

next to the Hôtel-Dieu, Roland Chanliaud cooks innovative food such as warm snail gêlée with absinthe and sweet garlic, sea perch with fennel, and black sesame and pineapple carpaccio with coriander. Menus from £26.

IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

Le Grill du Castel, Châteauneuf-en-Auxois (Grande Rue; 00 33 380 492682) This homely

establishment (below) is a cosy cluster of candlelit tables with a roaring fire in winter. Madame dishes up favourites such as *boeuf bourguignon* and *steak frites*. Set menu from £12.



L'Alambic, Nuits-St-George (Rue du Général de Gaulle; 00 33 380 613500) In a vaulted cellar, blackboards list the wine of the day – order a glass of chilled Pernand Vergelesses with *cassoulette d'escargots*, a rich stew with a pastry lid. Set menu from £19.

SHOP

Boutique Maille, Dijon (32, Rue de la Liberté; 00 33 380 304102, www.maille.com) Inside this shrine to mustard, wooden cabinets filled with mustards and vinegars line the walls. Opt for a hand-painted ceramic pot and have it filled with mustard on tap.

La Rose de Vergy, Dijon (1 Rue de la Chouette; 00 33 380 614222, www.rosedevergy.com) This *biscuiterie* (bottom) sells home-made *pain d'épices*, bonbons, jams and honey. The *salon de thé* serves apple cider and cake.

Athenaeum, Beaune (5 Rue de l'Hôtel Dieu; 00 33 380 250840, www.athenaeumfr.com) Head to the back of this cavernous shop for everything wine-related. You can taste – and buy – wine at the bar.

GETTING THERE

Rail Europe (0870 584 8848, www.raileurope.co.uk) has returns to Dijon from £79 standard class, £159 first class.

GETTING AROUND

Hertz (0870 844 8844, www.hertz.co.uk) has four days' car hire from Dijon from £100.

TOUR OPERATORS

Direct Line City Breaks (0870 167 2277, www.directlinecitybreaks.co.uk) has four nights from £279pp, including accommodation and train from London to Dijon. Or try Great Escapes (0845 330 2089, www.greatescapes.co.uk).

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