

Burgundy

Nivernais and Loire



Cruising Suggestions

1 WEEK - ONE WAY TRIP

■ *Decize/Briare* OF VICE-VERSA

Canal Latéral à la Loire

Visit the oldest china factory in France at **Nevers** and take a look round the exhibition room to see items produced over the past 350 years. Get on your bike and visit **Sancerre** for a splendid view of the valley. A collection of paintings by Messemmin and Rameau are kept in the restored convent at **Cosne-Cours-sur-Loire**.

■ *Decize/Jannay* OF VICE-VERSA

Canal du Nivernais

Take time out ashore at **Pannecot** and admire the gardens of Anizy chateau situated close to the port. Home and resting place of famous author, Jules Renard, **Chitry-les-Mines** is a pretty town with a fabulous castle that overlooks the water. Surrounded by vineyards, **Tannay** overlooks the Yonne.

■ *Jannay/Migennes* OF VICE-VERSA

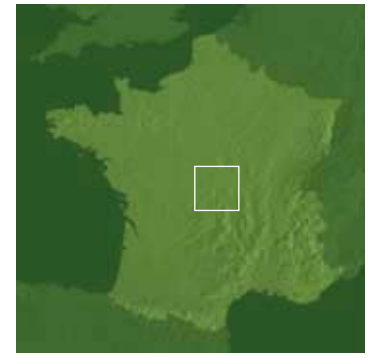
Canal du Nivernais - Yonne

Completely surrounded by water, **Clamecy** is a delightful old town to explore with narrow winding streets leading you to the centre. Take part in one of the informative town walks at **Chatel-Censoir**. The trout and salmon hatchery at **Pregilbert** has rods for hire, giving you the chance to catch your own dinner!

133 km • 26 locks • 27 hr one way cruising time

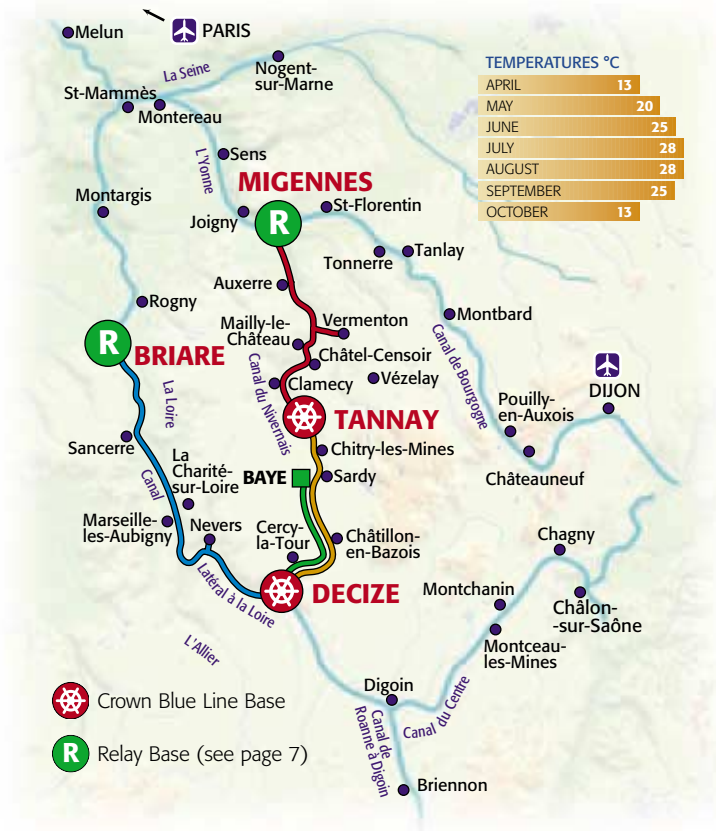
99 km • 72 locks • 35 hr one way cruising time

100 km • 50 locks • 28 hr one way cruising time



The heart of France

The Nivernais-Loire is situated at the very heart of France and is renowned for its superb gastronomy. Wine enthusiasts and culinary connoisseurs are sure to delight in cruising through this region, experiencing world class restaurants, famous recipes and rich ingredients such as Charolais beef and escargot. Also renowned as the French land of castles, you can spend mornings discovering turrets and tapestries and afternoons relaxing in the quiet parks with a picnic. The castles of Châtillon-en-Bazois and Chitry-les-Mines are highly recommended. The green countryside is ideal for cycling and rambling, with captivating medieval towns and local vineyards just waiting to be discovered.



1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

Decize/Baye

Canal du Nivernais

Climb the little streets in **Cercy-la-Tour** to the terrace and enjoy an unrivalled view over the village and valley. Explore the imposing castle at **Châtillon-en-Bazois** and unwind with a picnic in the gardens. Relax beside the lake at **Baye** or get active with tennis, horse riding and sailing all on offer nearby!



144 km • 72 locks • 30 hr round trip cruising time

Flavours of the region



Tasty Boeuf Bourguignon, succulent Escargots à la Chablisienne – snails in Chablis – and exquisite Coq au Vin are all specialities of the region. Sticky gingerbread or creamy goat's cheeses make delicious desserts along with a bottle of chilled Sancerre wine.