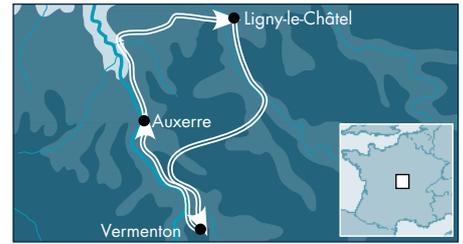




The Serein river at Chablis



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive Rep Service
- Gentle, relaxing cycling on totally unspoilt routes
- World-famous vineyards and local wines
- Flower-adorned villages, hidden meadows, picturesque rivers and canals

YOUR HOLIDAY DAY-BY-DAY



DAY 01 ARRIVE IN AUXERRE

One of France's prettiest mediaeval cities, Auxerre sits on the banks of the Yonne with its two Gothic churches: the Cathedral of St-Étienne and the Abbey of St-Germain. The **Hôtel Normandie** is just a few minutes' walk from a good choice of restaurants for your evening meal (payable locally).

DAY 02 AUXERRE TO LIGNY-LE-CHÂTEL

32KM/20MI

Cycle along the River Yonne and through the forest of St-Germain to Seignelay. Here you'll find castle remains, a fine market hall and great views over the Serein. Head to the magnificent abbey at Pontigny then on to Ligny-le-Châtel. Stay at the **Relais St Vincent** for the next two nights with evening meals (included) at a local restaurant.

DAY 03 AT LIGNY-LE-CHÂTEL

Explore what was originally the Roman Lanniacum Castrum - be sure to visit the Church of St Peter and St Paul. It's then just a 10km cycle to Chablis, with wine-tasting opportunities.

DAY 04 LIGNY-LE-CHÂTEL TO VERMENTON

49KM/31MI

Cycle from one little wine village to another today. After a gentle climb to Courgis and its stunning views, head downhill through Chitry and St-Bris-le-Vineux then follow the river to Vermenton and **15 Place Voltaire**. You stay here for the next two nights and your evening meals (included) are taken at a local restaurant.

DAY 05 AT VERMENTON

Walk (or take your bike on the train) to Arcy-sur-Cure to visit the caves and Manoir du Chastenay. Cycle to Vézelay, a fortified mediaeval town, or take the towpath to Mailly-la-Ville.

DAY 06 VERMENTON TO AUXERRE

29KM/18MI

Follow the towpath towards Auxerre and picnic on the banks of the Yonne. Head to the amazing Bailly caves, where Crémant sparkling wines are made, and return to Auxerre and the **Hôtel Normandie** (pay locally for dinner).

DAY 07 LEAVE AUXERRE

YOUR HOLIDAY, YOUR WAY

This trip is also available as an 4-night tour, missing out the 'stay put' days at Ligny-Le-Châtel and Vermenton.

AT A GLANCE

Trip code **C06BU**

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



Leisurely

★★★★★ customer rating

YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- 6 nights hotel-to-hotel accommodation in a mix of *** and comfortable hotels
- All breakfasts and 4 evening meals
- Services of your local Representative
- High quality bikes
- GPS route directions and maps
- RideWithGPS navigation app
- 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
- Electric bikes available
- Extra nights in Auxerre
- City break add-ons in Paris

WHERE YOU STAY

Hôtel Normandie
***Relais St Vincent
***15 Place Voltaire
Comfortable