

HIKING

# UNACCOMPANIED THREE DAY ITINERANT HIKE IN BURGUNDY IN BRIONNAIS



Hiking to discover the country of green gold, its meadows and its diamonds, Charolais cows!

## WELCOME IN BRIONNAIS IN BURGUNDY

Three days to go from hills to hills by centuries-old paths, surrounded by green meadows... wonderful! In couple, with friends or even family with children, share simple but authentic moments. Far from the screens and the stress, a stroll in Burgundy is perfect to disconnect from your daily life, to live an adventure that you will always remain.



**3 days hiking  
2 nights**



**Medium level**



**B&B or unusual  
accomodations**



# THE PROGRAM



## DAY 1

### From Iguerande to Saint Maurice les Chateaufneuf :

Before starting your hike, we suggest you to visit the first Romanesque church of this journey, the Saint Marcel church (optional guided tour): it is one of the purest and most complete Romanesque churches in this part of Burgundy. The building from the end of the 11th century is presented as a solid, imposing and stocky unit and has benefited from a major restoration. It is the only vestige of a Benedictine priory dependent on Marcigny and previously on Cluny who have disappeared since revolution. Once the visit is over, you will start your hike on the paths leading you to the crests of the country of the 7 hills with magnificent views of the bocage. Then you will cross the Bézo valley, a small river that winds between the hills, to reach the border of Brionnais, in Saint Maurice les Chateaufneuf, village of antique dealers!



## Day 2

### From Saint Maurice les chateaufneuf to Saint Julien de Jonzy

Even today, we go up, we go down and so on. After a short passage in the forest you pass by the village of Saint Christophe en Brionnais which is the cradle of the Charolais breed. And if you are lucky enough to arrive on a Wednesday, you can stop at the cattle market, a traditional market dating from the 15th century, it is one of the oldest in France! It is an unusual "spectacle" which harmoniously combines the past, the present and the future! Guided tours are available on site (without reservation) with a small Charolais tasting at the end of the tour.

And then, it's time to go up cheerfully to the heights of Brionnais, with a magnificent view of the Arconce valley towards Saint Julien de Jonzy!

## Accommodation

### First evening:

Bed and breakfast accommodation with the possibility of an on-site spa



### Second evening:

Accommodation in guest rooms (private bathroom).



On the spot, you will eat in table d'hôtes

### Extra night :

the day before and/or the last day of hike, (option to book)



## Day 3

### From Saint Julien de Jonzy to Iguerande :

A day which starts in the forest and which will lead you to the village of Semur en Brionnais where we suggest you the visit of the Saint Hilaire collegiate church. It was built in the 12th century. It is classified as a historic monument. It was the last Romanesque church built in Brionnais. It is a mix of Cluniac Romanesque style and foreshadowing of Gothic style. You can also visit the castle of Semur en Brionnais, right next to the church. Then, nearby, there is a small gem, set in lush greenery, the Church of Saint Martin which you can also visit. Then after this passage to Semur en Brionnais, you will descend peacefully through the forest, in the Loire Valley.

Guided tours of the Saint Hilaire college and / or the Saint Martin chapel are optional

## WALKING LEVEL

Medium

**DAY 1** : about 20km or around 6h00 of walking (with shortcuts possible) D + : 411 M and D - : 349 M

**DAY 2** : about 20km or around 6h00 of walking (with shortcuts possible) D + : 283 M and D - : 238 M

**Day 3** : about 18km or around 5h30 of walking (with shortcuts possible) D + : 473 M and D - : 394 M

Please note, this program is given for information only, it can be modified depending on weather conditions, groupe level and / or availability of accomodation.



- In case of abandonment along the way, skipped stage or other service not consumed by hikers, **no refund may be required.**
- We may sometimes have to modify the itinerary indicated : either at the organizational level (problem of availability of accommodation, modification of the condition of the site, etc.). These changes are always notified to you when booking.
- You are the only judge of your strengths and your ability to manage unexpected situations (tiredness, weather, presence of animals, modification of the hike, etc.).
- We decline all responsibility in the event of your error concerning the orientation (error or change of itinerary) or time management (departure too late in the morning, picnic break too long ...).
- You must be able to follow a route using a 1/25000 map, a road map written by us



# LUGGAGE PREPARATION



## Your luggage will be transported by vehicle.

However, we ask you to be reasonable: provide luggage that is not too bulky (preferably in a single bag), and whose weight does not exceed 13 kilos per person

## What you need or not



- **Shampoos and shower gel are not provided** in the accommodation
- You will only carry a backpack with your day's belongings including (pic nic), we therefore recommend a 40 liter backpack.
- Equip yourself with waterproof hiking shoes, good rain gear.
- To avoid the consumption of plastic, remember to bring (1-2) gourdes per person of at least 1.5 liters
- Do not forget the emergency pharmacy (antiseptic, dressings, aspirin, anti mosquito, tick puller, sunscreen, earplug ...)
- **Bed linen and towels are provided in each accommodation.**

# HIKE PREPARATION



This hike is an unaccompanied hike, which means that it is done without a guide and under your own responsibility. We provide you a hiking package which will be sent to you by post or email, three weeks before your arrival date, with:

- accommodation details
- Detailed route maps for each day of hiking
- IGN maps, in A4 format, of each day of hiking where the routes are highlighted. On site, the day before your hike, an A4 version, plasticized, compact and easy to use, will be given to you. The accommodations are precisely located and shortcuts are clearly highlighted.
- The route in .gpx format for GPS

Celine arrived here 20 years ago in Brionnais and since then, she has been walking the paths of this sumptuous grove; she knows all the little nooks and crannies and it is a pleasure for her to prepare these circuits in order to make discover this little corner of paradise. This circuit is flexible and Céline will be able to adapt it to all levels of steps.

These two days will allow you to discover the Brionnais: it is an authentic bocage, where man for centuries raises here the most famous cows of the world, the Charolaises, where man lives in harmony with his surroundings.

More than thirty Romanesque churches form an incomparable ensemble in France. On this hike, we offer optional guided tours of each of the churches encountered.

And in the evening, you will enjoy a beautiful stopover at home, at a table where you will be offered meals made with good local products Burgundy! Cathy, Noah, the "Françoise" (there are three!), Martine, Marie Françoise, Marie Christine, so many partners with whom we have been working confidently for some, 20 years!

This stay is an all inclusive stay: the picnic will be prepared by the accommodation and luggage carried every day.



# PRICES €

For 2 participants sharing the same room :  
**€ 235 per person** in half-board.

For 3 or 4 participants sharing the same room :  
**€ 210 per person** in half-board.

For 4 participants sharing the same room :  
**€180 per person** in half board

*For groups of more than 4 people, for single people, for people wishing to have separate rooms, a supplement will be indicated at the time of the estimate.*

*In all cases, these rates are indicative, depending on your request, an estimate will be established before the reservation.*



## Rate details



### These prices include :



- The complete organization of your hike
- The transport of your luggage at each stage
- Accommodation during the hike with half-board meal from the diner for day 1 to breakfast of day 2
- Tracks on IGN map in A4 format for each day of hiking, as well as a detailed road map.
- GPX traces of each hiking day downloadable before your arrival

## OPTIONS

- An additional night, in a half-board guest room, on the day before and the last day of hiking:

*From € 60 per adult in double room on half board*

*From 45 € per additional adult (from 12 years old) half board in the same room*

- Pic nic : 10 € per person and per day
- Guided tour of a Romanesque church (around 1 hour per church) during the day: 80 € and guided tours of two Romanesque churches during the day: 120 € regardless of the number of participants
- Cancellation insurance
- 2 IGN 1/25000 maps of the circuit that you keep after the hike: 30 €

### These prices not include :

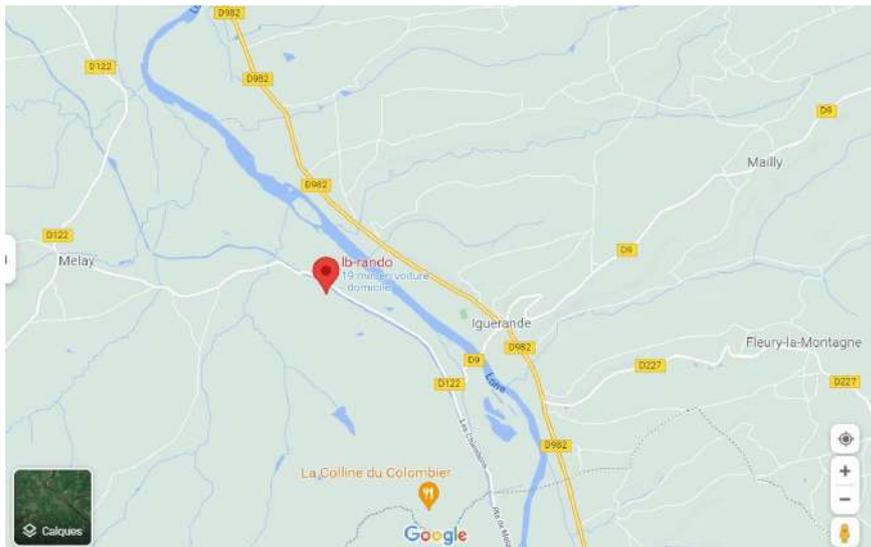


- Drinks and personal expenses
- Pic nic (possible option)
- Station shuttles if you come by train (possible option)
- Cancellation insurance (possible option)

# BOOKING

Please complete the online form by following this link :

[BOOKING FORM](#)



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*Brionnais has some wonderful surprises in store for you!*



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# ACCESS



You are going to the village of Melay in Saône et Loire: department 71

Saône et Loire is served by the A6, A39 and A40 motorways and by the national road Center Europe Atlantic.

By road, Melay is 9 hours south of London, 7 hours south of Brussels and Bruges, 3 hours west of Geneva, 4 hours south of Paris, 2 hours south west of Dijon, 1 hour 30 minutes south west of Chalon sur saône , 1h30 north-west of Lyon, 1h west of Mâcon, and 20 mins north of Roanne. On Google Map, enter the destination "bougres d'ânes".

By train, enter as arrival destination: MARCIGNY

If you come from the North of France or Europe, you can stop at Le Creusot - Montchanin TGV station where you will take a bus which will drop you off an hour later at the Marcigny stop where a taxi that we can book take you to your destination. If you come from the south of France or Europe, you must reach Roanne station where we will pick you up where a bus will drop you off at the Pouilly sous Charlieu stop where a taxi that we can book take you to your destination.

*SNCF (train) :*

*00 33 (0)8 92 35 35 35*

*Bus from train station to Marcigny or Pouilly sous Charlieu :*

*+33 (0)4 77 68 30 00*

