



Astronomical clock of **BESANÇON CATHEDRAL**

A masterpiece of watchmaking in the 19th century.

2 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT

- A clock equally impressive for its beauty as for the ingenuity of its mechanism.
- With the clock currently under restoration, visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the technical challenges facing the craftsmen involved in its renovation.

The colossal astronomical clock, a masterpiece by Auguste Lucien Vêrité, reaches 5 m in height and weighs in at 2 tonnes.

Its 30,000 parts and 60 dials display no fewer than 122 interrelated indications. As well as marking the passing hours, the clock provides information on changes in the sky, the relative positions of the Sun and the Moon, the constellations of the zodiac, the length of day and night, the phase of the moon, the dates of eclipses, tides and solstices, and solar time, among other things.

Visitors can explore the finer details of this ingenious mechanism.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The clock spans 6 levels of the tower, reaching a total height of 27 m!



2025 ADMISSION PRICES

CATEGORY 6

- FOR 20 ADULTS + /
RESELLER PRICE €4
- INDIVIDUALS €5
- FREE for under-26s*



VISITS

SELF-GUIDED TOUR 🇫🇷 with informational panels.

Duration: 30 min.

GUIDED TOUR 🇫🇷 🇬🇧

Duration: from 15 min to 1hr.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Steps to the clock room

Maximum group size without splitting up: 20 people.

* FREE admission: minors under 18 and 18-25 years old (EU nationals and regularised EU residents) excluding school groups, extra-curricular groups or groups of visitors under the age of 26.

GETTING HERE



• Besançon.



• Eurovéloroute 6 (1 km).



OPENING TIMES

Subject to modification

- 1st April to 31st October: from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Autumn half-term, Christmas holidays, Spring half-term and Easter holidays from 10 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Closed Mondays.

Last admission 30 minutes before closing time.

- Closed 1st January, 1st May, 1st November and 25th December.

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