

# NORTH BURGUNDY

**Highlights**  
 Cycling along the river,  
 Rochers du Saussois cliffs,  
 Renaissance castle Ancy-le-Franc,  
 Abbey of Fontenay,  
 Basilica of Vézelay



## ALONG THE CANALS IN BURGUNDY (ECO)

Burgundy is a land of great art and good living, pastoral and peaceful. During the cycling trip you will discover great abbeys, elegant châteaux, medieval half-timbered villages and fortified towns. You will pass two sites of UNESCO world heritages.

DIFFICULTY



KM

245

LENGTH

7 days  
6 nights

ARRIVAL

Daily  
16.03. - 02.11.24

### Day 1 Montbard

Meeting in the small town of Montbard along the Canal de Bourgogne.



### Day 2 Montbard - Tonnerre 60 km

During your cycle trip along the romantic Canal de Bourgogne, you will stop at the Renaissance châteaux in Ancy-le-Franc constructed by the Architect Serlio in the 17th century. Followed by the Renaissance châteaux in Tanlay. Finishing the day in Tonnerre.

### Day 3 Tonnerre - Joigny 55 km

Before you leave Tonnerre you have to visit the Hotel Dieu, the former hospital from the 13th century. Here the sick and needy could be housed and cared for. You should also visit the Fosse Dionne before going back to the Canal de Bourgogne to continue with the cycling, which will take you through vineyards and fields. You arrive in Joigny, a small town that has preserved its numerous half-timbered houses and churches.



### Day 4 Joigny - Auxerre 35 km

From Joigny it isn't too far to the beautiful town of Auxerre. This historical city, located along the Yonne River has been classified entirely as a protected site, with its cathedral, the abbey St Germain, its numerous half-timbered houses and its picturesque clocktower.

### Day 5 Auxerre - Clamecy 64 km

Today you continue your cycling tour along the Canal du Nivernais. Enjoy a Crémant tasting in the famous cave de Bailly. Along the Canal du Nivernais your cycling trip passes through marvellous landscapes along the "route des floteurs de bois" which was used in the middle ages, to transport wood from the Morvan Forest to Paris.

### Day 6 Clamecy - Vézelay 31 km

You leave the waterside today, through some of Burgundy's finest landscapes, culminating in a stop in Vézelay and its Sainte-Madeleine Basilica, a Romanesque art masterpiece listed as UNESCO world heritage. During the middle Ages, Vézelay was a major pilgrimage site and a special halt on the way to Compostella. Its Basilica dominates the small mediaeval town and its fortifications. It is among the most beautiful villages in France.



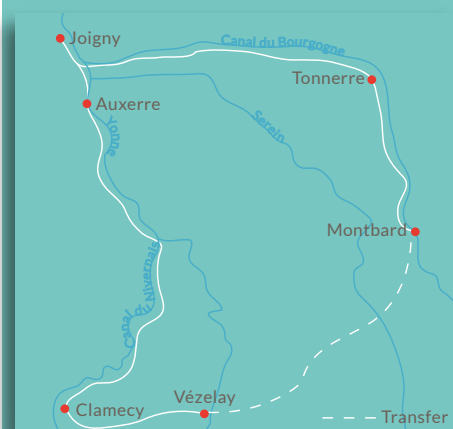
### Day 7 Departure

It is time to say Au Revoir! Your bike tour is finished. You will be picked up at the hotel and brought back to your car in Montbard or to the train station.

### Extended option: Day 7 Vézelay - Avallon 27 km

Cycle through the picturesque Avallonnais and the Vallée du Cousin to Avallon.

## SELF-GUIDED CYCLING TOUR



## ROUTE CHARACTERISTICS

Flat, except for the last day, day 6 slightly hilly, cycling paths along the canal aren't asphalted halfway through.

## SERVICES INCLUDED

- 4 nights in 3-star-hotels
- 1 night in 2-star-hotels
- 1 night in a charming Chambre d'Hôtes
- Daily breakfast
- Welcome talk
- 1 tasting of Crémant in Bailly
- Transfer Vézelay - Montbard
- Daily luggage transfer
- Itinerary on our app
- Route book, maps and information material
- 7/7 Service Hotline

## PER PERSON

### ROOM

with B&B DBL / SGL 719 € / 988 €

### EXTRA NIGHT

Montbard DBL / SGL 76 € / 102 €  
 Vézelay DBL / SGL 66 € / 109 €

### BIKE RENTAL

21/27-Gear Hybrid bike 85 €  
 E-Bike (250 € deposit) 180 €

City tax is not included and has to be paid on the spot.

## POSSIBLE OPTIONS

Rental of bikes, helmets, phone holder