

NORTH BURGUNDY

Highlights

Cycling along rivers & river valleys,
Wine-growing villages &
wine tasting,
Abbey of Pontigny,
Basilica of Vézelay,
picturesque Noyers

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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. This trip charms all your senses.

DIFFICULTY

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KM

218

LENGTH

8 days
7 nights

ARRIVAL

Daily
13.03. - 31.10.21

Day 1 Arrival

Auxerre, 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

Adjustment of hired bikes. 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-sur-Serein - Avallon 46 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.

Day 5 Avallon - Vézelay 22 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 of France.

Day 6 Vézelay - Escolives-Ste-Camille 48 km

Starting 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 7 Escolives-Ste-Camille - Auxerre 33 km

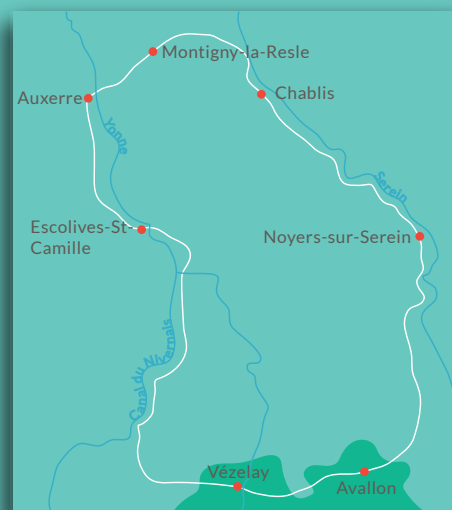
Water dominates the day. In fact, Burgundy has been called the water table of France. All the mighty rivers are interconnected by a marvellous canal system. You are cycling beside the water surrounded by nature before leaving its side to go through the lovely Auxerre vineyard villages: Irancy, Saint-Bris-le-Vineux, and Bailly. In the caves de Bailly you will taste the famous Crémant de Bourgogne before carrying on to Auxerre.



Day 8 Departure

C'est la vie - your biking holiday 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 routes without long climbs. Asphalted side routes. Cycling path along the Canal du Nivernais.

SERVICE INCLUDED

- 7 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 829 € / 1176 €
with half-board DBL / SGL 1119 € / 1466 €

EXTRA NIGHT

Auxerre DBL / SGL 80 € / 142 €

BIKE RENTAL

21-Gear - Hybrid bike 95 €
E-Bike (250 € Deposit) 190 €

POSSIBLE OPTIONS

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