

DECANTING THE FAITH & WINE OF
Burgundy, France

May 4-13, 2024



THOMAS WILLIAMS & LIZ LEV

Discover the extraordinary terroir that has produced some of the Church's most beloved saints, the world's most prestigious wines, and history's greatest art. Lose yourself in the bouquet of beauty formed by the heady blend of nature's bounty, human ingenuity, and God's grace. Let art historian Liz Lev and husband theologian Thomas Williams — both certified sommeliers — guide you through this unique sensory and spiritual experience.



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What to expect



While the Burgundy region of France is renowned for its glorious wines, the Catholic origins of these exquisite terroirs are almost forgotten. From the age of Charlemagne, the Benedictine order tended this special soil, learning how to coax the finest flavors from the Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes, harnessing the perfect balance of sun, wind, earth, and water to produce exquisite wines.

During this eight-day trip, we will follow the footsteps of the Benedictines at Cluny, the Cistercians of Citeaux, and visit the shrine at Paray-le-Monial where Jesus appeared to Margaret Mary Alacoque, igniting a worldwide devotion to the Sacred Heart. This very special pilgrimage explores the deep Christian roots of wine, fruit of Christ's first miracle, drawing together art, spirituality, and a mini-course in learning to taste and appreciate some of the finest wines on earth. We will visit spectacular churches and monasteries of the Romanesque era, the Cathedral of Autun, and Vezelay, the site of Mary Magdalen's burial. This extraordinary architectural period, with its virtuoso stone carving and powerful presence, was the Catholic Church's earliest expression of a global style. Join art historian Liz Lev and theologian Thomas Williams, a certified sommelier duo, on this unique journey and benefit from their expertise and love of art, wine, and the Catholic faith!



What you'll explore



- The realm of St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Hugh of Cluny, pivotal figures in a crucial church reform a millennium ago, whose challenges echo today's as they restored the church.
- The birthplace of Romanesque art, an early "global" style influenced by crusades, pilgrimage, tradition, and Rome.
- Significant spiritual developments, such as the Sacred Heart apparition at Paray le Monial.



STARTING LAND
ONLY PRICE

\$9,999*

**Per person, double occupancy.*

Price reflects:

- \$100 per person Early Booking Savings for deposits received before 12/1/23
- \$300 per person Cash Discount for those paying the total cost of the tour by check/cash

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

+\$2,500

TRAVEL PROTECTION:

CANCEL FOR ANY REASON
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IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
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TOUR INCLUDES

- Eight (8) nights' accommodations at 4 and 5-star hotels
 - Two (2) nights' accommodations in Paris (4-star hotel)
 - Three (3) nights' accommodations in Dijon (5-star hotel)
 - Three (3) nights' accommodations in Beaune (5-star hotel)
- Meals Included:
 - Continental breakfast daily
 - Three (3) dinners at the finest restaurants in the region
 - Five (5) lunches with exquisite wines
- Four (4) wine tastings at iconic wineries
- Daily touring and presentations from Liz Lev & Thomas Williams
- Luxury motor coach specified sightseeing
- Local, Catholic tour manager while in France
- Local guides according to the itinerary
- Sightseeing and entrance fees according to the itinerary
- Arrangements of daily Mass including donations in unique and historical churches (all locations are tentative and subject to confirmation)
- Hotel & city taxes and portorage for 1 piece of luggage
- Whisper sets
- Gratuities payable to the tour manager and motor coach drivers

THE TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Airport transfers
- Airfare; this package is sold land only
- Meals not specifically identified
- Beverages with meals unless specified
- Other personal expenses
- Items not specifically mentioned above

PAYMENT SCHEDULE & CANCELLATION

- Main deposit: **\$1,000** per person due upon registration
- Second payment: **\$2,500 additional** due on **12/6/23**
- Final Payment: Balance due on or before **2/2/24**

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Itinerary

DAY 1: MAY 4 - DEPART USA

Depart on independently scheduled flights to Paris.

DAY 2: MAY 5 - PARIS 🏛️

Arrive in Paris and transfer independently to the hotel for check-in and time to freshen up. Meet your European tour manager and Drs. Liz Lev & Thomas Williams for a bus tour around Paris. Celebrate Mass at the Basilica of Sacré-Coeur where there has been perpetual adoration since 1885. Enjoy a welcome dinner, taking in the culinary delights of French cuisine. Overnight in Paris.

DAY 3: MAY 6 - PARIS ☕ 🍽️

Start your day with Mass at Church of the Madeleine, and afterward, embark on a tour of the Cluny Museum. Enjoy a delightful group lunch before proceeding to the Louvre. While there, explore not only the renowned masterpieces but also the hidden gems. See the Richelieu wing, which houses magnificent sculptures from Burgundy and religious art from the Middle Ages. Finally, return to your hotel in Paris for an overnight.

DAY 4: MAY 7 - PARIS | CHABLIS | DIJON ☕ 🍽️ 🍷 🏛️

Check out of the hotel and depart for a tour, wine tasting and lunch in Chablis. Arriving in Dijon, celebrate Mass at the Chartreuse of Champmol. Then, visit Claus Sluter's famous statues at the Well of Moses. Learn about Burgundy during an introductory talk from Liz Lev and Thomas Williams, followed by group dinner. Overnight in Dijon.

DAY 5: MAY 8 - DIJON ☕ 🍷

Start your day with Mass at Notre Dame de Dijon. Afterward, embark on a walking tour that takes you through the historic sites of Dijon. Begin your journey at Église St-Michel, where you can admire its architectural beauty and soak in the local atmosphere. Stroll through the vibrant Les Halles Market, to experience flavors of the region and shop for souvenirs. Continue your walk to Place de la Libération, a central square that exudes charm and history. Next, visit the Palais des Ducs de Bourgogne, a testament to the grandeur of the dukes of Burgundy. Explore the treasures housed in the Musée des Beaux Arts, featuring the monumental tombs of the Dukes of Burgundy. Visit the Château de Marsannay for a wine tasting experience, where you can savor the renowned Burgundy wines. Following this, you have the afternoon and evening at your leisure to further immerse yourself in the local culture. Overnight in Dijon.

DAY 6: MAY 9 - DIJON | VÉZELAY ☕ 🍽️

Depart for the celebration of Mass at Vezelay Abbey followed by a tour of the abbey before a group lunch at one of the finest restaurants in the region. Next, your journey continues to Fontenay Abbey, where you'll explore the charms of this quaint city through a guided city tour. Fontenay is known for its picturesque beauty and historical significance, making it a delightful stop. Finally, return to Dijon, where you can spend the remainder of the day at your leisure. Overnight in Dijon.

DAY 7: MAY 10 - DIJON | AUTUN | BEAUNE ☕ 🍽️ 🍷

Journey to Autun and celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of St. Lazarus, considered one of the greatest churches of the Romanesque era. Tour the Cathedral and neighboring Roman ruins with Drs. Liz Lev & Thomas Williams before lunch and wine tasting at Maison Chanzy. Depart for Beaune and check into the your hotel. The afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy. Overnight in Beaune.

DAY 8: MAY 11 - BEAUNE ☕ 🍷

Set out on a walking tour of Beaune, including the venerable Hospice de Beaune. Celebrate Mass at the Romanesque collegiate church of Notre Dame de Beaune. For lunch, enjoy some free time to savor local cuisine at your leisure. Later, depart for Meursault, where you'll indulge in a tour and tasting at the prestigious Château de Meursault. Unwind with some spa time at the hotel, and in the evening, explore Beaune at your own pace. Overnight in Beaune.

DAY 9: MAY 12 - BEAUNE | PARAY-LE-MONIAL | CLUNY ☕ 🍽️ 🏛️

This morning, depart for Paray-le-Monial and Celebrate Mass at Apparitions Chapel, followed by a tour of Paray-le-Monial. Gather for a group lunch and then head to Cluny. Enjoy a guided tour of Cluny Abbey and learn the history of St. Hugh, one of the most influential leaders of the monastic orders from the Middle Ages and a major figure in the much-needed church reform a millennium ago. Return to Beaune for a special group farewell dinner and overnight in Beaune.

DAY 10: MAY 13 - RETURN TO USA ☕

Transfer to the airport for return flights home.

☕ = Breakfast | 🍽️ = Lunch | 🍷 = Wine Tasting | 🏛️ = Dinner

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