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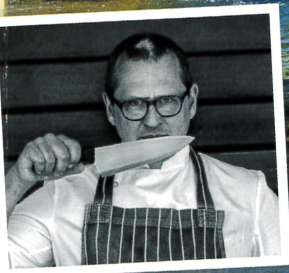
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the King of Pork pigs out on tofu



WINTER BREAKS 2017/18

Skiing, Christmas markets, festivals and resorts... we have you covered!



WHERE TO STAY AND EAT IN FRANCHE-COMTÉ

The region's best restaurants and hotels, including some more unusual offerings from former monasteries to tree cabins...

To find out more about other places to stay and eat visit www.francetoday.com/travel

TOP HOTEL SELECTION

Grand Hôtel du Tonneau d'Or, Belfort

Built in 1907, this four-star neo-classical hotel has 52 unique contemporary rooms in the heart of the old town and is just five minutes on foot from the Lion of Belfort.

www.tonneaudor.fr/en

La Mainaz, Col de la Faucille, Gex

Enjoy views of Mont Blanc and Lake Geneva from this four-star Hôtel de Charme at 1,250 metres in the Haut-Jura. It has 21 rooms, a gastronomic restaurant and bistro.

www.la-mainaz.com

Château Mont Joly, Sampans

Modern décor sets off this 18th-century property, renovated in the 1990s and surrounded by a park. It has an outdoor pool, panoramic views, and award-winning chef, Romauld Fassenet.

www.chateaumontjoly.com

Château de Germigny, Port-Lesney

This former 18th-century hunting lodge near Arbois has a garden and natural pool. There's also a gourmet restaurant with Michelin star; plus traditional-style cosy bistro.

www.chateaudegermigny.com

CHARACTER HOTELS

Hôtel Le Sauvage, Besançon

Beneath the citadel in the historic quarter is this three-star hotel in a former monastery with views over the town and Doubs valley.

www.hotel-lesauvage.com



Former monastery Hôtel Le Sauvage has breathtaking views over Besançon

Au Moulin des Écorces, Dole

A waterside three-star hotel with 18 rooms in a former mill just a short walk from the town centre. Its gastronomic restaurant serves regional specialities, plus there's Le Bistrot.

www.aumoulindesecorces.fr

Hôtel La Balance, Montbéliard

Period style in a 16th-century building



Sample award-winning food and relax by the elegant outdoor pool at Château Mont Joly



The riverside Au Moulin des Écorces is ideally located for exploring Dole

at the foot of a château with 45 individually decorated bedrooms.

www.hotellabalance.com

Le Manoir des Montagnes, Les Rousses, Haut-Jura

Expect beautiful fabrics, delicious cuisine and a panoramic valley view at this 'Relais du Silence' in a popular ski resort in the Noirmont Massif.

www.manoirdesmontagnes.com

Hôtel de France, Ornans

Close to the banks of the Loue, this hotel was once the town's first cinema. Superior rooms have been renovated with fishing themes from across the world; there's a gastronomic restaurant and brasserie too.

www.hoteldefrance-ornans.com

RESTAURANT SELECTION

Bistrot La Charrette, Besançon

Dine surrounded by relaxing décor in a town-centre location. Listed in the *Gault & Millau 2017* gastronomic guide for its traditional food with flair.

www.restaurantlacharrette.com

Le Poker d'As, Besançon

This central family-run eatery, opened in 1949, serves traditional but creative cuisine – set menus or à la carte.

www.restaurant-lepokerdas.fr

L'Anversis, Lamoura

Quality and simplicity are key to the

dishes served here in Les Rousses ski resort. Many dishes use local produce. Cheese fondues are a speciality.

www.lanversis.com

Le Pot au Feu, Belfort

In the antiques district below Belfort's lion sculpture is this small, friendly restaurant named after one of France's most traditional and popular dishes.

www.lepotaufeu.fr

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À l'Ombre du Château, Doubs

A stylish 18th-century property with five charming bedrooms in Nans-sous-



Set in atmospheric gardens, À l'Ombre du Château has five stylish bedrooms

Sainte-Anne, a quiet village near Ornans and Salins-les-Bains.

bit.ly/Ombre-du-chateau

Le Pré Oudot, Haut-Doubs

Sleep soundly in log cabin-style bedrooms on a traditional 17th-century farm 1,000 metres up in the Jura. The popular accommodation is listed in many guidebooks.

www.le-pre-oudot.fr

Le Repère des Angès, Larnod

Stay just outside Besançon in one of three spacious suites in a restored 16th-century farmhouse with outdoor pool and great views. Order evening meal on reservation; no children 3-13.

www.lereperedesanges.fr



Sleep among the treetops and get back to nature in these cabins in the region

ECO-LIVING

Cabins on the Great Lakes, Chassey-les-Montbozon

Leave no carbon footprint at these atmospheric tree cabins and floating cabins for couples or families. No mains water or electricity.

www.cabanesdesgrandslacs.com. Also

www.cabanesdesgrandsreflets

at Jonchery.

FRANCHE-COMTÉ ESSENTIALS

TOURIST INFORMATION

Plan your trip at www.franche-comte.org

GETTING THERE:

BY CAR

Cross the Channel to Calais and take the A26 then the A5 past Troyes, turning off through Langres for Vesoul, Belfort and the Vosges, or at Dijon for Dole, Besançon and the southern Jura.

BY TRAIN

Daily TGV services from Paris or Lille to Besançon, Belfort, Dole and Montbéliard.

BY AIR

Fly to Lyon-Saint Exupéry, Geneva or Mulhouse airports.

