



## Trip description

### Cycling from Belfort to Dijon along the Doubs river

From Belfort to Dijon on Eurovelo 6 bike route



Destination	France
Location	Vallée du Doubs
Duration	8 days
Difficulty Level	Moderate
Validity	from mid-April to October
Minimum age	12 years
Reference	VD0802

Type of stay  
itinerant trip



## Itinerary



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You start this cycling trip at the foot of the Vosges and Jura mountain in the beautiful city of Belfort to end your trip in the capital of Burgundy, Dijon.

This bike tour is a must for gourmets: sausages and ham specialities, various cheeses just to name Comté, Cancoillotte or Mont D'Or or hearty dishes like beef bourguignon not to mention the wide variety of wines.

Your cycling holiday is largely based on dedicated bike paths and you will discover a still wild landscape and small villages and cities with rich heritage.

### Day 1

#### Arrival in Belfort

You arrive in the beautiful city of Belfort. More than a beautiful Vauban citadel and the sculpture of the lion Bartholdi, which made the city famous, you will find a vibrant city with its wide shopping streets, its quaint squares, its Haussmanian buildings with handsome facades covered with geranium.

### Day 2

#### Belfort - Montbéliard

Bike  
31km

You leave Belfort along the banks of the Savoureuse river. You can choose to continue straight along the canal or cross the forest and follow along the Rhine to the Rhone Canal. Your bike route takes you to Sochaux and the Peugeot Museum. Discover this industrial epic before entering the small Renaissance town Montbéliard.

Climb to the castle of the Dukes of Württemberg, visit the Saint-Martin temple, the oldest religious building of the Reformation in France and stroll through the medieval streets admiring the houses with their colorful facades. Do not miss in the evening to taste the famous sausage of Montbéliard!

### Day 3

#### Montbéliard - Baume-les-Dames

Bike  
63km

Today your bike ride leads you to discover the beautiful loops of the river Doubs. First you have to leave the city and Montbéliard to meander leisurely on bike paths the bucolic edges of this river. From Isle-sur-le-Doubs on the valley becomes majestic and very wild. You wind through the incised valley by steep cliffs, which are the delight of climbers. Very beautiful arrival in the small town Baume-les-Dames, labeled "City of character" at the foot of the rift of Babre.

### Day 4

#### Baume-les-Dames - Besançon

Bike  
39km

The Doubs valley is particularly spectacular after leaving Baume-les-Dames. The bike route is very varied: green banks under steep karst cliffs reverberating in the peaceful waters of the Doubs, small villages with bell towers of colored tiles, towpaths lined with plane trees and old brick paper mills tending their chimneys to the sky. At the bend of a loop you arrive without even noticing at the foot of the citadel of Besançon. Big favorite for this student, vibrant and cultural city.

### Jour 5

#### Besançon - Dole

Bike  
60/90km

Leave Besançon riding leisurely on a bike path along the Doubs until the breakthrough of Thoraise: an amazing river tunnel under a waterfall. By bike you have to go up to the village to go down again with a beautiful view in the valley. Shortly after you can choose if you wish to continue along the meanders of the Doubs or to make a small detour towards the caves of Osselle.

At the small village of Ranchot you can make a detour through the forest of Chaux and reach the Royal Saltworks of Arc-et-Sénans. This 18th century saline is one of the first modern "factories". It was used to turn the brackish water extracted in Salins, 20 km away in salt.

Otherwise continue riding on the towpath of the canal, you pass under beautiful limestone cliffs and fortified villages. In Rochefort-sur-Néron you can climb on the cliffs and admire the beautiful view of the valley. The towpath lined with plane trees leads you to the marina of Dole at the foot of the cathedral. We were charmed by this historical city, birthplace of Louis Pasteur. You will admire the cathedral, the halls, but also at every turn of streets here a crest over a portal, there a carved door etc.

## Day 6

### Dole - Charrey

Bike  
36km

At Dole you leave the Doubs river and continue to follow the Rhine- Rhone canal to reach the Saône river just before Saint-Jean-de-Losne. The atmosphere changes as you leave the last foothills of the Jura to arrive in the plains of Burgundy. This change is not only visible in the landscape, but also in the architecture of bell towers or in the cuisine.

Saint-Jean-de-Losnes is at the confluence of the Saône and the Rhine - Rhone Canal and thus the capital of inland water shipping and especially the largest recreational river port in France. A little further in a dead arm of the Saone hides a small village on barges.

## Day 7

### Charrey - Dijon

Bike  
42km

From Charrey on you cross the Citeaux forest to the abbey of Notre-Dame de Citeaux. A small guided tour is needed to better understand life in this Cisterian monastery. You continue through the plain to reach the wine road at Clos Vougeot, founded by the monks of Citeaux. You will learn about the distinct castle architecture, as well as the rites of the brotherhood of the Chevalier du Tastevin. This organization, sometimes known as the Brotherhood of the Knight's Tasting Cup is a bacchanalian society committed to enjoying and promoting the wines and food of the Burgundy region of France. A detour via Nuits-Saint-Georges is also possible.

You continue to Dijon, former capital of the powerful Dukes of Burgundy. This gourmet and lively city warmly welcomes you to its remarkably well-preserved pedestrianized city center.

## Day 8

### Dijon

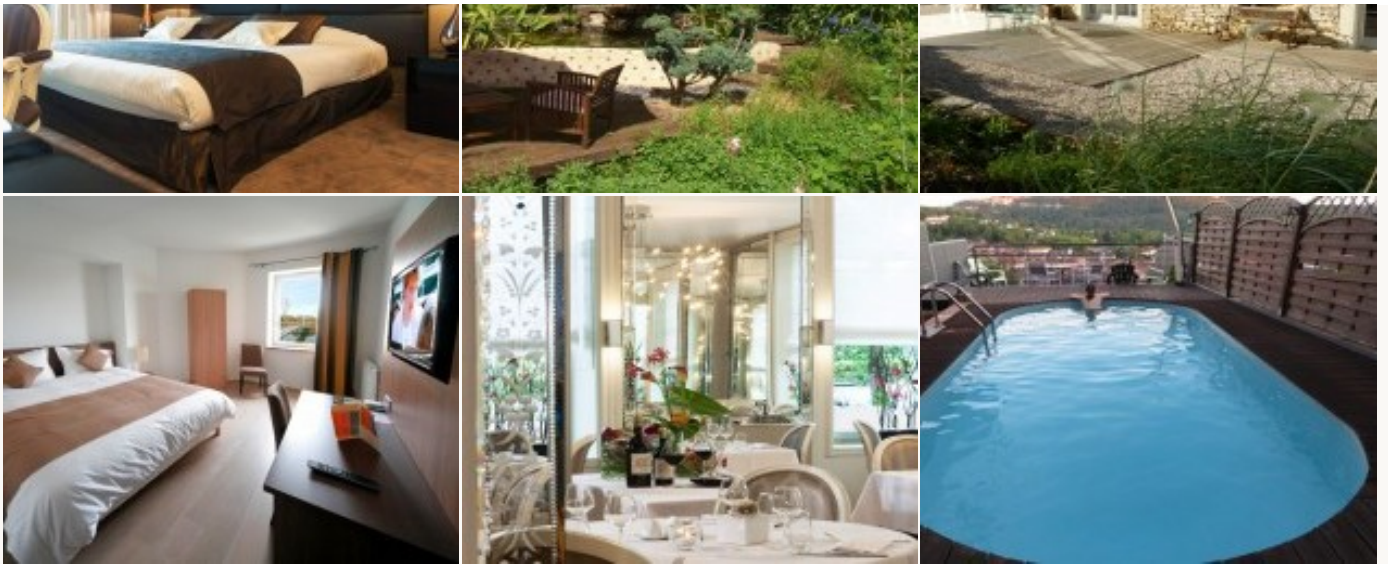
Described as the "city with the hundred bell towers" by François 1er, Dijon was the capital of the powerful Dukes of Burgundy. The city has inherited architectural gems such as the Palace of the Dukes of Burgundy, Notre Dame church with its famous carved owl or the mansions of the old city center. Dijon is also well-known for its food specialties such as gingerbread, mustard, blackcurrant liquor or nonette (pastry).

## Accommodation

### Category B

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





\* Example of the type of accommodation

## Practical information

### To get to departure point:

**By plane:** flight for Bâle (Switzerland) and train to Belfort-Montbéliard TGV (50min).

**By train:** Regional train or TGV to Belfort-Ville or Belfort-Montbéliard TGV. To plan your trip, [www.raileurope.com](http://www.raileurope.com).

### Parking:

We will inform you about the different options (free and paid-parking) to park your car next to your accommodation in your travel documents.

### To reach back the starting point:

There is a train between Besançon and Belfort (1 train per hour, duration: between 1h15 and 2h45 with a connection in Besançon or Mulhouse). All practical information will be in your travel documents.

You can choose to use a private transfer from Dole to Belfort (in the booking form)

## Price description

### Category B

Double room fare

Basis 2-3 persons

1129 €/pers

Basis 4-5 persons

929 €/pers

Basis +6 persons

879 €/pers

7 nights in \*\*/\*\*\*\* hotels

7 breakfasts

6-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)

the luggage transport

the delivery and the return of the bikes

the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information

7/7 hotline

High season (\*)

30 €/pers

Single occupancy extra

74 €/nuit

Solo traveller extra

450 €/pers

Extra night in Belfort

68 €/pers

Extra night in Dijon

74 €/pers

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## Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (6 days)

250 €/pers

Discount if you ride your own bicycle

-100 €/pers

Half pension: 3 dinners

98 €/pers

Return transfer from Dole to Belfort, with the rented bikes and luggage

2-3 pers

200 €/transfer

4-5 pers

220 €/transfer

+6 pers

240 €/transfer

(\*) **High season :**

du 01.07 au 30.09.2024

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

0-4 years : -70%

5-11 years : -50%

12-17 years : -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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