






Nature






For nature lovers

Morvan Park	Renowned for its harsh winters and its protected wildlife, this park is a privileged place to relax. Go trekking, birdwatching or give yourself a thrill with extreme sports, the Morvan will awaken your senses, be it for a few hours or a lifetime.	/	25 Km	http://www.parcumorvan.org	
Boutissaint Park	At the heart of the Puysaie, the animal park and its wild scenery will bewitch both parents and children. Those 400 wild animals wandering freely upon 400 hectares will mesmerize you at once. To discover this magic, you have the choice between walking, riding or even mountain-biking. You can have picnic and go fishing too! A one-day visit will definitely cheer you up.	Treigny	92 Km	http://www.boutissaint.com	
Pont Lake	That's where the locals naturally go whenever they seek fresh air and tranquillity. Joggers also appreciate running around the lake. On sunny days, you will see picnic baskets sprouting on the lawns, with the background sounds of laughing children.	Semur-en-Auxois	25 Km	http://campinglac.chez-alice.fr	
Arcy-sur-Cure Grotto	The second oldest painted cave in the world (its paintings date back to 33,000 b.c.), its 50,000 yearly visitors enjoy both the aesthetical and cultural experience. Caught in a heat wave or in heavy downpours? This cave is the alternative to save the day.	Arcy-sur-Cure	39 Km	http://www.grottes-arcy.net	


Leisure activities

For mushrooms lovers	The Société Mycologique du Tonnerrois et de l'Avalonnais, led by an enthusiast, organises some 'mushroom days' all year long. On the menu, mushroom gathering in the woods, sorting-out and classification in the morning, followed with an exhibition and a conference in the afternoon, after a friendly lunch.	Santigny			
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Walks / trekking	If our own park doesn't quench your thirst for walking, the village of Santigny and its surroundings offer many other possibilities for strollers. If you prefer trekking, there are several GR close at hand, but you might yield to the call of the Morvan, a little further...	Santigny	http://www.ffrandonnee.fr		
Massangis little train	With children or to discover the valley of the Serein effortlessly, the 'Tchoo Tchoo Train' will drive you across 5 kms of landscapes typical of the Avalonnais. It only works in the high season.	Massangis	17 Km	http://60gp.ovh.net/~massangi/massangis/petittrain.htm	
Boat rental	What bliss, drifting along the Canal de Bourgogne! You can either rent a boat (no licence needed) or put your feet up and enjoy the cruise: an original and refreshing way of discovering a part of Burgundy.	Canal de Bourgogne	45 Km	http://www.rive-de-france.com	
Cyclotourism / Mountain bike	Santigny organised the 30th Yonne cycling championships, thereby showing its unflagging support for the sport. Whether for a ride between Montbard and Avallon or along the shaded paths bordering the Canal de Bourgogne, the Domaine d'Ecuseaux will give you tips. If you feel you are in poor shape, just borrow our mountain bikes for a short ride around.	Santigny		http://bourgogne.evasion.site.voila.fr http://www.vttfrance.com	
Local guided tours	Led by enthusiastic local experts, these tours will take you down memory lane: in the historical centres of Avallon and Noyers, or at outstanding churches or washhouses, each tour will carry you away for a few hours in a wealth of architectural or historical details, notwithstanding humour and anecdotes to make the past ever more present.	Avallon, Noyers	19 Km, 22 Km	http://guidesdepays.free.fr http://aneetrando.wifeo.com/visites-guidees.php	

Sports and adventure

Champ Retard Cave	Seeing life from above gives you thrill? Then you will enjoy this unique site in France, which offers two different acrobatic routes 10 meters above the ground in a former stone quarry. One is designed for families while the other is physically more challenging, you can also choose to do it at night or by day –and why not camp on site afterwards? Availability depends on the season.	Dissangis	14 Km	http://www.grottechampretard.com	
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Sports and nature

The Parc du Morvan is the ideal place for outdoor sports: canoeing, rafting, tree-top adventure parks and so many others. This is the perfect opportunity to have a good time with friends. Professionals are here to help you and share their passion. Come meet them to choose which outdoor activity suits you best.

Avallon

19 Km

<http://www.loisirsenmorvan.com>



Golf

You can't imagine leaving your golf clubs at home? Well, Burgundy has not forgotten people of your kind. Several quality greens are awaiting you within reasonable distances. How about whetting your appetite on a course before enjoying local cuisine in refined settings?

Pouilly-en-Auxois,
Tanlay, Vic-sous-
Thil

60 km,
38 km,
31 km

<http://www.chailly.com>



Quad

An ever more popular sport, the quad allows extreme sensations in the midst of nature. Once equipped and briefed, let yourself enjoy the thrill of speeding along marked out paths at the wheel of your 4WD.

Magny

16 km



Fishing

The Heart of Burgundy region is crisscrossed with the Yonne, its tributaries and the canals. Yet you will also find well-stocked fishponds. The closest to us, that of the Serein -a predestined name if you consider the serenity that prevails on its embankments- is only 7 kms away from the Domaine d'Ecuseaux.

Réservoir du
Griottier Blanc (Le
vieux Dun), réservoir
du Crescent,
réservoir de
Malassis (Cure),
étang de Marrault
(Entre Avallon et le
réservoir du
Griottier), parc de
Boutissaint (Treigny)

44 Km,
30 Km,
38 Km,
92 Km

<http://www.peche-yonne.com>
<http://www.chez.com/legriottierblanc>



Swimming-pool / Nautical centre

If Avallon offers a clean, traditional swimming-pool, you also have the newly opened Amphitrite nautical centre close at hand in Montbard. Its 4 pools (including a wave pool), sauna, hammam, beauty parlour, its slides and inner river will delight children and parents for a fun-packed afternoon!

Montbard, Avallon

23 Km,
19 Km

<http://www.ot-montbard.fr>



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Historical patrimony

Avallon's Medieval Town Centre

The clock tower, the St Lazare abbey, the stone ramparts... these are words that give off a whiff of old stones laden with history. With a guide or not, you can easily spend one or two hours wandering about. Whoever is not satisfied with the abbey's intricately sculpted doors can't but be seduced by the viewpoints on the Cousin valley from the ramparts.

Avallon

19 Km

http://www.avallonnais-tourisme.com/patrimoine_avallon/



Semur's Medieval Town Centre

Reaching Semur by the road, you shall at once be enthralled with its looming spires and solid ramparts. Within the fortifications, you will discover a small medieval pedestrian area. Indulge in the local pastries before setting off on a walk around the lake of Pont.

Semur

22 km

<http://www.ville-semur-en-auxois.fr>



Centre médiéval de Noyers

Entre colombages et pierres taillées, colonnettes de granit, petites ruelles pavées et successions de placettes, tours léchées par les méandres du Serein, Noyers la médiévale porte bien son titre d'un des "plus beaux villages de France". À noter aussi son musée d'art naïf et, plusieurs fois par an, son marché de la truffe.

Noyers

22 Km

<http://www.noyers-sur-serein.com>



Montréal village

When in Montréal, you could swear slap bang in the middle of a postcard. This village is indeed the place to spend half a day: roses and vines grow upon the ancient stone facades along the medieval lanes. Walk up the winding main road until you reach the Collégiale, a peaceful church from which you will enjoy the viewpoint. It is then time to treat yourself to some drinks, basking in the sun at the terrace of the picturesque café.

Montréal

7 Km

<http://montreal-en-bourgogne.com>



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Buffon's Forges

The famous French naturalist Buffon founded these forges in 1768 on his family domain. Enclosed in magnificent green surroundings, they still reflect today the faith in science and progress that were the watchwords for the philosophers of the Enlightenment.

Buffon

21 Km

<http://webpublic.ac-dijon.fr/pedago/histgeo/Bourgogne/Photomois/Buffon.htm>



Civry's Windmill

Built in the 1820s, this windmill worked for all the cultivators of the High Valley of the Serein until 1880, a time when watermills took over. Opened in the summer 2006 after a restoration based on the original techniques and material, it offers a beautiful testimony of rural life as it used to be.

Civry-sur-Serein

14 Km

<http://www.moulins-a-vent.net/Moulins/civrysurserain.htm>



Chappe Telegraph Tower

South of Annoux, in the woods of the Reppe, a tower of the old Chappe telegraph stands 40 feet tall. It has been rehabilitated by an association of voluntary workers. You can visit it on the first Sundays of each month, together with passionate amateurs. The mechanism is functional, as it has been recreated by some students in engineering. You will also enjoy the walk leading to it through enchanting woods.

Annoux

13 Km

<http://telegraphe-chappe.com/chappe/annoux>



Site of the Alésia Battle

Situated in the vicinity of Alise-Sainte-Reine, this is one of the 68 French sites claiming to have hosted the famous battle opposing Julius Caesar and Vercingétorix. Numerous excavations have unearthed the evidence of a Roman siege. The artefacts are gathered in a museum while a massive statue of the Gaul towers upon the viewpoint, a panorama worth the visit in good weather. For those interested in this period of history, you can combine this visit with that of Bibractum in South Morvan.

Alise-Sainte-Reine

33 Km

http://perso.orange.fr/jean-francois.mangin/romains/bataille_alesia.htm



Flavigny-sur-Ozerain village

With its glorious past and its now world-renowned aniseed sweets, the fortified city of Flavigny-sur-Ozerain proudly welcomes you. You may be lucky enough to visit the factory within an old abbey with its owners as guides, unless you prefer the ruins of the abbey and its mysteries!

Flavigny-sur-Ozerain

38 Km

<http://www.flavigny.com>



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Guédelon's Medieval Building Site

Experience a world première: a mix of scientific and historical research and of professional reinsertion, Guédelon's medieval building site is a must-see. No less than 45 craftsmen are building a medieval castle right under your eyes, following the 13th century techniques. Situated in the heart of the forest, it benefits from the raw materials to be found around: water, stone, earth, sand and wood are all close at hand. But there's no need to hurry, some 20 years of construction lie ahead!

Treigny

92 Km

<http://www.guedelon.com>



Castles

Bussy Rabutin's Castle

Unique in its kind, the castle impresses the visitor with its large portrait gallery, each with its caustic caption written by Bussy Rabutin after he fell from grace and left the Court. Don't forget to take a pullover off-season since the castle is not heated.

Bussy-le-Grand

46 Km

<http://www.azurline.com/bussy/chateau.html>



Maulnes castle

A striking pentagonal Renaissance castle, it has been recently restored by the Conseil Général. Towering above the surrounding tablelands, it is organised around a central well and an imposing spiral staircase. This building has given birth to many a legend. Who knows the part of truth?

Cruzy le Châtel

46 km

<http://www.maulnes.com/>



Bazoches castle

Feudal castle from the XIIth century, it is still vibrating with Vauban's spirit. This outstanding military architect who worked for Louis XIV lived in this castle and that's where he experimented most of the fortification designs he is famous for. Freshly restored, the castle gives an insight into Vauban's works; you will also admire the fine furniture inside before enjoying the sight of Vézelay's hill in the distance. Knowing full well that you shall fall under the spell of the little Morvan roads, you'd better reckon on two hours for the visit plus the driving.

Bazoches

42 Km

<http://www.chateau-bazoches.com/>



Tanlay castle

Overlooking the Canal de Bourgogne, this Renaissance castle with moats harbours sumptuously decorated apartments. Why not then prolong the pleasure with a stroll along the canal?

Tanlay

38 Km

<http://www.chateaudetanlay.fr>



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Chastellux castle

Notwithstanding the castle and its beautiful site, you will fall under the spell of the Count and of his mesmerizing account of his family's grandeur. A must-see if you travel along Morvan's backroads.

Chastellux-sur-Cure 32 Km

<http://www.demeure-historique.org/spip.php?article628>



Ancy Le Franc castle

Ancy le Franc is an amazing Renaissance palace, which has belonged to both Louvois and Clermont-Tonnerre families. Its recent restoration sheds a new light upon the harmony of the building, with its magnificent watery and bosky bower. After having visited both the park and the castle (one or two hours) do not forget to have a look at the nice washhouse situated at the centre of the village.

Ancy-le-Franc 33 Km

<http://www.chateau-ancy.com/>



Epoisses castle

Close your eyes and picture your children going to school in a castle, or just imagine for a second that the Sunday mass is celebrated in that same castle... You're in Epoisses! From the 3000-box dovecote to the painted ceilings, every nook and cranny of the castle bears the memory of the famous Condé, starting with the blooming garden that surrounds it.

Epoisses 9 Km

<http://www.chateaudepoisses.com/>



Religious monuments

Vézelay Basilica

Do you know why Vézelay is Burgundy's 1st touristic attraction, and do you know why Vézelay appeals to 700,000 visitors every year? Its basilica of course, which is listed on the UNESCO World Heritage! The acquisition of Sainte Marie-Madeleine's relics in the IXth Century made it a necessary halt for pilgrims. This very status was reinforced by Saint Bernard's sermon for the Second Crusade in 1146. Today, be it in the shoes of a pilgrim heading for Saint Jacques de Compostelle or in those of a mere amateur of calm and architecture, the basilica will bring you serenity.

Vézelay 35 Km

<http://vezelay.cef.fr/>



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Fontenay Abbey

This abbey has had a hectic history: rescued from revolutionary damagings by the Montgolfier brothers who turned it into a paper factory, the abbey has since then been somptuously restored by a lineage of bankers in love with the site. Founded in 1118 by Saint Bernard in a small marshey valley, it has kept its original roman architecture. Every year, more than 120,000 visitors relish over this exceptional place, listed on the UNESCO World Heritage.

Fontenay

35 Km

<http://www.abbayedefontenay.com>



Vausse Priory

Located within the woods of Châtel-Gérard, this priory that belongs to the Cistercian order was founded at the end of the XIIth century. Transformed into a ceramic factory after the French Revolution, it was then bought by historian Ernest Petit and remains today a family mansion. Once a year, the XIIth century Romanesque cloister and the XIVth century chapel can be visited by candlelight, a magical moment not to be missed!

Châtel-Gérard

9km

http://www.pays-tonnerrois.com/site_incontournable.php?rub=visiter&srub=site&site=0008



Abbaye de la Pierre-qui-Vire

Founded in 1850 by Father Jean-Baptiste Muard (1809-1854) to combine work and prayer –as in St Benedict's teachings, the Pierre-qui-Vire is a lively monastery that houses 80 monks. It now has followers all around France and in many other countries (the U.S.A., England, Vietnam, Madagascar, Congo...). Built in the Morvan's beautiful settings, the modernity of the architecture is likely to astound you. The monks welcome visitors all year round and the abbey's shop is well-laden with religious books, souvenirs and... delicious cheese from the Abbey's Farmhouse! A two-hour time span is advisable for a visit, including a bucolic walk in the surrounding woods.

Saint-Léger-Vauban

33km

<http://www.abbaye-pierrequivire.asso.fr>



Saint-Jean-Les-Bonshommes Priory

A partially ruined XIIth century priory, it now shelters the Avallon's Historical Society. What remains of the convent can be visited, at times with scholarly comments.

Sauvigny-le-Bois

15km

http://perso.orange.fr/grandmont/Saint_Jean_les_B.htm



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Maison natale de Sainte Catherine Labouré Sainte Catherine Labouré is famous for having been asked by the Virgin to coin a miraculous medal, to which a Parisian Chapel, rue du Bac, is now dedicated. Prayed by millions of Catholics around the world, Sainte Catherine Labouré was born in this house from well-off peasants. It is now a museum. The nuns who have established a community within its walls will know how to share with you their passion for this simple woman with a most extraordinary destiny.

Fain-lès-Moutiers 7km

<http://www.chapellenotredamedelamedaillemiraculeuse.com/FR/E.asp>



Montréal's Collegial This abbey overlooks the medieval village of Avallon as well as the neighbouring farmlands. Built in a simple and harmonious style, it harbours a beautiful XVth century alabaster reredos inside its walls and what's more, some amazing and exceptional characters carved into the stalls' oak. Take a close look, you won't regret it! The Collégiale is also a haven for the weary pilgrim, be it for a prayer or just to rest for a while.

Montréal 7km

<http://www.montreal89.com/eglise.htm>



Museums

The Stoners' Museum Stone is another of Burgundy's assets: Notre Dame's square, the Pantheon's and many other Paris monuments have relied on its quality, whether it came from Massangis or some other quarry. Rediscover the work of quarrymen who contributed to the village's reputation. If you can't help falling in love with this beautiful white-yellow stone, you'll be happy to know Santigny's sculptor still works with it.

Massangis 7km

<http://www.massangis.com>







Montjalin's Castle (International Statesmen's Cars Museum) Discover an incredible car museum set in the former stables of this magnificent XVIIIth century castle. It shelters more than thirty prestige or parade vehicles, which belonged to French, American, Russian or African Presidents. There's even a Papamobile (papal car) on display! If you're lucky, the owner – a passionate collector- will be the one to guide you through the exhibit.

Sauvigny-le-Bois 15km

<http://www.voitures-presidentielles.com>



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Costume museum	Encased in a beautiful XVII/XVIIIth century mansion, formerly belonging to the Condé family, this museum presents displays of clothes as were worn by the nobility at the time. For all that, we may thank two enthusiastic ladies who have designed and made all the costumes from A to Z, at the rate of one piece a year. It's an original initiative to be discovered, and encouraged!	Avallon	19km	http://www.france89.com/89/musees/index.htm#Avallon%202	
Avallonnais museum	Founded in 1862 by the Avallon Studies Society, the museum retraces the history of the area through collections built by generations of local learned men, collectors and donors. Sculpture, gold and silver plate, but also the results of prehistoric digs in Arcy sur Cure, not to forget the youth paintings of Rouault, among which the famous "Miserere". Eclecticism bound to arouse anyone's curiosity.	Avallon	19km	http://www.ville-avallon.fr/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=111&Itemid=209	
Zervos museum	Opened in spring 2006 to help discover the collection of the art critics and patron Christian Zervos, this museum today bears the name of this Director of the Revue, an art periodical. Famous or secondary artists, the harsh selection of the offered paintings and the attention given to their presentation make this museum a place not to be missed by modern art lovers.	Vézelay	35km	http://www.musee-zervos.fr	
Noyers's Naive Art Museum	Naive, primitive or popular art, this museum is non exclusive. As an illustration, it also exhibits the old collections of the museum dealing with palaeontology and numismatics. The amateur shall be enthused, so shall the nostalgic (nice collection of designed iron boxes, for example). For avant-gardism fans, rather visit the "Maison du schématisme", offering astounding works of art.	Noyers-sur-Serein	22km	http://www.noyers-sur-serein.com/artnaif.htm	

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Buffon's Great Forge

Naturalist of Louis XIV, Buffon took advantage of his family properties to study forge techniques. His numerous innovations reflect the spirit of the Age of Enlightenment and the contemporary faith into progress. Today the whole site benefits from a revival and mixes harmoniously the life of Buffon and forge techniques within a remarkable environment. Two hours are necessary for assiduous readers (in French) to go over the exhibition and the various buildings, one hour for others.

Montbard

23km

<http://forge.buffon.iffrance.com>



Apothek of Moutiers St Jean

In a charming village still showing remains of an abbey that ended dramatically, this antique drugstore offers a large display of medical pots in their original set of wooden shelves from the XVIIth century. Opened on summer days, 30 minutes are enough to visit the place. Take advantage of it, and go for a walk to the peculiar Coeurderoy gardens, constituted of 3 terraces adorned by rococo Italian style porches and planted with quince and apple trees.

Moutiers St Jean

10 Km

<http://www.gralon.net/tourisme/a-visiter/info-apothecairerie-de-l-hopital-saint-sauveur-moutiers-saint-jean-17185.htm>



Gastronomy

Local products

Epoisses cheese

A unique cheese from Burgundy benefiting from an AOC quality label, its name comes from the village it is made in. Made out of cow milk, soft and with a cleaned rind, it matures after having been bathed with a local spirit called Marc de Bourgogne, which gives it its relative strong taste and its orange colour. A wonder for taste buds to be discovered absolutely!

Epoisses

9km

<http://www.fromage-epoisses.com/>



Charolais beef meat

Considered by many as the best race for meat, the Charolais is to be found everywhere in Burgundy. Awarded in many agriculture fairs, the Charolais cows make the admiration of children and adults with their imposing strength and white skin. Did you know that the tenderness of its meat makes the reputation of the Burgundy Fondue?

Saulieu

50km

<http://www.sitesremarquablesdugout.com/>



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Prégilbert trout

Burgundy is little known for fish; wrongly in fact, because fishing is a major leisure activity here, while fresh waters are teeming with catches. The trout “in the Dijon manner” belongs, just as the “pochouse”, to the cooking traditions of Burgundy. That is why visiting the Prégilbert troutfarm will both satisfy your curiosity and your taste for fine fish.

Prégilbert

50km

<http://panierdebourgogne.free.fr/producteurs/pisciculturecrise.html>



Truffle

Insufficient production in Périgord and poor quality of Chinese truffles are two good reasons for the Burgundy truffle to demonstrate its assets. Richly flavoured and with a fantastic taste of hazelnut butter, the Burgundy truffle is earning a fast-growing reputation. As a consequence, Noyers hosts a Truffle Market several times a year, attracting people from all over the world.

Noyers-sur-Serein

22km

<http://www.truffe-de-bourgogne.com/>



Snail

Symbol of Burgundy region, the Helix Pomatia is a treat for snails' amateurs. 200 years ago, the mail coaches joining Paris and Lyon already made systematic stops at Bassou, a village located near Auxerre, to taste vine snails, baked or grilled. A preparation is particularly appreciated by discerning gourmets: the Père Vallée stuffed snail ...

Bassou

76km

http://www.saveursdumonde.net/ency_7/escargot/difference.htm



Ginger bread (pain d'épices)

Another symbol of Dijon, the “pain d'épices” could be defined as the ginger bread's French cousin. It partakes in the reputation of Burgundy. Classic or with fruit, there is some for every taste. Perhaps you'll be presented one for breakfast at our table?

Girolles

27km

<http://dijoon.free.fr/pepicetechnique.htm>



Colza oil





For cooking or as vegetal fuel for cars, colza is getting trendy. Great, because Yonne department is the n°1 producer in France! But as always, there are different qualities ... What about tasting the biological oil of this small factory named La Sereine in the Serein valley? It's a wonder!

Annay-sur-Serein


32km



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Honey	Is there anything more natural than honey, fruit of the untiring work of bees? In Santigny just as in other places, the variety of flowers and cultures offers a privileged environment for bees. As far as we are concerned, our favourite is spring honey, mostly colza originated and very creamy on toasts: come and taste it for breakfast!	Santigny		
Aniseed	Selected on a national scale as one of the “Remarkable places for taste”, the aniseed manufacture built in Flavigny’s Abbey follows a tradition dating back to the XVth century. These small round white sweets are made of sugar syrup, aniseeds and a natural aroma to be chosen within a palette of 14 different tastes. While visiting Flavigny sur Ozerain, the owner may offer to guide you through the manufacture...	Flavigny-sur-Ozerain 38km	http://www.anisdeflavigny.com/	
Mustard	Mustard made the town of Dijon famous all over the world: unusual for a seasoning! Hot, made in the old manner, cassis flavoured, etc., you will without any doubt find one fitting your taste.	Dijon 101km	http://www.moutarde.com/francais/dij.h tm	
Blackcurrant (cassis)	Small black fruit with a savoury juice, blackcurrant is grown and transformed essentially in Burgundy. As a sauce, ice-cream, syrup or another use, there are a thousand ways to eat or drink it with relish. For fans of Kir – the traditional Burgundian aperitif drink – the cassis cream to be mixed with Bourgogne Aligoté white wine has to be selected with caution. We advise you to select a “double-crème” or a cream with an alcohol grade superior to 16°.	Dijon 101 Km	www.cassissium.com	

Fine and premium restaurants

Auberge du Pot d'Etain	A very good place to eat very near the Domain, that's a deal! The Gault Millau cuisine critics confirmed this by awarding this inn a 14/20 mark. Delicate and innovating cuisine taking the best out of selected local products, nice cheese assortment and a reputed cellar make the Pot d'Etain a precious address. Good balance between quality and price, but wines can trigger up the bill!	L'Isle sur Serein 12km	http://www.potdetain.com/	
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L'Espérance

From the Middle Ages and on, Vézelay has been a crucial meeting point on the Compostella route. And L'Esperance restaurant is similarly at the crossroads for gastronomy pilgrims, awarded 3 stars in the Michelin guide. For less well-off lovers of fine cuisine, have a try in the inn on the other side of the road, also ruled by Marc Meneau.

St-Père-en-Vézelay 32km

<http://www.marc-meneau.com>



Le Relais

The wife of the late chef Bernard Loiseau pursues the work and reputation of her husband thanks to a high level team, so that the Relais remains a gastronomy reference in the heart of Morvan, awarded 3 stars by the Michelin Guide.

Saulieu 50km

<http://www.bernard-loiseau.com>



Wines

Saint-Bris-le-Vineux

Major vineyard of the Auxerre surroundings, it is -unfairly- little known in spite of the diversity and quality of its production of white, red, rosé and sparkling wines. We must confess a preference for the white Saint-Bris wine, the hundredth appellation of Burgundy and the only one made of Sauvignon in the area.

Saint-Bris 51km

<http://www.saint-bris.com>



Coulanges-la-vineuse

"Because there was no water ... because the soil was only rocks... because the emperor César gave his agreement ... Coulanges became la Vineuse ("the viny)". Who would complain today, appreciating this light red wine over a buffet of local specialities?

Coulanges 56km

http://guidesdepays.free.fr/coulanges_la_vieuse.htm
<http://www.cc-payscoulangeois.fr/>



Irancy





These wines issued from Pinot Noir, with possibly a small percentage of rare Cesar variety, are to be identified by their cassis, cherry and spice flavours: nothing peculiar in a region where cherry trees and vines are close neighbours! Allowing cellar conservation, they can be savoured as soon as 3 or 4 years-old, but can wait till a decade in good vintages.

Irancy 51km

<http://site.voila.fr/irancy/index.html>



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Chablis	<p>A drawback of its reputation, the name Chablis, today used as a common word, generally points dry white wines in numerous countries. However, Chablis wines can only be produced in France, and on 13 000 acres as a maximum according to the INAO (the French Label Wine Institution). So come and taste it down here, along with a Chablis cooked andouillette for example!</p>	Chablis	44km	http://www.chablis.net/	
Le Tonnerrois	<p>Vine culture has existed in this area since the Xth century. Unfortunately, at the end of the XIXth century, the phylloxera disease made it nearly disappear. Reintroduced in Epineuil in 1969, the vineyard grew again and its quality has recently been recognized by a first AOC label. Let's notice that Pinot noir red wine is predominant in Epineuil while Tonnerre and Molosmes privilege the Chardonnay white variety.</p>	Tonnerre	39km	http://www.pays-tonnerrois.com/carte.php?rub=savoureur&srub=carte	
Le Vézélien	<p>The vineyards in Vézelay and in surrounding villages go back to Gallo-roman times. By the end of IXth century, Burgundy was fashionable and Paris was thirsty. To supply the capital, the production has kept progressing till the XVIIIth century. Then the phylloxera disease nearly eradicated the vines in 1884 and a century has been needed for a renewal. Now it has reached a quality level that merits probing.</p>	Vézelay	35km	http://www.vezelaytourisme.com/vins_de_vezelay.htm	
Côtes de Beaune	<p>The Côtes de Beaune appellation is given to wines coming from the Beaune city but also from 16 villages of its surroundings, just as Auxey-Duresses, Chassagne Montrachet, Ladoix, Saint- Romain or Savigny les Beaune. World famous, red and white Côte de Beaune wines live together. Premier cru, grand cru or simpler bottles, one can't but be carried away in front of such a variety and the wine growers' art.</p>	Beaune	98km	http://www.terroirs-france.com/region/bourgogne_cotesbeaune.htm	

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Côtes de Nuits

Chambertin, Chambolle-Musigny, Vougeot, Vosne-Romanée or Nuits-Saint-Georges... just a few names that let wine lovers dream all over the world. The Tastevin brotherhood is dedicated to the promotion of these mythical wines, nearly exclusively red. Let's imagine for a second... the sun darting on vines, the fresh and humid air of the tasting cellar, the Clos-Vougeot castle overlooking the vineyards... close your eyes: you are there!

Nuits Saint-Georges 103km

http://www.terroirs-france.com/region/bourgogne_cotesnuits.htm



Markets

Avallon market

On Saturday mornings, the historical centre of Avallon becomes a joyful open air market. Food, wine, clothes, crafts, there are things for every taste from the Covered market to the Vauban Place so that no one comes out without having done any shopping. But be careful, there is a price to pay for this moment of happiness: you'd better come early in the morning if you wish to park your car!

Avallon 19km



La ferme de la Butte

The ultimate reference in terms of bio products, with an ever-renewed choice of seasonal fruit & vegetables. Regula will also welcome you in Avallon's covered market on Saturday mornings.

Vault de Lugny 24km

<http://www.magasinbioavallonlabutte.fr>



Toucy market

Famous throughout the department, Toucy's open air market takes place every Saturday morning and specializes in fresh and regional products. The success is such that you will probably have to park quite far and walk. That's part of the pleasure... but if you intend to shop, then do not forget your shopping trolley!

Toucy 86km



Unusual

Ancient washhouses tour

The washhouses are an important element of the small local patrimony. They are now part of the pride of the villages, which made efforts to restore them. On foot, by bike or by car, this tour is manifold, for the pleasure of the eyes and the soft sound of gushing water. Imagine how noisy it could be when women lived around them, washing and gossiping at the same time...

Santigny

<http://aube.lavoirsdefrance.com/yonne.php>



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Wayside crosses tour

Wayside crosses are sometimes called calvaries, when sculptures represent some of the figures of the Christ cross path like Mary-Madeleine. Although they all look the same, there are hardly two identical and each one has a history. As far as Santigny is concerned, there are nearly a dozen. Originally dedicated to the memory of a deceased, crosses have influenced local toponymy. They are now preserved with care and even inspire local stone sculptors.

Santigny



Cereal grower job presentation

Wheat, barley, colza ... that sounds familiar. But do we know how to recognize them, when and how they are sown and harvested, how they enter the agribusiness industry? What if we complicate things talking about cross breeds? If you wish, we can organize a meeting with a farmer who will gladly show you his fields and equipment, and answer your questions.

Santigny



Cattle farmer job presentation

Should it be within Santigny or in the nearby villages, all animal farms are present. On your request, we can organize a meeting with a farmer who will gladly show you his cattle and answer your questions.

Santigny



Beekeeper job presentation

With two honey producers in less than 120 inhabitants, one could imagine that Santigny is a good place for such an activity. If you wish, a beekeeper will show you his hives and explain to you how honey is produced. No doubt the tasting shall convince you to go back home with a few jars.

Santigny



Stone sculptor job presentation

The quality of Burgundy stone has aroused many vocations, and stone carvers know a great success. In Santigny, Thisy or elsewhere in the vicinity, several open their workshops, when asked or during regional events. A fantastic job to be discovered!

Santigny

www.paingris.com



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Cardoland

Created by an original and talented artist of Spanish origin, this "prehistoric" park shall be a regenerating stop for children after the austerity of Vézelay. Half museum and half painted cave, lifelike figures retrace the everyday life of our prime ancestors.

Chamoux

42km

<http://www.takatrouver.net/sortie/index.php?id=71&lk=>

