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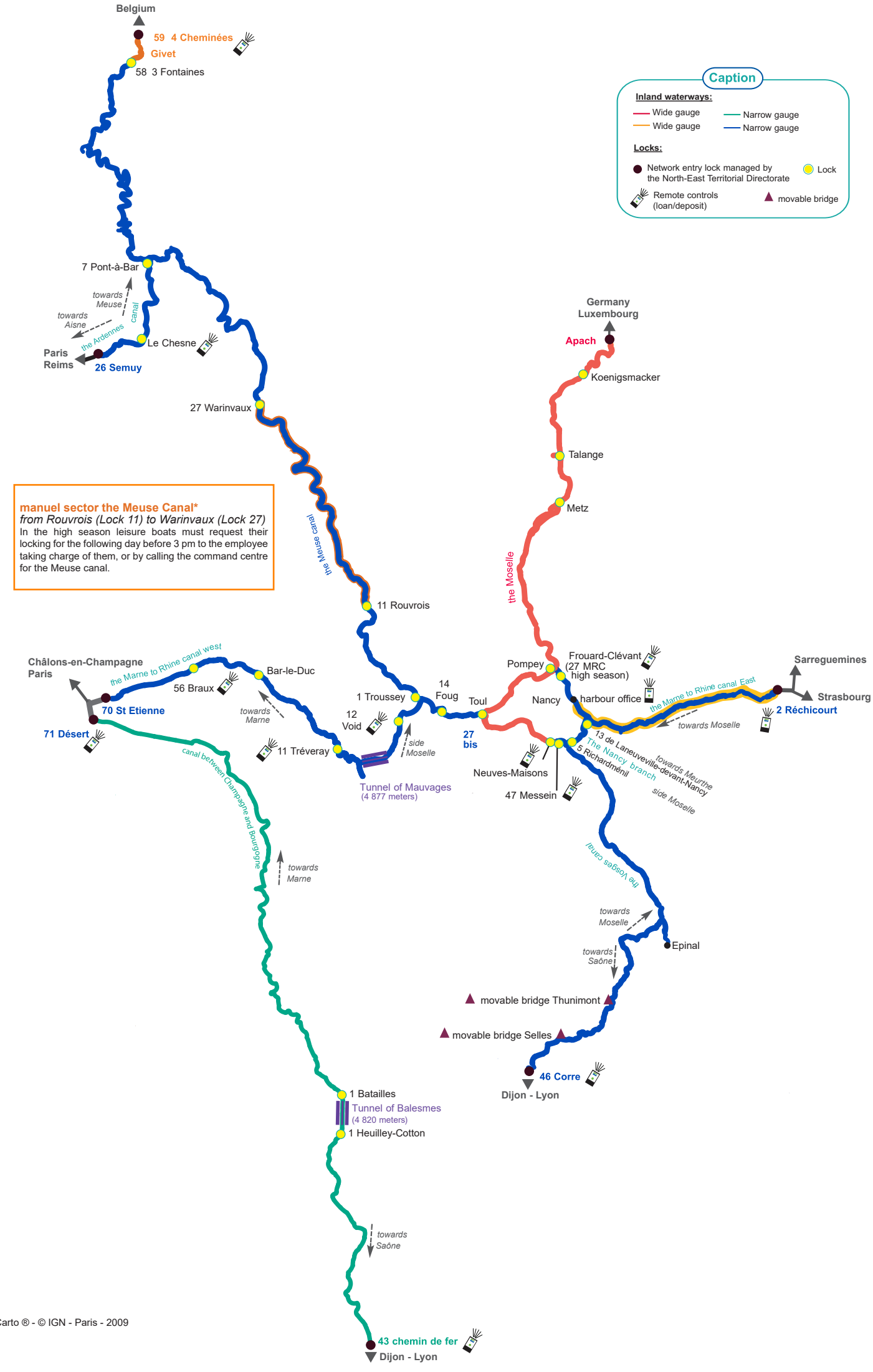


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SERVICES AND NAVIGATION TIME FOR 2026

Wide gauge network

The Meuse Canal, from Belgium to harbour of Givet

passage of Lock 59 4 Cheminées	times	including free navigation	including navigation on request
commercial boats			
from 1st January to 28th February and from 11st November to 31st December			
Monday to Saturday	7 am to 7 pm	7 am to 5 pm	5 pm to 7 pm
Sundays and public holidays	9 am to 6 pm	9 am to 6 pm	
from 1st March to 10th November			
Monday to Saturday	6 am to 8 pm	7 am to 7 pm	6 am to 7 am 7 pm to 8 pm
Sundays and public holidays	9 am to 6 pm	9 am to 6 pm	
leisure boats			
all year round	Navigation is limited to daytime in the free navigation times for commercial boats		
closing days	1st January - 1st May - 1st November - 11th November - 25th December		

The Moselle, from Apach to Neuves-Maisons

	times	including free navigation	including navigation on request
from Apach to Talange			
commercial boats			
all year round	24 hours a day	24 hours a day	
leisure boats			
all year round	Navigation is limited to the daytime		
from Metz to Clevant			
commercial boats			
all year round	24 hours a day	5.30 am to 11.30 pm	11.30 pm to 5.30 am
leisure boats			
all year round	Navigation is limited to daytime in the free navigation times for commercial boats		
closing days			
from Apach to Metz	from 24th December at 4.30 pm to 26th December at 4.30 pm and from 31st December at 2 pm to 1st January at 2 pm		
at locks in Ars/Moselle - Pagny/Moselle - Blénod-lès-PAM - Custines - Clévant			
1st January - 1st May - 1st November - 11th November - 25th December (no passage on request during the night following the closure days)			
from Pompey to Neuves-Maisons			
commercial boats			
from 1st January to 14th April and from 11th November to 31st December			
Monday to Friday	24 hours a day	7.30 am to 5.30 pm	5.30 pm to 7.30 am
Saturdays, Sundays and public holiday	24 hours a day	9 am to 6 pm	6 pm to 9 am
from 15th April to 10th November			
Monday to Friday	24 hours a day	6 am to 8 pm	6 pm to 8 am
Saturdays, Sundays and public holiday	24 hours a day	9 am to 6 pm	6 pm to 9 am
leisure boats			
all year round	Navigation is limited to daytime in the free navigation times for commercial boats		
closing days	1st January - 1st May - 1st November - 11th November - 25th December (no passage on request during the night following the closure days)		

Narrow gauge network

The Marne to Rhine Canal - East from Frouard (Lock 27) to bridge Bazin to Nancy

The Marne to Rhine Canal - West from Toul (Lock 27b) to Saint Etienne (Lock 70)

The Ardennes Canal to Pont à Bar (Lock 7) Meuse river side to Semuy (Lock 26) Aisne river side

The Meuse Canal from Troussey (Lock 1) to lock 58 3 Fontaines

The Nancy Branch Link between the Marne to Rhine Canal and the Vosges Canal from Laneuveville dvt Nancy (Lock 13) Meurthe river side to Richardménil (Lock 5) Moselle river side

	times	including free navigation	including navigation on request
LOW SEASON from 1st january to 31st march and from 1st november to 31st december			
commercial boats	7 am to 7 pm	-	7 am to 7 pm
leisure boats	9 am to 6 pm	-	9 am to 6 pm
HIGH SEASON from 1st april to 31st october			
commercial boats	7 am to 7 pm	9 am to 6 pm	7 to 9 am and 6 to 7 pm
leisure boats	9 am to 6 pm	9 am to 6 pm	-
Special cases	MRC-West Drawbrudge in Popey, Marbeaumont, Fains les Sources and Mussey **closure of the drawbridges from 12 to 12:30 pm**		
closing days	1st January - 1st May - 1st November - 11th November - 25th December		

The Vosges Canal

from Messein (Lock 47) Moselle river side to Corre (Lock 46) Saône river side

from 1st january to 31st december - Monday to Sunday			
commercial and leisure	7 am to 7 pm	7 am to 7 pm	-
closing days	1st January - 1st May - 1st November - 11th November - 25th December		

THE VOSGES CANAL - Passages of the not automated bridges of Thunimont and Selles

commercial	commercial and leisure	commercial
Special locking	free navigation	Special locking
HIGH SEASON from 1st april to 31st october - Monday to Sunday		
7 am to 7 pm 48 hours in advance	9 am to 6 pm	6 to 7 pm 48 hours in advance
LOW SEASON from 1st january to 31st march and from 1st november to 31st december - Monday to Friday		
7 to 8:30 am 48 hours in advance	8:30 am to 4:30 pm 48 hours in advance	4:30 to 7 pm 48 hours in advance
Saturday and Sunday		
7 am to 7 pm 48h in advance only commercial boats		

The Marne to Rhine canal - East from bridge Bazin to Nancy to Réchicourt-le-Château (écl. 2)

	times	including free navigation	including navigation on request
LOW SEASON from 1st january to 31st march and from 1st november to 31st december			
commercial boats	7 am to 7 pm	-	7 am to 7 pm
leisure boats	9 am to 6 pm	-	9 am to 6 pm
HIGH SEASON from 1st april to 31st october			
commercial boats	7 am to 7 pm	7 am to 7 pm	-
leisure boats	7 am to 7 pm	7 am to 7 pm	-
Special cases	lifting bridge Bazin and drawbridge Malzéville **closure from 12 to 12:30 pm and from 1:30 to 2:00 pm**		

Narrow gauge network

The Canal between Champagne and Bourgogne from Désert (Lock 71) Marne river side to Chemin de Fer (Lock 43) Saône river side

all year round	times	including free navigation
monday to saturday		
commercial boats	7 am to 7 pm	7 am to 7 pm
leisure boats	9 am to 6 pm	9 am to 6 pm
sunday		
commercial boats and leisure boats	9 am to 6 pm	9 am to 6 pm
closing days	1st January - 1st May - 1st November 11th November - 25th December	

For any problem on the waterways, please call Command center for the Moselle itinerary 24 hours a day
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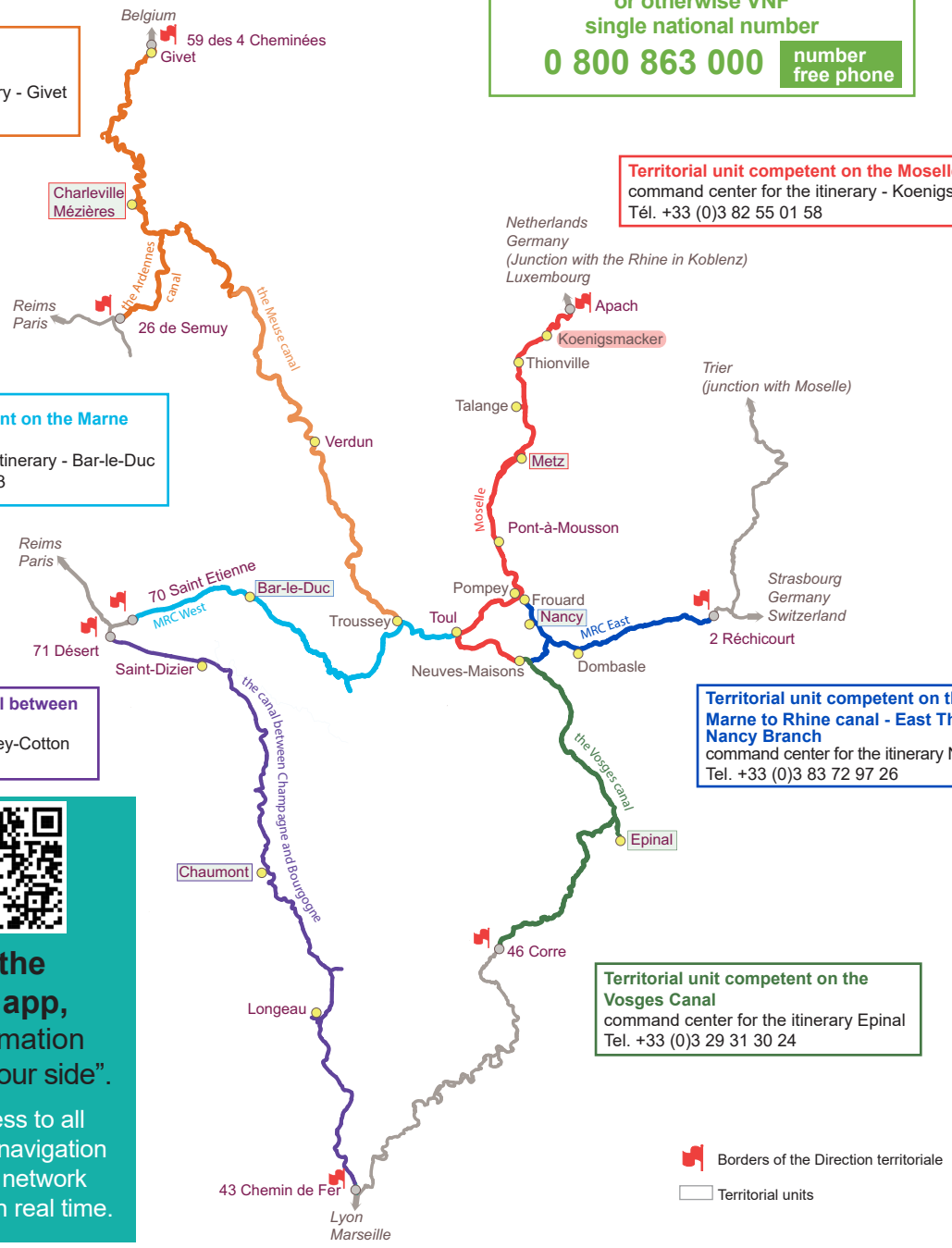
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Activate the navigation mode or calculate your itinerary with this application. Freight boats wishing to benefit from on-demand passage (outside of the free sailing hours, and within the authorised sailing hours) must submit a request to the regional announcement centre before 3:00 p.m. for a voyage starting the following day.

use the call terminals located at the locks to contact our service (calls may be recorded)

leisure boats

Narrow gauge
in the low season: *from 1st January to 31st March and from 1st November to 31st December*
On all the narrow gauge network managed by the Service de la Navigation du Nord-Est of VNF, all leisure boats must announce their entry onto the network or their departure from one of the ports situated on the network, giving their destination to the regional announcement centre, which will take calls every day it is open until 3 pm for trips beginning the next day.

in the high season: *from 1st April to 31st October*
On the not automated sectors of the narrow gauge network, leisure boats must request their locking for the following day before 3 pm to the employee taking charge of them, or by calling the command centre for the Meuse canal (stopping place in the evening and time of setting off again the next day).

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