Let us guide you through a land of incredible diversity!
COME TO THE PLAINE DES VOSGES!

There’s something here for everyone. Be it for the holidays or just the weekend, alone or with family or friends, whatever the season, the Plaine des Vosges invites you to discover its extraordinary diversity. Recharge your batteries inside lush nature and experience something unique. Dive into the world of musical instrument-making, take a dip in a spa at Vittel and Contrexéville, stroll around Neufchâteau’s old quarter, and step back in time to visit the Romans, Joan of Arc… Exceptional memories guaranteed. So there’s no stopping you now! Come to the Plaine des Vosges! This magazine will guide you around this enticing region and help you discover all its treasures, to concoct a stay just for you.
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“A friendly welcome with a wide range of customised activities to discover or rediscover your get-up-and-go. A place where rest, relaxation and conviviality await. Surrounded by beautiful scenery, all this without losing your kilo-cutting objective”

FRANÇOISE, TOURIST IN VITTEL
The sulfate waters at Contrexéville and Vittel are rich in salt minerals, calcium and magnesium. Some of these, used for treatment, have muscle-soothing, relaxation and draining virtues.

**Slimming Capital**, Contrexéville knows how to combine the benefits of water, active treatment at the Thermal Baths, gastronomic ‘**Slimming Flavours**’, sports activities and nutritional tips to help you finish off on top form! After treatment, the 300 m² **thermal pleasure park** is for the well-being of adults and children.

Vittel, awarded ‘**favourite thermal park of the French**’, invites you into a place of calm and sensual pleasure. The **Thermal Baths** located in Charles Garnier’s emblematic **thermal gallery** are tucked away in the heart of a **2000-acre** preserved park. The 2000 m² **thermal Spa** offers innovative treatment, exclusive and unique to France, for you to revitalise. Inside the Spa, the **Yuanvi Center** invites you to travel through the treatment it gives, born from traditional Chinese medicine.
THE YUANVI CENTER

spa-vittel.com  03 29 08 76 54  Vittel

Unique in Lorraine! Inside the Vittel Spa, treatment is carried out by certified Chinese practitioners. Their mission is to improve the circulation of the body's energy and to maintain the harmony of body-heart-spirit. Discover: the ‘Energetic Fire’ treatment, given by a martial arts expert, it’s unique in France!

CONTREXÉVILLE THERMAL PLEASURE PARK

vittel-contrex.com  03 29 08 88  Contrexéville

Have you been to the thermal baths as a family yet? You can go to Contrexéville’s Thermal Pleasure Park from 6 years old and up, there’s a 300 m² pool (thermal water at 32°C) and a multitude of relaxation possibilities: aquabike, hot baths, massage beds, cervical showers, treadmills, elliptical bike, trampoline... In 2019: new area with sauna, hammam and outside Jacuzzis!

THE VITTEL SPA

vittel-contrex.com  03 29 08 88  Vittel

More than 2000 m² of space dedicated to well-being, relaxation and beauty. Every year is different at the Vittel Spa. New in: whole body cryotherapy (whose efficiency no longer needs proof), for athletes and everyone else, ka°line shower and gravity (exclusivity of Vittel Spa), ice cave, storm shower... Have a try!

Since the creation of thermal resorts, sports and leisure activities have always been an extra ‘must’ for fitness: drink water, eat healthy and exercise to feel good in your body and be on top form!
Amble towards the only surviving refreshments establishment of the area, the chalet of Dolaincourt spring, built in 1881 to house the bar and the bottling of sulphuric water which flows from here. It’s the only cold sulphuric water spring in the north of France.

**THERMAL GALLERIES**

📍 Vittel and Contrexéville

Whilst visiting Vittel and Contrexéville parks, admire the Gallery-walkways which house the spring pavilions. Majestic, they were built by renowned architects Charles Garnier and Charles Mewes. With their Greco-Roman style Moorish décor, they will invite you to travel back in time. And what if you pushed the door open to the Musée du Patrimoine et du Thermalisme to find out more?

**VILLE-SUR-ILLON BREWERY**

📍 Ville-sur-Illon
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What if you carried on relaxing by tasting a local beer at Ville-sur-Illon? While you’re there, have a look at the brewery’s Ecomuseum. Passionate volunteers will tell you their secret ingredients, and every year a temporary exhibition will take you on a trip into the world of brewing. **ALCOHOL ABUSE IS DANGEROUS FOR THE HEALTH.**
LA VIGIE DE L’EAU: ALL ABOUT WATER

lavigiedeleau.eu
03 29 08 13 14 🌐 Vittel

Objective: to learn and understand whilst having fun! Exhibitions, workshops, models, eLibrary, experiments, water bar etc. Throughout the year, La Vigie de l’Eau is a place for debate, meeting and exchanging on the subject of water and its implications.

CONTREXÉVILLE AND VITTEL THERMAL SPRINGS

thermes-contrexeville.fr 03 29 08 03 24 🌐 Contrexéville
thermes-vittel.com 03 29 08 76 54 🌐 Vittel

Two state-of-the-art establishments, open practically all-year round, to cure all the ills that poison your daily life! 21st century diseases such as type-2 diabetes, excess weight or rhumatisms are treated here by combining thermal treatment, nutrional training and sports.

Thermal parks

Before or after thermal treatment, for a double dose of well-being surrounded by nature. Flowers, shady walkways to recharge... Have you already been on a tour of the Vittel park on a Surrey bike, a pedal-kart or a Segway?
Nature is stunning! There's a different spectacle every moment!
INDULGE IN NATURE

Forests, meadows, plateaus, hillsides, valleys...  P.16

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“We did the Commercy-Neufchâteau part in just under half a day and we arrived in the Vosges for sunset. We loved the landscape on this route, full of lush valleys, particularly the Mouzon valley and its limestone plateau, one of our nature favourites on this bike route. The Vosges part is quite short but rich in terms of its history and places to stop off at.”

CAROLE, CYCLIST AND DUTCH TOURIST
The Plaine des Vosges offers you an incredible diversity of landscape. Here, the water from the river Meuse and various streams meandering across the Plaine take on the role of landscape architect and draw up a variety of contours.

The fertile soil enables a great number of local producers to offer delicious specialities, created through traditional savoir-faire. Fresh water comes to quench your thirst and its benefits keep you healthy.

Here, nature is the source of well-being and inspiration. Breathe in... breathe out... Draw the oxygen of relaxation and stillness.

Many local artists, painters, poets and all kinds of creators, all find their inspiration in this natural environment.

LE VIN BLEU

There had always been vines in the Plaine des Vosges... before phylloxera. In 1995, in Neuveville-sous-Montfort, winemakers decided to start production again by creating a cooperative, with an oenologue soon to be onboard. Come and try the Vin Bleu or the Gris Fruité, served cold as an aperitif!

Alcohol abuse is dangerous for the health.
THE MEUSE BY BIKE

meuseavelo.eu

This itinerary goes through three European countries: France, Belgium and Holland. As its name suggests, it allows you to follow the Meuse over more than 1000 km from its source at Pouilly-en-Bassigny near the Langres plateau in Holland, where it flows into the North Sea. The Vosges part offers a meandering Meuse, wild and full of hidden gems. It’s calm in summer and raging in autumn. Along the route, you will discover a mix of nature and heritage.

IN SEARCH OF LORRAINE’S GOLD

At the gates of Meurthe-et-Moselle and the Sion hill, the sun-drenched slopes of the Plaine des Vosges are covered in Mirabelle plum trees. The abundant harvest is transformed into jams, sirops, juices, alcohol and tarts to the joy of foodies. In spring and in summer, put on your hiking boots and go on the Mirabelle walk which leaves from Gugney-aux-Aulx.
A PROTECTED TERRITORY WHERE BIODIVERSITY REIGNS

For over 30 years, nature has been fiercely protected in Vittel and Contrexéville in the spring catchment area, the impluvium, which covers just under 25,000 acres. Locals act together to preserve water resources from all kinds of pollution: no pesticides, composts are made with green waste. Weeding is thermic, ladybirds love eating aphids, and the birds of prey take care of the field mice!

Contrexéville was given the ‘Healthy Soil, pesticide-free commune’ certification, as well as ‘Nature commune, 3 dragonflies award’ (scale of 0 to 5 in biodiversity). Come and breathe in the protected nature!

Just under 2000 acres are made up of parks and gardens. Thermal parks or landscaped gardens? It’s up to you! The Biodiversity garden, the Petit Vair pedagogical garden, the Jardin Russe, the Terre d’Eau community of communes all welcome you on the Route des Jardins.

Reconnect with your internal nature...
In the huge forest between Vittel and Contrexéville, the hideaway huts each have a dreamy name. In harmony with the fairies and elves, you’ll sleep, eat and play in the company of squirrels and dormice, you’ll speak to the birds. On-site: animal park with entertainment, local food and crafts, activities and well-being treatment, discovery of flora...

VITTELTA NATURE

vitteltnature.com
06 08 25 23 22
Our walks

In the Plaine des Vosges, discover lakes, ridges, vines, forests, parks and other heritage gems thanks to 600 km of signposted circuits which wind their way around the area.
FOR WALKING AFICIONADOS

Are you a fan of short or long walks?

The small FFR circular walks take you along easy terrain (under 3 h) and difficult (over 4 h) from Neufchâteau (PR 31), Vittel-Contrexéville (PR 32) and from Mirecourt (PR 33).

Two trails for long walks go through the Plaine des Vosges. The GR®714, linking Lignéville and Bar-le-Duc, goes through Vittel-Contrexéville and around Neufchâteau. The GR®507 leaves from Contrexéville to link the GR®5 to Charmes via Mirecourt.

An alternative route to Saint Compostelle de Trèves at Vézelay, leaving from Toul, named 'Joan of Arc trail', goes through Domrémy-la-Pucelle, Rollainville, Sandaucourt and Contrexéville. Middle Age pilgrims used the trail a lot.

GR® Pays de l'Ouest des Vosges in 3 or 4 days. It allows you to walk across landscapes where the horizon softens, the fir trees give way to the leafier trees. The Meuse river, the Mouzon and its tributaries, slice up this landscape of plateaus and limestone ridges beautifully. As well as making your way through this guaranteed jaw-dropping scenery, you will come across sites that will make you feel as if you were flicking through an open-air history book.

Signposts: yellow-red (FFR)

Distance: 61.4 km

Forks are possible with the GR®714 at several points along the trail.

FOR MOUNTAIN BIKERS

100 km of sign-posted routes with gentle slopes for you to discover a rich and varied heritage with family or friends! From ‘very easy/family’ to ‘difficult’, the routes are 4.8 km to 22.5 km.
HAVING FUN HIKING

In Circourt-sur-Mouzon, Rollainville, Sionne... come and discover scintillating scenery!

A few places not to be missed: Maxey-sur-Meuse, le Meurger in Neufchâteau, the Col du Poirier and Saint-Anne’s Chapel in Vittel, and the Croix de Virine in Circourt.

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Have fun on your walk!

Discover our geocatching routes and orienteering races in forests. Download our routes and walks on our Internet sites: bike.vosges.fr, cirkwi.com, vittel-contrex.com, tourisme-ouest-vosges.fr and ot-mirecourt.fr
“Turn, turn, good horses made of wood.” (Verlaine)
INDULGE IN CULTURE

Land of 'savoir-faire'  p.24

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“Here, all the senses become alive. Water and wood are at the heart of our ‘savoir-faire’. In both nature and towns, a rich heritage is there to unlock.”

JEAN-PIERRE, STRINGED INSTRUMENT-MAKER AT MIRECOURT
Land of ‘savoir-faire’

Our region isn’t lacking in passionate artisans, but it also has artists who have brought back and used ancestral methods to keep our traditions alive.

As 50% of the Plaine des Vosges is covered by forest, many crafts associated with wood and its derivatives are here in abundance.

In the west of the Vosges, the towns of Neufchâteau and Liffol-le-Grand are veritable capitals of classic furniture.

Today, this exceptional workmanship is exported all around the world. As for the town Of Mirecourt, it is associated with stringed instrument-making and bow-making.

MUSEUM OF FRENCH STRINGED INSTRUMENT MAKING AND BOW MAKING

musee-lutherie-mirecourt.fr  03 29 37 81 59  Mirecourt

17th century Mirecourt is where instrument-making and bow-making traditions from Lorraine and later France were forged and handed down. Travel across a universe where craftmanship meets music, where tactile workbenches, sound extracts, pick-up-able instruments all allow you to uncover two unmissable skills which are stringed-instrument-making and bow making. Regular themed exhibitions bring value to the diversity within this profession. Highlight of the visit: the museum workshop, which is a former guitar and mandolin workshop preserved on-site by a Mirecourt professional. Find out how instrument-makers transform wood into music.

AN ENDURING ‘SAVOIR-FAIRE’

To finish off your visit, have a stroll along the streets of Mirecourt and have a peek at the stringed-instrument-makers still at work. You will find violins, violas, cellos, bass, bows, guitars, nyckelharpa...
L’OUEST DES VOSGES, UNBEATABLE CAPITAL OF SEAT-MAKING

You have arrived in the cradle of seat-making, crowning artisans and local businesses with worldwide renown. This craftwork of wood is linked to the quality of the forests and region which started to develop in the Middle Ages when religious furniture was being made.

With the development of furniture at the middle of the 19th century, manufacturing took off. Still today, although there are indeed fewer, several sites continue production and export all around the world. These works of art furnish prestigious establishments such as the Ritz, emblematic ones such as the Garnier Opera, millionaire abodes, yachts... The biggest designers and most reputable brands work with these gurantors of craftsmanship.

The community of communes of Mirecourt-Dompaire and Ouest Vosgien have received the prize of ‘Unique Craftsmanship’

HOUSE OF MECHANICAL MUSIC AND LACE

Mirecourt serinettes, barrel or street organs... Take a trip back to the origins of mechanical music with this surprising collection of instruments devoted to dance and entertainment! An opportunity to feel uplifted by this incredible musical notations during your guided visit. Take your magnifying glass from the ground floor to admire the beautiful lacework on the placemats, furnishings and clothes. If you are the patient sort, you could even have a go yourself...
The Plaine des Vosges through time

One of the unique aspects of the Plaine des Vosges is without a doubt its history, which we can trace back through its heritage. The adventure we suggest you go on starts at the Gallo-Roman period, through the Middle Ages to the Renaissance, without forgetting 18th century and the Belle Epoque. Let us guide you and we will unlock the doors to some incredible treasures!

GALLO-ROMAN VILLAGE – Grand

‘Wow!’ This might well be the word that comes to mind when you see this amphitheatre which could seat 17,000 people and is longer than the arena in Nimes. Discovery doesn’t stop there… with a perfectly conserved mosaic with animal motifs stretching over more than 230 m²! It’s a real trip through the ages, peppered by exhibitions of objects from that period. And then comes the question – what was left to be invented after that?

Don’t hesitate to come here with children, when you ask for the little archaeologist’s guide, they’ll be off on a treasure hunt to follow in the footsteps of gladiators.
THE MIDDLE-AGES THROUGH JOAN’S EYES – Domremy-la-Pucelle

Through the historical figure of Joan of Arc, the Middle Ages and the 100 years’ war come alive. This young woman was born in troubled times in the small village of Domremy-la-Pucelle. You can step into the home she grew up in, next to which an interpretation centre has opened its doors so you can explore this period and discover its protagonists. Exhibitions, films, historical plays are here to help you.

At less than 2 km from her childhood home, Joan would often go and play on a hillside called Bois Chenu. In 1881 a church was built there in her memory. History decided that this church would become a Basilica, the Saint Joan of Arc Basilica. Open to the public, you can admire paintings which retrace the story of Joan, as well as mosaics and stained glass.

NEUFCHÂTEAU,
An Outstanding Cultural Heritage Site of France and awarded 100 Plus Beaux Détours de France!

When you arrive in Neufchâteau, you’ll be able to retrace over 1000 years. Built on the right banks of the river Meuse, next to the regions of Lorraine and Champagne, Neufchâteau, once protected by ducal castle, took off in the Middle Ages thanks to its drapery trade. Its urban landscape, shaped between the 12th and 15th centuries, is dominated by imposing buildings such as the Saint-Christophe and Saint-Nicolas churches. They are home to classic furniture and statues, inherited in part from the convents lost during the Revolution. Civil architecture is found in the form of 16th century reconstructions and further ones in the 18th century, led by an active bourgeoisie composed of rich traders and ducal officers.

It’s partly due to the desire to showcase this architectural and artistic heritage that the town was awarded the 100 Most Beautiful Detours of France. Discover this brand in a free guide, available at the Office du Tourisme.
The Plaine des Vosges through time

The 18th Century

At the heart of Mirecourt’s old town, the rue Haute (made up of rue Chanzy and rue Général Leclerc) is characterised by facades remodelled during the 18th century. Renaissance and 18th century courtyards are hidden at the very ends of narrow corridors and house superb galleries and staircases with intricate décor.

It’s during this same period that Thermalism was born. Thermal towns became spectacular places of pleasure and entertainment, where taking the waters were akin to going to the ball! One needed to be seen and ‘see the spectacle for oneself’. The most renowned architects were therefore called in to create extravagant ‘mise en scenes’ in a multitude of styles.

The 19th Century

In Mattaincourt, the beautiful building of Saint-Pierre Fourier basilica, dating back to 1842, houses the saint’s relics. The recently restored chapel of relics and the stained glass in the Gabriel Loire workshop deserve a detour in their own right.

Not far from here in the old presbytery, the Saint-Pierre Fourier Museum retraces his life. You can see the bedroom he slept in and numerous documents relating to that era.

The Renaissance

Restored in 2014, the renaissance staircase is part of the most outstanding buildings to survive in Neufchâteau – the Houdreville Hotel. It’s part of the 100 ‘Renaissance’ staircases with straight shutters, decorated ceilings, built between 1520 and 1650 and conserved in France.

Centre of commercial life, the Halles building in Mirecourt was built between 1614 and 1618 by Jean de la Hire, architect if the Duke of Lorraine in charge of the construction of a castle in Lunéville.

How can you discover this cultural heritage? The tourism offices will open the doors to these places during guided tours and European Heritage Days... Contact us!
THE 2ND ARMoured DIVISION TRAIL

The 2nd armoured division landings helped liberate France on 2nd August 1944. Twelve milestones cover the entire territory of the Plaine des Vosges, marking out the famous 2nd armoured division trail used by Général Leclerc de Hauteclocque’s soldiers.

From Contrexéville and Vittel, the first serious offensive started. The battle was to take a decisive turn in Dompaire/Ville-sur-Ilon where the 2nd armoured division faced 90 Nazi Panther tanks.

Today, the Leclerc monument with its Corsican tank remains the emblematic spot to symbolise the battle of Dompaire.

A huge sign-posted circular walk of around 200 km and five small ones of 70 km have been created for cycling enthusiasts and lovers of nature, history and heritage. For those of you who are a little less sporty, you could cycle just a part of the trail and take in the beautiful spots people have suggested.

FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE 18TH CENTURY TO THE ROARING TWENTIES

In Vittel and Contrexéville, architects overflowed with imagination to blow away the thermal bathers: covered walkways, music kiosks, villas of all styles. Eiffel, Art Deco, Art Nouveau, Modern, Arabic, Anglo-Norman, Greco-Roman... Vittel or Contrexéville are timeless places. More than 30 edifices are classed as historical monuments. Come and uncover them!

1774: 1st Thermal establishment in Contrexéville
1855: 1st Thermal establishment in Vittel
In Vittel, come and see horses trot away from the race course to jump over obstacles on the golf courses: it’s unique!
INDULGE IN SPORT AND LEISURE

Activities for everyone

“It’s brilliant! There are so many activities, games, pedalos, treetop adventures, paintball, an escape game! We can even play in the surrounding forest. We can cycle, go running, walking and most importantly use the free pool! The lake fishing is amazing – the carps are massive!”

MATHIS, 10
Activities for everyone

Whatever it is you fancy doing, the Plaine des Vosges is overflowing with sports activities, both indoor and outdoor… Here’s a glimpse at what’s on offer!

LES LACS DE LA FOLIE

vittel-contrex.com
03 29 08 08 68 Contrexéville

Fancy a relaxing family or romantic day in the countryside? Then come to the lakes! The 30 acres are a real haven of peace, ideal for fishing, walking, picnicking or doing sports and other leisure activities. Big kids and smaller ones absolutely love this place. The open-air swimming pool (free and with lifeguard), the treetop adventure park, paintball, escape game, sunbathing area, games area, pedalos, arboretum and the multitude of signposted walks around, make this leisure area a very much appreciated place, both privileged and well-preserved!
PUZIEUX LABYRINTH

labyrinthepuzieux.com
06 85 23 03 22 Puzieux

To entertain big people as well as small, every summer the labyrinth takes on a new shape. You can also go for a wander by horse and trap to visit the farm. For a real change of scenery!

THE GOLFING DESTINATION OF THE VOSGES...

golf-vittel-hazeau.com 03 29 08 20 85
golf-vittel-ermitage.com 03 29 08 00 84
Vittel

Is... Vittel! 1100 acres are dedicated to golf in an ecological setting with a total of 54 holes, including the legendary wooded and sloping Mont Saint-Jean course, created in 1905 (the 2nd in France at that point).
THE ONLY RACECOURSE IN THE VOSGES

vittel.hippodromes-est.fr
03 29 08 12 59  Vittel

Indulge yourself at the races in Vittel with friends or... with your family! Children have their own special place to go whilst their parents get on with having fun. Lots of entertainment and a great atmosphere guaranteed! Have you ever seen the racehorses leave the race track to go and jump over obstacles on the golf course? It’s extraordinary! For horse lovers, several riding stables are to be found all over the Plaine des Vosges.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING FOR CHILDREN?

vittelchastir.com
03 29 08 22 22  Vittel

The clay pigeon shooting range in Vittel is one of the rare places in France which welcomes children. Whether you’re a novice or an experienced shooter, come and have some fun in the open air all year round!

OH, IT’S RAINING! FANCY BOWLING IN CONTREXÉVILLE?

happy-bowling.pagesperso-orange.fr
03 29 05 09 01  Contrexéville

12 Bowling lanes – Giant screens – Video games – Summer terrace – Lounge Bar
CASINOS

- casinocontrexeville.com
- casinovittel.fr
- Vittel and Contrexéville

As well as games, the Casinos offer live entertainment, performances, a bar and restaurant all year round.

FREEKART 88

- freekart88.fr
- 06 19 55 56 97
- Juvaincourt

Are you a thrill seeker? Whatever your speciality (go-kart, motorbike, super moto or 4x4), you are set to make memories in these lush surroundings.

LE FORT AUX ÉNIGMES

- fortauxenigmes.com
- 03 29 94 35 69
- Mont-les-Neufchâteaux

This military fort has been transformed to greet little people and big and show them cool ways of visiting it. With old-fashioned games and treasure hunts dotted with questions. Put your ‘nature’ knowledge to the test with questions on flora and fauna. A half-day of fun! Will you take up the challenge?
what we doing tomorrow?
INDULGE IN FESTIVITIES

The Plaine des Vosges has something going on all year long. During winter, the festivities of Saint-Nicolas and Christmas take place, then the spring celebrations come and the carnaval too. From summer to autumn, entertainment ticks by nicely: trips, visits, festivals, concerts, exhibitions etc. Come and experience unforgettable moments with family or friends!

“My children loved visiting the 1900 farm. It had a party atmosphere and a quirky universe. Everyone played along.”

ROSY, B&B OWNER
Agenda

Back to XARONVAL in 1900

Sundays in July, August and September take you back in time as soon as you step over the village boundary of Xaronval. Get ready to experience the early 20th century for real: farm, school, bakery, ironmith’s, printer’s, houses, all in the style of the 1900s! Every week, craftspeople, artists and musicians are there to colour your day’s visit. The last weekend in September, a huge brocante fair comes to finish off the season. Open your old suitcases stuck in the attic, dig out your grandparents’ clothes and pop them on! Why not!

Farmers market

- Mattaincourt
  1st and 3rd Saturday of the month
- Bouxurulles
  2nd and 4th Saturday of the month
- Bleurville
  1st Saturday of the month
- Vittel
  from May to Sept. once a month
- Contrexéville
  from June to Sept. once a month
Trips and guided visits

Summertime is synonymous with numerous activities, entertainment and festive meet-ups and you’ll find the calendar in the Tourist Offices. The team will be waiting to help you discover the heritage, monuments open their doors, activities flourish to brighten up your stay. There’s always something happening in summer! The only tricky bit is what to choose…

Spring

MARCH
Grand Corso Carnaval • Vittel

APRIL
European Artistic Craft Days journeesdesmetiersdart.fr
Frog fair • Vittel

MAY
Brass Masters or Percu’Folies (Percussion Madness) • Vittel (alternating, every two years)
Museum Nights nuitdesmusees.culture.gouv.fr
European Sustainable Development • Contrexéville
Domremy in May • Domremy-la-Pucelle
Under the Willow (basket-making workshops, concerts, theatre) • Bouxurulles
Summer

JUNE
National Archaeology Days
• Gallo-Roman site in Grand Timeless Gardens • Vittel

‘RDV chez Stan’, (performances every Friday night) • Contrexéville

Historical reconstruction
• Gallo-Roman site in Grand

JULY
Sculpture symposium (even-numbered year)
• Mirecourt

Grand Est Open 88
• Contrexéville

International Fair of sculpture and painting (even-numbered year)
• Vittel

‘RDV chez Stan’, (performances every Friday night) • Contrexéville

Village 1900 (every Sunday)
• Xaronval

Exhibition of paintings and sculptures • Mirecourt

AUGUST
‘Les Bouteilles Folles’ Festival (contemporary music) • Vittel

Historical reconstruction
• Birthplace of John of Arc at Domremy-la-Pucelle

Art exhibition
• Palais des congrès in Vittel

‘RDV chez Stan’, (performances every Friday night) • Contrexéville

Village 1900 (every Sunday)
• Xaronval

Exhibition of paintings and sculptures • Mirecourt
## Autumn

### SEPTEMBER
- National competition of Ardennes horses • Vittel
- Commemorations of French Liberation (exhibitions, conferences and films) • Dompaire
- Sports festival • Contrexéville and Vittel
- Second-hand ‘brocantes’ fair (last weekend) • Xaronval
- European Heritage Days (3rd week-end)
- ‘RDV chez Stan’, (performances every Friday night) • Contrexéville
- Village 1900 (every Sunday) • Xaronval

### OCTOBER
- Poussay Fair, 2nd largest agricultural fair in France and biggest jumble sale of the region • Located in the fair field in Poussay
- Autumn festival • Contrexéville
- Halloween inside the Enigma Fortress • Mont-lès-Neufchâteau

### FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER
- Comedy festival ‘Histoires d’en rire’ • Communauté de Communes Terre d’Eau

### NOVEMBER
- Photographic event of West Vosges • Neufchâteau/Liffol-le-Grand
- International violin festival (every odd year) • Mirecourt
- International violin competition (every even year) • Mirecourt

## Winter

### END OF YEAR TRADITIONS
As Saint-Nicolas is the patron saint of Lorraine, the 6th December is celebrated in every town and every family. An opportunity to have some festive fun with the floral floats, Saint Nicolas and the Old Man Whipper, as well as fireworks!

This event is unmissable in Lorraine and is followed by the traditional Christmas markets, outdoor ice rinks... Winter is full of festivities!
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Trail times
Vittel-Contrexéville → Neufchâteau: 30 mn
Vittel-Contrexéville → Mirecourt: 30 mn
Vittel-Contrexéville → Domrémy-la-Pucelle: 45 mn
Vittel-Contrexéville → Grand: 55 mn
Vittel-Contrexéville → Xaronval: 50 mn
Vittel-Contrexéville → Dompaire: 25 mn
Vittel-Contrexéville → Ville-sur-Illon: 30 mn
Vittel-Contrexéville → Puzieux: 40 mn
Mirecourt → Neufchâteau: 40 mn
Mirecourt → Grand: 1 h
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