



## OUTLINES TRAVEL NEWS FLASH

### OFFERS ON HOTEL BARGING AND BOATING

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## EUROPEAN SELF-SKIPPERED MOTOR CRUISING HOLIDAYS

### EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNTS FOR 2019\*

With 17 destinations in 8 countries around Europe and the UK, a self-skipped motor cruising holiday is ideal for a couple, a group of friends or a family. Explore the waterways in comfort, no experience or licence required and a wide choice of self-contained, fully equipped boats to suit everyone's needs.

Discover the beauty of the UK and Europe's stunning lakes, rivers and canals and their surrounding villages and countryside from the unique perspective of the sundeck on your private self-skipped motor cruiser. Stopping whenever and wherever you want is all part of the fun on a river or canal boat holiday. Enjoy fishing, swimming, visiting ancient castles, playing golf, or biking in the countryside.

**SAVE** up to 15% on hire costs for new bookings made by **31<sup>st</sup> December 2018**:

- 15% discount on MAGNIFIQUE, CLIPPER & CRUSADER
- 8% discount on all OTHER boat types (except HORIZON)
- 5% discount on HORIZON fleet
- Plus additional \$140 discount (up to max15% discount) as a Christmas booking bonus

\* Conditions apply to all our offers - ask us for full details when making your reservation.

Click here to see a short video on how easy it is and the many destinations on offer: <https://bit.ly/2EafPQI>

See the current brochure: <https://bit.ly/2zOeXNM> See indicative prices: <https://bit.ly/2PgHzJW>

## LUXURY HOTEL BARGING IN EUROPE

### HUGE SAVINGS ON CABINS AND SELECTED CHARTERS



Luxury hotel barge cruises give an house-party atmosphere and access to smaller canals and rivers that the large cruise ships just can't navigate. Cruises are all-inclusive; prices include accommodation in an comfortable and spacious air-conditioned cabin; all meals, with gourmet cuisine prepared by an onboard master chef; a fully stocked open bar; and unique daily escorted excursions. The crew are experienced, attentive and highly professional. Barges are carefully designed and fitted out provide boutique accommodation from 4 to 20 passengers, ideal for a family group or friends for an exclusive charter.

**Call OUTDOOR TRAVEL on 1800 331 582 for details & reservations**

## SAVINGS ON 2019 CRUISE BOOKINGS MADE AND DEPOSITED BY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

Barge	Discount available	Select offer dates in 2019 *
<b>Burgundy, France</b>		
<i>L'Art de Vivre</i>	10% off per charter 10% off per cabin	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April, 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April, 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> May
<i>Finesse</i>	10% off per charter 10% off per cabin	31 <sup>st</sup> March, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April, 5 <sup>th</sup> May 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April, 5 <sup>th</sup> May
<i>La Belle Epoque</i>	10% off per charter 10% off per cabin	31 <sup>st</sup> March, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April, 5 <sup>th</sup> May 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April, 5 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Burgundy and Loire Valley, France</b>		
<i>Renaissance</i>	10% off per charter 10% off per cabin	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> April 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> April
<b>Canal du Midi, France</b>		
<i>Anjodi</i>	10% off per charter 10% off per cabin	31 <sup>st</sup> March, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April
<i>Athos</i>	10% off per charter 10% off per cabin	31 <sup>st</sup> March, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April
<i>Enchanté</i>	10% off per charter 10% off per cabin	31 <sup>st</sup> March, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April, 5 <sup>th</sup> May 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April, 5 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Bordeaux, France</b>		
<i>Rosa</i>	10% off per charter 10% off per cabin	14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April, 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April, 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Champagne, France</b>		
<i>Panache</i>	10% off per charter 10% off per cabin	26 <sup>th</sup> May, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> June 26 <sup>th</sup> May, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Holland</b>		
<i>Panache</i>	10% off per charter	24 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>Venice &amp; Po Valley, Italy</b>		
<i>La Bella Vita</i>	10% off per charter 10% off per cabin	31 <sup>st</sup> March, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April, 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> May 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April, 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Caledonian Canal, Scotland</b>		
<i>Scottish Highlander</i>	10% off per charter 10% off per cabin	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April, 5 <sup>th</sup> May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> April, 5 <sup>th</sup> May

### NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ON SELECTED BARGE CRUISES – SAVE UP TO \$3360 \*

#### Not happy paying for an empty bed?

Take advantage of our special offer for solo travellers – **no single supplement** applies on the following barges and departure dates for 2019:

<i>La Belle Epoque</i> , Burgundy	14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> April, 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Save up to \$3275
<i>Enchanté</i> , Canal du Midi	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019	Save up to \$3360
<i>La Bella Vita</i> , Venice & Po Delta	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Save up to \$2585
<i>Rosa</i> , Bordeaux, France	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2019	Save up to \$2500
<i>Anjodi</i> , Canal du Midi, France	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Save up to \$2415

\* Offers valid for new bookings made and deposited before 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Terms and conditions apply for NEW bookings only - subject to availability, cannot be combined with any other hotel barging offers.

Here are the 2019 dates and prices: <https://bit.ly/2JLFsYF>

See the brochure: <https://bit.ly/2MScKVK>

# ABOARD HOTEL BARGE ROSA

## Bordeaux and South West France



Our hotel barges are more than just vessels for getting from Point A to Point B. Each one has a unique history and personality – something you feel from the moment you step aboard. If you cruise with us in Gascony or the Bordeaux wine region of Southwest France, you may have the opportunity to spend time aboard a floating masterpiece – the *Rosa*.

The *Rosa* began life as an old “clipper barge” in Dedemsvaart, Holland, in 1907. She was a cargo barge until 1990, when she was converted into a charming floating hotel that cruises sedately along the waterways of south-west France. Twenty years later, in 2010, the *Rosa* got another face lift – this time for cruising the Canal Latéral à la Garonne, a stunning section of the larger Canal des Deux Mers. The latest upgrades to the *Rosa* include a completely air-conditioned interior, four ensuite staterooms (accommodating up to eight guests), a bar, and a beautiful wood-paneled saloon which offers a welcoming ambience.

As a guest aboard the *Rosa*, stay in one of four staterooms named after notable figures from the Gascony and Bordeaux area. The Toulouse-Lautrec stateroom takes its name from the diminutive Post-Impressionist painter best known for his depictions of the Moulin Rouge. Perhaps you’ll sleep in the room named after Jean-Dominique Ingres, known for his Neo-Classical works including portraits of famous subjects such as Napoleon, or the Champollion stateroom, named for the scholar who deciphered Egyptian hieroglyphics.

From April to October, the *Rosa* meanders gracefully along the Canal de Garonne through Gascony and Bordeaux on her Classic cruise. As you pass by medieval towns, orchards and vineyards, you travel in the footsteps of English celebrity chef Rick Stein. A decade ago, BBC’s 10-part television series, *Rick Stein’s French Odyssey* caused a splash with its depictions of the chef’s six-week voyage of culinary discovery from Bordeaux to Marseille aboard the *Rosa*. When you embark on your own French odyssey with us, you’ll understand what makes this historic barge so special.

## HOTEL BARGING IN BURGUNDY – NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

No single supplement for up to 4 passengers per cruise



Join us on a 7-day journey through Burgundy visiting Auxerre, Chablis, Avalon and Vézelay, with NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT for up to 4 solo travellers per cruise.

This delightful Burgundy cruise is aboard a traditional, English managed hotel barge, accommodating just 12 guests in air-conditioned comfortable cabins each with its own private bathroom. All meals are included and the chef presents innovative and imaginative French cuisine with a contemporary twist using fresh local ingredients. Breakfast offers freshly baked croissants, pastries and bread. Lunch is a feast of salads and savoury dishes, followed by a selection of fresh fruit and cheeses. There is an 'open bar' available at all times – featuring renowned local wines, of course. The sun deck and air-conditioned saloon with its large picture windows are the perfect spots from which to enjoy the scenery of rural Burgundy.

Daily guided excursions include medieval towns, chateaux and the glorious vineyards of Chablis. Towpath walks are encouraged and bicycles are also provided for passengers to use and are popular early in the morning or before dinner. Transfers from and back to central Paris are included.

**Availability strictly limited – act now to take advantage of this offer.**

For more information contact Outdoor Travel on 03 5750 1441 or see <https://bit.ly/2PQRmpr>

## WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT OUR HOLIDAYS

Outdoor Travel offers a wide variety of active holidays including walking and cycling holidays in Europe. Here are some recent comments from happy customers in 2018:

### CYCLING IN ITALY: UMBRIA

**Australians Val & Rob explored Italy from Assisi to Perugia by bicycle:**

*"We had such a good time! Weather perfect 27 - 30 degrees, accommodation awesome, half board meals were excellent and those buffet breakfasts so overwhelmingly extensive.*

*The 2 night stays with pristine pools at Casco dell Acqua and Torgiano were appreciated by these 2 Aussies who fell into them after the days cycling and sightseeing in such warm weather.*

*The cycling route was well marked with great instructions. Paolo was on time to greet us and ensure our bikes were right. First time on E bikes they felt so heavy but were bliss on those hills.*

*The Umbrian route was excellent for exploring the beautiful country side and hill towns. It allowed time to deviate if you wished and not be concerned about reaching your accommodation late. The food and the people were delightful and the places not overrun with tourists.*

*Thank you Outdoor Travel for such excellent arrangements including planes and trains and cycling. There was nothing left for us to do other than enjoy ourselves! And we did. So glad we did this, you were wonderful to work with and somehow understood what we love when we travel."* Val and Rob

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### WALKING IN ENGLAND: LAKE DISTRICT

**Peter joined our guided walking holiday at Derwentwater**



*"Our entire holiday was really amazing, we started in the Lake District and it remains a highlight. We really enjoyed it, especially the walking tour and the options available. Derwent Bank manor house was*

*incredible in all respects, the house itself, the conservatory, the beautiful gardens and Derwent Water lakeside location. The management and staff were friendly and super-efficient and the food quality top quality, focussed on local produce. Thanks for your advice upgrade our room to have lake views. It was well worth the extra \$, the evening activities were also a treat. Only downside was, due to a fairly late booking, we only got the four night/three day version as opposed to the full week. We look forward to Outdoor Travel's advice and assistance with our next trip..." Peter*


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IN EUROPE

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Who's on board?



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Now that the 2018 European summer season has come to an end, it's the best time to start planning for 2019 and even 2020!

New brochures are available now. Complete our request form to receive your copy:

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