



Commanderie de Grande-Bretagne de la Confrérie des Chevaliers du Sacavin d'Anjou

Sacavin Excursion to Sancerre and its Environs

Monday 16th to Saturday 21st May 2022

1st May 2022

Dear Fellow Sacavins and guests,

I trust you are now looking forward to our visit to the vineyards of Sancerre, Pouilly and Menetou-Salon in two weeks. This letter includes the final programme for our visit and some other information and reminders about the trip.

Hotel

Our hotel is the Relais de Pouilly, Quai de Loire, 58150 Pouilly-sur-Loire, tel. 03 86 39 03 00, email sarl.relais-de-pouilly@wanadoo.fr, website www.relaisdepouilly.com.

The hotel is on the D907 and about 4km south of the centre of Pouilly. To reach the hotel from the north on the A77, take exit 26 'Pouilly - Charenton', then take the direction 'Mesves'. The hotel is on the right, 2 km down the road (D907) towards Mesves-sur-Loire. Otherwise head for Pouilly-sur-Loire and once there take the D28a south towards Charenton and on the approach to the round-about take the D907 towards Mesves-sur-Loire. Sat Nav users should note that there are a number of other Pouillys in France, the one you want is 'sur-Loire'!

My current information is that the coach will arrive at the hotel at around 3:30pm. Independent travellers should aim to arrive before 6pm please. If you are delayed please let me or the hotel know. Christine and I will be in the hotel from lunchtime onwards to welcome you.

The meal on the first night and all other nights will be at 7:30pm, preceded at 7pm by a Kir on the first night and a sparkling vin d'honneur on the following nights.

A half bottle of Vittel water should be provided in your room each day. This is free. You will need to pay for any drinks taken from the mini-bar. Likewise you must pay for any drinks bought from the hotel bar.

Meals

With the exception of the two vineyard lunches, the lunch and evening meal menus have all been booked in advance and you will get the details on arrival. The vineyard lunches will be barbecue/buffet style with local food. *I have not been told of any dietary requirements. If you do have any allergies, medical, religious requirements or are vegetarian please let me know by email as soon as possible.*

The meals on the first four evenings will be accompanied by 2 glasses of Pouilly sur Loire (blanc) and 2 glasses of Sancerre rouge per person. Any additional wine will need to be paid for. Dress code - smart casual - collarettes should be worn on the first night and on the last night when we will be joined from Angers by the Déléguée Angevine, Véronique Jérosme and the Grand Tabellion, Alain Guichard.

Travel requirements

Please check on the HM Government website that your passport is valid for entry to France. It must be no more than ten years old from the *date of issue* when you enter France and it must be valid for at least three months of that ten years on the date you leave France. It is essential that your passport is stamped on both the outward and return journeys.

To enter France you need to have up to date proof of your vaccination status and if you had your second jab more than nine months ago you will need to have had the booster jab. For proof of vaccination you will need to get the NHS Covid Pass. This can be obtained from the NHS website or from the NHS app on a smartphone. You need to select the Travel Pass and this can be downloaded as a paper copy or to your smartphone, both are acceptable in France. Please note that the NHS Covid Pass is only valid for 30 days from the date you downloaded it.

The latest information I have is that it is still compulsory to wear face masks, and they must be masks not face coverings, on public transport and in some other places in France. Brittany Ferries require you to wear a mask on board and so you should check the requirements of your ferry company or other transport provider. To be on the safe side I suggest you bring a supply of masks with you.

Please check for yourselves the up to date travel information at: www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/France and/or www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-France .

Duty-free alcohol allowances, per person,

18 litres (24 bottles) of still wine

together with either

9 litres (12 bottles) of sparkling or fortified wine or other drinks under and up to 22% alcohol
or

4 litres (6 bottles) of spirits or liquors over 22% alcohol

The sparkling wine and spirits allowances can be split proportionately e.g. you can bring half the sparkling allowance and half the spirit allowance.

Please see the HM Government website – Bringing goods into the country for personal use – for further information and other allowances.

Coach Party

I believe you have recently had an update from Sid Price. I have no further information but Sid will keep you up to date with the arrangements. Your evening meal at the Hotel Ibis is arranged on both outward and return journeys and I will be forwarding the details to Sid.

Contact

Chef des Expéditions, John Muggleton, from the 6 May I will be in Spain and can be contacted (hopefully) on - 07467 659291 or jmuggleton@aol.com . I will be at the Relais de Pouilly from the evening of the 14 May.

Coach party info, please contact Sid Price, sidney.price488@gmail.com , tel. 01206 824732

John Muggleton
Chef des Expéditions

Sacavin trip to Sancerre/Pouilly 16 – 21 May 2022

Programme

(Wine types in parenthesis)

Monday 16 May		Arrive at Relais de Pouilly by 6pm 7pm Kir, 7:30pm Dinner at hotel
Tuesday 17 May	dep.10 am pm	Domaine de Maltaverne, Tracy sur Loire (Pouilly Fumé/Pinot Noir) + Lunch at vineyard Domaine de la Perrière, Verdigny (Sancerre) 7pm Vin d'honneur, 7:30pm Dinner at hotel
Wednesday 18 May	dep. 10 am pm	Domaine Eric Louis, Celliers de la Pauline, Thauvenay (Upper Loire wines) + Lunch at vineyard Domaine Crochet Dominique et Janine, Bué (Sancerre) 7pm Vin d'honneur, 7:30pm Dinner at hotel
Thursday 19 May	dep. 9:30 am pm	Domaine de Coquin, Menetou Salon (Menetou Salon) 12:30 pm Lunch at C'heu l'Zib, Menetou Salon Afternoon free in Sancerre or return to hotel 7pm Vin d'honneur, 7:30pm Dinner at hotel
Friday 20 May	dep. 9:45 am pm	Cave Joseph Mellot, Sancerre (Upper Loire wines) 12:30pm Lunch at Auberge Joseph Mellot in centre of Sancerre Domaine de Breugnon, Saint-Andelain (Pouilly Fumé) 7pm Vin d'honneur, 7:30 Farewell Dinner at hotel
Saturday 21 May		Depart after breakfast at hotel

NB At this stage all timings are approximate. The aim will be to return to the hotel at around 5:30pm each day