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The Highlights of Normandy
5 - Day Itinerary

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Beaune is considered to be Burgundy's wine capital. You'll spend four nights in the region's most luxurious hotel, a 5-star property with a Michelin-star restaurant. Spend a day with a local wine expert tasting your way through the Burgundy vineyards. There is, however, more to Burgundy than wine. Other days take you around gorgeous Beaune, to quaint medieval villages, by imposing châteaux and to sample great food. These are the ingredients that make Burgundy a must-see and a UNESCO World Heritage Site!

Day 1 – Dijon

Accommodation in Beaune. After check-in, you may want to take a stroll through the neighborhood.

Visit Beaune Beaune is Burgundy's wine capital, but it has a lot more to offer. Don't miss the wineries, the 12th-century Notre-Dame Basilica, and the Hôtel-Dieu de Beaune. The former charitable almshouse was founded in 1443 and is a reference of Burgundian architecture with its enameled tile roofs. Today it is a museum with a rich selection of paintings, tapestries, and furniture.

Day 2 – Beaune

Three-hour Private Walking Tour of Beaune's Historic Center

From the Place de la Halle and its famous Hôtel Dieu, your local guide shares Beaune's rich history as you tour the Notre-Dame Basilica and the Hôtel des Ducs. In keeping with

Visit to the prestigious Hospice de Beaune (Hôtel Dieu)

The Hospice de Beaune owns a sixty-hectare large wine estate. Fifty are devoted to Pinot Noir and the remainder to Chardonnay. They produce both Premier Cru and exceptional Grand Crus wines. These prestigious wines are sold at the most famous wine charity auction in the world under the name of "Vente des Hospices de Beaune". Originally, the

Hospice de Beaune was found as a hospital for the poor. Today it is one of France's most-renowned historic monuments with spectacular glazed-tile roofs.

Day 3 – Beaune

Full-Day Private Tour of the Prestigious Burgundy Vineyards

This chauffeured tour takes you to the Champs Élysées of Burgundy, a legendary 12-mile (20-kilometer), vineyard-lined road. As you travel along with it the Côte de Nuits villages

are revealed one by one. There is some exceptional scenery around Côte de Beaune and Château de Meursault. Enjoy a private tasting in The Château de Chassagne wine cellars, featuring some of Burgundy's very best.

Day 4 – Roman and Medieval Burgundy

Full-Day Private Guided Tour of Roman and Medieval Burgundy

Today, take a break from wine tasting to learn about the incredible cultural and historical heritage of the Côte d'Or.

Journey through quaint country roads in the rolling Auxois countryside. Discover the 18th-century Burgundy Canal's picture perfect waterfront landscapes. Semur-en-Auxois is a well preserved medieval village with charming boutiques, cafés, and terraces.

Lunch is at a traditional countryside restaurant, a perfect setting to immerse yourself in the local culture. Regional cuisine and local cheeses are on the menu.

In the afternoon you drive through Alésia, a famous battleground where Julius Cesar beat Vercingétorix's Gaul army in 52 BC. Next up is Flavigny-Sur-Ozerain, recognized as one of "the most beautiful villages in France'' and the site where Chocolat was filmed. Visit the Anis de Flavigny candy factory.

A tour of the 12th-century Fontenay Abbey follows. Visit the ornamental gardens and follow the trail of the Cistercian monks at this UNESCO world heritage site. Alternatively, stroll through the village of Vézelay and enjoy a spectacular view over the valley. Here you can visit the Basilica of Sainte-MarieMadeleine, also listed as a UNESCO world heritage site.

Day 5 – Paris

Check out from the hotel in Beaune for onwards travel to Paris