

Châtillon sur-Seine

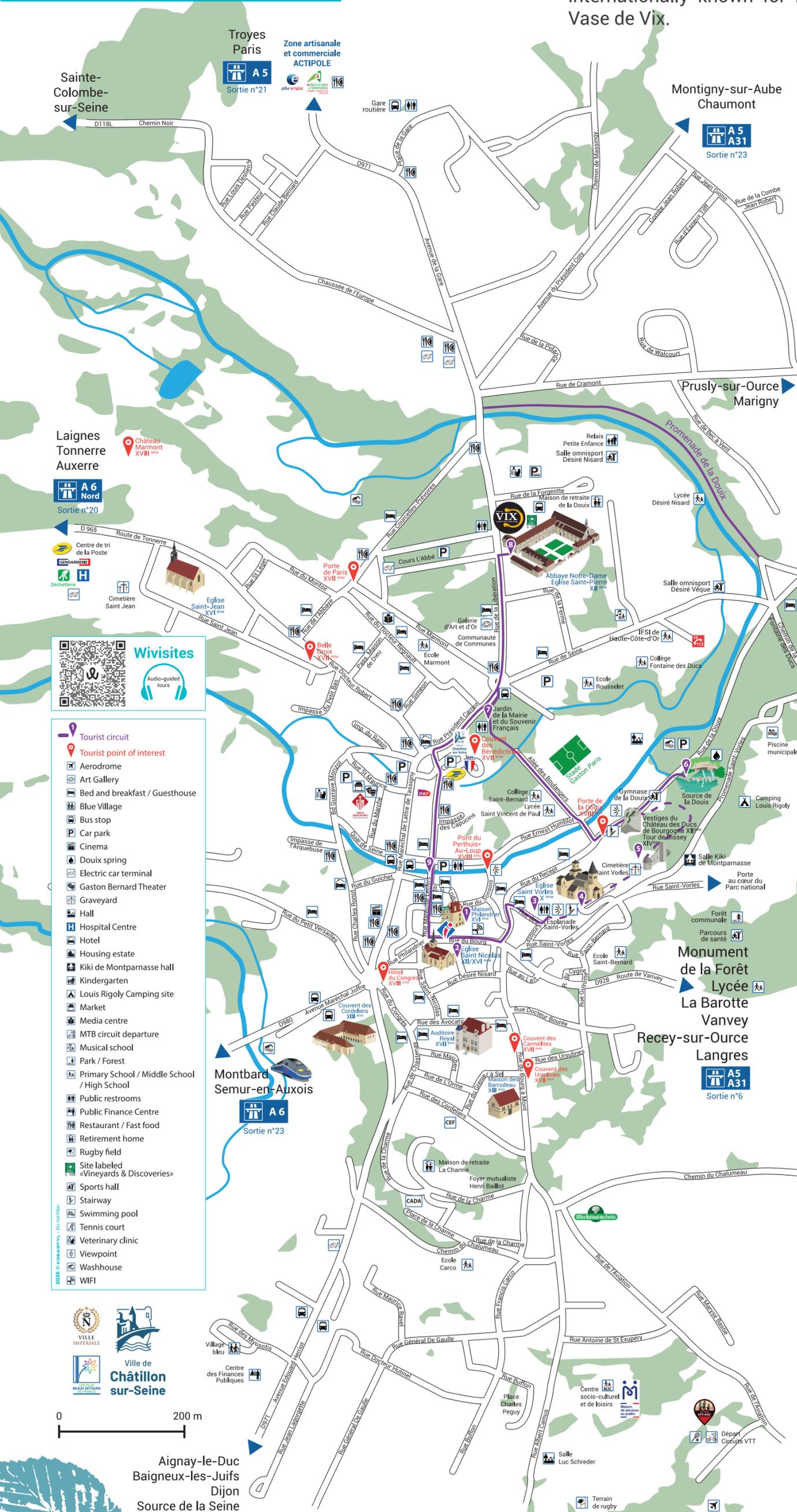


Town map

Châtillon-sur-Seine, crossed by a mythical river, reflects all the rich heritage of Burgundy. A case of a thousand and one treasures: the spring of the Douix River, a Romanesque church from the 10th century, remains of the castle of the Dukes of Burgundy. This charming town, located in the National Forests Park, is internationally known for its museum, which houses the famous Vase de Vix.

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- Maison Philandrier - Châtillonnais tourist office**
Renaissance mansion attributed to the architect Guillaume Philandrier, native of the Châtillonnais. In fact, it was built at the end of the 16th century for Antoine Thomelin, an enriched bourgeois. This construction caused his ruin. Former museum of the Pays Châtillonnais. Since 2009 it has housed the premises of the Châtillonnais Tourist Office.
Open from October to April from Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m to 5 p.m. In May, June and September from Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m to 12 p.m and from 2 p.m to 5 p.m. In July and August from Monday to Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m and from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m and on Sundays and public holidays from 10 a.m to 2.p.m.
- Saint-Nicholas Church**
It was built around the middle of the 12th century using the Cistercian architectural technique of the Fontenay Abbey. There are a Gothic choir, but also beautiful 16th century stained-glass windows, one of which illustrates the Tree of Jesse, and another the legend of the pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela.
Open every day.
- Saint-Vorles great staircase**
It was built in the 18th century to reach the Saint-Vorles church. Once in two separate parts, today only one remains.
- Saint-Vorles Church**
Church of the year 1000, pre-Romanesque style. The relics of Saint-Vorles were transferred from Marcenay to Châtillon-sur-Seine. A diptych from the end of the 16th century illustrates this transfer, and other canvases also illustrate various scenes from the life of the Saint. An entombment of Christ, carved in Tonnerre stone, testifies to the influence of Champagne region's art in Châtillon-sur-Seine in the 16th century.
Check the opening hours at the town hall or at the tourist office.
- Remains of the castle of the Dukes of Burgundy**
Former castle of the Dukes of Burgundy. Only a few ruins of its past remain today. Inside the old castle walls there is a cemetery in which Maréchal Marmont rests. To the south, the Gissey tower offers you a magnificent overview of the town.
- The Douix Spring**
This place of worship since prehistoric times is an exsurgence acknowledged as one of the oldest water sanctuaries in Europe. It is considered to be one of the most beautiful springs in France. It never stops flowing, and it offers a magnificent framework of greenery.
- Town hall and French memory Garden with its fountain**
It occupies the former gardens of the Benedictine abbey, now the town hall. The fountain located on Place Marmont was purchased in 1878 from the city of Dijon, who had acquired it from Paris. The round square has kept the simple and regular layout given to it by Maréchal Marmont.
- Musée du Pays Châtillonnais - Trésor de Vix**
Located since 2009 in the former Notre-Dame Abbey, the most spectacular piece of the museum is the famous vase of Vix, a Greek voluted crater, in bronze, of an exceptional size (height: 1.64m), the most important that Antiquity ever uncovered. It was discovered in 1953 in a princely tomb from the end of the 1st Iron Age (500 BC) and attests to the consumption of wine and the adoption of Greek banquets by the Celts. The Musée du Pays Châtillonnais - Trésor de Vix reveals all the riches of its territory through collections from Protohistory to contemporary times.
Open continuously from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. (closed Tuesdays from September to June and on January 1st, May 1st, December 24th, 25th and 31st).
- Bridge, rue Maréchal Leclerc**
An ideal location to admire the magnificent view of the Saint-Vorles Church overlooking the town, while standing above the Seine.



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