



EUROPE: AMAZING BIKE & BARGE DISCOUNT OFFERS

July 2011

Save up to \$800 per person on selected departures in 2011

Bike and Barge cruises combine two popular ways of exploring Europe (cycling and river cruising), they allow partners of different abilities and interests to holiday together (trips are just as interesting for non-cycling partners, for leisure cyclist OR cycling enthusiasts), you unpack once and come 'home' each night to a wonderful meal and a comfortable cabin with your own bathroom. Most cruises offer a guide but you are free to travel independently each day if you prefer. Group sizes are usually from 18 – 24 passengers.

Demand for these holidays is always strong and early bookings are essential

Outdoor Travel have secured a limited number of **last minute discounts** for twin cabins on two of our most popular routes on two of our very best barges:

GERMANY: From Merzig to Koblenz along the River Saar and the River Moselle wine lands

Departing: 27th August 2011

Duration: 8-days / 7-nights

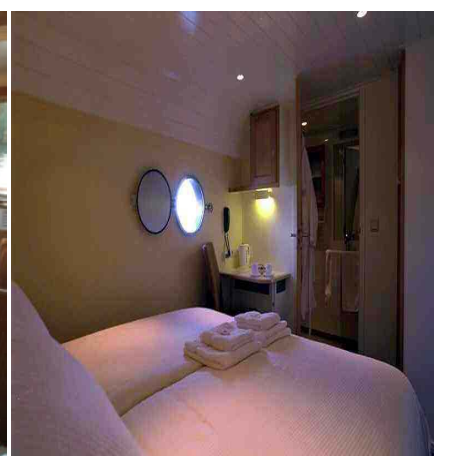
Includes: Breakfast and picnic lunches each day, 3-course gourmet dinners on 6-nights, use of onboard facilities including free tea and coffee facilities, twin cabin with bathroom (safe, hair dryer, very comfortable adjustable air-mattresses), bed linen, towels, experienced cycling tour guide throughout, wine-tasting, guided city tour in Trier, 7-speed hybrid bike hire with helmet, water bottle and pannier. E-bikes are available for hire at extra cost.

Save: **\$800 per person** in a twin share cabin – now **great value** at \$1430 (was \$2185)

Easy cycling along the banks of the River Saar and the Moselle, this cycling cruise offers the opportunity to explore a beautiful and ever-changing countryside, steeped in charm, nature and history - sampling the crisp dry white wines and local cuisine that makes this region so famous.

Late summer is simply splendid here along the river trails with blue skies, warm sunny days and shaded wooded valleys. The Saar Valley offers scenic meadows and woodland whilst the vineyard-encrusted hills of the Mosel offer villages full of character and small towns of great history.

- Visit Saarburg with its ancient hilltop castle, waterfalls and waterwheels cafes and restaurants in the town centre.
- Mettlach (near the famous Villeroy and Boch pottery factory) and its shopping outlets.
- Trier, oldest German city, birthplace of Karl Marx with its 2000-year old Roman *Porta Nigra*
- Visit Moselle vineyards and fascinating old towns
- Visit Wasserbillig in Luxemburg and Berncastel
- See the fascinating city of Koblenz on the confluence of the Moselle and the mighty River Rhine.



BELGIUM & HOLLAND: From Bruges to Amsterdam

Departing: 16th October 2011

Duration: 8-days / 7-nights

Includes: Twin air-conditioned cabins with private facilities, experienced multi-lingual cycle guide, breakfast and picnic lunch each day, 3-course dinner on 6-nights, coffee and tea every day after cycling, bed linen and towels, daily cleaning service, 24-speed hybrid bike hire, water bottle and pannier, harbour and tourist taxes, ferry fares on the route.

Save: **\$400 per person** in a twin share cabin – **now just \$1495** (was \$1895)

Autumn in Europe is a very special time and ideal for cycling with cool mornings giving way to bright blue skies and a landscape of wonderful colours as the woodlands and gardens make their change. It is a time of harvest and celebration with many festivals and events in the towns and villages along the way and bright orange pumpkins on many doorsteps.

This cycling cruise offers flat easy riding along well made trails, travelling through an ever-changing rural landscape; landscape made famous by the paintings of the old Dutch Masters, cycling from one country to the other, visiting some of Europe's finest most fascinating historical cities; Amsterdam, Brugge and Gent.

- The landscape of the River Vecht - landscapes and mansions that inspired many Dutch painters.
- Kinderdijk - the UNESCO protected windmills.
- Zierikzee - 9th-century centre of trade and prosperity rich in traditional architecture.
- The Delta Works - the Dutch way of taming the sea by building this enormous dam.
- Gent, Belgium's finest university city, old, yet so very much alive, the pride of West Vlaanderen
- Bruges a living historical city with many famous museums, squares, churches, windmills and canals

We still have spaces available on other routes in France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Italy and Croatia in 2011 – including one or two-week cycling cruises – here are some examples:

From **Burgundy to Paris** departing 1st – 15th October at \$2995 per person twin share

Mainz to Metz in Germany, Luxembourg & France departing 8th – 15th October 2011 at \$2185 per person.

Or our most popular tour from **Paris to Bruges** via Peronne - centre for the WW1 battlefields and memorials - departing 15th - 29th October 2011 at \$3585 per person.

Low cost airfares to Europe: major airlines are still releasing low fares for travel in 2011. **British Airways** has a special Economy airfare to various cities within Europe starting at \$2,095.00* including taxes – departing mid to late August through until the start of October (for sale until 2 August). **Cathay Pacific** has an Economy airfare starting at \$1,850.00* including all taxes – departures until 3 October, seating is very limited so instant purchase only. **Malaysian Airlines** has a companion **Business Class** fare for sale until 31 July – cost start at \$6,550.00* including all taxes per person - a saving of around \$1,100 per person. 2 passengers need to travel the whole itinerary together to qualify for the companion fare.

** Examples airfares based on departing 21st September 2011 from Melbourne to Paris (price correct on 21st July 2011). Other departure and arrival cities are available based on these rates.*

Early Booking Advice for 2012: Many of you have indicated you are interested in booking **Bike and Barge** cruises for next year – demand already has been so great that we thought we should let you know to book soon to be guaranteed the places you want.

Dates and prices for most cycling cruises for next year are now available and many are already full so if you have a small group or even a charter request contact us soon to discuss your travel plans. Individual cabin bookings for most barges for 2012 are also now open.

Contact Outdoor Travel for more details and reservations

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