*The following is a proposed sample itinerary.
We have the flexibility of two guides and two minibuses, allowing your party to split if requested.
There are many other excursion options in this area.*

Saturday

Afternoon arrival at the Domaine de Cromey.  Presentation of the week with an informal wine tasting before the first of Ellie’s dinners.

Sunday

We start our exploration of this ancient corner of Burgundy with a visit to the lively morning market in the 14th century market hall in neighboring Nolay.  We’ll then stop by the Chateau in Rochepot, a strategic stronghold of the Dukes of Burgundy, for an overview of this influential dynasty. Later we’ll make our way up high into the ancient village of Saint Romain with views across the region’s vineyards, and a visit to a traditional barrel maker.  Home for Ellie’s buffet lunch. In the afternoon we’ll make our first trip into Beaune, the wine capital of Burgundy and an architectural gem, for a walking tour of the medieval quartiers and a visit to the world-famous 15th century Hospices. Dinner out in Beaune.

Monday

Today we head south through charming wine villages en route for Tournus. This is a region shaped by the influence of nearby Cluny, which, at the turn of the first millennium, was Europe’s most influential seat of wealth and power outside of Rome.  Tournus has withstood the sieges of time. Its ancient streets winding down to quays on the powerful River Saone, and its fortified early 12th century Romanesque abbey church are witnesses to an epoch when this was the center of Western Europe.  Lunch in town.  On the way home, we’ll stop in Brancion, a stunning village from the Middle Ages where time stands still. Then back to the chateau for an in-house Burgundy tasting with Dennis. We’re home tonight for Ellie’s dinner.

Tuesday

We spend today on the Route des Grands Crus, exploring the Burgundy wine region, its villages and landmarks. From Nuits-St. Georges and the impressive Clos de Vougeot, through grand cru vineyards stretching from Vosne-Romanee to Gevrey-Chambertin, we’ll peak around corners to find some hidden surprises.  Lunch in Gevrey-Chambertin.  Then home via the scenic route for a cooking demo and dinner with Ellie.

Wednesday

We’ll head back into Beaune this morning for the one thing we could not do there on Monday morning.  Shopping!  But because this is the wine capital of Burgundy, there is a wine-tasting option, of course.  We’ll be back to the house in time for Ellie’s buffet lunch.  Traditionally we leave Wednesday afternoon open for unscheduled activities.  There are many options close by the property, and we can discuss these with the group beforehand.  Dinner in one of our chosen nearby restaurants.

Thursday

Off to the Morvan, and the market town of Autun.  And it’s quite a market, situated at the base of one of the great treasures of Romanesque art, the cathedral of St. Lazare.  But who needs Romanesque when you can have real Roman?  Autun was a major Roman city (1st C AD Augustodunum, after Augustus), and today boasts extant arched city gates, an eerie temple and the largest amphitheater in Gaul. Lunch is in town.  Then we’ll drive home through the Morvan to take in as much as the afternoon allows.  Home to Ellie for the last night’s dinner.

Friday

Departure after breakfast.