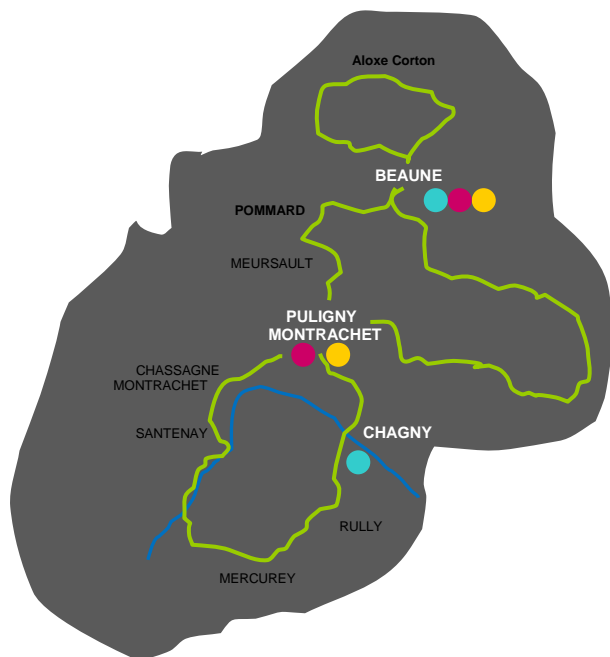


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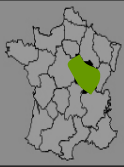
## BURGUNDY AT YOUR OWN PACE

### Day 1: Arrival in Beaune, Burgundy wine capital

Upon your arrival in Beaune, we will meet at your hotel where we'll provide you with your trip package and fit you on your bikes. Depending on your arrival time, you may have time already for a short warm-up ride, heading to the Grand Cru vineyards of Corton and Corton Charlemagne, and passing in front of the pretty chateaux of Aloxe-Corton and Ladoix-Serrigny... For sure you will have time to wander the medieval streets of Beaune, its ramparts, the Collegial church of Notre Dame with its 15th century tapestries, and have a drink in one of the many cafes on the main square! Dinner tonight is included in a gourmet restaurant.

### Day 2: Beaune to Puligny Montrachet 40 or 54 km

Today you'll cycle through pretty fields of canola and sunflowers, spotted with small farming villages and large stone, farmhouses, of the Saone River plains. There is a long option all the way to the Saone River itself, where you can lunch on the riverbank. The ride is nice and flat all day long, and then curves back in towards the famous vineyards of Meursault and Puligny-Montrachet, charming villages who make the best white wines in the world! This evening you'll be able to taste for yourself, during your wine tasting dinner at a Domaine in the village of Puligny, where over the delicious regional meal you'll be able to taste up to 10 different wines - comparing the "terroirs" that are so unique to Burgundy! ... a nice way to learn a bit more about the wine!



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### Day 3: Loop Ride: The Canal du Centre 44 km

Your ride today takes you southward, first through Chassagne Montrachet and the end of the Cote de Beaune, and then along the tranquil and pretty Canal du Centre, into the Cote Chalonnaise, and return. 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, made in the same way and with the same grape varieties as the more renowned Champagne to the north, but again at much more affordable prices! The relaxing terrain and small villages make for great riding.

### Day 4: Back to Beaune with optional rides 32 km

En route back to Beaune you go via the Hautes Cotes de Beaune and visit the 17th century Castle of La Rochepot, perched on a cliff above the village of the same name. If you feel like it, detour up to the top of Saint Romain's cliffs for a picnic, with a fabulous panorama... The route then brings you down through Meursault, and back along the famous vineyards of Volnay and Pommard to Beaune, with possibilities for tasting along the way. The ride is not very long, bringing you into Beaune in time for your private tour of the incredible Hospices de Beaune, a hospital for the poor, built in 1443 by the chancellor of the Duke of Burgundy, and one of the most beautiful buildings in the region. Your final dinner this evening is included at one of our favourite restaurants.

### Day 5: Departure - Bon Voyage!

After a final breakfast, connections are easy from Beaune train station for your further travels

### What's included in your package

- 4 nights in charming hotels of the comfort level of your choice CLASSIC, CLASSIC + or DELUXE
- All hotel taxes
- All breakfasts, a winetasting dinner and 2 other dinners (drinks not included with these two dinners)
- Orientation with our Trip Manager on your arrival day
- A private guided tour of the Hospices de Beaune
- Fully equipped quality hybrid bike
- Detailed maps and Step-by-Step route notes
- Regional information and advice
- Luggage transfers
- Emergency phone call support 7 days a week