



We enter France and see part of its pre-WWII folly, the Maginot Line









The first of several walled villages on the trip: Rodemack









Much of the village is hugging a chunk of rock crowned by a citadel



# Into Joan of Arc country







Her birthplace,  
Domremy-la-Pucelle,  
a village far up the  
Meuse from Liege





The countryside where the Maid of Orleans  
grew up







We  
ran  
into  
the  
twin  
of a  
village  
near  
us

D 164

COUSSEY



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*jumelée avec*

ANTHISNES

(BELGIQUE)







Our base of operations while in Burgundy was Dijon



One of  
many  
monastical  
churches









Notre  
Dame  
de  
Dijon



















The town house of a noble family  
The glazed tile roofs are common in the area



Dijon escaped destruction from the many wars ...







...leaving a lovely old town with many half-timbered houses





A timbered arcade and several young  
Dijonnoise



The  
church  
of St.  
Michael







Our dinner at La Chouette, celebrating Jim's birthday





With birthday cake!





Delicious  
meal, now  
let's go make  
a wish on the  
little owl,  
" la chouette"





Put your hand on just so, and make a wish on the poor abused bird







# The Grape Harvester







PHARMACIE DU MIROIR

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AU BON' APP

ORTHOPEDIE



Here's a  
most  
unusual  
example  
of...what?





# Saturday market in Dijon





Duck  
through  
the big  
doors of a  
townhouse  
and find a  
hidden  
courtyard







Phillip Le Bon's tower and the Palaces of the Dukes of Burgundy in their seat of power, Dijon,





As usual, we climb to the highest vantage point in town









A stone mason's fancy in the stairwell of the tower



The well  
outside the  
Palace  
kitchens





















The  
source of  
Burgundy's  
prosperity,  
grapes







Every vine  
carefully  
manicured  
and  
prepared for  
the season



A house that grapes built







At the market in Beaune, a wood-fired pizza wagon



I love  
big  
trees!





Mighty  
cold on  
a  
winter's  
morning







A chateau within the city walls of Beaune





This mural commemorates a movie made here in the 30's





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Immobilier



Former palace of the  
Duke of Burgundy, now  
the Burgundy Wine  
Museum







An 18th century wine press



# A chateau in the countryside







Unusual rock outcrops - this one called Circle at the Edge of the World



A  
different  
look for  
this  
little  
chapel







Whiling away the afternoon in Autun



We saw many cadettes from this military school in town for an afternoon off







Remains of a Roman amphitheater





A house  
decorated  
with  
plundered  
Roman  
artifacts





We climb to the town where "Chocolat" was  
filmed.





A gate into  
Flavigny-sur-Ozerain





A town  
still in the  
middle  
ages





The best tree house ever!

















The huge statue of Vercingetorix





MAISON DU TOURISME

LA VOIE FLEURIE

CAFE DES A  
SPIRALINTE





Impressive towers but not all they are "cracked up" to be





This one's  
a  
fixer-upper  
special





Our destination, the basilica at  
Vézelay, a UNESCO World  
Heritage site



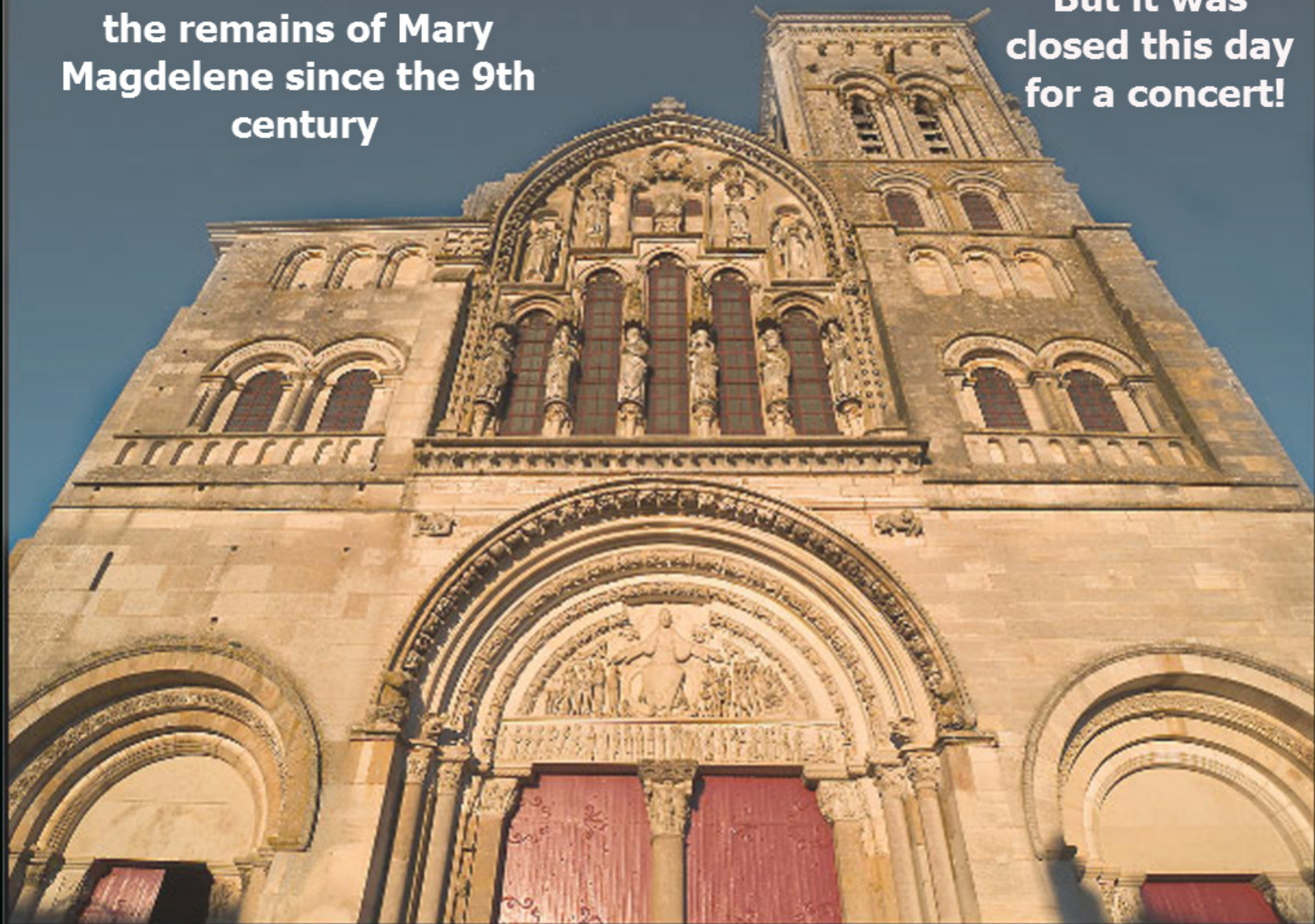
No cars allowed within the walls so it is a long climb up the hill  
but great views once we're up.





**The Basilica is home for  
the remains of Mary  
Magdelene since the 9th  
century**

**But it was  
closed this day  
for a concert!**









Troyes, a  
city on  
the Seine  
upstream  
of Paris











Decked out in local colors, Troyes' timber-frames go upscale