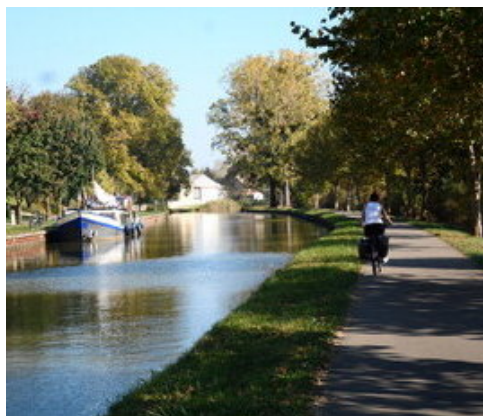




Trip description

Burgundy bike tour from the canal to the wine route

This bike tour combines the canal bike route and the prestigious wine route of Burgundy. Visit the most emblematic places of the Burgundy history, from the battlefields of Gauls to the medieval towns under the Dukes of Burgundy, and experience the wine and gastronomic heritage where it was for centuries nurtured.

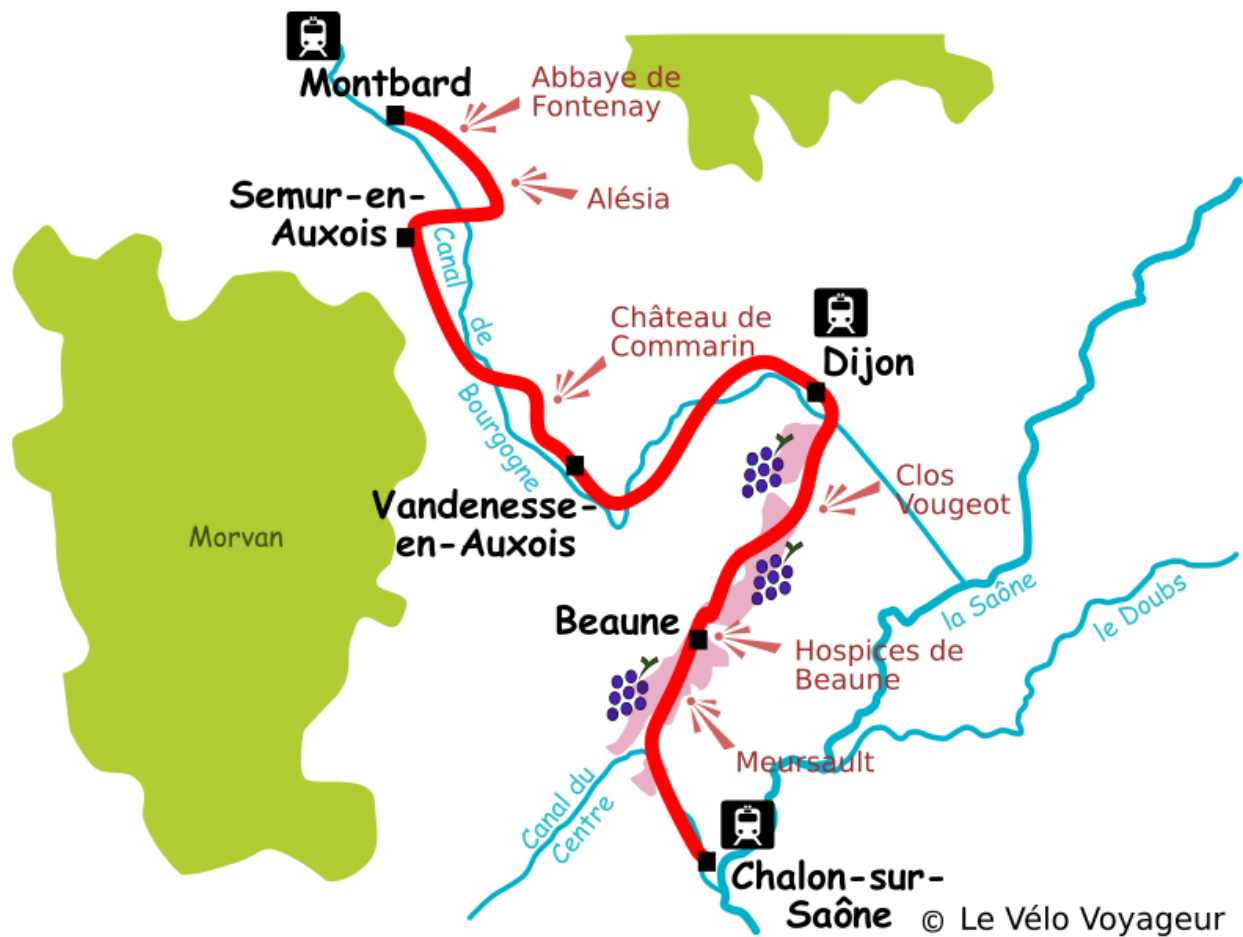


Destination	France
Location	Bourgogne
Duration	7 days
Difficulty Level	Moderate
Validity	From April to October
Minimum age	10 years old
Reference	BG0704

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



You begin your bike trip along the Canal de Bourgogne. From Montbard to Dijon, you take alternatively the cycle path of the canal and low-traffic country roads, along which you will find some gems of the Burgundy heritage: Fontenay Abbey, Alesia Museum or Commarin castle. You visit the medieval town of Semur-en-Auxois but also the vibrant Dijon, a hotspot of the French gastronomy.

The second part of your bike holiday is on the Burgundy wine route. You roam the Côte de Nuits vineyard passing by Clos Vougeot and Nuits Saint Georges to Beaune. You cycle further on the Voie des Vignes cycle route before finding the side of another canal, Canal du Centre, to Chalon-sur-Saône.

Day 1

Arrival in Montbard

Welcome in the city of Buffon, a famous French naturalist! Montbard is a lively cultural and historical city you can explore at your own pace. You meet the canal of Burgundy : your travel companion for this adventure!

Day 2

Montbard - Semur-en-Auxois via Alésia & Flavigny

Bike
50km

Get started along the Canal du Bourgogne. Enjoy at your own pace some gems of the Burgundy heritage which are along the itinerary of today. At the beginning of the day, you can make a first detour to the abbey of Fontenay, the oldest remaining Cistercian abbey in the world. A bit later in Venarey, you leave the canal once again and head to Alésia, a famous battle site where the famous Gaul, Vercingetorix, beat the Romans. You continue your discovery in the village of Flavigny sur Onzerain and its fabric of traditional anises, a widespread delicacy in the past! You take country roads to reach your overnight place, Semur on Auxois surrounded by well-preserved medieval walls.

Day 3

Semur – Vandenesse-en-Auxois

Bike
65km

Continue to relax on your bike, surrounded by the scenic countryside of Burgundy. You ride along canal and river to Pouilly en Auxois. There are again many opportunities to stop for a cultural break further on the route. In Commarin, step in the 14th century castle which is richly decorated and furnished. In Châteauneuf, after a rather steep climb, you will be rewarded by a nice stroll through the medieval streets and the castle, which have allowed Châteauneuf on the "nicest villages of France" list. On a hot day, you can also drag on the beach of the lake of Panthier.

Day 4

Vandenesse-en-Auxois - Dijon

Bike
52km

Bicycle path

It is time to say goodbye to Auxois region and hello to the valley of Ouche! You ride along the peaceful canal of Burgundy and discover typical hamlets. Take the time to taste the regional products and make a stop around one of the lively lock. After passing the lake of Kir, where you can swim or look at the sailing boats, you arrive in Dijon. Enjoy the typical art of living and do not miss the visit of the palace of the Dukes of Burgundy.

Day 5

Dijon - Beaune

Bike
46km

You leave Dijon riding through Chenôve where you can stop at the Dukes of Burgundy's wine presses, before cycling on small roads through the vineyards of the Côte de Nuits. You will pass the vineyards of all most prestigious wines of Burgundy: Gevrey-Chambertin, Vosne-Romanée, Nuits-Saint-Georges, Ladoix-Serrigny. You also pass the vineyard of Vougeot. Enter and discover the traditions of the Knights of Tastevin, who protects the quality of Burgundy wines. Take the time to taste the different wines before reaching Beaune, the capital of winetrading known for its famous Hospices.

Day 6

Beaune - Chalon

Bike
50km

You ride on the Voie des Vignes cycle route, which meanders on the hillside of the Côte de Beaune vineyards. You cycle on the small paths used by the wine growers to tend their vines, with stunning views on the villages nestled in the vineyards. On your way, you pass Meursault, featured in a classic French film with the actor Louis de Funès entitled La Grande Vadrouille. You meet the top-end wine appellations of Pommard, Puligny-Montrachet and Chassagne-Montrachet. In Chagny, the decor changes: you are riding along the quiet waters of Canal du Centre on a flat cycle path to Chalon-sur-Saône.

Day 7

Departure from Chalon-sur-Saône

End of services after breakfast. You can extend your stay on your own or leave for your next destination.

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 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 staying in these 2 or 3-Star hotels or Bed and Breakfasts. All properties have been selected for their cleanliness, style and the friendliness of the staff. Some pieces of accommodation have a swimming-pool. A hearty breakfast is included!





* Example of the type of accommodation

Practical information

To get to departure point

Montbard is accessible by train, either by an Intercités train connecting Paris to Lyon (on which bikes are authorized), either by high-speed train + regional train with an interconnection at Dijon. To plan your trip, <https://en.oui.sncf/en/>
Access by car via A6.

Parking

If you drive to Montbard, you can park your car for free in an open car park located in the city center. The location and contact details of the car parks will be given in your travel documents.

To get back to starting point

You can take regional trains (TER) to get back to Montbard from Chalon-sur-Saône. They are accessible without booking in advance and bicycles are free. Average duration is 1h30.

Meeting time

The first day is an arrival day without cycling. You arrive whenever you want depending on from where you come. Please note that rooms are usually available in the middle of the afternoon depending on your accommodation. We thank you to advise us if you plan to arrive late.

Price description

Category A

€975/pers

Double room fare

6 nights in 2* and 3* hotels and B&Bs

6 breakfasts

5-day touring bike rental

luggage transport during the riding days

the delivery and return of the bikes

a road book with maps, step-by-step directions and points of interest provided on our app and/or printed according to your choice

(+15€ for the printed version)

7/7 hotline

Half-board - 5 dinners (except in Vandenesse-en-Auxois)

upon
request

Single occupancy extra

€54/night

High season extra (*)

€40/pers

Extra night in Montbard

€62/pers

Extra night in Chalon

€60/pers

Category B

€1059/pers

Double room fare

6 nights in 3* hotels or B&Bs

6 breakfasts

5-day touring bike rental

luggage transport during the riding days

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Half-board	upon request
Single occupancy extra	€73/night
High season extra (*)	€50/pers
Extra night in Montbard	€62/pers
Extra night in Chalon	€78/pers

Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (5 days)	€150/pers
Discount if you ride your own bicycle	-€160/pers
Solo traveller extra	€360/pers

(*) High season :

from 04.09 to 05.09.2024

from 05.26 to 06.07.2024

from 07.01 to 09.19.2024

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)

tourist taxes

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