

BURGUNDY: A WAVE OF NEW ACCOMMODATION WITH CHARM FOR 2016.

Burgundy's accommodation providers have contributed greatly to the reputation of this exceptional destination, and they continue to flourish and become ever more original. There is no shortage of new developments in 2016. Here is a selection:

In 2016 the 4* Abbaye de la Bussière celebrates its 10th anniversary

The adventure started in 2005 when an English family, the Cummings, acquired a Cistercian abbey in the Ouche Valley and set about transforming it into a chic and charming hotel. A little nod to history is the fact that this abbey was founded in 1131 by another Englishman, the monk Stephen Harding from Sherborne, Dorset. In 2006, the Abbaye opened with 10 rooms.

As the years passed, the Cummings family continued to develop the establishment, whilst always respecting the history and tradition of this site. Nowadays, the Abbaye boasts 20 rooms and suites. Wines are once more aged in casks within its Cistercian cellar. There are three beehives that produce honey for the Abbaye. The organic vegetable garden is blooming. Crayfish were reintroduced to the pond. The consecrated crypt is still used for weddings and baptisms. With its Gothic architecture, this historic and spiritual site has become a Relais & Châteaux 4* hotel.

It provides the ideal setting for a productive and studious retreat, where guests can sample the wonderful bistro-style or gastronomic cuisine prepared by Guillaume Royer, winner of a Meilleur Ouvrier de France award in 2015.

Rates: from €225 per night per person - 20 rooms

L'Abbaye de la Bussière - 33 Route départementale - 21360 La Bussière-sur-Ouche

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New Marie de Bourgogne spa at the 4* Hôtel Le Cep

In the town centre of Beaune, this beautiful home is aiming to pamper guests and day visitors even more than before by opening the « Marie de Bourgogne » spa. Covering more than 350m², here guests can enjoy some divine sensory experiences: cryotherapy chamber, balneotherapy, Bed Jouvence floatation bed, steam room, sensory shower... All of this is accompanied by Vinésime cosmetic products, made in Gevrey-Chambertin and born out of the Burgundian terroir. Blackcurrant buds, chardonnay or pinot noir polyphenols, Burgundy truffles or Montmorency cherries are all transformed into delightful and voluptuous treatments. With its French-style ceilings and its floors covered in antique tiles, Le Cep is a venue that is charged with history. This exceptional hotel has its roots in two charming and listed private mansion houses set around courtyards that date from the 16th Century, nestling in the heart of Beaune, the perfect town for those who are wild about wine, gastronomy and heritage.

Rates: from €157 per night per person - 65 rooms, including 29 suites

Hôtel Le Cep - 27 Rue Maufoux - 21206 Beaune

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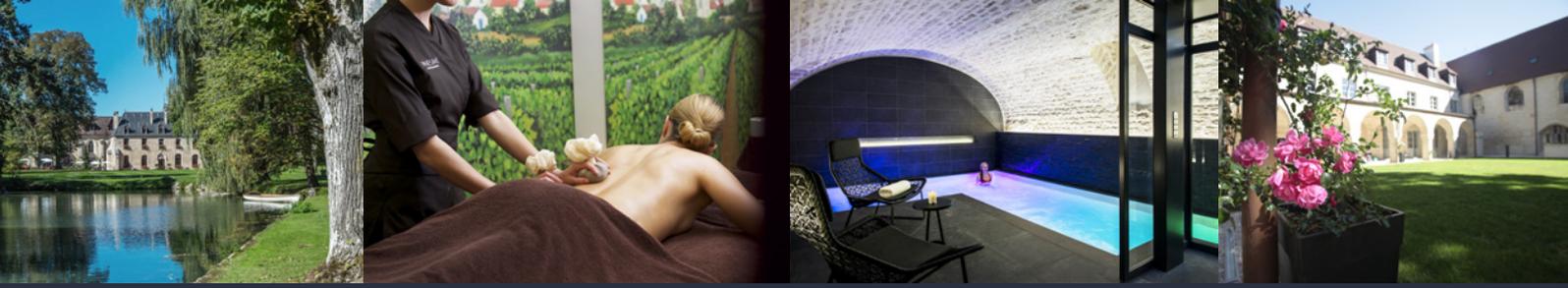
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The 5* Grand Hôtel de la Cloche in Dijon sheds its skin.

This Dijon institution (classified as a historic monument) has a new look and has been extended: more spacious rooms, new decor in the restaurant, the bar installed in the sublime Napoléon III lounge, the breakfast room and the new 200m² wellbeing space that is set under the stone vaulted ceilings. The Grand Hotel de la Cloche chose to team up with French luxury brand Carita when creating its spa. Boasting an all new design, La Cloche resonates with resolutely contemporary tones, but the spirit and the chic of this grand old Dijon establishment still endures. The history of the 5* Grand Hôtel de la Cloche stretches back as far as 1884. With its crystal chandeliers, its private garden, its bar and its hushed lounges, it evokes French-style art de vivre and, in particular, the gentle pleasures of Burgundian life.

Rates: from €129 - 88 rooms, including 5 suites and apartments
Grand Hôtel de la Cloche - 14 Place Darcy - 21000 Dijon
Tel. + 33 (0)3 80 30 12 32 - www.hotel-lacloche.fr

Monastic calm in the heart of Dijon: Odalys Les Cordeliers 3* furnished apartments

Timeless charm, tranquility and elegance reign at this tourist residence that occupies the former Les Cordeliers convent in the heart of Dijon's historic town centre. Following 5 years of renovation work this incredibly comfortable apart-hotel provides a wellbeing space with steam room and multi-sensory showers, as well as two vast vaulted halls in the ancient cloister chapel that are suitable for hosting meetings or receptions.

Rates: from €80 - 74 rooms and suites
Appart'hôtel Odalys Les Cordeliers - 3/5 rue Turgot - 21000 Dijon
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