

Southern Burgundy Wine Tour

Southern Burgundy Wine Tour Highlights

- Explore the Côte Chalonnaise, the Mâconnais and Beaujolais, and the fantastic quality and value of their wines.
- Meet a wonderful mix of family winemakers and négociants.
- At least six visits over three days, covering key appellations in each region.
- Based in Mâcon, a beautiful town close to the vineyards.
- Comprehensive tastings at every visit, and four fabulous tasting lunches or dinners.

[Read about the tour I ran to Burgundy in 2016.](#)

Tour dates (all Wednesday - Sunday)

12th-16th May 2021

9th-13th June 2021

16th-20th June 2021

Please note these tours have been postponed from 2020, due to travel restrictions resulting from Covid-19. Please [contact me](#) if you would like to be kept updated about my plans.

Outline Itinerary

Wednesday

Our tour commences at our meeting point at Lyon airport (see Flight Transfers below). I will meet the afternoon flight arriving from Heathrow, and our coach will take us to Mâcon where we will settle in to the spectacular Hotel Panorama 360, before strolling out into the pretty town for our first night dinner.

Thursday

Our day in the Côte Chalonnaise will cover Mercurey to the north, where Pinot Noir flourishes on steeper slopes, and Montagny to the south where vineyards of Chardonnay share the landscape with limestone quarries. Some of the best Crémant de Bourgogne comes from this area and will be a focus of one of our visits. A tasting lunch will enable us to explore these fabulous wines with food. On our return to Mâcon the evening is free, for people to enjoy at leisure.

Friday

Our Beaujolais day will be spent exploring Cru Appellations such as Juliéna, Moulin-à-Vent and Fleurie. On these hillsides the Gamay grape ripens slowly to produce wines of great concentration and complexity and even ageing potential with the assistance of some oak maturation. We will enjoy a tasting lunch, matching wines with local cuisine at one of our visits. Evening at leisure in Mâcon.

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Saturday

In the Mâconnais we will visit Pouilly Fuissé where white wines of great body and structure are made from vines growing under the massive limestone outcrops of Solutr  and Vergisson. Further north in the gentler hills of Vir -Cless , wines display complex tropical aromas combined with great structure and body. We will enjoy a comprehensive tasting lunch at our second visit, and on our return to M con we will spend our final evening meeting up with friends we have made, revisiting wines we have enjoyed and eating whatever we have room for!

Sunday

Our tour ends but our return flight connection allows us plenty of time to enjoy the lovely town of M con before our coach transfer to Lyon airport after lunch .

Note: the Itinerary may be changed at Tim Syrad Wine Tours discretion so as to facilitate the smooth running of the tour and to accommodate great opportunities for visits or tastings that may become available.

Key Tour Information

*** The Key Tour Information specifies what you should expect from the tour, no matter how far ahead you book. As additional information is published on the website, it will be advised to clients who have reserved a place. The daily itinerary will be finalised in the weeks leading up to the Start Date.**

As these tours have been postponed to 2021, due to Covid-19, some elements of the Key Tour Information may change. Anyone who has booked on a tour will be contacted regarding any changes as soon as they are identified.

Download the [2020 Key Tour Information](#) as a pdf.

Pricing

- £1,149 per person based on 2 people sharing a double/twin room.
- £100 supplement for single occupancy of a double room,
- £100 discount for bookings made before 1st January 2020, and paid for 8 weeks before departure.

Price includes

- Transport from the Meeting Point at Lyon Airport to the hotel in M con on Wednesday, and to the Departure Point at Lyon Airport on Sunday.
- 5 days (including arrival and departure days)/4 nights bed and breakfast in good quality hotel in Macon.
- Coach for all activities in the itinerary.
- Three full days of visits and tastings.
- Six visits/tastings, including wineries in areas such as Pouilly-Fuiss  in the M con, Mercurey and Montagny in the C te Chalonnaise and Fleurie and Moulin- -Vent in

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Beaujolais.

- Four lunches/dinners with local wines.
- All local taxes and service charges.
- The services of Tim Syrad as your Wine Tour Manager and Wine Guide.

It is a condition of my accepting a booking that you will take out appropriate travel insurance - please see our Terms and Conditions Section 8.

[Terms and Conditions are available here](#) or on request.

Please note flights are not included in the price. Many of my clients prefer to extend their holiday before or after my tours, so I let people make their own flight arrangements. A deposit of £100 is taken at booking.

Flight Transfers

Our Meeting and Departure Point is Lyon Airport. For the June tours, assuming they proceed, I will arrange transfers from/to Lyon airport to coincide with the flight schedules when they are announced.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss travel options, for example flying to or from a different airport or making the journey by rail or driving. I cannot arrange travel for you, but I can advise on what might work best.

How to book this tour

Please contact me by phone or email, or use the enquiry form on the [Contact page](#) on the website to check availability. If I confirm a place is available, please complete the [booking form](#) and send it to me with your deposit. A deposit of £100 is taken at booking to reserve your place, the balance must be paid 8 weeks before the tour starts.

If you don't have travel insurance arranged for the dates of the tour at the time you are booking you will need to provide me with details (name of insurer, policy number, 24 hour emergency telephone numbers) before the tour starts.

Once I have confirmed a tour is proceeding I advise clients to arrange flights and confirm travel arrangements to me. **Please do not arrange flights before I have confirmed your place and that the tour is proceeding.**

More about my Southern Burgundy Wine Tour

My tours to Southern Burgundy will reveal the fantastic quality and value that these regions offer. Lacking the fame of their northern neighbours but sharing much of their geology with frankly more lovely scenery, the Côte Chalonnaise and Mâconnais are home to some superb examples of Burgundian whites and reds, while in Beaujolais it is possible to find the Gamay

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grape vinified 'classically' to produce delicious structured wines that will challenge anyone who thinks Beaujolais = Nouveau.

My focus on every tour I run is on getting to know the region through its people as well as its wine, so we will be visiting a number of family owned estates and meeting the family members responsible for growing the vines and making the wines. However, in Burgundy the négociants, who source wines from growers and have wines from a wide range of appellations, are crucial, and we will benefit from these visits, sampling wines from across the region.

Given we are visiting a region that produces some of the best reds and white wines in the world, not to mention some very good sparkling wine, our food and wine matching experiences will be a highlight. Our lunches on each day of visits will allow us to experience the wines from the area we are visiting with some perfectly matched cuisine, while our first night dinner will introduce us to the wines of the region in an authentic local restaurant.

More about Tim Syrad Wine Tours

Since 1997 I have escorted over 100 groups of people on tours to wine regions in Europe and the New World. My clients keep coming back year after year because in addition to tastings and visits we really do meet the people who make the wine and tend the vines.

I personally escort all my tours, and I ensure as much as possible of the money my clients pay is spent on great food and wine, and good hotels.

For more information [about me](#), [my next tours](#), and [previous tours](#) I have run, and to [find out what my clients](#) say (some of whom have been coming on tour with me since 2001) please explore the website.

For more information about this tour, or to book a place, please [contact me](#)

By phone (020 7060 4529)

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Or use the online enquiry form on the [Contact page](#)