

## Auxonne

Capital of the Val de Saône

Côte-d'Or



City walking tour



Burgundy



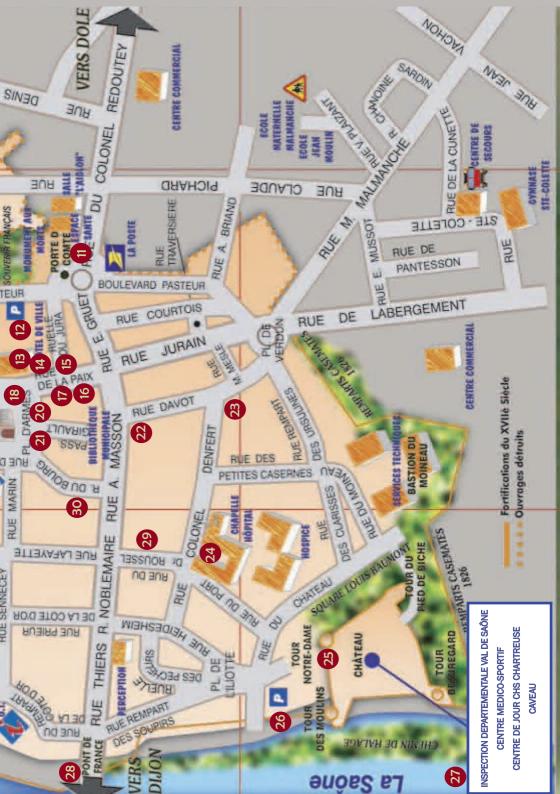


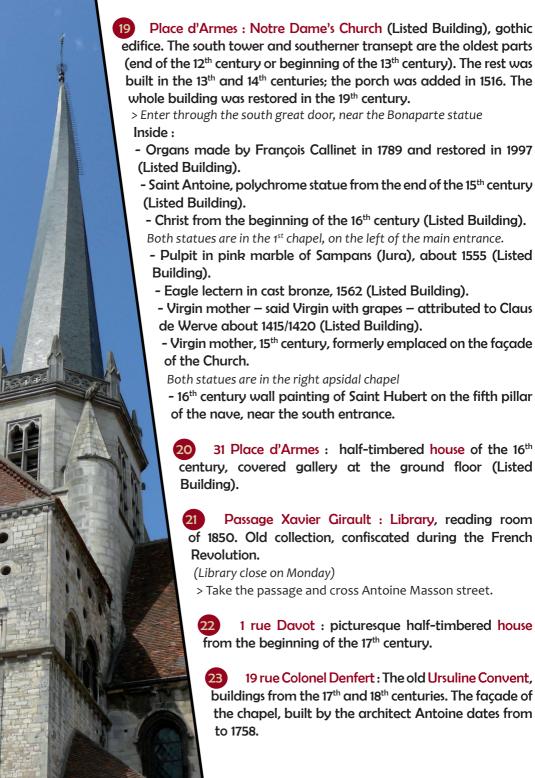
- 5 rue de Berbis : Former Berbis's mansion. 17<sup>th</sup> century front in pink stone from Moissey (quarry in Jura).
- 6 rue des Halles : Old house with a stair turret of the 15th century.
- Arsenal (Listed Building): The entrances have decorated pediments with decorative arms. Built in 1689 by Vauban to make barrels. One of the buildings is nowadays used for the market (friday morning). The wheelwright building and the big forges are used are annexes by the high school. The sculpture of Jacques Perreaut represents the town's fortifications. It was put here in 2007, for the three-hundredth anniversary of Vauban's death.
- 4 1 rue Carnot : 1592 decorated porch.
- 2 bis rue Carnot: Jehan de la Croix's mansion (Listed Building): Former artillery administration. Inside, beautiful spiral staircase in a turret of the 15<sup>th</sup> century.
- 4 rue Carnot: 1607 house, the porch is decorated with animals and flowers with a grotesque mask.
- Royal Front Door (Listed Building): built at the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century by the Count of Aspremont who led the fortifications works of the town from 1673. The floor of the main pavilion was added in 1717.
  - > Go round the door. Decorative arms around the royal's blazon overcome the main entrance
- 8 Tower of the Sign (Listed Building): former surrounding wall tower, strengthened during the Renaissance Period. It is decorated with a salamander, emblem of François 1er, king of France.
- 9 10 RI Square: Bonaparte Quarter, barracks. The three buildings-blocks (façades built with the pink stone from Moissey Jura) date from 1759-1763. Napoléon Bonaparte, second lieutenant in the « Régiment de la Fère » and student at the artillery school of Auxonne stayed here from 1788 to 1791 during 2 periods interrupted by leaves of absence. The second room in which Bonaparte lived is preserved in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Pavillon de la Ville. (Visits are subjected to authorizations)



- Porte de Comté (Listed Building): former east entrance of the town built in 1503 and kept in the 17<sup>th</sup> century fortifications. On every side, old grantings. > Cross « Boulevard Pasteur » to the Hôtel de Ville car park.
- Bandstand: built in stone and cast iron in 1901 by Maison Blairon de Charleville and, at that time, erected in the garden, behind the town hall.
- Place d'Armes: Townhall, former dwelling of the Dukes of Burgundy. At the back, opening of the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Indoor, stairs Louis XIII (to visit the stairs; ask at the reception desk of the town hall). The façade was rebuilt in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by Phal-Blando, architect in Auxonne.
- 41 place d'Armes: 18<sup>th</sup> century wooden stairs with twisted balusters originally leading to two houses. The right one was walled up.
- 15 9 rue de la Paix : 1613 porch.
- 2 rue de la Paix: Former Bankruptcy court. Mansion built in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Its façade has been rebuilt in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Former Bailiwick court.
- 4 rue de la Paix : Staircase in the courtyard with galleries and wooden twisted balusters, architecture widespread in the town center. In front, beautiful door in the gothic-renaissance style.
- Place d'Armes: Bonaparte statue in cast bronze, sculpted by François Jouffroy in 1857. It was erected by inhabitants of Auxonne to commemorate Bonaparte's two stays (1788-1789 and 1791).







- 5 rue Colonel Denfert : Hospital, rebuilt in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Chapel of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.
- 25 Rue du Château: Castle (Listed Building) erected in 1479 by the king Louis XI, after the Burgundy annexation. In the courtyard, on the right, the Governor's mansion and barracks of the 16<sup>th</sup> century; Vauban's barracks on the left.
  - > leave the castle
- Rue du château : former Butchery of 1842, decorated with a cow head.

> From the towpath, on the left, a view of the ancient dam next to the railway bridge and on the right, a view of the « Pont de France ».

- Dam: built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century from the plan of the engineer POIRÉ, manual dam with wooden needle and small closures, 220m long, nowadays completed by an automated one.
- Bridge over the Saône river: called « Pont de France ».
  The medieval bridge was repaired several times. The new bridge dates from 1829. The wooden deck was substituted in 1879 by a roof-deck. The bridge was rebuilt after the Second World War.

> Leave the towpath, cross « Rue du château » and take « Rue du port »

- 29 8 rue du Docteur Gaston Roussel : House with a cartouche of 1584.
  - > Cross « Rue Antoine Masson » and take « Rue du Bourg »
- 6 rue du Bourg : Merchant house of 1578 (Listed Building), beautiful façade of the Renaissance period with a pieta.

Thank you for your visit and see you soon.

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