

Monday, July 2nd:

Depart U.S.in route to Lyon

Tuesday, July 3rd:

Arrive mid-morning at Saint Exupery Airport in Lyon, France. Our bus driver will be welcoming us as we land.

Head to the Hotel St. Georges in Chalon sur Saone for a welcome cocktail and light lunch, check-in, unpack and get accustomed to the hotel and settled in. Guided visit of the town for everyone to get familiarized with the surroundings. Dinner at the hotel.

Wednesday July 4th:

Breakfast at the hotel followed by a visit of the Fromagerie Gaugry a Brochon -- where artisans have created many cheese specialties belonging to the Burgundy traditions.

Next, a visit of the well-known Hospices de Beaune, a former charitable almshouse, founded in 1443 by Nicolas Rolin, chancellor of Burgundy, as a hospital for the poor. The original hospital building, the Hôtel-Dieu, one of the finest examples of French fifteenth-century architecture, is now a Museum. Important wine functions are held here annually.



Lunch and time on your own to explore.

Depart for Chateauneuf en Auxois for a visit of the castle overlooking the Canal de Bourgogne. The Chateauneuf Fortress is one of the last remaining 14th century Burgundian military vestiges. The castle has been classified as a historical monument since 1894., when it became a protected site (along with its surrounding village). It is primarily labeled the "plus beau village de France".

Back to the hotel where we will dine together.

Thursday, July 5th:

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for a Masterclass Grand Crus at "l'Ecole de Vins", where you will discover all the first and grand crus of Burgundy. With explanation, and tasting, this class should get your palate ready and make the rest of the week much clearer.

Departure to Chagny for a spectacular gastronomic lunch at **Jacques Lameloise. (3 Michelin Stars)**

Continuing to Santenay in a caravan of antique French cars (2 CVs) to visit the castle of Santenay with an amazing wine tasting. Back to the hotel where we will dine together

Friday, July 6th:

Breakfast then departure for a guided visit of the Abbey de Clugny, it was built in 910AD and grew into a stunning reputation across Christian Europe. It was a house of over a thousand living quarters and 10,000 priests. Under Saint Hugues, dubbed "Hugues the Builder", a program was started in 1088 that included unbelievable construction work. The Abbey had to match its reputation.

Recognized as a French historical building in 1791, Saint Hugues Church was disassembled from 1798 to 1823. The remains include the south corridor topped off with the holy water steeple and will help you to understand the impact of this church and its disciples on the religious architecture of the 11th century in Burgundy.

Next, we'll visit Mâcon for a panoramic visit by bus, before reaching the sub-region of La Bresse by the historical bridge of Saint Laurent to arrive at Vonnas.

We'll enjoy a gastronomic lunch at **Georges Blancs (3 Michelin Stars)**, where five generations have worked in the kitchen, resulting in a cooking style that mixes tradition and creativity.



Back to the hotel for you to have time to explore the city and diner on your own.

Saturday, July 7th:

Breakfast and departure for Saulieu, where we'll enjoy a guided visit of the old city and the Basilique Saint Andoche. This Basilique is one of the oldest Roman churches in Burgundy, dat back to the 12th century. We'll discover the steeple representing the world's flora, Roman art, Biblical scenes and hand carved w dating from the 14th century. This is the resting place of Saint Andoche, Greek preacher at the end of the 2nd century and on the Christian martyrs from Burgundy.

We'll have a gastronomic lunch at "**La Côte D'Or**", **Bernard L'oiseau, (2 Michelin Stars)**, belonging to the wife of the late Loiseau who ended his life in fear of being downgraded on the Michelin book. He never was and kept his 3 stars until 2015. Then, we'll return to our hotel for a little free time and dinner together.

Sunday, July 8th:

Breakfast and depart for Romaneche Thorins where you'll disc Georges Duboeuf's kingdom. ("Beaujolais Nouveau est Arrive" creator) Exciting visit in a unique and entertaining display, exposition and theatre.

'Le hameau du Vin" will invite you to discover the world of harvest in Burgundy and "le jardin en beaujolais" will take you through the heart of the aromas and tastes and will be followed an instructive visit of the vinification center for the Georges Duboeuf wines.

We'll continue to "Moulin A Vent" for a true "machon" (indoor Beaujolais Picnic) at the Castle, prepared by the wife of the winemaker, a true Beaujolais tradition. There will be a guided v of the castle with tasting of its best "crus". You will be able to enjoy the great food and wine pairings and the remarkable hospitality while visiting the unbelievable windmill that gave th name to the appellation (Moulin a Vent).



Continue towards Fuissé through the vineyards where you will be awaited by Christophe Thibert for a visit and tasting in his domain where we will try several “crus du Maconnais”. Christophe and Sandrine will show you their vineyard of the prestigious Pouilly Fuissé. You’ll then return to the hotel through the vineyards of Saint Véran for a relaxing evening on your own.

Monday, July 9th:

Breakfast then departure for a guided visit of the Renaissance-style Castle of Cormatin, surrounded by an extraordinary park. We will then meet with Olivier Devèvre for a guided visit of the Cos Piguet. In a winemaker house dating from 17th century, we will discover the secrets of the black truffle of Burgundy, saffron, and the vine peach. The crops are cultivated following a traditional “Savoir Faire” truffle hunting demonstration,



Up next, an amazing lunch in the town of Charolles where we will dine at the Restaurant Doucet. After lunch, continue a visit of the House of the Charollais (best beef quality of Europe) how to know everything on this breed and its meat, the area, the terroir, etc. Back to the hotel where you will have time to relax and dine on your own.

Tuesday, July 10th:

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for the beautiful city of Lyon, which spreads over 18 miles on the edges of the Saône River. We will discover the very narrow streets and the well-known “Traboules”. These pathways from one street to the other will unveil some artfully restored architectural treasures (inside court, Italian style galleries, wells, staircase, etc.). The house of the Chamarier, opened in 1498, the Hotel of the Gadagne representing the entire history of Lyon will be on our way.

Lunch at World’s most well-known restaurant and oldest three Michelin star (since 1965), “**Auberge Du Pont De Collonges**” **Paul Bocuse (3 Michelin Stars).**

Return to the hotel for a very last evening fun dinner!

Wednesday, July 11th:

Early Breakfast and Departure, back to the USA.



Beaune, France

The all-inclusive price includes hotel, ground transportation, most meals with wine, all guided visits and excursions, taxes and fees.

The price per person is \$4495. Single Supplement of \$500. (Airfare is not included - we will advise you what time you will need to arrive in Lyon.)

This price is based on the Euro exchange rate not climbing over 1.50 US dollars to the Euro.

To reserve your space a \$1000 per person non-refundable deposit is due. A non-refundable payment of 50% due by March 15th and balance due by June 1st. 18 guest minimum, 30 guest maximum.

**Informational Trip Meeting
Saturday, January 20th 11:30am at
the Burke Manor Inn & Pavilion**

For additional information: (336) 449-6266

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***Lil's Outstanding 2018 Adventure to
Burgundy, France***



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During this amazing trip, we are bringing guests to d and enjoy some of the best Michelin Star restaurants the world, scenery made of elegant rural sites, and natural climate of extremely welcoming locals. These are the top gastronomical destinations one can dream visit. As French-born I can assure you that if any place in France need to be visited, these are the ones.