

DISCOVERY TRAIL

CHAMBÉRY

FOLLOWING THE ELEPHANTS

Self-guided tour

Heritage, creators' boutiques,
Foodies' favourites



1^h 15

2^{km}





Notes

■ Creators' boutiques - ■ Foodies' favourites



URBAN STROLL

CREATORS' BOUTIQUES

FOODIES' FAVOURITES

This urban stroll will be a true paradise for lovers of good food and beautiful items alike, as the «Following the Elephants» route allows you to meet with local artisans for the chance to savour delicious cheeses, regional products and a range of chocolates. You will also discover a few Savoyard creators, sure to amaze you with their fantastic inventiveness and unique creations (jewellery, ceramics, clothing, works of art, etc.). As you make your way around, the town reveals its soul, uncovering local talents and awakening all the senses... Below, you'll find a list of shops in the order you'll find them on the trail.

CREATORS' BOUTIQUES

Aux Armes de Bonivard

Art gallery
5, rue Bonivard, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 70 19 32

La Forge des Halles

Aladdin's cave/Creators
19, rue Bonivard, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 68 48 38

TUM

Art and Decoration
67, rue Juiverie, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 69 32 27

Sudocoud

Creative haberdashery
45, rue Juiverie, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 84 05 04

Capsule 32

Creators' boutique
32, rue Basse du Château, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 84 05 04

Caractères

Arts and crafts
30, rue Basse du Château, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 44 11 70

L'Atelier Verrier – Nathalie Van

Jewellery making
4, place du Château, Chambéry

Un Éléphant dans le Couloir

Local creators' boutique:
100% handmade
175, rue Croix d'Or, Chambéry
Tel. 06 23 64 16 77

La Piste Verte

Official Opinel shop
172, rue Croix d'Or, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 33 57 31

La Maison Rouge

Gift shop
98, Rue Croix d'Or, Chambéry
Tel. 09 83 67 77 05

La Belle Armoire

The world of vintage, alongside charming objects
from local creators
38, rue Croix d'Or, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 72 26 33

La Petite Valise Jaune

Creators' boutique
25, rue d'Italie, Chambéry
Tel. 07 67 74 49 46

La Cacheette de Linette

Concept store, made-in-France creations
97, rue d'Italie, Chambéry
Tel. 07 60 83 36 30

Codjo

Art gallery
74, fbg Montmélian, Chambéry
Tel. 06 08 17 71 68

Collectif de la Maise

Artists' collective, Urban art
150, fbg Montmélian, Chambéry
Tel. 06 60 85 86 33

Art AbordSavoie

Bootmaker's workshop
150, fbg Montmélian, Chambéry
Tel. 06 59 64 56 59

La Galerie du Grillon

Creators' boutique
10, rue Denfert Rochereau, Chambéry
Tel. 06 85 83 29 41

La Ruche Boutik'

Local creators' and artists' boutique
240, rue de la République, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 85 71 13

Ateliers sur Cour

Art gallery/Artists' studio
21, place Monge, Chambéry
Tel. 06 71 37 74 59

Espace Larith

Art gallery
39, rue du Larith, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 70 42 67

Métropole B

Local creators' and artists' boutique
Place de la Métropole, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 60 73 92

L'Atelier de la Métropole

Art gallery/Artists' studio
6, rue de la Métropole, Chambéry
Tel. 06 13 46 13 14

La Galerie des Alpes

Art gallery
4, rue Guillaume Fichet, Chambéry
Tel. 06 75 36 15 86

Secrets d'Aloyse

100% natural and certified-organic cosmetics
72, rue Vieille Monnaie, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 60 44 37

Galerie de Lans

Art gallery
3, rue de Lans, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 85 68 43

La Mercerie Café Créatif

Haberdashery, creators' boutique
2, rue Berthollet, Chambéry
Tel. 09 82 45 52 75

Chapelle Vaugelas

Temporary exhibitions
Rue Jean-Pierre Veyrat, Chambéry

Antiquités Jourmet

Antique shop
1, rue Sainte-Barbe, Chambéry
Tel. 04 56 75 18 56



FOODIES' FAVOURITES

Salaisons du Cayon

Shop selling local products
11, rue Favre, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 70 54 72

Fromages et Breuvages

Cheesemonger
11, rue Jean-Pierre Veyrat, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 65 96 53

Maison Chanvillard

Bakery
6, place de Genève, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 33 36 77

Les Halles de Chambéry Market

La Fruitière d'Augustin

Cheesemonger
2, place de Genève, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 33 77 17

La Fromagerie

Cheesemonger
1, rue Derrière les Murs, Chambéry
19-21, rue Jean-Pierre Veyrat, Chambéry
Tel. 04 57 12 91 10

Terre à terre

Shop selling local products
53, rue Juiverie, Chambéry
Tel. 04 56 29 54 11

La Goguette de Juliette

Bakery
58, rue Juiverie, Chambéry
Tel. 09 51 75 34 05

Beaufort des Montagnes

Cheesemonger
2, rue Juiverie, Chambéry
Tel. 09 67 22 08 03

Chocolaterie Bochard

Artisanal chocolatier
35, rue Basse-du-Château, Chambéry

Cédric Pernot – Au fidèle berger

Bakery/Artisanal chocolatier
15, rue de Boigne, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 70 22 62

La Cave à Perret

Direct sale of Savoy wine
10, rue de Boigne, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 72 27 78

Ernest Pâtisserie et Café

Bakery
49, place Saint-Léger, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 33 35 61

Confiserie Mazet

Artisanal chocolatier
2, place Porte Reine, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 33 07 35

Glacier Croix d'or

Artisanal ice-cream maker
123, rue Croix d'Or, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 34 05 16

La Ruche Boutik'

Shop of local and handmade products
240, rue de la République, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 85 71 13

Pastel Pâtissier

Bakery
26, place Monge, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 96 90 18

Jean-Charles Michaud

Traditional tea room
5, boulevard du Théâtre, Chambéry
Tel. : 04 79 33 17 61

Arnault Benoit chocolatier

Artisanal chocolatier
1, rue de Boigne, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 71 34 30

Pâtisserie Louis

Bakery
23, rue Macornet, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 33 74 53

La Sibérienne

Artisanal ice-cream maker/Tea room
9, rue Doppet, Chambéry
Tel. 04 79 44 87 28

Over time, the nature of these shops will naturally evolve. An updated list can be found on www.chamberymontagnes.com. We hope you enjoy these beautiful discoveries in Chambéry!



FOLLOWING THE ELEPHANTS

1th 15
2^{km}

Have you noticed those little elephants that line the cobblestones of our historic town centre? Follow them, they will be your guides! These little elephants will lead you along the way to all the treasures of Chambéry.

1 – Place du Palais de Justice

This square was first developed in the 19th century. The Museum of Fine Arts is built on the ruins of the old town walls. The neo-classical Palais de Justice was the last public building constructed in the town before Savoy's attachment to France in 1860.

2 – Les Halles - Place de Genève

Commercial hub and covered market. The Chambéry coat of arms can be admired on the facade of the Les Halles market.

3 – Place Saint-Léger

A Chambéry local from the Middle Ages would be stunned to find that the waters of the Albanne no longer flow here and would surely wonder what had happened to those small stone bridges that once spanned the river. At that time, the two banks of the Albanne were considered streets: with the Grand'rue on one side and Rue Grenaterie (later Turpin) on the other. At the end of the 16th century, this arm of the Albanne was covered up. The names «Grand'rue» and «RueTurpin» were lost to time, joined under the new name «Place Saint-Léger» – a small street space occupied by a church of the same name until 1760. It is for this reason that the modern-day «Place Saint-Léger», a rather narrow and extensive road, bears the name of a 'Place' (square) rather than a 'Rue' (street).

4 – Rue Juiverie

This street takes its name from the fact that it once led to the Jewish quarter located at the foot of the castle.

5 – Rue Basse-du-Château

This street plunges the visitor into medieval Chambéry, with its old shops and large stone benches once used to display goods. You can almost imagine the wooden shutters pulled down over the doorways at night. Until Rue de Boigne was cut through the town in 1830, only this street offered direct access to the castle (hence its name). It contains the town's last aerial passage. This made it possible to connect two flats in two different buildings. These passages were largely destroyed for fear that they would help spread fires.

6 – Rue Sainte-Apollonie

This was one of the busiest streets in the Middle Ages, with its bread oven, chapel and public baths.

7 – Castle of the Dukes of Savoy

The Count of Savoy Amédée V bought this castle from the former lords of Chambéry in the 13th century: the town

then became a capital city. At that time, the castle fulfilled four essential functions: residential, defensive, religious and administrative. Later, in the 16th century, the Dukes of Savoy would establish their capital in Turin, though Chambéry retained a strong administrative role. The Sainte-Chapelle church may be accessed during guided tours. The theme of its stained-glass windows calls back to the 16th century, when it housed the Holy Shroud. Since 1993, the grand carillon has been located in the Yolande Tower. This instrument is one of the largest in the world, with 70 bells.

8 – The alleys - Traboules

Lyon has its traboules, Chambéry has its alleys! These are like corridors that allow people to pass between large buildings. The buildings of the town's historic centre are unique in that they feature a deep and narrow facade, a legacy of the «toisé»: a 14th-century tax calculated according to the main width of a building's facade. The narrower they were, the smaller the tax ... Hence this iconic structure that can be found throughout the historic heart.

9 – Back on Place Saint-Léger

Upon the site of the Marmousets fountain once stood the Saint-Léger Church. This religious building sat astride the Albanne (a river that once ran through the square, spanning its length). Having fallen into disrepair over time, it was demolished in 1749. This church housed the only public clock in the town. From this bell tower, a lookout would watch over the roofs, keeping an eye out for any outbreaks of fire.

10 – L'Horloge Island

Optical illusions recreating details of Chambéry decorate this area, created during the town's restructuring in the 1990s.

11 – Rue Croix d'Or

Until the French Revolution, travellers from Piedmont who came to discover Chambéry through this street could gaze upon a fountain, located in the middle of the road and surmounted by a large golden cross. The magnificent memory of this cross has been passed down through the centuries, giving its name to the street. A great many mansions testify to its aristocratic character: those of Costa de Beauregard (no 113); Perugia, with the Coeur Flammbant fountain (no 70); Castagnery de Châteauneuf (no 18); and Marches de Bellegarde (no 19).

12 – Castagnery de Châteauneuf Hotel

This mansion was built in the 17th century. Its gates separated the mansion's courtyard from the Franciscan convent. These certainly

had a decorative role, though they were mainly used to highlight the origin of the Castagnery de Châteauneuf family's wealth, as owners of large iron mines in Savoy (no 18).

13 – Charles Dullin Theatre

The original theatre (1775) was made from wood, on the site of the modern-day theatre. In 1820, the Count of Boigne bought the building and financed the construction of an Italian theatre. In 1864, a fire ravaged the building and only the stage curtain was saved: this painting by Luigi Vacca, official artist of King Charles Felix, depicting Orpheus' descent into hell, has been recently restored. The new theatre, inaugurated in October 1866, was dedicated to Charles Dullin, a great theatre man born in Yenne, Savoy.

14 – Place du théâtre

One of the three great gates of the fortified town* stood here: the «Montmélian» gate. This gate was managed by a doorman who closed the passage shortly after nightfall, reopening it at dawn.

*Chambéry's town walls were built from 1371 to 1444: this was a wall about 10 m high punctuated by higher towers. It was demolished at the end of the 18th century. A section of this wall can still be seen at Rue Dessaix.

NEW IN 2022
An additional trail for even more discoveries!

15 min
600m

This route can be found on the ground (marked by red elephants).

15 – Rue d'Italie & faubourg Montmélian

This is where the Faubourg Montmélian began. This was a straight line, like a corridor, that travellers would have to travel from the current Buisson-Rond park in order to reach Chambéry. It was not until 1860 that the current Rue d'Italie was detached from the faubourg, when Napoleon III decided to have the current Rue de la Banque cut through the town, thereby creating an exit from the town from the Curial military barracks.

Many inns can be found dotted around the faubourg. We can still make out the large porte-cochères that once allowed horses and carriages to enter today. It was here that travellers heading to France and Italy would stop off. This saved them the burden of having to worry about the walled town's opening and closing hours. The square here was also cheaper than the establishments located within the town walls. From 1855, with the rise of rail transport, Faubourg Montmélian and Rue d'Italie lost their role as the Gateway to Italy and had to reinvent themselves. The faubourg then became a place of commerce. It was very easy to park here. As such, the inhabitants of Bauges and the Combe de Savoie highly appreciated this entrance to Chambéry, which allowed

them to go shopping in the town.

16 - Oratory, convents and charity

On the first floor of number 31 (Faubourg Montmélian), an oratory is dedicated to Saint Anthony of Padua, protector of Faubourg Montmélian – especially against floods. For centuries, this neighbourhood has lived in fear of great floods given that it is crossed by three rivers: the Leysse, the Albanne and the Ru d'Enfer.

Several convents that failed to find a place within the walls of the fortified town settled here: the Augustinians, the Carmelites, the Annunciades and the Carmes. They remained here until the French Revolution. This neighbourhood also housed several charitable institutions: hospice, retirement home, homeless shelter and more.

17 – Les Chartreux Tower

This is the only watchtower in the faubourg. Even outside of the wall, the town entrance within the old faubourg was marked by a narrowing of the carriageway.

18 – Rue du Laurier

Rue des Lauriers was a canal in the Ru d'Enfer stream, covered over in the 19th century. Before then, one can imagine the rear facades of the faubourg directly overlooking the water.

The laurel as the emblem of the faubourg? One of the most illustrious Chambéry families, the descendants of the Commènes, emperors of Constantinople, had their mansion built in the faubourg (no 72-74). Proud to be home to such an illustrious family, the faubourg then adopted the emblem of the laurel as its coat of arms.

19 – The printing-press rotunda

Originally located at the corner of Rue Saint-François-de-Sales and Rue Victor-Hugo, this rotunda was built in 1912 as the entrance to a cinema that would never be completed. In the 1920s, the building was taken over by a printer. During the construction of the Liberty building complex in 1990, the rotunda was lifted and moved in a single piece, before being placed at the entrance to the new Square Robert Marcon. This is one of the rare examples of the modern style in Chambéry.

20 – Passage du Mont Blanc

This passage was a canal of the Albanne, covered up in the 19th century as the water was required for the inns to water and wash the horses of the many travellers passing through. The street runs along the Sisters of Saint Joseph buildings, a religious congregation that arrived in Chambéry in 1816. They devoted themselves to teaching. As the women of this faubourg went out to work, they set up a school group dedicated to educating girls.

21 – The Elephants Fountain

This fountain was erected in homage to General Count de Boigne (1751-1830). Having acquired fame and fortune in India, he was the great benefactor of Chambéry, his hometown. The Elephants fountain,

nicknamed the «4 without bottoms», recalls the Indian military campaigns of the general whose bronze statue dominates the monument.

Benoit de Boigne is said to have given Chambéry more than a third of his fortune from India. It is to this man that the town owes the creation of Rue de Boigne, as well as the construction of a theatre, a college, a retirement home, a homeless shelter and many other charitable foundations.

22 – Hotel de Cordon – CIAP

The CIAP (Centre for the Interpretation of Architecture and Heritage) – the only mansion in Chambéry open to the public – offers a permanent exhibition on the history and evolution of the town, with temporary exhibitions on architecture and heritage, as well as tours and workshops. Free, unguided admission. Accessible to those with reduced mobility.

23 – Cathedral Saint-François-de-Sales

The interior elegance of this former Franciscan church, erected as a cathedral in 1779, comes from its trompe l'oeils. They are among the largest in Europe, covering almost the entire walls and vaults (an estimated area of more than 6,000 m2). Its treasury includes a 12th-century ivory diptych of Byzantine origin. The romantic organ by Augustin Zeiger (1847) has been listed as a Historic Monument since 1988.

24 – Jean-Jacques Rousseau in Chambéry

Rousseau spent more than 10 years in Chambéry from 1731 to 1742. Here, a plaque has been installed on the building in which he lived with Mrs de Warens.

The Charmettes house (a country house that deeply marked the personality of this great writer) is open to visitors.

25 – Rue de Boigne

Chambéry owes this street to the generosity of General Comte de Boigne in 1830. Its development made it easier to travel through Chambéry – though, at the time, it was considered a great scar across the old town, as so many buildings were destroyed. The street quickly became the centre of local society: families of public figures moved in, while a range of luxury shops and tea rooms opened their doors here. Its central section is home to the Turin-style arcades that the people of Chambéry call: «les Portiques».

26 – Town Hall

This building was constructed in 1863 to mark Savoy's attachment to France.

27 – Reconstruction

This area once resembled the rest of the historic town centre. On 26 May 1944, the Allies bombarded Chambéry because the station (a classification yard) was an important communication hub. Though the intended targets were severely hit, the inaccuracy of the high-altitude bombing

resulted in numerous civilian casualties and the destruction of many homes. Almost a quarter of the town's historic centre was destroyed. After the war, a new urban plan was drawn up for the town.

28 – Notre-Dame Church

The church of the ancient Jesuit convent, built in the 17th century. This building features a baroque facade.

29 – La Sasson

This statue, which represents Savoy, was built in 1892, during the centenary of its first attachment to France during the French Revolution. The term «Sasson» in Savoyard refers to a robust woman.

30 – Museum of Fine Arts

The building that houses this museum was once a grain hall (known as the 'grenette'), later becoming a library museum in the 19th century. This museum offers a prestigious collection of paintings from the late Middle Ages to the early 20th century. Throughout the year, the museum offers a programme of temporary exhibitions and cultural events.

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Discover Chambéry, City of Art and History, in the company of a tourist guide ...

Prices: €6/Reduced rate: €4.50 (students, jobseekers, persons with disabilities – upon presentation of proof). Children under 12: free.

Online booking: www.chamberymontagnes.com



For more tours

Museum of Fine Arts

Meeting point

place du Palais de Justice, Chambéry

Tél. 04 79 33 75 03 | www.musees.chambery.fr

Saint-François-de-Sales Cathedral

Meeting point place de la Métropole, Chambéry

Centre for the Interpretation of Architecture and Heritage

Hôtel de Cordon - CIAP

Meeting point 71 rue Saint-Réal, Chambéry

Tél. 04 79 70 15 94 | www.chambery.fr

SNCF Rotunda

Meeting point

731 chemin de la Rotonde, Chambéry

The SNCF rotunda can only be visited as part of a guided tour.

Children from 8 years and up.

Reservation required:

www.chamberymontagnes.com

Chambéry Tourist Office

5 bis place du Palais de Justice, Chambéry

For information regarding site opening hours and the reservation of guided tours:

www.chamberymontagnes.com

Tél. 04 79 33 42 47

Eureka Gallery

Meeting point

150 rue de la République, Chambéry

Tél. 04 79 60 04 25 | www.chambery.fr

Les Charmettes,

Jean-Jacques Rousseau's house

Meeting point

890 chemin des Charmettes, Chambéry

How to get there: the site may be reached by car or via a walk from the heart of Chambéry.

Return journey: 2.5 hours

Total elevation gain: 180 m

Distance: 7 km - Difficulty: easy

Tél. 04 79 33 39 44 | www.chambery.fr

Museum of Natural History

Meeting point 2 avenue de Lyon, Chambéry

Tél. 04 79 62 18 68

Carillon Concert

Meeting point place du Château, Chambéry

On the first and third Saturdays of the month, at 11:00. From 1 June to 30 September, concert every Saturday at 11:00

«Following the Elephants» tour

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City of Art and History:

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