

# CHATEAU DIRECTIONS

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## CHECK IN / OUT DETAILS

Check In times are 4pm – 9 pm. Your hosts, Claire Harmsworth and Phillip Lawrence will be on hand to welcome you. If possible we would appreciate an approximate arrival time. If there are problems with your journey and you anticipate a late arrival please let us know so that we can make alternative arrangements to greet you. We do understand that sometimes you may arrive earlier than anticipated. Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate early arrivals in the chateau due to the changeover requirements though you are welcome to sit in the grounds.

Check Out time is 10:00 a.m.

## DIRECTIONS OVERVIEW

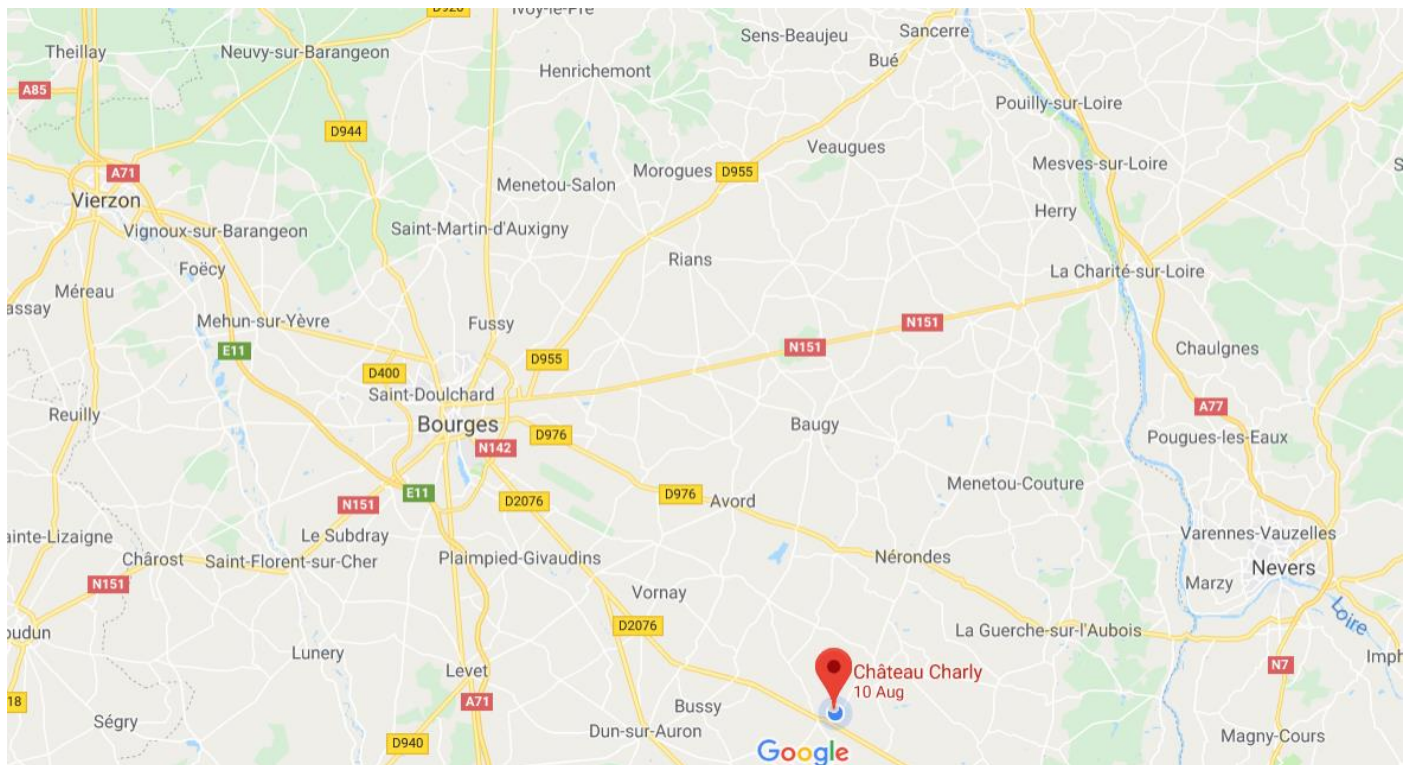
Chateau Charly Address;

1, Route de Nérondes  
Château Charly  
18350 CHARLY

There are many different travel options for Chateau Charly. We would recommend looking at the website [www.rome2rio.com](http://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.



## BY AIR

There are five+ airports within a three hour drive; Paris (2.20 hrs), Tours (1.45 hrs), Limoges (2.5 hrs), Poitiers (3 hours), Clermont Ferrand (2 hrs), Châteauroux (1.25 hrs). Cars can be hired from these airports. Taxis are  
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also available 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 (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 (2<sup>nd</sup> closest large town, 30 miles away) are available.

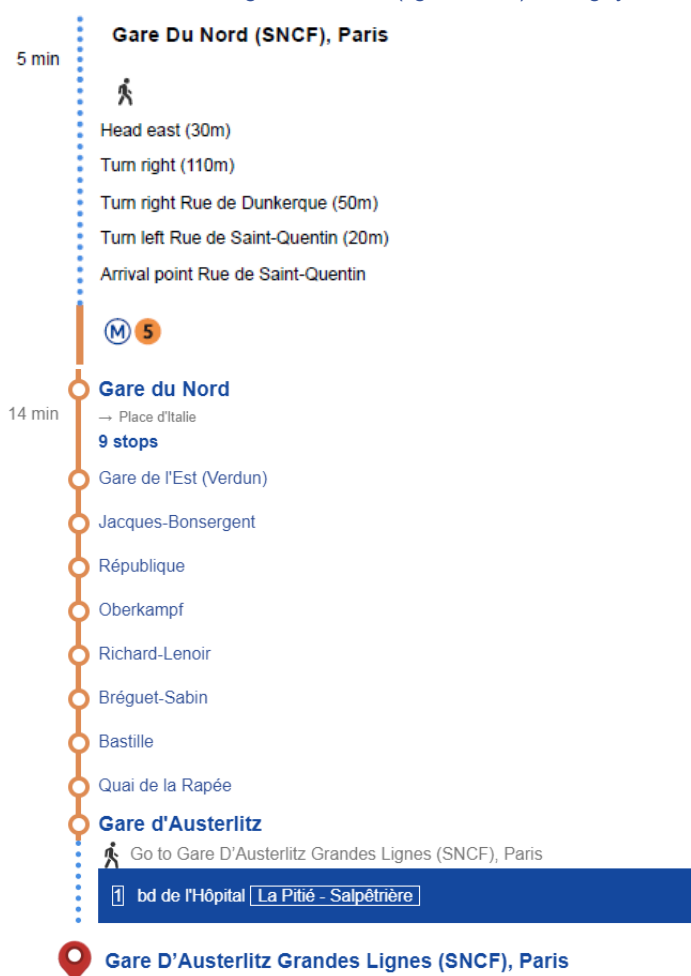
## BY TRAIN

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](http://www.Rome2rio.com) is good at identifying the various train route options I personally find it difficult to conclude the ticket purchase through as the handover to purchase is not seamless.

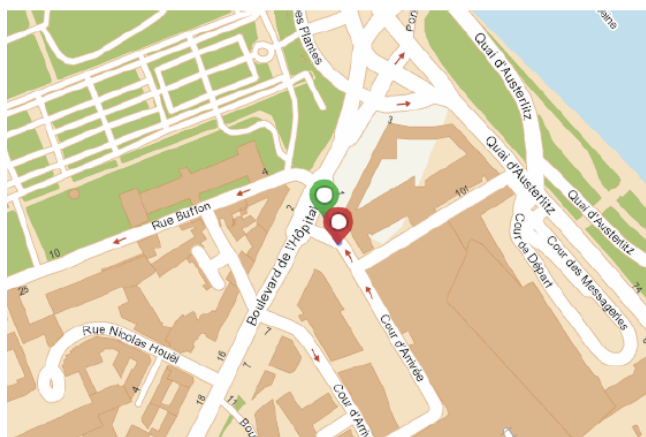
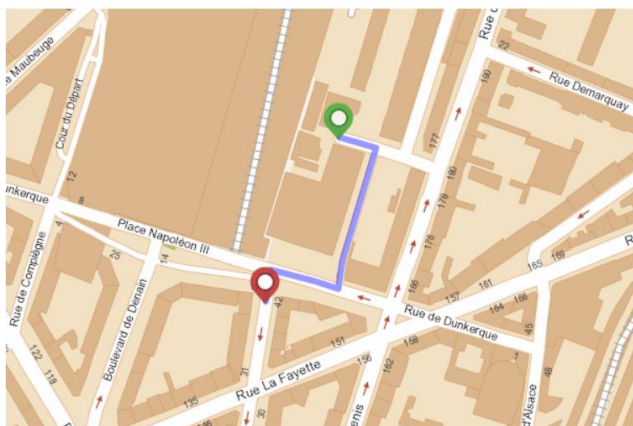
From Paris Gare du Nord take the Paris metro to Paris Austerlitz or Paris Gare de Lyon stations (dependant on ticket purchased) for mainline stations to Bourges (closest main town) or Nevers (next closest main town). Allow approximately 1 hour to cross Paris. A good metro journey planner is <https://www.ratp.fr/en/itineraires>

### ***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

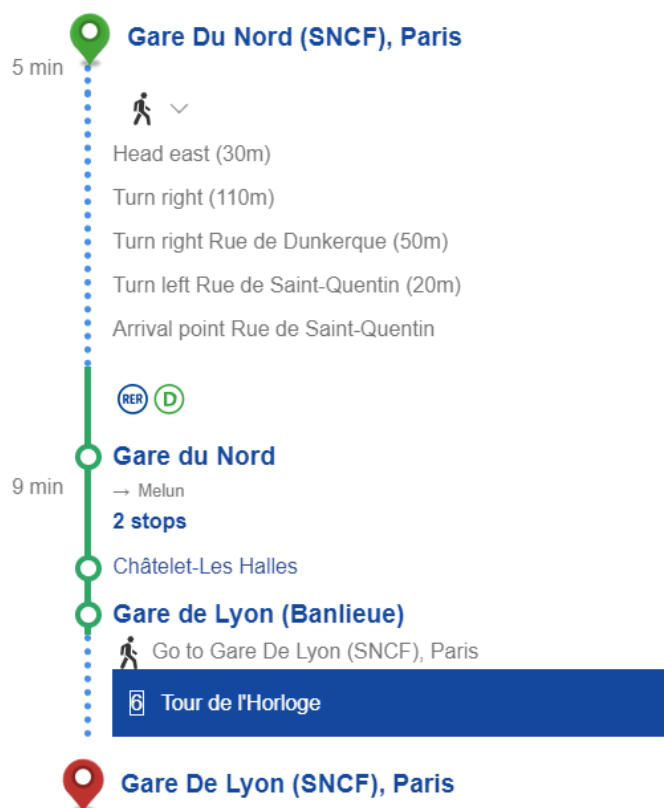


## Gare du Nord Departure and Gare D'Austerlitz Arrival itinerary

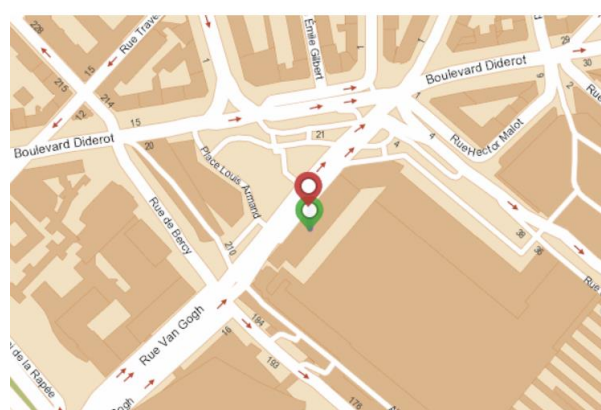
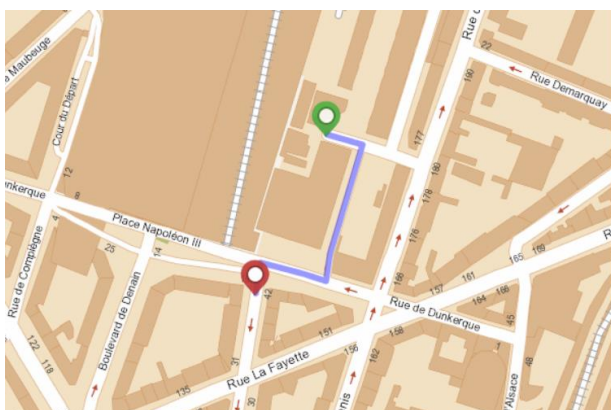


## From Gare Du Nord (SNCF), Paris to Gare De Lyon (SNCF), Paris

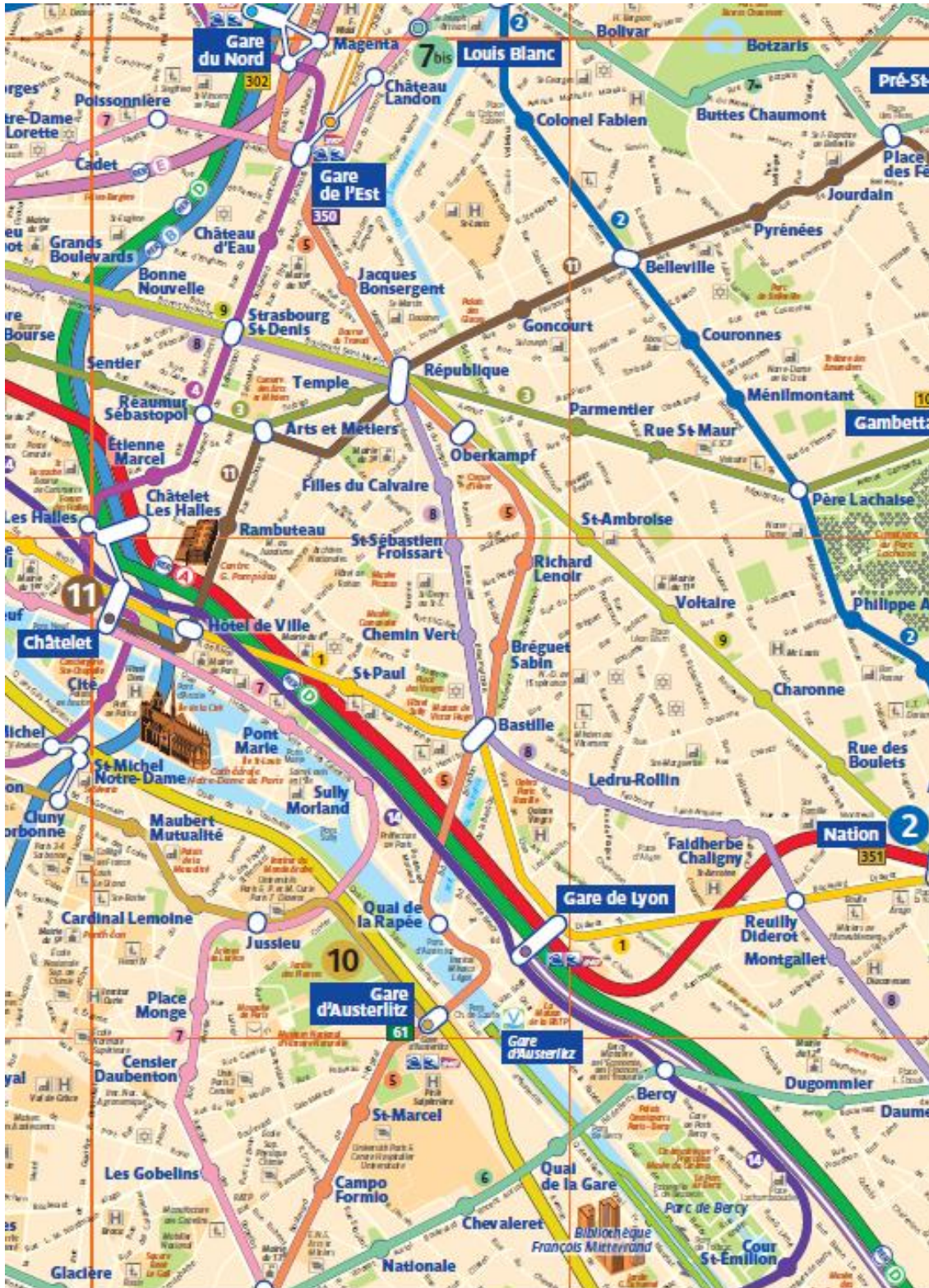
17 min – incl about 8 min walking, take RER D Line (Green) Direction Melun



## Gare du Nord Departure and Gare De Lyon Arrival Street Map







## **BY BUS**

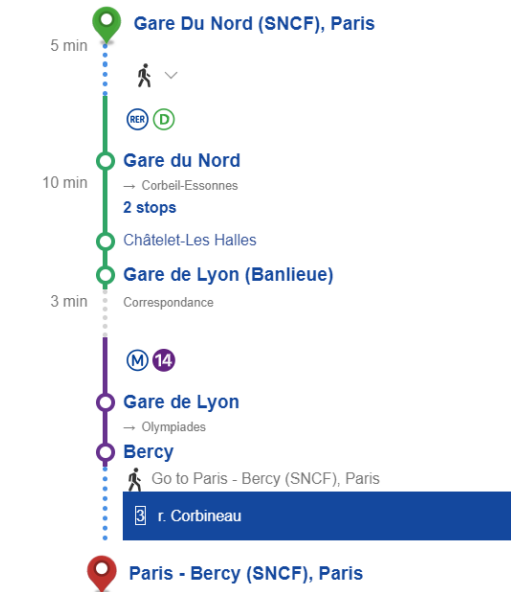
There are several good budget bus options from the UK which offer services to Bourges (the closest large town to Charly) via Paris – e.g. Flixbus and Ouibus. If you book in advance it is possible to get to Bourges from the UK (London) for as little as £30. At the Paris bus station you will need to change 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)

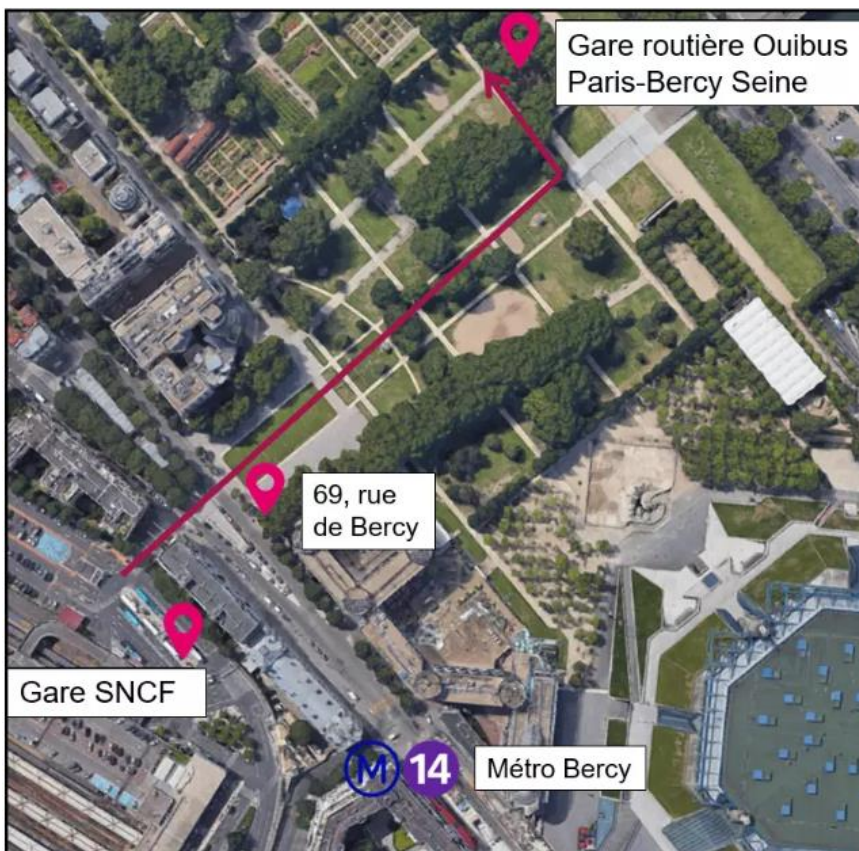
Route 1: 23 mins 12 mins walk (see section trains for gar du Nord SNCF to Gare du Nord Metro)



### 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 go straight. The entrance to the station is located just behind the bodybuilding area.





## **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).

