



## FRANCE – BURGUNDY'S MEDIEVAL CASTLES & WORLD FAMOUS VINEYARDS



### 5 DAYS, 4 NIGHTS

4 LATE AFTERNOON BALLOON FLIGHTS SCHEDULED

When most of Europe was still a collection of small towns and feudal manors, Burgundy was synonymous with splendor, power and grace. Its influential past can be seen today through its remarkable chateaux, many of them architectural masterpieces. Burgundy enjoys a worldwide reputation for excellent cuisine, fine wine, and beautiful countryside, and is the perfect place for our low-level explorations by balloon. Fourteenth-century castles and medieval market towns with charming stone houses dot the rolling green hills, unfolding in a lovely tapestry as we drift through ancient villages, Old World farms and world-class vineyards such as Montrachet, Meursault and Pommard.



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**Day 1** – Meet us in Paris at 9:00 a.m. for transfer to medieval Beaune, Burgundy's center for wine making. Elegant lunch at Le Montrechet then check in for four nights at Hotel Le Cep, our 14th - 18th century chateau-hotel. Late afternoon balloon adventure just-above-the-rooftops of 14th century castles and villages, landing at twilight. Dinner prepared by our own chefs in the vaulted, candlelit chambers of 14th century Chateau Savigny-les-Beaune.

**Day 2** – Morning visit and wine tasting at the 14th-17th century wine cellars of Patriarch, the largest in Beaune with six million bottles. For lunch we'll be the private guests Burgundy's famous personality and our good friend, the Countess de Loisy, at her 15th century wine estate. The Countess entertains us with stories of her ancestry and the German occupation of her home during WWII, and shows us her chateau and extraordinary cellar with 3,000 wooden barrels. We'll visit the 12th century monastic winery of Clos de Vougeot, home of The Confreries des Chevaliers du Tastevin, and the vineyards of Romanee Conti, the most expensive red wine in the world. Late afternoon balloon adventure through vineyards and enchanting villages, with candlelit buffet dinner in a medieval setting.

**Day 3** – Morning visit to the workshop of Claude Gillet, where he and his family make 50 wooden wine barrels a day hand for the world's most prestigious wineries. Then we're off to the 13th century fairytale fortress of Chateau de la Rocheport, one of the best existing examples of a Middle Age fortress. Elegant luncheon at Loiseu des Viones and free time to browse in Beaune's quaint medieval square. Late afternoon balloon adventure and dinner prepared by our own chef.

**Day 4** – Explore the marvelous 15th century Hospice de Beaune, Burgundy's most important

architectural landmark. Originally a charity hospital and refuge for the poor, philanthropists donated tracks of land which evolved into vineyards and provided steady income for the hospital and region. Today Burgundy's most important wine auctions take place at the Hospice de Beaune. We'll lunch at elegant Chez Morillon, one of Beaune's most notable restaurants and visit the Wine Museum of Burgundy, once the medieval residence of the Dukes of Burgundy. Late afternoon balloon adventure through storybook scenery, followed by dinner and graduation ceremonies in the flower-filled orangerie of Chateau de LaBorde, Buddy Bombard's home in France.

**Day 5** – Depart Beaune at 10:00 a.m. for transfer to Paris, with lunch enroute. Arrive Paris late afternoon.

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**June 11-15, 2008**

**July 18-22, 2008**

**September 27-October 1, 2008**

\$8,940 per person, double.

Single supplement \$1,145.

### TRIP COMBINATIONS

#### **Burgundy & Loire**

Connected by our 3 day French country excursion.

#### **Burgundy & Swiss Summer**

Connected by our 3 day Mt. Blanc & the Matterhorn excursion.

#### **Romance of Florence/Siena & Burgundy**

Connected by our 4 day Portofino, Megeve, & Zermatt excursion.