



**Group offer
2024/2025**

**Royal Saltworks of
Arc-et-Senans**

**UNESCO World Heritage Site
Cultural Meeting Centre**



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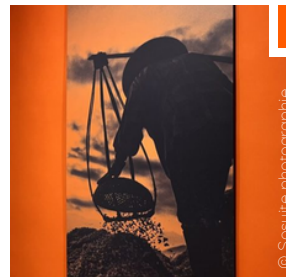


A masterpiece from the Age of Enlightenment

Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1982, the Royal Saltworks of Arc-et-Senans is a masterpiece of Claude-Nicolas Ledoux (1736–1806), a visionary French architect of the Age of Enlightenment. It is also a rare testimony to the history of industrial architecture. The Royal Saltworks is a salt factory that was commissioned by Louis XV and built between 1775 and 1779, 10 years before the French Revolution. Abandoned, looted, damaged by fire in 1918 and then acquired by the Doubs département in 1927, the Saline Royale is a unique place to discover all year round.

Permanent exhibitions

The architecture of the Royal Saltworks, its history and its restoration make it a unique monument in the world open to all visitors. Four permanent exhibitions and a playful digital tour give visitors a better understanding of the history of the site.



New scenography



History of salt

A former salt production factory, the Royal Saltworks of Arc-et-Senans is now more famous for the architecture of its buildings than for the industrial activity that gave rise to it. It is this history of salt production, based on brine transported by underground pipes from Salins-les-Bains, that the museum space in the 'Director's House' presents. In addition to this specific activity, the exhibition also provides an overview of the importance of salt in human life: its origins, geography, methods of exploitation, an essential element of taxation under the Ancien Régime, its symbolic and ritual role, its uses then and now...



Museum Ledoux

It is the only museum in Europe dedicated to an architect, the Claude-Nicolas Ledoux. The Museum retraces the life and work of the creator of the Royal Saltworks through 57 models. You can discover his built works, of which only a few buildings remain, as well as his dream projects.



A multilingual touch screen is at your disposal to discover the architect's projected and constructed work.

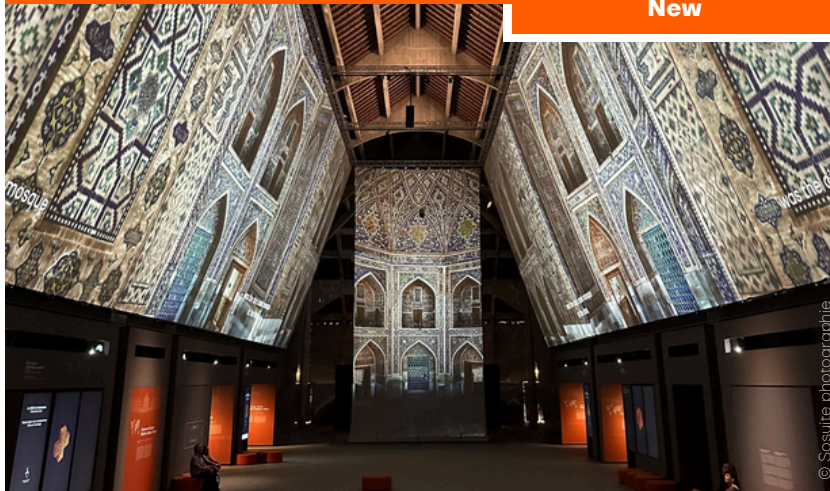
A Memory of the Place

This exhibition retraces the history of the Royal Saltworks after its closure in 1895, through a series of unfinished projects, the threat of its disappearance, its transformation into a place of confinement and new dark times before a revival in the 1960s. This exhibition has been redesigned around the question of time, thanks to 10 interactive devices created with master clockmaker Philippe Lebru and Utinam.

The Centre of Lights

The Centre of Lights is a new 3D immersive space, the only one of its kind in Burgundy-Franche-Comté. It immerses visitors in UNESCO World Heritage sites through monumental projections of several films. The experience is enhanced by interactive exploration devices where visitors can navigate a tactile globe and answer a quiz to learn more about world heritage, and a pavilion dedicated to intangible heritage.

You'll explore endangered, lost or inaccessible treasures: Pharaonic Egypt with the Sphinx and the pyramids of Giza, the Roman world with the city of Palmyra in Syria and Leptis Magna in Libya, Samarkand in Uzbekistan, the city of Venice in Italy, Mughal art with the tomb of Humayun, and so on.



New



13 hectares of biodiversity

Visiting the Saline Royale also means visiting its 30 gardens, spread over 13 hectares. The site has been classified as an LPO refuge and a Sensitive Natural Area since 2010, and is managed in an environmentally-friendly way to encourage biodiversity.



The Garden Festival (from June to October)

Presented at the end of spring, the festival, whose theme is renewed each year, is located in the 2nd semi-circle. The gardens, rich in form and colour, are an invitation to take a change of scenery, and are the result of a remarkable educational project involving numerous training establishments and students.



Visit packages

Classic guided tours



Discovery of the Royal Saltworks - 1 hour

A guide will show you around the 11 buildings, where the salt workers lived and worked, and comment on the 'History of salt' exhibition, before explaining the life and work of Ledoux.



History of salt - 1 hour

A presentation of the history and operation of a saltworks in the 17th century, following in the footsteps of salt, called "white gold", from its origins, production, trade, uses and values to the present day.



Museum Ledoux - 1 hour

A guide will tell you all about the architect's life, his buildings and his plans for the ideal city, through the 57 models in the Musée Ledoux, Europe's only museum dedicated to an architect.

History of salt and museum Ledoux - 2 hours

Discovery of the Royal Saltworks and its permanent collections.

Themed guided tours



"Industrial heritage" - 1 hour

Presentation of the Royal Saltworks from its creation to its transformation into a cultural and heritage centre.

UNESCO - 1 hour

Presentation of the Royal Saltworks of Arc-et-Senans from the point of view of OUV (Outstanding Universal Value).

This tour can be combined with the Centre of Lights immersive experience.

"A Focal History" - 1 hour

Discover the Royal Saltworks from the point of view of daily life, working hours, leisure activities and customs in the 18th and 19th centuries.

"Enlightenment" - 1 hour

This tour focuses on the philosophy of the Enlightenment and aims to understand how this school of thought influenced Ledoux's work and the design of the Royal Saltworks of Arc-et-Senans.

"Symbolism" - 1 hour

This tour of the Royal Saltworks highlights the symbolism and esotericism in the work of Claude-Nicolas Ledoux.

Lunch package Day at the Saltworks

A privileged setting to spend an exceptional day and lunch at the heart of a World Heritage Site. This package includes entry to the monument, the “Discovery the Royal Saltworks” guided tour and the lunch.



Meals are prepared using fresh produce from local producers and our own vegetable gardens. Menus are subject to change due to seasonality and product availability. All our dishes may contain traces of nuts and gluten.

- Aperitif option: Crémant and 3 savoury bites
- Visit of the permanent and temporary exhibitions
- Still water in carafe included
- The meal is free for the driver

Traditional menu “Day at the Saltworks”

Creamy mushroom vol-au-vent

Minced beef bourguignon style with rice pilaf

Two local cheeses

Orange blossom crème brûlée

Coffee

Two glasses of wine
from the Fruitière Vinicole d'Arbois*

*Any excess wine will be billed. Meal time is 2 hours.

Self-guided tour

Do you want more freedom ? Choose a self-guided tour ! Your entrance ticket gives you access to the permanent and temporary exhibitions, as well as to the gardens.



HistoPad*, an augmented reality tour

The HistoPad tablet takes you back to 1780, to a factory that has just been completed, to meet the salt workers. Thanks to 360° reconstructions, videos and audio commentaries, you'll be able to understand the organisation of the factory, the distribution of roles and the different processes involved in producing the “white gold”.

**Included in the entrance ticket. Available in French, English, German, Italian, Spanish, Chinese simplified, Korean, Japanese, Russian and Portuguese.*

Films to learn more

All tours can be freely supplemented by a 20-minute film entitled “Claude-Nicolas Ledoux, a visionary architect”, about the life and work of the architect, shown in the amphitheatre of the Museum Ledoux, and a 25-minute film about salt, “The Royal Saltworks, a story of salt”, shown in the Director's House.

Discover the world's heritage

Take advantage of the immersion offered by the Centre of Lights to learn more about world heritage and its diversity around the globe.



Artist residencies

Saline royale Academy

February, April and October



The Saline Royale Academy, supported by Music@mpus, aims to participate in the training of the best musicians of tomorrow.

Since its launch in 2020, several weeks of academy have taken place in the heart of the Royal Saltworks with internationally renowned professors and students of diverse nationalities.

National Youth Orchestra of France

April, during summer and October

The National Youth Orchestra of France was founded in 1982 by the French Ministry of Culture to train future professionals to become orchestral musicians. Today, it is the only youth symphony orchestra at this level in France for the repertoires of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.



Fairs and markets

Plant fair

October



Every year, more than 65 exhibitors sell plants, cuttings, jewellery, indoor and outdoor decorations and delight your taste buds with 100% local and natural products.

There's also a whole host of events for the young and old, focusing on nature, arts and crafts, olfactory and gustatory delights.

Christmas Market

Novembre and December



The Christmas market gives visitors a chance to rediscover the craftsmanship and savoir-faire of the Franche-Comté region through porcelain, games, ceramics and decorative items...

For gourmets, there will be brewers and tastings of spirits, Jura wines, chocolates and other herbs.

Sports events

Trail Running between the 2 Salines

October



During the mild autumn weather come and join us in the footsteps of the great history of salt and follow the various routes in the heart of the countryside between Salins-les-Bains, Port-Lesney and Arc-et-Senans, finishing at the Royal Saltworks.

There are several routes especially adapted both for novice and experienced runners, Nordic walkers and non-Nordic walkers.

Prices 2024

Entrance fee (price per person, from 20 paying people)	
Groups of adults	12.00 €
Groups of young people or students aged 16 to 25	10.00 €
Groups of children aged 6 to 15	7.00 €
Groups of children under 6	free
Guided tours (price per group of up to 50 people)	
1-hour guided tour in French	100.00 €
1-hour guided tour in a foreign language	120.00 €
Package of 2 visits of 2 hours in French	130.00 €
Package of 2 visits of 2 hours in a foreign language	160.00 €
Outdoor activities (price per person, entrance fee not included)	
From 12 to 50 people, depending on the activity	depending on activity
Lunch tour (price per person, entrance fee included)	
Day at the Royal Saltworks - adult	55.00 €
Day at the Royal Saltworks - children (under 12)	23.00 €
Crémant option + 3 savoury bites	Extra charge 7 €

Booking conditions

Reservations

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Free admissions:

- For adult groups: 1 free admission for every 20 paying visitors
- For groups of young people, students or children (aged 6 to 25): 1 free ticket for every 10 paying visitors
- For groups of children under 6: 1 free admission per group of 5 paying visitors
- Free bus driver for all groups

For tour operators, tourism professionals, 10% discount on the rates

For groups of less than 20 people, please contact us.

Terms and conditions of sale

Visit conditions : You can visit the site on your own (entrance fee), with a guide (extra charge guided tour + entrance fee) or with an audioguide "Histopad" (included in the entrance fee). You also have access to the 13-hectare park and 30 gardens. The guided tour lasts 1 or 2 hours, upon your choice, and introduces you to the 11 buildings where the salt workers lived and worked, the "Stories of Salt" exhibition and the life and work of the Royal Saltworks architect Claude Nicolas Ledoux.

Terms and conditions of sale :

For groups of more than 50 people, the group will be split in two and the second guide will be invoiced. The total price of this confirmation is purely indicative; the final invoice will take into account the exact composition of the group on the day of the visit.

For any tour confirmed and cancelled less than 24 hours in advance and in the event of the group not turning up, the fee for the guide will still be due.

Exceptionally, we reserve the right to change the time of the visit, to shorten it or to cancel it if the group is more than 20 minutes late. In this case, the guide's services will still be due. In the event of cancellation and/or postponement of a guided tour by the Royal Saltworks, no fee will be charged.

Payment methods : No deposit for early payment. On the day of your visit by cheque made payable to the Saline Royale revenue office, credit card, cash or by voucher for tourism professionals.

Late payment penalties are payable at the rate of 3 times the legal interest rate in force, per month of delay or, failing this, at the ECB rate +10 points. These late payment penalties are payable without the need for a reminder.

Special conditions Day and Lunches at the Royal Saltworks :

Reservations are considered effective upon receipt of a deposit cheque. The invoice will be based on the number of meals confirmed on an order form sent no more than 10 days before the lunch.

Prepare your visit

Access

Less than 2h30 from Paris, Lyon or Geneva, the Royal Saltworks is on the border between the Jura and Doubs regions, just 35 km from Besançon and 30 km from Dole.

By car and tourist bus

→ A36 exit Gendrey / Saline royale

→ A39 exit Poligny

Bus parking with direct access from the main entrance.

By bike

“Cyclists Welcome” label

At the crossroads of Eurovélo 6, the P'tite Grande Traversée du Jura and the Tour du Jura.

Cycle park in the visitor car park and dedicated services.

By train

Arc-et-Senans TER train station 100 metres away.

TGV from Paris 2h20, from Lausanne 1h30, TER direct from Lyon 2h20, from Besançon 30 min.

By plane

Basel-Mulhouse, Geneva, Dole-Jura and Lyon airports.

Practical information

Opening hours

Open all year round except 1st January and 25th December.

November to March: 10am - 12pm; 2pm - 5pm

April, May, June, September and October: 9am - 6pm

July and August: 9am - 7pm

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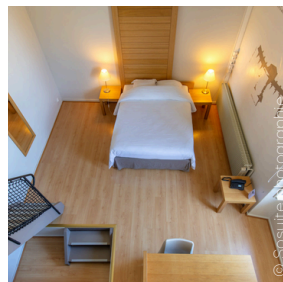
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Complete your visit

Hotel 3* stars

The Royal Saltworks is one of the few UNESCO World Heritage sites to allow visitors to sleep in its heart. It houses 31 3*stars hotel rooms so you may extend your stay in Arc-et-Senans.

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Bookshop

The bookshop at the Royal Saltworks offers many references, especially those linked to architecture, history of salt, 18th century, and gardens.

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Congress centre

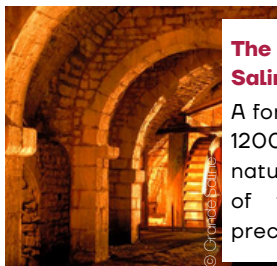
For years, the Saline Royale has been a meeting place for creativity. Awarded “Cultural Meeting Centre” label in 1972, and true to its history as a centre for thinking about the future, it is the ideal place to bring people together, whether to organise seminars on a human scale or major events.

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Must-see sites in Bourgogne-Franche-Comté

8 monuments on the UNESCO World Heritage List



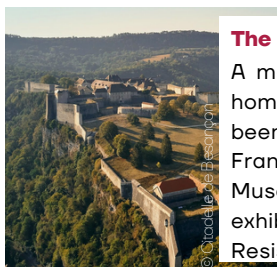
The Grande Saline of Salins-les-Bains

A former salt production site, for 1200 years people exploited the naturally salty waters gushing out of the subsoil to extract the precious white gold.



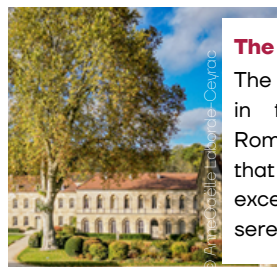
The Climats, terroirs of Burgundy

A specific term for wine-growing terroir, a climat is a parcel of vines with its own name, history, taste and place in the hierarchy of wines. Discover remarkable landscapes, heritage and unique architecture



The Besançon Citadel

A masterpiece of Vauban, it is now home to three museums that have been awarded the "Museums of France": the Comtois Museum, the Museum and its varied animal exhibits, and the Museum of the Resistance and Deportation.



The Fontenay Abbey

The oldest surviving Cistercian abbey in the world, the beauty of its Romanesque buildings combined with that of its gardens make it an exceptional site, where calm and serenity reign.



The Franche Comté pile-dwelling sites

The first underwater cultural site to be listed by UNESCO, these prehistoric settlements built on stilts on the shores of the Chalain and Clairvaux lakes have revealed the richest known evidence of life in the Neolithic period.



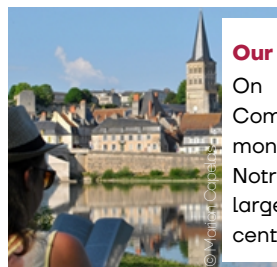
The Basilica of Sainte-Marie-Madeleine in Vézelay

On the route to Santiago de Compostela, Vézelay is a place of pilgrimage par excellence, and its 12th-century basilica is a masterpiece of Burgundian Romanesque art.



The Chapel de Ronchamp

Designed by the architect Le Corbusier in 1955, the Chapelle de Ronchamp is a centuries-old Marian pilgrimage site, an emblem of the modern movement of the 20th century and an icon of the renewal of sacred art.



Our Lady of La Charité-sur-Loire

On the route to Santiago de Compostela, in the heart of the monastic town of La Charité-sur-Loire, Notre Dame church was the second largest in the Christian West in the 12th century.



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