

destination Auxerre

et l'auxerrois







Editorial

"At just 1h30 from Paris, Auxerre and Auxerrois will be happy to welcome you at any time for a change of scenery and a guaranteed rejuvenation. Come and discover the generosity of Burgundy and give yourself a 100% countryside break. Auxerre is at the heart of a fabulous garden and here you will find an exceptional heritage nestled in a land known as the Country of Art and History. The Auxerrois is rich in its contrasting landscapes between vineyards, orchards, fields of wheat or rapeseed, rivers and ancestral forests. This unspoiled place will give you plenty of opportunities for walks with family or friends.

Hikers will find all the opportunities for bucolic, sporting and cultural discoveries on foot, by bike or on horseback, through our 29 towns. Read through our press release, it is mouth-watering, giving you various choices of visits and extraordinary things to discover.

The Tourist Office will be happy to give you all the information and guidance to tailor-make your walk or your stay. Hotels, lodges and guest rooms are available to provide you with a relaxing stay, whether you come for a weekend, a week or longer.

Not forgetting the gastronomy, with restaurants offering different types of cuisine, be they gastronomic, traditional or "world". You will appreciate these moments of conviviality that you can round off by visiting our local producers: vegetables, meat, cheese, bread, wine, craft beer ... so many products that you can taste or give as presents to your loved ones. Between "nature" and "heritage" discoveries, you can also perfect your knowledge of the Burgundian art of living, thanks to events, festivals, gourmet walks or wine festivals organized throughout the year in our municipalities. So, see you soon in the Auxerrois? "

Odile Maltoff

President of the Auxerrois Tourist Office



Some information on the Auxerrois



72 000 inhabitants
29 towns
72% French visitors
28 % foreign visitors



Auxerre and the Auxerrois, Land of Art and History, are at the very heart of a remarkable tourist heritage:

- Chablis and its legendary vineyards
- Guédelon and its medieval construction site of a fortified castle using traditional skills
- Vézelay and its basilica, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- The charming medieval village of Noyers-sur-Serein, ranked among the most beautiful villages in France
- The Abbey of Pontigny, the largest Cistercian abbey in the world dominating the surrounding area.

A fantastic playground 1.5 hours from Paris

- ✿ 450 km of hiking trails
- ✿ 1133 tourist service providers
- ✿ 99 accommodation providers
- ✿ 96 restaurants
- ✿ 46 leisure activities
- ✿ 2 nautical service providers
- ✿ 3 equestrian centres
- ✿ 4 local producers welcoming the public



Auxerre, easy to get to



- Direct trains to Auxerre from Paris (Gare de Paris Bercy) and Dijon.
- Direct trains to Laroche Migennes station (20 km from Auxerre) from Beaune and Lyon.



- Flights by air taxi from Auxerre-Branches airport.



- Via the A6 connecting Paris to Lyon Routes Nationales (main roads) RN 6 and RN 77, 1h40 from Paris, 1h30 from Dijon, 2h45 from Lyon.



"Auxerre and the 28 towns and villages of Auxerre are full of unexpected riches, for all tastes and all budgets, whether for a romantic getaway, with family or with friends."



Auxerre, pronounced Ausserre is associated with football of course, but not just that... The region will surprise and seduce visitors with its variety and authenticity. From the heritage treasures of Auxerre and the Auxerrois - entitled Pays d'Art et d'Histoire -, to the jewels of the Auxerrois vineyards or to the revitalizing banks of the Yonne and the Canal du Nivernais, the Auxerrois provides a variety of cultural and sporting activities for tailor-made stays.

But as well as its heritage or activities, Auxerre and the Auxerrois are also people, sincere and proud to share their land and their passion, for assuredly unforgettable encounters.

The Auxerrois has managed to equip itself with a varied accommodation structure and, being Burgundian, numerous restaurants, including 6 selected by the Michelin Guide.



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Epicurean Destination

100 % Burgundy



Auxerre and the Auxerrois offer a true concentrate of the Burgundy terroir: a simple, authentic, affordable, friendly Burgundy full of character.

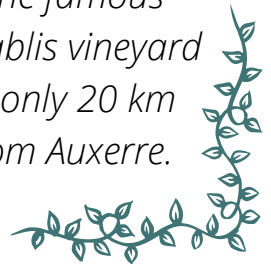
If you say Burgundy you
are saying wine ...



In the city of Auxerre, 4 hectares remain, those of "Clos de la Chaînette". Formerly owned by the Benedictine monks of the Abbey Saint-Germain, the Clos de la Chaînette is the only vineyard still cultivated in the town of Auxerre. It is also one of the oldest documented wine estates in France (7th century). It is now owned by the Yonne Psychiatric Hospital and is also located within its compound. The wine-growing villages of the Auxerrois, located in the south-east of the appellations: Irancy, Saint-Bris, Bourgogne Chitry, Bourgogne Côtes d'Auxerre, Bourgogne Coulanges-la-Vineuse and Crémant de Bourgogne. The latter's birthplace in the hamlet of Bailly (commune of Saint-Bris-le-Vineux). Bailly Lapierre makes its sparkling wines there in an astonishing setting; an underground stone quarry, which has unique natural conditions for the aging and storage of its wines.



*The famous
Chablis vineyard
is only 20 km
from Auxerre.*



The OEnobus

In order for you to explore the vineyards, Auxerre and the Auxerrois Tourism Board have put in place the oenobus : a free shuttle which, on every Tuesday during the season, serves the six wine-growing villages of Escolives, Coulanges-la-Vineuse, Irancy, Chitry, Saint-Bris-le-Vineux and the hamlet of Bailly.





If you talk about Burgundy you are also talking about gastronomy ...

There are many local specialties: snails, truffles, parsley ham, pickles, blackcurrant, the famous gougère, eggs in meurette, bœuf bourguignon, regional cheeses such as Epoisses, Soumaintrain or fresh goats cheese, gingerbread. You will also delight your taste buds more locally with Chablisienne ham, Andouillette de Chablis, pickles from Maison Marc or perhaps cherries, many varieties of which are produced in the Auxerrois.

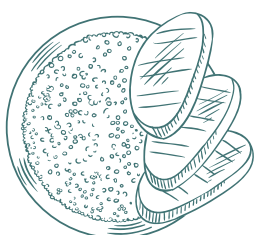
Recommended addresses



📍 AUXERRE
« Le Maison Fort »

In the cathedral district, the Maison Fort restaurant welcomes you in a warm and intimate setting. The restaurant offers 100% "homemade" cuisine based on fresh products from organic farming with a strong desire to promote locally sourced ingredients and respect for seasonal produce.

<https://www.lemaisonfort.fr/>



📍 GURGY
« Restaurant de la Rivière »

In her restaurant located in the peaceful village of Gurgy, on the banks of the Yonne, Laure offers traditional cuisine and shares her fondness for dishes typical of the region. "Here, all of Burgundy arrives on a plate! My favorites ? Eggs meurette (unmissable and timeless!), snails in Chaource, country terrine, andouillette "grandmother" style, winter vegetable soups, beef bourguignon, leg of lamb on hay, cherry soup..."

<https://www.restaurantdelariviere.com/>





Exploring the terroir of Auxerrois ...

The Auxerrois is also an area alive with customs and traditions, reflected in particular in the local gastronomy. Tasting these local products, so precious to the Auxerre region, is a must! On the programme, a wide variety of products to taste and producers to meet during your stay.

Are you interested in flora and fauna?

Gaec Desmoutiers-Breton welcomes visitors to Branches and his goat farm and offers many farm products made from goat's milk: cottage cheese, fresh cheese, mature cheeses, savoury pastries ...



The farm " du relais" offers a variety of cow's-milk-based products: mature cheeses, yogurts, white cheeses, crème fraîche, all 100% artisanal!

<https://gaecdurelais.monsite-orange.fr/>



Or would you prefer a drink?



If it's beer you want, go to the Fayyar micro-brewery in Saint-Bris-Le-Vineux or the Cuverie in Irancy. These two establishments produce their beers by hand and even offer small batches, something to delight visitors, and even regulars, in all seasons!

<https://www.fayyar.fr/>

<https://brasserie-lacuverie.fr/>



At the Domaine de Clos du Roi, Magali Bernard (winemaker) and Arnaud Hennoque (chef) give you the opportunity to sample their wines, accompanied by local dishes, in a typical 18th century winemaker's home.

<https://www.closduroi.com/>





Exploring the Auxerrois terroir

Do you have a taste for fruits and vegetables?

The Jardin de Laborde welcomes you so that you too can live the experience of the market gardener, or the kitchen garden. You can pick local and regional seasonal fruits and vegetables. A market garden for over 40 years, the Jardin de Laborde will even delight children, who will want to taste what they have picked !



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



A taste of honey and other local dishes?

In Auxerre, go to Pyneau Prunutz, and its gougères, traditional Auxerre favourites and the queens of the Burgundian aperitif. In its original form, with Comté, but also more exotic versions with Espelette pepper, snails in butter or curry, you will definitely enjoy them!, You can also discover other local products in his store made in the area.

<https://www.pyneauprunutz.fr/>



In Appoigny, Adé Fabrik will delight you with his shop and restaurant focused on honey. Using honey, beeswax or propolis pollen, Adérald Caron takes you into his gourmet and beautiful universe from the star of insects: the bee. In its restaurant section, Adé Fabrik offers a tea room and aperitif dinner, ideal for tasting his confections before making your choice in the shop!

<https://www.facebook.com/AdeFabrik89/>





Destination Nature

100 % Nature



Hiking tours in the heart of the Burgundy countryside.

At the crossroads of the GR 13 and GR 654, the Auxerrois offers a wide variety of circuits, walks and hikes to explore its marvelous hilly landscapes. Auxerrois has three recognized circuits in particular: along the canal, the Coulée Verte, but also the legendary road to Saint-Jacques de Compostelle.



Three new hiking trails



The water path

Municipality: Gurgy

Duration: 2 hours

Km: 7

Difficulty: easy

Highlights: A pleasant walk for the family on the banks of the Yonne and then through the lakes of Gurgy

Start: Place de la Rivière



The three bell towers

Municipalities: Escolives - Jussy - Coulanges

Duration: 3h

Km: 11 km

Difficulty: medium

Highlights: superb landscapes, the beautiful view of the village bell towers

Departure: Parking on the Grande rue in Escolives.



The trellis of Saint-Bris

Municipalities: Saint-Bris - Irancy

Duration: 3h40

Km: 11

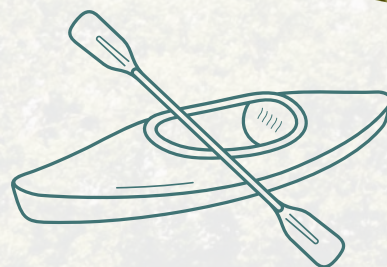
Difficulty: medium

Highlights: Magnificent landscapes between cherry trees and vines

Departure: Parking in the municipal carpark, chemin des Vaux de Villiers.



At the rhythm of the water

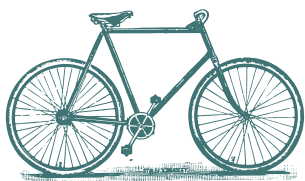


Parks, fields, vineyards, cherry trees, forests, canals and rivers come together, forming a wonderful playground/leisure area just 1.5 hours from Paris.

Along the Yonne and the Canal du Nivernais, immersion in a rejuvenating environment, both soothing and energizing ... Crossed by the Yonne and the Nivernais Canal, the Auxerrois is an ideal destination for river tourism and water activities: barge stays / holidays, boat rentals, water skiing, canoeing, fishing ... Formerly used to supply wine to Paris and the big cities of Europe, the waterways of the region are today a haven of peace for visitors looking for a gentle wander.

Unexpected

Pleasure-boaters may get the chance to see the Elysée Christmas tree at the beginning of December! In fact the presidential Christmas tree, from the forests of the nearby Morvan – departs from the port of Auxerre and arrives in Paris by barge!



100 % Nature



Freewheeling spirit

Auxerrois and its rolling landscapes can also be appreciated by bike; in a sporty, or more leisurely spirit everyone will find what they are looking for. Auxerre is part of the Tour de Bourgogne à Vélo, which is located on the EV6 and approached via Sens from the EV3, ideal for cycling tours. The offer of green mobility extends into the Auxerrois, with no less than three providers of cycles to satisfy keen sportsmen or people looking for a more sedate ride.



Your guides



Laurent Richoux

Le Batardeau

Canal lover and two-wheel specialist Laurent Richoux started the Maison du Vélo ten years ago. Apart from the rental of bicycles, it is a place for exchanges, with advice on itineraries, visits ... True bicycle experts, Laurent Richoux and his team know the equipment perfectly and will give tips on the many circuits of the region. Laurent will be happy to share anecdotes about the Canal du Nivernais, of which he is particularly fond.

<https://le-batardeau.fr/>



Grégory Millet

Cycle Divin

Guided tour of the vineyards by e-bike. With Cycle Divin, Grégory Millet - bike instructor and wine enthusiast, offers a unique experience in the heart of Burgundy: electric-assisted bike tours, with a presentation of the history of the region's vineyards, and a stopover in a domain for an initiation to wine-tasting. Electric assistance allows visitors to fully enjoy the visit without getting too tired.

<https://www.cycledivin.fr/>



Christiane Tregouet

France à Vélo

"Cycle around the world" is the motto of Christiane Trégouet and of her company France à Vélo. Guide and lecturer, she has combined her artistic and cultural knowledge with her passion for cycling. France à Vélo offers several services for green holidays in France and abroad: the rental of fully-equipped bikes, the organization of tours and stays and support by qualified guides.

<https://www.franceavelo.com/fr/>

Destination Culture

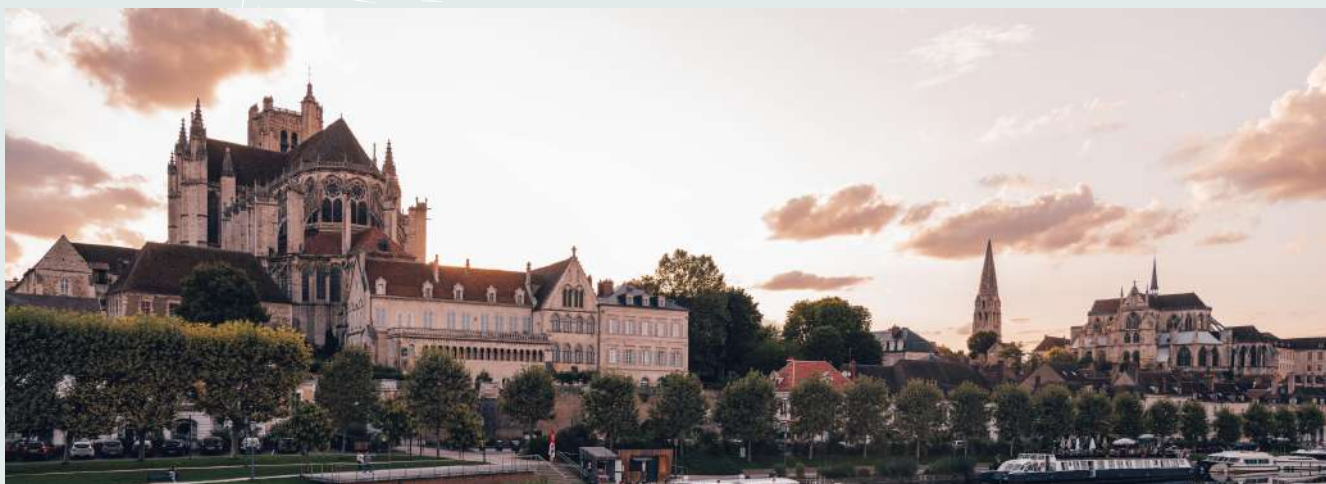




The Auxerrois; a nationally recognised heritage

Auxerre and the Auxerrois, officially entitled "Country of Art and History", have a protected area of 67 hectares, the second largest in the region after that of Dijon, the capital of Burgundy. Auxerre and its region benefit from a remarkable heritage: abbey, cathedral and alleys lined with half-timbered houses ...

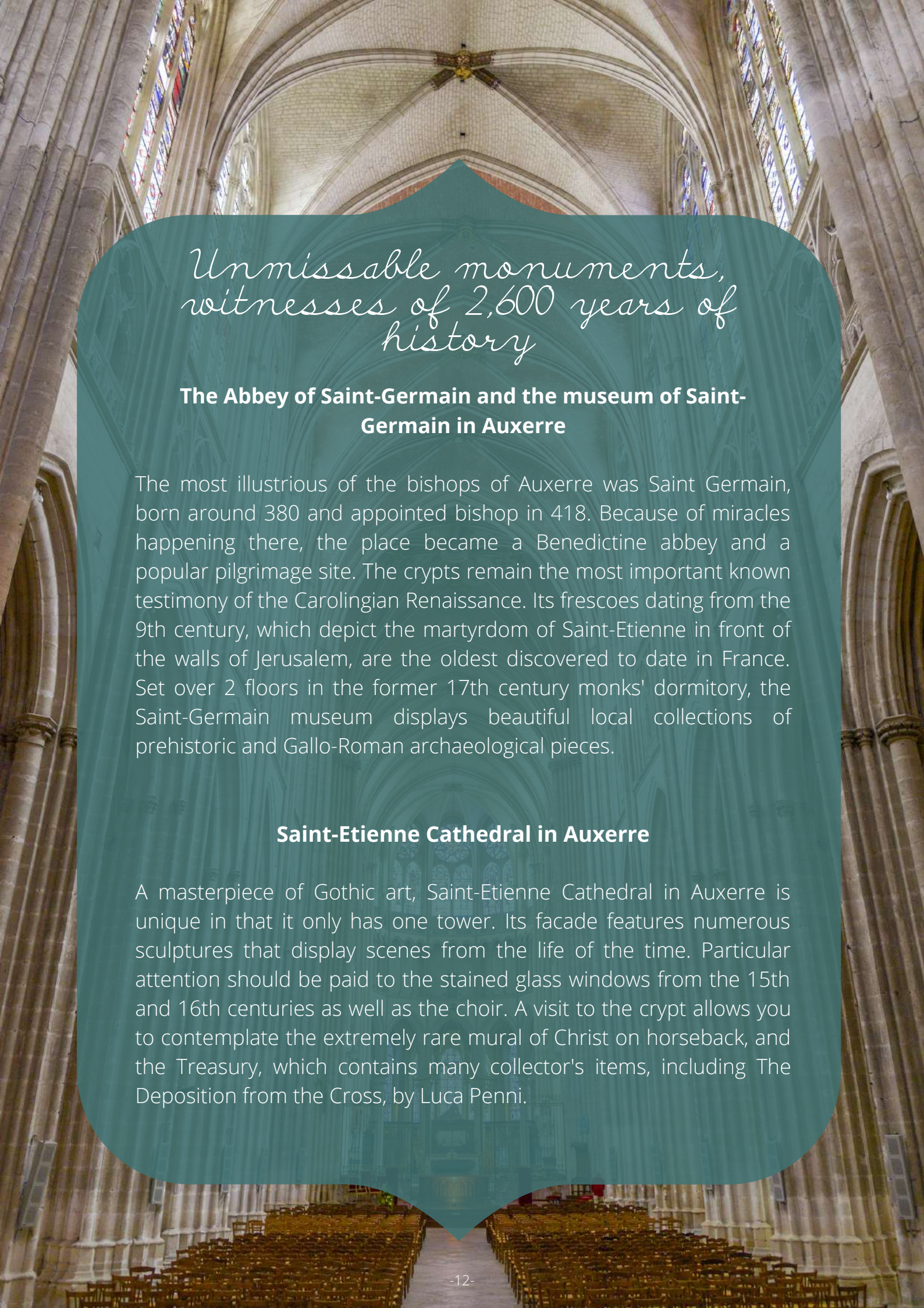
The "Cities and Countries of Art and History" title is awarded by the Minister of Culture to municipalities which engage in a policy of raising awareness among residents, visitors and young audiences of the quality of heritage, architecture and living environment.



Coulanges-La-Vineuse, a village of character



Nestled between two valleys, Coulanges-la-Vineuse stands proudly among the vineyards. Its church and its 14th century Gothic bell tower stand out against the landscape. A location and a heritage that make Coulanges-la-Vineuse a city of character, an official title that the village also obtained at the beginning of 2021.



*Unmissable monuments,
witnesses of 2,600 years of
history*

The Abbey of Saint-Germain and the museum of Saint-Germain in Auxerre

The most illustrious of the bishops of Auxerre was Saint Germain, born around 380 and appointed bishop in 418. Because of miracles happening there, the place became a Benedictine abbey and a popular pilgrimage site. The crypts remain the most important known testimony of the Carolingian Renaissance. Its frescoes dating from the 9th century, which depict the martyrdom of Saint-Etienne in front of the walls of Jerusalem, are the oldest discovered to date in France. Set over 2 floors in the former 17th century monks' dormitory, the Saint-Germain museum displays beautiful local collections of prehistoric and Gallo-Roman archaeological pieces.

Saint-Etienne Cathedral in Auxerre

A masterpiece of Gothic art, Saint-Etienne Cathedral in Auxerre is unique in that it only has one tower. Its facade features numerous sculptures that display scenes from the life of the time. Particular attention should be paid to the stained glass windows from the 15th and 16th centuries as well as the choir. A visit to the crypt allows you to contemplate the extremely rare mural of Christ on horseback, and the Treasury, which contains many collector's items, including The Deposition from the Cross, by Luca Penni.

Focus on...

The Clock Tower and its astronomical dial



Located in the heart of the pedestrian district, the second-largest preserved sector in Burgundy and surrounded by beautiful, half-timbered houses, stands the Clock Tower, formerly called the Gaillarde Tower. It was built in the 15th century on the remains of a tower from the old Gallo-Roman castrum. First used as a county prison, it was transformed in 1483 into a clock tower and belfry. The tower was destroyed by fire in 1825, but it was restored and much of it rebuilt identically.

To know :

Leaning against the tower, a chamber contains the clock mechanism which has been in operation since 1483. The clock's peculiarity comes from its two hands, indicating both solar time and the phases of the moon. The Clock Tower is getting a makeover, the work will last 2 years, and will be carried out by craftsmen, carpenters, watchmakers, roofers, gilders ... There will be a focus on each step so that inhabitants of the city and visitors can follow the developments and thus plunge back into the history and mysteries of this famous tower.



100 % animated



Throughout the year, numerous events and festivities are on the agenda in the Auxerrois.

Wine and gastronomy



Fleurs de Vigne, in Auxerre: the great festival of the wines of Chablis and Grand Auxerrois, on the quays in Auxerre. The next edition will take place in May 2022, alternating with Fleurs de Vigne Villages in the wine-growing villages



Culture

Catalpa Festival Auxerre

Every year in June, Catalpa is 3 days of concerts mixing current music and music from other places at the Parc de l'Arbre Sec and around the city.

Garçon la Note! An evening, a terrace, a concert

Created in 2001 by the Auxerrois Tourist Office, this music festival has taken place from the outset on the terraces of Auxerre cafes, and since 2006 also in the cafes of the communes of the Auxerrois. Garçon la Note! takes place throughout the summer period. The festival has the particularity of changing places, going from terrace to terrace and offering a different concert each evening. Building on its success, this concept has been duplicated in other towns in Burgundy (Dijon, Sens, Nevers, Chalon-sur-Saône, Cluny, etc.), and even in Dax.



Culture: what's new?

Pierre Merlier Museum

On the banks of the Nivernais Canal, the museum presents part of the work of the artist. He created cohorts of polychrome extravagant characters and hieratic figures from wood. He saw the world through an ironic, sardonic gaze that he passed on through the relentless expressionism of his works.

<https://www.facebook.com/museemerlier/>



Micro-Madness

Led by the Ministry of Culture, coordinated by La Villette, MicroFolie is a digital museum which gives access to masterpieces from the largest national and international cultural institutions .

<https://auxerre.fr/Animee/Activites/A-la-Micro-Folie>



Sport Clubs

AJA

AJA Playing in Ligue 2 of the French championship, the AJA football team plays every other weekend at home, the opportunity to experience a match in the legendary Abbé Deschamps stadium.



Rugby

The Pierre Bouillot stadium hosts the matches of the Rugby Club Auxerrois, currently in Federal League.

Hikes and races

The Auxerre-Vézelay walk

58 km to get to Vézelay and its basilica, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

La Dixvigne

10 km running race through the Auxerre vineyards.

Auxerre corrida

An 8km running race in the heart of the historic city centre. Available in Baby corrida version: 950 m for children.

The Night Trail of Saint-Bris-le-Vineux

A 15 km race in the hills of Saint Bris le Vineux.

Gourmet Walks

WWine tourism circuits along the paths of the Auxerre vineyards, interspersed with gourmet stops with food and wine.



In the "it's possible" series

Unusual

Wacky retro: The Irancy Soap Box Race.

A race of hand-made soapbox carts without engines which hurtle down a winding 1,800-metre course.



Destination Green



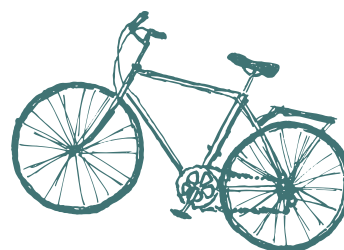


If the countryside is at the gates of the city, even within Auxerre, greenery is omnipresent, thanks to numerous parks and gardens, including the Parc de l'Arbre-Sec, a veritable green lung on the banks of the Yonne, combining green spaces, shaded walking paths and playgrounds ...

A weekend without a car

Burgundy without a car, 1h30 from Paris? It's possible ! Fancy a weekend without driving? Welcome to Auxerre...

Departure by train from Paris Bercy station. An hour and 40 minutes journey to the Saint-Gervais station in Auxerre. The train station is a 5-minute walk from the quays of the Yonne and from there a free shuttle takes visitors into the city centre to visit or to get to their hotel.



Want to go a little further?

Rent a bike, mountain bike or electric bike at the Cofferdam (5 minutes walk from the city centre), to enjoy the landscapes of Auxerrois or along the canal. Navigate the Nivernais Canal: rent a barge, an electric boat, enjoy an all-inclusive cruise ...

Discover the vineyards on the oenobus: a shuttle departs from Auxerre for a tour through the Auxerre vineyards with 6 stages in typical wine-growing villages: the hamlet of Bailly, Saint-Bris-le-Vineux, Chitry, Irancy, Coulanges-laVineuse and Escolives-Sainte-Camille. Visitors can get off the bus at any stop to continue exploring on foot or simply stay on board and explore the vineyard from the bus.





Discover: Ulteria

Ecosystem that creates values, Ulteria aims to create an ecosystem of activities with innovative principles. To do this, Ulteria interconnects activities that cover 4 major human needs: transmitting / learning, creating links, working, feeding. Among these activities: Ferme Ulteria, a goat farm and cheese dairy registered in a permaculture scheme, where Claire Genet produces cheeses and yoghurts made from organic goat milk. Claire also offers visits to the goat farm, workshops for children at the farm ... and sponsorship of goats! www.ulteria.fr and <https://www.facebook.com/ferme.ulteria>



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Family getaway



Gallo-Roman, Middle Ages, Renaissance ... children can sweep through the history program by enjoying a 100% Burgundy stay just 1.5 hours from Paris!

A workshop at the Gallo-Roman villa of Escolives, a journey through the underground cellars of Bailly-Lapierre, a walk with Claire's goats at Ferme Ulteria, a bike or electric boat ride along the Nivernais canal ... Here there is something to occupy toddlers and teens, oxygenate their brains and avoid the dreaded "I'm bored", enemy number 1 of family weekends.



Focus on

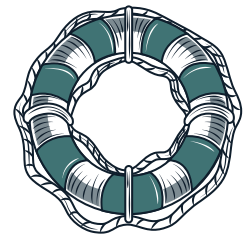
The Batardeau: water sports are in the spotlight



This year, the Maison du Vélo becomes the Batardeau. It takes advantage of its location on the banks of the Yonne river to allow tourists and Auxerrois to explore the superb panorama of Auxerre over the water at their leisure aboard electric boats containing 4 to 5 seats, pedal boats 2 and 4 places, romantic rowing boats, kayaks or Stand Up Paddle. Enough to make great vacation photos! With more time, it is possible to embark on the Nivernais canal, to enjoy the nearby nature, and live the experience of crossing a lock.

The Batardeau offers leisurely trips lasting from one hour to two and a half hours (city and country side passing through a lock) or for the day.

<https://le-batardeau.fr/>



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