### **BE INSPIRED BY OUR NOTEBOOK OF IDEAS**



# JOURNEY TO THE LOIRE OF THE LOIRE

COSNE~COURS~SUR~LOIRE DONZY POUILLY~SUR~LOIRE



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Fall in love with a wine-grover

Relax in a french bistro



# Revise your French geography by finding THE MIDDLE OF THE LOIRE

## Crunching croutons with hazelnut oil

Discover the Nivernais accent

Run through the vines

Start with some goats cheese "le crottin de chavignol"

Lose yourself along the back roads

Listen to the song of the frogs

Soap yourself in goat milk

Greet the bestie of a french Queen

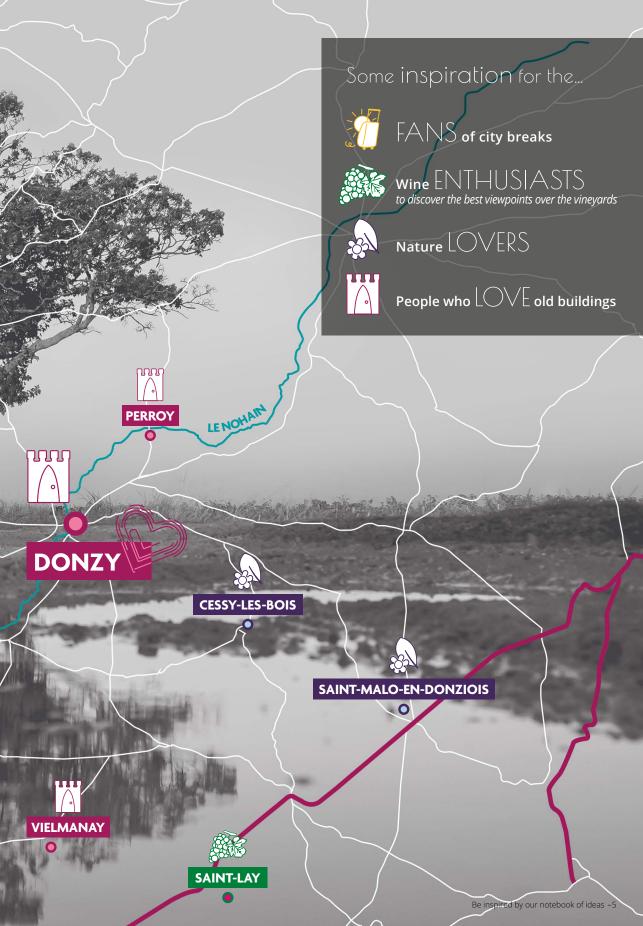
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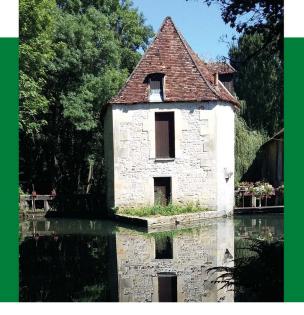


# DONZY, STORIES TOLD ALONG THE NOHAIN RIVER



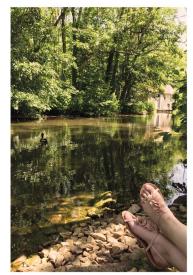
# A peaceful little

waterside bubble, the town has an undeniable charm with its vestiges of the past and beautiful green setting. If you are a nature lover, looking for tranquility, simple pleasures. and good local produce then Donzy, and the neighbouring communes which make up



# ~ A DETOUR not to be missed ~

A lovely, HIDDEN spot which nobody would come across by chance, LE CHEMIN DU COMMANDEUR...



...An enchanting place, tended to by a resident. Sit down by the side of the Nohain and read a book in the shade of the trees, admire the swans and ducks, or share the crumbs from your sandwich with the fish. This little paradise is sure to surprise and

**ENCHANT YOU.** Camille







## Donzy and Donzy-le-Pré: A remarkable built heritage

Mills, timber framed houses, wash houses, and an abbey with an exceptional sculpted tympanum. Numerous hidden treasures are here to delight both locals and visitors.



Extend your trip with our **VISIT DONZY BROCHURE!** 





# THE WHEEL TURNS, At the Moulin de Maupertuis

You are never too old to learn the secrets of a flour mill and to be soothed by the regular rotation of a majestic bucket wheel.



# The millstone of the Moulin de l'11e also turns.

In fact, its millstone has worked for 150 years producing tasty oils that you can try directly from the press, all thanks to a hydraulic turbine installed on the Nohain. Respecting a hundred-year-old tradition, it has everything to please, not only its inimitable taste but this production of walnut and hazelnut oils consumes almost no energy and generates no waste!





# A perfect pairing! Goats' cheese 'Crottin de Chavignol' on a bed of salad dressed with a little walnut oil and accompanied by a glass of red Coteaux du Giennois.

## To be enjoyed to your heart's content!

Don't leave the **Moulin de Maupertuis** without a packet of Donzy cookies, a local speciality with almonds and orange blossom water.

At the Moulin de l'Île, along with their famous oils you can also buy flour, walnut and hazelnut spreads, and also foie gras! The owner of the oil mill, Frédéric Coudray, also raises geese and ducks and is passionate about his terroir.



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# COSNE-COURS-SUR-LOIRE, A CONDENSED VERSION OF FRANCE





# The Eder Cinema

The cinema in Cosne, with its impressive façade, today still holds a prominent place in the heart of lovers of the mythical Nationale 7 road.

# CULTURAL LIFE with the Loire Museum

Take an inspiring cultural break In the centre of town, by visiting the small museum which houses some of the great names from the Ecole de Paris. A unique opportunity to stand alone in front of a Chagall or to find out more about the life of Loire mariners.



## Only two hours from Paris,

Cosne is perfectly situated for a **long weekend**, being at the crossroads of the vineyards of Sancerre, Pouilly and the Coteaux du Giennois, the château de Guédelon, the Donziais forests, the canal bridge at Briare and the UNESCO site at La Charité-sur-Loire.

**Stay successful** is within easy reach; restaurants **for all tastes**, hotels, bed and breakfasts, large country cottages to accommodate your family, small gites **to recharge your batteries** for a couple of nights before continuing your trip along the cycle route 'La Loire à Vélo', campsites for **open-air living**, and also all the essentials for your **holiday** purchases!



# bric-a-brac... THE ART OF LIVING!

Board your train at Bercy station, relax in your compartment, get off at Cosne-Cours-sur-Loire, take a few steps and...

- O Go into Papy Moustache de Montmartre, a bric-a-brac shop resembling Ali Baba's cave.
- Then continue your walk to Gambetta Square, where you can sit on a shady terrasse and try the local wines.
- Cross the bridge for lunch by the side of the Loire, in an open-air style café with a panoramic view over the town.

#### Other bric-a-bracs?

In the town centre there's the more traditional "Souvenirs d'Antan" and the new, creative "Château Bohème". For an open-air bric-a-brac once a month you'll find Belle Broc by the side of the Loire.

#### Other bars and bistros?

Explore the Boulevard de la République and you will be spoilt for choice!

If you'd like to sip a drink while admiring a wonderful view why not try the Terrasses de l'Ile, and don't miss the rooftops of the M.



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#### THF 7IG 7AG WAIK

The charming village of Cessy-les-Bois marks the starting point of a walk for all the family towards the bat colonies present in the Natura 2000 zone; the little horseshoe bat and Geoffroy's bat are a great source of pride locally.





#### WALK FOR FANS OF

Mathieu and Noémie, AOC Pouilly Fumé wine growers.

Set off from the Loire at the foot of the village of Les Loges, go up the famous hill, look to your right for the terrace vines overlooking the Loire.
Continue straight on towards
"la croix du pain tortillé", the cross that young newly-weds passed to bring them good luck. Then you arrive in front of a circle planted with vines, a little further on you'll find the bell tower of Pouilly and a beautiful view over the vineyard.

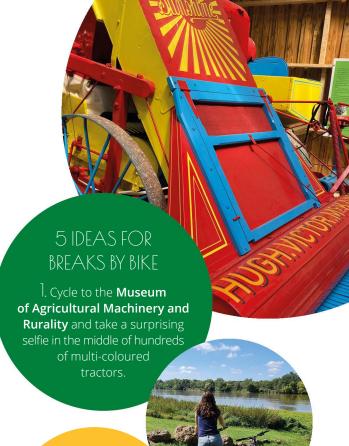


ALL OUR PRACTICAL INFORMATION is available at THE TOURIST OFFICE!

# A moment with **nature**

Already noted for its numerous well-preserved natural sites and its beautiful flowers, the town of Donzy wanted to go further to support biodiversity through the creation of a wetland crossed by a footpath on stilts. The perfect opportunity to learn while you walk, for the pleasure of both young and old.





2. Make
a gourmet stop
at Villechaud and lose
yourself in the remarkable
wine menu of
the restaurant

3. Set off on the Eurovélo 6 in the direction of the Black Sea to eventually stop and meditate in the cloisters of the Notre Dame Priory at La Charité sur Loire.

4. Discover the town of **Donzy** and fill up your pannier rack with some **hazelnut** spread. Yes, you deserve it!

5. Follow the itinerary of the migrating birds which fly north and rest by the biggest rose garden in Burgundy at Neuvy sur Loire.

#### **HIRE AN ELECTRIC BIKE**

At the Tourist Office in
Cosne-Cours-sur-Loire and at
the Pavillon du Milieu de Loire in Pouilly-sur-Loire.

# EXPERIENCES WITH THE LOIRE

# ~ BUCKET List ~

To fill your holiday scrap book with lovely memories we highlighted for you 10 things for you to do by the Loire:

- 1. Have a drink with a view on the terraces of our bars and restaurants.
- 2. **Open the shutters** of your accommodation and **listen** to the Loire
- 3. Stop and **rest in the middle** of a bridge.
- 4. Take a selfie at the **500 km point**.
- 5. Have a picnic facing Sancerre.
- 6. Make the most of our sunsets along the quays.
- 7. Learn **to taste wine** on a beach.
- 8. **Discover** a new world in a **canoe** and be surprised by what is hidden around the bend in **the river**.
- 9. **Reinvent** the triathlon: running **alongside the Loire**, cycling in the vineyards, and kayaking down the river.
- O. Just **enjoy** the feel of your feet in the sand.



At Pouilly-sur-Loire,
you are half-way between
the source and the mouth of the river.
The Loire here is so beautiful
and captivating.

The best way to explore the islands and forks in the river is by canoe. Take your time and admire the silver of the willows, surprise the terns, and listen to the wild geese.

The starry nights are magical in a bivouac on an island!

Fanny





# POUILLY-SUR-LOIRE, WINE STOPOVER AT KILOMETRE 500



## 5 STEPS to experience the vineyards and the wines at La Tour du Pouilly Fumé

In the heart of the village, visit La Tour du Pouilly Fumé which, with a sensory scenography helps you to better understand the vines, the work of the wine growers and the wines of Pouilly.

LISTEN ~ Because behind every wine there are men who develop them, we suggest you sit around a big table in the cellar and listen to the winegrowers of Pouilly tell the eventful story of their more than thousand-year-old vineyard.

Admire the hillsides throughout the seasons and the continually changing scenery; follow the wine growers from the Saint Vincent to the grape harvest.

Feel the coolness of the winter mists or the heat of the summer; watch the vine stock develop, smell the wet earth after a storm.

SHARE Discover the mystery of vinification from the arrival of the grapes in the wine cellar through to the bottling. Listen to the wine growers speak with passion revealing a few of their secrets.

SMELL In a cellar full of history, discover the aromatic families of the white wines of Pouilly. In each retort the aromas come only from natural products. A magical moment



TASTE ~ At the end of the visit take advantage of a guided wine tasting of four wines which will enable you to put into practice your new skills. The selected wines will help you understand the difference between Pouilly-sur-Loire and Pouilly Fumé and the influence of the terroir on the aromas and the taste.



## Shoppers!

You can, of course, find the wines you tasted for sale in the shop, together with many other souvenirs to take home with you.



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# Kilometre 200 ~ Return to the HOLIDAY route!

La **Nationale 7** road has taken several generations of Parisian tourists all the way to the Mediterranean and after two hours of driving Pouilly has been a favourite place to stop for lunch.

Today there are no Michelin starred restaurants but still good eating places where you can take your time to discover the perfect pairing of local products and Pouilly wines:

- Le Coq Hardi, tasty and refined cuisine; a terrace with stunning views over the Loire.
- Le Chai, a warm atmosphere; a menu highlighting local products in a simple and generous cuisine

• Not forgetting the **nice bistros** along the old
National 7 road or the sides
of the Loire.



# POUILLY-SUR-LOIRE

Extend your visit with our BROCHURE GETAWAY TO POUILLY SUR LOIRE!

## Kilometre 500

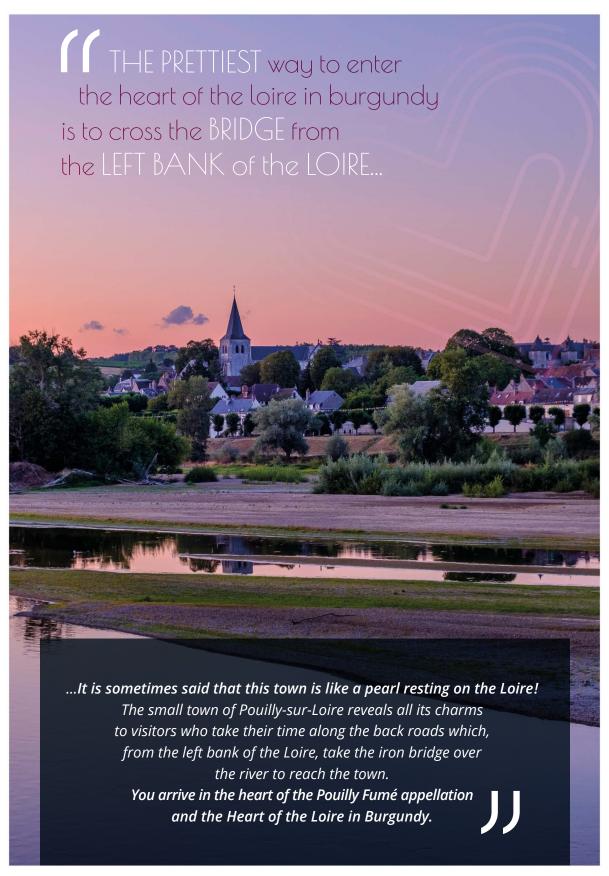
If you are exploring the Loire by bike, on foot or by canoe what about starting the adventure in the middle?

At Pouilly-sur-Loire, the river has already travelled 496 kms from its source and it still has as far to go again before joining the ocean. A Loire of islands, wild and unspoilt, which can be seen from the quays of the town.

### Les Pavés de la Route Bleue

Try them straightaway, with their praline-cream covered in nougatine, you'll fall in love with "les pavés de la route bleue".





## AT THE CROSSROAD OF THE VINEYARDS

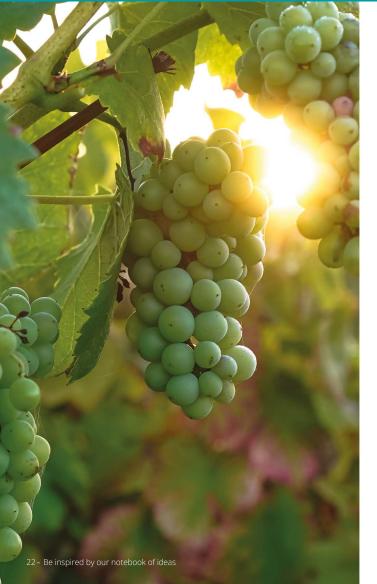
Pouilly Fumé and the Coteaux du Giennois owe their reputation to the richness of the terroirs and the generosity of their wine growers. Discover all the aspects of these wines, roam the vineyard, meet people who are passionate about their wines.



### 4 stunning views

We have tested the must-see spots for you, the most beautiful viewpoints, perfect settings for the best souvenirs of your getaway in the vineyards.





## AOC Coteaux du Giennois

200 hectares • 3 grape varieties: sauvignon, pinot noir and gamay • 1 AOC Coteaux du Giennois • White, red, and rosé wines

#### Need a surprise?

Leave the travelled routes and come and meet the wine growers of the **Coteaux du Giennois**. Small in size but big in wine quality, the appellation offers wines with a surprising "pleasure for money"!

Viewpoint from the village of Saint Père

From this large, unpretentious, panoramic viewpoint you can admire the town of Cosne-Cours-sur-Loire, the neighbouring appellations, the Sancerre hilltop, Saint-Andelain hill, and don't forget the Loire, the link between these three appellations.

How to get here 47°24'46.7"N 2°58'04.8"E Park in front of the church.

Go around the church on the left, then go up la rue des vignes on your left. This is also the starting point for a 9-kilometer walk through the vineyards.



of Burgundy, here the vineyards have the majestic Loire River as a backdrop.

the wine growing village Les Loges

How to get there

turn around, you won't regret it!

the essential Pouilly Fumé.

is the Pouilly sur Loire.

47°18'26.0"N 2°55'15.8"E The adventurous can get there via the Milieu de Loire Footpaths which go through the vineyards to reach Les Loges. When you arrive at 'la croix des pains tortillés' take the time to

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1 400 hectares • 2 grape varieties: sauvignon and chasselas • 2 AOC: Pouilly Fumé & Pouilly sur Loire • Dry white wines

White wine lovers all over the world can recognise

Rarer but appreciated for its freshness and not to be missed

From the top of Les Loges the panorama over the Loire and its islands, the vineyards of Pouilly and Sancerre hilltop is breath-taking.



## AOC Sancerre

3 000 hectares • 2 grape varieties: sauvignon and pinot noir • 1 AOC Sancerre • White, red and rosé wines

On the left bank of the Loire, the villages give their names to two famous AOC wines: Sancerre and Chavignol. Hidden behind the celebrated Sancerre are the picturesque little streets and enchanting banks of the river Loire.

Viewpoint from the Ménétréol-sous-Sancerre viaduct

Certainly one of the prettiest photo spots in the Sancerre vineyards and the Loire area, to make the most of it we suggest you walk along the viaduct and play with the perspectives!

How to get there 47°19'02.0"N 2°51'12.2"E

The simplest way is to park alongside the Canal Latéral à la Loire and to walk down the little streets which will take you from the village centre to the viaduct.

# IGP Côte de la Charité

50 hectares • 3 grape varieties: sauvignon, chardonnay, pinot noir • 1 AOC Côte de La Charité • White, red, rosé and gris wines • Still and sparkling

**Although not far from the Loire**, as are the neighbouring vineyards, the climate, the geographical relief, and the soil gives this vineyard a Burgundian tone.

A very old vineyard, whose recent recognition is due to passionate young wine growers. It's worth a detour!

Viewpoint from the village of Saint-Lay

To take advantage of the most beautiful viewpoint in the vineyards of the Côtes de la Charité, you need to leave the historic centre of La Charitésur-Loire, walk alongside the Forêt de Bertranges towards Clamecy as far as the village of Saint-Lay.

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47°14'03.7"N 3°12'20.3"E Saint-Lay







FOR EACH SEASON there is

an event not to be missed

## Winter

In December, the period of the **Christmas markets** is in full swing! An opportunity to put a really local product under your Christmas tree.

## Spring

For the Foire Internationale d'Art Actuel dans les Chais (the International Festival of Art in the Cellars) artists exhibit their contemporary artwork in the cellars of Pouilly Fumé appellation wine growers.

## Summer

The famous "Retromoisson" (retro harvest) of the Museum of Agricultural Machinery and Rurality at Saint-Loup-des-Bois, attracts thousands of enthusiasts every year.



## Autumn

At le **Festival des Avant-Premières** in Cosne-Cours-sur-Loire film lovers can enjoy different genres of the Seventh Art, and also cross paths with famous guests.

L'AUTOMNE
C'EST
LA BOURGOGNE!\*
\*AUTUMN MEANS BURGUNDY

For several years now Burgundy has been THE autumn destination; a place where the vine leaves change colour and forest walks take on their full meaning.

# OUR NEIGHBOURS YOU WILL FIND THOSE WHO...

...Have been welcoming PILGRIMS for 1000 years

La Charité-sur-Loire



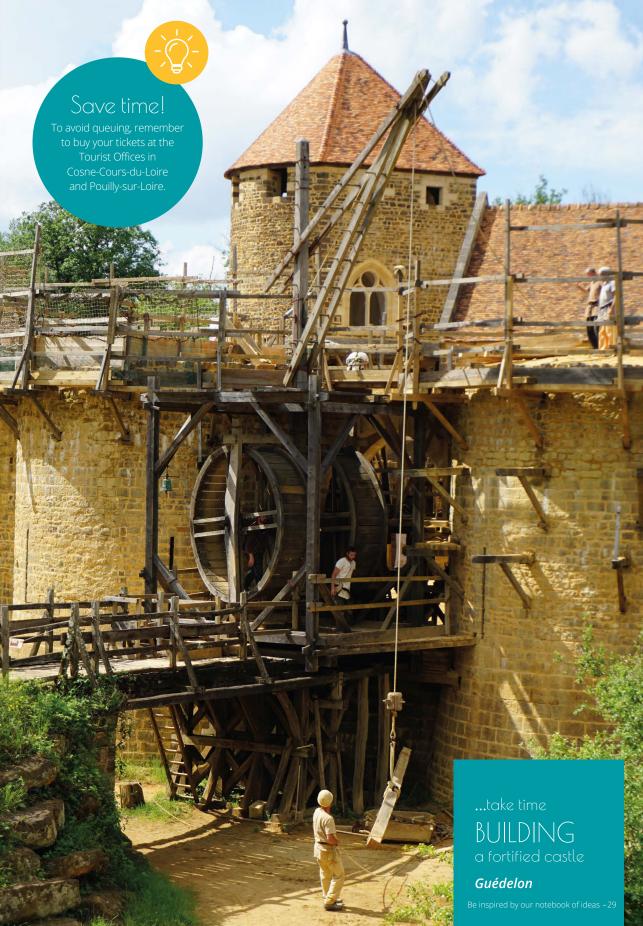




...Are the most

Sancerre





# DIRECTORY



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- Caroline will be your guide At Moulin de Maupertuis moulindemaupertuis.jimdofree.com + 33 (0)3.86.39.39.46
- Chez Frédéric At the l'Huilerie du Moulin de l'île www.huileriedumoulin.fr + 33 (0)3.86.39.31.48



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o Meet Jérôme



At the Eden Cinéma

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The programme is available at the information point in Cosne-Cours-sur-Loire

With Nicolas At the Museum of the Loire



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At Carole and Emmanuel - Papy Moustache de Montmartre bric-a-brac + 33 (0)3.86.22.59.88



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- With Marguerite and Emmanuel At Port Aubry farm
  - + 33 (0)3.86.26.63.61
- Market walk Around the Boulevard de la République Every Wednesday and Sunday morning



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#### Pages 16 and 17

- With Joël, Canoë Évasion Canoe hire on the Ile de Cosne canoeevasion.com + 33 (0)6.84.69.06.70
- With volunteers at the Canoë Kayak **Club Marcel Renaud** For canoe hire on the île de Cosne canoecosne.fr + 33 (0)6.44.23.05.02
- With Yvan, Loire Nature Découverte For canoe hire and a multitude of aquatic adventures at Pouilly-sur-Loire loirenaturedecouverte.com + 33 (0)7.86.29.03.90
- With nature activity leaders from the Education and Environment Service At the Pavillon du Milieu de Loire + 33 (0)3.86.39.54.54 Pouilly-sur-Loire and themed visits all over
- the area from Spring to Autumn. Discover the Loire 'from the middle'
- Via the Réserve Naturelle Nationale du Val de Loire from Tracy-sur-Loire to La Charité-sur-Loire
- The middle Loire foot path' routes Available at the information points in Cosne-Cours-sur-Loire and Pouilly-sur-Loire



#### **SUR-LOIRE**

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With the friendly team At La Tour du Pouilly Fumé



www.tourdupouillyfume.fr

- > Menu "La Tour du Pouilly Fumé"
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- With Céline to shop for the 'pavés de la route bleue' confectionery At the Craquants du Val de Loire

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#### Pages 14 and 15

o Departure point for the Zig Zag footpath At the village of Cessy -les-Bois (next to the church)

Printed guides are available at the information points in Cosne-Cours-sur Loire, Pouilly-sur-Loire and at the Moulin de Maupertuis in Donzy.

• Nature time - to discover the wetlands of Donzy

Go to the end of the Square Gambetta (behind the Salle des Fêtes) and look for the information boards at the Lavoir de la Folie (the old washing place). (47°22'18.0"N 3°07'44.4"E)

Sylvie will welcome you At the Museum of Agricultural Machinery and Rurality (MUMAR)

www.framaa.fr + 33 (0)3.86.39.91.41 Saint-Loup-des-Bois

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#### Pages 26 and 27

- o Sophie and Jean-Pierre At the Château de Montchevreau - (holiday cottages, bed & breakfast)
  - + 33 (0)6.22.28.70.10 Cosne-Cours-sur-Loire
- Céline and Gabriel At the Château de Vieux Moulin - (bed & breakfast) chateaudevieuxmoulin.com + 33 (0)7.71.79.55.07



 Château du Nozet Domaine de Ladoucette Saint-Andelain

Vielmanay



- Le vieux château Remains of the outer walls of the Château In the town centre of Cosne-Cours-sur-Loire
- Château des Granges Suilly-la-Tour The park is open from the beginning of July to mid-September
- Château de Tracy Tracy-sur-Loire The park is open in July and August



Château de la Motte Josserand - Perroy

# **OUR**

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• Treigny - Château de Guédelon www.guedelon.fr + 33 (0)3.86.45.66.66





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The information point at Cosne-Cours-sur-Loire

#### Inside the Palais de Loire

Rue du Général de Gaulle Boutique, electric bike hire, lockers, wifi

# The information point at Pouilly-sur-Loire

#### Inside the Tour du Pouilly Fumé

30, Rue Waldeck Rousseau Scenography of Pouilly wines, boutique, wifi

Tél.: + 33 (0)3.86.28.11.85



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#### TO COME AND SEE US IN PERSON:



BY CAR ~ A77 (Paris Nevers)

Our advice: Forget the motorway and take the old N7



BY TRAIN ~ The train station at Cosne-Cours-sur-Loire (1h50 from Paris Bercy) and stops at Tracy/Sancerre and at Pouilly-sur-Loire



#### **BY BOAT**

The Marina on the canal latéral at the Loire





BY PLANE ~ the Airfield at Cosne-Cours-sur-Loire (800 metre hard landing strip)







