

# **DETOURS IN FRANCE**

#### **BIKING IN BURGUNDY – Burgundy Wine Legends**







# **Explore** France at your own pace

#### Day 1: Arrival to Dijon train station

We transfer you to your hotel in Gevrey Chambertin upon your arrival at the Dijon train station. There you will meet our Trip Manager to receive your trip package, maps and route notes, and have your bike adjusted, before leaving you to explore. Gevrey Chambertin is right at the northern end of the renowned Burgundian vineyards, and has 9 Grand Cru vineyards around the village itself; of course you can do some tasting if you wish before dinner; we provide recommendations.

#### Day 2: Gevrey to Beaune via the Route des Grands Crus 47 Km / 29 Miles

A beautiful first ride, starting through the Champs Elysees of great wine names of the Cote de Nuits: Morey St Denis, Chambolle-Musigny, Vougeot (you can stop to visit the Chateau de Clos de Vougeot with its monumental medieval wine presses)... pay homage in front of the Romanée Conti vineyard - one of the best - and most expensive - wines in the world! Your route brings you to Nuits St Georges, where you may decide to stop for an end of the morning wine tasting (this is the time of day when your tasting palate is at its best), and to explore town using our self-guided walk, before continuing the route out into the plains. Small villages and pretty countryside await, before curving back towards the vineyard hillside to Beaune, your home for the following two nights.

### Day 3: The Corton Hill 26 or 47 Km / 16 or 29 Miles

We provide a shorter ride option today, to give you time to explore wonderful Beaune - our home! This medieval town deserves some time, with its wonderful cobblestoned streets, 15th century tapestries in the Collegial Church, and the Palace of the Dukes of Burgundy (today, a wine museum). We provide a walking tour to help in your explorations, ending it at the Hospices de Beaune - a 15th century charity hospital that is THE site to see in the region! Both the shorter and longer versions of the ride take you around the base of the Corton Hill, laced with Grand Cru vineyards. Ride through Aloxe Corton and Ladoix Serrigny before deciding if you wish to climb up to the panorama in Pernand-Vergelesses. On to Savigny-les-Beaune, whose castle's eccentric owner has a weird and wonderful collection of antique airplanes, motorcycles and Abarth cars that you can admire. We have reserved a special wine tasting lunch for you today at a winery, including

several Grand Crus wines to go along with the delicious regional meal.

#### Day 4: Beaune to Puligny-Montrachet 44 Km / 27 Miles

Today's ride starts in the morning through the sleepy villages of the Saone River plains. Ride through fields of sunflowers and bright yellow canola, past ancient stone farmhouses. The route curves back towards the great vineyard villages for the latter half of your ride; ride through the great red wine vineyards of Pommard and Volnay, before arriving in the Kingdom of Chardonnay. Stop in the pretty and lively square of





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Meursault for a tasting if you wish, before continuing on to Puligny-Montrachet - home of some of the best white wines in the world, and also where you will find your hotel for the final two evenings. At the end of the day, enjoy a glass of wine (or another tasting) at the small wine bar, overlooking one of two picturesque squares in the village.

#### Day 5: Loop Ride into the Cote Chalonnaise 45 km / 28 Miles

Your loop ride today takes you southward, first through Chassagne Montrachet at the end of the Cote de Beaune, and then along the tranquil and pretty Canal du Centre, into the Cote Chalonnais. There is a detour you can choose taking you to the small town of Couches, with its castle where a nice visit and a tasting are options. The Cote Chalonnais wine region lies just to the south of the Côte de Beaune. Away from the ambitious pricing of the Côte d'Or, some producers, in villages like Rully and Mercurey, are turning out respectable Chardonnay and tasty Pinot Noir for a fraction of the prices these wines might fetch further north. Be sure as well to taste here the sparkling Cremant de Bourgogne, our region's version of Champagne! The relaxing terrain and small villages make for great riding

#### Day 6: Departure – Bon Voyage!

After a final breakfast, say goodbye to Burgundy...until next time! We transfer you to Beaune or Chagny train station in time for your further travels.



## What's included in your Burgundy Biking Tour

- 5 nights' accommodation of the comfort level of your choice: CLASSIC, CLASSIC+ or DELUXE
- Hotel taxes
- All breakfasts, a wine-tasting lunch, and 2 dinners (drinks not included with the dinners)
- Orientation with our Trip Manager
- Fully equipped quality touring bike
  \*E-bikes and Road bikes with supplement
- Detailed maps and step-by-step route instructions
- Regional information and advice
- Uploadable GPS files to use (offline) on a free APP in your smartphone Luggage transfers from hotel to hotel
- Transfer from Dijon or Beaune train station to the first hotel
- Transfer to Beaune train station at the end of the tour
- Phone call support 7 days a week

