



From the vast Solognote and Berrichonne stretches to the Sancerrois vineyard
Circuit N°24



Through this itinerary you will reach the immense mysterious Solognote forests where prestigious castles and villages nestle, besides their typical setting inspired numerous novel authors.

<i>The travel book recommend the number of minimum days which can be devoted to the itinerary.</i>



Sancerrois, Orléanais, Touraine, splendid landscapes, prestigious castles on the river Loire banks (Chambord, Chenonceau, Blois, Amboise, Villandry, Langeais, Loches ou Chinon), lead the visitor on the kings of France's traces in an area providing a legendary pleasure.

Within a few hours from Paris, the region Centre will be toured through boundless horizons : la Beauce, Sologne ponds, the Val de Loire vineyards, peaceful Berry bocages.

Local Produce/Gastronomy : cheeses (goat Pouligny, St Pierre or Valençay, Sainte Maure, Selles sur Cher), fishes from the Loire river, lentils from Berry, tart Tatin, Pithiviers, mushroom beds, fresh water fishes (eels, shads, lampreys, pikes and carps), forestine de Bourges, croquet d'Issoudun.

Traditional Handicraft : china, basketwork, enamel works, outstanding gardens



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Day 1 :

This itinerary on the banks of the river Cher at the very bottom of Sologne and the Berry. At the Beuvrière castle, travel up the time until the Middle Ages, at the heart of a more than 1000 hectare estate.

As soon as you will have left Vierzon and travelling along the left bank of the river Cher you will reach the Berrichonne Champagne scattered with helmets and villages such as Brinay, with the superb frescoes (XIIIth century) in Saint- Aignan church. You will cross the river in the area of Quincy. The town of Mehun-s-Yèvre is towered by the remains of the Jean de Berry castle which houses the china pole. When leaving the Yèvre valley you will reach the immense Solognote forests where castles, helmets and ponds nestle.

Stop in Nançay to visit an art gallery in the former stables of the castle and the centre of research radio-astronomic.

According to your wishes you will come across Solognot villages, their typical aspect of which inspired numerous novel authors such as Brinon-sur-Sauldre with its inner courtyard next to the church and its washhouse on the banks of the river.

The well pond (175 hectares) is a paradise for the fauna and flora. Along the hauling path of the former Sauldre canal you will reach Argent-sur-Sauldre and the Blancafort castle. Its pink brick façade from the XVth century is reflected in the sleepy water of the canal.

Before reaching la Verrerie the end of the first journey, drive to Aubigny-s-Nère to see its castle and its former wood framed houses.

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Day 1 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
SAINT-HILAIRE-DE-COURT	D320	0.0	
VIERZON	D27	1.0	
BRINAY	D27	0.0	
QUINCY	D20	12.0	
MEHUN-SUR-YEVRE	D79	4.0	
VOUZERON	D182	14.0	
LA PETITE GRELERIE	D182	0.0	
LES LANDES	D29	10.0	
NANÇAY	D29bis	2.0	
BOURDALOUE	D29bis	0.0	
CROISEMENT	D79	5.0	
MENETREOL-SUR-SAUDRE	D79	9.0	
SAINTE-MONTAINE	D13	5.0	
LES LEGRERS	D	4.0	
BRINON-SUR-SAUDRE	D993	7.0	
CLEMONT	D176	4.0	
L'ETANG DU PUIIS	D176	0.0	
ARGENT-SUR-SAUDRE	D8	12.0	
BLANCAFORT	D39	8.0	
OIZON	D39	6.0	
CROISEMENT	D	4.0	
LA VERRERIE	D	1.0	

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. VIGNOUX-SUR-BARANGEON

Le Prieuré (Hôtel) - 2 rue Jean Graczyk - 18500 VIGNOUX-SUR-BARANGEON
Phone : 0248515880 - fax 0248515601 - @ : info@leprieurehotel.com

. SAINT HILAIRE DE COURT

Château de la Beuvriere (Hôtel) - Ch^teau de la Beyvrière - 18100 SAINT HILAIRE DE COURT
Phone : 0248751463 - fax 0248754762 - @ : hotellabeuvriere@aol.com



. VOUZERON

Le Relais de Vouzeron (Hôtel) - 2 place de l'Eglise - 18330 VOUZERON
Phone : 0248516138 - fax 0248516371 - @ : relaisdevouzeron@yahoo.fr

. BRINON-SUR-SAULDRE

La Solognote (Hôtel) - 34 Grande Rue - 18410 BRINON-SUR-SAULDRE
Phone : 0248585029 - fax 0248585600 - @ : lasolognote@wanadoo.fr

. ARGENT-SUR-SAULDRE

Le Relais de la Poste (Hôtel) - 3 rue Nationale - 18410 ARGENT-SUR-SAULDRE
Phone : 0248815390 - @ : relaisdelaposte@aol.com



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. MEHUN SUR YEVRE

Pole de Porcelaine - MEHUN SUR YEVRE
Phone : 0248570619

. NACAY

Station de Radioastronomie (Curiosité)
Phone : 0248511818

. ARGENT SUR SAULDRE

Musée des Métiers et traditions de France - 18410 ARGENT SUR SAULDRE
Phone : 0248815060

. BLANCAFORT

Château de Blancafort (Château) - 18410 BLANCAFORT
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. LA VERRERIE

Château de la Verrerie (Château) - 18000 LA VERRERIE
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Phone : 0248240136 - fax 0248702185 - @ : automobile-club.centre@wanadoo.fr

. VIERZON

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André Sports (Location de vélos) - 13 rue Portes au Boeuf - 18100 VIERZON
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. MEHUN SUR YEVRE

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2 Day 2 :

At the heart of a 20 hectare park you will enjoy the authenticity and the comfort at the Verrerie castle built in the XVIth century by the Stuart from Scotland. Along the Jacques Cœur road you will reach the Nère valley at the place called « l'étang » where the river becomes a lake in which the shades of the Renaissance castle reflect. Beyond the mist of the lake on croirait apercevoir the Grand Meaulnes' characters.

You will follow your route through the Ivoy forest then the wood of Beaujeu before reaching the first Sancerrois hills at the Boucard castle. After Menetou-Râtel you will travel in the vicinity of Chavignol village the « Crottin » of which, a dry goat cheese, is savored with a slightly fruity white Sancerre.

Before reaching the wine roads at Crézancy-en-Sancerre admire a superb view over the Bué vineyard.

You will reach the sandstone soils in the Henrichemont wood which originate the development of Berry pottery. The Beuve museum offers the opportunity to discover the local potters' know how.

At the edge of the Humbligny wood a small scenic road will lead you up to Marogues where you will discover a Roman church from the XIIIth century and the Maupas castle in a park and its age-old trees.

You will reach the Auron valley by the fortified city of Dun. Before you will admire the Jussy-Champagne castle built in the XVIIth century. The hauling path of the Berry canal will lead you through the Meillant wood until your « sweet home » for a well deserved comfort.

2 Day 2 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
LA VERRERIE	D89	0.0	
VILLEGONON	D11	6.0	
LA CHAPELOTTE	D7	9.0	
CROISEMENT	D55	1.0	
CROISEMENT	D85	3.0	
BOUCARD	D85	0.0	
MENETOU-RATEL	D85	9.0	
LA FORET GASSELIN	D85	0.0	
BLUE	D	5.0	
REIGNY	D22	3.0	
CREZANCY-EN-SANCERRE	D22	4.0	
NEUILLY-EN-SANCERRE	D22	5.0	
LA BORNE	D46	11.0	
MOROGUES	D46	5.0	
LES AIX-D'ANGILLON	D12	5.0	
RIANS	D12	3.0	
BRECY	D157	7.0	
FARGES-EN-SEPTAINE	D36	6.0	
AVORD	D36	5.0	
JUSSY-CHAMPAGNE	D36	5.0	
DUN-SUR-AURON	D953	12.0	
THAUMIERS	D953	9.0	

2 Day 2 : The lodgings suggested by french-itinerary.com

. SANCERRE

Le Panoramic (Hôtel) - Remparts des Augustins - 18300 SANCERRE
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. THAUMIERS

Château de Thaumiers (Hôtel) - 18210 THAUMIERS
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. LA VERRERIE

Château de la Verrerie (Château) - 18000 LA VERRERIE
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. BOUCARD

Château de Boucard (Château) - 18000 BOUCARD
Phone : 0248587281

. CREZANCY EN SANCERRE

Daniel Chotard (Viticulteur) - Hameau de Reigny - 18300 CREZANCY EN SANCERRE
Phone : 0248790812 - fax 0248790921

. LA BORNE

Musée de la Poterie - 18000 LA BORNE
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. MOROGUES

Domaine Henry Pellé (Viticulteur) - Route d'Aubinges - 18220 MOROGUES
Phone : 0248644248 - fax 0248643688 - @ : info@henry-pelle.com

Château de Maupas (Château) - 18220 MOROGUES
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. JUSSY-CHAMPAGNE

Château de Jussy-Champagne (Château) - 18000 JUSSY-CHAMPAGNE
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3 Day 3 :

At the table d'hôtes in the Thaumiers castle you will taste the specialities from the Berrichon. Soil. This former fortress rebuilt in the XVIIIth century standing amidst its moats keeps its whole medieval character.

Then you will sink in the immense wood of Meillant before reaching the the bocage near Saint-Amand-Montrond. While visiting the local tradition museum you will discover Saint-Vic hotel a superb mansion from the XVIth century.

You will resume your journey through the Grand Bois up to the Meillant castle the eastern façade of which reminds the most beautiful castles of the river Loire. The Noirlac abbey a masterpiece from the Roman art is certainly one of the most outstanding monastic unit in France.

Through the bocage and along the river Cher you will arrive at the foot of the imposing fortress of Châteauneuf-sur-Cher. You will cross the river in order to pursue your journey on the left bank.

After having crossed forests and prairies you will reach the Arnon valley at Charost. This town which probably finds its origins about the bronze age owns a rich heritage such as Saint-Michel abbey church built in ferrugineous limestone during the XIth century.

A scenic road will lead you up to the Reully vineyard. The vines cover the hills of a charming area crossed by the verdant slopes of Cher, Arnon and Théols. You will reach the aim of the journey by following the Arnon valley.

3 Day 3 : Road book

Crossed places and towns	N° of crossed roads	KM	Comments
THAUMIERS	D953	0.0	
LE PONDY	D6	3.0	
SAINT-AMAND-MONTROND	D10	16.0	
MEILLANT	D92	8.0	
LA CELLE	N144	6.0	
NOIRLAC	D35	3.0	
BRUERE-ALLICHAMPS	D35	0.0	
CHATEAUNEUF-SUR-CHER	D27	15.0	
CORQUOY	D27	0.0	
LUNERY	D88	10.0	
CIVRAY	D88	0.0	
CHAROST	D2	14.0	
SAINT-GEORGES-SUR-ARNON	D2	0.0	
DIOU	D918	10.0	
REULLY	D28C	5.0	
MASSAY	D75E	9.0	
SAINT-HILAIRE-DE-COURT	D75E	6.0	

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. FARGES-ALLICHAMPS

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Musée de Saint Vic - 18200 SAINT AMAND-MONTROND
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. MEILLANT

Château de Meillant (Château) - 18000 MEILLANT
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. NOIRLAC

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