

Northern Burgundy

October 26 – 28

This northern part of Burgundy is often over-looked for the southern part for the region and its more world-famous wines. But I prefer the northern part: it makes for an easy weekend or even one-night trip from Paris, the landscape is much more interesting with the green rolling hills and open farmland, there are fewer tourists, and of course there is still plenty of good wine.

Date	To	Hotel Details	Cost	Comments
Friday, October 26	Fulvy, Burgundy	<p>Drive to Fulvy late afternoon (2h30 from, central Paris)</p> <p><i>Guest House:</i> Le Petit Village 33 Route De Genève 89160 Fulvy Tel. 0033 38675 1908 le-petit-village@orange.fr www.le-petit-village.com</p> <p><i>Dinner 8pm:</i> Hotel de l'Ecluse 2, chemin de Ronde 89160 Chassignelles http://www.logishotels.com/en/hotel-Hotel-De-LEcluse-79-12663.html</p>	<p><i>Guest House:</i> €115 per night for Spring Cottage (2 double rooms) plus €3 per person per day for breakfast = €248 total</p>	<p><i>Spring cottage at Le Petit Village:</i> http://www.le-petit-village.com/family-cottage/ (2 bedrooms – sleeps 4)</p> <p>Le Petit Village is a wonderful place to spend a weekend or even a week. Nick & Annabella Ware, the owners who have recently moved from England to run the guest house offer (usually self-catering) two cottages that are beautifully decorated, cozy and spacious.</p> <p>Hotel de l'Ecluse won't be winning any culinary awards, but it's a friendly place in a lovely setting along the canal, and after driving from Paris in the rain, we were happy not to venture too far for dinner.</p>
Saturday, October 27	Fulvy	<p><i>Guest House:</i> Le Petit Village</p> <p><i>Dinner 8pm:</i> Les Millésimes 14, place de l'Hôtel de Ville 89310 Noyers-sur-Serein Tel. 03 86 82 82 16 http://www.maison-paillot.com/restaurants.html</p> <p>Dinner at Les Millésimes was relatively expensive, but worth the splurge as it is definitely a treat. And if you opt for the set menu, the price is much more reasonable. The setting is elegant but not pretentious and the food is delicious.</p>		<p><i>Abbaye de Fontenay:</i> http://www.abbayedefontenay.com/abbayedefontenay.htm</p> <p>The Abbey of Fontenay is a beautiful complex and wonderfully restored buildings. Dress warmly if you are visiting in the winter!</p> <p>We had lunch at Le Marmagne (5, route de Dijonn, 21500 Marmagne, Tel. 03 80 92 12 71, le.marmagne@orange.fr, www.hotel-restaurant-lemarmagne.com), between Montbard and the Abbaye de Fontenay. From the looks of the place, I was not expecting good food, but in fact it was excellent.</p> <p>Flavigny-sur-Ozerain is designated one of <i>Les Plus Beaux Villages de France</i> (prettiest villages of France) and rightly so, with its ramparts, hilltop setting, cobblestoned streets and medieval architecture. Be sure to stop off for some souvenirs at the anis seed factory just at the entrance to the town.</p> <p>A new Gallo-Roman site has recently opened a few kilometers from Flavigny, the MuséoParc Alésia (http://www.alesia.com/). I did not have time to visit myself, but it is supposed to be excellent if you are interested in that era.</p> <p>Rent bikes/walk along Canal du Bourgogne</p> <p>Cold weather dissuaded us from renting bikes, but we still enjoyed a nice walk along the canal just as the sun was setting. The canal is only a 5-10 minute walk from Le Petit Village, then it's another 20 minutes by foot to the town of Chassignelles.</p>

<p>Sunday, October 28</p>	<p>Fulvy, back to Paris</p>			<p><i>Noyers-sur-Serein</i>: http://www.noyers-et-tourisme.com/eng_index.html (see official guide in French: http://www.noyers-et-tourisme.com/doc/guide-visite-site.pdf)</p> <p>Noyers-sur-Serein is also a <i>Plus Beaux Villages de France</i> and it is certainly quite picturesque, with medieval architecture, the remains of an old castle and tree-lined promenade along the river. Just don't expect many options here for Sunday lunch (aside from Les Millésimes)! We ended up driving to Chablis to find a restaurant that was open.</p>
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