



CHÂTEAU CHARLY

Chateau Charly Directions



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CHATEAU CHARLY DIRECTIONS

OVERVIEW

Chateau Charly Address;

1, Route de Nérondes
Château Charly
18350 CHARLY

Chateau Charly's nearest large town to the West (off the A71) is Bourges and to the East (off the A77) is Nevers. There are many different travel options for Chateau Charly. We would recommend looking at the website www.rome2rio.com which highlights many of the options to suit preference and budgets.

If you are not travelling by car we would advise the hire of a car for sightseeing and shopping.

For solo travel, our personal travel preference from the UK is by Train – the overall journey takes about the same time as flying, is far more relaxing and comfortable, shows the beauty of the French countryside, gives an opportunity for a lovely bistro lunch in Paris and the plus is your baggage is not limited. For group travel we usually tend to drive.

PLEASE NOTE: Travel options, especially train and bus, are greatly reduced on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Saturdays also have a reduced service, though not as minimal as Sunday services.

Useful Travel websites

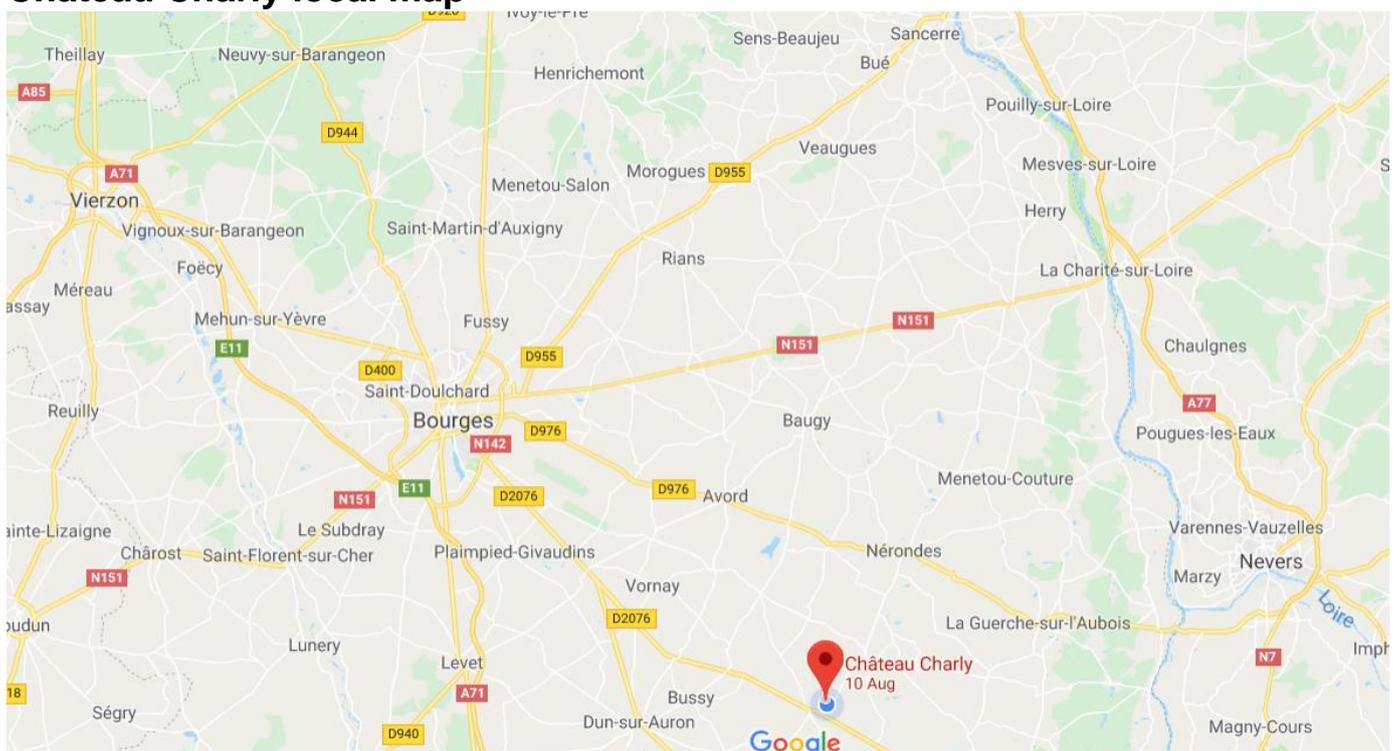
www.rome2rio.com - highlights multiple travel options to suit preference and budgets. Booking directly through their site used to be difficult. I expect it has improved now but I have not used recently to be able to comment.

<https://en.oui.sncf/en/> for booking train and Oui bus tickets in France

<https://shop.flixbus.com> for booking Flixbus tickets in France

<https://www.ratp.fr/en/itineraires> – to plan cross Paris journeys from/to the various airports, train stations, and bus stations. Typical cross Paris journeys take 1 hour.

Chateau Charly local map



BY AIR

There are five+ airports within a three hour drive; Paris (2:20 hrs), Tours (1:45 hrs), Limoges (2:30 hrs), Poitiers (3 hours), Clermont Ferrand (2 hrs), Châteauroux (1:25 hrs). Cars & Taxis can be hired from these airports. There is also a tram 2 minutes walk from Tours airport which goes to Tours rail station. Taxis direct to Chateau Charly are also available from all airports though not cheap – e.g From Paris – a taxi will cost about €250. Fast direct trains to Bourges (nearest large town, 20 miles away) are available from Paris and Tours (Travel time is between 1hr & 2 hrs depending on the travel time/route). Trains with 1 change (via Vierzon) from Limoges (avg time 2hrs 30) & Châteauroux (avg time 1hr 10) to Bourges are available. Direct trains from Clermont Ferrand to Nevers (2nd closest large town, 30 miles away) are available.

By Taxi from Paris Airport

Taxis from Paris to Chateau Charly cost circa €250 - €350 for a single person. Taxi firms add a supplement to this for additional passengers – circa €20 - €50 per passenger

BY TRAIN

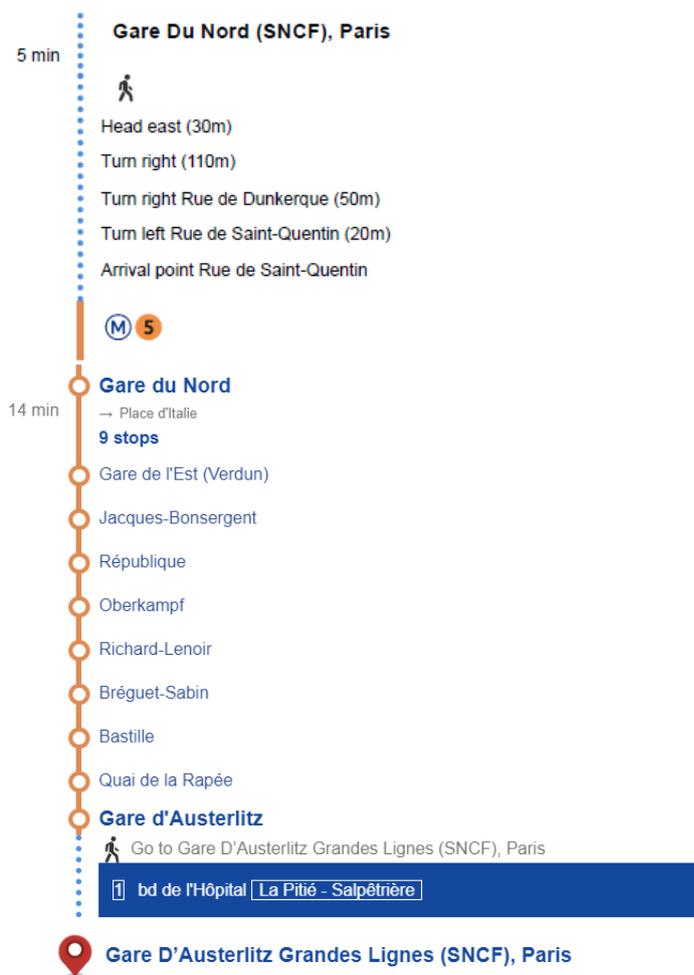
From the UK/Paris

From the UK take the Eurostar to Paris (Gare du Nord). Average train times from Paris to Bourges (closest main town) or Nevers (next closest main town) is 2 hours. Trains are approximately one every hour to Bourges and Nevers. There are circa 4 direct trains a day to Bourges. Like the Budget airlines, train travel is a lot cheaper booked well in advance. Whilst www.Rome2rio.com is very good at identifying the various train route options (and all the other possible travel options), I personally find it difficult to conclude the ticket purchase through as the handover to purchase is not seamless. Having found the best travel option I then use <https://en.oui.sncf/en/> to book train tickets in France – NOTE - you can also use this site to book Oui buses.

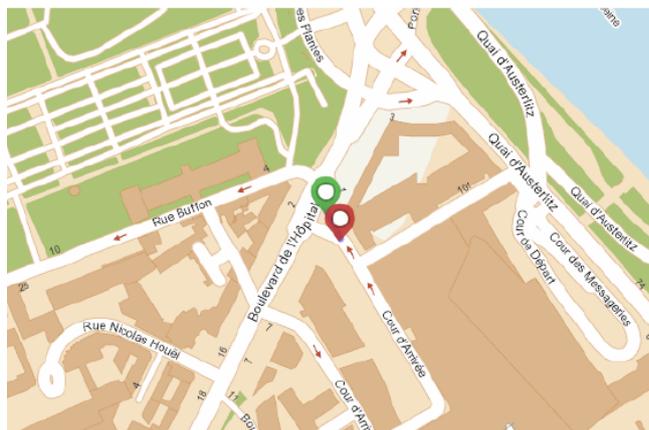
From Paris Gare du Nord take the Paris metro to Paris Austerlitz or Paris Gare de Lyon stations (dependant on ticket purchased) for mainline stations to Bourges (closest main town) or Nevers (next closest main town). Allow approximately 1 hour to cross Paris. A good metro journey planner is <https://www.ratp.fr/en/itineraires>

From Gare Du Nord (SNCF), Paris to Gare D'Austerlitz Grandes Lignes (SNCF), Paris

22 min – incl about 8 min walking, take Line 5 (light brown): Bobigny Pablo Picasso ↔ Place d'Italie



Gare du Nord Departure and Gare D'Austerlitz Arrival itinerary



From Gare Du Nord (SNCF), Paris to Gare De Lyon (SNCF), Paris

17 min – incl about 8 min walking, take RER D Line (Green) Direction Melun

5 min

Gare Du Nord (SNCF), Paris

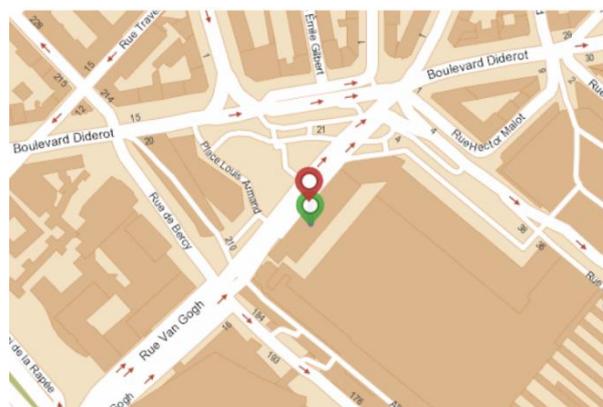
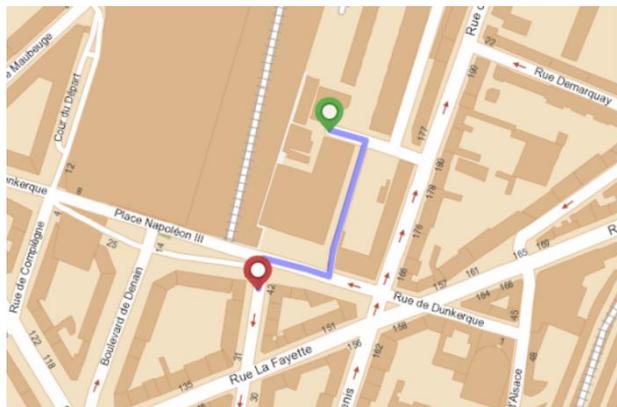
Head east (30m)
Turn right (110m)
Turn right Rue de Dunkerque (50m)
Turn left Rue de Saint-Quentin (20m)
Arrival point Rue de Saint-Quentin

Gare du Nord
→ Melun
2 stops
Châtelet-Les Halles
Gare de Lyon (Banlieue)
Go to Gare De Lyon (SNCF), Paris

Tour de l'Horloge

Gare De Lyon (SNCF), Paris

Gare du Nord Departure and Gare De Lyon Arrival Street Map





Paris Métro Fares and Tickets (2019)

Single tickets and carnets



Paris Metro ticket. The basic Métro ticket is a small piece of cardboard (formerly mauve, now white) with a magnetic strip that costs €1,90. It's issued by RATP, the transportation authority for the Paris region. (<https://www.ratp.fr>)

You can save money by purchasing a carnet of 10 tickets for €14,90 from vending machines near the turnstiles in Métro stations. (A carnet is simply a stack of individual tickets.) If you're traveling with a children, see the "Tips" section below.

A single ticket will take you anywhere within the city of Paris on the Métro and RER networks, and you can transfer between lines--or between the Métro and the RER--on the same ticket.

You can also use T+ tickets on buses and trams, although you can't transfer between the Métro and RER and buses or trams on the same ticket.

Tips:

- Unlike T+ tickets, bus tickets purchased on buses are good only on buses and trams (they also cost a few cents more), so buy a carnet of 10 or a few tickets ahead of time in the Métro if you plan to ride the bus in the future.
- Métro ticket machines accept coins and credit cards, **but not banknotes. If you pay by credit card, don't withdraw the card too quickly: It may take half a minute or longer for the machine to scan the card and process the transaction, especially if you're using a magnetic-stripe credit card from abroad.**
- Children under age 4 travel free. Kids from ages 4 through 9 pay the full adult fare for single tickets, but a children's carnet of 10 tickets is half price, so it pays to plan ahead.
- For details on the current generation of tickets and carnets, including what kinds of transfers are allowed, see the RATP's "T+ tickets" page.

New in 2019: Navigo Easy

In June, 2019, the RATP introduced Navigo Easy, a rechargeable stored-value plastic card designed for tourists and other non-commuters who use the Paris Métro system. Navigo Easy will replace the traditional T+ tickets altogether by 2021, but you can purchase and use it right now.

To use Navigo Easy, you first buy a card for €2,-- from a vending machine or ticket booth in any Paris Métro station. You then top it up with fares, which cost the same as today's existing paper tickets: €1,90 for a single ride or €14,90 for a carnet of 10 journeys.

At its launch in June, Navigo Easy was valid only on the Métro, but it's being rolled out gradually to the entire Île-de-France transit network. (You also should be able to top up Navigo Easy via your smartphone later in 2019.)

For now, Navigo Easy is just an optional alternative to T+ tickets, but the convenience of not having to carry a stack of cardboard tickets makes it worthwhile if most of your travel will be on the Métro--especially since T+ tickets are notorious for becoming demagnetized, which makes them unusable until a station agent runs them through an electronic device to fix them.

Money-saving passes

If you plan to use public transportation extensively, you may find it worthwhile to buy one of the passes described below. Or maybe not: A carnet of 10 tickets is simpler to buy, can be shared by several people, and is likely to be cheaper if you don't spend a lot of time on trains and buses.

Paris Visite is an unlimited tourist travel pass that you can buy for one, two, three, or five calendar days. The "Paris Centre" version covers transportation in zones 1-3. For travel to zones 4 and 5 (including Charles de Gaulle Airport, Orly Airport, and Versailles), you'll need the more expensive "Paris and Île-de-France region" version, which covers all zones.

Children from 4 to 10 pay half-price (again, kids 4 and under are free), and Paris Visite offers discounts on boat cruises and certain other tourist attractions.

Mobilis is a pass for one calendar day. The price depends on the zones where you intend to travel; if you plan to stay within the city, a Zone 1 pass is all you need.

The electronic Navigo passes come in several versions. They're intended for Paris residents, but anyone can buy them.

For more information on these and other tickets, see the RATP's Travel passes and prices page.

Where to buy passes:

You can buy Paris Visite, Mobilis, and other passes at major Métro stations, RER stations, and railroad stations in the Ile-de-France region, including those at Paris airports. Paris Visite is also available at branches of the Paris tourist office.

Tips:

- Paris is a city that's best enjoyed on foot, so a carnet of 10 tickets is likely to be your best value unless you have limited mobility, are pressed for time, or are staying a long way from tourist attractions.
- Métro and RER ticket machines accept nearly all credit and debit cards, including American Visa and MasterCards that lack PINs.

From Tours Airport

Direct trains from Tours to Bourges (Chateau Charly's nearest town, 20 minutes away from the Chateau) are available. We use <https://en.oui.sncf/en/> to book train tickets in France. From Tours airport you can take a taxi or Tram to Tours' train station. The taxi rank is directly in front of the airport entrance. From Bourges train station you can get a taxi,uber or use carpooling services such as blabla. Taxi/uber cost is circa €50

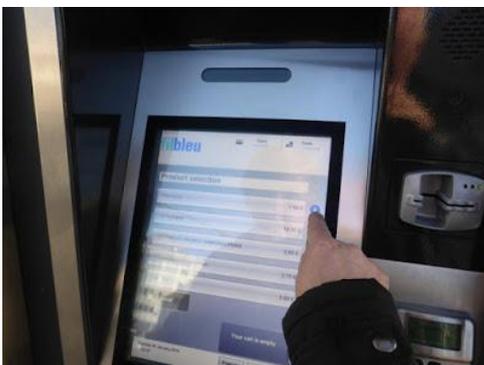
From Tours Airport Via Tram to Tours' train station

The tram stop, 'Terminus Vaucanson' is about 10 minutes walk from Tours airport and runs on a regular basis, every 8 minutes. You should allow around 45mins for the trip. However, in the airport there does not seem to be any information on taking the tram into the city... maybe the demand isn't there. Nor are there many signs for the tram visible on the road.

To get to the tram stop, walk along the airport exit road until you come to a roundabout. Go to the left of the roundabout and cross over the dual carriageway



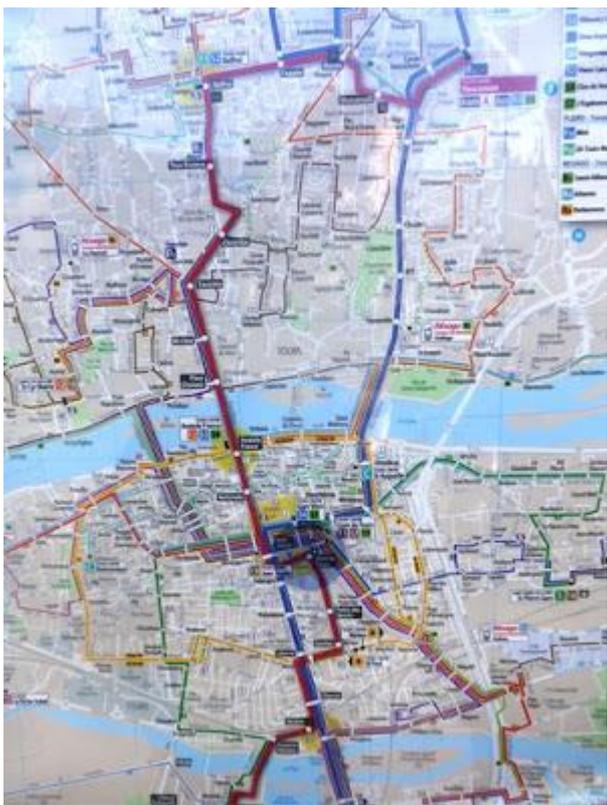
Continue straight on until you catch sight of the 'LeRoy Merlin' store on your right - the terminus is set back on your right opposite it.



You buy your single journey ticket (c € 1.50 last time we used) from the ticket machine at the tram stop which takes credit cards or cash..There is an English language option available. Vaucanson is at the end of the line so you can only travel in 1 direction (i.e. the right direction – into Tours)



The journey time is around 20 minutes (13 stops)



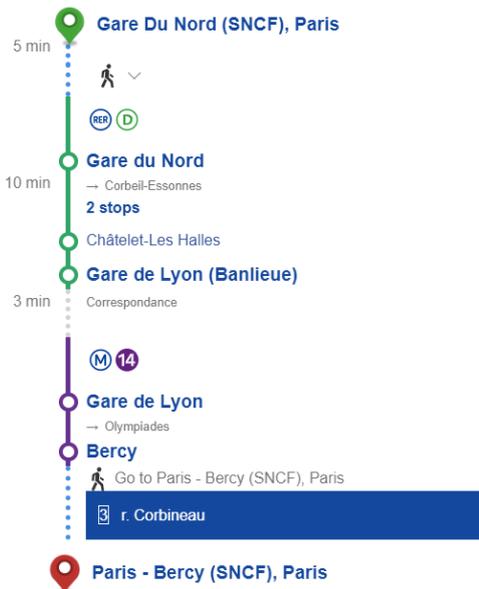
BY BUS

There are several good budget bus options from the UK which offer services to Bourges (the closest large town to Charly) via Paris – e.g. Flixbus and Ouibus. If you book in advance it is possible to get to Bourges from the UK (London) for as little as £30. Oui buses can be booked through <https://en.oui.sncf/en/> and for Flix buses <https://global.flixbus.com/bus-routes/bus-paris-bourges>. At the Paris bus station you will need to change buses. Usually this is within the same bus station which is usually Bercy next to Bercy SNCF train station, though sometimes the drop off point is a few minutes walk away from the main bus station.

There are buses from Bourges to Charly but they are very slow as they stop at every little hamlet and alternative transport such as a hire car, taxi, car share services such as blabla carpooling may be an easier option.

From Gare Du Nord (SNCF) to Paris - Bercy (SNCF)

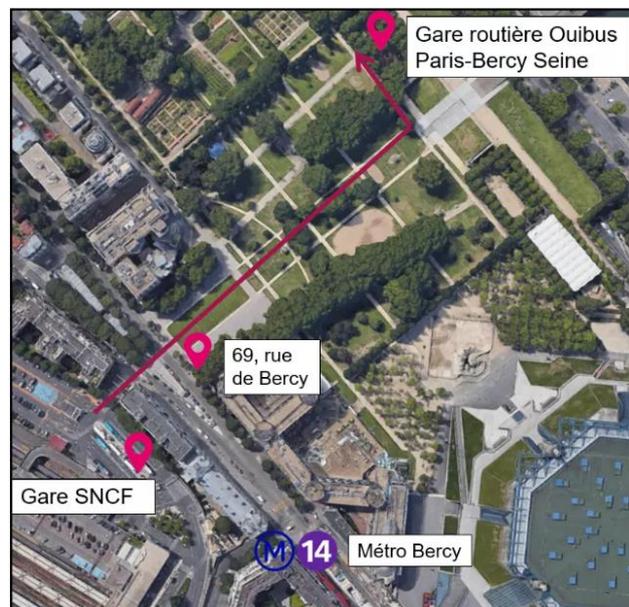
Route 1: 23 mins 12 mins walk (see section trains for gar du Nord SNCF to Gare du Nord Metro)



Ouibus de Paris Center (& Flixbus) – Bercy-Seine

The Ouibus stop was located at the Paris-Bercy SNCF station but has now relocated to the Bercy-Seine Bus Station. It is located 5 minutes walk from Métro Bercy at **208 Quai de Bercy 75012 Paris**. **Flixbus** is located at 210 Quai de Bercy.

To access it: enter the park at 69 rue de Bercy and straight. The entrance to the station is located just behind the bodybuilding area.



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BY CAR

From Calais

From the ferry port of Calais it is about 5.5 hours drive. We tend to avoid the Paris Périphérique by using the Paris-Est Roads (N104/A104) which is equivalent to London's M25 but far more confusing as it twists and turns all the time. The exit from the A1 to use the Paris-Est for this route is very soon after the Charles de Gaulle airport.

Arras (A26) – Paris (A1) – Paris Est – Lyon (A6) – Nevers/Montargis (A77). Take the La Marche A77 exit toward Bourges/La Charité.

Continue straight onto La Pointe/N151 for 3 km to La Charité-sur-Loire.

Turn right to stay on N151 (signs for N 151/Bourges/Sancergues) – This will take you across the Loire river. Follow for 8 kms.

In Sancergues, Turn left onto D6 /Avenue de la Libération (Signs for Nérondes / Garigny). Continue to follow D6 for 19 kms.

In Nérondes, the D6 hits a T junction, Turn right here onto Grande Rue/D976 for just 220 metres.

Then turn left onto D6 / Route de Saint-Amand (Signs Flavigny / Blet – see picture to right)

Continue on D6 for 12 kms passing the villages Flavigny and Ourouer Les Bourdelins

As you approach Charly you may notice the church on the right hand side. Passing through Charly there is the Mairie (TownHall) on the left as the road dips down towards the river Velouse, The road crosses the river then there is a small incline as the road exits the village. As you exit the village there is a cross on the right hand side – this is adjacent to Chateau Charly's entrance (see picture below).

