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RIVER TOURISM SPECIAL, FEBRUARY 2009

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Sail on the saône!

A 130 km long stretch of quiet and unspoilt water

Whether you are a beginner or a confirmed sailor, you will find the Saône a delight! Its easy-going nature and its width make it easy to navigate with few locks and canals. It is distinguished from other rivers by its wide variety of scenery but also by the diversity and rarity of its flora and fauna: in particular you will find rare and protected species there. The Saône valley is a real store of ecological riches.

It's also ideal for discovering villages, architecture, local customs and festivals and places of unique interest: the 643 m long Savoyeux tunnel, the 681 m long St Albin tunnel, classed as a historic monument, or even the rotating lock at Selles.

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BANKS AND MEANDERS IN THE SAÔNE VALLEY

Riversides developed for a variety of activities

Nearly 80 km of Saone river bank awaits. With the old towpath re-developed for leisure purposes, this route is perfectly possible on foot, by bicycle or even on horseback, offering a wide range of activities. Come and taste the beauty and peace as you pass through the landscapes. Just follow the panels.

GRANDEUR OF THE PETITE SAÔNE



A week on a house boat, discovering the riches of the Val de Saône: Gray with its glazed tiles, the Château de Talmay, Ray-sur-Saône, perched on its rocky outcrop...

>> 8 days / 7 nights, go as you please



TAKE A BREAK ONSHORE!

Four stopovers not to be missed

First stop off at Port-sur-Saône and discover where various periods and architectural styles mingle in the best of taste. Then make a stop at Traves: Spanish-style houses, the altarpiece in the 18th century church, wash-houses... A feast for the eyes! If you stop at the fortress at Ray-sur-Saône, you can overlook the whole valley and will be able to admire the Louis XIV bas-relief, statues and panelling. Finally, tie up at Gray: This town with its "heritage site" label holds a number of treasures: Houses of character, the Italian-style theatre, the Renaissance town hall and many others.

HEAD FOR THE SAÔNE'S HERITAGE



With a permit-free boat, go where you please on the Saône: departing from Port-sur-Saône, your cruise will be a series of boating stints, stops at locks and excursions on land.

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SAÔNE VALLEY

Boats and chalets by the banks of the Saône

The Saône Valley has all the charm associated with river boating, along with the pleasure of excursions on dry land. Spend the day as apprentice freshwater sailors and in the evening return to the comfortable warm setting of a fully-equipped chalet... on terra firma.

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GOURMET RENDEZ-VOUS

L'ORANGER

When you stop at Traves, take time out for a gourmet, eating experience at l'Oranger to sample the cuisine of a former pupil of Paul Bocuse! With fine, tasty dishes, unique flavours, and a convivial atmosphere, it's a delight for the eyes and the palate... Not to be missed under any circumstances!

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CHÂTEAU DE RIGNY

When passing through Gray, stop off at the Château de Rigny, with direct access from the landing stage, and enjoy an aperitif in a salon of character, dating from Louis XVI.

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CHÂTEAU DE NANTILLY

Just a few kilometres from Gray a four-hectare park houses the Chateau de Nantilly: Nature, calm and gentle living accompany this treat for the eyes and the taste buds!

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