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THREE LEGENDARY ITINERARIES IN BURGUNDY-FRANCHE-COMTÉ

History, heritage and landscapes, but above all a journey towards a very personal type of spirituality...The promise of all these elements lies along the legendary itineraries of Burgundy-Franche-Comté. Never forgotten, always sought-after, they seduce walkers and cyclists who want to bring sense to their travels. Along the Ways of Saint James, the Via Francigena or the V56 by bike, you can follow in the footsteps of our pilgrim fathers!

The Ways of Saint James: spirituality and historic treasures

A trail that defies labels, legendary in so many ways, it is a veritable religious pilgrimage for some and a fantastic walk for others. The Ways of Saint James traverse Burgundy-Franche-Comté across more than 900 undulating kilometres and take in numerous local trails. Whilst the trail that runs from Vézelay to Charité-sur-Loire (GR®654) is one of the most reputed, the German Way (from Belfort to Cluny through the Haute-Saône) and the Hungarian Way (from Gy to Vézelay) offer an impressive list of iconic places of worship and humble chapels along their trails.

◆ **Less well-known but worth exploring along the way:**

- > Church of Notre Dame in Saint-Père
- >The wines of Tannay
- > The Cistercian abbey of Notre-Dame d'Acéy
- > The Château de Rosières at Saint-Seine-sur-Vingeanne

The Via Francigena...an itinerary that hits new heights!

More discrete than the Ways of Saint James, the Via Francigena - linking Canterbury and Rome – stands out because of its trails that are suited to walkers. The itinerary lets you take advantage of some remarkable landscapes, towns of character and countless historic and religious sites in Burgundy-Franche-Comté. From Champlitte in Haute-Saône up to Jougne/Les Fourgs in Haut-Doubs, these 185km are charged with a mystical and spiritual atmosphere.

The topography guide is due to come out in early 2020. What is more, a study is taking place into adapting the trail for cyclists. www.viefrancigene.org

◆ **The essentials:**

- > The magical landscapes of the Loue Valley
- > Mont d'Or and its panorama across the Alps
- > The Small Towns of Character: Gy, Mouthier-Haute-Pierre and Jougne

◆ **In your pocket:**

The new topography guide « from Canterbury to the Col du Grand-Saint-Bernard » is out in March 2020

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The V56: the Compostela by bike project

This is a trail that is just waiting to be discovered by pilgrimage enthusiasts who prefer biking to walking. The Santiago by Bike itinerary is a journey that, more or less, follows the centuries-old trails taken by pilgrims to Compostela. Along small roads and cycle paths that are currently being set up, in some places skirting the Canal de Bourgogne, this itinerary links Troyes to Charité-sur-Loire passing through Vézelay and its UNESCO listed basilica. This is an itinerary with some symbolic stages, designed both for epic journeys and for beautiful little escapades that last just a few days.

We'll tell you more when the project has been finalised!

More information on the web site:

<https://en.bourgognefranchecomte.com/walking-itineraries/>

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