



Trip description

The Canal of Burgundy by bike

Get on your bike for a 7-day trip along the canal of Burgundy! Discover the region of Aixois with its rich cultural and historical sites and the Ouche valley, between traditional villages and relaxing atmosphere.



Destination	France
Location	Bourgogne
Duration	7 days
Difficulty Level	Easy
Validity	from March to October
Minimum age	8 years
Reference	BG0703

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



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You will cycle mostly along the canal of Burgundy for this bike trip in a region, full of surprises! Discover the must-see sites of the area such as the

abbey of Fontenay, the castle of Commarin or the battle site of Alesia between the Gauls and Romans. On your own pace, explore the traditional hamlets of Semur-en-Auxois, Châteauneuf or Flavigny-sur-Ozerain and ride through the locks of the canal enjoying a view over the countryside.

These biking holidays start in Montbard, the city of Buffon and end in Dijon, the city of a hundred churches. You will have all the time to enjoy the heritage and the art of life of the region with its wines and local specialities!

Day 1

Arrival in Montbard

Welcome in the city of Buffon, a famous French naturalist! Montbard is a lively cultural and historical city you can explore at your own pace. You meet the canal of Burgundy : your travel companion for this adventure!

Day 2

Montbard - Semur-en-Auxois

Bike
28km

Bicycle path

Get on your bike to ride along the canal of Burgundy with a view over the countryside! Today, you will discover some of the most impressive tourist sites. To learn more about the history of the region, you can visit the Forge of Buffon, an industrial work of art. For history buffs, do not miss the Abbey of Fontenay, the oldest Cistercian abbey preserved in the world and listed in the UNESCO world heritage. You leave the canal in Pouillenay to reach the medieval city of Semur-en-Auxois.

Day 3

Loop tour Semur-en-Auxois

Bike
46km

Countryside roads

After strolling into the lively streets of Semur, you board for a journey through time and space in Alesia region, which is famous for being the battle site between the Gauls and Romans. The park-museum and the statue of Vercingetorix will certainly remind you the comic books with Astérix and Obélix. The adventure goes on in the hamlet of Flavigny-sur-Ozerain and its famous anis factory, a perfect place for food-lovers! Then, you reach back the canal and its quiet banks before getting back to Semur-en-Auxois.

Day 4

Semur-en-Auxois - Pouilly-en-Auxois

Bike
42km

Bicycle path

Say goodbye to the historical capital of Auxois region and ride through small countryside roads of Burgundy. In Pont-et-Massène, swim into the lake to cool down before cycling along the Armançon river. The canal of Burgundy is here. You arrive in Pouilly-en-Auxois, a perfect nautical place to discover and enjoy the specialities of the area.

Day 5

Pouilly-en-Auxois - Vandenesse-en-Auxois

Bike
23km

Countryside roads

For this short step, you will enjoy plenty of tourist and cultural sites you can discover at your own pace. In Commarin, you will admire the architecture of the 14th century castle with all pieces of preserved traditional furniture. In Châteauneuf, listed as most beautiful village of France, stroll into the medieval streets before exploring the castle and its exhibitions. Unless you prefer to relax onto the beach of the lake of Panthier and taste a delicious wine of the region?

Day 6

Vandenesse-en-Auxois - Dijon

Bike
52km

Bicycle path

It is time to say goodbye to Auxois region and hello to the valley of Ouche! You ride along the peaceful canal of Burgundy and discover typical hamlets. Take the time to taste the regional products and make a stop around one of the lively lock. After passing the lake of Kir, where you can swim or look at the sailing boats, you arrive in Dijon. Enjoy the typical art of living and do not miss the visit of the palace of the Dukes of Burgundy.

Day 7

Dijon

Described as the "city with the hundred bell towers" by François 1er, Dijon was the capital of the powerful Dukes of Burgundy. The city has inherited architectural gems such as the Palace of the Dukes of Burgundy, Notre Dame church with its famous carved owl or the mansions of the old city center. Dijon is also well-known for its food specialties such as gingerbread, mustard, blackcurrant liquor or nonette (pastry).

Accommodation

Category A

You'll enjoy staying in these clean and cozy 2-3 Star hotels that give you a pleasant rest after your day biking. Breakfast is included when you spend the night in these friendly and family-run hotels.



** Example of the type of accommodation*

Category B

You'll get a good night's sleep staying in these 2 or 3-Star hotels or Bed and Breakfasts. All properties have been selected for their cleanliness, style and the friendliness of the staff. Some pieces of accommodation have a swimming-pool. A hearty breakfast is included!





* Example of the type of accommodation

Practical information

To get to departure point:

By plane: flight to Paris, then train to Montbard.

By train: TGV (fast trains) from Paris Lyon station or TER (regional train) from Paris Bercy station. The duration of the trip varies from 1h00 to 2h30. To plan your trip, <https://en.oui.sncf/en/>

Parking

If you drive to Montbard, you can park your car for free in an open car park located in the city center. The location and contact details of the car parks will be given in your travel documents.

To get back to starting point (Dijon-Montbard) :

Regional trains take you back to your starting point from Dijon if you wish (about 40 min). They are accessible without booking in advance and bicycles are free. You have to buy your ticket on spot (full rate €7.5/adult). There are several trains per day. You will find the timetable in your travel documents.

Meeting time:

The first day is an arrival day without cycling. You arrive whenever you want depending on from where you come. Please note that rooms are usually available in the middle of the afternoon depending on your accommodation. We thank you to advise us if you plan to arrive late.

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Price description

Category A

839 €/pers

Double room fare

6 nights in **/** hotels

6 breakfasts

5-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)

luggage transport from your accommodation to the next one

the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information

the delivery and return of the bikes

7/7 hotline

Single occupancy extra

59 €/night

High season extra (*)

20 €/pers

Extra night in Montbard

62 €/pers

Extra night in Dijon

48 €/pers

Category B

975 €/pers

Double room fare

6 nights in **/** hotels or bed & breakfasts. Some pieces of accommodation have a swimming-pool.

6 breakfasts

5-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (packs, helmets, locks...)

luggage transport from your accommodation to the next one

the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information

the delivery and return of the bikes

7/7 hotline

Single occupancy extra

70 €/night

High season extra (*)

40 €/pers

Extra night in Montbard	58 €/pers
Extra night in Dijon	74 €/pers

Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (5 days)	150 €/pers
Discount if you ride your own bicycle	-110 €/pers
Solo traveller extra	335 €/pers

(* High season :

from 05.04 to 31.05.2024

from 01.07 to 19.09.2024

Children discount (in the same room as 2 full rate participants)

0-4 year : -70%

5-11 year : -50%

12-17 year : -30%

The package doesn't include:

the journey to the tour location

the drinks

the meals which are not included

the entrance fee to sites

insurances (optional)

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