

Domaine de Cromey HEART OF BURGUNDY



SUNDAY

Afternoon Champagne arrival at the Domaine de Cromey. Presentation of the week with an informal wine tasting before dinner in the Pressoir Room.

MONDAY

We start our exploration of this ancient corner of Burgundy with an overview visit of the southern Cote de Beaune, with stops at some pilgrimage spots in the vines. We'll then climb up above the valley to Saint Romain for a view across the region, with a tasting of wines that come from the vineyards below. Home for an elegant buffet lunch. In the afternoon we'll make our first trip into Beaune, the wine capital of Burgundy and an architectural gem, for a walking tour of the medieval quartiers and a visit to the world-famous 15th century Hospices with its colorful rooftop tiles. Dinner at the Domaine.

TUESDAY

We spend today in the Cotes de Nuits on the Route des Grands Crus, exploring the Burgundy wine region, its villages and landmarks. We'll peek around corners to find some hidden surprises. Late morning wine tasting with one of our producers. Lunch in a wine village, then home via the scenic road through the most famous vineyards in the world, with a visit en route to the Clos de Vougeot. Dinner at the Domaine.

WEDNESDAY

Off to the Morvan, and the market town of Autun. And it's quite a market town, situated at the base of one of the great treasures of Romanesque art, the cathedral of St. Lazare. But who needs Romanesque when you can have real Roman? Autun was a major Roman city, and today boasts extant arched city gates, an eerie temple and the largest amphitheater in Gaul. Lunch is in town. Then we'll drive home through the Morvan national park to take in as much as the afternoon allows. Home for dinner.

THURSDAY

We'll head back into Beaune this morning for the one thing we could not do there on Monday morning. Shopping! But because this is the wine capital of Burgundy, there is a wine-tasting option, of course. We'll be back to the house in time for another buffet lunch extravaganza. Traditionally we leave Thursday afternoon open for unscheduled activities. There are many options close by the property, and we can discuss these with the group beforehand. Dinner in a nearby gastronomic restaurant.

FRIDAY

Off to Dijon, the capital of the Dukes of Burgundy and one of the most beautiful historic districts in all of France. A morning walk through the medieval streets and market hall (designed by Eifiel). Lunch on the market. And then afternoon shopping or more in-depth touring. Home early-ish for packing and a grand finale dinner in the Pressoir Room at Cromey.

SATURDAY Departure after breakfast.