

France

Self-Guided Hiking tour

Active Journeys



Tour description

Day 1	9 km
Arrive Dijon	
Day 2	15 km
Marsannay - Gevrey-Chambertin	
Day 3	20 km
To Nuit Saint Georges	
Day 4	20 km
To Chaux - Beaune	
Day 5	10 km
Free day in Beaune	
Day 6	20 km
To Meursault	
Day 7	
Meursault circular walk	
Day 8	
End of tour	

Walking the Burgundy Vineyards

This is the warm heartland of gastronomic France, a welcoming and colourful landscape of dazzling mustard fields, rich pastures and golden villages. The famous **Côte d'Or**, with its chateaux, fine wines, wonderful cuisine, remarkable network of quiet country roads and just a few hours away from Paris, makes this an ideal location to arrange a hiking holiday in France!

You start in Dijon, the core of the area's most prestigious and world renowned mustards. It remains a medium sized town with its old walls and town gates intact. You continue to hike along the **Route de Grands Crus** stopping in **Nuits-Saint-Georges** and **Vougeot** for a lovely meal, and taste some fabulous wine.

Then, continuing along the **Côte de Beaune**, you meander through farms cultivating black currants for the local liqueur Cassis. This route makes its way to **Beaune** and **Givry** taking in the splendour of the Burgundy region. Good food, great wine, and marvelous hiking, a brilliant combination.

On an independent holiday, you can explore the countryside at liberty, hiking along quiet roads through changing scenery. These holidays offer all the pleasures of walking point to point, arriving at a new destination each day, without the hassle of carrying any luggage. Your luggage will arrive each day at the new destination in the afternoon. Distances each day are moderate, allowing you to hike at your own pace and enjoy the countryside. Our detailed route notes (easy-to-follow instructions), up-to-date maps, together with official marker posts, will ensure you enjoy your trip without having trouble finding the route.

Tour Details

Daily March to October

Cost: \$1995 per person

Single room upgrade: \$750

Length: 8 days / 7 nights

Grade: Moderate

Starts: Dijon

Ends: Meursault

Fast Facts

- Accommodation in 3* and 4* hotels
- Breakfasts and 2 dinners
- Route notes and maps, taxi transfers to walks where noted
- Luggage transfer & local support
- Welcome meeting on Day 1



Day 1 Arrival in Dijon

Upon your afternoon arrival in Dijon, our representative will meet at your hotel and set you up with your trip package. Depending on your arrival time, you will likely have time to wander the medieval streets of Dijon, capital of the Ducs of Burgundy, and have a drink in one of the many cafés on the main square! Dinner tonight is on your own, suggestions will be provided. **B**

Day 2 Marsennay to Gevrey - Chambertin 9 km

After breakfast you have the morning to further explore Dijon, perhaps visiting the Palais de Justice or the Archeological Museum. At the start of the afternoon a taxi ride will take you to Marsannay-la-Cote, known for its rosé wines, for the start of your walk. You will see a 10th C. church in Fixey, the oldest in the region as you head towards your destination of Gevrey-Chambertin still guarded by an ancient fortified castle. **BD**

Day 3 Gevrey-Chambertin to Nuits Saint Georges 15 km

Your hike today takes you to Nuits-Saint-Georges through the Grand Cru vineyards, leading you through Morey Saint Denis and Chambolle Musigny. A stop for a must see visit of the majestic Château de Clos Vougeot reveals its 12th C. wine cellar and gigantic wine press. You continue through the Grand Echezeaux vineyards and into the heart of some of the world's greatest vineyards: La Romanée, Romanée-Conti and Richebourg la Tâche. **BD**

Day 4 Nuits Saint Georges to Beaune 20 km

Today you walk uphill through the countryside. The small vineyard roads and sea of vines all around you, crisscrossed by tiny villages makes for heavenly walking. You arrive in Magny-les-Villers, a picturesque old village. Further on Aloxe-Croton appears and guides you to the mythical Burgundian city of Beaune where you enjoy the beautiful view of the valley and vineyards. **B**

Day 5 Beaune Free Day

Explore the narrow streets lined with medieval houses, some dating back to the Renaissance period. You will have time to visit the Hospices de Beaune which are a must see. **B**

Day 6 Beaune To Meursault 10 km

Today enjoy the first Premiere Crus vineyards while headed to Pommard This well-known village huddled tightly around a church remarkable for its square bell tower. Discover the atmosphere and French way of life as you hike through typical charming towns. You will pass over the last vineyard covered hill and arrive in Mersault known for its outstanding white wines. **B**

Day 7 Meursault Circular Walk 20 km

Today takes you along via La Rochepot through the forest that stretches across the heights of the Côte de Beaune. La Rochepot boasts one of the most beautiful châteaux in Burgundy, dating to the 15th C. Crossing through the Grands Crus of Chassagne-Montrachet and the village Puligny-Montrachet itself, you head to Meursault through Les Grands Crus at Les Perrières. Overnight in Meurseault. **B**

Day 8 Departure - Bon Voyage!

Tour ends after breakfast. Continue to Beaune railway station.



What To Expect

What will the weather be like?

The daytime temperature will be around 15 to 23 degrees or 65-80 degrees F. Summer weather (July and August) will be busy and hotter, similar to Vermont.

How many hours of hiking a day?

Be prepared to walk between 4 to 6 hours a day on rolling hills and quiet country roads. Lots of places to stop for drinks, photos, coffee and snacks en route.

How fit do I need to be?

The fitter the better, but this is a fairly easy tour for hiking enthusiasts. The beginner will enjoy this, since there are no long hills to climb and it will not be steep. Having said that, walking for 4 hours a day without any preparation can be challenging.

What are the hotels like?

The hotels are lovely, charming, small French hotels. All will have a breakfast room, and many will have a restaurant for dinner. The hotels are chosen specifically for their ambiance as well as distance from previous lodging.

What will the meals be like?

Breakfast in France is traditionally a continental breakfast, consisting of orange juice, bread or croissant, and fruit. Where dinner is included, there will be a three course meal with several choices for your main dish. Please advise our office if you have any dietary restrictions in advance.



Extra services

- Wine tasting (on Day 2 or 3) 20€
- Cold lunch with wine tasting (Day 2) 60€
- Wine tasting lunch with 6 wines (Day 4) 90€

Please request our recommended list for hotels in Paris. Prices start at \$180 per room per night.

Getting There

The tour starts in Dijon. Most guests will fly into Paris or Lyon. Then you will take a train to the town of Dijon. Once you arrive in Dijon, you will take a taxi to the hotel. You can arrive at any time in the afternoon.

At the end of the tour transfer to Beaune railway station.



How to book your holiday

- Contact our office to make sure there is space available. One of our travel planners will walk you through the entire process.
- Download reservation form from our site and send in completed form by fax or email. Once this is done, tour space is confirmed and pre-departure packet will be sent.
- A deposit is required immediately, and final payment 60 days prior to the trip departure. Terms & conditions are outlined in our Reservation Form.
- Plan your air travel as soon as possible.
- We encourage you to purchase travel insurance, either through us or a travel insurance provider directly.
- Ensure you are in proper health for the trip chosen. Contact us, for more information on vaccinations, inoculations, and fitness requirements.