



OUTLINES – TRAVEL NEWS

August 2014

BIKE & BARGE OR BOAT CYCLING CRUISES FOR 2015

Bookings open for next year & cabins are selling fast



Bike & Barge cruising combine two popular ways of exploring Europe (cycling and river cruising) and allows partners of different abilities and interests to holiday together (trips are just as interesting for non-cycling partners, leisure cyclist OR even enthusiasts), you unpack once and come 'home' each night to a wonderful meal and a comfortable cabin with your own bathroom. Each day you can join our cycle-guide on a tour, go by yourself by bike and meet up with the group at the boat or stay on the boat to enjoy the cruise. In the evenings our guide may offer a city-walk or other activities. Non-cyclists are welcome whilst there are guided walks in the evenings there is no sightseeing program for non-cyclists during the day.

Well-maintained multi-gear bikes are provided (you can bring your own if you prefer) for between 12 to 30-cyclists. For those less able cyclists e-bikes can be hired on most barges to help the hills melt away.

Destinations for 2015 include France, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Austria, Germany, Romania, Croatia, Greece, Turkey & Scotland, even Vietnam. For the provisional date & price list see our website links:

http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/pdfs/2014/OT_Bike_Barge_Pricelist_provisional_2015.pdf

Call OUTDOOR TRAVEL on 1800 331 582 for details or reservations

One of our most popular routes is from Amsterdam to Bruges & we offer a choice of barges on different routes incorporating rural scenery, historic towns & cities such as Antwerp, Ghent & Gouda, famed for its cheeses – see this & a selection of our most popular 2015 itineraries:

Belgium & Holland – Amsterdam to Bruges:

http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/pdfs/2014/Holland_Belgium_Bike_Barge_Amsterdam_to_Bruges_various_2015.pdf

River Danube:

http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/pdfs/2014/Danube_Austria_Germany_Hungary_Slovakia_B-B_rr_rev_2015.pdf

Belgium Holland & France – Maastricht to Paris self-guided:

http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/pdfs/2014/Holland_Belgium_France_Bike_Barge_Maastricht_to_Paris_mi_2015.pdf

Belgium & France - Bruges to Paris guided:

http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/pdfs/2014/France_Belgium_Bike_Barge-Bruges_to_Paris_fe_2015.pdf

Croatia – the island of Southern Dalmatia:

http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/pdfs/2014/Croatia_Bike_Boat_Pearls_of_Southern_Dalmatia_2015.pdf

France - Best of Burgundy:

http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/pdfs/2014/France_Bike_Barge_Burgundy_h_2015.pdf

France - Loire Valley:

http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/pdfs/2014/France_Bike_Barge_Loire_Valley_h_2015.pdf

Holland - Tulips, Gouda Cheese & Delft:

http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/pdfs/2014/Holland_Bike_Barge_Spring_Tulips_Gouda_Delft_shwlm_2015.pdf

Italy - Venice & the Po

http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/pdfs/2014/Italy_Venice_The_River_Po_B_B_g_2015.pdf

Italy - Amalfi Coast & Bay of Naples:

http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/pdfs/2014/Italy_Boat_Bike_Naples_Amalfi_Coast_vn_2015.pdf

For the full details of our tours see our website link: http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/whats_new_holiday#europe

HOTEL BARGING IN EUROPE

7-day / 6-night bespoke inclusive cruises ideal for a small group or family with 6 to 18 passengers.



LAST - MINUTE & EARLY BIRD OFFERS & 2015 ANZAC CRUISES

Whether you are an early bird, planning your 2015 holiday now, or making a belated decision to travel in 2014, **substantial savings** are available on selected luxury hotel barge cruises along the waterways of France, Italy, Scotland, England, Ireland or Holland. In the hands of a professional crew, luxuriate aboard a traditional hotel barge ideal for between 4 to 20 passengers where a weeklong cruise includes comfortable and roomy cabin

accommodation with an en-suite bathroom, gourmet meals prepared by an experienced on-board chef including a selection of regional wines and cheeses with lunch and dinner and an open bar, daily mini-bus excursions and entry fees to vineyards, gardens and chateaux.

Contact us for substantial discounts on cabins and selected exclusive charters for new hotel barge bookings made by **30th September 2014**.

LAST-MINUTE HOTEL BARGE GETAWAY SAVINGS FOR 2014:

Barge	Select offer dates in 2014
L'Impressionniste – Burgundy, France €1000 off per cabin	19 th October 2014
La Belle Epoque – Burgundy, France €1000 off per cabin €5000 off charter price	19 th October 2014 26 th October 2014
L'Art de Vivre – Burgundy, France €1000 off per cabin	26 th October 2014
Anjodi – Canal du Midi, France €1000 off per cabin €3000 off charter price	26 th October 2014 19 th October 2014
Claire de Lune – Canal du Midi, France €2500 off charter price	26 th October 2014
Rosa – Bordeaux, France €1000 off per cabin €3000 off charter price	28 th September 2014 7 th September, 19 th October 2014
Panache – Alsace & Lorraine, France €2000 off per cabin €5000 off charter price	7 th September 2014 19 th October 2014
La Bella Vita – Venice & Po Valley, Italy €1000 off per cabin €10,000 off charter price €5000 off charter price €500 off per person for groups of 6 or more	28 th September 2014 7 th September 2014 All October departures in 2014 7 th September, 5 th October, 2014
Magna Carta – River Thames, England €2000 off per cabin €1000 off per cabin	14 th September, 2014 19 th October, 26 th October, 2014
Shannon Princess – River Shannon, Ireland €5000 off charter price	28 th September, 2014

Conditions: The normal Terms & Conditions as shown on website / brochure apply. Some cruises may require a minimum of 4 passengers booked to guarantee the cruise. Cabin discounts only apply to double occupancy. 50% of the discount applies to single occupancy. Special offers are subject to availability and apply to new bookings made by 30th September 2014 only. Special offers cannot be combined and cannot be used in conjunction with other offers.

EARLY BIRD HOTEL BARGE DISCOUNTS FOR 2015

The early-bird gets the worm! Now is the time to plan your 2015 travel with savings of up to 10% (up to €880 per cabin or up to €5000 per charter) on selected March and April cruises. The European spring is an ideal time to explore the sunny Canal du Midi in the south of France, the wine-making region of Burgundy, or the Venice Lagoon in Italy. Savings also apply for the ever-popular Tulip Cruises in Holland – explore the colours and scents of the world-renowned flower-filled Keukenhof Gardens at the height of springtime. Discounts of up to 5% apply for exclusive charters on selected barges for a wide range of departure dates.

Book your 2015 European getaway now for early-bird savings on these select cruises:

Barge

Select offer dates in 2015

L'Impressionniste – Burgundy, France

10% off per cabin / 10% off per charter

5th & 12th April 2015

La Belle Epoque – Burgundy, France

5% off per charter

April, May, June, July, August & October departures

L'Art de Vivre – Burgundy, France

10% off per cabin / 10% off per charter

12th April 2015

5% off per charter

19th & 26th April, 2015

5% off per charter

All May, June, July, August & October departures

Renaissance – Burgundy or Loire Valley, France

5% off per charter

April, May, June, July, August & October departures

Anjodi – Canal du Midi, France

10% off per cabin / 10% off per charter

29th March, 5th & 12th April 2015

5% off per charter

19th & 26th April, 2015

5% off per charter

All May, June, July, August & October departures

Enchanté – Canal du Midi, France

10% off per cabin / 10% off per charter

29th March, 5th & 12th April 2015

5% off per charter

All May, June, July, August & October departures

Claire de Lune – Canal du Midi, France

10% off per cabin

29th March, 5th & 12th April 2015

10% off per charter

5th & 12th April 2015

5% off per charter

19th & 26th April, 2015

5% off per charter

All May, June, July, August & October departures

Rosa – Gascony or Bordeaux, France

10% off per cabin

29th March, 5th, 12th & 19th April 2015

10% off per charter

5th & 12th April 2015

5% off per charter

26th April, 2015

5% off per charter

All May, June, July, August & October departures

Panache – Alsace-Lorraine, Paris or Champagne, France

5% off per charter

12th, 19th or 26th April, 2015

5% off per charter

All May, June, July, August & October departures

Panache – Holland

10% off per cabin / 10% off per charter

29th March, 5th April 2015

La Bella Vita – Venice & Po Valley, Italy

10% off per cabin / 10% off per charter

29th March, 5th & 12th April 2015

5% off per charter

26th April, 2015

5% off per charter

All May, June, July, August & October departures

Scottish Highlander – Caledonian Canal & Scottish Highlands

10% off per cabin / 10% off per charter

5th, 12th & 19th April 2015

5% off per charter

26th April, 2015

5% off per charter

All May, June, July, August & October departures

Magna Carta – River Thames, England

10% off per cabin / 10% off per charter

29th March, 5th, 12th & 19th April 2015

2015 ANZAC DAY HOTEL BARGE CRUISES

In 2015 Go Barging - European Waterways will be offering specially-designed cruises along the canals and waterways of Belgium and northern France to commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War I.

Two cruises will follow the Canal de la Somme, starting or finishing near Villers-Bretonneux on the weekend of the ANZAC Day Dawn Service, an event of deep significance to Australians and New Zealanders.

The 7-day, 6-night all-inclusive cruises will be aboard our 12-passenger hotel barge, *La Belle Epoque*, along the Canal du Nord and the Canal de la Somme. Both these waterways were the at the centre of battles during the War and there will be excursions to sites in Flanders, such as the Menin Gate in Ypres for the moving Last Post ceremony, the battlefields and museums of the Somme, and the forest clearing at Compiègne where the Armistice was signed.

The excursion programme will have some flexibility built in to allow, where possible, guests of different nationalities to visit sites of particular significance to their own countries. In addition, there will be interesting cruising through the countryside with highlights such as passing through the historic city of Lille and negotiating the 4.5-kilometre Ruyaulcourt Tunnel.

2015 ANZAC Day Cruise Dates - Contact our reservations team for full details:

5th – 11th April, 2015: Compiègne to Lille
12th – 18th April, 2015: Lille to Compiègne
19th – 25th April, 2015: Compiègne to Villers-Bretonneux
26th April – 2nd May, 2015: Villers-Bretonneux to Compiègne

Hotel barges offer charming, bespoke accommodation for a select group of 4 to 20 passengers cruising on the calm canals and rivers of Europe. These all-inclusive luxury hotel barge cruises include gourmet meals prepared by an experienced on-board chef, a selection of regional wines and cheeses with lunch and dinner and an “open bar”. There are bicycles for guests’ use and we include guided shore excursions by minibus on most days. You will be pampered by our cruise hosts, and there are on-board facilities such as a spa, Jacuzzi or exercise room available.

Cruises are **All-Inclusive** of the following:

- * 6 Nights’ accommodation on board in an air-conditioned, en-suite cabin.
- * The services of an experienced Captain / Host, Chef, Hostess(es), Driver/Tour Guide.
- * Breakfast, lunch & dinner aboard. A local meal is taken ashore (once a week on most barges).
- * An excellent selection of fine regional and international wines and spirits, plus an all-day open bar, tea and coffee.
- * Daily excursions by chauffeured minibus and entry fees to castles, vineyards, markets and other local places of interest.
- * Use of barge facilities e.g. bicycles, boules, barge library and on certain vessels, a spa pool.
- * Return transfers to and from the local meeting/drop off point.

For a free brochure or to make a booking call **1800 331 582** or email info@outdoortravel.com.au or see an e-brochure: <http://issuu.com/europeanwaterways/docs/agents-brochure-lowres/1?e=2247178/5095851>



LATEST AIRFARES TO EUROPE FOR TRAVEL IN 2014/15

Fares from \$1575 per person return from Australia to Europe – call our Fares Desk on **(03) 57501044** to make a reservation email fares@outdoortravel.com.au or see our latest offers:

http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/pdfs/2014/OT_AIR_TRAVEL_EARLYBIRD_SPECIALS_25-8-14_FOR_2014-15.pdf

NEW ZEALAND - WALK THE MILFORD SOUND TRACK THIS SUMMER



Places are still available on selected dates for guided walking on the Milford, Routeburn, Grand Traverse or Classic walks.

For full details of dates & prices see:

http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/pdfs/2014/NZ_Great_Walks_Milford_Routeburn_GT_price_list_2014-15.pdf

Download the Milford Track, Grand Traverse, Routeburn Track brochure:

http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/pdfs/2011/New_Zealand_OT_Guided_Walks_2011-12.pdf



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We also have a Facebook Page where you can see our latest offers & can make comments or ask questions about our many active holidays – why not join today: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/206127292733282/>

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