



## AIC 2017

*400th anniversary of Saint Vincent de Paul's foundation at Châtillon  
of the 1st group of Ladies of Charity, now AIC,  
with 150,000 volunteers around the world.*

### **Pilgrimages to Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne:**

Châtillon is a small town east of Lyon. On 20 August 1617, when the town was called Châtillon-les-Dombes, the new parish priest, Vincent de Paul, appealed for help for a family in need. The response from the parishioners was so generous, that M. Vincent decided he had to organise this overflowing generosity to make it efficient, and he founded the first group of "Charities", now known as AIC around the world and Equipes St Vincent in France. This event is going to come alive again in Châtillon.

Soon you will find additional information on our web site: [www.aic-international.org](http://www.aic-international.org) (400 years/Pilgrimages 2017/Châtillon)

### **Location:**

- 425 km from Paris, 130 km from Geneva, 720 km from Dax/the birthplace.
- 65 km from Lyon, 28 km from Mâcon, 25 km from Bourg en Bresse; 20 km from Ars.
- **Town website:** [www.chatillon-sur-chalaronne.fr](http://www.chatillon-sur-chalaronne.fr)

### **How to get there:**

- **Airport** Lyon St Exupéry, 60 km; Geneva airport, 130 km.
- **Trains:** Gare de Lyon Pare Dieu, then bus or train to Bourg en Bresse, then bus or taxi (30 min) [www.voyagessnfc.com](http://www.voyagessnfc.com)

### **Pilgrimages:**

We recommend planning a stay of 2 to 3 days at Châtillon:

- 1 to 2 day(s) at Châtillon (visiting Vincentian places)
- 1 day's walking to La Maladière, Buenant and La Chassagne

Highlights in Châtillon during 2017:

- 25/01 (Folleville call)
- 20/08 (from 20 to 23/08, 3 days to celebrate the creation of the 1st group of Ladies of Charity by Saint Vincent de Paul)
- 10/12 (from 8 to 10/12, celebrations of the handing of the official Rule to the Ladies of Charity of Châtillon by St Vincent)

### **Accommodation:**

See list below.

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## Accommodation for pilgrimages in Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne:

### CHATILLON-SUR-CHALARONNE: from budget to top-of-the-range

- **Châtillon Town Hall (Cultural Centre)**
  - Place de l’Hôtel de Ville, 01400 Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne
  - Cultural Centre address: Place Saint Vincent de Paul, 01400 Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne
  - Tel: +33 (0)4 74 55 04 33
  - Email: [mairie@chatillon-sur-chalaronne.org](mailto:mairie@chatillon-sur-chalaronne.org)
- **L’Inattendu (may close before 2017...)**
  - 150 Place du Champ de Foire, 01400 Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne
  - Tel: +33 (0)4 74 55 06 86
  - Website: [www.inattendu-hotes.fr](http://www.inattendu-hotes.fr)
- **Hôtel du Commerce**
  - 20 Place Champ de Foire, 01400 Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne
  - Tel: +33 (0)4 74 55 00 33 – Fax : +33 (0)4 74 55 35 82
  - Email: [hotelducommerce.1@cegetel.net](mailto:hotelducommerce.1@cegetel.net)
- **Hôtel de la Tour**
  - Place de la République, 01400 Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne
  - Tel: +33 (0)4 74 55 05 12 – Fax : +33 (0)4 74 55 09 19
  - Email: [info@hotel-latour.com](mailto:info@hotel-latour.com)
  - Website: [www.hotel-latour.com](http://www.hotel-latour.com)

### ARS:

- **La Providence**
  - Rue des Ecoles, 01480 Ars-sur-Formans
  - Tel: +33 (0)4 74 00 71 65
  - Email: [accueil@ars-providence.com](mailto:accueil@ars-providence.com)
- **Maison St Jean (may have on-going building work during ASD 2017)**
  - 96 Allée Abbé Nodet, 041480 Ars-sur-Formans
  - Tel: +33 (0)4 74 00 73 13
  - Email: [maison-saint-jean-ars.accueil@wandaoo.fr](mailto:maison-saint-jean-ars.accueil@wandaoo.fr)
- **Hôtel Regina**
  - 657 Route Départementale 904, 01480 Ars-sur-Formans
  - Tel: +33 (0)4 74 00 73 67
  - Website: [www.regina-ars.com](http://www.regina-ars.com)