



Ornans and its houses on stilts



Vuillafans and its grapevines



Lods and its picturesque lanes



Mouthier Haute-Pierre and its cherry trees in blossom



The Loue Source

53 km
3.5 to 4 hours

VUILLAFANS

THE BIKERS' FAVORITE ITINERARY



You had a glimpse of our beautiful destination, but you still have many more **places to discover..**

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Discovery route The Upper Valley OF THE LOUE



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Alternating between
CHARMING VILLAGES
and **BREATH-TAKING VIEWS...**

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From **Ornans**, take the direction of Pontarlier and follow the signs for "Pays de Courbet - Source de la Loue".

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Make a first stop to discover the delights of the village of **Vuillafans**. Park in the "Saint-Vernier" square, close to the Assumption Church, whose imposing bell tower is crowned by a sundial clock.

Take the street to the left of the church, after a few metres, you will arrive at the vineyards, the origin of various wine productions of the Franche-Comté region.

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Retrace your steps and cross the river Loue over the small arched bridge, dating from the seventeenth century. On your right is the "Champ de Mars" square with stylish houses, some with medieval doorways...

FAVOURITES

Close to the church, take the small street on the right which climbs to Échevannes. The winding road provides you an amazing view of the Vuillafans village and its vines. At the top of the hill, you can enjoy a peaceful moment on the bench in front of the small chapel.

4

Continue your adventure to the village of **Lods**, ranked among the most beautiful villages of France. When you arrive in front of the "Hôtel de France", cross the river by the old bridge on your right. Leaving your vehicle, enjoy the most beautiful view of Lods.

Observe the river Loue, the remains of the old bridge and the village that stretches up the hill.

MOUTHIER HAUTE-PIERRE

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Cross the bridge and head for the small fountain. Mount the "Rue de Reine" and contemplate the beauty of the picturesque winegrowers houses. Then take the "Rue de l'église" straight in front of you. You'll arrive at the "Saint-Théodule" church and the water trough-fountain facing it. Continue your walk along "Rue Lancrenon", then take the "Rue du Bout d'en Haut" and go down the "Rue de Jaubourg" which leads to a delightful fountain.

FAVOURITES

Continue on "Rue Ambroise Roy", where you can admire the town hall-post office and its bell tower. Just a little further, but it's worth it! At the intersection of the "Rue de la Vierge", climb the small path. Once you arrive at the oratory, you will forget your tired muscles because the view is splendid!

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Take the road towards **Mouthier Haute-Pierre**, former winemaker village situated in the middle of the cherry tree meadows. Park your vehicle in the parking lot next to the church and walk along the narrow streets. Randomly, you'll discover a trough blooming with geraniums, beautiful properties, carved stone doorways, a turret lost in the foliage and small charming streets that open into small secret courtyards.

FAVOURITES

Return to your car and head towards Hautepierre-le-Châtelet. After 5 km you arrive at your destination. Park your vehicle in the parking lot of the church, take the small street on the right towards the cemetery and follow the signs "**Belvédère de la Roche**".

After a 15 minute walk you'll spot a cross at the top of the rock overlooking one of the most beautiful views of the Loue and its bends. A lush green valley unfolds before your eyes!

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Return back the hill to Mouthier Haute-Pierre. Continue this excursion by crossing **the Nouailles gorges**, a small narrow road that winds between the cliffs. You can stop the car at several spots to admire the magnificent landscape. The view is absolutely breath-taking.

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Follow the signs for "Pays de Courbet - Source de la Loue" which will take you to the car park. After a 10 minute walk, you'll arrive at the mythical **Loue Source**. Flowing from a cave in a 150 metre high rocky amphitheatre, the Loue Source offers a spectacular sight! Many informative panels help you understand the natural spectacle that unfolds before you.

FAVOURITES

From the car park, head towards Ouhans, then Renédale for 6 km. Park in the parking lot behind the "Auberge du Moine" restaurant and approach the **Moine viewpoint** where you can admire a magnificent panorama of the Jura mountains. If the weather is clear enough, you can even catch a glimpse of the "Mont Blanc"!

LODS

