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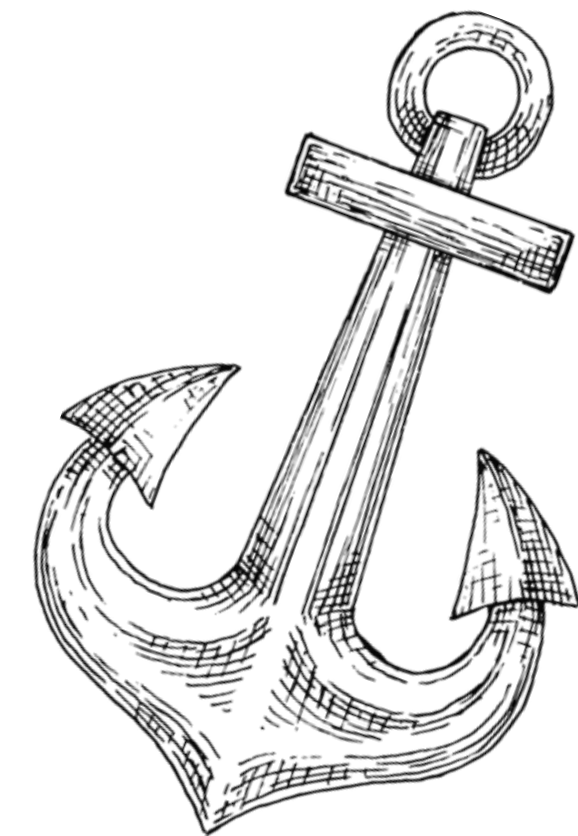


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	Navigation Time	Number of locks
Marcilly-sur-Seine		
Pont-sur-Seine	1h45	1
Nogent-sur-Seine	2h25	3
Bray-sur-Seine	3h30	5
Marolles-sur-Seine	1h30	1
Montereau-Fault-Yonne	0h50	1
Saint-Mammès	1h25	1
Veneux les Sablons	0h10	0
Moret-sur-Loing	0h10	0
Nemours	5h00	8
Souppes-sur-Loing	2h35	3
Château-Landon	0h45	2
Cepoy	3h40	5
Montargis	2h25	5
Montbouy	4h30	6
Châtillon-Coligny	1h45	2
Rogny-les-Sept-Écluses	3h15	6
Ouzouer-sur-Trézée	5h30	12
<b>Briare</b>	1h45	2
Châtillon-sur-Loire	1h04	0
Beaulieu-sur-Loire	1h20	0
Belleville-sur-Loire	1h04	1
Sury-près-Léré	0h40	1
Léré	0h20	0
Saint-Satur/St Thibault	3h25	3
Ménétréol sous Sancerre	0h20	0
Henry	3h04	3
La Chapelle-Montlinard	1h15	1
Beffes	1h55	2
Marseilles-lès-Aubigny	1h20	3
Cours les Barres	0h50	0
Plagny	3h40	2
Nevers	0h45	2
Fleury sur Loire	4h10	5
Decize	3h00	3
Gannay-sur-Loire	3h40	4
Garnat-sur-Engièvre	2h30	2
Beaulon	0h35	1
<b>Dompierre sur Besbre</b>	2h00	2

# Canal Latéral à la Loire



# Canal du Nivernais to the north...



	Navigation time	Number of Locks
Montereau-Fault-Yonne		
Cannes-Ecluses	15min	0
Saint-Martin-du-Tertre	7h30	8
Sens	5min	0
Villeneuve	3h30	4
Joigny	3h30	3
Bassou - Bonnard	2h30	3
Appoigny	2h00	3
Gurgy	8min	0
Monéteau	50min	1
Auxerre	1h30	4
Augy	1h00	2
Vaux	15min	1
Champs-sur-Yonne	25min	1
Bailly	1h35	3
Vincelottes	1h06	2
Vincelles	2min	0
Cravant-Bazarnes	1h00	2
Vermanton	1h30	3
Sainte Pallaye	1h10	2
Trucy-sur-Yonne	1h00	3
Mailly-La-Ville	30min	2
Mailly-Le-Château	15min	2
Les rochers du Saussois	1h00	1
Merry-sur-Yonne	2h00	2
Châtel-Censoir	25min	4
Lucy-sur-Yonne	1h25	3
Crain	45min	1
Coulanges-sur-Yonne	1h25	3
Surgy	45min	1
Clamecy	1h50	4
Chevroches	1h00	2
Villiers-sur-Yonne	1h20	2
Asnois	1h45	3
Tannay-Cuzy	15min	0
Monceaux-le-comte	1h30	0
Chitry les Mines	2h00	7
Corbigny	1h00	2

# Canal du Nivernais to the South

	Approximate time	Number of Locks
<b>Corbigny</b>	1h00	2
Sardy lès Epiry	2h30	8
La Collancelle	4h45	16
Bazolles-Baye	15min	0
Chatillons en Bazois	5h30	14
Alluy	30min	1
Pannecot	5h00	10
Cercy-la-Tour	3h50	6
Verneuil	50min	1
Champvert	1h00	1
St Léger des vignes	1h30	3
Decize	1h00	2



# Canal de Roanne at Digoin



	Approximate time	Number of Locks
<b>Dompierre sur Besbre</b>	2h00	2
Diou	0h45	1
Pierrefitte sur Loire	1h40	2
Molinet	2h20	2
Digoin	1h00	1
La croix Rouge	2h30	4
Bonnand	1h00	0
Melay	4h00	4
Iguerande	1h00	0
Briennon	1h00	0
Roanne	3h15	3

OPERATING HOURS FOR THE LOCKS

Open every day during the hours indicated:

Mois	Canal latéral à la Loire*	Canal du Nivernais*	Canal de Roanne à Digoin*	L'Yonne	Canal de Briare*	Canal du Loing*
Mars à Novembre	9h-12h/ 13h-19h	9h-12h/ 13h - 19h	9h-12h/ 13h - 19h	9h15 -12h/ 13h- 18h45	9h-12h/ 13h – 19h	9h-12h / 13h-19h

\* Navigation is closed on the Canal on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May



- Most of the locks are automatic and are to be operated by boaters or the lock keeper. To facilitate passage, we recommend that you lower a member of the crew from the boat a few meters before passing the lock.

Please be aware that entry into the lock takes place when the green signal is indicated. For more information, please consult the navigation guide.

Feel free to consult our tutorial on passing through the locks with the following link :  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=86u8vRiGjKE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=86u8vRiGjKE)

# Quick History Points

## **Briare canal bridge:**

Built in the 1890s, the bridge was designed to deal with the growth of river transport. The works were undertaken by the famous Eiffel company, among others.

The bridge is built on 15 stone pillars and measures around 662 meters and is situated from a height of 8 meters !

To find out more about this bridge, flash the code!



## **The vaults of Collancelle :**

The vaults were created to allow the passage through the Nivernais canal and lumber transport. The bridge crosses a vast, wild landscape which constitutes the canal.

Each “vault” tunnel has a name: La Collancelle, Mouas and Breuil. This little corner of paradise is nicknamed the “Little Amazon”.

Flash the code for more info!



# Discovering the Canal Latéral à la Loire..

## **Marcilly-sur-Seine :**

This flowery village heartily invites you for a stopover to discover its quaint houses of period architecture and its linden paths. You can also admire the castle of Barbanthall, which is now a Champagne House (Maison du Champagne). For local products, the Ferme Doyen which specializes in seasonal products is sure to be a treat.



## **Pont-sur-Seine :**

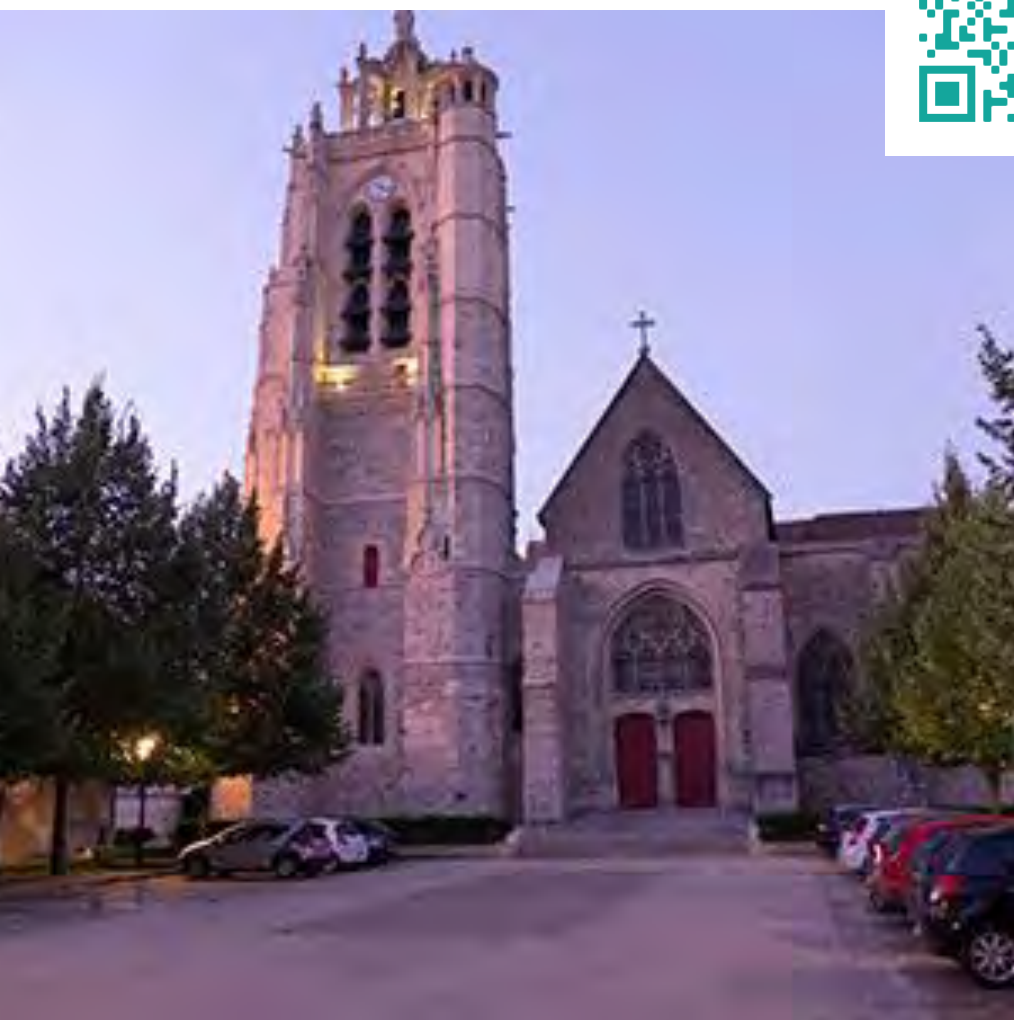
Take a break and visit the Saint-Martin church, a classified historic monument known for its interior beauty, or take a walk through the heart of wilderness, in the Seine Grands Lacs forest. Immerse yourself in the beauty of nature by strolling through the fields and along the canal. You'll also notice a castle within the landscape.

## Nogent-sur-Seine :

A town both cultural and active, Nogent-sur Seine has been labeled a Sports and activities town since 2017. On the cultural side, the Camille Claudel museum presents a collection of sculptures and other masterpieces by the named artist. The house where she once lived is now a wing in the museum. Admire the architecture of the Henry IV pavilion, from the time of his reunion with Gabrielle Estrées. Today it's an exhibition gallery for young artists. Along the parks and walking trails you will surely discover other works of art which embellish the town. The "Maison à remonter les temps" building, rich with history, reveals the remnants of its past life, as was once discovered a letter written in 1796, within the walls. Since then, the owners have opened the hall to exhibitions and associations - something not to be missed.

For those passionate about Napoleon or Flaubert, here's your chance to walk in their footsteps and roam through the town in search of their history.

For something calmer, come and relax in the forest park surrounded by water on the Olive Island and stroll along the botanical path, rich in uncovering the park's essences. By following the deviated canal (canal de dérivation), you have the opportunity to admire an imposing monument which was, until 1990, a mill.





*Marolles-sur-Seine*

### **Bray-sur-Seine :**

A place oozing history, from the passage of Templars to numerous Counts, each era has left traces of their history, with structural architecture bearing testimony with its noticeable rustic, timber frames. The Notre-Dame church, built in 958, burnt down for the first time but was rebuilt by the Archbishop of Sens in 1169. It then burnt down a second time, only to be renovated by the Baron de Bray. Among the essential monuments is the village hall, registered in the inventory of Historic Monuments, for its structural rarity, which has become the place of exchange for various antiquities since 1998. Today, the town market is held every Friday morning.



### **Marolles-sur-Seine :**

During your stopover, you can gaze upon the castle of Motteux, dating from the second half of the 16th century and listed as a historic monument. However, it may only be visited during the National heritage days (journées du patrimoine). The village also has a majestic and imposing church with two towers. To further discover the surroundings, a guided buggy tour is possible.



*Bray-sur-Seine*



## **Montereau-Fault-Yonne :**

An Imperial town, famous for its Napoleonic past, here you find a statue and a plaque commemorating this historic moment.

There are long, marked trails, accessible on foot or bike to discover the history of the surroundings which are available from the Office of Tourism.

In town, the earthenware museum (le Musée de Faïence) dedicated a room to this emperor, among others. This museum traces a century of artisanal production transcribed in original ways.

On the roadside, you'll come across a monument in stone, paying homage to the battalion of gendarmes.

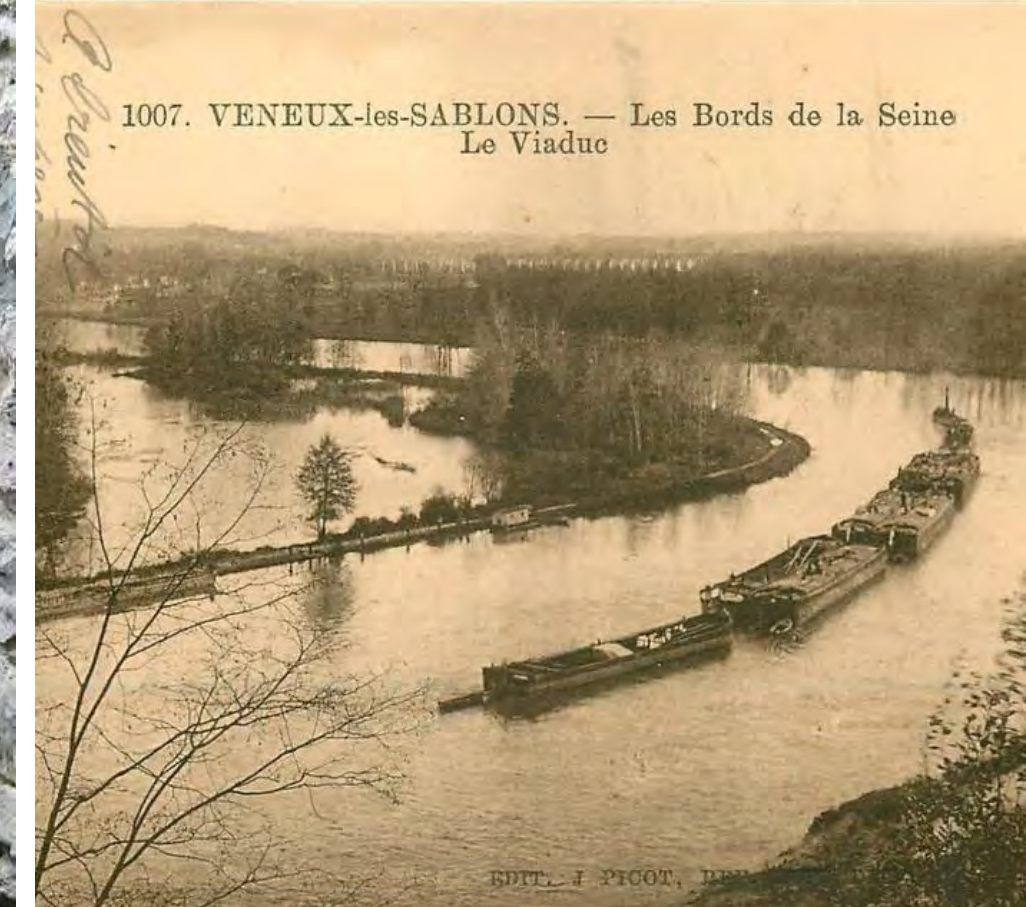
The remains of an artillery cannonball from the enemies of the Napoleonic troop can be seen on the wall of a house called "la maison de Tournebride"

To admire the landscape, a panoramic view is offered to you on the edge of a wooded hill, with remnants of the terraces of the Surville Castle, which have now disappeared.

Another majestic monument, the collegiate church of Notre-Dame-et-Saint-Loup, built between the 13 and the 16th century, combines different architectural styles, with the sword of Jean-sans-Peur hoisted on the pillar of the central nave.

## **Veneux-les-Sablons :**

Linked to the history of Fontainebleau and located just 8 km away, you can discover the famous castle, rich with history. A magnificent, picturesque forest surrounds the place and is accessible from the village. The stones of this forest gave birth to the housing architecture of the village, where small paths throughout the village allow the inhabitants to access their gardens. You can admire the majestic villas dating from the 17th and 19th centuries. This village also possesses an old washhouse and a viaduct passing over the Loing, monuments which constitute its historic heritage.



### **Veneux-les-Sablons**

## **Saint-Mammès :**

This village profited from the creation of the canal and became a sailor village, involved in inland waterways. Its name comes from “Mammès de Cappadoce”, the village’s worshipped Saint until the XIXth century. Its cultural heritage is visible from the quays with the remains of a door decorated with an anchor adorned with initials, testimony to its maritime life. Another sign, 30 meters long and dating from 1724, the lock is a major historic monument of Saint-Mammès. In the center you can admire the rich, historical church, which collects statues as well as a sandstone discovered in 1890. From the traditional side, jousting is an essential summer activity for the inhabitants of the town. Walks are also possible along the banks, with a lovely view of the canal.



### **Saint-Mammès**

## **Moret-sur-Loing :**

This ancient medieval town wasn't able to withstand all the vicissitudes of its past, but many monuments still bear witness to its origins. For example - the two tower gates of Burgundy and Samois as well as the typical, Renaissance architecture of its buildings and structures.

Among the cultural activities, you'll find the museum of barley sugar (Musée du sucre d'orge), a local specialty since the 17th century.

Guided tours of the town are offered by the tourist office, as well as tours on the theme of Impressionist painters. You can also discover the life of the painter Alfred Sisley, and don't leave without passing by the imposing Notre-Dame de la Nativité church, built in the 12th century.

Thrill seekers can take to the skies on a hot air balloon ride! What a way to discover the wonders of the surroundings in a different light. And near the Loing Canal, a playful adventure awaits children - by bike.



## Nemours :

With its strong historical past, this town founded the “Musée de la Préhistoire d'Ile de France », presenting the prehistory of the Loing valley, from the first remnants providing evidence of human presence to the end of the Gallic period.

It is also from here that the local research pioneer of this period originated, Edmond Doigneau.

A must-see historic monument, the Château de Nemours is the symbol of Lordships and the Duke of Nemours. Classified as a historic monument, it has been a Museum of Fine Arts since 1903.

You can admire the Nemours Mill called "La Minoterie", built in the 20th century , however, it is no longer in use. Not only rich in history, it is also an artisanal place where you will find galleries of painters who are expecting you.

For a relaxing moment, go to the park “Rochers Gréau” to discover the peculiar shapes of sandstone rocks. On foot, on horseback or by bike, many backpacking trails are available at your choice.





## **Château-Landon :**

At one time, this village was a historic crossroads connecting major towns in the area. It was built on a rocky strip and the marks of its historic past remain throughout the stone alleys, the architecture of its houses as well as its Madelaine Tower- an old ramparts tower, listed as a Historic Monument.

Ruminate upon the old royal abbey of Saint-Séverin, built on a height and adorned with high towers.

Another must-see building is the Notre-Dame church, which is also a listed historic monument with unique medieval architecture. The “La Maison de la Pierre”, boasts an impressive collection of prehistoric stones, tools and pottery, open to visits by appointment.

A land both cultural and natural, the village offers Nature parks, perfect for a peaceful moment. Among them is the area near Patouillats - a protected site where you can discover many wonders of nature.

The tourist office also offers local products.



### **Cepoy :**

This small, attractive and cultural “Gâtinais” town offers you both aquatic and cultural activities, as well as moments of relaxation and peace along its lakes bordered by walking trails. This multicultural place welcomes you to the “Maison de la Suède”(Swedish house), the country with which it has a mutual, cultural exchange which offers the opportunity to discover exhibitions in a typical Scandanavian structure house. After this detour to Sweden, return to prehistory along the Loing valley, and gaze upon the Fairy Stone Menhir “menhir de la Pierre aux fées”, discovered in 1976. The site has since been classified as a Historic Monument. Admire the magnificent castle, conducive to peaceful strolls.

### **Souppes-sur-Loing :**

This town developed thanks to stone cutting, a very popular trade in the region. The stones were used in the construction of Parisian monuments such as the Sacré Coeur Basilica. History bestowed Souppes-sur-Loing with a number of religious monuments, such as the Saint-Clair church, erected at the end of the 12th century, which you can visit throughout the year, as well as the Cercanceaux abbey.

Fishing is a major asset to this town, so don't forget your fishing rods!





### **Montargis :**

### ***Châtillon- Coligny***

Nicknamed "The Venice of the Gâtinais", you won't be disappointed with the scenic 131 bridges and walkways. The sublime half-timbered houses and architecture will surely be a feast for your eyes.

From the top of the hill, you will see the splendors of the town and its historic monuments. The Girodet museum, a classified national museum, lets you experience a lovely, cultural moment, as well as the Chinese museum which traces the life of Chinese students in the Loiret. The town has luscious gardens and public parks if you wish to unwind and enjoy a peaceful moment. The tourist office offers tours to discover the town from its most beautiful angles. Don't miss out on visiting the medieval castle, where each of its owners has left their mark throughout history. The Sainte-Madeleine church is also a must-do visit, with its majestic architecture and its stunning stained-glass windows.

Lastly, don't forget to discover the local specialties!



### **Châtillon-Coligny :**

Once occupied by the Romans, this village underwent heavy occupations at the time, which left behind traces of its history. Discover the remains of the castle from 1180, which has only retained its main tower, the orangery and an old dwelling. The Châtillon Museum offers a moment of historical immersion. There are also hiking trails available for your leisure.



### ***Montargis***



## **Rogny-les-Septs-Écluses :**

Its name reflects the hidden wonders of this town. A historic place not to be missed, the seven locks, which haven't been used since 1887, remain a fine and exemplary work of art.

Although this is an absolute treasure, the town also boasts other riches.

The 12th century Saint-Loup church is a monument of particular architecture. Located on the top of a hill and overlooking the town, the church hosts a remarkable painting within its walls, listed as a historic monument, named "The Pilgrims of Emmaus".

The old wash house is also an important place in memoriam of the washerwomen of the time. As you walk along the paths of Rogny, you will undoubtedly discover the Calvaries, whose explanations are found on the belvedere near the church.

For guided tours, reach out to the tourist office.

## **Ouzouer-sur-Trézée :**

This small village has a historic center for beautiful strolls through time. You can see a typical 16th century house at the corner of the Grand-rue, as well as the Saint-Martin church, which dates from the 12th century and is listed as a Historic Monument. Within its walls are exceptional works of art and furniture, representing emblematic Saints.

Another historic monument is the Château de Pont-Chevron, built by Count Louis D'Harcourt, and while it is not open for visits, it is nonetheless a magnificent place of architecture to gaze upon.

Don't hesitate to wander through the paths of the romantic garden where you'll find the remains of a fortified castle in the middle of the pond. Saddle up and follow the marked paths to discover natural sites and charming views.



***Ouzouer-sur-Trézée***



***Châtillon-sur-Loire***



***Châtillon-sur-Loire :***

This town was founded in part to the creation of a military fortress which then lent its name to the town in return. Of course, a stroll through Châtillon insists on crossing the Mantelot basin, gazing upon the breathtaking landscapes and above all, the lock which dates from 1838, classified as a historic monument since 1978.

Discover the Saint-Maurice church, which was the object of discord during the religious wars. These days, it is a memorial to its religious past with its Jericho weathervane. The medieval castle couldn't completely withstand its past and today there are only ruins, which are still rich with history and something neat to see. Take a nice stroll through the streets to admire the winemakers' houses. For nature lovers, visit Gaston Island, a protected wildlife reserve where you can observe many species.

## **Briare :**

Briare is one of the ancient towns which were built along the river at the time, which has developed through trade and viticulture. It is the hazardous nature of the canals that lead to the construction of the majestic Briare bridge in 1896, a not-to-be-missed place of breathtaking beauty.

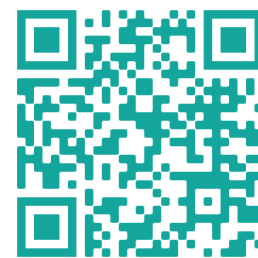
The town also stands out for its creation of fine earthenware mosaics, hosting a museum where multiple creations are on display. Being the former house of its founder, it is the only museum in France dedicated to this art.

The castle of Trousse-barrier has seen its name change many times over the years, its meaning “the woods of beavers grounds” in Celtic. It was a farmhouse in 1508, which has become an exhibition center since 1974.

For a playful and tranquil discovery, fun for young and old alike, a small train can take you around the town rich in history. You can also visit the Saint-Etienne church, built in the 19th century, particular for its wondrous mosaics.

Captains, go to the “Musée de Deux Marins” ! Opened on the centennial occasion of the canal bridge, this museum will recount all the fabulous stories of a boatmen's crossroads on the Loire and its canals. A fun family moment guaranteed!

Come and meet our teams here! 



*Base Locaboat*



## **Cosne-sur-Loire :**

Cosne is a thriving town of commerce where you will find everything you need. At one time, it was an important river crossroads, no doubt due to its strategic position and its numerous activities, in particular the production of anchors.

Here, you can visit the Loire Museum, a former Augustinian Convent, therefore classified as a historic monument.

Take a moment to admire the Saint-Agnan church, rich in history not only through its architecture, but also its statuettes touched by the Revolution.

Don't leave without tasting the local treats of this fertile land!

For the adventurous, the Cyclorail is a unique way to discover the landscapes of the Loire.



## **Ménétréol-sous-Sancerre :**

A small and peaceful village, the oldest in the Sancerre region and bordered by the Loire. Make a leisurely stop there and discover the wine cellars along its small, winding streets.

Cheese lovers! come and taste the local treat at the village goat farm (chèvrerie).

For even more splendor, head to Sancerre just a few kilometers away on foot or by bike.

## Sancerre :

This village's name was attributed from the times of the Carolingian Dynasty after having been marked by wars. Sancerre has become an important and welcoming village, proud of its local products: the delectable Sancerre wine and the famous Crottin de Chavignol goat cheese.

At the top of the hill, the castle, used for bottling wine, overlooks the village. The sommeliers of the area await, so climb the Tour des Fiefs which culminates at 30m in height and taste their production (in moderation of course!) while gazing upon an incredible panorama of the landscapes and vineyards of the Loire.

Discover the passion of the winegrowers through the "Maison des Sancerres", who divulge all the secrets of their profession and their region.

Notre-Dame church is a historic site which ensures an enriching visit. Then continue your journey into the past by visiting the belfry.

Enjoy a nice stroll through the center of the historic old town, where the charm of its narrow streets and picturesque houses will surely delight you. For an original discovery, follow the "fil d'Ariane" trail marked on the ground!

Of course, many peaceful walking trails through vineyards are available, including two specifically designed for our brave cyclists!





*La Charité-sur-Loire*

### **La Charité-sur-Loire :**

A few kilometers from La Chapelle-Montlinard, you can't miss this magnificent village and its stone bridge built in 1520.

Endowed with great history and much appreciated by visitors, not to forego The Notre Dame Priory, an absolute must-see. Built between the 11th and 12th centuries, the Priory is a UNESCO World Heritage Site monument, whose Roman style architecture is nothing short of fascinating.

Stroll along the narrow streets full of old-time charm, and admire the village ramparts where between two towers, you have a view of the town and the river.

A town of books, here is your opportunity to find true literary treasures!

### **Marseilles-lès-Aubigny :**

Located at the confluence of the Loire, Berry and Allier, this small village boasts the largest port between Briare and Digoin. Just as famous as the port, the sailor Auguste Mahaut left his mark on the village.

During your stopover, you'll find everything you need to recharge. It's also known as the fishermen's' favorite spot, so don't forget your fishing rods!



*Marseilles-lès-Aubigny*

## Nevers:

Nevers has been heavily marked by History and has much evolved for it, as it is a town which developed thanks to the production of earthenware in the 17th century. Care to travel back in time? Stroll the alleys of the town, admire centuries old architectures and let it reveal its secrets to you.

Nevers has plenty of monuments awaiting your visit. Formerly a place of observation upon the arrival of enemies, the belfry also called the Clock Tower, is an important monument in the history of the town which thrived to the rhythm of the sounds of the bell.

Take a quick tour of prehistory at the Nivernais archaeological museum which is hidden within the emblematic Porte du Croux, a picturesque monument which frames the town.

Then enter the medieval town by passing under the immense Porte de Paris, another classified historic monument! Here, you can read the Voltaire's verses which adorn the arch.

The Saint-Etienne church, the Saint-Cyr and Sainte-Juliette cathedrals, or even the Sainte-Bernadette church, numerous religious monuments with original and sumptuous architectures welcome you. Impossible to come here without going to the Ducal Palace, which is considered as the 1st Castle of the Loire, home of the Nivernais Lordships! Gaze upon the facades that around you and discover the magnificent "Earthenware" frescoes. A truly enriching journey.

Take a moment to admire your surroundings and you may find the edifice of the old "Four de l'Autruche" baking furnace, and who knows what other treasures. To unravel all the secrets of Nevers, the Tourist Office offers guided tours, and for a most original and fun visit, explore the town in search of its treasures with a Geocaching application.



### **Decize :**

An important village for many years, many centuries have left traces of their passage. Discover the remains of the ramparts as well as the last village gate, the Marquis of Ancre, which has withstood the test of time and stands steady to this day.

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

Built between the 12th and 13th centuries, the castle “ Comtes de Nevers” has suffered damage throughout time and today there are only remains, which are nonetheless a monument rich in history and interesting to discover.



*Decize*



*Beaulon*

### **Beaulon :**

Your stop at Beaulon is an opportunity for you to discover the Sologne Bourbonnaise museum which boasts the remnants of the old-time agricultural life of the village as well as their customs of yester-years. Come and visit the castle, a place for wine tasting but also a peaceful place to stroll in the heart of its parks and gardens.

via the Canal du Nivernais...



### **Saint-Léger-des-Vignes :**

Located in the Nivernais, the town welcomes you and offers a moment rich in history and natural surroundings. True Captains can't resist visiting the Maritime Museum, which recounts the history of boating and river transport.

A strategic geographic location, the town has enjoyed this position for centuries and has become an important place of commerce, thanks to its ports. Here you can enjoy many wonderful hiking and biking trails.

### **Dompierre-sur-Besbre :**

Come and admire the Saint-Joseph church and its bell tower which dates from 1872. Another religious monument emblematic of the village is the Abbey of Sept-Fons. On board our barges, you can cross the Sept-Fons canal bridge.

A few kilometers away is Le Pal park, a famous zoo and amusement park, a fantastic place to have a good time with the family.

You can also meet our team here!





*Cercy-la-Tour*

### **Cercy-la-Tour :**

At the junction of three rivers which join the Nivernais canal, this small peaceful village welcomes you with its 11th century Romanesque church listed in the additional inventory of Historic Monuments. It will also charm you with the remains of its tower which offers visitors an incredible panorama of the town and the region. Take advantage of this stop which entwines picturesque alleyways with the calm of nature. And of course, you can also take nice, long walks on the hiking trails.



### **Champvert :**

Small village yet full of heritage, Champvert boasts many historical monuments. Start with the Saint-Jean-Baptiste church, built in the 12th century. Also, take a moment to admire the Riegeot house and its tall towers which frame the house (closed to the public). From the Roche castle, erected in the 18th century, only the remains of the dovecote and the surrounding tower stand, but it's the stones that keep the most incredible stories. You will also notice the "Le Creuzet" Manor, which belonged to a former director of the Louis Rousseau mines.



*Champvert*

### **Verneuil :**

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

This pond is the meeting point for protected nature where you can enjoy many nautical activities such as paddle, catamaran or even windsurfing. Keep your eyes out for the birds. You may come across a kingfisher!



***Châtillon-en-  
Bazois***

### **Chatillons en Bazois**

This town was given the name of Châtillon following the succession of the castle to Robert, son of the Duke of Nevers, who created the Châtillon dynasty.

Take the opportunity to visit the Neo-Romanesque style Saint-Jean-Baptiste church, erected in the 19th century, which hosts 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 gaze upon the facades of the town's homes, which bear witnesses to the past.

Along the Canal, a nice stroll by the water awaits you!



### **Etang de Baye :**

This pond is the meeting point for protected nature where you can enjoy many nautical activities such as paddle, catamaran or even windsurfing.

Keep your eyes out for the birds and you might come across a kingfisher!



***Etang de Baye***

### **Sardy-les-Epiry :**

This is where your ascent of locks begins, which stretches for 3.6 km! Here you will find yourself on a scale of 16 locks, which gives a splendid vision of the valley and offers a peaceful moment surrounded by nature. In addition, at each lock, you can visit the lock houses where artists and craftsmen exhibit their works. On board, but also on foot or by bike! A trail awaits you on the edges of the canal.



*Sardy-les-Epiry*



### **Corbigny :**

This place full of history recounts its endeavors on the memorial site of the "l'Emeraude", a plane crash site in the village. Another historical place to see is the Saint-Seine church, which is located in the center of Corbigny. Built in 1134, it was erected on the ruins of an ancient sanctuary. The architecture and ornaments inside are something to see. The abbey also contains its share of history, as over many years it was the property of many nobles. Rediscover the village by going on a hike on the paths offered..



*Corbigny (Base Locaboat)*

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*Asnois*

### **Asnois :**

Former Gallo-Roman town, ravaged by invasions, it has managed to make the most of viticulture, mainly white wine.

The village is part of the road to Santiago de Compostela.

You can admire many monuments, starting with the church built in the 12th century decorated with sculptures. Admire the 19th century wash house or the cross leading you to the church.

You will surely come across the Sainte-Barbe chapel, which bears witness to the Roman era. On the banks of the Yonne can see a bridge dating from 1884, the date engraved on the bridge itself. Don't hesitate to stroll within the village and along the river, as hiking trails await you on the town site.

### **Monceaux-Le-Comte :**

In this village, you can discover the remains of the Monceau wall, a tower which is visible from the alleyway towards the Yonne. Fortifications of the castle are still present, forming monumental walls. You can also visit the Saint-Georges church, built in the 12th century, which has undergone some changes over the years.



### **Tannay :**

*Tannay*



Rich in many fields of predilections, the village gained prosperity from agriculture, the craft of tannery, and especially viticulture. The majestic Saint-Léger church, built in the 16th century, keeping the statue of Saint Roch within its walls, is part of this village's rich history.

Discover the house of the canons, with typical Renaissance architecture. Around the village, part of the ramparts have stood the test of time and are still visible today. A few minutes by bike from there, the small village of Pignol has a magnificent castle surrounded by a park. To discover the historical content in a different light, take advantage of long walks and let the History reveal itself. Don't leave without discovering the cellars that produce wines which have won numerous awards.

## **Chevroches :**

Located on a hill, this land has often been exploited for its stones, so you can see the quarry houses with typical ashlar masonry architecture. Contemplate upon the Saint-Amateur church, built in 849, which has been renovated many times under the orders of various nobles. In order to protect the houses from the stone residue and rubble, the workers built walls which are still visible today.



## **Coulanges-sur-Yonne :**

In this village of Gallo-Roman origin, many time periods have taken a toll on a good chunk of its monuments. Only a castle tower remains today, and part of the village ramparts. At the village exit, you will find artisan potters workshops, whose production is made from Burgundy soil. You can also discover the Notre-Dame church.

## Clamecy :

Formerly the capital of timber floating to supply Paris, this town is now an essential stop on your crossing! A place with an important heritage, this ancient medieval town welcomes you to discover its rich history. As soon as you arrive on the outskirts of town, you see the splendid, Gothic style, Saint-Martin church built in the 12th century, typical of the region. Watch out for the gargoyles ...

Or you can admire the atypical architecture from Notre-Dame-de-Bethléem church near the Nivernais canal, where you can also enjoy a walk on the towpath. This will be your opportunity to discover the statue of a log floater waiting for the passage of timber.

For a dose of nature, come to the Parc Vauvert, a place adorned with greenery and flowery paths competing for beauty with each other.

In the heart of town, let yourself be whisked back in time by observing the architecture of its half-timbered buildings, a physical souvenir of medieval times.

Also, discover the town's museums, awaiting your presence to reveal their history. First, the Romain Rolland Museum of Art and History, named after a famous writer native to Clamecy, where you discover the life of sailors as well as popular paintings. There is also the museum of timber floating, for you dear captains!

In front of the port, find yourself at the edge of the old washhouse, which has been converted into an art gallery. To thrill your taste buds to the rhythm of the town's specialty, culinary delights, let yourself be tempted by the "andouillette of Clamecy".

Do not hesitate to ask the tourist office for guided tours.



## Châtel-Censoir :

This small village is a haven of peace in the heart of nature where you can rejuvenate in the forest and explore incredible panoramas.

Marked trails guide you to encounter the flora and fauna.

But nature isn't its only asset, as it also boasts a historical heritage such as the Saint-Potentien church and its crypt, both classified as historic monuments. And yet another monument to visit is the home of a famous benefactor of the poor, Edmée Champion. Admire the old wall tower which is still present , as well as the gate entrance of a castle. In this fortified village you will find a stele in honor of Colonel Rozanoff, the first Frenchman to break through the sound barrier.



*Rochers  
du Saussois*

### Rochers du Saussois:

You can't pass the Nivernais Canal without stopping in front of the impressive Rochers du Saussois cliffs! Climb to the top of the rocks to discover the protected treasures of nature before arriving at a breathtaking panorama!

It is a favorite spot for rock climbing enthusiasts, as well as nesting spot for the majestic peregrine falcons...



*Châtel-  
Censoir*



## Vézelay :



Accessible on foot, by taxi or bicycle for the bravest, Vézelay is a very popular medieval town in this region, located at the top of a hill and classified as one of the most beautiful villages in France.

It is particularly famous for its famous Sainte-Madeleine basilica, famous in Europe and listed as a World Heritage Site by Unesco for its rich history, still present today. To know everything about the basilica, go to the Visitor's house.

This fortified town was also the place of residence of great and renowned writers which offer you can discover them, in particular the house of Jules Roy.

As you stroll through the cobbled alleys of the town, visit the Viollet-le-Duc works museum, where medieval sculptures and casts from the basilica's work are on display.

For an artistic visit, the Zervos museum exhibits works known throughout the world by famous painters such as Picasso or Giacometti.

Not only Historical but also a viticultural land, Vézelay invites you to taste the wines of the region in the cellars of the winegrowers.

For an extraordinary view of the town and its surroundings, you can take flight aboard a hot air balloon!

## **Mailly-le-Château :**

The small village is divided into two parts, each one equally charming. The lower part is located by the canal, where you will see one of the oldest bridges over the Yonne in the region, dating from the 15th century. Feast your eyes upon a chapel dedicated to Saint-Nicolas, the patron saint of timber floaters.

The upper part village is located on a small rocky mountain, where a splendid panorama awaits you from the terrace of the castle. Take advantage of timeless moment in the heart of an exceptional and protected natural site dating back millions of years, back when the Bois du Parc Nature Reserve was still under the sea!



***Mailly-le-Château***



***Cravant***



**Cravant :**

This small, fortified village borrows its name from Latin and was the first port of the Yonne department. The most important monument in the village is its keep, classified as a historic monument, which has played roles over the years. Another remnant of its fortifications is the belfry, which allowed surveillance of the surroundings and the goods stored at port. Several doors are still visible all around the village which once gave access to important places. Lastly, you can admire the Saint Pierre Saint Paul church, which has a unique architecture and bears witness to the past.

Take walks in the alleys or even through parts of the famous Irancy vineyards!

## **Champs-sur-Yonne :**

This small village was built over the centuries which saw the birth of a chapel, Notre-Dame-de-Liesse, which later became a church. Another remnant of the past is the tower, built during the creation of the walls during the Religious Wars. Along the river, take advantage of a peaceful walk, before setting out again for new adventures!



***Champs-sur-Yonne***

## **Vaux :**

A winemaking village for centuries, it is surrounded by several hectares of vineyards on the hills that surround it. In the past, the barrels of wine were transported on small wooden boats to be brought to Paris. Feel free to visit the Saint-Loup church which mixes architectural styles from various eras.

The banks of the canal let you to take a break and relax by the water.



***Bailly***

## **Bailly :**

In this small hamlet by the canal, you absolutely cannot miss the famous Bailly cellars! In a magnificent natural mountain cave setting, decorated with Tonnerre stones and sculptures, wine tastings of the beautiful Burgundy region await you (in moderation) as well as a guided tour of this magnificent cave used for wine keeping. Just a few kilometers away by bike, towards Saint-Bris-le-Vineux, you will find the Saint-Prix-Saint-Cot church, one of the most beautiful in the Yonne. Ancient fortified village, whose remains of the past are still present today ..... such as two entrance gates as well as cellars within dwellings.





## **Auxerre :**

Centuries ago, this town was founded by the Romans, on the banks of the Seine, and its strategic position enabled it to promote trade.

Bishop Germain, a native of the city, gave his name to one of the most important monuments in the town, Saint-Germain Abbey, founded by Queen Clothilde. Its architecture mixes different eras, which gives us an exceptional structure. It is here that the Saint-Germain museum is located, a museum of art and history which is also classified.

The city also has many more majestic churches, each one uniquely admirable, offering the opportunity to visit and see them while walking through the medieval alleyways of a once Roman city.

You cannot miss visiting the clock tower built in 1483, which was once a prison. This vertiginous tower was built on the remains of an ancient Gallo-Roman gate.

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

Relax along the docks, stroll along the riverside and enjoy the stunning views offered to you.



## Joigny :

As soon as you arrive at the port, you will be amazed by the panorama of the city, 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.



## **Villeneuve-sur-Yonne :**

Created by Louis VII the Young, this medieval town conveys the wealth of Burgundy. Relive a part of its past which you confront immediately by passing under its majestic stone gates, the well-preserved remains of the fortified enclosure.

Admire the 5 fortified towers, and among them the Bonneville tower, which once controlled navigation in order to defend access to the city. The architecture of its structures will immerse you in history. The town has recovered from the drama of war in part to traditional activities such as wood or tanning.

Another town treasure, the Notre-Dame-de-l'Assomption church welcomes you to discover a monument of Gothic architecture as well as magnificent stained-glass windows dating from the 13th century.

The town has a strong historical heritage as well as two museums, the gendarmerie museum or the Carnot museum which exhibits artists' works, choose as you wish.

This picturesque, multifaceted town will also boat paths for strolls along the Yonne, where you can see the 210-meter-long Saint Nicolas bridge.

Here you can also practice nautical activities!

## Sens :

This town and its inhabitants, the “Senonais” are proud to welcome you to their little corner of paradise which mixes nature and history with a rich heritage as well as many parks and walking trails.

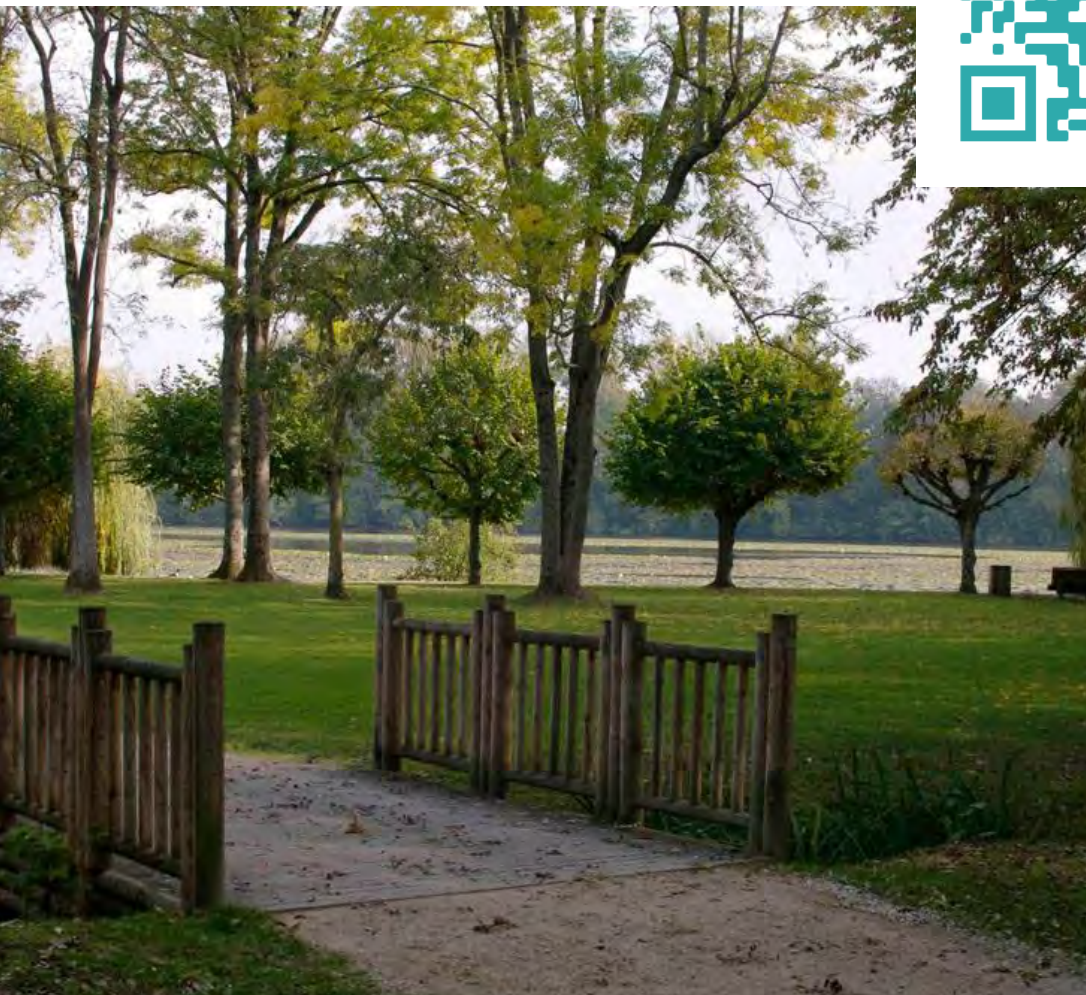
The main asset of the town is undoubtedly the Saint-Etienne Cathedral, erected in honor of the latter, being one of the first Gothic cathedrals in France. Its splendid architecture hides behind its walls many treasures, such as tapestries or exquisite works of goldsmiths. Marked by all time periods, you will find the remains of its history in the adjoining museum.

Not far from there, you can enjoy a moment of calm in the gardens of the Orangerie, a dependence of the palace of the archbishops.

You can also admire its beautiful Town Hall under which the town markets are held.

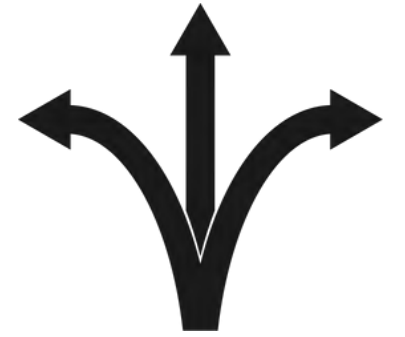
If you feel inclined to take a walk through the streets, don't miss the historical inscriptions on the walls of structures with unsuspecting history. For relaxing moments, go to the Ballastière Park or the Moulin à Tan Park.

To discover further treasures of the town, contact the tourist office.



Our bases

## Briare



### **Locaboat Holidays**

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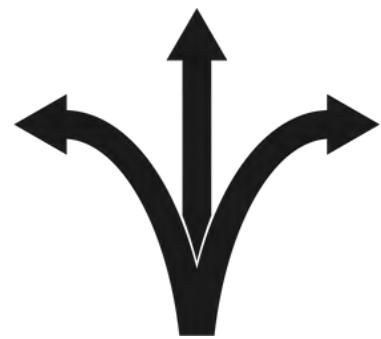
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  - Briare train station (500 m)
  - Paris-Orly Airport (150 km)



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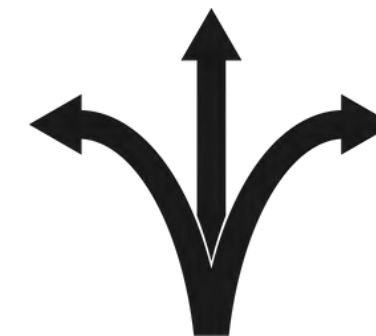
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### **Access to base :**

- A6 – E15 Exit 26 Chalon-Sud, then N80, N70 and N79, Exit 26 Dompierre-sur-Besbre, follow D779 to Dompierre-sur-Besbre
- Dompierre-Sept-Fons Regional rail station (3 km) | Le Creusot-Montchanin TGV train station (87 km)
- Lyon Saint-Exupéry Airport (196 km)



# Joigny



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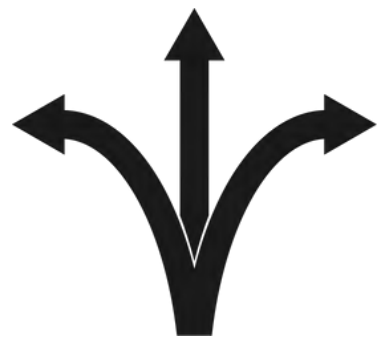
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- From West or North : A6 – E15 / E60 Exit 18 Joigny then D943 (11,5 km) |
- From East or South : A6 – E15 – E60 Exit 19 Auxerre then N6 (21 km) |
- From the Northeast : A5 – E511 Exit 19 Villeneuve l'Archevêque, then N60, D27 and D20 (79 km)
  - Joigny regional rail station (1 km)
- Paris-Orly Airport (138 km) | Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport (177 km)



# Corbigny

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## **Access to base :**

- From the west : A6 – E15 – E60 Exit 19 Auxerre Nord (81 km – N6, N151, D985) |

From the East : A6 – E15 – E60 Exit 22 Avallon (52 km – N6, D957, D958) The base is about 4 km from Corbigny. Exit Corbigny in the direction of Nevers on D958 (Route de St. Saulge). In front of the bridge on the canal, turn left in the direction of La Chaise then follow along the canal.

- Clamecy regional rail station (30 km)

- Paris Orly Airport (249 km) | Paris Charles-de-Gaulle Airport (291 km)