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L'Abbaye de la Bussière (from \$240, relais.chateaux.com/bussiere), another in the Relais & Châteaux's family of fine properties, was our next overnight destination. Founded by the Cistercian monks in 1133, the abbey is tucked into a 15-acre park that has a large ornamental lake fed by the River Arvot.

The abbey has 18 bedrooms, each with a Jacuzzi bath. Just a half-hour from Dijon, it is

a perfect base for touring the vineyards. The Cummings family has owned this property since 2005. Guests familiar with their other property, in the U.K., Amberley Castle, followed them to France with great (and fulfilled) anticipation. My suite featured beautiful antique furnishings with a modern bathroom and up-to-date electronic conveniences. This is definitely a property to consider for a longer stay if you are looking for some R&R in a sublimely comfortable environment.

The dining room is a gothically inspired space, complete with vaulted ceilings. Chef Emmanuel Hébraud, who has earned one Michelin star thus far, is a rising star in the ranks. The evening of our dinner, we were served one of the chef's signature dishes, escargots de Bourgogne en risotto d'orge perlée et écume de fromage de chèvre, a risotto with snails and goat cheese dressing. Definitely put this dish on your bucket list!