



# BESANÇON - ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK OF THE CATHEDRAL

A masterpiece of watchmaking in the 19th century.

Built between 1858 and 1860 by Auguste Lucien Vérité, the astronomical clock has a precise and complex mechanism consisting of over 30,000 parts and 11 movements. Worked by weights, some operate chimes and automata. The 57 faces provide a lot of information: calendars, the tides in 8 ports, eclipses... Visitors can look all around the clock and see its interior mechanisms.

## RECEPTION

Subject to modification.

### Open

From 9.50 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.50 p.m. to 5 p.m.

### Closed

Tuesdays

Wednesdays from 1st October to 31st March

January

1st January, 1st May, 1st November, 11th November  
and 25th December

### Accessibility

Few stairs to get to the clock room

## ACCESS



From the center of the city, the Cathedral is located near the "Porte Noire" and the Castan Square, to the Citadelle

The astronomical clock is on the ground floor of the bell-tower

## INFORMATIONS

### HORLOGE ASTRONOMIQUE

de la cathédrale de Besançon

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# NORTH EASTERN FRANCE / BURGUNDY-FRANCHE-COMTÉ ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK OF BESANÇON CATHEDRAL

## TOURS

### Guided tour

French

For groups: 10.20 a.m., 11.20 a.m., 2.20 p.m. and 3.20 p.m.

Reservation all year

Duration: 30 min

### Maximum group size without splitting up:

20 people



### RATES 2019 CATEGORY 4

Rate for tourism professionals  
and groups (minimum 20 people)

Concessions

**3,30 €**

Adults

**3,50 €**

Free admission: minors under 18\*

Free admission: 18-25 years old

(EU nationals and regularised EU residents)

\* excluding school groups

## USEFUL ADDRESSES

### Besançon Tourist office

Groups Department:

tel.: (33) (0)3 81 80 92 55

[www.besancon-tourisme.com](http://www.besancon-tourisme.com)

### Doubs Tourism

tel.: (33) (0)3 81 21 29 80

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