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Burgundy & the Côte Châlonnaise

Full-day drive and wine tasting tour in southern Burgundy

In the morning, you will drive along the wine route in southern Burgundy with visits and tasting in private vineyards. In the afternoon, you will discover the Chateau de Cormatin and a tasting at a private estate near Mâcon.

Make it Abbeys!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an optional venue: Guided visit of the Saint Philibert de Tournus Abbey and visit of the Cluny Abbey
Please see the last page for more information

Make it Château!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an optional venue: Guided visit to the chateau and gardens of Sully.
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The "Côte Chalonnaise"

9.00 am Meet your driver-guide in the lobby of your hotel in Beaune.

Depart along the **Southern wine route** (Meursault, Puligny-Montrachet, Chassagne-Montrachet, Santenay and Rully) with a tasting at a **"petit" Mercurey winegrower**.

Of Italian descent, **the family has been producing wine for more than 4 centuries**. The domain now has 13 hectares (approximately 27 acres) out of the 600 in the Mercurey appellation. The vineyards spread over different areas, called "climats", which give emblematic wines, easily noticeable upon tasting.

Luncheon at a restaurant in Buxy: we suggest "Les Années Vins", well-situated in the village's center, has a large dining room with vaulted ceilings and a stone fireplace. **You will taste traditional cuisine made with care**.

We continue South through the **vineyards of Montagny** and other villages of the Côte Chalonnaise to **the Château de Cormatin**. Visit this **beautifully restored 17th-century château** which boasts the most impressive Louis XIII apartments remaining in France.

The 25-acre grounds has elegant formal **French gardens** complete with a maze, and the **vegetable garden** has been designed in a delightful 17th-century style.

Head off to Givry for a **tasting in a prestigious family-owned domain**, that is a two-time winner of Hachette Guide's "coup de coeur" (special mention) for its Givry.

Visit and tasting at Mrs. Pidault's Château de Pierreclos near Macon. In the 12th-century cellars, we will taste wines from Maconnais growers and some 1^{er} crus from the Côte Chalonnaise.

5.00 pm Return to Beaune at the end of the day.





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NB: Please note that some sites mentioned in the itinerary might not be available every day or at certain times of the year. We suggest you to check with our Production Managers

This package includes

- Deluxe minivan that can carry up to 4 passengers
- Professional English-speaking guide-driver who will chauffeur you on your sightseeing tours and is a wine expert.
- Découvertes fees
- 24-hour assistance available during your stay
- All taxes

This package does not include

- Entrance fees
- Wine tasting
- Tips
- Lunch or dinner

Découvertes can also provide:

- Pre-payment of all entrance fees to museums and other sites
- Lunch reservations



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Make it Optional

Make it Abbeys!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an exclusive optional venue

Visit Tournus and the church of St Philibert (early 11th century). Once belonging to the Benedictine abbey in Tournus, destroyed in 1785, it is in the Burgundian Romanesque style. On your way to Cluny, stop at Brancion, a real treasure with its 15th-century covered market place, a beautiful view over the whole region, and the most adorable 11th-century chapel (some of its frescoes are still apparent).

In Cluny, you will visit the Benedictine Abbey, responsible for a reform that drastically changed western monastic tradition



Please contact us for more information as to price and availability.

Make it Chateau!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an optional venue

Visit the largest Renaissance Château in Southern Burgundy, home to the Duchess of Magenta and her children. A magnificent residence surrounded by a moat. In their family tree, the Scottish-born Duchesse de Magenta and her children have royal princesses, Dukes of Burgundy as well as Field-Marshal MacMahon (one of France's first Presidents).



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