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ROMONT GATE TOWER

The Romont Gate Tower, main western entrance of the city, after its construction in 1397, following the integration of the district «des Places» in 1392. Powerful gate tower, reinforced with a redoute and bastions, between 1656 and 1667, evened in 1773 and then levelled in 1805-1807 as a field of manoeuvring, for exhibitions and fairs. Gate tower demolished in 1856.

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HENRI TOWER

The Henri Tower, (Tour Henri), half-tower, 7 levels, height 31 meters, forming the angle of the mostly disappeared 3rd western wall. Works beginning in 1397, under Jean de Delle's leadership. Foundations about 1402, construction and joisting between 1411 and 1413, by Thierry, master mason.
Roof, allure and infill on the city side over the sandstone wall, about 1649. Re-tored between 1911 and 1915.

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PONDS GATE

The Ponds Gate, (also Payerne or Givisiez Gate), 3rd main entrance of the city; during the Middle Ages, road coming from the powerful neighbouring lordship of Montagny. Defensive construction built during the same period as the Romont Gate between 1397 and 1403, with a boulevard in 1444-1445, demolished in 1827 followed by the gate tower and the guard house in 1861.

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AIGROZ TOWER

The Aigroz Tower, semicircular, built by Jean de Delle, between 1402 and 1413. The three upper floors were pulled down in 1825, and rehabilitated and converted into a dwelling around 1885. In front of the State and University Library, 1909-1910, and at the angle of the wall missing on the plot of Joseph-Piller street and the Père-Girard street.

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CURTILS NOVELS TOWER BELLUARD

The Curtils novels Tower (new gardens), square plan, between 1402 and 1414 and Belluard (Bulwark), semicircular, between 1490 and 1496, by Pierre Bergier (?), mason and Jentzli, carpenter. Unique building of this kind with the Munot at Schaffhausen. The 2 upper levels of the tower were demolished in 1537.
Alteration of the gunports in 1672 and 1683. Ditch filled at the end of the 19th century.
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BELLUARD WALL

The Belluard Wall, between 1397 and 1416, by Jean de Delle and Jean Lottiez called de Saint-Claude, with carpentry and roof dating from 1445. South of the Belluard, former storage for the war carriages of the arsenal, 1878, Antoine Nein, last military building built inside the city, became the leisure centre of the district in 2009.

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WHEAT TOWER RAZORS TOWER

The Wheat Tower, used as granary, entirely demolished in 1825. The materials were used to build the foundations of the Jesuit boarding school. Similar and contemporary to the Razors Tower, further east, semi-circular, 6 levels, height 29 meters, between 1411 and 1414, by Nicolet Girard. Infill of brick on the city side, above the curtain wall, 17th century.

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MURTEN GATE TOWER

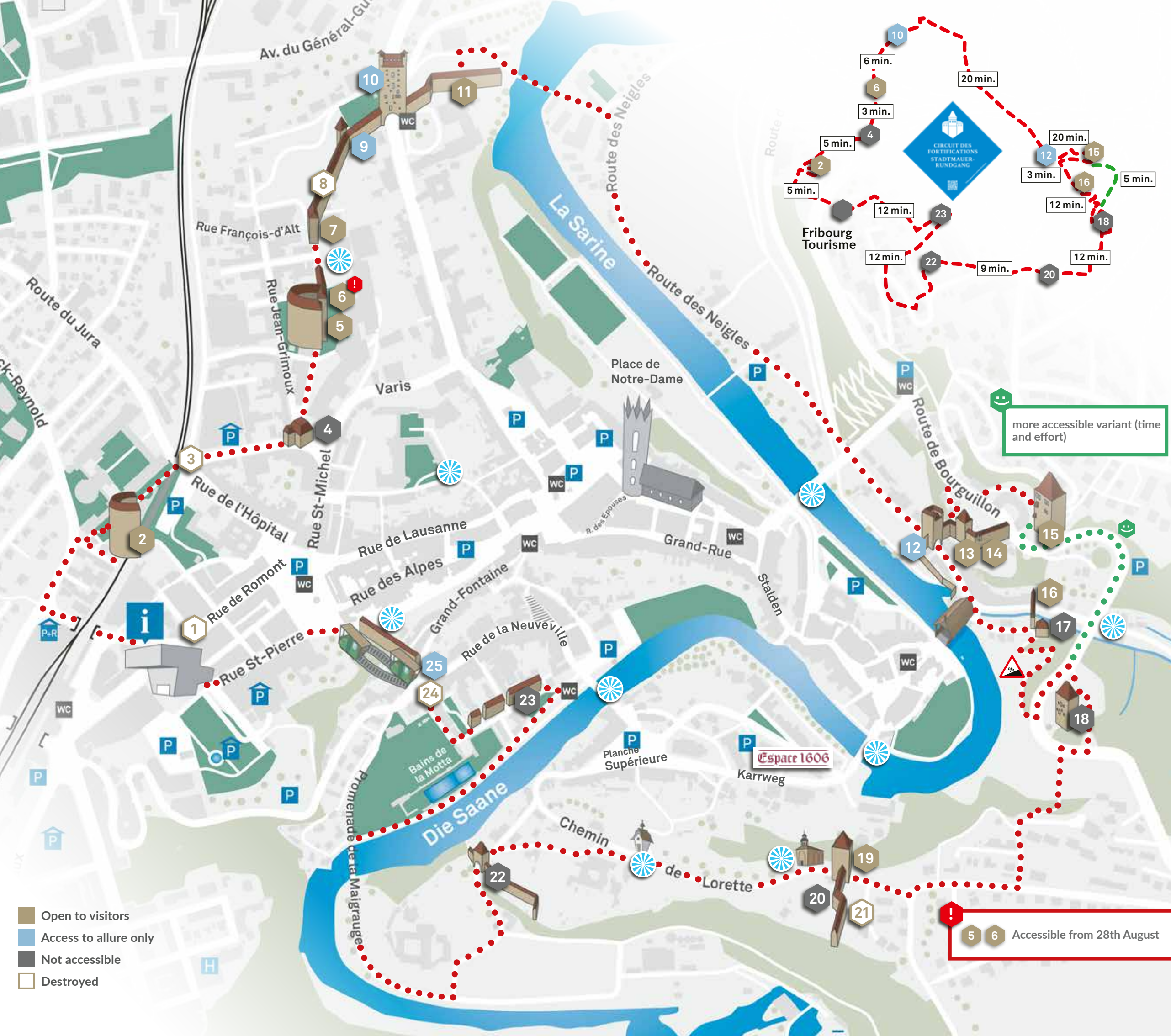
Murten Gate Tower, square, 7 levels, height 34 meters, highest tower in the city, 1410-1414. By Nicolas Girard, master mason, covering the Donnamary bridge and gate. Transformation of arrowslits into gunports and 4th facade on the city side, between 1560 and 1567.
Roof renovation in 1650-1653. Demolition of the boulevard in 1482 and widening of the gate in 1888.

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EAST ENCLOSURE

East enclosure, 1410-1416, under the direction of Nicolet Girard. Reinforcement with gunports and three octagonal bartizans on the salients, dated 1647, between the Ten Years' War (1634-1644) and the Swiss peasant war of 1653, designed by State architect Jean-François Reyff. Complete restoration in 1920-1929.



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1157
Berchtold of Zaeheringen establishes the City of Fribourg. Building of the first fortification ring.

1200-1253
The town grows beyond the first western enclosure, running parallelly to the Grabensaal gulch, and towards the Sarine with the adding of the district of Auge and then the district of Blacksmiths in 1253.

1280-1290
Building of the second western enclosure, limiting the district of the Hospitals, at the level of the depression of the Varis and the gulch of Grabou but also the district of the Neuveville, definitively incorporated in 1404 with the quarter of «Les Planches» on the right bank of the Sarine, wich was connected to the city by a series of bridges as early as the middle of the 13th century.

1392-1404
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