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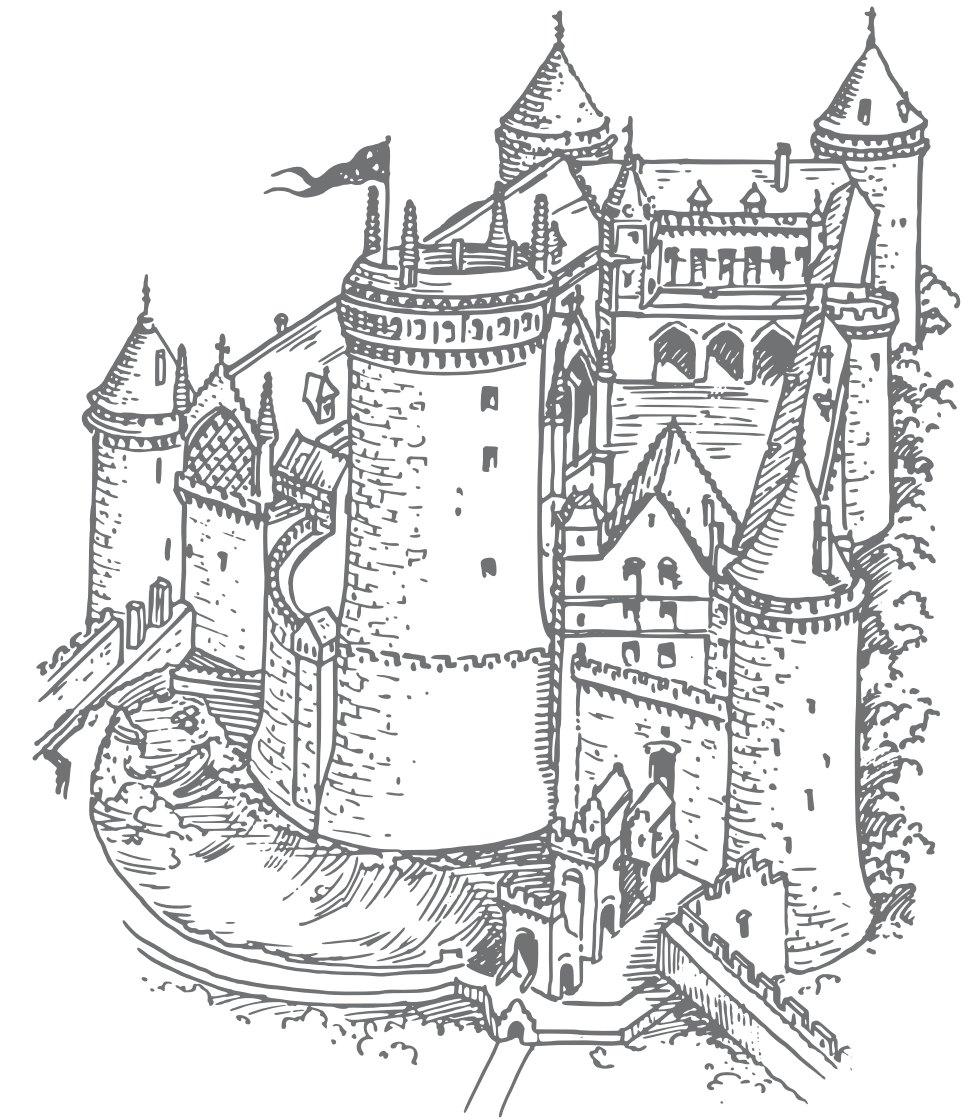
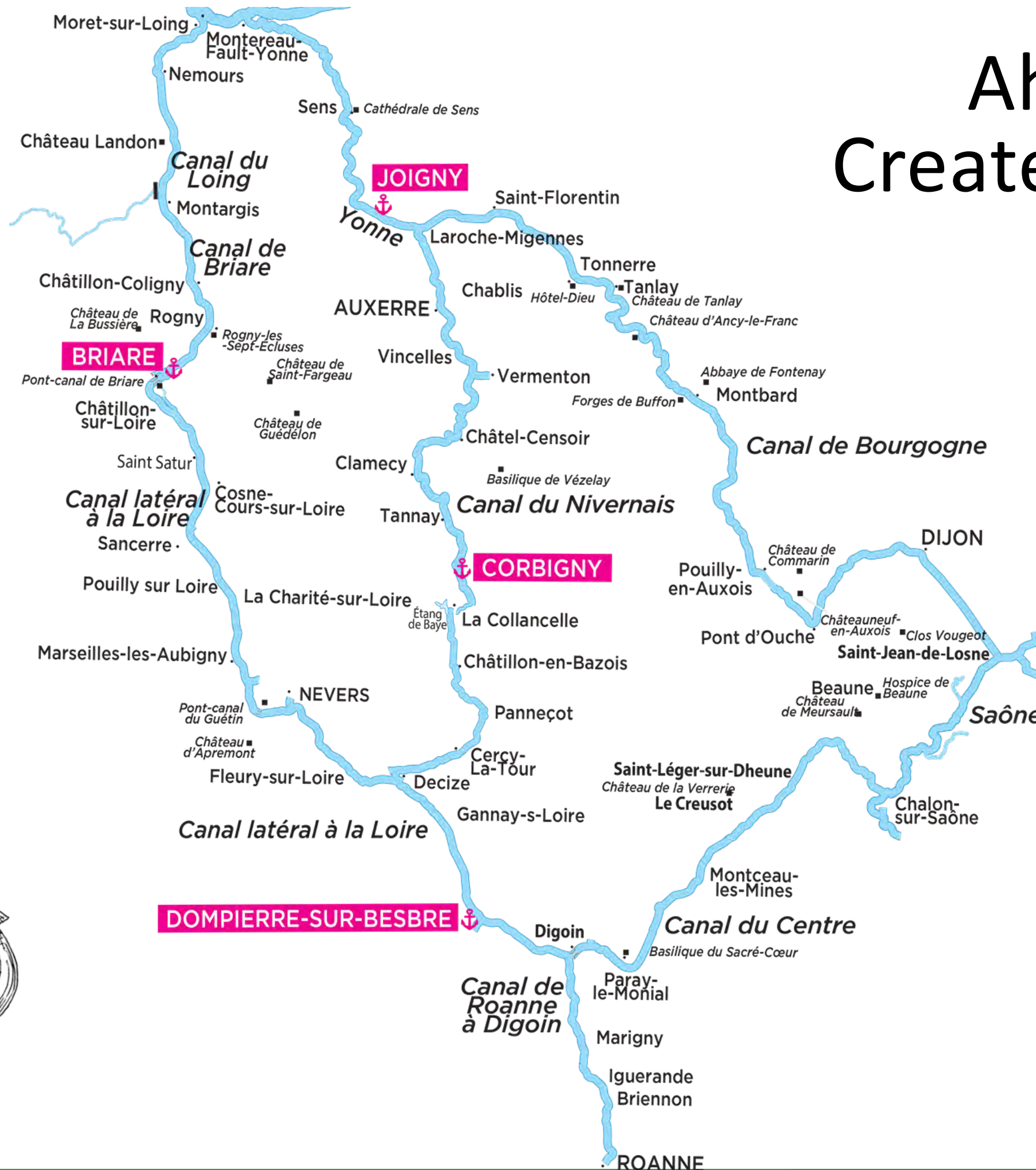


Navigation Guide

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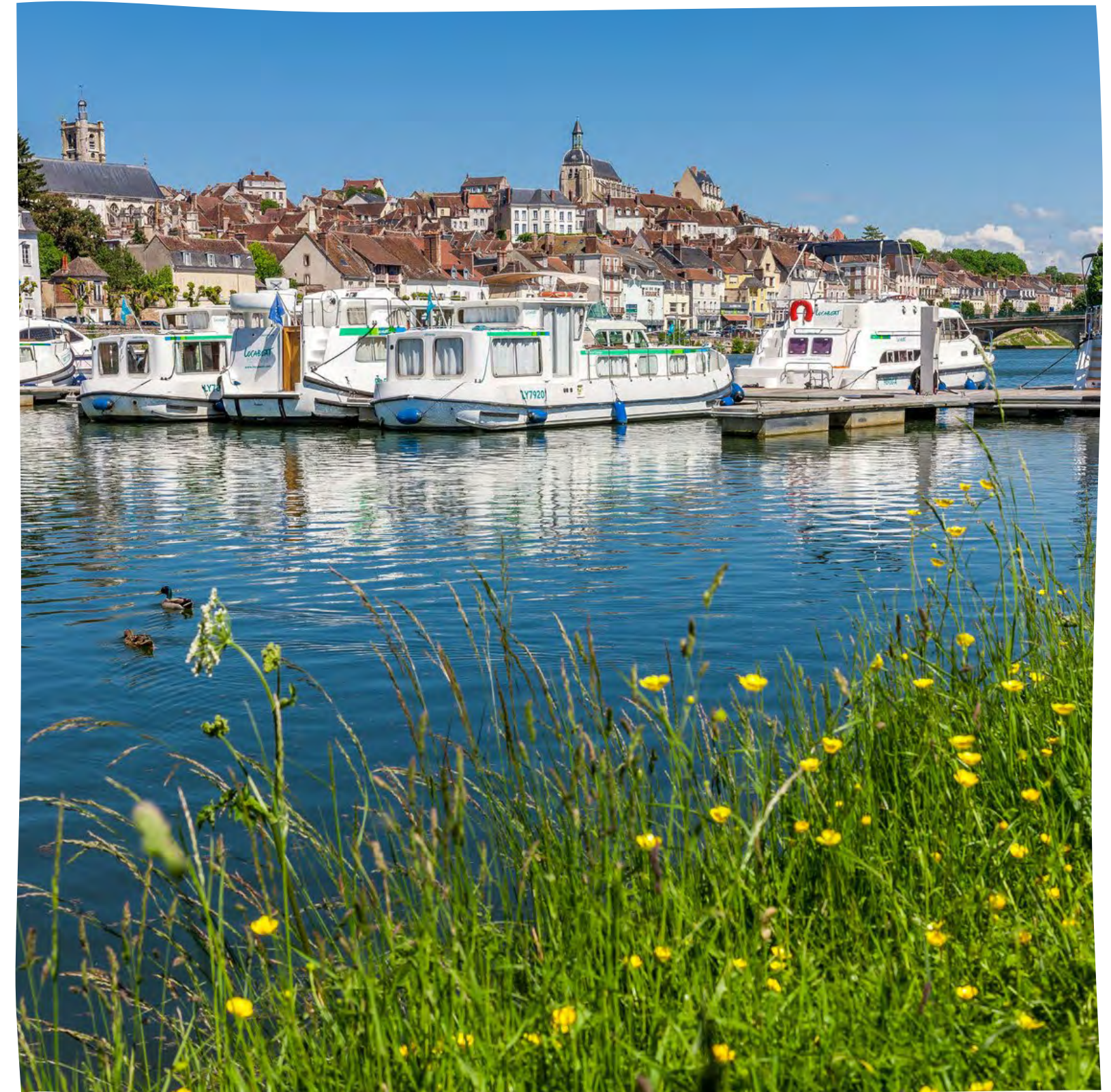
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The Yonne River & The Canal de Bourgogne

(Burgundy Canal)

Town	Navigation Time	Number of Locks
Riviere Yonne (heading South)		
Joigny		
Migennes	2h15	3
Canal de Bourgogne		
St Florentin	4h15	6
Flogny la Chapelle	3h45	7
Tonnerre	2h	4
Tanlay	2h	6
Ancy le Franc	5h30	9
Ravières	2h45	5
Montbard	6h	11
Venarey les Laumes	4h10	8
Marigny le Cahouet	7h40	29
Clamerey - Pont Royal	4h25	13
Puilly en Auxois	5h40	13
Pont d'Ouche	6h55	19
Pont de Pany	6h55	18
Dijon	7h25	17
Aiserey	7h20	16
Saint Jean de Losne	3h10	6



The Saône, The Canal du Centre & The Canal Latéral à la Loire ...



Town	Navigation Time	Number of Locks
Riviere Yonne (heading South)		
Canal de Bourgogne		
Saône		
Seurre	2h	1
Verdun sur le Doubs	2h30	
Gergy	1h	
Chalon sur Saône	2h30	
Canal du centre		
Fragnes	10min	
Rully	3h20	8
Chagny	1h30	3
Santenay	1h	
St Leger sur Dheune	2h30	4
St Julien sur Dheune	4h35	11
Montchanin	3h20	8
Montceau les Mines	4h25	9
Génelard	4h30	6
Paray le Monial	5h30	8
Digoin	2h50	3
Canal Latéral à la Loire		
Dompierre	6h	6

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Riviere Yonne (heading South)		
Canal de Bourgogne		
Saône		
Canal du centre		
Canal Latéral à la Loire		
Dompierre		
Garnat sur Engievre	3h	3
Gannay sur Loire	3h40	4
Decize	3h	3
Canal du Nivernais		
Verneuil	3h30	5
Cercy la Tour	3h50	6
Pannecot	5h	10
Chatillon en Bazois	6h	15
Bazolles-Baye	15 min	0
La colancelle	4h45	16
Sardy les Epiry	2h30	8
Corbigny	1h	2
Monceaux-le-Comte	3h30	7
Asnois	2h30	3
Clamecy	3h10	8
Crain	2h40	4
Châtel Censoir	3h	7
Mailly la Ville	3h	5
Vermenton	4h45	8
Bailly	4h45	7
Auxerre	4h10	8
Joigny	6h	11

The Canal Latéral à la Loire & The Canal du Nivernais.



LOCK OPERATING HOURS

Open every day at the times indicated.

Canal du Nivernais	Canal latéral à la Loire	Canal de bourgogne, canal du centre	La Saône : Seurre, Ecuelles, Ormes et Dracé Locks	La Saone: All other Locks	Yonne
9am - 12pm 1pm-7pm	8am-12pm 1pm-7pm	9am-6 :30pm	6am-9pm	9am-7pm	9am-12pm 1pm-7pm
Locks are closed July 1st and July 14th	Locks are closed January 1st, July 14th, November 1st	Locks are closed May 1st and July 14th	Locks are closed May 1st	Locks are closes May 1st	Locks are closed May 1st and November 1st



On the Burgundy Canal, the locks are manual and are operated by a lock keeper.
On the Sône, next to St-Jean-de-Losne, the locks are automatic and are operated by a lock keeper.
Most locks are automatic and have a lock keeper for maneuvering, but sometimes it is up to boaters.

We remind you that entry into the lock is made when the green signal is indicated.
For more information, please see the navigation guide.

Do not hesitate to consult our tutorial with the following link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=86u8vRiGjkE

Quick History Points:

The Château d'Ancy le Franc :

The “Chateau of Ancy-le-Franc” is an astonishing Renaissance palace in the land of the Dukes of Burgundy. The largest collection of Renaissance Murals makes Ancy-le-Franc the direct rival of Fontainebleau. This palace was built between 1542 and 1550. It is classified as a Historic Monument.

Ancy le Franc is located in the heart of a large park in Burgundy, on the canal banks, between prestigious vineyards and charming villages, near Chablis, Vézelay, Dijon, Beaune - a few hours from Paris (1 hour by TGV).

More details on the visit and its history by flashing the code



The tunnels de la Collancelle :

The construction of the Canal du Nivernais in the 18th century required major improvements, it was necessary to "pass" the mountain of La Collancelle and the only way was to pierce it. The decision was to dig three successive tunnels of 758m, 268m and 212m in length.

Discover this unique work of art, between the hamlet of Port Brûlé and the ponds of Baye and Vaux. Each of its vaults has a name: La Collancelle, Mouas and Breuil.

This little corner of paradise is nicknamed "La petite Amazonie" meaning Little Amazon.

More info by flashing the code



Discovering the Yonne River...

Joigny :

As soon as you arrive at the port, you will be amazed by the stunning panorama of this town, revealing its charming houses with old facades, whose reflections glisten upon the waters.

Proud of its medieval past, the remains of one of the four former, fortified gates can still be seen as it's impossible to miss the two big round towers which accompany it. Its former Renaissance style castle Gondi has become a place of art exhibitions.



Migennes :

The many parks and ponds of Migennes make it a haven of nature, conducive to relaxing. Take a stroll through Migennes and discover its two churches, one from the 13th century and the other from the 20th.

Go to the Tourist Office for tourist information and also to admire a superb Gallo-Roman fragment of mosaic dating from the 4th century.

... Discovering the Canal de Bourgogne (Burgundy Canal) ...



Flogny la Chapelle :

Most beautiful village in France for its inhabitants, Flogny La Chapelle is the meeting of two municipalities: Flogny and La Chapelle.

Flogny La Chapelle is starting to be famous for its “gougère” pastry festival which takes place every year on the third Sunday in May, and its July 13 festivities with its incomparable fireworks display. To highlight its natural treasures, which are water and the forest, the choice of the oak leaf and the crayfish are the emblems of the town crest.



St Florentin :

St-Florentin is a small fortified town dominated by its Gothic and Renaissance church. It is a pleasant stopover, steeped in history. Stroll through the picturesque streets dating from the 16th century. Climb the gently sloping hill and take breaks along the way to enjoy its market, shops and restaurants, as well as the charming garden.

Take a stroll towards the panorama of the Priory which offers a superb view of the old town. You can also swim in the river at the Armançon campsite.





Tonnerre :

Visit the Hôtel-Dieu, founded in 1292 by Marguerite de Bourgogne. This imposing building is one of the oldest hospitals in Europe. To illustrate its history, linked to the evolution of medicine, it is endowed with a Hospital Museum. Admire the churches of Notre-Dame and St-Pierre, as well as the Hôtel d'Uzès, a fine example of the Renaissance. In the town center, you will find the Fosse Dionne, a natural, inexplicably deep-water source full of present-day mystery ...

On the bank opposite Tonnerre, a 2km walk from the mooring in the small village of Épineuil is the Domaine de l'Abbaye du Petit Quincy. The estate produces famous Burgundy, Chablis and Crémant de Bourgogne wines.

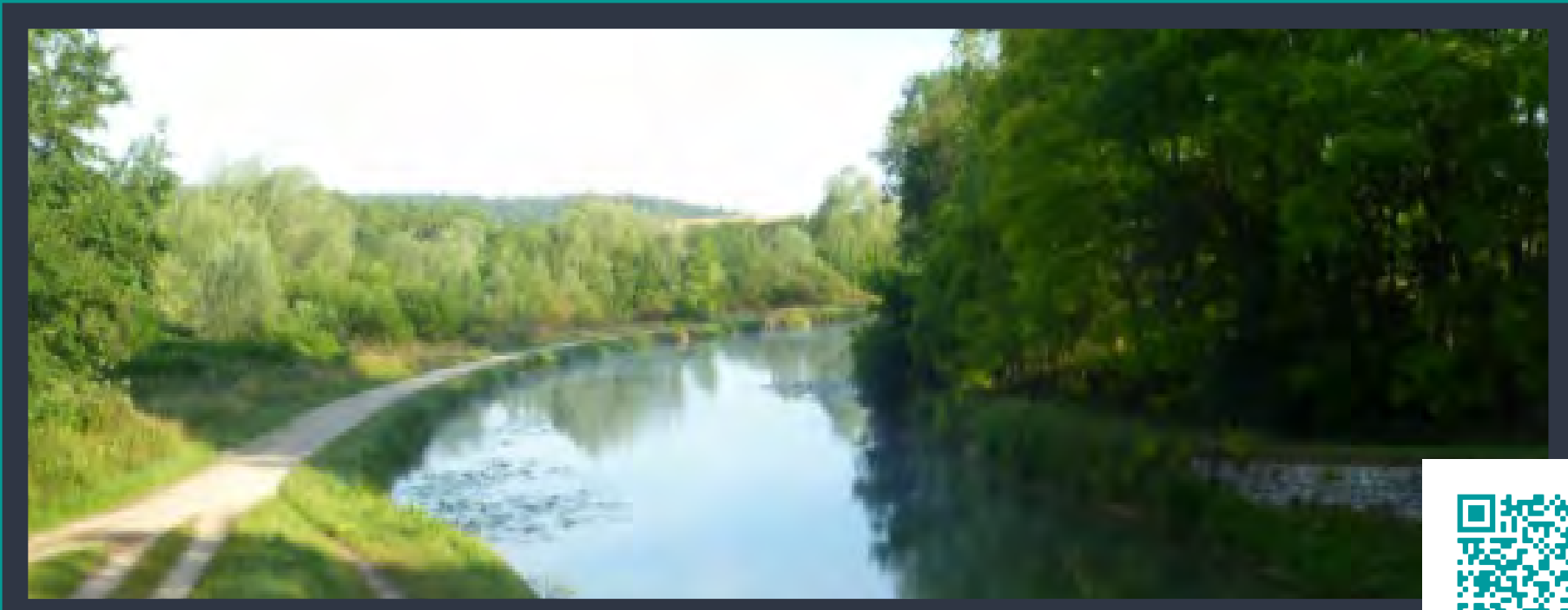


Tanlay :

Tanlay is a lovely stop along the Canal de Bourgogne, principally to visit its elegant 16th century castle, surrounded by a moat, which is one of the most beautiful Renaissance residences in Burgundy. Visit the interior with its very rich decor, admire the trompe-l'oeil room and the surprising frescoes of the Tower of the League (except Tuesdays). The Tanlay Golf Course located in the castle park has a 9-hole course. Pedal 4km north-east to reach the Cistercian Abbey of Notre-Dame de Quincy. The park offers a plant maze made of yews and a treasure hunt for children.



Alcohol abuse is dangerous for your health. Drink with moderation.



Ravière :

Called Ribarias in the 8th century, then Raverias in the 12th century, and sometimes Rabiera, Ravières was a fortified fiefdom in the county of Tonnerre. The walled enclosure which surrounded it was torn down in 1591 but the village still has traces of this period (late 15th, early 16th): old houses and remains of the enclosure.

The commune is crossed by the Armançon with the Burgundy canal flowing through.

The canal has a small port in the town south-west of the town and a lock (n ° 76) to the north of the town.

Ancy le Franc :

Stop off at Ancy-le-Franc to discover its astonishing Renaissance palace. It was built in the 16th century by the architect of Francis I. Admire the refinement of its interior courtyard, the richness of the fully decorated apartments, the remarkable series of murals and browse the galleries, the chapel, the King's bedroom ... here you will cross five centuries of history. You will find an exhibition of ancient porcelain at the Tourist Office. For a spectacular view of the surroundings, take the small staircase that starts from behind the church and leads to the heights of the village.



RAVIERE



Montbard :

Stroll through the very pleasant Parc Buffon, built around the remains of the the Montbard Castle. In the park, the Orangerie is now a museum dedicated to the famous naturalist Buffon.

Montbard is a quiet little town with one shopping street, two churches and a Fine Arts museum which showcases local artists.

6km northeast of the town, be sure to visit the Fontenay Abbey, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is one of the oldest Cistercian monasteries in Europe and is one of the main attractions of Burgundy. Thousands of visitors who stop there each year are struck by the authenticity and spirituality which emerge from this monastery.

End your visit with a walk in the landscaped park of the abbey, classified as a "remarkable garden" by the Ministry of Culture.

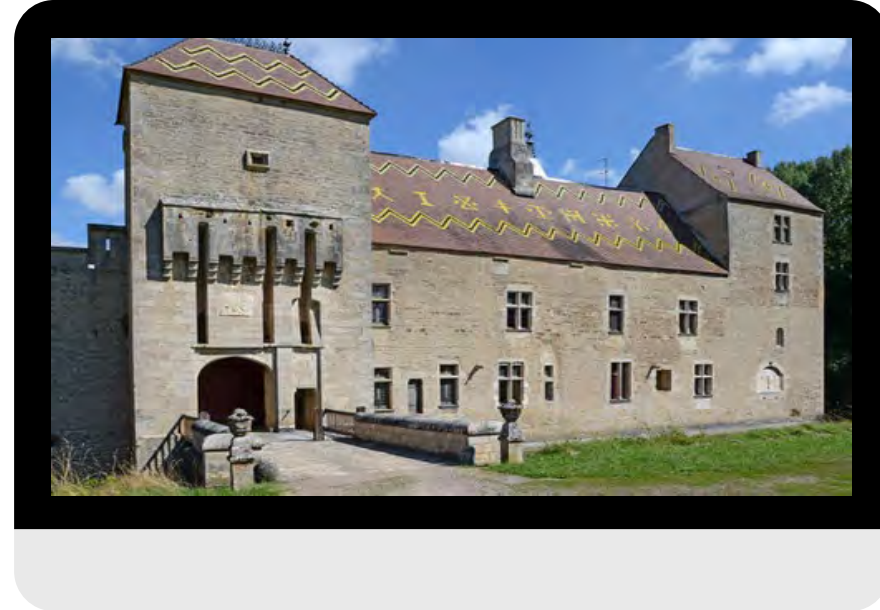


Venarey les Laumes :

At the heart of Auxois, commonly known as "Le Pays d'Alésia" (Land of Alesia) and famous for the battle between Vercingétorix, the federator of the Gallic Resistance to the Roman armies of Julius Caesar in 52 BC, VENAREY-LES LAUMES welcomes you.

Nestled at the foot of Mont Auxois where the Brenne, Oze and Ozerain valleys meet, the town is the capital of a rural township.

Le Nid à la Caille (quail's nest) body of water is an exceptional place.



Marigny le Cahouet :

In this village you can find a fortified plain dating from the 13th century.

It was completely overhauled in the 17th century and restored in the 19th century. A beautiful fortified gate with entry gate and dormant bridge remains. There is nothing left of the central keep. It is covered with a Burgundian roof in glazed tiles and has a Breton Renaissance gallery.

It is in this castle that several films were shot including the famous film "Angélique Marquise des Anges" in 1964, "Clérembard", "Ni vu ni connu" as well as one of the many versions of the "Three Musketeers".

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Clamerey - Pont Royal :

Ideally located between Pouilly-en-Auxois and Venarey-les-Laumes, the Pont Royal stopover welcomes you for a well-deserved break. On site, you will find: free parking, launching ramp, wifi, water, electricity, garbage cans, regional products, showers, and you can order bread and croissants on weekends.

You will find many walking paths, accessible to everyone on foot or by bike. You can of course go fishing in the Burgundy canal (fishing license required) or relax with a cold drink and a novel, and there are lending services for outdoor activity games, a canoe....





Pouilly en Auxois:

Pouilly en Auxois, a commune of Côte d'Or, is ideally located at the heart of Burgundy. This dynamic town offers a green living environment, numerous shops and all the services necessary for the well-being of its inhabitants and visitors.

Here you will find the “Sentier de la Madone”(Madonna's trail), which is marked and located 200 m from the Madonna, open to all walkers and hikers wishing to discover the flora and fauna.

Pont d'Ouche:

The Port of Pont d'Ouche located between Dijon, Nuits-Saint-Georges and Beaune is a stunning tourist destination in the Vallée de L'Ouche. The Pont d'Ouche port is located between lock 19 and 20.

Among the unique works of art which line the route of the Burgundy Canal, we note the presence of the Pont d'Ouche “canal bridge”. This aqueduct bridge allows the canal to cross the Ouche river. From Pont d'Ouche, the part of the Burgundy canal passing through the Ouche valley (towards Dijon) is renowned for its wild and calm beauty.



Pont de Pany:

On the Ouche, the so-called Roman bridge dates back perhaps to ... the 18th century! An old washhouse is attached to it. Nowadays, we discover a 19th century castle hidden in its park, in the heart of the village of Pont-de-Pany. Sometimes called the "Saint-Bernard" house, along the main street, we notice a house with a hexagonal tower, an 18th century bourgeois house covered with slate. Finally, at the foot of the Côte d'Urcy, on the right, about 300m from the road, curious people can discover a small cave hidden in the woods. You can then use the Dijon expression “C'est comme la descente des oies au Pont-de-Pany” (like the descent of the geese to the Pont-de-Pany).





Dijon is the capital of the majestic region of Burgundy. This “ville aux cent clochers” (town of a hundred bell towers), as the French nicknamed it, has been shaped by a very rich past, and is considered one of the most beautiful towns in France.

The Palace of the Dukes of Burgundy is a true architectural gem located in the heart of Dijon, and today houses the Museum of Fine Arts. Nearby, you will discover other gems such as Notre-Dame Cathedral, St-Michel Church and Les Halles. Climb the 316 steps of the Philippe le Bon tower for a breathtaking view of the town and its surroundings (by reservation at the Tourist Office).

Allow yourself plenty of time to wander the busy streets, sit on the terrace at one of the many cafes, or shop in the chic boutiques.

The Tourist Office also offers one-hour Segway rides to discover the town in a different way.



Aiserey :

A town with a rich quality of life, which combines its somewhat urban advantages with the tranquility of the countryside.

Located in the department of Côte d'Or, about twenty kilometers south of Dijon, it is bordered by the Canal de Bourgogne.

A town that is both rural and urban, a former wicker then sugar beet village, and today an organic flour mill which is set to eventually be one of the most important in Europe.

The town has many tourist assets which harmonize around: its castle, its church, its typical river which meanders in the village and even around the houses, and which surrounds an island whose charm and romanticism are envied by all.



Saint Jean de Losne :

A small town located at the crossroads of different waterways, St Jean-de-Losne is the first river port for pleasure boats in France. The Maritime Museum retraces this important past.

The town boasts the status of “historic city” as evidenced by the 16th century church of St-Jean-Baptiste which is covered with polychrome glazed tiles in the purest Burgundy tradition. Feel the rhythm of the horses' hooves on a horse-drawn carriage ride through the town center, along the wharfs and around the shipyard, or make an escape to the renowned Nuits-Saint-Georges vineyards.





... Discovering the Saône River...



Seurre :

Due to its geographical position, Seurre has long remained a border town and a stronghold of the French kingdom. Seurre promotes a rich historical heritage that you can discover thanks to the heritage trail of Jacquemart where essential places, such as the Hôtel Dieu, the Maison des ancêtres de Bossuet (house of Bossuet ancestry), the Saint-Martin church, the open air museum L'Étang Rouge ... Without forgetting the English garden, and the wharfs of the Saône river ... These places will tell you about the history of the town, anecdotes or the adventures facing numerous bridges.

Verdun sur le Doubs :

Nestled at the confluence of the Saône and Doubs rivers, Verdun-sur-le-Doubs was founded as a river port by the Romans. There are plenty of charming houses to admire in the town center. Take a walk in the park of Île du Château, accessible by a footbridge, then stop at the Bread and Wheat Museum to learn about the history of the harvests, bread-making and milling. Do not miss tasting the region's specialty: Pôchouse, a river fish soup in a white wine sauce.

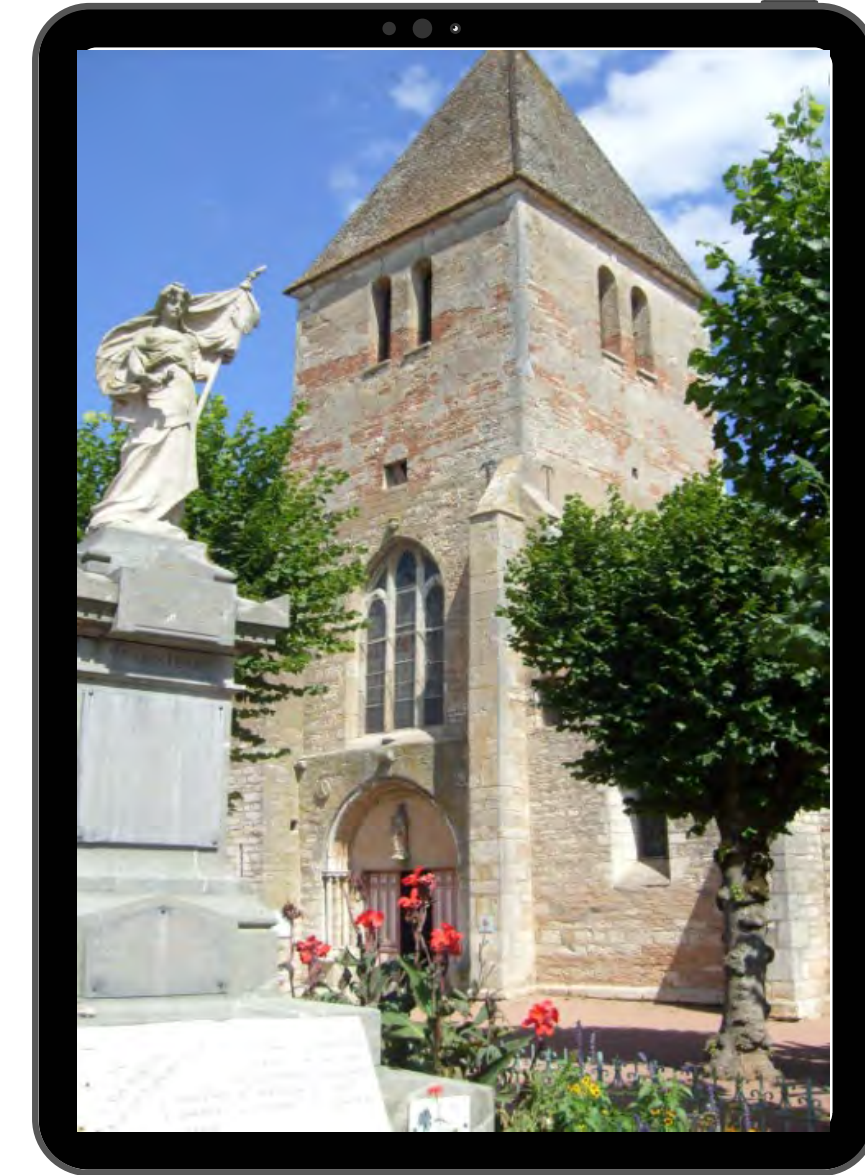
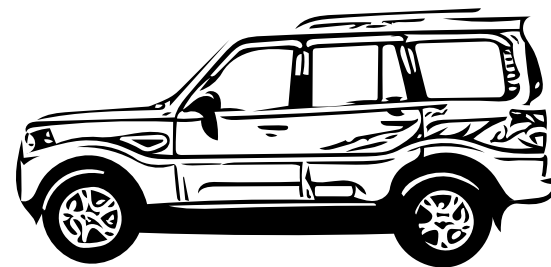




Gergy :

If you stop in Gergy, take a stroll to St-Germain Church.

For a relatively modest country church, the sculpture and ornamentation are a real treat. The Meix Lantin cheese and dairy shop sells exquisite goat cheese. Bourgogne Jeep Découverte offers you a unique experience: drive a vintage Jeep through the Beaune vineyards accompanied by a guide who will comment on the beauty of the landscapes (flash the code for more info).



Chalon sur Saône :

Architecturally, Chalon-sur-Saône is a feast for the eyes! The town center is full of half-timbered houses, towers and turrets, fortifications and bastions from the 16th century. Among the must-sees are the St-Laurent Island Hospital and its chapel, as well as the 15th century Episcopal Palace. The beautiful cathedral square is lined with cafes, restaurants and antique shops. The fascinating museum dedicated to the inventor of photography, Nicéphore Niépce, displaying the first cameras and the first color photographs.

In 2015, Chalon promoted its architectural heritage with the creation of the Chemin de l'Orbandale, a walking trail to discover the essential treasures of the town center. The trail is accessible at all, simply by following the marked arrow seals on the ground.





... Discovering the Canal du Centre...



Fragne:

Welcome to Fragnes-La Loyère, a charming town located a few kilometers from Chalon-sur-Saône. Bordered by the Canal du Centre, river tourism enthusiasts are sure to enjoy this nautical stop, offering many services. Various shops (bakery, restaurant, hairdresser), a greenway and more, allow you to spend a pleasant stay at the gates of the Côte Chalonnaise and its renowned wines.

Rully:

Rully, a town nestled in lush greenery at the foot of Mont Varot and its famous caves of Agneux, boasts a splendid Napoleon III medieval castle, a 14th century church and numerous bourgeois houses. Cycle loops starting from this green way take through the village and on the reliefs of Rully. The GR 76 hiking trail crosses the west of the town and passes successively through limestone lawns, with forests and valleys covered with vines. Rully is also part of the routes of Saint Jacques de Compostelle



Chagny :

Located between the Côte de Beaune and the Côte Chalonnaise, Chagny attracts more and more curious tourists. Chagny, is an essential gastronomic stopover with the famous Maison Lameloise (3 * restaurant), and its local market on Sunday mornings. The town will seduce you with its multiple facets, as it is endowed with an important cultural heritage (St Martin's Church, Apothecary ...), it advocates green tourism thanks to its “Voie Vert” Greenway which runs along the Canal du Centre and also to many hiking trails between the vineyards and the hills.



Santenay :

Santenay is a charming locality of a thousand inhabitants, leaning against the mountain and exposed to the south, which lives to the rhythm of the vine and the wine. Santenay has been a Spa & Health Resort since 1968. Its beneficial waters - the most lithinized in Europe - and its fabulous wines create conditions conducive to a certain sweetness of life. Lovers of strolls and walks are seduced by the beauty of its slopes and by the panoramic view offered at the top of Mont de Sène, also called Montagne des Trois Croix (the mountain of three crosses). Saint Jean de Narosse, a 13th century Romanesque church, attracts specialists in Burgundian religious art, while the Casino de Santenay and its slot machines attract gambling enthusiasts.





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Saint Léger sur Dheune:

If you appreciate good wine, the base of Saint Léger-sur-Dheune will delight you in every way. Going down the Canal du Centre, you will cross the most prestigious vineyards of Burgundy such as Côte de Beaune and the Côte Chalonnaise.

Along the Dheune valley, Mercurey, Santenay, where the 13th century St-Jean-de-Narosse church dominates the vines, Montrachet, with its famous white wines or Rully and its 12th century castle, all produce famous wine vintages .

On the hillside, the Château de Rully is a medieval fortress set in the middle of a vineyard. The owner of the premises, a descendant of the Lord of Rully, welcomes tourists for a unique and authentic visit.

We welcome you to come and meet our crew here!





Montchanin :

This town is located in the heart of the Saône et Loire, surrounded by low altitude mountains which form the granite mountains of the Charolais and Autunois, close to the famous Burgundy wine trail.

With activity zones and artisanal craft areas, as well as various shops, a weekly market (every Wednesday morning in the town center), plus hotels and restaurants which offer you a warm welcome from the Montchaninois.



Montceau les Mines :

Bestowed with many public facilities and services, as well as benefiting from magnificent green and natural spaces, Montceau offers a quality living environment. It is the youngest town in the department of Saône-et-Loire, - 150 years old in 2006 -, the town of Montceau-les-Mines has managed to preserve its identity, its heritage while being resolutely turned towards the future. The town is colorful with its repainted facades thanks to a color plan implemented in 1995.

Génélard :

At the crossroads between Montceau Les Mines, Paray Le Monial, Charolles or Gueugnon, the Canal du Centre flows through the commune of Génélard. Its Basin offers you a pleasant setting, close to the Cultural and Touristic center and the town center. The lock keeper house N.15 Océan has been transformed into a lodge. Parking at the nautical stop is free but must not exceed 72 hours.



Paray le Monial :

Paray-le-Monial is located in a preserved environment. This ancient town offers you a real break sure to make your stay in Saône-et-Loire enchanting

The cobbled streets of the historic center evoke the town's medieval past. They invite you to stroll from the Town Hall, which is adorned with an Italian facade, to the Hiéron museum, the town's essential monument, while passing by and remarking the half-timbered houses or the Saint-Nicolas Tower. On the pedestrian streets, the shops of the town center invite you for some shopping.



Digoin :

By taking the greenway, you'll notice a feat of civil engineering via the Canal Bridge overlooking the Loire. You continue your journey through small country roads to Chassenard to discover the Château de La Croix (Castle of the Cross) and its remarkable park but also Roman art through a 12th Century Roman Tympanum. Take the opportunity to visit the "ObservaLoire", a beautiful museum dedicated to the Loire and the canals situated next to the canal bridge.





... Discovering the Canal Latéral to the Loire ...

(The Lateral Canal)



Dompierre sur Besbre:

Dompierre opens its doors to many discoveries. The banks are lined with castles, abbeys and villages. A magnificent architectural masterpiece built in the 18th century, Digoïn Canal Bridge gives access to the Canal du Centre, then to Paray-le-Monial where you will have the opportunity to discover the magnificent Romanesque basilica in Cluny style. Anointed the name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus since 1875, the basilica gives a complete picture, although of reduced dimensions, of what Cluny was. It has been listed as a historical monument since 1846. It is by following the course of the Canal from Roanne to Digoïn, a Mecca of French gastronomy and renowned for its earthenware and ceramics, that you will surely enjoy the magnificent landscapes of this canal.

Garnat sur Engievre :

Garnat-sur-Engièvre is a small village located in the center of France, in the department of Allier, of the Auvergne region. The village belongs to the district of Moulins and the Township of Chevagnes.

Garnat-sur-Engièvre is a French commune with authorization for producing the following wines:

le Val de Loire blanc (white wine), le Val de Loire rosé (blush wine) et le Val de Loire rouge (red wine)





Gannay sur Loire :

The name Gannay dates to very ancient times and comes from two Celtic words: “GANN” meaning nearby, and “Al” meaning waters (nearby waters). At that time, the Loire crossed the town in part, on the current site of the Canal Latéral. The center of the village was once located near the Motte Castrale des Maîtres Jean (Master Jean castle mound), an archaeological site registered since 1995 in the supplementary inventory of historical monuments. Then, the village gradually moved along the capricious course of the river to settle permanently in its current location.



Decize :



An important village for many years, many periods of time have left traces of their passages. Discover the remains of the ramparts that the town once had as well as the last city gate, the “Porte du Marquis d'Ancre” which has somehow survived despite the many years.

Enjoy a stroll along the promenade des Halles, under an avenue of linden trees.

Built between the 12th and 13th centuries, the castle of the Counts of Nevers suffered some damage throughout time and today only ruins remain which are nonetheless a monument rich in history and very interesting to discover.

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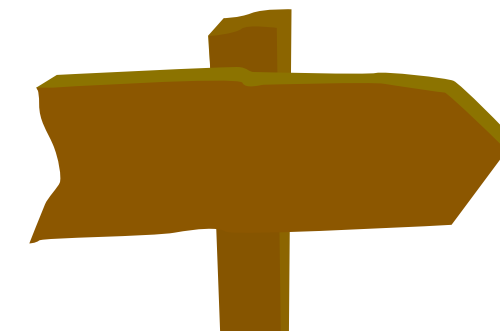
Verneuil :

Ancient Roman city, and thanks to the trails that have been found it was also involved in World War II by hosting American camps inside automobile factories. A memorial was created in honor of the soldiers of the two wars. Listed as a historic monument, the Saint-Laurent church is a witness to the history of the town and contains majestic frescoes, one of which is over 7 meters long. Stop by to contemplate the architecture of the medieval castle of Verneuil.



Cercy-la-Tour :

At the confluence of three rivers which join the Nivernais canal, this peaceful little village boasts an 11th century Romanesque church, listed in the supplementary inventory of historic monuments, bound to charm you with the remains of its tower which offer visitors an incredible panorama of the town and the region. Take advantage of this stopover which combines picturesque alleyways and the calm of nature. You can also equally take long walks on its hiking trails.



Pannecot :

Stopping by in this town, you will discover a rich historical heritage, such as the Chateau d'Anizy, Limanton or Arcilly, as well as the economic and industrial past of this small village.

The Panneçot bridge is located in the hamlet of the same name, formerly Panneçot-Les Sarreaux, which in the 19th century became the most populous place in the town, thanks to the port of the Nivernais canal. The Panneçot lock is one of the locks of the Canal du Nivernais, number 25 on the slope of the Loire, formerly part of Panneceau.



Chatillons en Bazois :

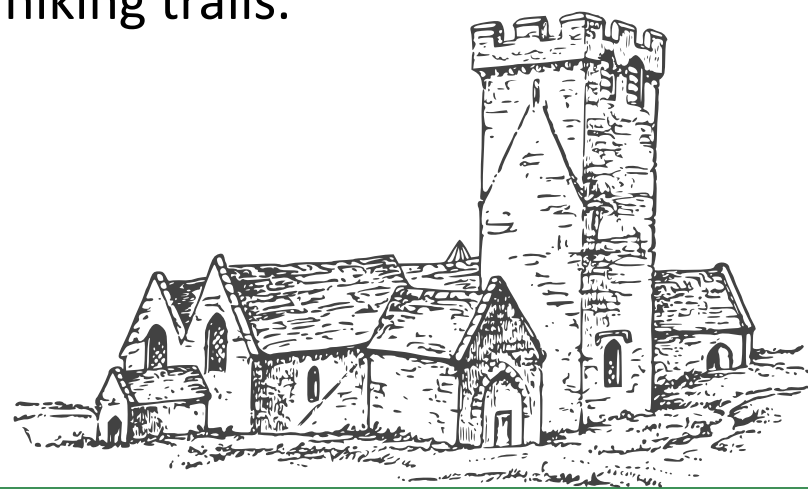
This town was named Châtillon following the succession of the castle in the hands of Robert, son of the Duke of Nevers, who created the Châtillon Dynasty. Take the opportunity to visit the Church of Saint-Jean-Baptiste, in Neo-Romanesque style, erected in the 19th century and which possesses a magnificent painting within its walls. Obviously, the castle is the flagship monument of the town, not to be missed. Its majestic architecture and gardens guarantee you a rich and pleasant cultural moment. Stroll through these streets and admire the facades of its houses, which bear witness to its past. Along the Canal, walks along the banks await you.





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Champvert :

Small village but strong in its heritage, Champvert boasts many historical monuments. Starting with the 12th century Saint-Jean-Baptiste church. Admire also the Riegeot house with its enormous towers surrounding the residence, closed to the public. Of the Château de Roche, erected in the 18th century, only remains of the dovecote and the surrounding tower are left, but it is the stones that tell the most incredible stories. You can also see the "Le Creuzet" Manor, which belonged to the former director of the mines Louis Rousseau.



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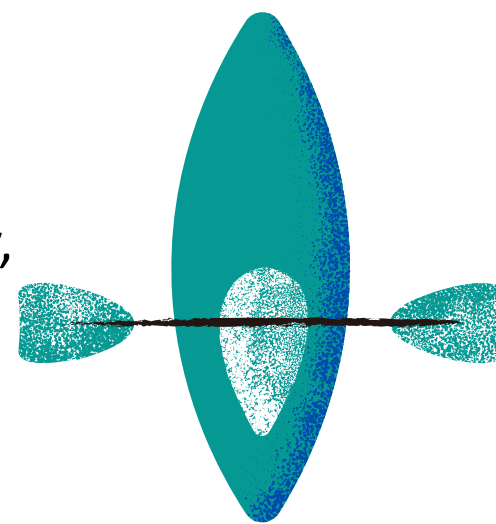
Verneuil :

Ancient Roman city, and thanks to the trails that have been found it was also involved in World War II by hosting American camps inside automobile factories. A memorial was created in honor of the soldiers of the two wars. Listed as a historic monument, the Saint-Laurent church is a witness to the history of the town and contains majestic frescoes, one of which is over 7 meters long. Stop by to contemplate the architecture of the medieval castle of Verneuil.



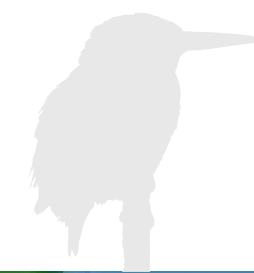
Chatillons en Bazois :

This town was named Châtillon following the succession of the castle in the hands of Robert, son of the Duke of Nevers, who created the Châtillon Dynasty. Take the opportunity to visit the Church of Saint-Jean-Baptiste, in Neo-Romanesque style, erected in the 19th century and which possesses a magnificent painting within its walls. Obviously, the castle is the flagship monument of the town, not to be missed. Its majestic architecture and gardens guarantee you a rich and pleasant cultural moment. Stroll through these streets and admire the facades of its houses, which bear witness to its past. Along the Canal, walks along the banks await you.



Etang de Baye :

In the heart of the Nièvre, this pond is a meeting place located in a protected environment where you can enjoy many water activities such as paddle boarding, catamaran or even windsurfing. It's also the time to sharpen your sights and keep your eyes out for the birds. You might come across kingfishers!



Sardy-le s-Epiry :

Here is where your 3.6 km lock climb begins! Indeed, you will find yourself on a scale of 16 locks, which gives a splendid view of the valley and offers a unique and peaceful moment in the heart of nature.

In addition, at each lock you can visit each of the lock houses, now art galleries where artists and craftsmen exhibit their works. On board the boat but also on foot or by bike...Yes indeed! A path awaits you at the edge of the canal.



La Collancelle :

La Collancelle is a small village in central eastern France. The village is situated in the department of Nièvre in Burgundy. The town of La Collancelle belongs to the district of Clamecy and the township of Corbigny.

The construction of the Canal du Nivernais in the 18th century required major improvements, it was necessary to "pass" the mountain of La Collancelle and the only way was to pierce it. The decision was to dig three successive tunnels of 758m, 268m and 212m in length.

Discover this unique work of art, between the hamlet of Port Brûlé and the ponds of Baye and Vaux. Each of its vaults has a name: La Collancelle, Mouas and Breuil.

This little corner of paradise is nicknamed "La petite Amazonie" meaning Little Amazon.





Corbigny :

Already imagined by Henri IV, the Nivernais Canal, whose construction took place from 1783 to 1842, is one of the jewels of the French river landscape.

Connecting the basins of the Seine and the Loire rivers, its two slopes are very different: from Corbigny, perched on a hill between two branches of the Yonne river, in the direction of Decize, the “Loire” slope winds through rich pastures where the white herds of the Charolais bovines graze.

The three vaults of the Collancelle, a mythical hotspot for river tourism, allow the crossing of the Morvan massif and succeed a surprising scale of locks: an alignment of 16 locks in the town of Sardy-lès-Epiry.

The Baye pond adjoins the canal while the lofty silhouette of the Château de Châtillon-en-Bazois appears towering from above .

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Monceaux le Comte :

Within this village, you can discover the remains of the Monceau wall, a tower is visible from the lane heading towards the Yonne. The Castle's fortifications are still present, forming large walls. You can also visit the church of Saint-Georges, built in the 12th century, which has undergone some changes over the years.

Monceaux-le-Comte also has a delicious restaurant, the "Auberge du Centre". Hidden behind the church, this restaurant is a gem offering a sumptuous menu with pâté, snails, filet mignon, apple sorbet dipped in Crémant de Bourgogne wine.

Enjoy your meal !



Asnois :

Former Gallo-Roman villa, which was ravaged by invasions, it was able to make the most of viticulture, mainly white wine. The village is part of the pilgrimage path to Saint Jacques de Compostelle. You can admire many monuments, starting with the church built in the 12th century adorned with its sculptures. Admire the 19th century wash house or the cross leading you to the church. You will surely see the Sainte-Barbe chapel, bearing witness to the Roman era. On the banks of the Yonne River you can see the bridge dating from 1884, date engraved on the bridge itself. Don't hesitate to take a walk in the village and along the river, and hiking trails await you on the town site.



Clamecy :

Once the capital of timber rafting which supplied Paris, the town is now one of the must-see stops on your crossing! An important heritage site, this ancient medieval town opens the doors to its history. As soon as you arrive on the outskirts of the town, you see the splendid Saint-Martin church, built in the 12th century in a Gothic style typical of the region. Watch out for the gargoyles ...

Admire the atypical architecture of the Notre-Dame-de-Bethléem church, not far from the Nivernais canal where you can enjoy a walk on the towpath. Here is the opportunity to discover the statue of a wood floater (Flotteurs de Clamecy) waiting for the passage of the timber. On the nature side, go to Vauvert Park, a place adorned with greenery and alleyways each more floral than the other.

In the heart of the town, travel back in time by gazing upon the architecture of half-timbered buildings, remnants of the medieval period. Discover the museums of the town, awaiting to tell you, their history. There's the Roman Rolland museum of art and history, a famous writer native of Clamecy, but also the museum of timber floating (Ecomusée du Flottage), for you dear captains!

In front of the port, meet at the edge of the old washhouse, now converted into an art gallery.

To thrill your taste buds to the rhythm of the town's culinary specialties, let yourself be tempted by the famous Clamecy "andouillette".

Crain :

Crain is a small village in central eastern France. The town of Crain is located in the township of Coulanges-sur-Yonne, part of the district of Auxerre in the department of Yonne, in Burgundy.

Crain is an ancient Gallo-Roman city. It is also a village where many remains have been discovered: Château de la Maison Blanche (of which the lord, Jacques de Loron, participated in the looting of the churches of Auxerre with the Huguenots during the 16th century), the Saint-Etienne church from the 13th and 15th centuries (with a crypt), a Napoleonic farm, and washhouses. The village of Crain offers hiking trails and also horseback riding.



Châtel-Censoir :

This small village is a peaceful haven in the heart of nature, where you can recharge yourself in the forest and explore incredible panoramas. Marked paths will allow you to go to meet the fauna and flora. Nature is not the only asset of this village, which also has a historical heritage such as the Saint-Potentien church and its crypt, classified as historical monuments. Another monument to visit is the house of a famous benefactor of the poor, Edmée Champion. Admire the old village tower still present, as well as the entrance gate to the castle. In the fortified town you will find a memorial marker (stele) in honor of Colonel Rozanoff, the 1st Frenchman to cross the sound barrier.





Mailly-la ville :

Located downstream of Lock N ° 63 on the side of the Seine, the Mailly la Ville nautical stop is located on a body of water in the Yonne, between two reaches of the Canal du Nivernais. A day's boat ride from Auxerre, or three hours of navigation from Vermenton (a small port located on the Cure) or Châtel-Censoir. It is an ideal refueling point. For berthing, the halt has two power points which provide free water and electricity, sanitary facilities and bins are also available.

In July and August, supervised swimming is open on the banks of the Yonne, a stone's throw from the pontoons.



Vermenton :

This agricultural village boasts more than 1200 hectares of organic crops. It is changing rapidly with the ongoing planting of hundreds of hectares of vines.

The port, the island park, the recreation area, camping, swimming, the Meridien tower, churches, alleys, washhouses and other curiosities will pleasantly surprise you. Athletes enjoy the skate park or a fitness space and numerous hiking and biking trails. The villages association is active and offers many activities and events year round.



Bailly :

In this small hamlet on the edge of the canal, you cannot miss the famous Bailly cellars! In a magnificent hilltop cavern, adorned with Tonnerre stone, you can taste the wines of the reputed Burgundy region (in moderation).

Agrab your bike for a ride in the direction of Saint-Bris-le-Vineux just a few kilometers away, where you find the Saint-Prix-Saint-Cot church, one of the most beautiful in the Yonne department. An ancient fortified village, remains from this period are still present today, such as two town gates as well as ancient cellars within the houses.



Auxerre :

Centuries ago, this majestic town was founded by the Romans, on the banks of the Seine, as its strategic position allowed it to promote trade. Bishop Germain, a native of the town, gave his name to one of the most important monuments in the department, the Saint-Germain Abbey, founded by Queen Clothilde. Its architecture mixes different time periods, which emerged as an exceptional structure. This is also where the Saint-Germain Museum is located, an art and history museum which is also listed among the Museums of France. The town also has many churches, each more majestic than the next, which you can admire as you stroll through the alleyways of the Roman city. You cannot pass through Auxerre without visiting the clock tower built in 1483 and which was once a prison. This vertiginous tower was built on the remains of an old Gallo-Roman gate.

Admire the half-timbered houses and meet the magnificent statue of Cadet Rousselle or even Saint-Nicolas, the patron saint of mariners, who watches over the inhabitants of the town.

Relax along the waterfront and enjoy all the beauty that is offered.



Joigny :

As soon as you arrive at the port, you will be amazed by the panorama of the town, revealing its quaint houses with old facades, whose reflections descend upon the water. This medieval town center and its winding cobblestone streets guarantee you authentic strolls.

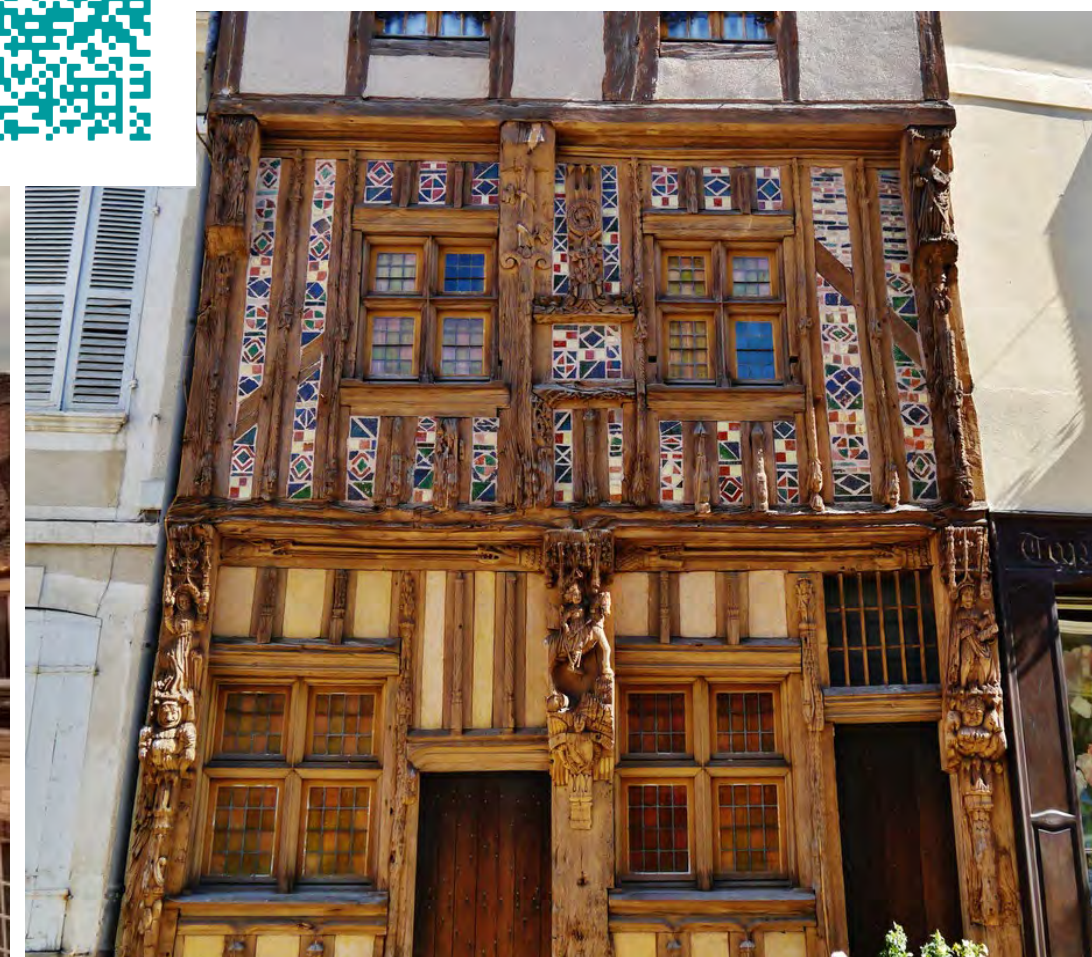
Several churches are open to you for visits. The flamboyant gothic 10th century Saint-Thibault church, the 13th century Gothic and Renaissance style Saint-Jean church, or the classified historic monument Saint André church, all rich in their stories and secrets awaiting you.

Walk the cobblestone streets to discover the atypical houses, hidden in the heart of town, like the pillory house (Maison du Pilory) and its original facade, decorated with ceramics, among many other historical edifices.

Proud of its medieval past, the remains of one of the four gates (Porte du Bois) is still present. You cannot miss these two impressive, round towers that accompany it. The former Renaissance Gondi castle has now become a site for art exhibitions.

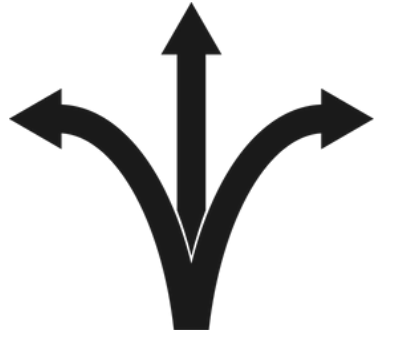
In the heights of the hill on which Joigny is situated you will find its winemaking origins, another pride of the town and the region. Not far from there is a panoramic viewpoint which offers you a splendid view of the town and its canal and beyond! An essential place to visit that also offers a fantastic stroll through the vineyards!

For thrill seekers, you can take off for a ride above the Jovinian landscape from the Aerodrome. The forest just beyond the vineyards offers many biking and hiking trails as well.



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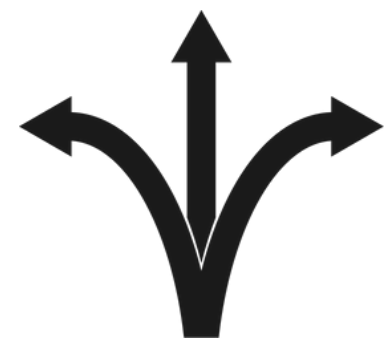
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- From East or South : A6 – E15 – E60 Exit 19 Auxerre then N6 (21 km) |
- From the Northeast : A5 – E511 Exit 19 Villeneuve l'Archevêque, then N60, D27 and D20 (79 km)
- Joigny regional rail station (1 km)
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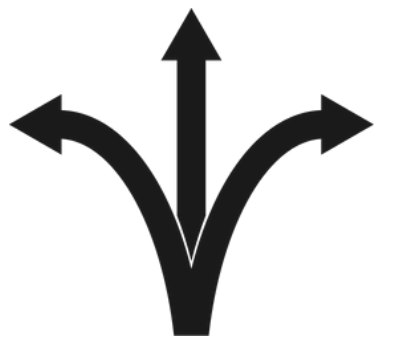
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- From the South : A6 exit 25 Chalon-sur-Saône Nord, then D978 in the direction of Autun/Mercurey (20 km)
 - Saint Léger sur Dheune Regional Rail Station (2 km)
 - TGV Le Creusot-Montchanin Train Station (17 km)
 - Lyon St-Exupéry Airport (166 km)

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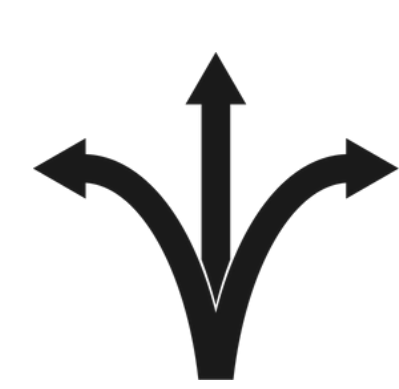
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- A6 – E15 exit 26 Chalon-Sud, then N80, N70 and N79, exit 26 Dom pierre-sur-Besbre, follow D779 to Dom pierre-sur-Besbre
- Dom pierre-Sept-Fons Regional Rail Station (3 km) | TGV Le Creusot-Montchanin Train Station (87 km)
 - Lyon Saint-Exupéry Airport (196 km)



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 - Clamecy Regional Rail Station (30 km)
 - Paris Orly Airport (249 km) | ParisCharles-de-Gaulle Airport (291 km)