# Highlights Picturesque Noyer,

Wine making villages &, Wine tasting, Cycling along rivers, Abbeys & castles, Basilica of Vézelay



#### BY E-BIKE THROUGH HISTORIC BURGUNDY

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Burgundy is rich in historical monuments, art treasures, marvellous landscapes and an excellent kitchen. Cycle through the lovely pasture and river landscape, visit picturesque villages and feel the witnesses of the past in their variety.



#### Day 1 Dijon

Arrival in Dijon and after check-in, you have the opportunity to explore the former hometown of the Dukes of Burgundy: visit the gothic collegiate church of Notre Dame, the Ducal Palace with the reclining figures of the Dukes and the impressive city palace.

#### Day 2 Dijon - Beaune 47 km

Via Marsannay-la-Côte you cycle to Vougeot, the famous Clos de Vougeot, once a press of the Cister-cian monks. Lovely little vineyard streets lead you to Nuits-Saint-Georges, world famous village for its wines. Then you continue to Beaune – the city of wine and, above all, wellknown for its Hôtel Dieu, the poor hospital of the 15th century. Take the opportunity for an evening stroll through the vibrant wine city.

#### Day 3 Beaune - Semur-en-Auxois 81 km

Leaving Beaune you head north and cycle through Savigny-le-Beaune, a very pretty valley, slightly out towards Châteauneuf. Châteauneuf is one of the 100 most beautiful villages in France and is pictur-esquely situated high above the Auxois area. You cycle to the medieval town of Semur-en-Auxois.

#### Day 4 Semur-en-Auxois - Vézelay 78 km

Through the pastures and the village of Epoisses, famous for its cheese, you will reach one of the most beautiful valleys in Burgundy - the Vallée du Cousin. The river "Cousin" winds dreamily through the romantic river valley. Afterwards, you will pass through the lovely Avallonais, past natural hedgerows, grazing Charolais cattle to Vézelay. Before that, you will be crossing the viaduct in high altitude, overlooking the Pierre-Perthuis bridge from the 17th century. A magnificent landscape that leads to the eternal hill of Vézelay. Vézelay was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and its basilica with its Romanesque sculptural decoration is worth a long stay.

## Day 5 Vézelay - Auxerre 71 km

Long the Canal du Nivernais you reach Auxerre. You can stroll through the picturesque streets, with half-timbered houses from the 15th and 16th century. Passing by the picturesque clock tower, you reach the elegant gothic cathedral Saint-Etienne which you can enjoy from inside and outside. Stroll a bit further to the Abbaye St Germain and visit the crypt with its 9th century stone paintings.



## Day 6 Auxerre - Chablis 38 km

Today you cycle to Pontigny through short forest tracks to the Cistercian church. It is one of the last witnesses of the great spiritual movement of the Cistercians. After the visit you continue to the wine growing area of Chablis. Stop there for a wine tasting.

#### Day 7 Chablis - Montbard 81 km

Cycle through the vineyards of Chablis before reaching the Canal de Bourgogne. The Canal de Bourgogne, with its beautiful course and romantic nature, is just one of the highlights on this route. An absolute must is the stop at the Renaissance castle of Ancy-le-Franc.

#### Day 8 Montbard - Vandenesse 79 km

Today's cycling day leads along historical places. First you see the Château Bussy Rabutin, then Alesia, the winning place of César over Vercinge-torix in 52 before Christ, followed by the section of sluices of the Canal de Bourgogne. There are 37 sluices (!) on 12km. Understandable that you can hardly see boats on this section! Picturesque landscapes characterized by pasture and rivers determine the further course of the route.

#### Day 9 Vandenesse - Dijon 53 km

Picturesque finish for the last day of cycling via the Canal de Bourgogne to Dijon.

# Day 10 Departure



#### ROUTE CHARACTERISTICS

Slightly hilly routes, but without long steep climbs, paved side roads, cycle path along the Canal du Nivernais and Canal de Bourgogne.

#### SERVICES INCLUDED

- 8 nights in charming 3 stars hotels
- 1 night in a 4 star
- Daily breakfast
- Welcome talk
- 1 Wine tasting in Chablis
- 1 Wine tasting in Beaune
- Daily luggage transfer
- Itinerary on our app
- Route book, maps and information material
- 7/7 Service Hotli

PER PERSON	
ROOM	
with B&B DBL / SGL	1598€/2138€
EXTRA NIGHT	
Dijon DBLE / SGL	83€/151€
BIKE RENTAL	4 40 0
21/27-Gear Hybrid bike	140€ 280€
E-Bike (250 € deposit)	

City tax is not included and has to be paid on the spot.

#### POSSIBLE OPTIONS

Rental of helmets, phone holder Solo traveller supplement: 455 €

