

## FRANCE - BURGUNDY VINEYARD TRAILS

7-day / 6-night **SELF-GUIDED** inn-to-inn walking holiday



For epicureans and wine-lovers, Burgundy is a highlight of any trip to France. This self-guided walking holiday takes you through Burgundy's prestigious Côte d'Or, Côte de Beaune and Côte de Nuits on the Chemin du Grand Crus linking the famous wine centres of Dijon, Nuits-Saint-Georges, Beaune and Meursault. Walk at a relaxed pace on quiet tracks through vineyards and fields of mustard plants and blackcurrant, and over gently rolling hills clad in oak, beech and pine forest. In choosing the walks, we have allowed plenty of leisure time to visit historic chateaux, wander charming villages, and of course taste the food and wine for which Burgundy is so justly famous. Partake of traditional dishes like coq au vin, boeuf bourguignon, or escargot, and try a local cheese like Cîteaux paired with a light, aromatic red. Perhaps sample wines on a guided tour at one of the celebrated wineries on your path, like Clos de Vougeot or Château de Meursault. Immerse yourself in this unique region and discover Burgundy's *art de vivre*, the art of living.

**Cost from:**     **\$1995** per person twin share. Single room supplement and solo supplement on request.

**Departs:**        Daily on demand, 1 March to 30 November

**Includes:**       6 nights' accommodation in 3-star hotels with ensuite facilities; 6 breakfasts; luggage transfers (1 bag per person up to 20kg); route notes and maps (one set per room), GPS tracks; transfers as per itinerary on days 2, 4 and 7; emergency assistance hotline.

**Not included:** Lunches, dinners, drinks, entrance fees and wine tasting, travel to start/end of trip, personal expenses, unscheduled transfers/taxis used during the trip.

**Grading:**        Easy, with daily distances of up to 15km and average daily elevation gains of 300m.



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## Suggested itinerary:

### Day 1: Arrive Dijon

Dijon is easily accessible via frequent TGV trains from Paris. Allow time to wander the cobbled streets of the historic centre, and visit the Ducal Palace, once the seat of the powerful Dukes of Burgundy, and the Eglise Notre-Dame. Ask about extra nights in Dijon (at additional cost).

### Day 2: Dijon to Nuits-Saint-Georges

**walking @ 13km**

After breakfast a 30-minute transfer to the start of the route at Gevrey-Chambertin. Walk through the heart of Burgundy's vineyards on quiet farming tracks and paths, visiting charming Chambolle-Musigny and Morey-St-Denis before arriving at the prestigious 16<sup>th</sup> century Chateau Clos de Vougeot. If Day 2 is a Tuesday through Sunday, ask about booking a wine-tasting lunch at the Chateau (at extra cost). Afterwards walk through the commune of Vosne-Romanée, the heartland of Pinot Noir, to Nuits-St-Georges, where you spend two nights.

### Day 3: Nuits-Saint-Georges circular walk

**optional walking @ 15km**

This optional loop walk is moderate rather than easy: the longest of the walks on this holiday, with about 600 metres of elevation gain. Leave the vineyards of the Côte de Nuits behind and walk up the forested hills west of the village for views over the Meuzin valley. Alternatively you may like to visit Le Cassisium, to learn more about blackcurrants and Crème de Cassis, a sweet blackcurrant liqueur made locally.

### Day 4: Fussey to Beaune

**walking @ 14km**

Take a quick taxi transfer after breakfast to Fussey. On peaceful tracks through oak forest you walk to Savigny-lès-Beaune, where the sparkling wine Crémant de Bourgogne is produced. The 14<sup>th</sup> century Château is a quirky museum housing several collections including motorbikes, fighter planes and Abarth racecars. Continue to Beaune, the centre of Burgundy's wine industry, where you spend two nights.

### Day 5: Free day or Beaune circular walk

**walking @ 10km**

The optional walk goes through vineyards and pine forest around the Montagne de Beaune, with views over the Saône plain. On a Saturday, stroll the morning market, the best place to taste local produce including fruity Cîteaux cheese produced by monks, Delice de Pommard or creamy Brillat Savarin. The historic centre of Beaune offers much to explore: the imposing mansion of the Dukes of Burgundy, and the Hotel Dieu, an ancient hospital now featuring a fine arts museum, with its much-photographed patterned roofs.

### Day 6: Beaune to Meursault

**walking @ 14km**

Stroll through the parcels of vines of the Clos de Beaune Premier Cru wines, separated by ancient stone walls and dotted with *cabiottes* (winemakers' cabins), before reaching the village of Pommard. Perhaps stop for a tasting of Pommard Pinot Noir at the family-owned Domaine Lejeune. Next you come to the hillside town of Volnay, offering fine reds. Walk on through forest to Monthélie, with its 12<sup>th</sup> century church featuring a glazed-tile belltower. From here it is just a short jaunt to your destination, Meursault. A visit to the renowned Château de Meursault is highly recommended – tastings are accompanied by a guided tour of its cellars dating from the 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> centuries (book in advance at own arrangements, cost not included).

### Day 7: Departure day

After breakfast you are transferred to Beaune railway station for your onward travel.



## Contact Outdoor Travel for more itinerary details and reservations

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