

Parc des Oiseaux



Spéctacle



Tour panoramique



13 VILLARS LES DOMBES

THE "PARC DES OISEAUX" HOSTS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND COLORFUL COLLECTIONS OF BIRDS IN EUROPE.

MORNING

Take a trip around the world at **The Bird park** in **Villars-les-Dombes**. Only 35 min from Lyon, with over 3000 birds in a beautifully landscaped setting. A unique experience! **Travel through the five continents** and discover this magnificent ornithological reserve.

Fun for all the family, especially for children: meet the lorikeets in one of the largest aviaries in Europe; be astounded by the parrots, cranes, ibis and many other birds during the birds in flight show... A multi-coloured aerial dance. Profit from the 27m (81ft) **high panoramic tower** as an ideal vantage point to discover the Dombes landscape and its ponds. 2 new sites are opening in 2021:

- «The butterfly effect»: let yourself be enchanted by a cloud of tropical butterflies,
- «Missions 2070»: an immersion in 2070, in the remains of the park, to educate the youngest about the beauty and fragility of species.



Lunch at Bourg en Bresse

Gourmet pause in one of **the restaurants of the park** :

- Traditional restaurant «**La Réserve**»
- Self-service «**le Pélican frisé**», food Truck de la Dombes
- Snack «**La Petite Carpe**»

AFTERNOON

On your way back, stop to discover the **Abbaye Notre Dame des Dombes** au Plantay in a red brick construction typical of this region. A real oasis of serenity, preserved in its greenery and its century old orchard. This Cistercien site, built in the 19th century designed by the same architect as the Basilic Fourvière. Free visit of the Abbey and **the Chapel of Tibhirine** erected in memory of the Trappist monks of the Monastery of Tibhirine.

Sale of monastic products and products from the Abbey farm at the shop. Monthly guided tours explain the history of the Abbey farm in the days of the monks and its agricultural activity today (Sunday 9/05, 30/05, 20/06, 4/07, 18/07 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.).



Local Specialities

Les Fermiers de la Dombes: 1211 avenue Charles de Gaulle - Villars les Dombes: Local produce for sale : fish from Dombes, meat, delicatessen; snail, foie gras; goat, ewe or cow's cheese; bread, honey, jam; seasonal vegetables and fruits, fruit juice; wine from the Bugey and Cerdon.



Gourmet evening

La Bicyclette Bleue - 93 route du Montellier
01800 Joyeux - 04 74 98 21 48

Fresh frogs legs, Carp, free range chicken from the Dombes cooked with cream and morel mushrooms, homemade desserts.



Other activities

- Commented **pond fishing**: From October to end of March, discover the unique and ancestral savoir-faire of pond fishing in Dombes!
- From 8 am to noon, appointments in front of «**Dombes Tourism**» that will accompany you in this exploration.



Good Tips

- «**Le Golf de la Sorelle**» in Villette sur Ain : golf initiation once a month for 2 hours.
- **Museum pass**: free and unlimited entrance to the department museums in Ain.