded plain and discover the Etang d'Arçon. A change of scenery is guaranteed, just a stone's throw from Changy!

A must-see



'Village de Caractère en Loire' - Le Crozet

This medieval town, which became a 'Village de Caractère en Loire' and a 'Village du Verre' in 2011, boasts houses dating from the 13th, 15th and 16th centuries.



Le Petit Louvre

La Pacaudière

This 15th and 16th century building was a stopover for the king's officers, a post house for the Royal staff, a centre for the gendarmerie and a presbytery.



The washhouse - Le Crozet

The village discovery trail takes visitors to the lower village where the washhouse is located. This was restored in 2016.





Winegrowers

DOMAINE DES PALAIS

YANN PALAIS - +33 (0)6 19 14 28 80
204 Route du Tacot - Ambierle

In the 18th century, this estate was run by monks from the village. Today, Yann Palais offers organic wine tastings. There is a reception room (for up to 100 people) overlooking a wooded park surrounded by vines.

DOMAINE DE LA BÉNISSON-DIEU

RÉGIS AND AUDE ANOUIL - +33 (0)6 80 38 58 54
370 Route des Belins - Ambierle

One of the smallest in terms of surface area, covering just 2.6 hectares. The estate, which is entirely organic, is run with the aim of making the most of the life in the soil to obtain healthy grapes for 'natural' vinification.

DOMAINE RENITEO

DAVID MICHELIS - Ambierle

LES VINS DE LA CHAMAILLE

PIERRE GOBET - Ambierle



Restaurants

LE LANCELOT

+33 (0)4 69 34 56 42

Come and enjoy a friendly meal of simple, traditional dishes using local ingredients.

LE PRIEURÉ

Accommodation

LA FERME AUX ABEILLES

Ambierle - +33 (0)6 51 45 07 23

LE LANCELOT

Ambierle - +33 (0)4 69 34 56 42

Out and about

ROUTE 2 - 9.9 MI - CHANGY

From Changy, reach the highest mountain-biking point on the Wine Route before descending to Ambierle.

LES SERVAJEANS - 6.8 MI AMBIERLE

A must-see



'Village de Caractère en Loire' - Ambierle

Overlooking the Roanne plain, this 'Village de Caractère' built on a high point (0.2 mi) owes its fame to a Benedictine abbey.



Eglise Prieurale Saint-Martin

Ambierle
Discover its 15th-century Gothic architecture, its Brussels altarpiece dating from 1466, its choir stalls and its presbytery.



The Alice Taverne Museum

Ambierle
Alice Taverne (1904-1969) created a museum documenting life in the countryside.

St-Haon-le-Vieux · St-Romain-la-Motte

Winegrowers

DOMAINE LAPANDERY

LUCAS LAPANDERY - +33 (0)7 67 66 71 84
664 Route des Vignes - St-Haon-le-Vieux

The estate, situated on steep slopes or terraces, is a family affair which continues the old winemaking traditions. The grapes are harvested by hand and destemmed at the time of harvest.

DOMAINE DEVEAUX

JACQUES DEVAUX - St-Haon-le-Vieux

DOMAINE DE CHAMPAGNY

FRÉDÉRIC VILLENEUVE - St-Haon-le-Vieux

DOMAINE LE PICATIER

GÉRALDINE AND CHRISTOPHE PIALOUX
St-Haon-le-Vieux

FRANÇOIS LASSEIGNE

JACQUES DEVAUX - St-Romain-la-Motte



Restaurants

L'ÉTAL SAINT-HAONNAIS - St-H.-le-Vieux

L'ORIGINAL - St-Haon-le-Vieux

TOUT LE MONDE EN PARLE

St-Romain-la-Motte

LES SENS'CIEL - St-Romain-la-Motte

Accommodation

CHÂTEAU DE LA CHAMBRE

St-Haon-le-Vieux - +33 (0)4 77 64 23 81

Out and about

ROUTE 3 - 4.9 MI

ST-HAON-LE-VIEUX

This romantic route has long stretches of trail skirting the vineyards. It is a pleasant stroll through a rich heritage. Great for exploring as a family.

LES PIERRES ST-MARTIN - 6.8 MI ST-HAON-LE-VIEUX

A legendary site on the Côte Roannaise, the St-Martin stones are the main attraction of this route.

A must-see



The Arfeuillette washhouse - St-Haon-le-Vieux

In the 1920s, the municipality built a washhouse at seven sites, including Arfeuillette, on the three streams which cross the commune.



The St-Martin Stones

St-Haon-le-Vieux
There are around ten rocks of different shapes and sizes with cavities that trap rainwater, one of which never becomes empty...



The Lime Kiln

St-Romain-la-Motte
This lime kiln was built by local farmers who quarried the marly limestone beds in the Tertiary period.

St-Haon-le-Châtel

Winegrower

DOMAINE DES ARDAILLONS 
YANNICK PRAS - +33 (0)6 09 70 77 83
19 Chemin de la Fontaine Condé
St-Haon-le-Châtel

Firmly rooted in this medieval village, organic, ethical and sustainable viticulture is practised here. Everything is done to showcase the fruit, the freshness and the different terroirs in the wines produced.

Restaurant

LA BASTIDE DE CHÂTEL
St-Haon-le-Châtel

Out and about

 **LE CHEMIN ROUGE - 2.4 MI**
ST-HAON-LE-VIEUX

A family walk to explore the two St-Haon.

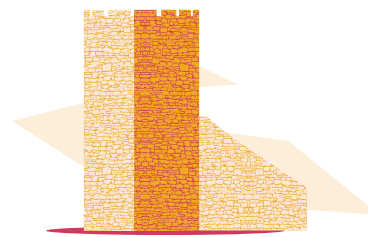
A must-see



'Village de Caractère en Loire'

St-Haon-le-Châtel

St-Haon-le-Châtel combines charm and simplicity with an exceptional environment, a medieval atmosphere and Renaissance heritage.



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Jardin du Moyen Âge (medieval garden)

St-Haon-le-Châtel

This garden will seduce you with its tranquillity, its outstanding location in the heart of the Village de Caractère, but above all with its many different varieties.



The Ramparts - St-Haon-le-Châtel


The preserved walls form an exceptional site with an uninterrupted view over the plain and the Monts de la Madeleine. Walk along the side of the hill and around the old town.

Renaison

Winegrowers

DOMAINE DE LA PAROISSE 
JEAN-CLAUDE AND LAËTTIA CHAUCESSÉ
+33(0)4 77 64 26 10 - 380 Chemin de la Paroisse - Renaison
Located in the hills, the estate looks out over the whole of the Roanne plain. It is the oldest vineyard on the Côte Roannaise and dates back to 1610.

DOMAINE DÉSORMIÈRE 
ERIC AND THIERRY DÉSORMIÈRE - +33 (0)4 77 64 48 55
302 Montée du Perron - Renaison
A family-run business with 18.5 hectares of vines, offering white, rosé, sparkling and red wines, most of which are AOC Côte Roannaise.

MAISON J.B. CLAIR 
GUIDO D'ANTONIO AND CLAUDINE CLAIR
+33(0)4 77 64 40 01 - 100 Passage du Chamban - Renaison
Red and rosé wines have been produced here since 1536. In 1896, the first sparkling wines from the Côte Roannaise were created.

DOMAINE SÉROL 
CARINE AND STÉPHANE SÉROL
+33 (0)4 77 64 44 04

1 Montée du Perron - Renaison

The estate has been in the family for five generations and cultivates 38 hectares of vines organically and biodynamically.

LE VIGNOBLE DES BLONDINS
MICHEL TROISGROS AND STÉPHANE SÉROL
Renaison

Restaurants

LE RESTAURANT 1451  - Renaison
+33 (0)4 77 64 25 34 - Enjoy the welcome with the fresh, new atmosphere and gourmet cuisine.

AUBERGE DE L'O - L'EXUBÉRANDS - L'ANNEXE - LES GENS HEUREUX

Out and about

 **ROUTE 4 - 4.9 MI**
RENAISON

Pass through the five estates in the village of Renaison on this relaxed family trail. Enjoy

the safety of roads with cycle lanes or with cycle lanes marked on them.

 **LES BARRAGES - 6.8 MI**
RENAISON

Discover the two dams and the vineyards of the Côte Roannaise.

A must-see



The Dams - Renaison

Listed as one of the Loire's most picturesque sites, the site is packed with information about water and the exhibition at the Maison de l'Eau.



Europe's giant The Douglas President Renaison

On the edge of the Chartrain dam stands the tallest Douglas fir in Europe, at around 67 m and 4 m in circumference.

St-André-d'Apchon

Winegrowers

DOMAINE VIAL

PHILIPPE AND JEAN MARIE VIAL

+33 (0)6 88 67 21 75

300 Route de Bel Air - St-André-d'Apchon

Born into winegrowing families on both their fathers' and mothers' sides, Philippe and Jean-Marie Vial grow Gamay Chardonnay and Viognier varieties on the hillsides of Bouthéran. The estate is currently converting to organic farming.

DOMAINE BONNETON

THIERRY BONNETON - St-André-d'Apchon

Restaurants

LE NOUVEAU SIÈCLE

St-André-d'Apchon - +33 (0)4 77 65 80 35

In a warm, family-friendly atmosphere, enjoy hearty, flavoursome cuisine based on seasonal ingredients.



LE LION D'OR

St-André-d'Apchon - +33 (0)4 77 65 81 53

A refined, hearty and seasonal cuisine. Specialities include home-made foie gras, frogs' legs, takeaway meals.

BURGERS CHEF - St-André-d'Apchon

Accommodation

DOMAINE DELABAUDE

St-André-d'Apchon - +33 (0)6 16 41 21 47

Out and about

ROUTE 5 - 5.5 MI

RENAISON - ST-ANDRÉ-D'APCHON

Le Bouthéran is a well-known and popular stopping-off point, with its rugged terrain and unobstructed view of St-André-d'Apchon. A family trail through vineyards, villages and the Roanne plain.

LE BOUTHÉRAN - 3.1 MI

ST-ANDRÉ-D'APCHON

A walk through the heart of one of the most famous wine-growing hillsides in the Côte Roannaise.

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A must-see



Le Bouthéran

St-André-d'Apchon

Visible for miles around, this south-facing hill, planted with vines, overlooks the village. The quality and reputation of its AOC red wine extends far beyond the borders of the department.



The Château

St-André-d'Apchon

This château, surrounded by greenery, is hidden from the gaze of walkers passing by... You can only imagine the magnificence that must have reigned here in the distant past. Now privately owned, it is on the additional list of Historic Monuments.

St-Alban-les-Eaux

Winegrowers

LE RETOUR AUX SOURCES

EDGAR AND MARC-ANTOINE PLUCHOT

+33 (0)6 82 42 61 53

640 Route de Roanne - St-Alban-les-Eaux

Le Retour aux Sources was created in 2005 by two brothers as a tribute to their grandparents. Over the last ten years, it has become a fully-fledged business in its own right. Originality and pleasure are the order of the day.

VINCENT GIRAUDON

+33 (0)6 84 38 40 02

269 Route de la Place du Lac

St-Alban-les-Eaux

Vincent Giraudon will be delighted to welcome you and present his Gamay red and rosé wines, as well as his white wines.



Restaurants

LE PETIT PRINCE

St-Alban-les-Eaux - +33 (0)4 77 65 87 13

This 16th-century house has belonged to the same family since it was built. Contemporary cuisine made using fresh ingredients is served here. There is a gourmet restaurant and the 1534 bistro lounge. A tearoom is open in the afternoons.

LE BISTROT DES QUATRE SOURCES

St-Alban-les-Eaux

Out and about

ROUTE 6 - 5.6 MI

ST-ALBAN-LES-EAUX

Cycle to this village on the Wine Route with a history of thermal baths. A steep climb awaits you as you leave St-Alban-les-Eaux in the direction of Villemontais.

LES GORGES DU DÉSERT - 3.7 MI

ST-ALBAN-LES-EAUX

The Gorges du Désert are home to a special ecosystem linked to the presence of water and Mediterranean elements.

A must-see



Le parc

des eaux minérales

St-Alban-les-Eaux

Located in the heart of the village, this park containing the springs takes you back in time to a seaside resort in the early 20th century. Along the way, you will come across the department's four naturally sparkling springs, the baths building, the casino, etc.



Eglise - St-Alban-les-Eaux

Built in 1865 from Volvic lava and local rock. Find out more about its furnishings, pulpit, stained glass windows and tympanum, a work by Picaud depicting the Martyrdom of St Alban. A booklet is available on site to tell you all about its history.

Villemontais • Lentigny

Winegrowers

DOMAINE DES POTHIERES

ROMAIN PAIRE - +33 (0)4 77 63 15 84

332 Chemin des Pothiers - Villemontais

Our specialities are a white wine made from Pinot Gris grapes, a red wine vinified and matured in barrels, a rosé sparkling wine and a fortified wine. A holder of the Biodyvin and Agriculture Biologique certifications.

DOMAINE DE LA ROCHETTE

ANTOINE, OLIVIER AND PASCAL NÉRON

+33 (0)4 77 63 10 62

2311 Chemin de la Rochette - Villemontais

The Néron family has been continuing the tradition of winegrowing since 1604 and talk enthusiastically about the wines they produce.

DOMAINE DES 7 PARCELLES

CAROLINE ALMARCHA, KÉVIN ARLOT AND

JOSÉ MARTINS - Villemontais

DOMAINE THINON

FLORENT THINON - Villemontais

Restaurants

PIZZA MARCO - Lentigny

LE SPORTIF - Lentigny

AUBERGE DE L'ORCHIDÉE - Lentigny

Accommodation

DOMAINE DE LA ROCHETTE

Villemontais - +33 (0)6 72 70 49 29

Out and about

 **ROUTE 7 - 14.3 MI**
VILLEMONTAIS

A route for the more sporty! Reach the last village on the Wine Route from Villemontais. The trails on the return journey can sometimes be quite rugged.

 **LA GOUTTE ROUGE - 4.9 MI**
VILLEMONTAIS

The commune boasts 37 crosses erected at crossroads.

CHEVAL DE BOIS -6.2 MI

LENTIGNY

This gently undulating route links Lentigny to Villemontais and winds its way between plains and wine-growing hillsides.

A must-see



Le Pont washhouse

Lentigny

This washhouse was built in the 1920s. Women, particularly washerwomen, did the washing for a fee.



Chapelle St-Jean-Baptiste

Villemontais

Built in the 15th century on a hillock known as Mount Aigu, this chapel was destroyed during the Revolution of 1789 and rebuilt in 1857.

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St-Jean-St-Maurice-sur-Loire • Villerest

Winegrowers

LE CLOS ST-JEAN

JOËL AND RICHARD LAPALUE

+33 (0)6 81 20 47 25

1649 Route de Combe

St-Jean-St-Maurice-sur-Loire

A pioneer in organic farming in the Côte Roannaise appellation, Clos St-Jean offers tastings of Gamay and Chardonnay grape varieties in its wine tourism venue, which can accommodate 50 people.

DOMAINE GÉRARD PIAT

GÉRARD PIAT - St-Jean-St-Maurice-sur-Loire

AU FOUR DE SAINT JEAN

St-Jean-St-Maurice-sur-Loire

FERME-AUBERGE LA MARGUERITE

St-Jean-St-Maurice-sur-Loire

CÔTE À CÔTE - St-Jean-St-Maurice-sur-Loire

AUBERGE LE CLOS ST-JEAN

St-Jean-St-Maurice-sur-Loire

Accommodation

L'EAU DU PUIS

St-Jean-St-Maurice/Loire - +33 (0)4 77 65 33 64

CHÂTEAU DE CHAMPLONG

Villerest - +33 (0)4 77 69 69 69

Out and about

 **THE VINEYARD TRAIL - 4.9 MI**
ST-JEAN-ST-AURICE-SUR-LOIRE

The landscape around St-Jean-St-Maurice-sur-Loire, which is located to the south of the Côte Roannaise Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée (AOC) area, is characterised by the Gorges de la Loire.

A must-see



'Village de Caractère en Loire' - St-Jean-St-Maurice-sur-Loire

A genuine lookout point overlooking the river, with its Celtic fortified town, church, keep, ramparts, frescoes and Renaissance manor houses.



La Cure, a centre for arts and crafts

La Cure is home to four arts and crafts workshops that operate as a business incubator. The products can be seen in the shop.



Le Manoir de la Mure Chantois

This magnificent Renaissance building from the late 16th and early 17th centuries is a superb example of the civil architecture of that period.

Restaurants

CHÂTEAU DE CHAMPLONG

Villerest - +33 (0)4 77 69 69 69

Véronique and Olivier will be delighted to introduce you to their ever-changing range of seasonal dishes, where taste and flavour come together in subtle harmonies. Enjoy a gourmet feast at the château!

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Bussy-Albieux • St-Sixte • Arthun • St-Etienne-le-Molard • St-Agathe-la-Bouteresse

Winegrower

FLEUR DE VIGNE

STÉPHANIE GUILLOT - +33 (0)6 82 49 26 44

785 RD 1089 - St-Agathe-la-Bouteresse

Stéphanie loves her homeland and invites you to come and share her passion for wine and the Forez region. Her vines, which are planted on the slopes of Forez, are cultivated in the traditional way, using a sustainable approach to get the best out of the terroir.

Restaurant

L'ESSENTIEL

St-Étienne-le-Molard

Out and about

UZORE TO URFÉ - 16,5 MI CHALAIN-D'UZORE

This route, steeped in history, with its many viewpoints, takes you on a grand tour of Mont d'Uzore. After a few kilometres on the Forez plain, you will have the Château de Marcilly in your sights, followed by the Pic de Montverdun overlooked by its priory. The route along the river Lignon will then take you to the legendary estate of La Bâtie d'Urfé. On the way back, you can enjoy another view of the volcanic mound which forms Mont d'Uzore.

CHEMIN DE CÉLADON - 9,3 MI ST-ÉTIENNE-LE-MOLARD

This route takes you to the Renaissance-style Château de la Bâtie d'Urfé, with its beautiful French-style formal gardens. It is listed as a Historic Monument. You can also enjoy the view of the Pic de Montverdun and its priory.

A must-see



Château de la Bâtie d'Urfé

St-Étienne-le-Molard

Château de la Bâtie d'Urfé, which is listed as a Historic Monument, was designed in the Renaissance style by Italian artists in the 16th century on the request of Claude d'Urfé.



Maison des Etangs du Forez - Réserve de Biterne - Arthun

Enjoy a fun and interactive exhibition for all the family. An educational trail is also open to visitors all year round, giving them an insight into the reserve.

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Boën-sur-Lignon • Leigneux • Trelins

Winegrowers

LE CLOS DE CHOZIEUX

YVES AND JEAN-LUC GAUMON

+33 (0)4 77 24 38 54

Chozieux - Leigneux

Discover our history, our farm with the Agriculture Biologique (organic farming) certification and our eleven AOP Côtes du Forez and PGI Urfé vintages.

AGAMY - VILAVIGNE

Loïc CHÈZE - +33 (0)4 77 24 00 12

72 Route de Montbrison - Trelins

Since 1962, our cooperative of winegrowers have been crafting wines of character with dedication in the heart of Forez.

VINS DU FOREZ

FRANÇOIS REUMONT - Boën-sur-Lignon

Restaurants

L'ÉVEIL DES SENS

Trelins - +33 (0)4 77 24 09 43

A traditional cuisine made using local ingredients. José Afonso, a master restaurateur, will delight you with his entirely home-made choice of dishes.

LE CAFÉ RESTAURANT DE LA GARE

Boën-sur-Lignon

BRASSERIE DE LA MAIRIE

Boën-sur-Lignon

Accommodation

L'ÉVEIL DES SENS

Trelins - +33 (0)4 77 24 09 43

Out and about

CHEMIN DE LA GARENNE - 6.8 MI BOËN-SUR-LIGNON

On this route, you can discover the Château de Boën-Forez Winegrowers' Museum, as well as the vineyard lodges.

THE VINEYARDS - 2.4 MI TRELINS

On this route, you can visit Trelins church, the Côtes du Forez vineyards and the Cave des Vignerons Foréziens.

A must-see



Château & Musée des vigneron du Forez

Boën-sur-Lignon

This château, built at the end of the 18th century in a neo-classical style and listed as a Historic Monument, has an imposing façade overlooking an ornamental garden. It houses the Forez Winegrowers' Museum, which showcases a collection retracing the lives of winegrowers.



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Winegrowers

CAVE VERDIER LOGEL

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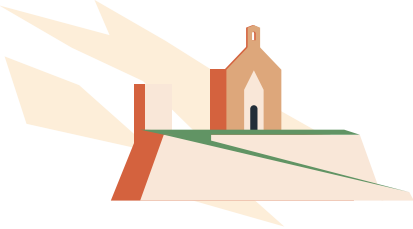
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Restaurants

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LE RELAIS DU CHÂTEL

Marcilly-le-Châtel

Out and about

 CHEMIN D'AMASIS - 2.4 MI
MARCILLY-LE-CHÂTEL

A walk through the vineyards around Château St-Anne brings to life ancient legends, traces of recent history and the epic tale of the siege of Marcilly as recounted in the novel L'Astrée.

 MONTAUBOURG - 2.4 MI
MARCoux

You will discover the Château de Goutelas and its distinctive architecture, the Forez regional equestrian centre, the Montaubourg volcano and the 'boulange' pine trees.

A must-see



La Volerie du Forez

bird park

Marcilly-le-Châtel

In the magical setting of Château St-Anne, the Volerie du Forez places birds and horses centre stage.



Château de Goutelas

Marcoux

The Château de Goutelas is a heritage site that is very much alive and well! Certified by the French Ministry of Culture, it is brought to life with interactive exhibitions, open-air concerts, shows and debates.



Prioire - Montverdun

This Casadean prioire, listed as a Historic Monument, stands on a basalt peak in the heart of the Forez plain.

Champdieu

Winegrower

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Restaurant

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Accommodation

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Out and about

 BETWEEN RUILLAT AND PRALONG
11.8 MI - CHAMPDIEU

This route takes you between the peaks, valleys and plains of Forez along the Ruillat and Pralong streams, where you can discover the rural (dovecote, vineyards) and cultural (11th-century prioire) heritage of Champdieu, a designated 'Village de Caractère'.

 LA MADONE - 5 MI
CHAMPDIEU

This short walk allows you to explore the higher parts of Champdieu. Discover the rural heritage of this 'Village de Caractère' and its church and prioire. This 8 km hike enables you to admire the view from the Pic de Purchon.



A must-see



'Village de Caractère en Loire' - Champdieu

Champdieu owes all of its character to its medieval origins. The village was built nestling between the hills and the plain, under the protection of the walls of its prioire and in the shadow of the two steeples of its church.



Prioire - Champdieu

This prioire is a monastic complex which was built from the 11th century onwards. Rich in sculpted capitals, the church is notable for its 11th-century partially buried crypt.



Centre de l'Art Roman en Forez - Champdieu

This centre for Romanesque art combines rigorous scientific discussion, audio-visual installations and hands-on games.

Montbrison

Restaurants

MISE EN SCÈNE

Montbrison - +33 (0)4 77 76 28 13

The Mise en Scène restaurant, located just a stone's throw from Montbrison town centre, offers a warm welcome. Stéphanie and Julien serve a traditional, carefully-prepared cuisine that reflects the seasons.

LE PASS' PLAT

Montbrison - +33 (0)4 77 58 30 33

The Le Pass'Plat restaurant serves traditional cuisine based on fresh seasonal ingredients, most of which are local. The chef regularly offers suggestions and a signature dish of chicken scored and filled with Fourme de Montbrison cheese.

APICIUS

Montbrison - +33 (0)9 82 38 34 65

The Apicius restaurant serves modern, original cuisine based on locally-picked flowers and aromatic herbs. The emphasis is on local ingredients, which creates a cuisine with a different vibe.

Accommodation

LA CONCIERGERIE

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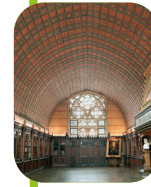
LE VIEIL ECOTAY - 8 MI. MONTBRISON

Wind your way through the hills to reach Vieil-Ecotay.

CHEMIN DES VIGNES - 4.3 MI ECOTAY-L'OLME

Hike through the Hatier woods and on to the vineyards of Ecotay and the Moingt valley to discover the vineyard lodges.

A must-see



Salle hérauldique de la Diana - Montbrison
This room, with its ceiling decorated with 1,728 coats of arms, is unique in France. It houses a library with 30,000 books.



Collégiale Notre Dame d'Espérance - Montbrison
The Collégiale Notre-Dame is the most iconic building in Forez. It has unique Gothic architecture and over eight centuries of history.



Musée d'Allard
Montbrison
Adjoining a magnificent public garden, the Jean Baptiste d'Allard Museum houses two centuries of constantly expanding collections.

St-Georges-Haute-Ville • St-Romain-le-Puy • Margerie-Chantagret

Winegrower

DOMAINE DE LA PIERRE NOIRE
MAXIME GACHET - St-Georges-Haute-Ville

Restaurants

LE SUPERFLU - St-Romain-le-Puy

AUBERGE LES TRABUCHES

St-Romain-le-Puy

Out and about

IN THE VICINITY OF THE PRIORY - 9.9 MI ST-ROMAIN-LE-PUY

The route takes you through the Plaine du Forez, with its racehorse stud farms and restored farmhouses. The second, wilder half of the route takes you back along the Forez canal. You will have views of the Pic de St-Romain the whole way round.

THE MONTCLARET ROUTE - 3.7 MI ST-GEORGES-HAUTE-VILLE

Still on the hillsides (but already in the volcanoes), a few acres of vines grow on the basaltic soil. Explore this path, which will show you everything about the geological history of the area and which has beautiful views over a working quarry.

THE MONSUPT PATH - 8.7 MI ST-GEORGES-HAUTE-VILLE

Follow in the footsteps of the pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela, many of whom stopped off at Montsupt amidst the plains and foothills of Forez.

A must-see



Chapelle St-Marie-Madeleine
St-Georges-Haute-Ville
This chapel, perched on a basalt hillock, is a fine example of a 12th-century Romanesque chapel. The 18th-century frescoes in the chancel are well worth seeing.



Priory
St-Romain-la-Motte
This singular and enigmatic priory sits atop a volcanic cone, where Mediterranean flora (fig, aniseed and almond trees) flourish in the summer months. It overlooks the plain and proudly retains the traces of its past splendour.

Winegrowers

CAVE RÉAL

STÉPHANE RÉAL - +33 (0)6 67 48 04 63

534 Chemin des Pics - Boisset-St-Priest

This vineyard, located in the heart of the Forez mountains, is planted on a wide variety of soils. These plot-based vintages from the Côtes du Forez AOP and Urfé PGI reflect the richness of these granite and volcanic terroirs.

CAVE VIN ET PIC

CHRISTINE AND LAURENT DEMEURE

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20 Rue de Bellevue - Boisset-St-Priest

Christine and Laurent Demeure grow a wide range of grape varieties, including the AOPs Forez Gamay, Chardonnay, Viognier, Chenin, Syrah and Merlot, not forgetting forgotten varieties such as Seibel and other hybrids. There are around twenty vintages to discover.

Restaurants

L'ÂME ET RÊVE - St-Marcellin-en-Forez

LE MOULIN EPICURIUS

St-Marcellin-en-Forez

Out and about

THE MARE VALLEYS

 16.5 MI

BOISSET-ST-PIEST

This demanding route takes in picturesque villages before winding its way through the steep valleys of the Mare. Beautiful views of the Pic de Monsupt and the Forez plain await visitors taking a short break.

THE LODGES - 13.6 MI

 ST-MARCELLIN-EN-FOREZ

On this route, you can discover the old lodges which were used by market-gardeners and winegrowers.

A must-see



Pont du Diable

St-Marcellin-en-Forez

Despite the many perils the village of St-Marcellin-en-Forez has had to face, it is still home to architectural treasures such as the Pont du Diable (Devil's Bridge), which has been a listed historic monument since 1921. It is one of the best-preserved bridges in Forez.



Bourg Castral

St-Marcellin-en-Forez

A former castellany of the Counts of Forez, St-Marcellin-en-Forez has preserved the imposing remains of its ramparts. The old village which grew up around the church is concentrated in the area they enclosed.

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September - Montbrison

ROANNE TABLE OUVERTE

October - Roanne - roannetableouverte.com

FASCINANT WEEK-END

3rd weekend in October - fascinant-weekend.fr

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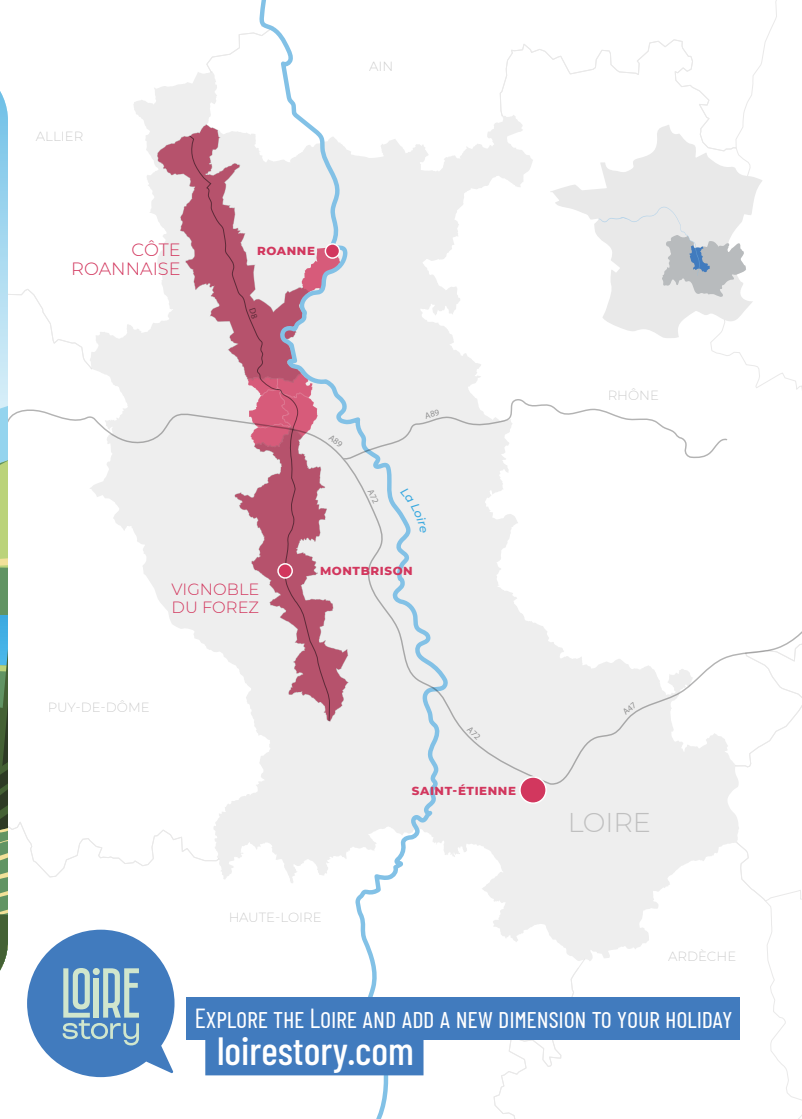
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