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# **Burgundy - History and Heritage - 10 days**

Burgundy is rich in historical monuments, artistic treasures, picture-book landscapes and a cuisine that spoils the palate. The cycle routes lead along small agricultural side roads roads, partly on the towpath along the Canal du Nivernais - a cycle tour could hardly be more idyllic!

## Day 1 Arrival in Dijon

Arrival in Dijon and at your hotel. Opportunity to explore the former home town of the Dukes of Burgundy. The Gothic collegiate church of Notre Dame, the Ducal Palace with the reclining statues of the Dukes, the impressive city palaces from the 17th and 18th centuries are well worth a visit.

## Day 2 Dijon - Beaune $\sim$ 43 km

You cycle via Marsannay-la-Côte to Vougeot, to the famous Clos de Vougeot, once the wine press of the Cistercian monks. Wonderful little vineyard roads lead you to Nuits-Saint-Georges where a wine tasting awaits you. Nuits-Saint-Georges is known for its premier cru wines, you will certainly enjoy this wine tasting. Then you will continue on small picturesque roads to Beaune, the capital of wine. Opportunity for an evening stroll through the vibrant wine town.

#### Day 3 Beaune - Semur en Auxois ~ 81 km

You leave Beaune heading north via Savigny-le-Beaune through a pretty valley in the direction of Châteauneuf. Châteauneuf is one of the 100 most beautiful villages in France and is situated high above the Auxois region. You ride to the medieval town of Semur-en-Auxois.

#### Day 4 Semur en Auxois-Vézelay ~78 km

Through the pastures and the village of Epoisses, famous for its cheese, you reach one of the most beautiful valleys of Burgundy, the Vallée du Cousin. The Cousin meanders through the romantic river valley. It goes through the lovely Avallonais, past natural hedgerows and grazing Charolais cattle to Vézelay. You cross the viaduct, which is situated at a dizzying height with a view of the 17th century Pierre-Perthuis bridge. Vézelay (UNESCO World Heritage Site) and its basilica with its Romanesque sculptural decorations are worth a longer stay.

### Day 5 Vézelay - Auxerre ~ 58 km

Stroll through the picturesque alleyways, past half-timbered houses from the 15th and 16th centuries. Stop at the picturesque clock tower and finally visit the elegant Gothic cathedral of Saint-Etienne or stroll a little further to the Abbaye St Germain and visit the crypt with its frescoes from the 9th century.

#### Day 6 Auxerre - Chablis ~ 37 km

You cycle towards Pontigny. You cycle through forest tracks to the Cistercian church. It is one of the last witnesses of the great spiritual movement of the Cistercians. After the visit continue to the wine-growing region of Chablis. Stop for a wine tasting.

#### Day 7 Chablis - Montbard ~ 81 km

Ride through the vineyards of Chablis before reaching the Canal de Bourgogne. The Canal de Bourgogne with its beautiful course and romantic nature is just one highlight on this route. An absolute must is the stop at the Renaissance castle of Ancy-le-Franc. Visit the castle and continue to Montbard.

## Day 8 Montbard - Pouilly $\sim$ 55 km

Today's cycling day takes you along historical places. First of all the Château Bussy Rabutin, then Alesia, site of César's victory over Vercingetorix 52 BC, the sluice stairs of the Canal de Bourgogne, with 37 locks over 12 km (!), it is comprehensible that you hardly see any boats! Picturesque landscapes, characterized by pastureland and rivers and alternating with natural hedgerows.

### Day 9 Pouilly - Dijon $\sim$ 61 km

A picturesque end to the last day of cycling via the Canal de Bourgogne to Dijon.

#### Day 10

Departure after breakfast

## Services:

9 x night in 3\*/4\* hotels and guesthouses 9 x breakfast welcome briefing transport of luggage 1 x wine-tasting in Nuits-St-Georges 1 x wine-tasting in Chablis detailed trip documents GB, DE, FR (route description, maps, touristic brochures) navigationapp GPS-data on request 7/7 Service hotline

# additional services:

extra night, single BnB, Dijon	162 €
extra night, double BnB, Dijon	58 €
rental bike	145 €
helmet	15 €
smartphoneholder	15 €
electric bike	290 €
own bike	0 €

## Price:

04.05.2024 - 13.05.2024 - hotel according to offer  $double \ room, \ BnB \qquad \qquad 1525 \ \epsilon$  single \ room, \ BnB \qquad 2000 \ \epsilon \ twin \ room, \ BnB \qquad 1525 \ \epsilon \ \epsilon

