DETOURS IN FRANCE



WALKING IN BURGUNDY



Explore France at your own pace

Day 1: Arrival in Burgundy

Upon your arrival at Beaune or Chagny train station, we will transfer you to your first hotel. Our Trip Manager will go over your trip package with you and answer any questions. Your first dinner is included at a great local restaurant. Welcome to Burgundy!

Day 2: Mercurey to Chagny 16 km / 10 Miles

Your first day's walk is quite beautiful, starting in the town of Mercurey. The town owes its name to its earlier Roman inhabitants, and their temple to Mercurey which was built here, right along the important Agrippa Roman road (Mercurey was the Roman messenger God). Its long, spread-out characteristic is due to the fact that it is actually two communities (previously Touches and Mercurey), which were combined into one in 1971. Head up through forest and vineyards, before descending to Rully, with a great view of its impressive castle. Stop to taste some of the town's Crémant de Bourgogne - the region's version of Champagne, to gather strength as you climb out of town again. You can find lunch at a great local restaurant in the tiny village of Bouzeron, before a final uphill and then a great descent down to the Canal du Centre. Your easygoing walk from the village of Remigny back to Chagny is along a pretty path following the canal, and bringing you into the port of Chagny itself, with its many pleasure barges.

Day 3: Santenay to Meursault via Puligny 16 km / 10 Miles

Your walk starts up at the top end of the charming town of Santenay, by the town's Romanesque Church of Saint Jean de Narosse from the 13th century. Meander down through the pretty main square with its splashing fountain, before heading out into the vineyards. Your route takes you through the village of Chassagne Montrachet, and then skirts under the pink-tinged limestone cliffs to bring you to the small and pretty village of Saint Aubin, and even smaller Gamay, before continuing into Puligny-Montrachet. This town thrives on the renown of its famous wines, quite literally some of the best white wines in the world. You'll want to stop here for a bit, for some lunch or a cool drink. Of course, there are also opportunities for some wine tasting, before you continue for the last stretch of your walk, with views onto the premier crus below you, back to Meursault.

Day 4: Meursault to Beaune 13 Km / 8 Miles

Say goodbye to the pretty main square of Meursault this morning, as you walk past the medieval Town Hall on route to Beaune. Your walk today is much in the vineyards, but passing through several of the pretty villages such as Petit Auxey (with its 11th century church) and Auxey-Duresses, where you can perhaps stop for a tasting at a family-run winery. Continue into the red wines of Volnay and Pommard. Today's walk is





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purposely a little shorter, to allow you time to enjoy Beaune itself - a fabulous town with lots to see and do, (and also our home). We provide a walking tour to explore the medieval ramparts, the Collegial Church, and the shaded cobble-stoned streets and squares, with charming boutiques and cafes. One of your two dinners in Beaune is included



Day 5: Around the Corton Hill 14 km / 8.7 Miles

We transfer you after breakfast to the tiny village of Echevronne, tucked in a valley of the Hautes Cotes, just north of Beaune. Your path leads you up into the forest, and out to a spectacular panorama of the Corton hill and the surrounding villages, above the wine village of Pernand Vergelesses. Descend through the village and skirt the edges of the Corton-Charlemagne grands crus, before continuing on to Savigny-les-Beaune, via a trail that passes several traditional stone cabottes. Take the time in Savigny to lunch, or simply explore the village, and perhaps visit the castle and its collection of antique Abarth cars, airplanes and motorcycles! Climb out of Savigny over the top of the hill above Beaune. More spectacular views await as you descend back into Beaune itself in time for your end-of-the-afternoon private tour of the incredible Hospices de Beaune, a spectacular hospital built in the 15th century, and THE site to see in Beaune

Day 6: The Route des Grands Crus 14 km / 8.7 Miles

You will be transferred north this morning, to the centre of the charming town of Nuits St Georges. Linger there if you wish, using our map and walking tour for explorations, or simply to taste some of the delicious regional cassis products at a local organic fruit producer's shop. Your walk is a true "village hopper", as you make your way northwards along the Route des Grands Crus of the Cote de Nuits. In Vosne-Romanée you can pay homage to the Romanee Conti vineyard, and then perhaps visit the impressive 15th century Chateau de Clos de Vougeot to admire the monumental antique wine presses. Your destination is the town of Gevrey Chambertin, with its 12th century castle, and proud ownership of nine of the region's Grand Cru vineyards (more than any other village), including the Grand Cru Chambertin Clos de Beze – the earliest recorded vineyard to have been planted in the region, in the year 608!

Day 7: Departure – Bon Voyage!

After a final delicious breakfast, we transfer you to Dijon train station for your departure.





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What's included in your Burgundy Walking Tour

- 6 nights' accommodation of the comfort level of your choice: CLASSIC, CLASSIC + or DELUXE
- Hotel taxes
- All breakfasts, and 3 dinners (drinks not included with the dinners)
- Orientation with our Trip Manager at the start of the trip
- Transfer to your first hotel from Beaune or Chagny train station
- Transfer to Dijon train station at the end of the tour
- Luggage transfers, and transfers to the start of the walks
- A private guided tour of the Hospices de Beaune
- Marked maps and step-by-step route instructions
- Uploadable GPS file of the route to use on a free APP in your smartphone
 - * Can be used without international internet plan (offline)
- Regional information and advice
- Phone call support 7 days a week





