

### Season

From end of April to mid-October.

We recommend you to book this tour 3 or 4 months before the departure date if you plan to walk it in summer time. Great demand and few rooms!

### Difficulty: grade 3

No major difficulty, you walk 6 to 8 hours a day. The grade 3 reflects the length of some stages (between 25 or 30 kilometers) and the nature of the terrain. The total altitude gain is about 500 to 700 meters a day, some ascents or descents could be steep. This walk requires a reasonable degree of walking experience and a current good state of fitness. The trail is well marked with red and white GR signs but in some places there is no marks and you have to follow the instructions given in the route notes.



### Itinerary

*8-day and 7-night self-guided circular walking holidays*

Day 1 : Arrival at QUARRE LES TOMBES, a village situated in the Morvan National Park region, between the La Cure and Le Cousin valleys, at an altitude of 460 meters on the summit of Mont Culan. Around the Saint Georges Church lies a beautiful collection of Merovingian sarcophagus, dating from the 7th and 10th centuries, which have been restored many times since –

Half-board accommodation in a two-star hotel.



Day 2 : CRESCENT LAKE – BRASSY (24 km). Escort by taxi from Quarré les Tomes to the hamlet of Courotte (not included in the STB coded tour – 30 km) Along a slightly-sloped path, you will walk the banks of the Crescent Lake, cross it to come to l'Huis Bargeot, and will then cross the prairies to arrive in Chaloux. You will then enter into the forest and head towards the hamlet of Plainefas and the banks of the Chaumeçon Lake. You will follow the road which runs the length of the lake to arrive in the small village of Brassy - Half-board accommodation in a small family-run hotel with all conveniences

Day 3 : BRASSY – VAUMINOT – commune of Chaumard – (23 km). You will leave Brassy for the hamlets of Rivières and Maguémont, crossing through woods and prairies. You will skirt around the Mont Grinon and pass the Croix Gerrin (Gerrin Cross) to arrive at Ouroux en Morvan. You will next arrive at Pannecièrè Lake, passing through the villages of Montpensy, Courgermain and Les Quatre-Vents. From Chaumard, you will follow the lake to the hamlet of Vauminot, and your hotel - Half-board accommodation in a two-star hotel.

Day 4 : VAUMINOT – PLANCHEZ (25 km). You will follow the Pannecièrè Lake for about 10 km and cross over to the other bank where you will pass into the forest to reach the Fauboulion Chapel and Le Fou de Verdun. In the middle of the forest you will find the small village of Planchez, where you will overnight.

Half-board accommodation in a small family-run hotel.

Day 5 : PLANCHEZ – LE LAC DES SETTONS (18 km). You will cross through the village and, following several small paths and roads, arrive in La Gutteleau and the hamlet of Grosse. You will next come to the lake and, circling around it, pass through Le Cerney, the nautical base of the Branlesses, and the Settons Dam.

Half-board accommodation in a two-star hotel.

Day 6 : LES SETTONS – SAINT AGNAN (23 km). You will cross again the dam and enter into the forest, heading for the



village of Gouloux. You will make a slight detour so to visit the Saut du Gouloux and take up again your hike through the woods to Saint Brisson. The path then takes again to the forest and brings you to Saint Agnan, lying on the banks of the Saint Agnan Lake - Half-board accommodation in a two-star hotel.

Day 7 : SAINT AGNAN – QUARRE LES TOMBES (19 km). You will follow the banks of Saint Agnan Lake, passing by the Saint Pierre Chapel, and will enter into the forest to arrive at the Abbaye de la Pierre Qui Vire at the bottom of the Trinquelin Valley. You will next arrive at the village of Saint Léger Vauban and will end your walk at Quarré Les Tombes. - Half-board accommodation in a two-star hotel.

Day 8 : QUARRE LES TOMBES. Tour ends after breakfast.



## Access to and from

### Outward journey to Quarré les Tombes

By train : The closest train station is that of Avallon, well-served from Paris Gare de Lyon or Paris Bercy with a connection. From the Avallon station, a taxi will bring you to Quarré les Tombes. (on your own)

By car : You will get off A6 Paris-Lyon motorway at exit 23 to Avallon. Then follow N6 road towards Saulieu, to Cussy les Forges where you take a right on D33 road and then continue along D10 road to Quarré les Tombes.

Where to park : Free, unguarded parking is available on the village square

### Inward journey from Quarré les Tombes

Taxi from Quarre to Avallon (on your own)

## Accommodation

7 nights with accommodation in 2-star or family-run hotels on half-board basis

*Accommodation is normally in large bed or twin-bedded rooms, with en-suite facilities (at least shower, washbasin and toilet) when available, which is 95% of the time. However, you can stay in remote spots or small villages where there is little or no choice of accommodations and where facilities may be limited. In this case, you will share a bathroom or shower room and toilets with some other people on the same storey.*

*Picnic lunches are not included in the tour but are available from the hotel on request the previous evening, alternatively picnic materials can be bought at the stop village or at each of the towns and villages along the route. We indicate in the route notes where there are suitable restaurants or cafés for lunch stops. We recommend you to carry food and drinks if there are none convenient to the trail.*

## Included

- Twin share accommodation with private facilities
- Baggage transfer between hotels (except for STD option)
- Route notes and maps
- 7 dinners
- Emergency phone number (8:00am to 7:00pm every day)

## Not included

- Visa fees, transportation fees to and from the walk area
- Insurance (strongly recommended on all trips)
- Transfers except those mentioned above
- Drinks
- Additional meals
- Spending of personal nature e.g. laundry, souvenirs, phone calls...



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