

FRANCE À VÉLO

NORTH BURGUNDY

Highlights

Wine-growing villages & wine tasting,
Cycling along rivers,
Abbey of Pontigny,
Basilica of Vézelay,
Semur-en-Auxois & Noyers



NORTH BURGUNDY AND CHABLIS

Burgundy is a land of great art and good living, pastoral and peaceful. During the cycling trip you will discover great abbeys, elegant châteaux, medieval half-timbered villages and fortified towns. The vineyards of Chablis and the Auxerrois will accompany you, tastings are planned and the fine food will round off your days. This itinerary reveals northern Burgundy's main treasures.



DIFFICULTY

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KM

380

LENGTH

10 days
9 nights

ARRIVAL

Daily
13.03. - 31.10.21

Day 1 Arrival

Your cycling holidays start in Auxerre. A city of Art and History that has conserved an exceptional architectural heritage. Its cathedral, a model of gothic elegance, the St Germain Abbey, a nearly intact monastic complex with crypts dating back to the 9th Century containing one of the oldest mural paintings discovered in France, not to mention a charming city centre with great boutiques.



Day 2 Auxerre - Montigny-la-Resle 29 km

You begin your cycle through the fields and will stop in Pontigny where you discover the Cistercian Abbey, the largest and one of the most beautiful Cistercian churches remaining in France.



Day 3 Montigny-la-Resle - Noyers-sur-Serein 40 km

Nice day cycling in the Chablis vineyards. After visiting Chablis and a wine tasting, the itinerary follows the Serein valley through beautiful villages of the southern Chablis vineyards to the medieval town of Noyers with its Naïf Art museum. Noyers has preserved fortifications and half-timbered houses. It's one of the hundred most beautiful villages of France!

Day 4 Noyers - Ancy-le-Franc 58 km

From the picturesque village of Noyers sur Serein, you will reach Ancy-le Franc. Your cycling day will be particularly nice, crossing beautiful villages and reaching the Canal de Bourgogne with its romantic towpaths. You will pass through Tanlay, with its Renaissance châteaux and will arrive in Ancy le Franc, where you can visit its renaissance châteaux.

Day 5 Ancy-le-Franc - Montbard 30 km

You will cycle along the Canal de Bourgogne, before crossing the forest to visit the Abbey de Fontenay, a Cistercian Abbey. From there it is only a short ride to Montbard.



Day 6 Montbard - Semur-en-Auxois 64 km

You will cycle along the canal de Bourgogne and visit the châteaux of Bussy Rabutin, before passing by Alesia where the famous battle between Caesar and Vercingetorix took place in 52 B.C. Then you will return to the Canal de Bourgogne for a 12-kilometre stretch containing 37 locks. Surrounded by beautiful landscapes, you will arrive in Semur en Aussois, a fortified town.



Day 7 Semur-en-Auxois - Avallon 56 km

Today you cycle across the superb “terre plaine” plateau and Avallon landscapes. You will pass by the medieval hamlet of Montréal before reaching Avallon, a beautiful ancient town.

Arriving in Avallon, you will be able to visit the old city by foot, with its houses dating from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance.

Day 8 Avallon - Escolives-Ste-Camille 70 km

The cycling continues today through some of Burgundy's finest landscapes, culminating in a stop in Vézelay and its Sainte-Madeleine Basilica, a Romanesque art masterpiece listed as UNESCO world heritage. During the middle Ages, Vézelay was a major pilgrimage site and a special halt on the way to Compostella. Its Basilica dominates the small mediaeval town and its fortifications. It is also among the 100 most beautiful villages in France. Continuing by a climb to reach the Yonne valley, the itinerary will then follow it and the canal du Nivernais all day. You will come across beautiful sites such as Châtel-Censoir, the Saussois cliffs, and finish in Escolives.

Day 9 Escolives-Ste-Camille - Auxerre 33 km

Water dominates the day. In fact, Burgundy has been called the water table of France. All the mighty rivers are interconnected by a marvellous canal system.

You are cycling beside the water surrounded by nature before leaving its side to go through the lovely Auxerre vineyard villages: Irancy, Saint-Bris-le-Vineux, and Bailly. In the caves de Bailly you will taste the famous Crémant de Bourgogne before carrying on to Auxerre.

Day 10 Departure

C'est la vie - your biking tour in Burgundy is finished. After having a last breakfast you have to say goodbye to this charming region in France!



SELF-GUIDED CYCLING TOUR



ROUTE CHARACTERISTICS

- Slightly hilly routs without long climbs. Asphalted side routs. Cycling path along the Canal du Nivernais and the Canal de Bourgogne.

SERVICE INCLUDED

- 9 nights in 2-3-star-hotels/Chambres d'Hôtes in room with private facilities
- Daily breakfast
- Personal welcome meeting
- 1 tasting of Crémant in Bailly
- 1 winetasting in Chablis
- Daily luggage transfer
- Route book, maps and information material
- 24 h Service Hotline
- GPS-tracks on demand

PER PERSON

ROOM

with B&B DBL / SGL	1058 € / 1476 €
with half-board DBL / SGL	1393 € / 1811 €

EXTRA NIGHT

Auxerre DBL / SGL	79 € / 142 €
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BIKE RENTAL

21-Gear - Hybrid bike	125 €
E-Bike (250 € Deposit)	250 €

POSSIBLE OPTIONS

- 4-course-diner (Option half-board)
- Bike rental
- Helmet rental
- Rental GPS-navigation device