

Full Itinerary and Tour details for

# Nivernais and Burgundy Canal 8-day Self-guided Cycling Tour Level 3



Prices starting from. **710 €** 

Trip Duration.

8 days

Max Passengers.

10

Start and Finish.

**Auxerre to Auxerre** 

Activity Level.

3

Cycling Tours Europe

Tour Code. #B1/2666



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# Tour Details and Description

Burgundy is a heaven for people eager to explore hidden treasures by bike. Alongside the canals, in the vineyards, near the rivers, everywhere you will encounter its rich artistic and historical heritage. In Auxerre, you will start your cycling tour by the Nivernais Canal, originally constructed to facilitate timber floating from Clamecy to Paris. Then you will leave the towpath to discover the eternal hill of Vezelay, with its basilica (World Heritage Site by UNESCO). Back on the tow paths alongside the Burgundy Canal, with the end in Dijon.

# Included in the Burgundy Cycing Tour:

- 7 B&B overnights: room and breakfast, (2 nights in 3\* hotels, 3 in 2\* and 2 in charming B&B)
- Luggage transfers
- Description of the tour, maps, and scenic information
- · Permanent assistance in case of problems

## **Options:**

- Half board available 240 EUR
- Bike rental 160 EUR
- E-bike rental 360 EUR
- Extra B&B night in Dijon 68 EUR
- Extra B&B night in Beaune 68 EUR
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- Departure any day except Tuesday from 1 April to 31 October

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# **Itinerary**

# Day 1

Arrival in Auxerre Participants arrival in the afternoon by their own means to Auxerre. Check into your hotel. Road book, maps and delivery at the hotel. Overnight stay at hotel in Auxerre.

#### Day 2

Auxerre – Clamecy: 62 km Departure from Auxerre, along the Nivernais Canal, you will follow the path of "driftwood" built in the Middle Ages. The Forest of Morvan produced wood that was destined for the people living in Paris. And this wood was sent to the capital by floating. Enjoy this charming route, through Mailly-le-Château, Saussois Rocks, climbing mecca,

to Clamecy.

## Day 3

Clamecy - Vézelay - Avallon: 40 km You will leave the canal to follow a pleasant road through small villages to which the Vézelay Basilica Sainte Madeleine appears majestic Romanesque Eternal Hill, World Heritage Site by Unesco. Since the Middle Ages, Vézelay is a high place of pilgrimage and is one stop on the Chemins de Saint Jacques de Compostela. After this unforgettable experience, we travel to Avallon, Cité Vauban. Overnight stay in Avallon.

#### Day 4

Avallon - Montbard: 50 km Continue your cycling on small countryside roads until Montbard, cité Buffon. Overnight stay in Montbard.

## Day 5

Montbard - Clamerey: 36 km Another day rich in history. The Cistercian Abbey of Fontenay, soothing place to start your day. Many visits are possible, alongside the canal or a short distances: Bussy-Rabutin, Semur-en-Auxois, the castle of the Marigny Cahouët (XII), Flavigny sur Ozerain, Alesia, ... You will continue your way along the canal. 37 locks in 12 km. Overnight stay in Clamerey.

# Day 6

Clamerey – Vandenesse en Auxois: 26 km You will discover the treasures of Auxois: The Collegiate Church of St Thibault, Château d'Eguilly, the Arches of Pouilly (the Burgundy Canal is underground). Then your path will lead you through the Ouche Valley. You will be in the heart of the feudal country, with Chateauneuf-en-Auxois and Commarin, two imposing castles. Overnight stay in a charming bed and



breakfast in Crugey.

Day 7

Vandenesse en Auxois – Dijon: 51 km On the way to many sites worth visiting: The Castle of Barbirey, the Abbaye de la Bussiere ... You will end your journey through the wildest part of the Canal de Bourgogne: Ouche Valley. Arrival in the capital of the Dukes of Burgundy by the Lac Kir. Overnight stay in Dijon.

Day 8

Departure After the breakfast, free time in Dijon. Back to Auxerre by train or extend your stay with an extra night in Auxerre

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