

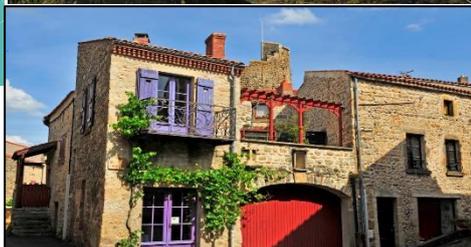
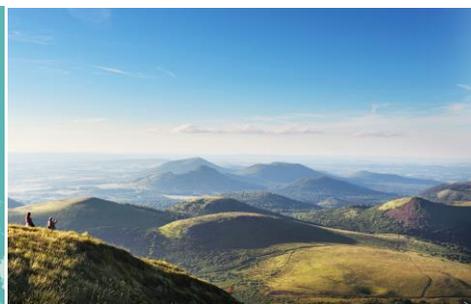


PROGRAMME

The Best of Auvergne Tour

5 Days/4 nights Tour

The beautiful hot springs resort of **Vichy** with its Napoleonic architecture & parks; the exciting excursion by Michelin train to the **Auvergne volcanoes range** with **Panoramique des Dômes**; the **Unesco site of Notre Dame du Port** in **Clermont Ferrand** and **Aventure Michelin**; **Montpeyroux**, one of the most beautiful villages of France; **Puy en Velay**, starting point of the Saint James's Pilgrimage route and Unesco site Notre Dame du Puy, the gastronomic destination of **Saint Bonnet de Froid** with **Chef 3 Michelin stars Régis Marcon** and **Lyon, Unesco city & capital of Gastronomy in France.**



Arrival from Paris



Day 1 – PARIS - VICHY (night in Vichy)

Arrival in Vichy from the rail station Paris Bercy (2h50)

Check-in [Hotel Spa Des Célestins Vichy](#) www.vichy-spa-hotel.fr/en

Lunch in the famous [Brasserie du Casino](#) or in a [restaurant](#) in the city center

Tour of [Vichy](#), known as the Queen of spa towns, which was a favourite of Napoleon III, during the 'belle époque'. Stroll through the parks of the town in the streets lined with magnificent old houses.

In the afternoon, enjoy hot springs in Vichy, relax and go shopping in the city center

Dinner in a delicious [restaurant](#) down town or on lake shore Allier. At night enjoy gambling at the **casino** or go to the beautiful [Vichy Opera](#) for a show.

Overnight stay in [Vichy](#) www.vichy-destinations.fr

Day 2 – CLERMONT FERRAND (night in Clermont Ferrand)

In the morning, transfer (50 km/1 hour) to the excursion [Panoramique des Dômes](#) by Michelin train to see the most stunning view over the [Auvergne volcanoes range](#)! **Walking tour**, photos shooting and **lunch** on the top.

Afternoon transfer to Clermont Ferrand and visit the fascinating [Aventure Michelin](#) then guided tour of [Clermont-Ferrand](#) city centre: See the majestic Gothic cathedral built from Volvic lavastone and the Romanesque basilica Notre-Dame-du-Port (UNESCO World Heritage Site).

Dinner in a restaurant or bistrot in the city center, taste the [local specialities](#) (la Truffade or potée auvergnate, aligot, petit salé aux lentilles, chou farci, pompe aux pommes)

Overnight stay in [Clermont-Ferrand](#) www.clermontauvergneturisme.com



Day 3 – MONTPERYROUX - PUY EN VELAY – SAINT BONNET LE FROID

In the morning, transfer to Puy en Velay and stop on the way to Montpeyroux (23 km/20 minutes), short visit of [Montpeyroux](#), **one of the “Most Beautiful villages of France”**.

Continuation to [Puy en Velay](#) (105 km / 1h30), arrival and **lunch** in a restaurant down town. Discovery tour of the historical centre: the Saint-Michel d'Aiguilhe chapel, perched on its volcanic cone, the statue of Our Lady of France which dominates the town, and the cathedral, a classified UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Transfer (60 km / 1 hour) to **Saint Bonnet le froid**, gastronomic village of Chef [Régis Marcon](#), 3 Michelin stars! **Dinner** at the restaurant Regis & Jacques Marcon and overnight stay at [Hotel Spa Sources du haut Plateau](#)

Overnight stay in [Puy en Velay](#) www.lepuyenvelay-tourisme.fr/ or in **Saint Bonnet le Froid** at www.spa-hautplateau.com





Day 4 – LYON



Morning transfert from Saint Bonnet le Froid to Lyon (100 km / 1h30).

Arrival in Lyon and visit of the indoor market, [Halles de Lyon](#), real temple of food.

Lyon, capital of gastronomy with

Lunch in a typical [Bouchon Lyonnais](#)

Discovery of [Lyon](#), **Unesco** Heritage site, (Fourvière hill, Gallo-roman sites, the landmark the Basilica Notre Dame de Fourvière, the **old Lyon** (Vieux Lyon), Renaissance quarter, its **traboules**, and the **Presqu'île**). Possibility to visit a **silk workshop**, [l'Atelier de soierie](#), near Les Terreaux Square.

Dinner in a famous **Chef's gastronomic restaurant** [Paul Bocuse](#) and enjoy nightlife in Lyon. www.bocuse.fr/en/

Overnight stay in [Lyon](#) www.lyon-france.com

Day 5 – LYON – SHOPPING THE VILLAGE - DEPARTURE

In the morning, transfer to Villefontaine, at the **French Shopping outlet** named [The Village](#), free time for shopping. **Lunch at The Village outlet** (detaxe refund service). www.thevillageoutlet.com

Transfer to Lyon saint Exupery airport (12 km / 15 minutes)

End of the tour.

Paris

