

# Great Explorations



## Trip Dates

### 2012

Jun 10-16

Jul 2-8

Aug 28-Sep 3

Sep 26-Oct 2

### 2013

Jun 9-15

Jul 1-7

Aug 27-Sep 2

Sep 25-Oct 1

Self-guided and custom trips also available and can start any day. Call or email for details.

## Trip Size

8-16 participants

## Total Days:

7 days/ 6 nights

## Arrive/Depart:

Dijon/Beaune

## Activity Level:

Moderate  
20-40+ miles daily  
van supported

## Terrain:

1 day gently rolling, 3 days are moderately rolling, 1 day hilly

## Burgundy, Biking Touring in Wine Country

Burgundy was once the richest of the ancient duchies in France and continues to exhibit wealth brought about by the popularity of its wine. Cycling small vineyard lanes and quiet country roads, where the only traffic you'll encounter might be a tractor bringing in the harvest, is the best way to see the countryside here. Picturesque villages are filled with wine cellars inviting degustations and tiny restaurants with winemakers' lunches where you'll enjoy food that is superbly prepared. We have been cycling in Burgundy for over 15 years now, and know the region intimately. From the many Flemish-style chateaux to the extraordinary Hospice de Beaune, the treasures of Burgundy are numerous.

## Itinerary



### Getting there :

Dijon: Most participants will arrive from Paris by train the evening before our departure. We have recommendations for excellent hotels in the historical district of Dijon.

### DAYS 1+2:

*Gevrey-Chambertin* - Our trip starts after a short transfer to one of the premier towns in the center of

Grand Crus wine. We'll ride to a tiny village for lunch, and then visit the Chateau of Gevrey-Chambertin, with a private tasting of their Grand Crus wine. On our second day here, we'll ride through the flat farmlands to the Abbaye de Citeaux, where monks still make their famous cheese. We'll finish the day with a visit to the Clos de Veugot, and ride past vineyards including Romanee Conti and other prestigious estates.



### DAYS 3+4:

*Beaune* - We'll make our way south, enjoying lunch at one of our favorite auberges in the region, before entering Beaune, our home for the next two days. We stay at a charming 3-star hotel within the ram-parts of the old city, and dine out at acclaimed restaurants, where the wine lists are as extensive as the menus. On our second day here, we'll take a historical tour of Beaune including a visit to the extraordinary

Hospice de Beaune. For cycling you can choose between several rides (flat or hilly, short or long- your choice).

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## Cost

### Land Cost (current year):

US \$2250  
Includes 6B/2L/5D

### Single Supplement:

US \$400

### Bike Rental:

US \$140

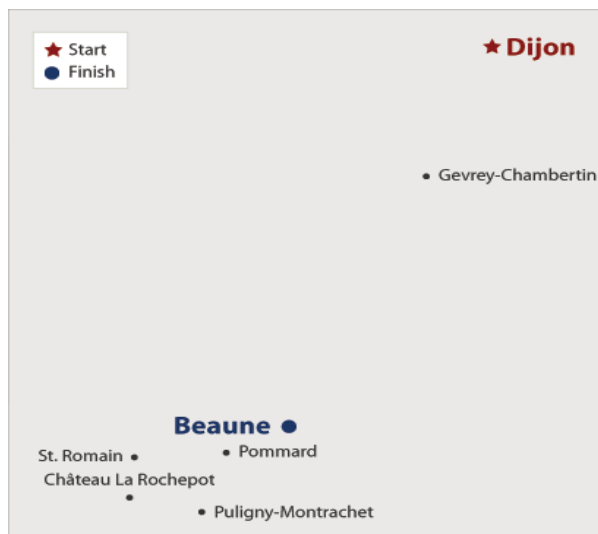


### DAYS 5+6:

*Puligny-Montrachet* - Continuing south, we'll ride a route which will have us stopping in the famous wine village of Pommard, and then to St. Romain where we'll visit tonneliers (barrel makers) to learn this ancient craft. In Puligny-Montrachet, we'll stay at a 3-star hotel in the center close to shops and restaurants. On our final day of riding we'll climb to Chateau la Rochepot, perched in a verdant valley surrounded by vineyards. Afterwards we'll be hosted by a wine-maker for a wonderful lunch in Puligny-Montrachet, and then coast back to our hotel and final evening celebrations.

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**DAY 7:** Depart at your leisure from Beaune train station.



## What's Included in the Cost of Your Trip?

- services of one or more experienced Great Explorations guides and support vehicle
- 7 nights lodging
- all breakfasts, 2 lunches, and all dinners but 1
- entrance fees for selected historical sites and museums
- detailed map and route instructions
- all baggage transportation
- all transportation from initial meeting point to final drop-off (see arrive/depart cities)

Please note: Final itinerary is subject to revision; any changes made are done so in an attempt to provide the best possible trip given route conditions and available services. Due to the nature of our business and exchange rates, prices are subject to change. All prices quoted are U.S. dollars but we gladly accept payment in Canadian dollars also. Due to cancellations and waiting lists, trip availability fluctuates daily. If you have any questions or would like to confirm space on this trip before making your reservation, please contact us at [info@great-explorations.com](mailto:info@great-explorations.com) or by telephone at **604.730.1247**

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## Accommodations



### **Hotel Le Grand Crus, Gevery-Chambertin**

This hotel is a tasteful conversion of a traditional building at the edge of Gevery-Chambertin village. Virtually surrounded by vineyards, the hotel offers tastefully furnished French provincial style rooms, each with a view of the landscape. It is a short stroll from good restaurants and the Chateau Gevery-Chambertin.



### **Hôtel des Remparts, Beaune**

Situated inside the historic town of Beaune close to restaurants and cafes, this 17th century hotel was renovated to preserve the charm of the ancient mansion, enhanced with modern comforts. Hotel des Remparts is situated inside the fortified walls of historic Beaune and is withing walking distance of the busy town centre.



### **Le Montrachet, Pilugny-Montrachet**

This luxurious country inn, built in 1824, boasts a fine *gourmand* restaurant that has won accolades from food lovers. Your hosts Thierry and his Canadian-born wife Suzanne create a warm and friendly atmosphere along with comfortable lodging, refined regional cuisine, and exquisite wine.