

NORTH BURGUNDY



ART, WINE, NATURE AND JOIE DE VIVRE

Known for its excellent wines, but also its famous cuisine, not to mention its many, many historical witnesses of the past, and, and, and, and.... Burgundy spoils the palate, but also the eye! Picturesque landscapes alternate with small villages and towns, canals and river landscapes. Burgundy by bike is a real treat.

LEVEL



KM

226/
235

DURATION

7 Days
6 Nights

TRAVEL DATES

18.05 - 24.05.2025
14.09 - 20.09.2025

Day 1

Arrival by car or train. Welcome aperitif and then enjoy the first French dinner with a 4-course menu.

Day 2 Pontigny - Chablis - St-Bris-le-Vineux 54 km

The day starts with an extensive breakfast in an expectant atmosphere. The cycle tour starts directly at the hotel and first leads to the famous wine-growing village. After the tour, we head into the wine-growing region. Chablis is made from just one grape variety, the Chardonnay grape. In Saint-Bris-le-Vineux it is time for a wine tasting. We descend into a wine cellar dating back to the 12th century! After an exhilarating picnic in the vineyards, we head to one of the oldest Cistercian churches in France: Pontigny. It is the second daughter of Citeaux and one of the main witnesses of the Cistercian movement. Afterwards, the stage ends with a return transfer or, if you prefer, another 14 km back to the hotel by bike.



Day 3 Auxerre - Canal du Nivernais 38 or 47 km

After breakfast, the day's program begins with a wonderful ride along the Canal du Nivernais and the Yonne to Auxerre. Here you will learn more about this city of art and history. Visit the individual picturesque districts with their varied half-timbered houses, St Etienne Cathedral with its Romanesque crypt, the abbey church of St Germain, which houses the oldest frescoes in France.

At lunchtime, you have the opportunity to have lunch in a crêperie. Afterwards, you can continue on your bike with renewed energy. The ride takes you along the Yonne and the Canal du Nivernais, with short detours to the winegrowing villages and a stop at the Cave de Bailly. This is where the Crémant de Bourgogne, a sparkling wine produced using the Champagne method, is stored in a 3 km long mountain containing over 5 million bottles. Guided tour and tasting.

Day 4 Avallon - Vézelay - Givry 42 km

Another day full of highlights awaits you today. Well-fueled and full of energy, you start the day with a drive to Avallon. Hard-fought over in past centuries, this fortified town lies at the gates of the Morvan National Park.

The cycle tour begins here with a ride through the romantic Vallée du Cousin. This valley is beautifully nestled in the granite mountains. We cycle through the lovely landscape of the Avallonnais on climbs, some easier, some steeper, until we reach Vézelay, the highlight of today's ride. Vézelay, with its basilica high up on the "eternal hill", has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is a wonder of Romanesque architecture and contains the relics of Mary Magdalene.





Day 5 Semur-en-Auxois - Abbay Fontenay 48 km

Take the bus to just outside the town gates of Semur-en-Auxois and shortly afterwards enjoy the beautiful view of this picturesque town situated high above the little river Armançon. You reach it by bike and visit the old town and its impressive Gothic Notre-Dame church, which is one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture.



You then cycle through a very lovely landscape to the Canal de Bourgogne, which at this altitude has a lock staircase with 37 locks over 12 km! However, you don't have to crank, but cycle along the canal until shortly before Montbard, when you reach today's stage destination and another highlight of the day: the Abbaye de Fontenay. The Cistercian monastery is a characteristic example of Cistercian architecture and impresses with its perfect unity of architecture and landscape. Visit the monastery complex and return by coach.



Day 6 Chablis - Noyers-sur-Serein - Tonnerre 44 km

From the hotel, today's cycle stage follows the beautiful course of the River Serein to the medieval town of Noyers-sur-Serein. The location of many cinema and television films, Noyers provides the perfect backdrop. Still largely surrounded by the medieval town wall with preserved town gates, picturesque alleyways with half-timbered houses from the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries welcome visitors and are an instant delight.

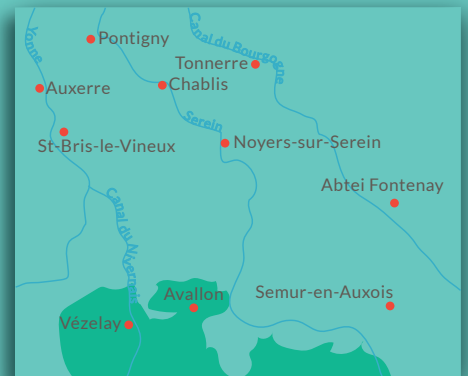
From here, the route leads over a high plateau to another river and valley, the Armançon. A visit to the former Hospice de Tonnerre with its 15th century tomb and the Fosse Dionne karst spring with its incredible shades of blue bring this beautiful cycle tour to a close.



Day 7

After a final breakfast, it was "Au revoir et à bientôt, goodbye and see you again soon".

GUIDED BIKE TOUR



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INCLUDED SERVICES

- 6 nights in the gourmet hotel Le Clos in Chablis in a room with bath/shower/WC and air conditioning
- Extensive breakfast daily
- 4-course menu in the evening with wine
- 5 lunch picnics with regional specialties incl. drinks
- Qualified tour guide during the entire trip
- Guided tours as per program
- All transfers mentioned
- All entrance fees
- 1 Crémant tasting with 3/4 hour guided tour
- 1 wine tasting in Chablis
- 1 wine tasting in Saint-Bris-le-Vineux
- Spa and local taxes

PER PERSON

ROOM

DBLE/DU/WC/VP	1434 €
SGL/DU/WC/VP	1695 €

BIKE RENTAL

21/27-Gear- Hybrid bike	90 €
E-Bike (250 € Deposit)	170 €



Wonderful, super organized trip. First-class guided tours with a wealth of knowledge from Christiane. The icing on the cake is Philippe's picnics. Thank you for an "all-round carefree" week"

Ute Reule