



COLOURS OF FRANCE BURGUNDY WALK

6 NIGHTS / 7 DAYS
COTE DE BEAUNE &
COTE DE NUITS



Day 1 : Arrival in Burgundy

Upon your arrival at Beaune train station, we will transfer you to your first hotel in Puligny-Montrachet, in the heart of the vineyards of the Cote de Beaune - the Chardonnay Kingdom! Our Trip Manager will go over your trip package with you and answer any questions. This evening, you have a treat - a wine tasting dinner at the estate of Olivier Leflaive, where your delicious home-made meal will be paired with the nine different wines you will try! The sommelier will explain the appellations and terroirs to you - helping you learn as you enjoy. Welcome to Burgundy! (please note, the CLASSIC itinerary stays in the neighbouring village of Meursault, and will have the dinner in the form of lunch the following day)

Day 2 : Chateau de la Rochepot to Puligny-Montrachet 16 km

From the tiny picturesque village of La Rochepot, up in the Hautes Cotes, your route takes you from the beautifully restored 14th century Chateau, perched on a cliff-side above the village. You can visit the castle if you like, before continuing on the walk, through beautiful forest and field. You then descend into the sea of vineyards of the small and pretty town of Meursault. This town thrives on the renown of its famous wines, and you'll want to stop here for a bit, for some lunch or a cool drink, and to admire the coloured-tile roof of the beautiful town hall, with its medieval origins. 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 Puligny-Montrachet.

Day 3 : St Romain to Beaune 15.5 Km

This morning we transfer you up to the tiny village of St Romain le Haut. Before starting your walk proper, you may like to explore the ruins of the chateau from this village, perched high with a beautiful panorama, or the charming 12th century church, with its sculpted pulpit. When you start the walk, you'll get a great view onto the coopers (barrel-makers) of the village spread out below you - with the impressive yard of stacked oak being dried by the sun. Other panoramas await as you meander through the forest and then downwards towards the vineyards. Pass on beautiful small paths and dirt roads through the pretty village of Petit Auxey (an 11th century church this time!) and Auxey-Duresses, and perhaps stop for a tasting at a family-run winery, before continuing on through Volnay and Pommard and finally into Beaune itself. We'll help with recommendations for restaurants in Beaune for dinner - it will be hard to choose!





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Day 4 : Around the Corton Hill 14 km / 8.7 Mi

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 famous vineyards, 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 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 tour of the incredible Hospices de Beaune, a spectacular hospital built in the 15th century, and THE site to see in Beaune.

Day 5 : The Hautes Cotes and Romanee Conti 16.5 km

You will be transferred north this morning, high above the small town of Nuits St Georges, in the heart of the Hautes Cotes forests. The first half of your walk is particularly beautiful, surrounding the small villages of Curtil Vergy and Etang Vergy, passing by a ruined abbey, and walking on paths used by the monks centuries ago! Continue on, then heading eventually back down into the vineyards. For the end of your day, you follow the Route des Grands Crus, which, as its name suggests, runs parallel to the great vineyards of the Cote de Nuits. You pass right by the most expensive of them all, Romanee Conti, and her "little" brothers and sisters: Richebourg, La Tache, Romanee St Vivant... and then pass the impressive 15th century Chateau de Clos de Vougeot (stop to see the monumental antique wine presses) before arriving at your hotel in the heart of the Cote de Nuits vineyards.

Day 6 : The Route des Grands Crus 13 km

You will be transferred north this morning, to the top end of the Route des Grands Crus that you touched briefly at the end of the day before. You have a beautiful, not too difficult walk today, allowing a final day to meander a little: enjoy the views, and of course stop along the way for photos and some wine tasting if you feel like it! This walk is a "village hopper", as the villages parallel to the vineyards are all close together... You'll pass by the 12th century castle of Gevrey Chambertin, and perhaps stop in the centre of this pretty town to find some lunch, before walking amidst the village's nine grand cru vineyards, including the Grand Cru Chambertin Clos de Beze – the earliest recorded vineyard to have been planted here, in the year 608!





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Day 7 : Departure - Bon Voyage!

After a final breakfast, we will transfer you to Dijon train station in time for connections for your further travels.

What's Included in your Burgundy Walking Tour :

- 6 nights in charming hotels of the comfort level of your choice: CLASSIC, CLASSIC +, or DELUXE
- All breakfasts, 1 winetasting dinner, and 2 other dinners (drinks not included with these two dinners)
- Orientation with our Trip Manager
- Detailed marked maps step-by-step route notes
- Regional information and advice
- Guided tour of the Hospices de Beaune
- Self-Guided walking tour of Beaune
- Luggage transfers hotel to hotel
- Taxi transfers, as described in the itinerary
- Transfer to the start and from the end of the tour
- Emergency phone assistance 7 days a week

