

South Burgundy guided 7 days / 6 nights

Vines between monasteries and historic sites.

Burgundy is not just known for its famous wine. Many origins of important impulses of the past are lying here. Cluny was one of the most powerful monasteries of the Western world, Dijon – capital of the dukes of Burgundy, Beaune with its hospice and the Altarpiece by Rogier van der Weyden. A picturesque landscape is the perfect backdrop for cycling

Day 1

Own arrival by car or train to Beaune. The charming hotel lies 5 km outside Beaune. Arrival at 6 o'clock and welcome drink. Diner at 7pm. Welcome to Burgundy!



Day 2 Beaune – Dijon 42 km

With the city of wine **Beaune** at the start, we will follow the wine the whole day long. You are cycling along at one of the most famous wine routs in Burgundy: **Aloxe-Corton**, **Nuits-Saint-Georges** and **Clos de Vougeot**.

At the wine tasting in **Nuits-Saint-Georges** you are enjoying the marvelous drop of Burgundy. But watch out, we still have to cycle a bit till you reach our daily stage Dijon via **Gevrey-Chambertin** and **Marsannay-la-Cote**.

Dijon, state capital and former hometown of the dukes. A city with many architectural treasures. The famous Mustard "La Moutarde de Dijon" and the famous currant liqueur „Crème de Cassis“ have their origins here. You visit the ducal palace. Return by bus and cozy finish with a fantastic dinner.

Day 3 Givry – Cluny 49 km

After breakfast we will start the next stage fully motivated. You are get to **Givry** by bus. Now we are ready to start our cycling trip. Today we are cycling a bit through the Cote d'Or and then through the Saône et Loire departments.

Already Henry IV valued the wine of Givry. You are passing vineyards of famous Grand Crus, leaving then you are leaving the slightly hilly area of the Chalonnais, to get to the middle age village **Buxy**. Here we admire the atmosphere of this place. Several Romanic churches and castles are on our way. Especially the **Chateau Cormatin** from the 17th century.

Via **Taizé**, known by many confessions and strongly visited during the summer, you are reaching the highlight of our today's stage: **Cluny!**

Once spiritual center of medieval Christianity. Many important political and spiritual impulses had their start in this magnificent monastery complex. Visit of the rests of the complex and then transfer by bus back to the hotel.

Day 4 Chateauneuf - Canal de Bourgogne - Dijon 44 km

We will start with a transfer towards the north to **Châteauneuf**, with its fort castle from the 15th century which was transformed into a castle. It is just beautiful with its thick walls and mighty towers. From there you cycle through the wonderful landscape of the Auxois. Now you can admire the charming villages and the nature that can only hardly be beaten. You will accompany the **Canal de Bourgogne** on its way to Dijon. After passing the **Lac de Kir**, named after the former mayor of Dijon, Felix Kir, you arrive in Dijon. A beautiful day ends with a transfer back to the hotel.



Day 5 Beauner – Château Rochepot – Beaune 37km

The route today is a bit more demanding. One or another climb is awaiting us. But don't worry; you can also push the bike. We can admire the gorgeous panorama, responsibly with charming villages. A various landscape where fruity valleys alternate with chain of limestone hills and vineyards. You will pass the beautiful **Château Rochepot**. It sits enthroned in a majestic manner on a ledge. With its colorful tiles it is just marvelous to visit.



After the pick nick we enjoy the long downhill! We will pass through the southern vineyards of Beaune via **Meursault, Pommard** back to **Beaune**. Guided tour through the **Hospice de Beaune**. A unique example of Burgundian architecture in the Middle Ages. The roof is one of the highlights with its cultural roof tiles. Beaune is one of the most visited cities in Burgundy – once you've came here, you will know why.

Day 6 Beaune – Tournus 59 km

We will start our last cycling day directly by bike from the hotel. We are cycling through the lovely wine landscape of the **Cote de Beaune**. Afterwards we continue the path on the towpath of the **Canal du Centre**. During the pick nick next to the canal, you learn more about the highly interesting history of the canal. The destination comes closer and closer. First, we reach the **Saône** and shortly after we are in **Tournus**, with its Romanic masterpiece, **Saint Philibert**. Visit of this unique church and stroll around Tournus. Return by bus.



Day 7

After breakfast it is time to say good-bye. „Au revoir et à bientôt“

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Route Characteristics: ●●

Side roads, agricultural roads, partly cycling paths. No long climbs but from time to time a bit hilly.

Dates : 17.05. – 23.05.2020

20.09. – 26.09.2020

Price per person	Euro
Double room full-board	1.279,00
Single room full-board	1.526,00
Bike rental	
21-Gear -Bike	80,00
Ebike	160,00

Following services are included:

- ✓ 6 accommodations in **castle hotel with charm** room with bath/WC/shower
- ✓ Daily Breakfast
- ✓ **4-course-menu for dinner**
- ✓ **5 Lunches with local specialties, drinks included**
- ✓ Graduated guide during the whole trip
- ✓ Guidance acc. to program
- ✓ All mentioned transfers
- ✓ All entrance prices
- ✓ 1 Winetasting

