



Trip description

4 days to discover the beauties of the Burgundy by bike

This cycling holiday in Burgundy starts in Chalon to let you discover the old wine route of Cluny and Taizé, the banks of the Saône, Mâcon and Tournus.

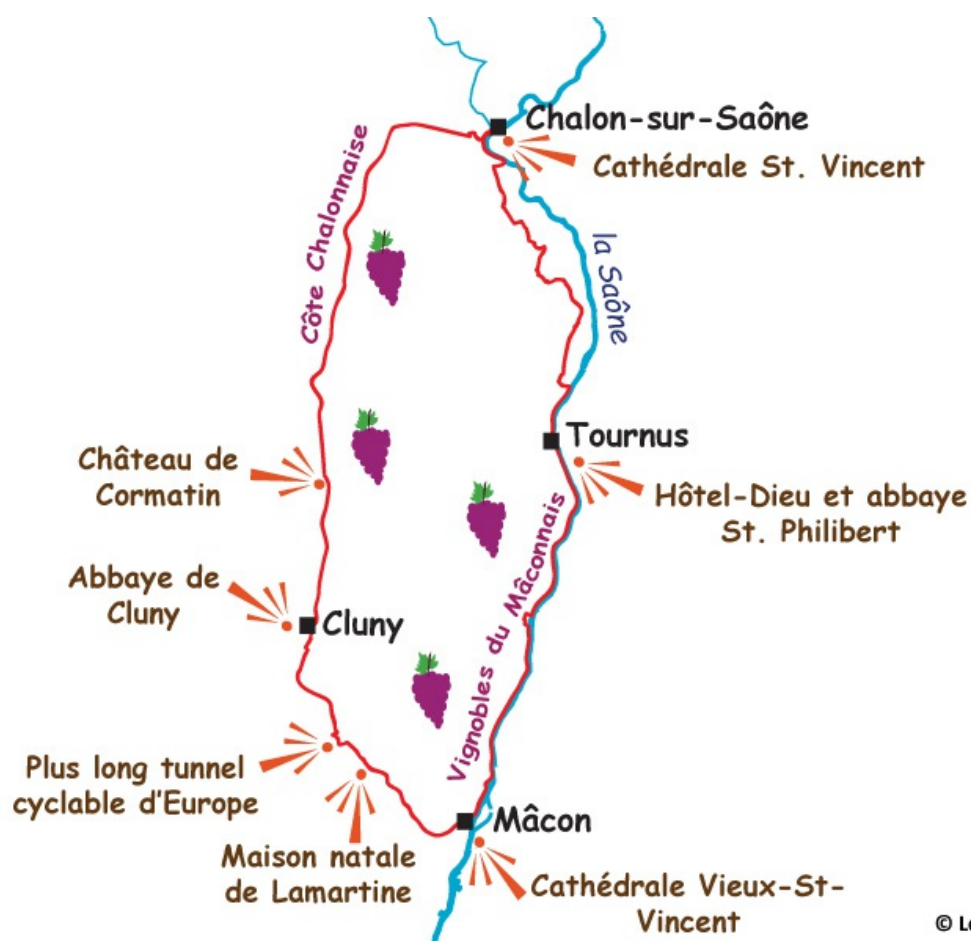


Destination	France
Location	Bourgogne
Duration	4 days
Difficulty Level	Easy
Validity	From March to November
Minimum age	1 year
Reference	BG0401

Type of stay
loop trip



Itinerary



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This short bike tour of Burgundy area has you riding almost entirely on designated bike paths. The route takes you through Tournus, Mâcon, the

Abbey in Cluny and Chalon. It's an easy ride since the path is on a converted railroad track, leading by beautiful scenery. You even have a chance to travel through Europe's longest bike-only tunnel!

This self-guided bike tour is the perfect way to discover the Burgundy wines in the Cote Chalonnaise area. It also gives the opportunity to visit castles and discover the religious heritage of Cluny and Taize.

Day 1

Chalon - Tournus

Bike
33km

You bike the Saône river banks out of Chalon and further the quiet, country roads through the villages. Take time to visit the historic town of Tournus, with its wealth of old buildings. It is one of the oldest monastic centers in Burgundy, featuring the remarkably preserved Abbey of Saint-Philibert. The Hotel-Dieu is a museum inside a former hospital with an apothecary.

Day 2

Tournus - Mâcon

Bike
34km

Bike lane

Your bike path goes along the banks of the Saone River. Follow the scenic path which is part of an ancient towpath. The entire ride is tranquil as you pass quaint villages and charming vistas on your way to Mâcon. As you enter Mâcon, admire the Saint-Laurent bridge. Take time to catch a glimpse at the Saint-Pierre church and the medieval Wood House. You can also enter the Ursulines Museum which presents the local history and an art collection.

Day 3

Mâcon - Cluny

Bike
30km

Bike lane

You bike out of Mâcon and find quickly again the dedicated bike path through well-maintained vineyards. If you want a good warm-up, ride to the birthplace of the famous French writer, poet and politician, Lamartine. Otherwise, keep on the bike path to Berzé-la-Ville. Enter the Chapelle des Moines to see its magnificent mural paintings from the Middle Ages. At the foothill of the majestic fortress of Berze-le-Chatel, you ride 1.6km through the longest bike-only tunnel in Europe. This tunnel is closed in the winter to protect a colony of bats! The bike path takes you finally to Cluny. End your day by discovering the history of the Abbey of Cluny, the largest monastic order of the medieval western world.

Day 4

Cluny - Chalon

Bike
52km

Bike lane

The bike tour goes further on the quiet bike lane and then leads to the Castle of Comatin, known for its 17th Century unique murals. Stroll across the massive drawbridge and view the gardens and water features. You'll continue riding on the dedicated bike path through cool forests, vast vineyards and pastoral fields. Be sure to stop in the villages of Saint-Georges-Le-National, Buxy and Givry. Cooperative wineries welcome visitors to visit and sample a variety of their wines. As you arrive in Chalon, end the day with a stroll through the lively little streets around the church of Saint-Vincent.

Accommodation

Category A

You'll enjoy staying in these clean and cozy 2-3 Star hotels that give you a pleasant rest after your day of biking. Breakfast is included when you spend the night in these friendly and family-

run hotels.



* Example of the type of accommodation

Category B

You'll get a good night's sleep when you stay in these 3-4 Star hotels or Bed and Breakfasts. All properties have been selected for their cleanliness, style and friendliness of the staff. A hearty breakfast is included!



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Practical information

To get to departure point:

By plane: flight to Lyon and then train to Chalon-sur-Saône.

By train: direct inter-regional trains from Paris-Bercy station. The duration of the trip is 3h50. Or TGV (fast trains) from Paris Gare de Lyon and connection in Lyon/Le Creusot-Monceau/Dijon to take a regional train to Chalon-sur-Saône. The duration of the trip varies from 2h50 to 3h45. To plan your trip, www.raileurope.com.

Parking

If you drive to Chalon-sur-Saône, you can park your car in a secured car park located in the city center. The weekly rate is about 30€.

You can also park for free along the river banks.

All details park will be given in your travel documents.

Meeting time:

You pick up your bikes in the morning between 9.30am and 12.30pm. We recommend you to arrive at around 10am to enjoy your day fully without rushing and be able to do the visits on the way.

If you chose luggage transport, you must arrive before 9.30am to drop off your luggage. Bikes pick up point and luggage drop off point are located next to the train station and will be given in your travel documents.

Price description

Category A

€419 /pers

Double room fare

3 nights in 2* hotels or bed&breakfasts
3 breakfasts
4-day rental of a fully-equipped bike
a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes
the return of the bikes
local visitors' taxes
sending charge of the travel documents in France
7/7 hotline

High season (*)	€20 /pers
Half-board	€31 /dinner
Single occupancy extra	€35 /night
Extra night in Chalon	€45 /pers

Category B

€539 /pers

Double room fare

3 nights in 3* and 4* hotels
3 breakfasts
4-day rental of a fully-equipped bike
a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes
the return of the bikes
local visitors' taxes
sending charge of the travel documents in France
7/7 hotline

High season (*)	30 €/pers
Half-board	€39 /dinner
Extra for a single room	€51 /night
Extra night in Chalon	€80 /pers

Options

Luggage transfer (**)

2-3 persons	€95 /pers
More than 4 persons	€70 /pers
Extra for the rental of an electric bike	€105 /pers
Discount if you ride your own bicycle	-€100 /pers

(*) High season :

- from 04.10 to 04.13.2020
- from 04.27 to 06.02.2020
- from 07.01 to 09.12.2020

(**) These prices are guaranteed for 2 participants minimum.

Children discount (in the same room as 2 full rate participants):

- 0-4 year : -70%
- 5-11 year : -50%
- 12-17 year : -30%

The package doesn't include:

- the journey to the tour location
- the drinks
- the meals which are not included
- the entrance fee to sites
- insurances (optional)

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