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Waterways run through Châlonsen-Champagne which is why the town is known as the "sparkling Venice". 3 different tours available :

L'Eau'dyssée : a boat tour through the old town. Admire the many bridges, monuments and staggering natural sites. Your captain will be your guide and bring the history of our 2000 years old town to life for you.

Métamorph'eau'ses : the monuments light up as night falls. Gaze at the sound and light shows on the town's biggest landmarks from the water. A touring light show you won't find anywhere else in Europe.

L'Ép'eau'pée : this tour is all about nature and introduces you to the flora and fauna living in our canals. The highlight of the trip is going through the lock to reach the Grand Jard park.

Booking and information : Tourist office



11 hectares of greenery in the heart of town: three fabulous parks with three different vibes to explore to your heart's content :

"Petit Jard" (small garden), listed as a "Jardin Remarquable and home to Château du Marché and an old fortified bridge.

"Grand Jard" (large garden) and its wealth of play areas including a skatepark. Lots of activities on in July and August as part of the Châlons Plage event.

"Jard Anglais" (english garden) for walks, runs, picnics, bike rides and more.



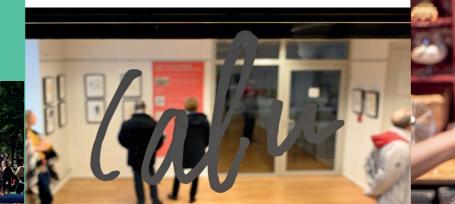
MUSEUMS for culture vultures

Museum lovers are spoilt for choice with these three sites :

The Fine Arts Museum's : one of the oldest museums in France. The Fine Arts Museum's permanent galleries display paintings (15th-20th century), Renaissance sculptures, artworks and an ornithology cabinet.

Notre-Dame Cloister Museum : excavation work conducted in 1963 brought to light relics of the 12th century cloister with statues, columns, capitals and pillars forming a unique collection.

Duduchothèque : this museum is home to Cabu's youth drawings. He was born in Châlons where he earned his stripes as an illustrator and was a figurehead at Hara-Kiri, Pilote, Charlie Hebdo and Le Canard Enchainé until his tragic death.



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Two Châlons sites to find out how champagne is made and sample it for yourself:

Joseph Perrier Cellars, 69 avenue de Paris : the winery was founded in 1825 and takes you into its

one-storey Gallo-Roman cellars carved into the hill.

Musée Famille Carbot, 12 Bd Victor Hugo :

the museum brings you a collection of vintage items used for vine growing.

