

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

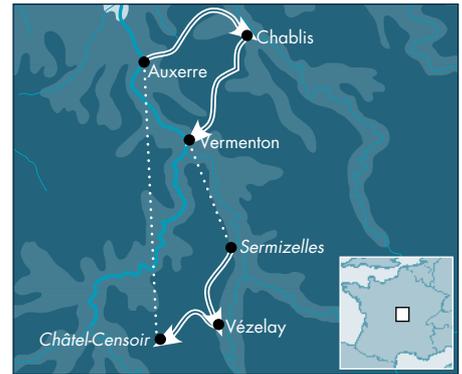
Explore Vézelay and its C12 Basilica, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the largest church in France. Walk to St-Père-sous-Vézelay, visit the nearby Roman baths or *Fontaines Salées*.

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



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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

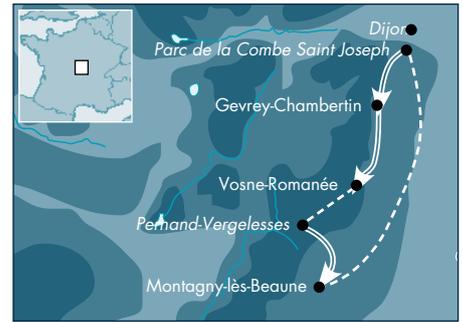
- First Class rail available
- Sole occupancy of a double room - please enquire
- Room upgrades at selected hotels
- Extra nights in Auxerre
- City break add-ons in Paris

WHERE YOU STAY

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



Views across the rolling vineyards



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive Rep Service
- Traditional Burgundy châteaux and mediaeval villages
- Lovingly restored 18th Century hotels
- Fine, gastronomic menus featuring regionally-sourced ingredients
- Varied walking on vineyard tracks, hilltop trails and woodland paths

YOUR HOLIDAY DAY-BY-DAY



DAY 01 ARRIVE IN MONTAGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE

Arrive at the **Hôtel le Clos**, a lovingly restored C18 former farmhouse, in time for your first gastronomic dinner (included) at a local restaurant.

DAY 02 MONTAGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE TO GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN 14KM/9MI/3.5HR

Cross the limestone escarpment of the Côte d'Or with wonderful views across the plain. Descend to the village of Chenôve and wind your way along the Chemin des Grand Crus to Gevrey-Chambertin. You stay at the **Les Deux Chevres** and enjoy gastronomic evening meals (included) at a local restaurant.

DAY 03 AT GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

Take the train to Dijon or Beaune today – explore Dijon's C12-C15 timbered houses, the Church of Notre Dame, cathedral and the Grand Palace. In Beaune, marvel at the multi-coloured roofs of the C15 Hospices du Beaune.

DAY 04 GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN TO VOSNE-ROMANÉE 12KM/7.5MI/3.5HR

Head up into the woods before winding your way through to the sun-soaked vines behind tranquil Morey-St-Denis. Continue to Vougeot and its historic château then to **Le Richebourg**, where you'll spend two nights (dinner included).

DAY 05 AT VOSNE-ROMANÉE

You could walk up through the woods to a château in the hills, behind the vineyards of Vosne-Romanée. Here you can learn about truffle hunting. Or stroll through the vines to the world-famous mediaeval town of Nuits-St-Georges.

DAY 06 VOSNE-ROMANÉE TO MONTAGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE 16KM/10MI/5.5HR OR 22KM/14MI/6.5KM

Take a transfer to Pernand-Vergelesses to follow vineyard tracks past the Hill of Corton. Then it's on to mediaeval Savigny-lès-Beaune, followed by a walk up through woods for spectacular views over Beaune. Return to **Hôtel le Clos** for your final gastronomic evening meal (included).

DAY 07 LEAVE MONTAGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE



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YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- 6 nights hotel-to-hotel accommodation in a mix of comfortable and **** hotels
- All breakfasts and all gastronomic evening meals
- Services of your local Representative
- Route directions and maps
- Walking transfers
- 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 Gevrey-Chambertin
- City break add-ons in Paris

WHERE YOU STAY



Hôtel le Clos



Les Deux Chevres
Comfortable



Le Richebourg



The Serein river at Chablis

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

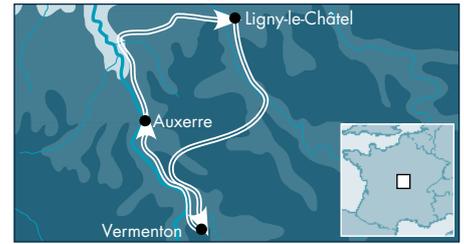
Walk (or take your bike on the train) to Arcy-sur-Cure to visit the caves and Manoir du Chastenay. Cycle to Vézelay, a fortified mediaeval town, or take the towpath to Mailly-la-Ville.

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



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



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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



Mediaeval Auxerre

YOUR HOLIDAY DAY-BY-DAY



DAY 01 ARRIVE IN AUXERRE

Arrive at the **Hôtel Normandie**. There's time to explore the mediaeval lanes and pretty river port of Auxerre before dinner in town (payable locally).

DAY 02 AUXERRE TO CHABLIS

43KM/26.5MI

Take the path along the Yonne, out of Auxerre, to Monéteau and Gurgy, then it's on to the spectacular C12 Abbey at Pontigny. Continue on along the River Serein and through La Chapelle Vaupelteigne to the **Hostellerie des Clos** in Chablis. You'll spend two nights here and your evening meals (included) are taken in the restaurant overlooking the beautiful gardens.

DAY 03 AT CHABLIS

Explore the world-famous wine town of Chablis and enjoy wine-tastings galore in local caves. The Grand Cru vineyards lie on a single south-west facing slope just to the north of the town.

DAY 04 CHABLIS TO NITRY

35KM/22MI

Pedal along the beautiful River Serein valley, discovering pretty towns, including Sainte Vertu and Annay-sur-Serein, along the way. Arrive at the **Auberge de la Beursaudière**, where you'll spend two nights, and enjoy dinner (included) in the traditional restaurant.

DAY 05 AT NITRY

Pedal out to explore mediaeval Noyers-sur-Serein with its half-timbered houses, cobbled streets with artisan wares, C12 castle site, church and chapels.

DAY 06 NITRY TO VÉZELAY

44KM/27.5MI

Cycle through open, rolling farmland to Lucy-le-Bois. Pedal on to the Cure River valley and continue to hilltop Vézelay, a major starting point for pilgrims on the Camino. You stay two nights at the **Hôtel SY Les Glycines** and your evening meals are taken at the sister hotel La Terrasse, just up the hill beside the Basilica.

DAY 07 AT VÉZELAY

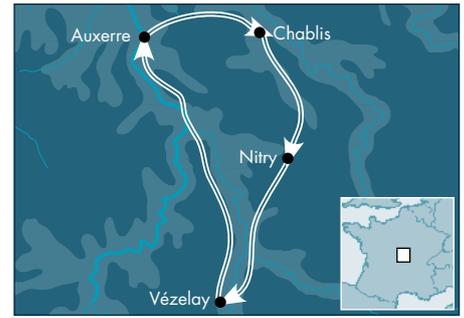
Explore the C12 Basilica, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the largest church in France, which houses the shrine of Mary Magdalene.

DAY 08 VÉZELAY TO AUXERRE

40KM/25MI OR 60KM/37.5MI

Cycle through woods and rolling countryside to Chatel-Censoir where you join the 'green way' along the Canal du Nivernais. You can catch the train to Auxerre and the **Hôtel Normandie** or, for a longer day, continue along the canal to visit the Bailly caves for a final wine-tasting.

DAY 09 LEAVE AUXERRE



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive Rep Service
- Exceptionally relaxed cycling: peaceful riverside trails, country lanes and canal paths
- Historical interest-packed itinerary: beautiful Gothic churches, superb Renaissance châteaux, Romanesque abbey at Vézelay
- Colourful canal barges, pretty river ports and beaches



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- Luggage transfers between hotels
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OPTIONAL UPGRADES

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- Room upgrades at selected hotels
- Electric bikes available
- Extra nights in Auxerre
- City break add-ons in Paris

WHERE YOU STAY

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***Hostellerie des Clos
****Auberge de la Beursaudière
ComfortableHôtel SY Les Glycines
Comfortable



Gevrey-Chambertin Castle

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DAY 01 ARRIVE IN MONTAGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE

Arrive at the **Hôtel le Clos**, a beautifully restored C18 farmhouse just outside the city. Relax and freshen up before your first gastronomic dinner (included) in a local restaurant.

DAY 02 MONTAGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE TO GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN 42KM/26.5MI OR 45KM/28.5MI

Pedal through some of the world's most famous wineries today and visit the lovely C18 château at Pommard. Spend time in Beaune to visit the famous Hôtel-Dieu before lunch in Nuits-Saint-Georges, then on through the Vosne-Romanée vineyards to Gevrey-Chambertin. You spend two nights at **Les Deux Chevres**, with gastronomic evening meals included in local restaurants.

DAY 03 AT GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN

Explore the ancient city of Dijon and its Church of Notre Dame, the timbered houses, the cathedral with its 1,000-year-old crypt and the Palace of the Dukes of Burgundy.

DAY 04 GEVREY-CHAMBERTIN TO SAINTE-SABINE 50KM/31.5MI OR 54KM/34MI

Highlights today include spectacular views from the Combe de Lavaux nature reserve and the towpaths and greenways of the Canal de Bourgogne and River Ouche. Visit Château de Barbirey and its superb gardens, topped off by C18 **Château Saint Sabine**, your home for the next two nights. Your evening meals (included) are taken in the hotel restaurant.

DAY 05 AT SAINTE-SABINE 28KM/17.5MI

On today's circular route, explore two famous Burgundy castles: Châteauneuf-en-Auxois, perched on a hilltop with its C15 fortress and C12 keep, and a splendid moated C13 château in the village of Commarin.

DAY 06 SAINTE-SABINE TO MONTAGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE 41KM/26MI

Head to the ancient town of Bligny-sur-Ouche then on to Montceau-et-Écharnant, where the ground is paved with the gravestones of Templar Knights. From here it's downhill to Nantoux, and the vineyards beyond, where wine-tastings await. Return to the **Hôtel le Clos** for your final gastronomic evening meal (included).

DAY 07 LEAVE MONTAGNY-LÈS-BEAUNE



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exclusive Rep Service
- Lovingly restored 18th century hotels and fine gastronomic cuisine
- Varied cycling: vineyard tracks, country lanes, waterside paths and greenways
- Authentic mediaeval châteaux and traditional villages



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- Extra nights in Gevrey-Chambertin
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WHERE YOU STAY

Hôtel le Clos
****Les Deux Chevres
ComfortableChâteau Sainte Sabine
