



Golden Hillsides

Bike in Burgundy

Cycle through forests and vineyards, past castles and abbeys

8 days, \$1595. (Single supplement: \$350)

Begins and ends in Beaune, France (30 minutes by train from Dijon)

May 26 to June 3, 1998: A trip for single gay men

What's included: Please see page 27. Because we're in one of the world's premier wine regions, this trip will include three winetastings instead of one, along with many opportunities for true oenophiles to enjoy additional tastings independently.

Is this the right trip for you? Our biking days average 35-45 miles, with several days of varied and rolling terrain, so this trip is best suited for those with moderate cycling experience.

France's "Cote d'Or" — "Golden Hillsides" — richly earn their name, as golden sunlight glistens on vineyards that cover some of the world's most valuable farmlands. We begin in Beaune, the bustling medieval wine center whose air is redolent with harvest scents. From there we meander northwest, along quiet forest roads, to the spectacular walled city of Semur-en-Auxois. Returning to Beaune, we'll have opportunities to stop for wine-tastings at such famous Burgundy towns as Nuits St. George and Gevrey-Chambertin.

- ★ Roam Beaune's sprawling Hotel Dieu, a masterpiece of Flemish architecture and the site of a world-famous wine auction.
- ★ Sample the fabled wines of Burgundy, right in the barrel-lined winery cellar....
- ★ ... and then discover the gastronomic delights of a region known for its cheeses, sausages, wild mushrooms, and creative chefs.
- ★ Pedal through a quiet village, onto a solitary forest road, then emerge from the trees to see the feudal castle of Chateauneuf looming ahead beyond the pastures.
- ★ Detour to a bubbly spring that is the source of Paris's famed Seine river.
- ★ Explore the old streets of medieval Semur-en-Auxois, perched high over a loop on the Armancon river.

"Biking is a wonderful and easy way to see the French countryside up close and personal. I'll see you again!!"

Ken Richman, Philadelphia, Pa.

