



# European Cruise News

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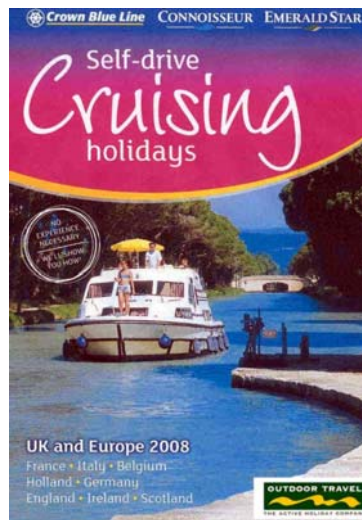
## NEW CRUISE OFFERS FOR EUROPE FROM OUTDOOR TRAVEL

- **Le Boat** – new brochure & discount offer on Crown Blue Line self-skipped cruises in Europe
- **Narrowboat** hotel barges in England
- **Bike & Barge** cruises available in France, Holland, Belgium, Croatia's Dalmatian Coast & the Lycian Coast of Turkey
- **Canal & Co** – new brochure & early booking discounts for France & Holland Tulip cruises
- Cruise discounts in **Go Barging – European Waterways**

## NEW SELF-SKIPPED CRUISING BROCHURE NOW AVAILABLE

Le Boat is the new umbrella brand for **Crown Blue Line** Boating Holidays available from Outdoor Travel Pty Ltd. The brochure combines self-skipped motor cruiser fleet from Connoisseur, Crown Blue Line and Emerald Star in France, Italy, Holland, Belgium, Germany, England, Scotland & Ireland.

**Le Boat** will provide the largest and most stylish fleet of cruisers in Europe and the widest choice of beautiful cruising destinations, including more one-way cruises than any other operator.



With a range of 33 different types of boats for rent and a fleet of over 600, **Crown Blue Line** has something for every river and canal cruising holiday. From holidays with families or friends to activity holidays or romantic holidays we have the ideal boat for you:

**Crown (Europe) & Excel Class (Ireland)** - The Crown Class boats are the latest generation of cruiser, combining elegance, comfort and style to offer a very high standard of accommodation.

**Traditional (Europe) & Irish Star Class** - The Traditional Class can accommodate two to twelve people with all the facilities you need for an enjoyable holiday.

Also new for 2008 is the **Norfolk Broads** base in the UK. An area of great natural beauty and a haven for wildlife, this is one of England's most popular cruising grounds. The base at Wroxham, north-east of the regional centre of Norwich is ideal for those looking for an insight into Britain's abundant birdlife and flora. It provides lock-free cruising – perfect for beginners – some wonderful walking or cycling paths and an insight into a traditional English village way of life.

Three cruise routes are suggested from Wroxham to Horsey Mare, Oulton Broad or a round-trip which can include a visit to the coast at Great Yarmouth. There is a choice of boats available – all modified with a lower roof to accommodate the low bridges in the Fens – including 2, 4, 6 or 8-berth cruisers.

## **LATEST DISCOUNT OFFER ON CROWN BLUE LINE**

**Self-skipped cruises in Europe - latest discount offers valid up to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008:**

Offers available for all NEW reservations applicable between 1st - 31st January 2008

Bookings up to 17th April	10% discount off Alsace
Bookings for April	5% discount off Midi / Camargue
Bookings for April and May	5% discount off Charente
Bookings for all season	10% discount off Franche - Comte region in Burgundy
Bookings for all season	10% off the Tango boat in North France
Bookings for all season	10% off the Connoisseur Tower (sleeps 12) in South France

Crown Blue Line discounts can be combined to a maximum of 15% - ask for details

## **NEW - NARROW BOAT HOLIDAYS IN ENGLAND**

**Traditional Hotel Barge cruises - 7-Days / 6-Nights from just \$1790**

When most people think of canal boat holidays they picture in their mind the traditional British narrowboat constructed during the industrial revolution in the 1700's to carry cargo long the narrow, shallow canal networks built to link industrial centres. These barges are a part of the English countryside today as floating accommodation that moves at a snails pace through some of the most fascinating, historical and attractive regions such as the Midlands, North Wales or northern England.



Narrowboats are available as self-skipped holiday options but for those interested in joining a *small group holiday* with a captain and crew to manage the boat, preparation of meals and explanations of the places you visit along the way this *NEW* Narrowboat Hotel Barge holiday aboard the *Katie* may be for you.

Starting in, Birmingham, Great Haywood, Worcester, Stratford upon Avon, Warwick, Stoke Bruerne, Market Harborough, Hinckley or Shardlow we offer a comprehensive choice of holidays based aboard a 70 ft long and 6ft 10ins wide hotel boat which is just about the biggest that can go through the locks on the English System.

- 7-day holidays starting on selected Monday or Thursday afternoons.
- Includes full board – breakfast, lunch & dinner – twin share / double cabin accommodation with private or share bathroom, return transfer back to start point (if required).
- Price AU\$1790 per person based on two people sharing a twin or double cabin or AU\$1875 for a single person occupying a cabin.

Spaces are limited with just three cabins available on each departure. Shorter cruises also be available.

## **NEW - BIKE & BARGE HOLIDAY CRUISES IN EUROPE**

### **IDEAL CRUISING IDEA FOR ACTIVE TRAVELLERS OVER 40**

Bike & Barge cruises combines two popular ways of exploring Europe (cycling & river cruising), it allows partners of different abilities & interests to holiday together (trips are just as interesting for non-cycling partners, leisure cyclist OR enthusiasts), you unpack once & come 'home' each night to a wonderful meal and a comfortable cabin with your own bathroom.



Demand is high with these barges & early bookings are absolutely essential, here is what we have available:

FRANCE	Fontainebleau /Seine region 12 <sup>th</sup> April (very limited cabins available) from \$2395 Loire Valley Saturday departures April to October (September full) from \$1550
BELGIUM/FRANCE	Bruges to Paris 22 <sup>nd</sup> March (just 1 cabin available) 2-weeks from \$2555
GERMANY	River Moselle 5 <sup>th</sup> July & 13 <sup>th</sup> September (very limited spaces) from \$1650
GERMANY/HOLLAND	Repositioning cruise Koblenz to Amsterdam 18 <sup>th</sup> October from \$1460
HOLLAND/GERMANY	Around Ijsselmeer 3 <sup>rd</sup> May (just 6 cabins available) from \$1385 Amsterdam to Rotterdam 17 <sup>th</sup> May from \$1650 River Maine, Rhine & Neckar 14 <sup>th</sup> June from \$1650 Ludwigburg to Koblenz 5 <sup>th</sup> July (limited space) from \$1650 River Moselle – Saarbrücken to Koblenz 18 <sup>th</sup> October from \$1460
GREECE	Weekly tours in Cyclades, central or southern Aegean April to October \$1930
CROATIA	Weekly departures Dalmatian coast island hopping - April to October from \$1595
TURKEY	Weekly departures Lycian coast from Marmaris to Fethiye April to October \$1930

Contact us for day-to-day itineraries - costs include twin share or single cabin (with supplements) accommodation (with own bathrooms), buffet breakfasts, dinner, bed linen, bike rental, and tour guide. Cycling days are graded easy, moderate or challenging with free time to explore cities or places of interest

## **BIKE & BOAT IN TURKEY**

### **EXPLORE THE LYCIAN COAST**

Spend a week discovering the southern coast of Turkey from Marmaris to Fethiye with a Bahriyeli ship (pronounced: Barijeli). Your charming and stylish floating hotel is built to the highest of standards with

passenger comfort a priority. Get to know the Turkish coast and explore the hinterland by bike or relax and enjoy the cruise route – this holiday is ideal for those of differing cycling abilities and interests.



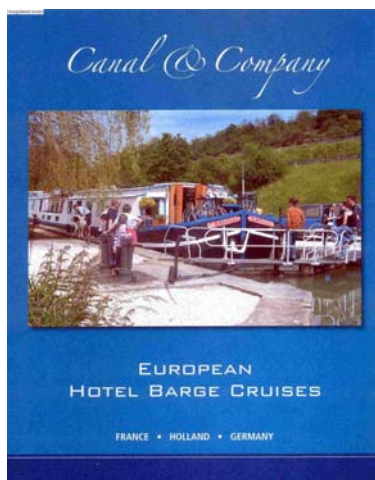
Our guide will point out the unique natural wonders and historical cities, which grace the area, transporting you back in time. Admire the famous graves of Kaunos, which were cut into the cliffs between 4 and 2 BC by the Lycian coastal inhabitants, or be mesmerized by the breathtaking Sakklikent Canyon. Active by day, spend your evenings in the deserted bays being rocked to sleep by the ocean. Or make the most of the pulsating night life in the port cities and their many cafes and bars.

**Cost per person:** \$1930 per person (twin share)

**Departures in 2008:** 5, 12, 19, 26 April, 3, 10 May, 4, 11, 18, 25 October

**Cruise includes:** 8-day-trip on a motor yacht in double / twin cabins with shower/toilet, Half board on the ship includes breakfast & dinner, English speaking tour guide & 6-guided cycling tours as described in itinerary, Bed linen and towels, 21 gear trekking bike or a mountain bike.

## **CANAL & CO HOTEL BARGE DISCOUNTS IN EUROPE** **SAVE \$500 PER PERSON ON SPRING DEPARTURES**



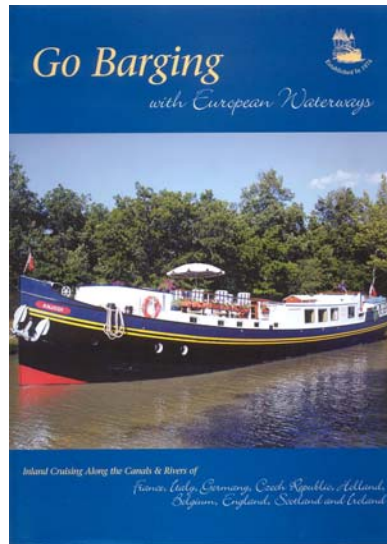
Cruise Picardy from Compiègne - St Mammès or v. v. aboard the hotel barge **Anacoluthe** on either **22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> March 2008 & save up to \$500** per person (in a twin share cabin) on this fully inclusive cruising & sightseeing tour.

Also save \$500 per person (on a twin share basis) on the **Charlemagne** on a Tulip Cruise in Holland on 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> March 2008, save \$500 per person on the **Libellule** in Burgundy on **22<sup>nd</sup> March 2008** or the **Lorraine** in Alsace on either **22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> March 2008**. Upper deck cabins are available (with a supplement) on several departures.

Cruises depart every Saturday – ask for a copy of the new 2008 *Canal & Co* brochure

## **EUROPEAN WATERWAYS HOTEL BARGE DISCOUNTS** **EARLY - BOOKING OFFER FOR 2008 CRUISES IN ITALY**

**VENICE, ITALY** - La Dolce Vita in Venice – **SAVE \$200** discount per person if booked & deposited before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008 for **ANY** 2008 departure.



With luxury barges accommodating between 6 and 13 passengers, the exclusive charter of vessels is proving more and more popular with families and groups of friends. Those chartering a barge can enjoy the regular itineraries or can indulge themselves in specific activities such as golfing, theatre, walking and wine-tasting or choose a special week to go to the opera or see the famous historical regattas such as those in Venice, follow in Rembrandt's footsteps in Holland or taste the wines of Burgundy in France.

**BURGUNDY, FRANCE** - *Savoir Faire* Mid-Season CHARTER dates (July and August): \$45,000 for groups of up to 12 passengers that include two or more children under age 16

**AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND** - *Savoir Faire* CHARTER dates March 30th and April 6th: \$33,000 for groups of up to 12 passengers.

**Latest updates:** *L' Impressionniste* & *Belle Epoque* will have single cabins next season without a single supplement.

**Go Barging – European Waterways** have also increased our fleet in France by adding the Bonne Humeur travelling under her new name of '*Renaissance*' cruising in the Upper Loire/Burgundy region.

Bonne Humeur will offer a refitted interior that will delight the most discerning passenger. Improvements include a new galley, a re-floored forward deck with roof extension for dining al fresco, an expanded, "guest-friendly" wheelhouse, upgraded staterooms and an additional silent generator.

In 2008, the well established cruise route will include cruising on the River Seine, the Canal de Loing and the ancient Canal du Briare with stops in the beautiful towns of Samois-sur-Seine, St Mammes, Nemours, Nargis and Rogny les Sept Ecluses. In keeping with its tradition over the years, European Waterways has engaged an outstanding, experienced crew that will continue to keep Bonne Humeur's guests cheering about the care and enthusiasm the crew bestow on their guests during a fabulous cruise week in the Upper Loire and Western Burgundy regions.



Bonne Humeur accommodates up to eight passengers in ultimate luxury. The beautifully appointed lounge has comfortable seating. A cosy bar is stocked with your favourites and bookshelves contain a Bose CD system, current books, and up-to-date periodicals and magazines. She has 4 suites, which can be configured as twins or doubles. Each has a 60ft sq private bathroom. Bonne Humeur has a sundeck with Jacuzzi and bicycles for clients use.

## ORDER YOUR NEW TRAVEL BROCHURES FOR 2008

Please tick below & email, fax or post your brochure request & we will send the new brochures to you:

- ( ) SHERPA EUROPE INN TO INN - Independent self-guided walking in France, Switzerland, Germany, Italy Spain & most countries of Europe also mountain expeditions worldwide including Morocco, Nepal & Sth America
- ( ) FRANCE WALKING HOLIDAYS - Small Group Guided Walking with a donkey to carry your lunch in the Lot Valley & in Tuscany, cooking, truffles & wine tours also available
- ( ) CAMINO DE SANTIAGO – Walking or cycling the Way of St James (France or Spain)
- ( ) WALKING SAFARI COMPANY - Small group themed walking holidays in France or Spain – with a donkey
- ( ) ONE-HOTEL GUIDED WALKING HOLIDAYS – in (please specify destination) .....
- ( ) FRENCH CYCLING HOLIDAYS – Small group hotel based cycling holidays
- ( ) GO BARGING – EUROPEAN WATERWAYS – All-inclusive Hotel Barges in France, Germany, UK & Ireland
- ( ) CANAL & CO – Hotel Barges in most regions of France and Holland
- ( ) CROWN BLUE LINE - Self-skippered cruising holidays in France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Italy & UK
- ( ) BIKE & BARGE CRUISES – France, Holland, Belgium, Croatia, Turkey
- ( ) CASTELLARE DI TONDA – Tuscan farmhouse self-contained apartments

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