

5 RECOMMENDED DAY TRIPS

We have formulated 5 suggested day trips for our visitors to get the most of our Burgundy! These recommendations are based on the most popular places to visit, according to our clients

DAY 1 : NORTHERN BURGUNDY WINES

For the northern Burgundy wine day, we recommend a visit to the famous Chablis wine region and the lesser known Côte d'Auxerre wine region. The small town of Chablis is literally surrounded by village, premier cru and grand cru vineyards and the various wine makers are easily accessible for wine tasting. Chablis is just over an hour drive from Château de Chailly.

We recommend a morning of vineyard visits and wine tasting in the Chablis wine region and then have lunch at the Bistro des Grands Crus in Chablis (*very good food and very reasonably priced*).

After lunch, we recommend a stop in Saint-Bris-Le-Vineux, which is located in the Côte d'Auxerre wine region, for a little more wine tasting. On the way back to Château de Chailly, we suggest stopping in Noyers, which is a charming medieval town that has an interesting architectural heritage: timberframed houses. If visitors have the time, we recommend visiting the Château d'Ancy-le-Franc, which is one of the most beautiful renaissance mansions in Burgundy.



DAY 2 : BASILICAS AND ABBEYS

For the Basilicas and Abbeys day, we recommend a morning drive to Vézelay (*about a 1h30 drive from Château de Chailly on country roads*). Vézelay is located on a hill overlooking the Cure Valley and is dominated by the Basilique Ste-Madeleine. Climb to the top of the hill, past the boutiques and galleries, cafés and restaurants (*large selection of cafés and restaurants for lunch*) and there you will find pretty alleyways and courtyards bourgeoning with geraniums throughout the summer.

After lunch, we recommend a visit to the Abbaye de Fontenay, which is a good example of what a 12th century Cistercian monastery was like. Abbey de Fontenay became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1981. On the way back, we recommend a stop at Semur-en-Auxois, which is a beautiful fortified medieval small town and built on a pink granite rock (on the highest point of the little town, you will find the recently restored Gothic church of Notre-Dame (*from the 13th-14th century*)).



DAY 3 : RED WINES IN CÔTE DE NUITS

For the Red Wines Day, we recommend a morning visit to Dijon (*about a 45min drive from Château de Chailly*). Dijon has a rich history dating back to Roman times. It was at the crossroads of many trade routes, notably pewter, tin, amber and exotic spices. It became capital of the Kingdom of Burgundy as early as the 5th century but the days of glory arrived in the 14th century when the Dukes of Burgundy held court there, turning it into one of the most important towns in medieval Europe. Enjoy lunch in Dijon before heading going wine tasting in the afternoon.

After lunch, head to the Côte-de-Nuits for vineyard visits and wine tasting! We simply recommend driving the “Route des Grand Crus” and stop in the villages of Gevrey-Chambertin (*taste some of the greatest pinot noirs of the world there...*), Chambolle-Musigny for further wine tasting *and/or* coffee break, visit Château du Clos de Vougeot, pay homage at the Romanée-Conti vineyard just outside the village of Vosne-Romanée and end the day with visits to Pernand-ergelesses..



DAY 4 : WHITES WINES IN THE CÔTE DE BEAUNE

For the White Wines Day, we recommend driving directly to the Côte-de-Beaune on the country roads starting with Chassagne-Montrachet (*about a 45min drive from Château de Chailly*) and start the morning off with fantastic white wines! Continue the wine tasting in the villages of Puligny-Montrachet, Meursault, Volnay and Pommard (*there are some nice red wines in Volnay and Pommard!*). For lunch, we recommend booking at table at Loiseau des Vignes, which is located in the centre of Beaune (*there are many other restaurants and cafés where you can enjoy lunch*). This is the only restaurant in the world (*at least of now*) that offers all their wines by the glass so you can taste the various great grand crus during your meal (*they offer a quite good value lunch menu during the week*).

In the afternoon, we recommend that you visit the famous Hospices de Beaune. The Hospices de Beaune was built in the golden age of Burgundy in 1443 by Nicolas Rolin, the Chancellor of Duke Philippe-le-Bon. Beaune at the time was suffering from poverty and famine after the Hundred Years' War and so as a sweetener, Rolin and his wife, founded the Hospices for the poor, giving it an annual income and its own resources, vines and salt works. If you have not had enough of wine tasting, then we recommend a visit to the enormous wine cellars of Patriarche Père et Fils in Beaune where there are over a million bottles of wine and taste a selection of white and red wines.



DAY 5 : CHÂTEAUX

For the Châteaux day, we recommend a visit to Château de Commarin where visitors can stroll through the gardens and see the 16th century tapestries. Within a short drive you can visit the pretty village of Châteauneuf-en-Auxois where there are some shops, cafés and restaurants. The château, enclosed by thick walls flanked by massive towers, is separated from the village by a moat. There were two fortified gates; now a single drawbridge, flanked by huge round towers, gives access to the courtyard and the two main buildings. We recommend having lunch at the Restaurant de l'Auxois (*traditional Burgundian cuisine*) in Vandenesse-en-Auxois.

In the afternoon, you can either take a walk on the Burgundy Canal or return to Châteauneuf-en-Auxois as there are many signed walking paths with various distances.

