

## CHABLIS VINEYARDS WALK



Views over to Vézelay

## YOUR HOLIDAY DAY-BY-DAY



## DAY 01 ARRIVE IN AUXERRE

Your hotel, the **Hôtel Normandie**, is ideally situated just a few minutes' walk from Auxerre's historic centre where you'll find a good choice of restaurants for dinner (payable locally).

## DAY 02 AUXERRE TO CHABLIS

15KM/9.5MI/4HR

Join the 'Wine and Cheese route' at Venoy. Amble through vineyards to the wine village of Beine, then on to Poinchy where you'll find some of our favourite Chablis caves. At Chablis you spend two nights at the **Hostellerie des Clos**. Your evening meals are included here.

## DAY 03 AT CHABLIS

Chablis is almost completely devoted to the production of some of the world's finest white wines. There's a plethora of cellars to visit or, alternatively, follow an 8km *Grand Crus* walk.

## DAY 04 CHABLIS TO VERMENTON

16KM/10MI/4HR OR 18KM/11.5MI/4.5HR

From the viewpoint at Courgis, head through the vines to the village of St-Cyr-les-Colons. Continue through forest and farmland to Cravant, then along the Route Napoléon to Vermenton and **15 Place Voltaire**, for two nights. Meals are taken in a local restaurant (included).

## DAY 05 AT VERMENTON

Take the train to Arcy, a village steeped in Roman history, or explore Vermenton with its Parc des Îles, a shady park made up of small islands connected by bridges on the River Cure.

## DAY 06 VERMENTON TO VÉZELAY

17KM/11MI/4.5HR

Take the train to Sermizelles to start your walk across the wooded slopes of Montmartre. Follow part of the Camino de Santiago to Vézelay, keeping your eyes peeled for rare birdlife. You stay at the **Hôtel SY Les Glycines**, for two nights. Meals (included) are taken at the sister hotel La Terrasse, just 50m up the hill beside the Basilica.

## DAY 07 AT VÉZELAY

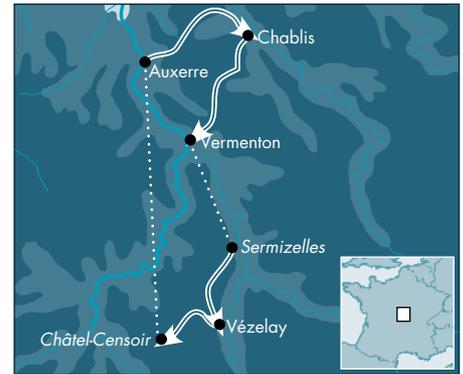
Explore Vézelay and its C12 Basilica, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the largest church in France. Walk to St-Père-sous-Vézelay, visit the nearby Roman baths or *Fontaines Salées*.

## DAY 08 VÉZELAY TO AUXERRE

14KM/9MI/3.5HR

A great walk for bird-spotting and seeing wild animals - as you leave Vézelay and head into the forest, look out for roe deer, stags or pairs of jays. Explore the château and church at the busy little port of Châtel-Censoir before returning to the **Hôtel Normandie** in Auxerre.

## DAY 09 LEAVE AUXERRE



## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive Rep Service
- Relaxed walking following the Grand Randonnée, part of St Jacques' route to Compostela
- Gentle, rolling landscapes, forests, farms, poppies, sunflowers and vines
- World-famous wines including Chablis, Irancy, Aligoté and Crémant

## AT A GLANCE

Trip code **W08BU**

Departures every two days from 13th May to 20th September 2018



Leisurely/Moderate

★★★★★ customer rating

## YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- 8 nights hotel-to-hotel accommodation in a mix of comfortable, \*\*\* and \*\*\*\* hotels
- All breakfasts and 6 evening meals
- Services of your local Representative
- Route directions and maps
- Luggage transfers between hotels
- Wine Collection Service (see page 106)

## OPTIONAL UPGRADES

- First Class rail available
- Sole occupancy of a double room - please enquire
- Room upgrades at selected hotels
- Extra nights in Auxerre
- City break add-ons in Paris

## WHERE YOU STAY

Hôtel Normandie  
\*\*\*Hostellerie des Clos  
\*\*\*\*15 Place Voltaire  
ComfortableHôtel SY Les Glycines  
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