

YOUR ITINERARY

Migennes-Montbard-Dijon (212 km)

The itinerary keeps close to the Burgundy Canal. The towpaths are maintained by the VNF (French Waterways Authority) and are on the whole in good condition. With a mountain or hybrid bike you can even keep on them from start to finish. The various towpath stretches are linked by little roads passing through the towns and villages. A detailed itinerary may be found in the handbook entitled "À vélo le long du canal de Bourgogne" (Cycling alongside the Burgundy Canal (see p. 29)).

Km 0 Migennes. Major rail hub; the itinerary starts on the towpath at Lock 114.

Km 17 Saint-Florentin. Church with remarkable stained glass windows, canal bridge, old district with shops.

Km 45 Tonnerre. Arrival and departure at the marina; Fosse Dionne (circular washhouse), Hôtel-Dieu, hospital museum and vineyards.

Km 53 Tanlay. Renaissance château (16C) with a contemporary art centre in the outbuildings.

Km 78 Ancy-le-Franc. Superbly decorated Renaissance château, earthenware museum.

Km 96 Buffon Forge. 18C industrial establishment remarkable for its technique and architecture.

Km 100 Montbard. Musée de l'Ancienne Orangerie, Parc Buffon, Fine Arts Museum; nearby Fontenay Abbey (12 km round trip).

Km 112 Venarey-les-Laumes. Optional loop (25 km) via Bussy-Rabutin, Alise-Sainte-Reine and Flavigny-sur-Ozerain; return via the canal from Pouillenay.

Km 120 Pouillenay. Optional detour to Semur-en-Auxois (12 km via D 9).

Km 155 Pouilly-en-Auxois. Circumventing the "Burgundy threshold" tunnel (3350 metres).

Km 171 Pont-d'Ouche. Old river port where coal from Epinac-les-Mines was loaded onto barges; the canal follows the charming Ouche valley.

Km 194 Pont-de-Pany. The towpath becomes a *Voie Verte* until Lake Kir situated at the entrance of Dijon.

Km 212 Dijon. The *voie verte* gives way to a cycling track alongside Lake Kir; the town centre and the railway station are 1.5 km away.

