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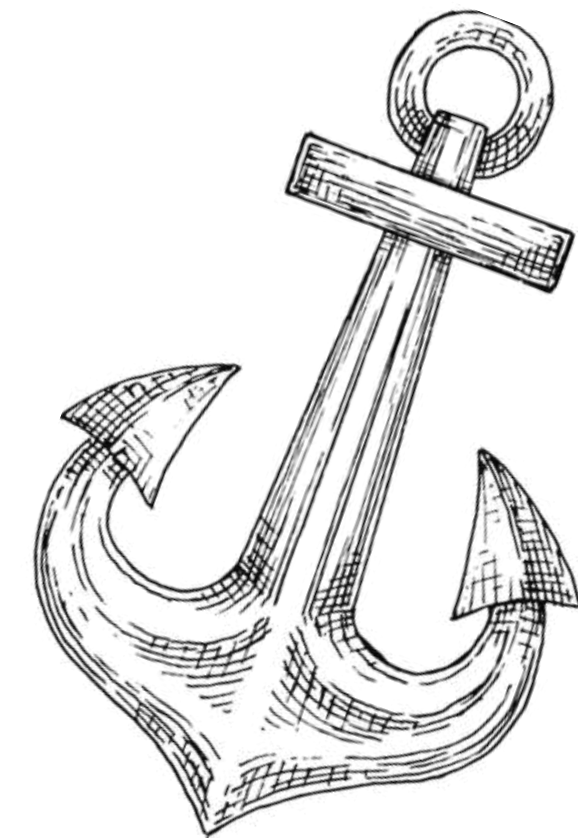
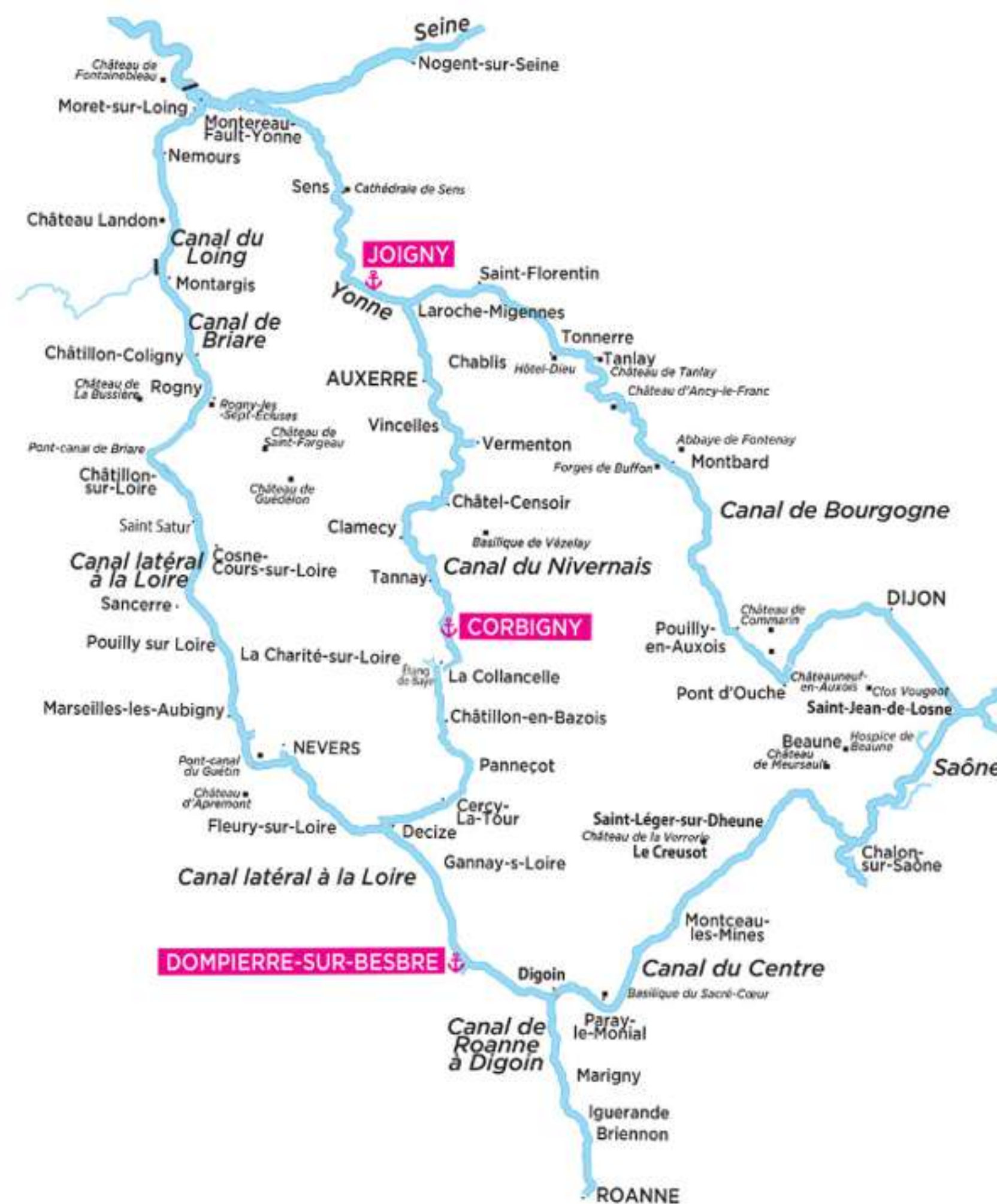


Navigation Guide

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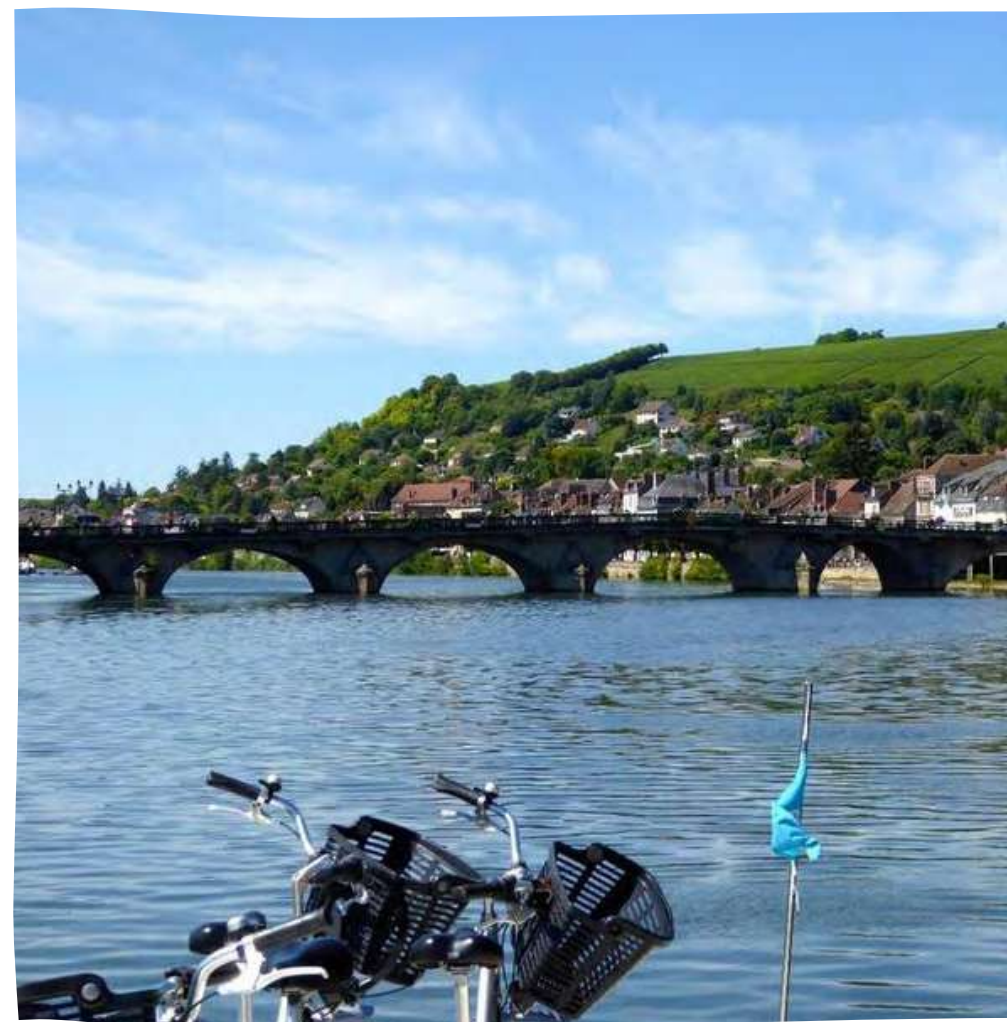
Week-ends and Short Weeks (mini-weeks)



From Joigny

Week-ends

Town	Navigation time	Number of locks
Sens	2h45	4
Villeneuve-sur-Yonne	2h40	3
Joigny		
Gurgy	3h50	6
Auxerre	2h30	5



Short Weeks

Town	Navigation time	Number of locks
Cannes Ecluses	4h	7
Sens	2h45	4
Villeneuve-sur-Yonne	2h40	3
Joigny		
Gurgy	3h50	6
Auxerre	2h30	5
Escolives Ste Camille	2h45	6

From Corbigny

Week-ends

Town	Navigation time	Number of locks
Tannay	4h30	9
Chitry-les-mines	1h	3
Corbigny		
Sardy-lès-Epiry	2h30	8
La collancelle	4h45	16



Short Weeks

Town	Navigation time	Number of locks
Clamecy	4h30	8
Tannay	4h30	9
Chitry-les-Mines	1h	3
Corbigny		
Sardy-lès-Epiry	2h30	8
La collancelle	4h45	16

From Dompierre-sur-Besbre

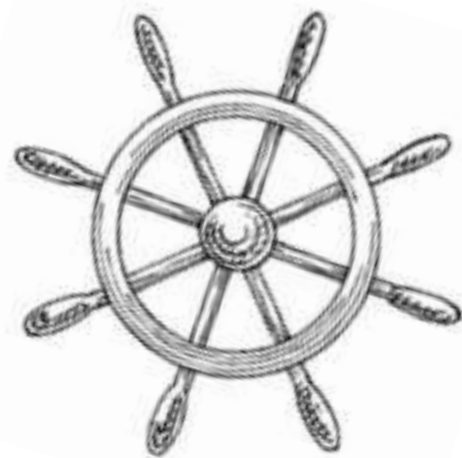
Week-ends

Town	Navigation time	Number of locks
Ganay sur Loire	3h	3
Beaulon	2h20	2
Dompierre-sur-besbre		
Pierrefitte sur Loire	2h45	3
Digoin	3h15	3

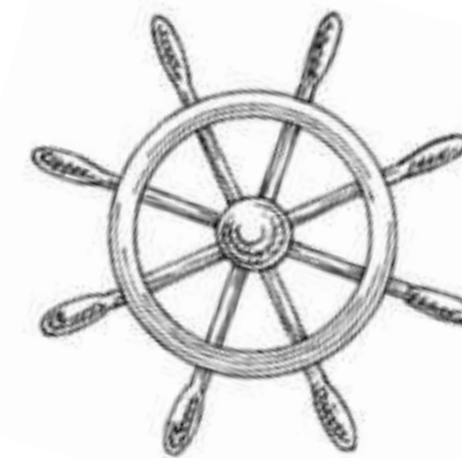


Short Weeks

Town	Navigation time	Number of locks
Decize	4h	5
Ganay sur Loire	3h	3
Beaulon	2h20	2
Dompierre-sur-Besbre		
Pierrefitte sur Loire	2h45	3
Digoin	3h15	3
Paray le Monial	2h45	3



Suggested day-by-day routes Burgundy Nivernais/Loire

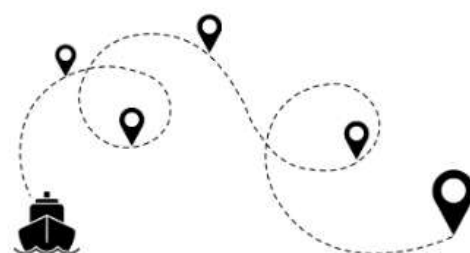
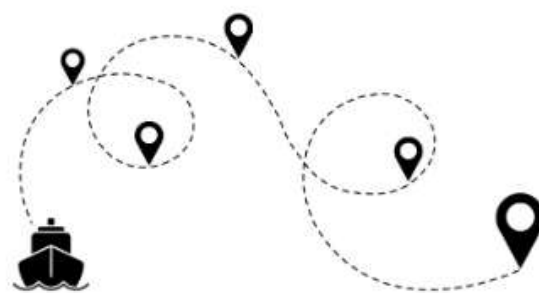


Week-end

Departure base	Saturday	Arrival base
Joigny	Villeneuve sur Yonne	Joigny
Joigny	Auxerre	Joigny

Departure base	Saturday	Arrival base
Corbigny	Tannay	Corbigny
Corbigny	Baye/Bazolles	Corbigny

Departure base	Saturday	Arrival base
Dompierre sur Besbre	Digoin	Dompierre sur Besbre
Dompierre sur Besbre	Gannay	Dompierre sur Besbre



Mini-week

Departure base	Tuesday	Wednesday	Arrival base
Joigny	Villeneuve sur Yonne	Sens	Joigny
Joigny	Migennes	Auxerre	Joigny

Departure base	Tuesday	Wednesday	Arrival base
Corbigny	Tannay	Villiers sur Yonne	Corbigny
Corbigny	Sardy les Epiry	Baye/Bazolles	Corbigny

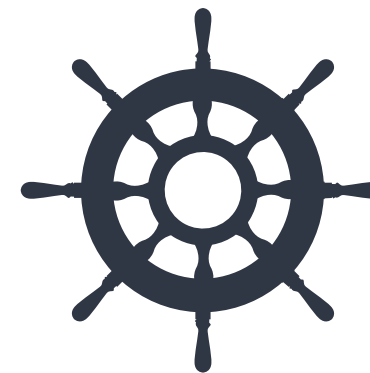
Departure base	Tuesday	Wednesday	Arrival base
Dompierre sur Besbre	Digoin	Paray le Monial	Dompierre sur Besbre
Dompierre sur Besbre	Gannay	Decize	Dompierre sur Besbre

OPERATING HOURS FOR THE LOCKS

Open everyday during the hours indicated.

Month	Canal latéral à la Loire*	Canal du Nivernais*	Canal de Roanne à Digoin*	L'Yonne	Canal de Briare*	Canal du Loing
March to November	9h-12h/13h-19h	9h-12h/13h-19h	9h-12h/13h-19h	9h15-12h/13h-19h	9h-12h/13h-19h	9h-12h/13h-19h

* Navigation is closed on the Canal on the 1st 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

Quick History Points:

Briarecanal 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 vaultsof 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, Mouasand Breuil. This little corner of paradise is nicknamed the "Little Amazon".

Flash the code for more info!



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 BallastièrePark or the Moulin à Tan Park.

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



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.

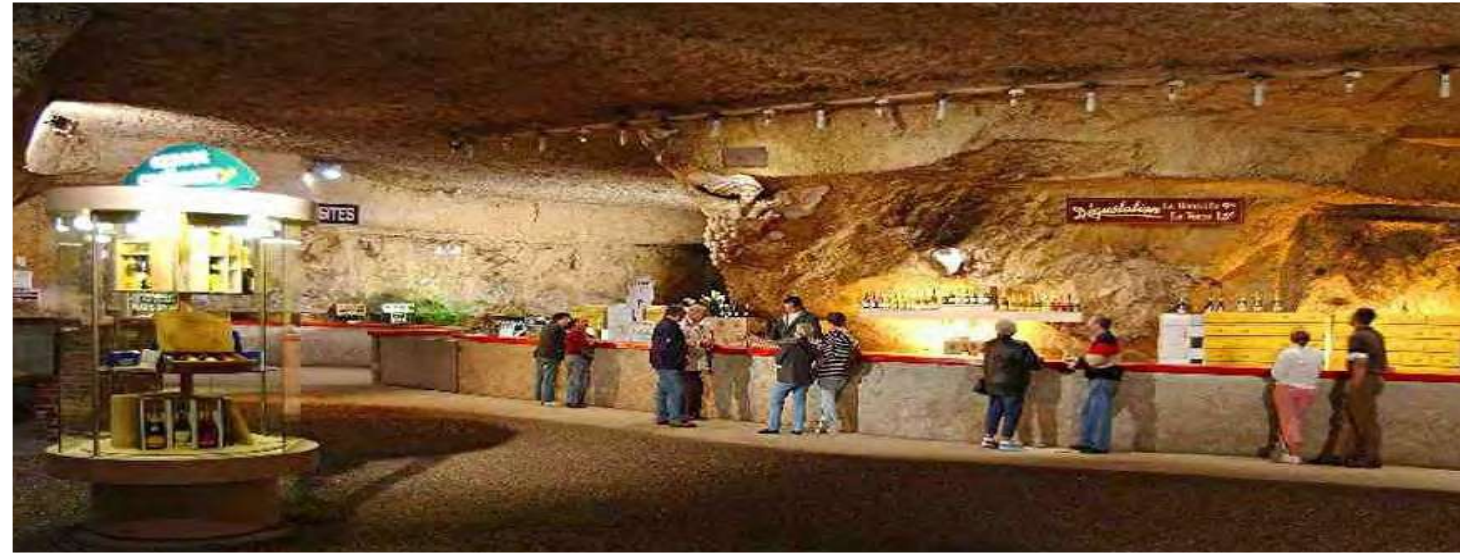
You cannot miss visiting the clock tower built in 1483, which was once a prison. This vertiginous tower was built on the remains of an ancient Gallo-Roman gate.

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.

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!



Ba illy

Bailly :

In this small hamlet by the canal, you absolutely cannot miss the famous Baillycellars! In a magnificent natural mountain cave setting, decorated with Tonnerrestones 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.



Champs-sur-Yonne

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.



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.





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 ParcVauvert, 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



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.



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.



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.

Come and meet us on the Locaboat base! 



Sardy-les-Epiry



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.



Corbigny (Locaboat base)

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 " Comtesde 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 Bourbonnais 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.

Passing through 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, in particular 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! 



Etangde 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!





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 "Muséede DeuxMarins" ! 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 is guaranteed!



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 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 Mantelotbasin, 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.

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.

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



Sancerre :

This village's name was attributed to 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.

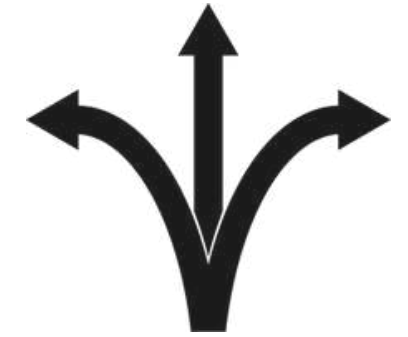
Notre-Dame church is a historic site that ensures an enriching visit. Then continue your journey into the past by visiting the belfry.

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!

Our bases

Joigny



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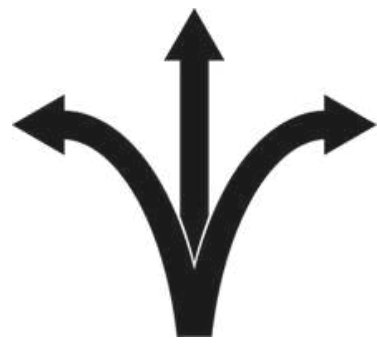
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Access to base :

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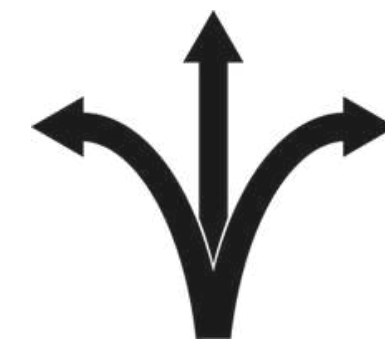
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-From the west : A6 –E15 –E60 Exit 19 Auxerre Nord (81 km –N6, N151, D985) |

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)



Dompierre-sur-Besbre



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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
- Sept-Fons Regional rail station (3 km) | Le Creusot- Montchanin TGV train station (87 km)
- Lyon Saint-Exupéry Airport (196 km)