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# Burgundy Wine Tours

## *Sample Full Daily Itinerary*

We have designed our Burgundy wine tours to give you an overview of the entire region and include in-depth guided wine tasting visits to many of Burgundy's premier domains. You will absorb the rich cultural heritage of one of the world's most important wine regions, and take home a lifetime of memories and insider tips to finding some of Burgundy's best wines and top values locally.

### Day 1 Meet in Mâcon

#### Highlights:

- > **Welcome aperitif with a great Crémant de Bourgogne**
- > **Outstanding welcome dinner**

We meet this afternoon in our comfortable hotel in Mâcon. We will get to know each other over a refreshing flûte of Crémant de Bourgogne, drink a toast to our fabulous week of wine tasting to come, and enjoy dinner together at a great Michelin-starred restaurant. We'll start with an insider overview of French wine, and especially Burgundy.

### Day 2 Pouilly-Fuissé, Mâcon Villages, and the Beaujolais

#### Highlights:

- > **Wine Tours:** Château de l'Ange, Domaine Roger Luquet in Pouilly Fuissé, Moulin à Vent's Domaine Diochon, Clos les Farges in Chiroubles
- > **Lunch & Wine Tasting Tour:** Catered at Château de l'Ange

Expert winemaker Patrick Luquet welcomes you this morning at his domain to taste **premium Pouilly-Fuissés, St Vérans, Mâcon Villages and Beaujolais Crus**. At Château Tour de L'Ange we will visit the estate and then we are invited to lunch with a full selection of their wines. This afternoon we are in Beaujolais country for visits of two premium **Beaujolais Crus**.

## Day 3

### Côte Chalonnaise, Beaune

#### Highlights:

- > **Wine Tours:** 2 great examples of Côte Chalonnaise and Côte de Beaune
- > **Lunch:** in a classic bistrot in charming Rully
- > **Guided Tour of the Cluny Abbey**
- > **Candlelight Dinner at one of Beaune's best-kept secrets**

This morning we have arranged a guided tour of Cluny. Built in the 10th century, this influential Benedictine Abbey was to become Europe's largest building until St Peter's in Rome was rebuilt in the 16th century. Next you are headed north through Givry and Mercurey with lunch at a local favorite in charming medieval Rully. We will have a great selection of wines here, especially the whites. As Alfio likes to say, "a great Rully is like a Puligny-Montrachet that you can drink every day". We are in for a treat with some great Crémant de Bourgogne too. Rully is where Burgundy made its first sparkling wines in the 18th century. On our way to Beaune, we will go through the famous vineyards of Chassagne-Montrachet, Puligny-Montrachet, Meursault, Volnay, and Pommard. This afternoon we will check into our 4-star hotel in Beaune and enjoy tonight's exceptional dinner at a local favorite.

## Day 4

### Côte de Beaune

#### Highlights:

- > **Wine Tours:** Domaine Patrick Javillier, Meursault;  
Château Philippe le Hardi, Santenay
- > **Lunch:** at an excellent restaurant in Santenay
- > **Guided Tour of the Hospices de Beaune**

Today you are in the vineyards of Pommard, Volnay, Puligny-Montrachet, Auxey-Duresses, Monthélie... Your first tasting is as a welcome guest of **Patrick Javillier**, tasting his elegant wines at his domain in Meursault. Then you are off to Santenay for an visit with **Gérard Fagnoni of Château Philippe le Hardi**. This chateau was the residence of Phillippe le Hardi, the last Duke of Burgundy. At the time, the Duke of Burgundy was more powerful than the king of France. Later, you are in the stunning courtyard of the beautiful 15th century **Hospices de Beaune**. Built in 1453, this historic hospital owns some of the most coveted vineyards in Burgundy. Every November it is home to the world's most famous wine auction. We will suggest local favorite restaurants for your free evening in Beaune.

## Day 5 Côte de Nuits

### Highlights:

- > **Wine Tours:** Château du Clos de Vougeot, Domaine Machard de Gramont in Nuit-Saint-Georges, Domaine Seguin in Gevrey-Chambertin
- > **Lunch:** Characteristic Burgundian restaurant in Nuits-Saint-Georges
- > **Dinner:** A Michelin-starred celebration in Beaune

Explore the Côtes de Nuits, north of Beaune today. Discover the famous terroir and vineyards of Romanée Conti, Romanée St. Vivant, and La Tache. Later this morning, visit Château du Clos de Vougeot and enjoy a guided tasting of Clos Vougeot nearby. This afternoon you are back to the vineyards tasting wines in Nuit-St-Georges and Gevrey-Chambertin. Our final dinner together this evening is at an elegant Michelin-starred restaurant.

## Day 6

Your Burgundy Wine Tour ends today after breakfast. We thank you for coming with us and hope to see you again soon.

Questions? Please give us a call at 1-800-449-7147 or email us at [info@InsiderWineTours.com](mailto:info@InsiderWineTours.com)

### Includes:

- \* 2 nights hotel in Mâcon and 3 nights in one of Beaune's excellent 4-star hotels
- \* 5 continental breakfasts
- \* 4 group lunches
- \* 3 group dinners (2 of which at Michelin-starred restaurants)
- \* Daily wine tastings, led by local experts
- \* Daily educational components (wine tasting, vineyard decisions, the harvest, wine making, distribution, vineyard tours)
- \* 2 guided cultural visits
  - > Hospices de Beaune
  - > Cluny Abbey

### Price:

\$3495 based on double occupancy. Single supplements \$495

### Dates:

September 26th - October 1st, 2010

### Reserve Your Spot:

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