



## COME TO CHATEAU DE VIANGES AND TOUR BURGUNDY

Burgundy is one of France's most renowned regions, worldwide famous for its superb white and red wines, remarkable food, unspoiled nature, and culture and historic castles.

Burgundy counts nearly one hundred castles, more than any other region of France. Medieval strongholds and chateaux of many architectural styles dot the landscape from Vézelay to Cluny. Some, with well-stocked wine cellars, are gourmet restaurants and are open to the public as boutique hotels or attractive bed and breakfast like the charming **Château de Vianges**, placed inside the Regional Natural Park of Morvan, offering the ideal accommodation to comfortably visit the best of the Burgundy, like:

**Dijon, the Region's capital**, home of the Dukes of Burgundy, with the imposing Palace of the Dukes, where the Musée des Beaux-Arts, established in 1787, one of the oldest and most impressive museums in France, collects from Egyptian to 20th Century art masterpieces, including 15th and 18th Century art of Burgundy.

Dijon is one hour driving far from Vianges, two and one half hours driving far from Paris and less than two hours far from Charles de Gaulle airport TGV station.

**Beaune**, the unquestioned Burgundy's capital of wine, is a small medieval town in the Côte d'Or department, includes the world famous **Hospices de Beaune**, an **UNESCO World Heritage site**. Located at about 40 km south of Dijon, or at one hour driving from Vianges, Beaune is also reachable in just over two hours by train from Paris Gare de Lyon, in four and one half hours from Geneva Airport, by train, or in two hours from Lausanne by TGV.

**Les Residences du Château de Vianges** (<http://www.chateaudevianges.com/>)

The Chateau de Vianges is the perfect place to stay while visiting Burgundy and specially Beaune and Dijon. The station of **Montbard** is one hour far from Gare de Lyon in Paris, by TGV and 40 minutes driving far from Vianges. You could also catch a TGV at Charles de Gaulle Airport station and get straight Montbard in 1 hour and 10 minute.

The area around Vianges, including Saulieu at 15 minutes driving, with its world famous **3-Michelin Stars Restaurant Bernard Loiseau** ([www.bernard-loiseau.com](http://www.bernard-loiseau.com)) is a fascinating natural environment, plenty of historic sites and monuments,

The Castle of Vianges itself is a registered French *Monument Historique* and it is one of the most ancient maison-forte (fortified house) of the Côte-d'Or. Originally built in the 11th Century and today carefully restored, the castle displays both 17th and 18th century facades with large windows, preserved roofs and a *pigeonnier*.

Once picked up at Montbard, guest can experience the unique accommodation of private rooms and apartments tastefully decorated, inside a 45.000 square meters garden, enjoy tasting wine and local gourmet dishes, horse riding or cycling around, before taking one of our tours.

## **A) Tour of Dijon (1 Day, 8AM – 6PM)**

### ***The Musée des Beaux-Arts***

Housed in the *Palais des Ducs*, the *Musée des Beaux-Arts* has the most important collection of paintings in France outside of Paris. The building itself is a focal point in the city of Dijon with its old cobbled streets and half-timbered buildings, which radiate from the Palais, all well worth exploring. After extensive restoration, a new vitality has come to the museum with a full programme of events each month from the exhibitions to workshops and lectures. There are new spaces for an additional 500 works now that the first phase of this ten-year upgrade has been completed.

### ***The Tombs of the Dukes of Burgundy (inside the Palais des Ducs)***

The Salle des Gardes is housing the magnificent tombs of the Dukes, Philip the Bold and John the Fearless, decorated with sculptures by the Flemish masters Jean de Marville, Claus Sluter and Claus de Werve, recently reopened after extensive renovation work. The alabaster mourners surrounding the tombs, masterpieces of medieval sculpture, are back in their rightful place after the tours in the USA and Europe.

### ***Museum's Art Collections***

The painting and sculpture collection in the museum is immense. Italian, Dutch and Flemish painters from Titien, Rubens and Bruegel, to the work of the Impressionists, Manet and Monet and statues by François Rude, the man responsible for the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, are displayed. The collection is too vast to take in during one visit but the setting of the museum is particularly attractive with large windows and plenty of natural light, making you want to return for more.

Stop by for **Gourmand Lunch at 3-Michelin Star, Bernard Loiseau des Ducs, in Dijon**

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After a one-hour memorable lunch, visitors can enjoy wandering inside Les Halles, Dijon's main covered marketplace designed by Gustave Eiffel (yes he's the one of the iconic Eiffel Tower in Paris). Here you can spend an afternoon perusing stalls of local delights such as *jambon persillé* (ham terrine with parsley), *poulet de Bresse* (typical poultry of Bresse) and *escargots*. **Market days are Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday mornings.**

## **B) The Wine Tour (1 Day, 8AM – 6PM)**

Wine is, of course, the region's most obvious attraction, and devotees head straight for the great vineyards, whose produce has played the key role in the local economy since Louis XIV's doctor prescribed wine as a palliative for the royal dyspepsia. Wine tasting is particularly big business around Chablis, Mâcon and Beaune.

From Vianges tour guests can privately learn about the prestigious wines of the Route des Grand Crus and become a *Burgundy Wine Connoisseur*, by tasting several Burgundy wines at cellars of the Côte de Beaune and the Côte de Nuits, by wandering around the historic heart of the fascinating town of Beaune and discovering its traditional shops, markets, local gastronomy, including the *cassis* (blackcurrant liquor), the famous *moutarde de Dijon* (mustard) the *pain d'épices* (honey spice cake) and Flavigny aniseed, by driving to medieval villages, Romanic churches, and old abbeys.

We could arrange for you to be guided by expert sommeliers to cellars where legendary *Grands Appellations*, such as *Romanée Conti*, *Clos de Vougeot*, *Chambertin*, *Montrachet*, among others, will be available.

Stop by for **Gourmand Lunch: Au Creux de Vougeot**

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After lunch, you can be wandering about the historic heart of the fascinating town of Beaune (capital of wine of the Region) and discovering traditional shops, markets, local and typical gastronomic products, including *cassis* (blackcurrant liquor), mustard, Pain d'épices (honey spice cake) and Flavigny aniseed, and many more.

In Beaune, wine lovers can visit *Athenaeum de la Vigne et du Vin* in Rue de l'Hôtel du Vin for books and accessories and *Le Comptoir Viticole* in Rue Samuel-Legay for more wine paraphernalia.

Another very impressive cave to visit is that of *Patriarche Père & Fils* in Rue du Collège. The audio-guided visit through the labyrinth of Burgundy's most extensive cellars ends with a tasting of fine wine.

### **Beaune Festivals to enjoy**

The town of Beaune is famous for its Baroque Music Festival every weekend throughout July, as well for the Festival, 'Cours, Eau, Jardins' throughout the summer, the Jazz Festival in September, the Hospice de Beaune Wine Auction in November and the colourful Festival of Saint-Vincent, the patron saint of wine each January.

### **C) The Beaune Tour (1 Day, 8AM – 6PM)**

This tour focuses on the town itself: it therefore includes

**Hospices de Beaune-Hôtel-Dieu**, a medieval building, fine example of Burgundian-Flemish art, where unique ironwork and carvings and tapestries are works of art in themselves. This ancient hospital built around a central courtyard, is the most famous landmark in Beaune and in the whole of Burgundy, with its multi-coloured roof and decorated windows of its imposing structure, a rather austere building in a very regal town. The Hôtel-Dieu was built in 1443, the golden age of Burgundy, by Nicholas Rolin, the Chancellor of Duke Philippe-le-Bon.

Down each side of the Hospice's Great Hall visitors can admire the wooden vaulted roof, built like the hull of a ship, the curtained four-poster beds are aligned. The chapel at the end of the room is an intricate part of it. Here the polyptych painted by the Flemish artist Roger Van de Weyden representing the Last Judgement used to hang, seen by the sick only on Sundays and feast days. Today this is now on display in a room of its own. The tour will bring you also to the Hospice's kitchen, which has recently been restored, the pharmacy and dispensary that used many herbs grown in the 'jardins des simples' behind.

Open every day throughout the year 9.00-11.30 and 14.00-17.30

Braille guide available from the tourist offices free of charge.

Stop by for **Gourmand Lunch (1 hour)**

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After lunch, to sample the best of the region's wine, it is worth to visit the

**Marché aux Vins opposite the famous Hospice.** The 'degustation des vins' takes place in an ancient church, with its stone pillars and arches forming the perfect backdrop. From 11 Euros you can taste the famous wines of the region – with the best reds coming at the end. Open every day throughout the year from 9.00-11.30 and 14.00-17.30. July and August without lunch break.

## D) Castles Tour (1 Day, 8AM – 7PM)

Around Beaune alone more than ten châteaux open their doors either all year round or during the summer season.

1. **Château de Châteauneuf-en-Auxois** (30 min from Vianges, via D17 and D981) a powerful medieval stronghold, was built around a square in the 12th Century. It is fortress in the commune of Châteauneuf, 43 km from Dijon. It is a vast stone building, 75 metres in length and 35 metres broad, situated on a rocky outcrop 475 metres above the surrounding plains. The castle Chapel, dating from the 15th Century, hosts a replica of Philippe Pot tombstone, the original being at Le Louvre.
2. **Château de Commarin** (33 min from Vianges), through 26 generations in the same family, is today a seat of the Count de Vogüé who also owns Vaux le Vicomte. It features a unique collection of heraldic tapestries as well as statues, furniture and other decorations collected between the 16th and 18th centuries.
3. **Château d'Entre Deux Monts** (38 minutes from Commarin) The dukes of Burgundy first built the castle in a 45.000 square meters garden along the road to the great wines of the Côte de Nuits. A registered Historical Monument, this 17th century mansion and Park has a harp-shaped, decorated façade from the 16th Century is representative of the Louis XIII style.

Stop by for **Gourmand Lunch ay L'Alambic (Nuits Saint Georges)**

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4. **Château du Clos de Vougeot** (about 10 minutes from Nuits Saint Georges) was originally a wine farm, built in the 12th century by monks from the nearby Abbey of Cîteaux. In the 16th century, a Renaissance style château was added to the existing buildings. The castle hosts famous receptions. It is renowned as one of the very best "table d'hôte" of France and a symbol of a millenary Burgundy's History.
5. **Château de Corton-André** (about 20 min from Vougeot) is an 18th Century castle, which remarkable Flemish tile roofing is a winegrowing estate producing Côte de Beaune and Côte de Nuits wines. The visit of the 15th Century cellars is followed by a tasting of the property's wines. It is also unique because it produces both Grand Cru red (Corton) and Grand Cru white (Corton Charlemagne) wines.

Meandering south of Beaune, beyond Pommard and Meursault, visitors will approach the village of La Rocheport with the spectacular

6. **Château de la Rocheport** (about 26 minutes from Corton) underwent an impressive restoration in the 1880's. A magnificent 13th and 15th Century building with typical Burgundian glazed tiles, the château boasts a Romanesque chapel from the 12th Century, a guards' room, a Chinese bedroom, Gothic and Renaissance furniture.
7. **Château de Chassagne-Montrachet** (10 minutes from Rocheport) is owned by the Picard Family. In 1951, Louis Felix Picard acquired 2 hectares in Chagny area, few km away from Chassagne-Montrachet village. From his childhood, his son Michel Picard, was introduced to wine. In 1970, Michel Picard took over the business from his father and expanded internationally. Back to Vianges in a 45 minutes driving.