

Beaune Travel Guide



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1/ GÉNÉRAL



As the second biggest city in the Côte d'Or region, Beaune is definitely worth seeing while visiting Burgundy. This charming historic town is a true delight for architecture and wine lovers.

Population: 21 806 inhabitants

Area: 11,18 km²

Population Density: 398 inhab./km².

Demonym: Beaunois, Beaunoises

Région: Burgundy

Postcode: 21200

Maps : [Google maps](#)



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2/ TRANSPORT

BY CAR

Travelling to Burgundy is easy as pie.

If you leave from Paris, your journey will last about 3h. Follow the Motorway of the Sun (A6) for about 315 km and have a break in [Auxerre](#) if you feel like it. As for the bill, expect to pay around 56€ (toll roads + gas).

For the lucky ones who travel from Dijon, Beaune is only 40 km away from there. But if you leave from Lyon, you can be in Beaune in about 1h40 (160 km).

Once in town, you have several options regarding the place where you want to park your car.

- [Car parks](#)

With 13 car parks, 4 of which are free, the city offers more than 1300 spots. The first 30 minutes are free and expect to pay around 4.50€ for 3 hours.

- [Horodateurs](#)

If you'd rather park on streets, don't forget to check the zone you're in.

- **Red zone** : The first hour costs 1.50€. During the off-season, the first half hour is free; during the high season, you won't pay anything for the first 15 minutes.
- **Orange zone (3 hour limit) / Green zone (10 hour limit)** : The first hour costs 1€. After that, each 24 minutes cost 0.40€.





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BY TRAIN

Want to travel by train? There are several daily trains leaving from Paris (Gare de Lyon or Bercy). You can either take a TER or TGV, but whatever your choice is, it will have an impact on the duration of your journey.

To check the departure times and book tickets, please visit the [SCNF](#) website.



Getting around town

•By bike

If the weather is fine, discovering the city by bike is a very enjoyable activity. The bravest can even go on a bike ramble and thus discover Burgundy vineyards. This 22 km trail is the perfect occasion to meet local producers.

•By Visiotrain

Here is an original way to discover the city. This perfect blend between a train and a bus is very convenient when the weather is not mild. Once onboard, you will travel for 45 minutes around the main sites.

Fees:

- Children from 3 to 12: 4.50€ - Adults: 7.50€



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3/ WHEN TO GO?



Spring

- [Beaune International Thriller Film Festival](#)

This celebration is the perfect occasion to meet people from the film industry and watch the latest movies before anyone else.

At the end of the festival, the best short films and full-length feature films receive an award. Have you chosen your favourite yet?

- [The 24 hours of Beaune](#)

We all know the 24 hours of Le Mans, but do you know how it applies to Beaune? First, you have to create a 3-wheel (or more) non-motorized “vehicle”. Once you’re done, time to try it on the asphalt. More than 25.000 people gather for this annual sporting event. Time to decide if you are a pilot or not!?

Music Festivals

- [Festival Scène d’été](#)

This summer, you won’t get the chance to get bored thanks to several creative working-groups and artistic shows. As for the little ones, this festival has everything in store for them as well.

- [Festival International d’Opéra Baroque et Romantique de Beaune](#)

This is one of the most prestigious baroque music festivals in Europe. In July, surrender to the delicate notes while marveling at the beautiful interior of the Hospices de Beaune.



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- [Beaune Vibrations](#)

Those vibrations echo all year round. This festival takes place at the Lanterne Magique, an auditorium located at the heart of the city.

Whether you like French or world music, the only thing you have to do is dance!

- [Jazzabeaune](#)

Summer is over... No need to be sad though! Come have a good time at this jazz festival. What's better than listening to good music while tasting some wine? From September to October, this epicurean event offers several activities for adults as well as children.

November

- [The Wine Auction at the Hospices Civils de Beaune](#)

The very first auction took place in 1794. This prestigious annual event is considered as the most famous auction sale in the world. Christie's has been orchestrating the auction since 2005. This mundane event is also a charity one as all the profits are donated to several charitable organizations.



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4/ INFORMATIONS AND USEFUL ADRESSES

Tourism Office: <http://www.beaune-tourisme.fr/en>

Emergency number: 112 (Euro zone, **112** redirects you to 15, 17, 18, 115, and 119)

Fire: dial 18

Ambulance (medical emergency): dial 15

Police dial 17

Missing Children: dial 116

Touristic sites

The Burgundy Wine Museum: <http://www.beaune-tourisme.fr/en/autour-du-vin-english#!/musee-du-vin-de-bourgogne-675138?tab=medias>

The Hôtel Dieu : <http://www.hospices-de-beaune.com/index.php/hospicesdebeaune/L-Hotel-Dieu/Le-Musee>

The Collegiate Church Notre-Dame: <http://www.beaune-tourisme.fr/en/sites-de-visite-english#!/collegiale-basilique-notre-dame-674567?tab=medias>

Close to Beaune

The Imaginarium : <http://www.imaginarium-bourgogne.com/index.php?lg=en>

The Cassisium : <http://www.cassissium.fr/>



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5/ BUDGET IN SAINT-TROPEZ

Accommodation :

The following prices are indicative. They refer to a one night stay in a standard double bedroom and may be subject to confirmation at the time of booking.

- **From 45€ to 80€** You will be able to stay in up to 3-star establishments. Some of them even have a swimming pool for warm summer days. However, most of those establishments are located a bit far from the city center.

- **From 80€ to 150€** With this budget, you can stay at chic hotels and B&Bs that are close to the heart of the city.

- **If your budget goes over 150€** get ready to spend a night at the best hotels and B&Bs. Those establishments (up to 5 stars) have everything in store to meet your greatest expectations.

[Take a look at our website to find a place to stay in Beaunes.](#)

Restaurants :

The following prices are indicative. They refer to the price of one course or a menu for one.

- **From 15 to 40 €** : Want to experience burgundian cuisine ? [Le Bacchus](#) is the best place to do so. Everybody loves this restaurant, and you will definitely surrender to its generous and tasty menu.

If you are still looking for the [P'tit Paradis](#) on earth, you just found it! The mouth-watering meals are original and well-presented. Have a bite and dive into deliciousness.

(Le Bacchus, 6 rue du Faubourg Madeleine)

(Le P'Tit Paradis, 25 rue Paradis)

- **From 50€ to 90€** : The [Le Clos du Cèdre](#) deserves its star. Once inside this sophisticated place, you instantly feel that you have made the right choice. Chef Ledru perfectly combines the finest products to create tasty and refined treats.

(Le Clos du Cèdre, 12 boulevard Maréchal Foch)



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6/ UNMISSABLE VISITS !



- [The Burgundy Wine Museum](#)

This is the very first ecomuseum in France. It opened in 1938 and was first located in the old town's belfry. In 1946, the museum was transferred to the former residence of the Dukes of Burgundy. Once inside, you can marvel at more than 20 centuries of wine-making history thanks to numerous objects such as medieval wine presses, jars and Gallo-Roman goldsmithery.

- [The Hôtel Dieu](#)

This is the emblem of the city. In 1443, Nicolas Rolin, Chancellor to Philippe The Good, founded the Hôtel Dieu, also known as the Hospices de Beaune. Its polychrome roof (gothic flamboyant style) turned the place into an impressively beautiful architectural ensemble.

Today, the Hôtel Dieu hosts the prestigious [wine auction](#) orchestrated by Christie's.

- [The Collegiate Church Notre-Dame](#)

This religious site dates back to the second half of the 12th century. Registered as Historic Monument in 1840, this clunisian, gothic, and Renaissance collegiate church is one of the last biggest Roman churches in Burgundy. Once inside, you will see an impressive tapestry representing the life of Mary as well as a black Virgin Mary.



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- [L'Imaginarium :](#)

In order to properly discover the wine-making world, go to the Imaginarium, a place that will wake up all your senses.

Your journey is divided into 3 parts, starting with a sound and light show and ending with a wine tasting session.

Fees : - Free for any children under 12 - Young people from 12 to 17: 6€ - Full price: 9€ for the Formule Découverte / 17€ for the Formule Prestige

- [The Cassisium :](#)

After all this time around grapes, how about discovering how to make blackcurrant cream? This place is the little brother of the Imaginarium, and just like its big brother, it will wake up your senses. How well do you know this little acid fruit? If you wish to know more about its origins and uses, enter the Cassisium!

Fees : Free for any children under 12 - Students :6.50€ - Full price : 8.50€

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