

CLASSIC HOUSEBOATS ON THE CANAL DU MIDI OR IN BURGUNDY

The prettiest canals in France are the Canal du Midi in Languedoc near to Carcassonne in the South and Burgundy's Nivernais or Canal du Bourgogne just a couple of hours by train from Paris. Take an opportunity to explore these waterways aboard the best-designed, most comfortable self-skippered houseboats.



Cruising the canals of France is a magnificent and relaxing way to have a holiday. Self-skippering a quality motor cruiser gives you both freedom and flexibility. Life along the canals and in the many towns and villages along our cruising routes is colourful and often breathtaking. There are towns and villages to explore, restaurants to enjoy and special events such as spring festivals, summer fetes or "vendange" the wine harvest in autumn in many of the numerous vineyards on the Canal Du Midi and in Burgundy. Hire a self-contained Classic Houseboat for a week and the adventure begins.....

Departures: Every Friday, Saturday and Monday from early April to late October

From: **Canal du Midi** - Capestang with railway stations at Beziers or Narbonne (20 minutes by taxi) or

Burgundy - Vermenton and St Florentin, on the Canal du Bourgogne. Vermenton has a railway station, as does St Florentin with direct links to Paris (approximate travel time 2-hours)

We offer one-way cruising in Burgundy only, from Vermenton and St Florentin (or vice-versa). The one-way cruise supplement in Burgundy is \$200 irrespective of the boat. One-way cruise directions are only confirmed two weeks before departure.

Hire period: A week is 7-nights – extra nights can be booked. Hire times: 3.00pm pick-up & 9.00am drop-off

2011 Boat Hire (per week):		Season A	Season B	Season C	Season D	Season E
		3 Apr - 21 Apr & after 1 Oct	22 Apr-6 May 24 Sep-30 Sep	7 May-1 Jun 3 Sep – 23 Sep	2 Jun-8 Jul 20 Aug-2 Sep	9 Jul-19 Aug
Classic 129 Grand Cru	(2 berth)	\$2365	\$2750	\$3175	\$3505	\$3815
Classic 129	(4 berth)	\$2625	\$3055	\$3530	\$3895	\$4235
Classic 139 Grand Cru	(4 berth)	\$2670	\$3170	\$3750	\$3955	\$4200
Classic 139	(6 berth)	\$3330	\$3940	\$4355	\$4790	\$5110
Classic 149	(8 berth)	\$4185	\$4710	\$5145	\$5560	\$5995
Linssen 34	(4-berth)	\$3025	\$3420	\$3915	\$4215	\$4745
Linssen 34 for 2-people	(4-berth)	\$2720	\$3075	\$3525	\$3795	\$4270

Plus compulsory fuel costs (calculated on engine hours), one-way fee if required, any extras or provisioning.

Bikes are available for hire with all boats at all bases at €35 per bike per week. On the collection of your boat, you will also need to pay a security deposit (€950) and cleaning deposit (€100 – 110) these are refundable if your boat is returned clean, undamaged and on time to the appropriate base. Any other costs are optional (eg barbecue hire, extra bikes, secure car parking etc) and paid locally

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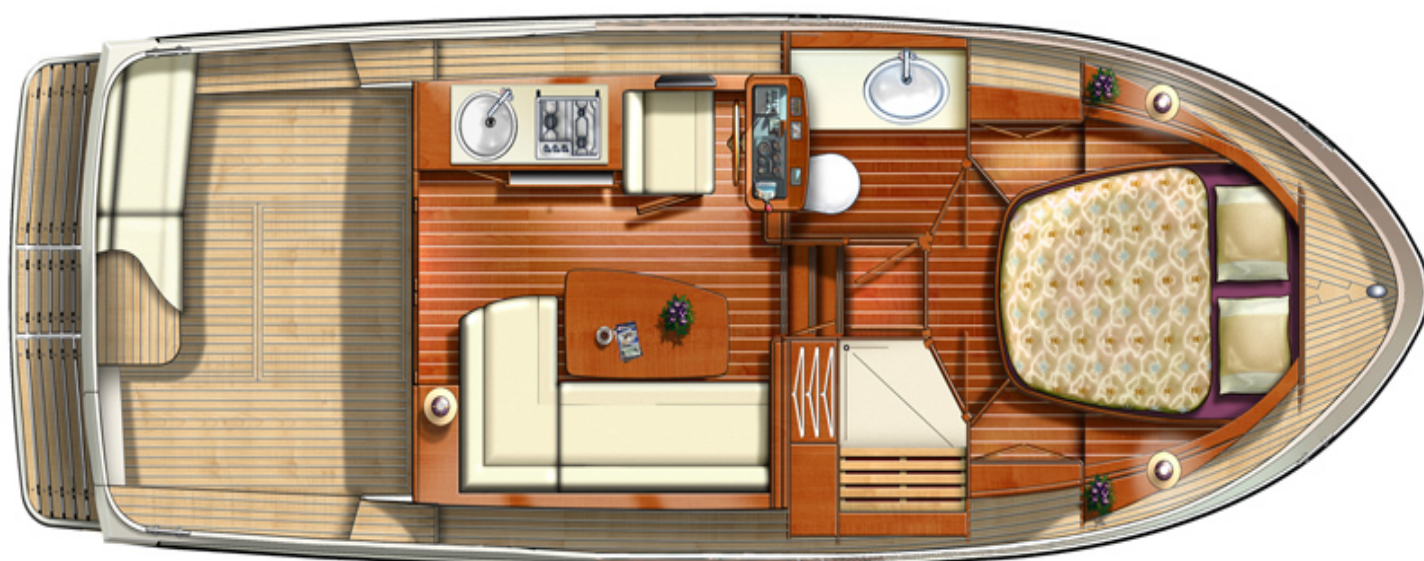
The Classic House Boat or new Linssen range is the most comfortable in all France and follows a simple effective philosophy:

- *Everybody sleeps on a proper bed - there are no sofa conversions.*
- *Only a maximum of two people per cabin - there are no dormitory cabins.*
- *Each cabin has it's own bathroom with shower, basin and toilet.*
- *Every boat has a generator for domestic 220v electricity on demand (generator + inverter for Linssens).*
- *Every boat listed here has air-conditioning.*
- *Every Classic House Boat has two helm positions and a very spacious sundeck with deck furniture.*
- *The interior of every boat is comfortably furnished and beautifully finished in wood panelling.*

CLASSIC HOUSE BOATS



THE NEW LINSSSEN RANGE OF QUALITY 2 or 4-BERTH HOUSEBOATS



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THE CANAL DU MIDI - The Midi is the best known of the French waterways. Built in the 17th Century, the entire canal du Midi is a UNESCO World Heritage site. This means that a cruise along the Midi is a journey back in time, through a region – including the city of Carcassonne - steeped in history and places of interest.

The base at Capestang is 20kms from Beziers. Capestang is on the "Grand Bief"; the longest lock-free stretch of Canal in France. This 54km-long pound effectively allows you 108kms of cruising, without passing a lock, as the canal twists and turns following the same contour line under the shade of the magnificent plaine trees.



THE CANAL DU NIVERNAIS flows through rolling Burgundian countryside just 2 hours south of Paris. The canal du Nivernais is the canalised River Yonne and, therefore, one of the many charms is the change from river cruising to canal cruising along the prettiest stretch of waterway between Auxerre and Clamecy.

The base at Vermenton allows you a relaxed cruise between Auxerre and Clamecy, both delightful towns, stopping at the numerous charming villages to sample the fine cuisine and wine famous in Burgundy.

St Florentin on the Burgundy Canal gives a wider range of cruising opportunities in the Burgundy region especially as a one-way destination from Vermenton. The port of St Florentin provides access to a good selection of shops and restaurants. St Florentin is an ideal location both at the beginning and at the end of their cruise and allows us to offer cruises both on the Nivernais and the Burgundy canals and also opens the possibility of cruising on the River Yonne



LOW SEASON SAVINGS - EXCLUSIVE OFFER FROM OUTDOOR TRAVEL:
9 days boat hire for the cost of 7 PLUS free wine PLUS free bike hire

Enjoy Nine days for the price of seven – **from just \$2365** cruising on a Classic House Boat in France departing on the Canal du Midi or in Burgundy in 2011 **PLUS** hire of two bikes free **PLUS** a case of fine regional wine per hire **at no extra cost**. Conditions do apply – the offer is for any **new** reservations departing on any **Monday** or **Friday** during **April** or **October** only. This offer subject to availability – ask for details.

Availability is limited - contact Outdoor Travel for more details and reservations:

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