



Randonnée Tours

Burgundy Cycling 11 days

Summary

Length

11 days/10 nights,
with 9 days cycling

Dates

Any start date between
April to November.

Level

48 km (30 miles) daily
average

Some hills every day of
moderate difficulty with
one very challenging
climb on Day 2
Extra km possible

*"Burgundy exceeded by
far over expectations.
Food and wine out of
this world and wonder-
fully welcoming people.
Our best cycling tour in
France from all over 6
times."*

- R. Pasturel

Like a fine aged wine, savour Burgundy slowly, with time for its subtleties to penetrate. Great art, gastronomic food, and a history fermented with religion and royalty are your first tastes. Sip again and find white cows dotting green pastures embraced by hedgerows, and villages where you are greeted with a wave and friendly calls of "Bonne Route!" Self-guided cycling is the ultimate way to discover Burgundy.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in Beaune and stay at the hotel des remparts in the old town at the classic level or in Montagny-lès-Beaune at the Bed & Breakfast level. The luxe option, Hotel le cep a beautiful 4 stars, is located in the old part of Beaune.



Day 2

Explore Beaune, with its chic cafés and wine boutiques. Admire the Hôtel Dieu, with its colourfully patterned roof. On a day ride, discover the wine villages

of the Côte d'Or, home to the most famous wines of Burgundy: Clos de Vougeot, Nuits-St-Georges, and Meursault, which produces one of the best white wines in the world.

Day 3

Today there's a challenging climb as you cross over the Côte d'Or hills into a delightful countryside of pastures dotted with white Charolais cows and fields of sunflowers. Arrive at the poplar-lined Canal de Bourgogne, in the shadow of Châteauneuf, at Ste-Sabine, where you'll stay for two nights.

Day 4

Visit châteaux today! Commarin merits a stop, with its 16th-century tapestries. You can choose to cycle up to perched Châteauneuf, a fairy-tale castle with a moat and a drawbridge, or admire its setting from the river valley!

Day 5

Wind your way through dreamy villages, past roadside crosses, and along the Burgundy Canal to Semur-en-Auxois, with its massive brown brick bastions towering over the Armançon River.

Day 6

Spend a second night in Semur to explore this region. Especially recommended is a pilgrimage to the Abbey of Fontenay. This oldest surviving Cistercian abbey has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Day 7

Head for Époisses, famous for both its cheese and its château. From there you climb up to a plateau, following it to descend into the charming Serein River valley. Your accommodation is just outside of Noyers, a delightful medieval village.



How to get there?

You start in Beaune, about 320 km southeast of Paris.

Beaune is a famous and pleasant town in the heart of the Côte d'Or vineyards. It boasts a charming medieval quarter of narrow streets, welcoming squares and buildings topped with gleaming roof tiles. Beaune can be easily reached from Paris via Dijon. It is also close to the international airports in Lyon and Geneva.

Your confirmation package will provide information on getting to Beaune.

Day 8

Take time to visit Noyers today. Cycle to the famous vineyards of Chablis or into the Amarcon River Valley, which is famous for its castles. Visit the chateau at Tanlay and the great Renaissance chateau at Ancy-le-Franc. Return to Noyers.

Day 9

Leave the Serein River Valley for the Cousin and Cure River valleys, passing lovely Romanesque churches and the occasional chateau. Explore the village of Montreal and Avallon, perched on cliffs over the Cousin. Today's destination is Vézelay, once an important pilgrimage destination and one of the most famous places in France.



Day 10

Explore Vézelay. Don't miss the magnificent cathedral with its astonishing carvings. Stand where St. Bernard and Eleanor of Aquitaine exhorted a field of knights on to the first crusade. Cycle south and dip into the Regional Park of the Morvan, then return to Vézelay.

Day 11

Leave from Vézelay.

Accommodation

Classic



Hôtel des Remparts,

Beaune

Situated inside the historic town of Beaune close to restaurants and cafes, this 17th century building was renovated into a fine hotel, preserving the charm of the ancient mansion, with modern comforts.



Hostellerie du Château,

Ste-Sabine

This 17th century residence was a former 11th century monastery. In the centre of a 20-acre park, the château combines elegance of the past with comfort of the present.



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The Price includes:

- 10 nights hotels
- All breakfasts and 3 dinners
- Use of a top quality 21-speed hybrid bike complete with handlebar bag, pump, and all the necessary accessories for changing flats. We recommend that you bring your own helmet for safety and hygiene reasons
- Detailed route instructions and map
- Luggage transfers
- Area Manager available throughout the tour

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Hôtel des Cymaises, Semur-en-Auxois

In the heart of medieval Semur-en-Auxois, this ancient mansion from the 13th and 14th century has been transformed into a comfortable hotel with all conveniences and luxury bedrooms.



Château d'Archambault, Noyer

This castle was a former hunting lodge from the beginning of the 19th century set in 8 acres of parkland. It has been renovated with large comfortable guest rooms.



Hôtel de la Poste et du Lion D'Or, Vézelay

This former post office has been renovated into a charming hotel. The rooms have great views and the hotel restaurant has an excellent reputation.

B & B



Chambres d'Hôtes Fare Nui, Montagny-le-Beaune

This charming bed & breakfast is located in a hamlet outside of Beaune. The rooms are comfortable and the proprietors friendly.



Lady A, Vandenesse-en-Auxois

Not your typical bed and breakfast, this is a 100-foot canal barge! Moored on a charming canal in an absolutely beautiful setting, the cozy rooms are surprisingly spacious.



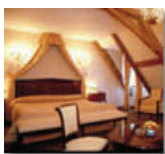
La Palombiere, Vézelay

In the heart of Vézelay, this 18th Century residence has individually decorated rooms and is surrounded by gardens.

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Accommodation

Luxe



Hotel Le Cep,

Beaune

Originally built in 1442, this 4-star hotel features a magnificent tower and a beautiful stone staircase, as well as two historical courtyards and a picturesque garden. Rooms are decorated in the traditional French style.



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