



## *The Traveling Professor Presents*

# BURGUNDY – VINEYARDS, CHARMING VILLAGES & MEDIEVAL CITIES

## TENTATIVE ITINERARY

### **Day 1, Sunday**

Arrive in Paris and check in at the Hotel Balcons. Since it has been a long travel day, activities start at about 5 p.m. (starting time may be adjusted when all traveler arrival info has been received) with a brief orientation. Then, with the Eiffel Tower sparkling in the background, sail down the Seine river past the Louvre, Notre Dame, and the Orsay down the center of Paris. It's the perfect way to start our French journey.

### **Day 2, Monday**

After breakfast, depart for the Gare de Lyon train station. Board the luxury reserved seating high-speed train for the 1½ hour trip to Dijon. Whisk through the beautiful countryside south-east of Paris and enjoy a picnic lunch on the train. Transfer by taxi/van to Beaune, home base for two nights. Beaune, located in the heart of Burgundy, provides delightful dining options, shopping and other historic attractions. Our afternoon group activity is the self-guided tour of historic Hôtel-Dieu, the magnificent former charity hospital dating from 1443, with its famous glazed-tile roof. You also may want to enjoy an apéro at one of the numerous outdoor cafes.

### **Day 3, Tuesday**

This morning, on a professionally guided walking tour of Beaune, hear the secrets and stories of this fascinating medieval city. In the afternoon, visit historic cellars underneath the center of Beaune for a wine tasting. There is free time and we suggest a visit to the Fallot mustard factory or the Musée du Vin de Bourgogne.

### **Day 4, Wednesday**

This morning, depart the hotel on foot for our walk to Meursault. Before leaving, purchase a few food items/snacks from a local boulangerie for a picnic lunch. The walk will take about 2 ½ to 3 hours and is approximately 8.5 km/5.25 miles. Luggage will be transported by taxi and those opting not to walk. For those opting not to walk, taxis are arranged. Walking is on a paved "veloroute" or bike trail. mostly flat, but some rolling terrain, as the trail runs along the slopes of the vineyards. We walk through Premier Crus vineyards, towards the world-famous villages of Pommard and Volnay, before descending upon Meursault. Meursault, our home base for two nights, is a delightful village, reputed for its white wines, with a rural, relaxed feel. An optional afternoon activity is a wine tasting and tour of the grand Chateau

de Meursault, which dates to the 11th century: The Chateau is a 15 minute walk, from the hotel. Alternatively, enjoy the afternoon exploring the village on your own.

#### **Day 5, Thursday**

After breakfast, depart for a full day wine-tasting tour. With a regional expert, travel by van through the vineyards and historic Burgundy villages to visit 3 family domaines within the Côte de Beaune and/or Côte de Nuits with tastings of Village, Premier Cru and Grand Cru AOC classified wines. The highlight of the day is a wonderful 3-course lunch, with wine, featuring typical Burgundian cuisine.

#### **Day 6, Friday**

Depart hotel by taxi for Dijon. The “City of Dukes”, is considered the capital of Burgundy and is home for 2 nights. It is steeped in history and known for its stunning architecture, museums and fine cuisine. Upon arrival, check in and stroll from the hotel to have lunch at perhaps one of the cafes/restaurants along the striking “Place de la Liberation”. After lunch, there is a professionally guided walking tour of Dijon.

#### **Day 7, Saturday**

In the morning, on the schedule is a guided tour of the "Tower of Philippe le Bon", 150 feet tall with sweeping views of Dijon and surrounding region. Lunch and afternoon are on your own to explore the sights. You may wish to follow the “Owl Trail”, a self-guided tour of the most popular attractions, or explore the mustard and culinary shops for treasures to bring home. And there is always time to enjoy a “kir”, the signature drink invented in Dijon.

#### **Day 8, Sunday**

Depart Burgundy by train to return to Paris’ Gare de Lyon. We plan to arrive by mid-day back at the Hotel Balcons. We can help you use this afternoon to visit places of interest in Paris. Another option is to join Laura on an enjoyable walking tour featuring the neighborhood adjacent to the hotel, the fascinating 5<sup>th</sup> arrondissement.

#### **Day 9, Monday**

It’s get-away day. We help you get to your next destination, safe and sound.

### **ABOUT OUR TOURS**

Since each tour is planned with traveler input, your tour may be slightly different. We always add in “off the itinerary” sites of interest. Adjustments may be made for crowd management, weather, special events, or conditions beyond our control.

We travel with to 7 active adults. This offers the opportunity to do what we want to do, on our own schedule. We have access to places those big bus tours simply cannot get to. We provide all local transportation as well as admission to those sites listed on the itinerary.

Breakfast is included each morning at all hotels. Every day we plan a relaxing lunch and dinner. Please join us or go out on your own - we are glad to offer our best recommendations.

Our private, local guides are with us during the indicated days. Tour leaders are with the group 24/7. Unless otherwise noted, we ask travelers to be ready to go at 9:30 a.m. for a full and active day of touring.

Well before departure date, each traveler is supplied with a “final” detailed itinerary along with a complete and detailed information packet. It has advice on packing, money matters, passports, weather, etc. We make sure travelers are well-prepared.

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