

EXCURSION N°2: Charms of Auxois soil

Minimum of participants: 35
Maximum of participants: 45

Possible Dates: April 23th and 25th 2006

8h45 – 9h15: Departure from the hotel with our guide.
Destination to the north of Dijon, Bussy Rabutin approx. 45 minutes.

Visit of Bussy Rabutin castle

Duration: 1h to 1h30



The castle of Bussy-Rabutin, dating from the Renaissance is surrounded by typical French garden. Designed by Roger de Rabutin, Count of Bussy and cousin of Madam de Sévigné, expressed on his castle walls, his bitterness to Louis XIV at the time of his forced exile in Burgundy.

Visit of the Middle Aged city of Semur in Auxois

Duration: 45min to 1h



Raised on a rock of pink granite and coiled in a meander of the Armançon river, it still raises its towers. Secular place of dwelling, the legend tells that Semur was built by Hercules at the time of his return of Spain

Lunch at the hart of Semur

13h00: It is in the heart of this historical city that you will be pleased to taste regional dishes prepared by the chief.



Visit of Fontenay Abbey

Duration: 1h to 1h30



The Abbey of Fontenay is one of the oldest Cistercians' monasteries of Europe. Founded in 1118 by Saint Bernard in a small marshy valley of Burgundy, the abbey crossed more than eight centuries without deteriorating in its splendid Romanesque architecture. Fontenay, classified by the world inheritance of UNESCO, now attracts each year more than 120.000 visitors from the whole world.

Return approx. 17h30 to Dijon

Price per person: 90.00 €

Penalties in case of cancellation from April the 10th 2006: 10.00 €

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