



# CHAMBÉRY: TOP 10 GUIDED TOURS



LEISURE GROUPS

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1.

## CASTLE, LANES & SECRETS

DISCOVER  
THE "CITÉ DES DUCS DE SAVOIE".



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Wander through typically French "traboule" passageways with your guide, discovering squares and courtyards.

Thousands of picturesque and trompe l'oeil details are hidden behind the 19th-century façades. Listen to tales about the adventures of Général de Boigne - the famous elephant fountain was built for him, and discover the holy chapel of the castle and the history of the Dukes of Savoy.

If you go off the main roads, you will be lucky enough to discover all the secrets of Chambéry, former capital of the State of Savoy!

✓ **Meeting point**

Hôtel de Cordon | 71, rue Saint Réal | 73000 Chambéry

✓ **Prices 2026**

€155 weekdays | €200 Sundays | €250 public holidays

Max. 30 people

Tour in

2hr

# 3. THE BOMBING OF 1944 & THE RECONSTRUCTION

## 2.

### SECRETS OF THE CITY

Explore the heart of the city through its numerous mysterious pathways. Listen to the history of Chambéry as you go through this maze of secret passageways and private mansions. You'll enjoy the peacefullness of this circuit and relish the special atmosphere of this timeless interlude.

Visits by night are available.



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#### ✓ Meeting point

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#### ✓ Prices 2026

€155 weekdays | €200 Sundays | €250 public holidays  
Max. 30 people

Tour in 1h30min



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10:44 a.m. on May 26, 1944. More than 700 bombs were dropped on the city of Chambéry by two American squadrons totaling 72 B-24 Liberator aircraft. In 90 seconds, 200 people were killed, 300 wounded, and 3,000 left homeless, all victims of Operation Overlord.

But this dark chapter also shows the impressive resilience of the people of Chambéry. Commemorate the 80th anniversary of this date, which is still vivid in the collective memory, through a journey that evokes the testimonies of this suddenly darkened day and discover how the city rose from the ashes.

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Tour in 1h30min



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# 4.

## RAILWAY ROTUNDA

Construction of the Chambéry railway rotunda began in 1906. It is a great example of industrial heritage from the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and never fails to amaze visitors!

Admire the metallic articulated Eiffel-type framework - the largest ever built in France!



©Gilles Garofolin

Fully renovated, it is still in use today, and is a sign of the importance the railway played in the Savoie area in the 1850's.

Relive the major changes in railway development through the history of the Rotunda, from construction to renovation, and terrible events which left their mark, such as the May 1944 bombing aiming to destroy strategic rail connections.

### ✓ Meeting point

Chemin de la Rotonde | 73000 Chambéry

### ✓ Prices 2026

€155 weekdays | €200 Sundays | €250 public holidays

Max. 25 people

Tour in

1hr30min

# 5.

## NÉZIN AIR-RAID SHELTER

After decades of closure and several months of renovation, the shelter is finally open to the public...



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It's 6 a.m. on May 26, 1944. In Chambéry, which is coming to life and waking up, the sirens are sounding...

On this tragic day, no less than 720 bombs weighing 227 kg each were dropped on the city by Allied bombers. Their objective? To bomb the railway station...

Discover Chambéry's passive defense strategy, listen to accounts of the bombing or simply immerse yourself in places remarkably preserved since the Second World War.

### ✓ Meeting point

Abri Nézin - 25 bis Faubourg Nézin | 73000 Chambéry

### ✓ Prices 2026

€310 weekdays | €400 Sundays | €500 public holidays

Max. 38 people

Tour in

1hr15min



# 6.

## THE HOUSE IN "LES CHARMETTES"

Located in the valley of Les Charmettes, the house where Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Madame de Warens spent their summers between 1736 and 1742 is definitely worth visiting!

It was an important place which profoundly changed the personality of the great writer of the Lumières movement. The house has retained all its character and will take you travelling back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century.



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« We settled in Les Charmettes, on Monsieur Conzié's land, on the outskirts of Chambéry, but remote and secluded enough to be miles away. The house was very habitable. A terraced garden in the front, with a vine above, and facing a little chesnut wood, and a fountain nearby ».

Jean-Jacques Rousseau - Les Confessions

### ✓ Meeting point

890 chemin des Charmettes | 73000 Chambéry

### ✓ Prices 2026

**Free admission.** Guided tour in English possible: prices on request. Free admission to gardens | **Closed Mondays**

Max. 30 people

Tour in 1hr30min

# 7.

## FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JEAN-JACQUES ROUSSEAU



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Wander through the maze of the typically French "traboule" passageways to the rhythm of quotes from "Confessions"...and discover the mansions where Jean-Jacques Rousseau spent some of his life. And follow in the footsteps of one of the philosophers from the Lumières movement!

From the castle of the Dukes of Savoy, where he worked in the land registry office, past mansions where he gave music lessons to young girls from noble families, to the tale of his retirement to the country in Les Charmettes.

Discover life in Chambéry in the 18<sup>th</sup> century through Rousseau's words.

*« I there is a city in the world where you can experience the good life in a pleasant, friendly place, it's Chambéry. »*

Les Confessions, books V – VI

### ✓ Meeting point

Hôtel de Cordon | 71, rue Saint Réal | 73000 Chambéry

### ✓ Prices 2026

€155 weekdays | €200 Sundays | €250 public holidays

Max. 30 people

Tour in 1hr30min

1hr30min

# 8.

## SAVOIE MUSEUM



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Completely renovated, the Musée Savoisien, the departmental museum of Savoie history and culture, is a unique place.

A former Franciscan convent founded in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, it boasts the only cloister with an "unobstructed view" of Savoy's heritage...

Over 2000 objects from the Palaeolithic to the present day are on display. A free journey through the geopolitical, cultural, social and economic history of Savoie and Haute-Savoie. At the Musée Savoisien, culture is for all tastes. To each his own museum, to each his own rhythm.

Visit without hurrying, come back for pleasure, admission is free.

A must-see!

### ✓ Meeting point

Place Métropole | 73000 Chambéry  
[musee-savoisien.fr](http://musee-savoisien.fr)

### ✓ Prices 2026

Self-guided tour: **free entrance**  
Guided tour : **€200** weekdays | **€245** Sundays | **€295** public holidays.  
Max. 20 people. **Closed on Tuesdays**

Tour in |

1hr30min

## MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

# 9.



©Didier Gourbin

The Museum of Fine Arts of Chambéry is home to a collection of a hundred paintings, mainly Italian, from the end of the Middle Ages to the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Following the chronologically ordered exhibition, the visitor travels through the different movements in art history: Primitive, Renaissance, Mannerism, Baroque, Neoclassicism, discovering different genres: religious and historical, portraits and landscapes.

The museum also hosts a program of temporary exhibitions and cultural events throughout the year.

### ✓ Meeting point

Place du Palais de Justice | 73000 Chambéry  
[www.musee.chambery.fr](http://www.musee.chambery.fr)

### ✓ Prices 2026

**€3,50/pers (groups from 20 to 30 people) | €5/pers (groups under 20 people)**

+ **€145 / set guided tour fee during weekdays**

**Closed on Mondays**

Tour in |

1hr30min

CHAMBÉRY

# 10.

## VISIT ABOARD THE LITTLE TOURIST TRAIN

IDEAL FOR GROUPS!



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Enjoy a 45-minute tour with commentary of the duke's town, the former Duchy of Savoie, also known as "little Italy".

The little train ride takes you on a tour to discover the fascinating history and charms of the town: the castle, the Holy chapel, the mansions, the elephant fountain, the cathedral, narrow streets, beautiful squares and the historical characters who lived here.

### ✓ Meeting point

Place Saint-Léger | 73000 Chambéry  
[www.chambery.fr/galerie.eureka](http://www.chambery.fr/galerie.eureka)

### ✓ Prices 2026

€9 adults (for a group of 20 people minimum)  
Possibility of a guided tour with commentary guide at extra charge

Tour with commentary



☒ 45min



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# EXTEND YOUR VISIT...

## LA RUCHE BOUTIK'

Located in the heart of Chambéry, this branch of the tourist office has a unique concept: it's both a tourist information point dedicated to nature-lovers looking for advice, tips and topos, as well as a boutique offering authentic, high-quality Savoyard products to discover, offer and enjoy!

Workshops led by local producers punctuate the year's discoveries.



### ▼ The little extra

La Boutik' will provide you with a warm, tailor-made welcome for your gift needs, gift baskets or to organize a wine or syrup tasting at the end of your visit! Prices on request.

### ▼ Meeting point

240 rue de la République | 73000 Chambéry

Closed Sundays, Mondays and public holidays

Spoken languages  |  | 

## A CARILLON CONCERT

ADD A MUSICAL  
NOTE TO YOUR VISIT!



Chambéry is the only town to propose a carillon concert for groups.

The largest carillon in Europe can be found in Tour Yolande, next to the castle's holy chapel.

Built in 1993 by the Paccard foundry, with 70 bells it is one of the 8 largest carillons in the world. The uniformity of the tone and an innovative mechanical system made with carbon fibre gives it a personality and rich sound unlike any other.

### ▼ Information

+33 (0)4 79 33 81 63

### ▼ Concert venue

Place du Château | 73000 Chambéry

### ▼ Prices 2026

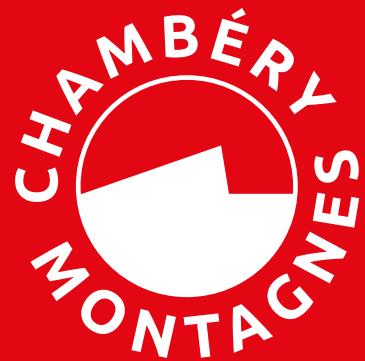
€130 up to 30 people.

Additional fee for > 30 people, Sundays and public holidays

 15min

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