

Historical heritage close at hand

○ In Dijon, we like:

- The "Owl Trail" in the historic town centre of Dijon: look at the ground and follow the guide!
- The Chouette (owl), bringer of good luck and a favourite of the people of Dijon. Who hasn't stroked it with their left hand at some time while making a wish, perhaps smiling at this ritual from times past but hoping deep down that it comes true?
- The panoramic view of Dijon and its glazed roofs from the top of Philip the Good's tower, part of the palace of the Dukes of Burgundy... for hardy souls not daunted by the 316 steps!
- The market halls, a central point with markets on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday mornings
- The grand town houses
- The museum of Burgundy life on the Rue Sainte-Anne. The shops recently opened in Dijon's restored streets
- Le Jardin des Sciences / Parc de l'Arquebuse: museum, planetarium, botanical gardens
 - ✓ www.dijon.fr
 - ✓ www.visitdijon.com

○ In Beaune and its surrounding area we like:

- The unmissable Hôtel-Dieu
 - ✓ www.hospices-de-beaune.com
- Shopping at the Athenaeum de la Vigne et du Vin
- The Nolay market hall
- Château de la Rochepot
 - ✓ www.larochepot.com
- Château de Savigny and motorcycle, aviation and racing car museum
 - ✓ www.reception-aviation.chateau-savigny.com
- Santenay Casino
 - ✓ www.joa-casino.com/Casinos-Loisirs/CASINO-JOA-DE-SANTENAY





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○ **Pays de l'Auxois :**

- Châteauneuf-en-Auxois: mediaeval fortress, classified as one of the “The Most Beautiful Villages of France”
 - ✓ www.region-bourgogne.fr/chateauneuf-en-auxois
- Château de Commarin
 - ✓ www.commarin.com
- Abbaye de Fontenay: one of the oldest monasteries in Europe, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1981. Magnificent Romanesque architecture, cloister and an outstanding garden.
 - ✓ www.abbayedefontenay.com
- Château de Bussy-Rabutin: over 200 17th-century paintings, collected by Roger de Rabutin, count of Bussy and a well-known hellraiser and cousin of Madame de Sévigné
 - ✓ www.bussy-rabutin.monuments-nationaux.fr
- Muséoparc Alésia: fun, interactive centre explaining the Battle of Alesia in 52BC between Julius Caesar and Vercingetorix. Discover the Gallo-Roman remains and the statue of Vercingetorix.
 - ✓ www.alesia.com
- Flavigny-sur-Ozerain: listed among “The Most Beautiful Villages of France”, the fortified town surrounds the 8th-century Carolingian abbey, home to the famous Anis de Flavigny sweets.
 - ✓ www.les-plus-beaux-villages-de-france.org/fr/flavigny-sur-ozeraian

○ **Ouche valley:**

- The Ouche valley tourist railway

