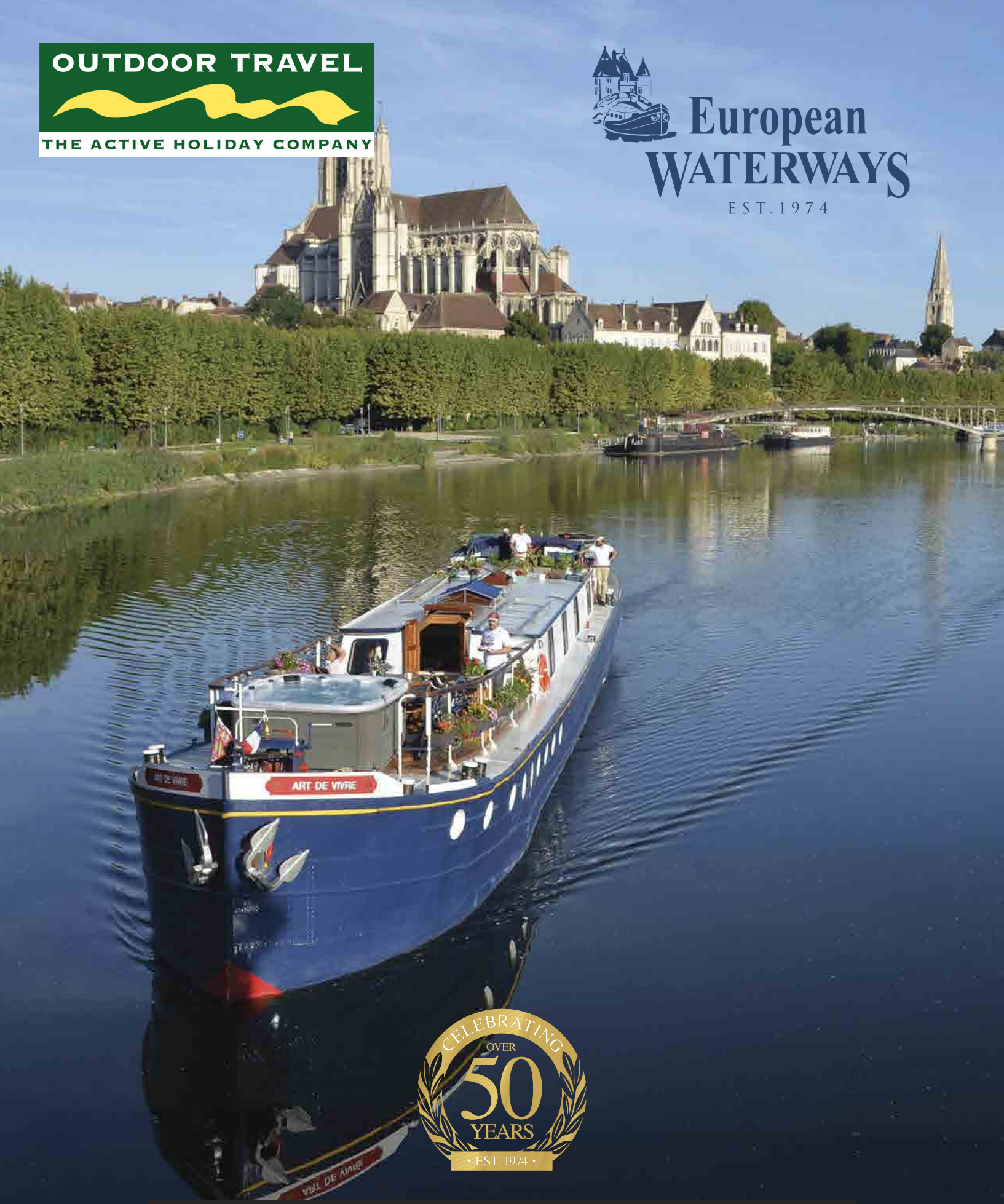
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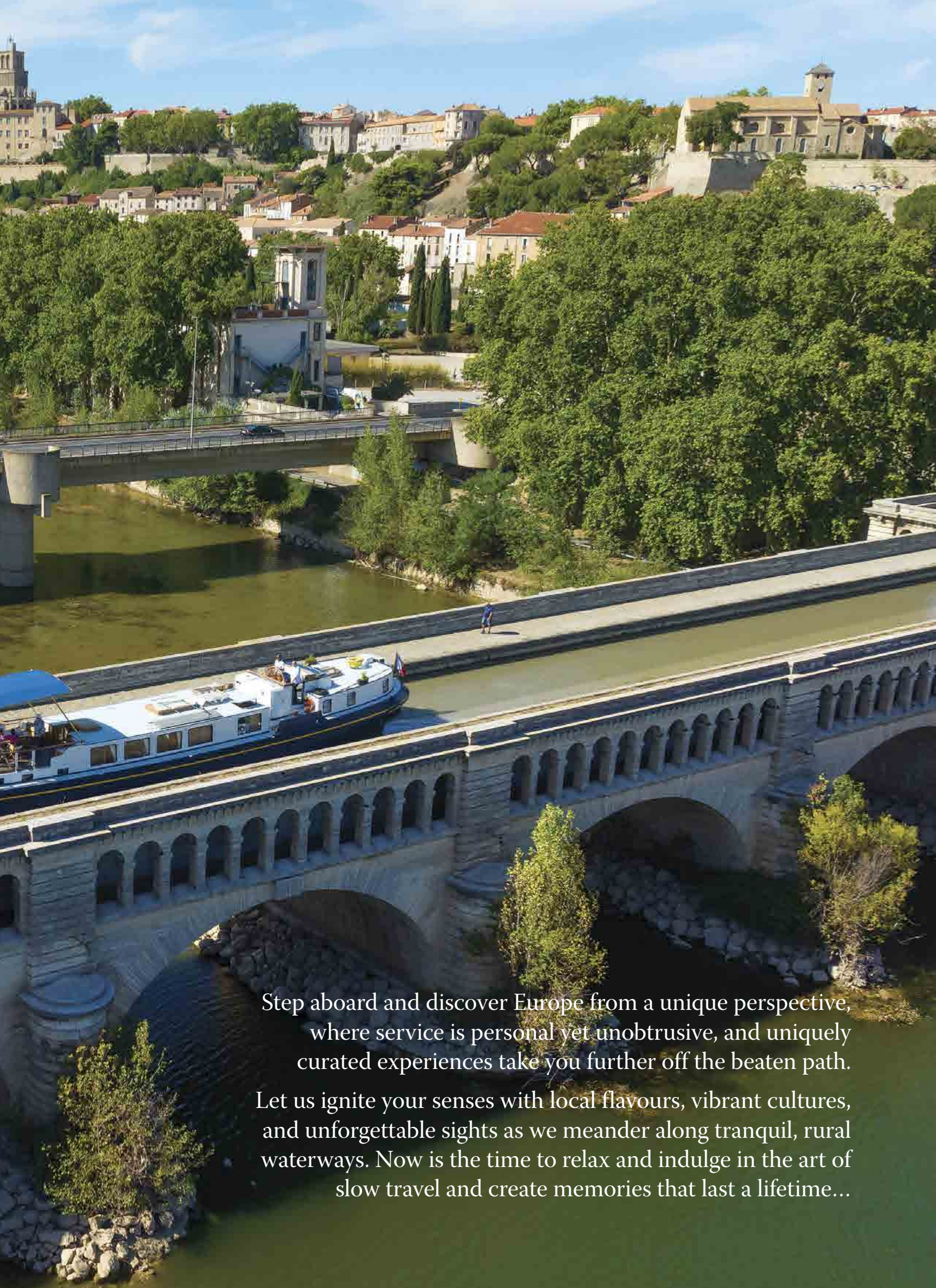
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LUXURY HOTEL BARGE CRUISES

2027/28



Anjodi cruising the aqueduct over the River Orb in Béziers



Step aboard and discover Europe from a unique perspective, where service is personal yet unobtrusive, and uniquely curated experiences take you further off the beaten path.

Let us ignite your senses with local flavours, vibrant cultures, and unforgettable sights as we meander along tranquil, rural waterways. Now is the time to relax and indulge in the art of slow travel and create memories that last a lifetime…

WHY CHOOSE EUROPEAN WATERWAYS?

Experience Europe, guided by decades of passion and expertise

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The Biggest Barging Company in Europe

Established in 1974, European Waterways were pioneers of hotel barge cruising and are now the largest hotel barging company in Europe with a wealth of knowledge to share. Still in the same private ownership of the Directors who run the company, our guests can be assured of consistently high standards of personal service, and our vast experience of the beautiful, smaller canals and rivers we cruise.

Cruises in 9 Countries Across Europe

We offer the widest choice of any hotel barge company with destinations across 9 countries – from the picturesque vineyards of Burgundy to the spectacular Scottish Highlands; the sun-drenched canals of the South of France to the delightful waterways of Holland; the storybook Alsace & Lorraine region to the historic Venetian Lagoon and beyond.

The Largest, Most Diverse Fleet

In our fleet of 18 vessels, we have hotel barges accommodating between 6 and 20 passengers, with cabin sizes varying from ultra-deluxe suites comparable to top hotel rooms, to more cosy and compact staterooms.

Exceptional Service and Expert Staff

Whichever hotel barge you choose, you can be assured of the same high standards of on-board personal service and cuisine as well as the ambience of a floating house party. Each member of our Reservations Team has an in-depth knowledge of our fleet and destinations, so they can offer expert advice to help choose the cruising experience that is best for you.

Our Many Happy Clients

Many of our clients travel with us time and time again, often recommending us to their friends – a wonderful endorsement of which we are very proud.

Platinum Trusted Service Award 2026 feefo





A Message from our Founders

Thank you for picking up our latest brochure, where you'll discover the very best of our 2027/28 cruise season along Europe's most picturesque waterways.

Growing up next door to each other on the banks of the River Thames sparked a lifelong passion for rivers and canals that has stayed with us ever since. We soon realised these waterways offered a unique way to experience a destination – not by rushing from place to place, but by slowing down and discovering the hidden corners that so many travellers miss. That belief inspired us to share our passion with others through intimate, luxury barge cruises for small groups of like-minded guests.

More than five decades later, that vision remains at the heart of everything we do. Today, we are proud to operate Europe's largest fleet of luxury hotel barges, supported by an exceptional team whose dedication and expertise help create unforgettable journeys for every guest.

Our mission has never changed: to immerse our guests in the art of slow travel. As you drift through Europe's spectacular countryside, you'll enjoy private excursions, exceptional local cuisine, fascinating history and authentic encounters that reveal the character and heritage of each region in a way that simply isn't possible by any other means.

With inspiring new itineraries and fresh experiences awaiting, we invite you to discover Europe from a different perspective. Whether you're drawn to the vineyards of Burgundy in spring, the sun-drenched Canal du Midi in summer, the golden landscapes of the Scottish Highlands in autumn, or the enchanting Christmas Markets of Alsace, we look forward to sharing these remarkable places with you.

We look forward to welcoming you on board.

Derek Banks *John Wood-Dow*



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THE EUROPEAN WATERWAYS WAY

Unforgettable Memories on Europe's Inland Waterways

Our hotel barges cruise the smaller rivers and canals that are often inaccessible to larger vessels, offering a unique and intimate cruising experience. Whether you cruise with like-minded travellers on an individual cabin booking or choose to privately charter a barge to enjoy with family and friends with shared interests, you're sure to feel right at home.

Off the Beaten Path: Experiential Encounters

Our hand-picked itineraries delve into the heart of Europe's hidden gems, taking you on immersive cultural experiences like private wine tastings, visits to artisanal marketplaces, and even private dining experiences with local aristocracy. You may also experience spectacular engineering feats along the way, such as the 2,200ft-long Briare Aqueduct, built by Gustave Eiffel across the mighty River Loire, or the awe-inspiring Arzviller Boat Elevator in Alsace. Each day, our private small group excursions take you to places 'off the beaten track', ensuring a truly unique experience.

A Taste of Local Flavours

Onboard, your chef will meticulously design and prepare delicious meals using seasonal, local ingredients, often compared to world-class restaurants. Discover the distinct ingredients and flavours of the region's specialties, complemented by fine wines and unforgettable views across picturesque countryside. After the chef presents their culinary creation to the table, our dedicated hosts will explain the characteristics of each accompanying wine and cheese as they serve them. A perfect end to the day as you relax in conversation and share the day's experiences with your fellow passengers at the dining table.

The Ultimate Slow Travel Experience

Imagine a luxurious floating boutique hotel gliding gently at a pace of around 4mph through charming villages and tranquil landscapes. We only cover short distances, and are usually just a few feet from the towpath, so there are plenty of opportunities to step off and enjoy a stroll or a bike ride, or simply relax on deck with a glass of Chablis, soaking up the breathtaking scenery that surrounds.

Intimate 'Home from Home' Atmosphere

With a maximum of 20 passengers plus a passenger-to-crew ratio of 2:1 or fewer, you'll receive the attentive and personalised service you truly deserve! The quiet and calm of the cabins feature an array of modern comforts that you'd expect from a five-star hotel. The generous communal living spaces create a warm and social atmosphere, with evenings spent sharing stories and laughter with fellow travellers in the saloon, or under a star-filled sky on deck.

Mindful Tourism: Cruising Responsibly

By choosing a European Waterways hotel barge cruise, you're maintaining a small travel footprint by supporting local economies. We believe that authentic cultural experiences and meaningful connections have a positive impact on the people and places you visit. And, our commitment to mindful tourism ensures that every aspect of your trip, from locally-sourced ingredients to veering away from tourist traps, contributes to a responsible, sustainable, and authentic small group travel experience.



What's Included?

Our 6-night cruises are fully inclusive, meaning that once you're on board, all that's left to do is sit back, relax and enjoy every aspect of your journey:

- Comfortable accommodation in air-conditioned, en-suite staterooms or suites
- Gourmet meals prepared by your on-board chef, complemented by fine wines
- An open bar featuring premium spirits, fine wines and soft drinks
- Private, and often exclusive, daily excursions to hand-picked hidden gems
- Warm, personalised service from your dedicated crew – Captain, Chef, Tour Guide and Hosts
- Private air-conditioned transfers for your comfort throughout your journey
- Complimentary use of bicycles to explore the surrounding countryside at your own pace
- On most barges, a relaxing sun-deck spa pool to enjoy while soaking up the passing scenery
- Wi-Fi on board (subject to local reception), with Starlink on most vessels



WHERE WE CRUISE

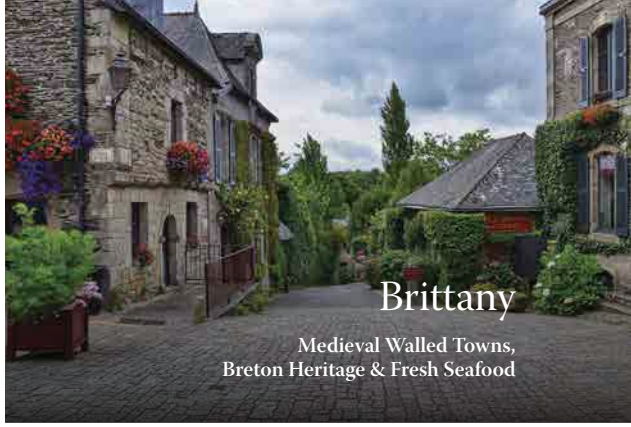
Explore Europe from a unique perspective



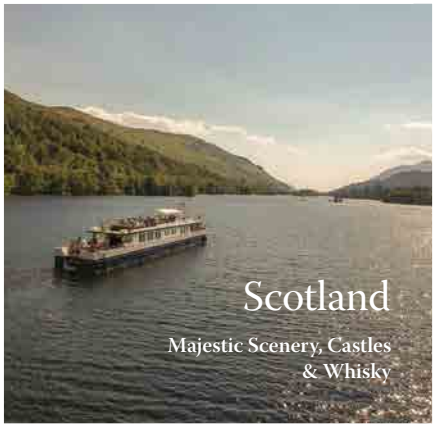
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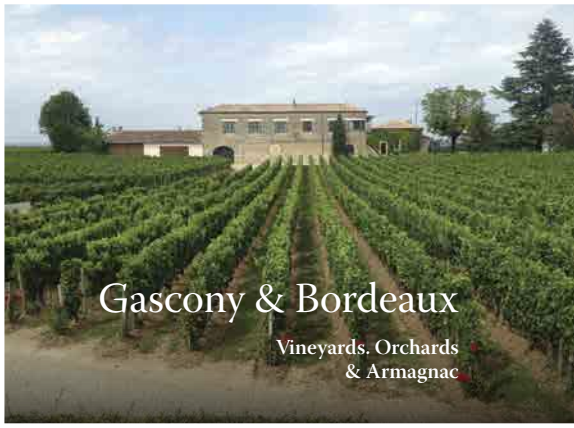
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Ireland
Lush Green Landscapes
& Gaelic History

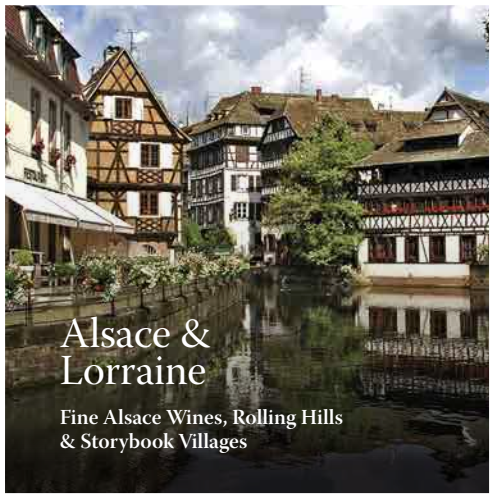

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Medieval Walled Towns,
Breton Heritage & Fresh Seafood

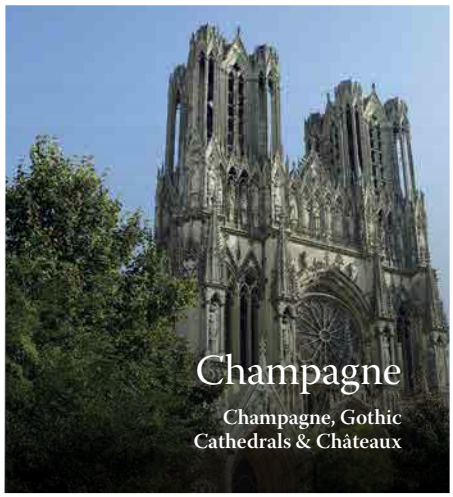

Holland
Tulips, Windmills
& Historic Dutch Towns


Scotland
Majestic Scenery, Castles
& Whisky


Gascony & Bordeaux
Vineyards. Orchards
& Armagnac


Canal du Midi
Cathar History, Carcassonne
& Colourful Street Markets


Alsace &
Lorraine
Fine Alsace Wines, Rolling Hills
& Storybook Villages


Champagne
Champagne, Gothic
Cathedrals & Châteaux


England
Picturesque Riverside Villages,
Castles, Palaces & Pubs


Burgundy
Fine Wines, Medieval Villages
& Pastoral Scenery


Italy
Renaissance Architecture
& Italian Gastronomy

WHEN TO CRUISE

Discover the magic of slow travel, from spring to festive winter





April

- The peaceful countryside comes alive with vibrant colour; tulips bloom throughout Holland, and the snow-capped Pyrenees are visible from the Canal du Midi
- Market squares return to life as townsfolk set up their spring stalls, while Easter parades and seasonal festivals bring colour and tradition to towns
- Often, airfares are lower at this time of year, and with value cruise rates available on many hotel barges, it's an ideal season to cruise



May

- Verdant growth and birdsong in full swing along the towpath and throughout the European countryside – a paradise for nature enthusiasts
- Warming temperatures create the perfect conditions for sightseeing and cycling alongside the canals
- Ideal for champagne lovers, cruise through the lush sloping vineyards and sample the bubbly delights of France's most effervescent region



June

- Balmy evenings call for digestifs, jazz bands on deck, and a game of boules on the bank
- Sunny weather throughout Europe, and seemingly endless days of sunlight in the Scottish Highlands, June is a wonderful time to explore without the summer crowds
- England's social 'season' is in full swing with flower shows, outdoor opera, Royal Ascot and Henley Regatta – a great time to be there



July

- Incredible Bastille Day fireworks at Carcassonne, the Tour de France, plus art, garden & food festivals galore in Italy, France and the UK
- Fields of ripening corn fringe the canals as the harvest begins – a wonderful time to collect wild herbs with your on-board chef
- Enjoy value cruise rates across most of our cruise regions during this beautiful time of year

Whether it's the spring, summer, autumn or even winter, we'll help you find the ideal time for your cruise. From the colourful tulip fields of Holland in April to the atmospheric mist of the Scottish Highlands in October, there's something beautiful and unique about each and every month. Whenever you choose to cruise, you can be assured of an ever-changing vista and an unforgettable slow-travel adventure that showcases the best of each season.



August

- Glorious colour in the Scottish Highlands and opera al fresco at the magnificent Arena di Verona in Italy
- The vineyards are abuzz with activity as the grape harvest begins in the South of France – a vibrant time to cruise, with golden light, seasonal flavours, and winemaking in full swing
- School holidays and value cruise rates make this the perfect time for a private multigenerational family charter

September

- The grape pickers are out across France as the wine harvest moves into full flow, bringing vibrant energy to the vineyards and surrounding villages
- Many regions come alive with cultural celebrations, including the nationwide French Cuisine Festival and the historic Regata Storica in Venice
- Temperate, clear days create the perfect climate for leisurely exploration and photography, capturing the stunning landscapes and vibrant colours

October

- Atmospheric, early morning mist over the water, gorgeous autumnal foliage everywhere and the second burst of Highland heather in Scotland
- The fruits of autumn make it high time to indulge in a gastronomic journey, with seasonal delicacies such as truffles, mushrooms and game to be enjoyed
- Value rates, and the feeling of almost 'having the place to yourself' outside of the summer season

November & December

- Towpaths call for frosty morning walks before being whisked away for an exciting day exploring enchanting Christmas markets in Alsace
- Cooler climes call for decadent hot chocolates on deck, or cosying up with a great read in the saloon as the wintry countryside scenes pass you by
- Your last chance to enjoy a luxury hotel barge cruise before the season closes for the year

OUR COLLECTION OF LUXURY HOTEL BARGES

18 unique hotel barges, each rich in history, style, and character



Kir Royale

Scottish Highlander



Kir Royale

Embark on a journey through time with our exclusive fleet of 18 hotel barges, each steeped in rich history and its own unique character.

Our vessels are owned by us or by seasoned, hands-on operators who share our commitment to the highest standards of excellence. This diverse collection of luxury hotel barges showcases an array of styles, sizes, and pedigree, reflecting their distinct original purposes. Whether you're drawn to classic elegance or contemporary comfort, we'll help you find a vessel that perfectly suits your taste and makes your voyage unforgettable.

From 6 to 20 Guests: Discover Your Perfect Hotel Barge

The size of our vessels varies according to the dimensions of the locks on each waterway, creating a diverse fleet of barges, each with its own unique atmosphere and character.

Most of our hotel barges accommodate between 8 and 12 guests, offering an intimate setting with plenty of space to relax and unwind. Our smallest hotel barge, Nymphea, accommodates just 6 guests, creating an even more exclusive experience as she cruises through the beautiful waterways of Brittany. For those seeking a larger private experience, our largest vessel, La Bella Vita, welcomes up to 20 guests as she explores Venice and the Po Valley.

Whatever the size of your chosen barge, you can expect the same exceptional level of service, attention to detail and warm hospitality throughout your journey – the hallmarks of every European Waterways cruise.



Anjodi


L'Impressionniste

A Rich Heritage: Where Their Stories Began

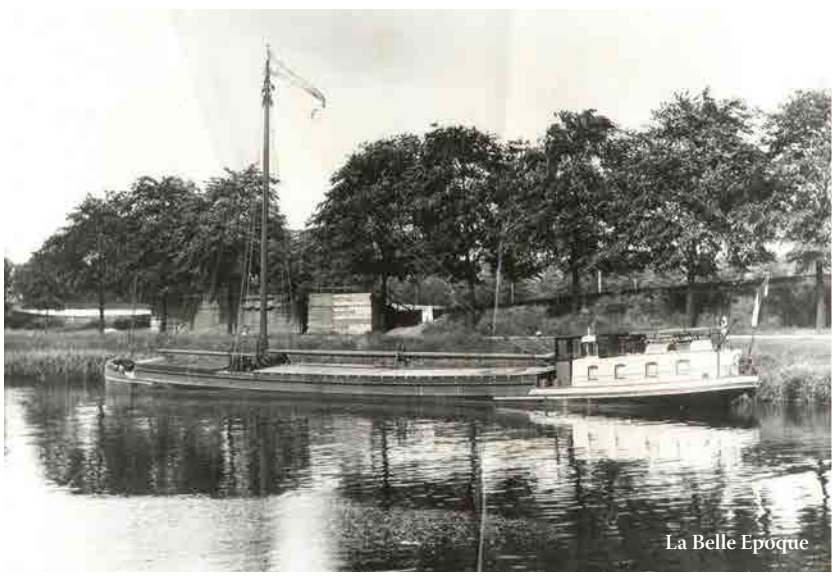
Most of the hotel barges in our fleet started life as cargo vessels carrying merchandise such as wine, timber or grain. Not only did these vessels serve different purposes before life as a hotel barge, but they also enjoy a variety of different hull styles. Today, these barges have been lovingly converted to offer the ultimate luxury boutique accommodation for small groups, whilst retaining their original character and heritage.

The 8-passenger Anjodi, a 1929 Luxe Motor barge, is the founding member of our fleet. She embarked on her first cruise with us along the UNESCO-listed Canal du Midi over 45 years ago. Her single-deck design allows her to navigate beneath the canal's famously low stone bridges effortlessly.

Our oldest vessel, the 8-passenger L'Art de Vivre, was originally designed to be towed by horse. Built in 1917 as an English barge, she carried munitions to the trenches of the Great War before transporting Cognac along the River Charente. Remarkably, she was once owned by the Great Great Grandson of Napoleon!

The 8-passenger Rosa, an old Dutch Klipper, was initially powered solely by sail and transported various cargoes on the offshore waterways of Holland and Belgium.

The 12-passenger Spirit of Scotland, purpose-built as a hotel barge over twenty years ago, exudes a classic style inspired by the traditional steamers that plied Scotland's lochs in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Once used as mail and passenger boats, these steamers embodied a timeless charm that the Spirit of Scotland proudly upholds.


La Belle Epoque


Renaissance

WELCOME ON BOARD

All the charm of a boutique hotel – on water

Whichever hotel barge you choose, you can rest assured that meticulous thought and care has gone into its interior design and furnishings. Each vessel is crafted to create a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere, evoking the charm and sophistication of a 'floating boutique hotel.'


L'Impressionniste En Suite

Our Hotel Barge Categories

Our fleet of luxury barges offers a choice of accommodation to suit every preference, from compact yet charming twin or double staterooms to more spacious suites. Grouped into three categories according to cabin size, each barge delivers the same impeccable service, exceptional cuisine, fine wines, escorted excursions and onboard comforts.

- **Ultra Deluxe** – Exceptionally spacious suites offering a level of luxury comparable to a high-end hotel.
- **Deluxe** – Comfortable, well-appointed cabins, slightly smaller than those in the Ultra Deluxe category.
- **Classic** – Compact yet comfortable cabins, thoughtfully designed to maximise space.


Finesse Bar


Wheelhouse Observation Area on Scottish Highlander

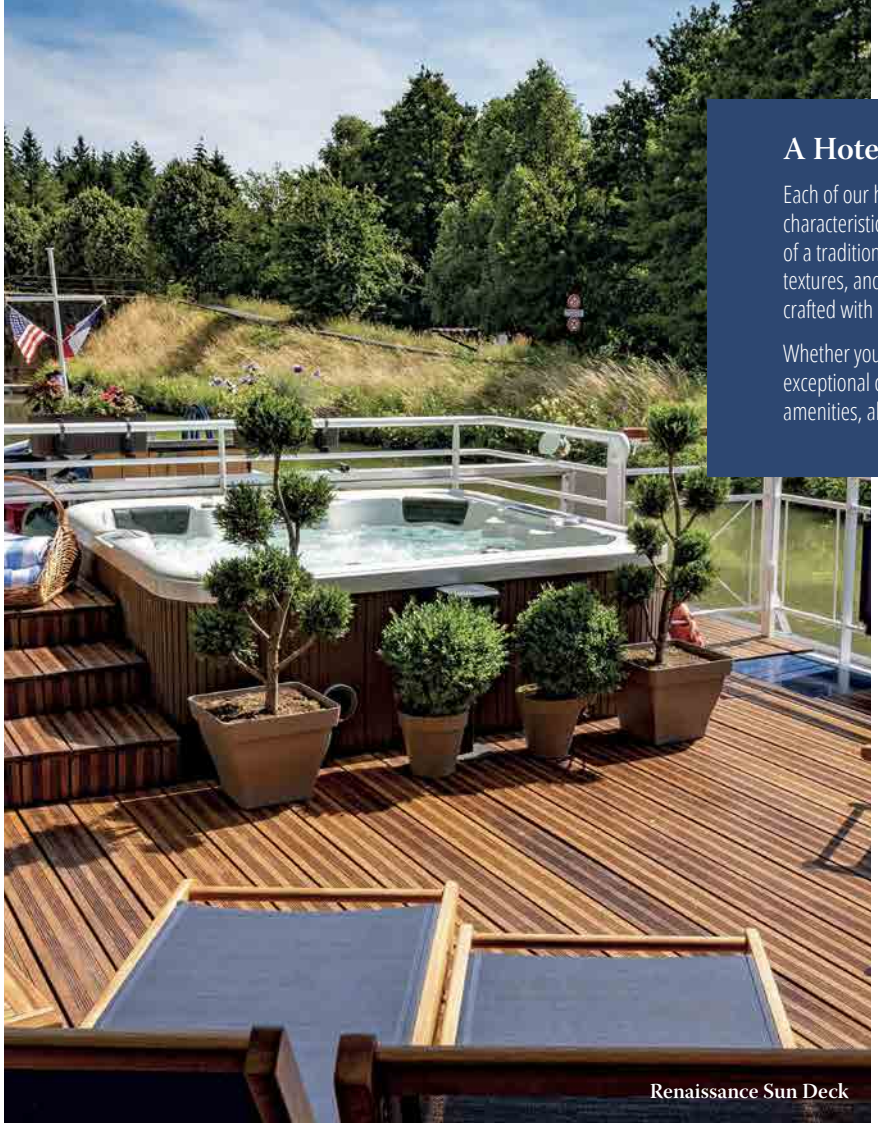
Ultra Deluxe


Very Spacious Cabin Suites Comparable to Luxury Hotels



Deluxe


Comfortable, Slightly Smaller Cabins



Renaissance Sun Deck

A Hotel Barge to Suit Your Style

Each of our hotel barges offers a unique cruising experience, boasting its own distinctive characteristics and personality. You can choose from a range of styles, from the charm of a traditional, cosy, floating 'country house' adorned with varnished wood, brass, rich textures, and fabrics that reflect the region's beauty, to a spacious, contemporary design crafted with elegance and style in mind.

Whether you choose a stateroom or a suite, each has been thoughtfully designed to offer exceptional comfort and practicality, featuring a private en suite bathroom with luxury amenities, along with generous wardrobe and drawer space for a truly relaxing stay.

Distinctive by Design

Step into the saloon and dining area of your hotel barge and you'll be welcomed by an exquisite blend of traditional and modern features. African hardwood panelling, antique furniture, and period lighting create a timeless elegance, while hand-woven rugs and beautiful banquette seating add a touch of contemporary comfort.



Onboard Amenities

You'll find all the expected creature comforts, including air conditioning and central heating, Wi-Fi, a Bluetooth sound system, and a small collection of books and games. Most barges enjoy Starlink satellite internet and PressReader, providing access to newspapers and magazines from around the world. Selected barges also offer TV facilities, either in the saloon or in guest cabins.

Many of our barges boast a sensational deck-top spa pool and sun loungers, perfect for relaxing as you admire the passing countryside and charming villages. Should you desire a refreshment, our attentive hosts are ready to craft the perfect beverage. Alternatively, feel free to help yourself to our fully-stocked open bar, offering a selection of premium alcoholic and soft drinks available at your leisure.

Several of our hotel barges also feature a demonstration galley, where our talented chefs are thrilled to showcase their delicious creations and offer tips on how to recreate the menu at home. And, for music lovers, some cruises feature a lounge piano, inviting you to play your favourite tunes. Should you wish to stretch your legs at any point during the journey, feel free to wander along the towpath beside the barge on foot, or take advantage of the complimentary bicycles provided. You can meet your fellow guests at a lock further along the route, adding an extra layer of adventure to your experience.



Classic



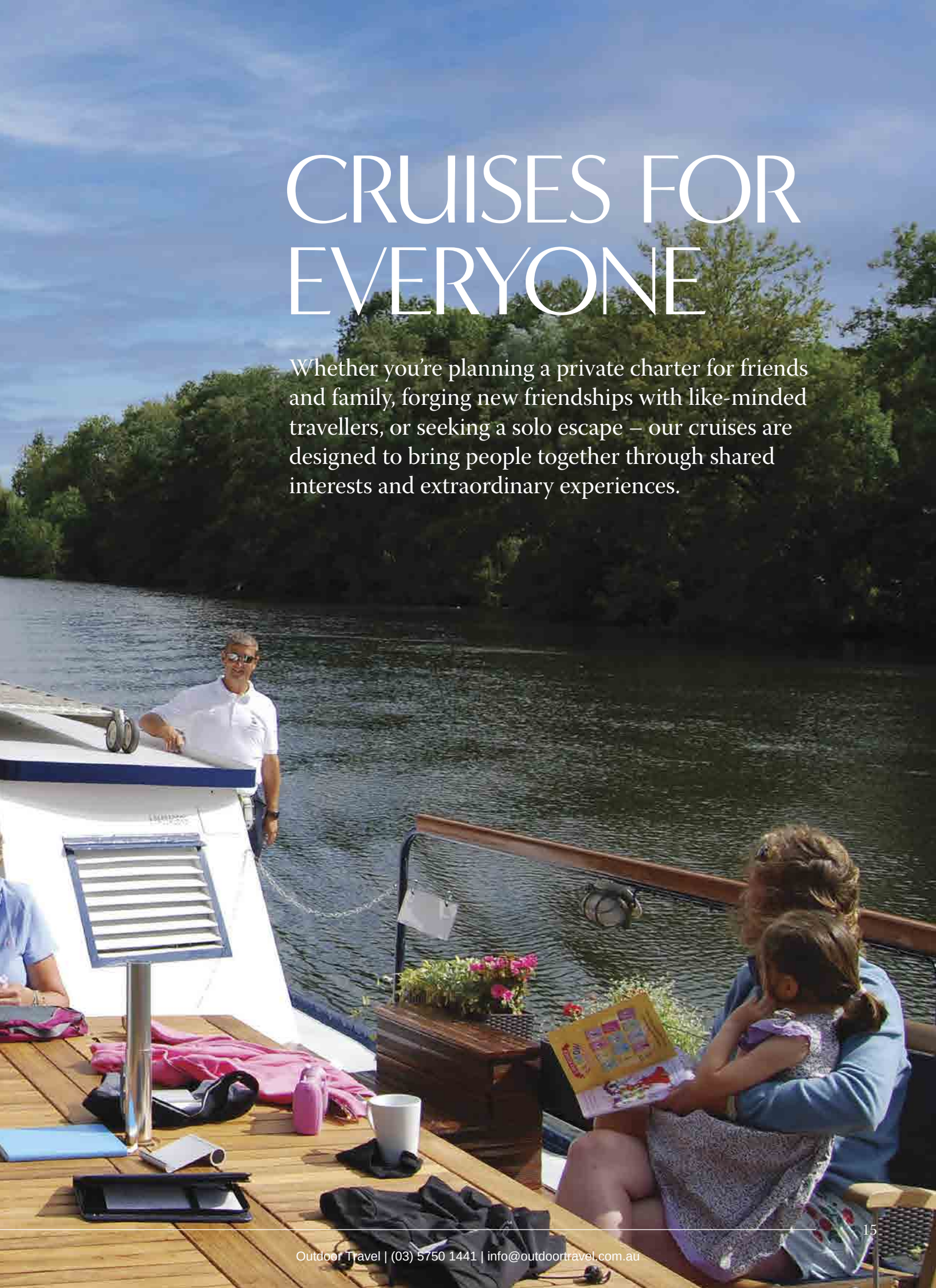
Compact but Cosy Cabins





CRUISES FOR EVERYONE

Whether you're planning a private charter for friends and family, forging new friendships with like-minded travellers, or seeking a solo escape – our cruises are designed to bring people together through shared interests and extraordinary experiences.



CRUISES FOR EVERYONE

From solo travellers to multi-generational charters, tailored journeys for every kind of guest



Whether you book on an individual cabin basis or charter the entire vessel for more of a private affair, hotel barge cruising is an excellent choice for couples, solo travellers, or families and friends seeking personalised service and unforgettable experiences throughout.

Forging New Friendships

Many of our guests choose to book a hotel barge cruise on an individual cabin basis (also known as a hotel week) to connect with like-minded travellers who appreciate luxury service, fine dining, exquisite wines, and engaging conversation. They eagerly immerse themselves in local culture and history while enjoying a leisurely voyage of discovery.

Exclusive Private Charters

Chartering an entire hotel barge allows for tailored itineraries – perfect for multi-generational family gatherings, friends' reunions, special celebrations, or special interest groups. Whatever your ages or interests, we ensure everyone's preferences are met.

Solo Travellers Welcome

Our gentle voyages are ideal for solo travellers who are warmly welcomed by the crew and fellow shipmates. Join our 'floating house party', where dining is a communal affair around a shared table and enjoy private escorted daily excursions as part of a cohesive group experience.

Back-to-Back Cruises

Back-to-back cruises are a great way to extend your journey and explore multiple regions. Popular itinerary combinations include a dual Burgundy and Champagne cruise, or an exploration through Bordeaux and the Canal du Midi in the footsteps of renowned TV chef and restauranteur, Rick Stein.









Family Cruises: Your Private 'Floating Villa'

Our Family Cruises are private charters offering privacy, flexibility, freedom, and fun for family members of all ages. Imagine having your own private floating villa with full crew, moving to a new location each day!

Bespoke itineraries are tailored to your family's interests, whatever their age. We can substitute many of your chosen barge's Classic Cruise excursions with child-friendly activities like zoo visits and canoeing, and adults can indulge in private wine tastings, tours of family-owned châteaux, and visits to local markets. For additional adventures such as hot air ballooning or horse-riding, these can be arranged directly with the provider for an extra fee.

Having the luxury of an onboard chef allows for flexible meal arrangements, meaning that every age and palate can be catered for with almost any culinary whim indulged. And, when it comes to safety equipment, we can arrange highchairs, travel cots, car seats, children's bikes and helmets, and onboard safety gates so that you can rest assured that your family is in safe hands.



Explore Our Theme Cruises

Discover a variety of themed charter cruises tailored to suit all types of groups, large or small, centred around diverse interests from local culture and gastronomy to active pursuits like golf and walking.

Wine Appreciation Cruises

Embark on a journey through the renowned wine regions of France or Italy. Our wine expert will lead tastings on board and accompany you to prestigious vineyards for private tours and tastings of premier and grand cru vintages.

Whisky Trail

Indulge in our Whisky Trail Cruise in Scotland, featuring captivating tours and guided tastings at several Highland distilleries. Treat yourself to a wee dram of the finest single malts!

Golf Cruises

Scotland, Ireland, England, and France boast exceptional golf courses such as Royal Dornoch, Golf de Fontainebleau, and Galway Bay. Tee times can be arranged for a memorable round of golf, followed by relaxing hours of cruising on your hotel barge.

Opera Cruises

Embark on an operatic adventure aboard the hotel barge La Bella Vita between Venice and Mantua. Enjoy al fresco opera performances at the magnificent Arena di Verona, a visit to the Arena Muse Opera, and other Baroque theatres.

Christmas Markets Cruises

Experience the festive spirit on a Christmas Markets Cruise to the enchanting markets of Alsace. Explore medieval towns adorned with festive decorations, towering Christmas trees, and traditional chalet-style stalls offering hand-blown baubles and seasonal delicacies.

Culinary Cruises

Perfect for food enthusiasts, our Culinary Cruises feature cooking demonstrations, visits to local markets for fresh seasonal produce, gourmet meals by top-class chefs, and exclusive experiences like private wine tours, truffle hunting, olive oil cooperatives, and goat cheese farms.

Additional Theme Cruises

Explore other specially crafted itineraries during our season, including Europe's finest landscape Garden Cruises, elegant Royal Cruises visiting England's Royal Residences, and active Walking or Biking Cruises.

Supplements may apply to selected theme cruises.

MEET YOUR EXPERT CREW

Expert care with a truly personal touch

Our English-speaking crew, primarily British or French, are dedicated to providing exceptional personal service and attention to detail. They ensure your safety while anticipating your every need, allowing you to simply relax and enjoy your journey.

Experienced Captain

Your experienced Captain navigates our large vessel with precision, expertly manoeuvring through narrow locks and under low bridges. If you're eager to try steering the barge yourself, they'll do their best to find a suitable stretch for you to navigate under their guidance.

Master Chef

The barge's master Chef will delight you with culinary creations that feature the best locally-sourced ingredients. They have the experience and imagination to produce dishes that cater to your specific dietary requirements. Often, our chefs will also be pleased to show off their skills with a cooking demonstration in the galley.

Attentive Hosts

Our attentive Hosts ensure your comfort throughout the journey, from preparing the perfect afternoon tea to crafting delightful cocktails for you to enjoy on deck. At meals, they provide detailed descriptions of hand-selected wines and cheeses, enhancing your dining experience.

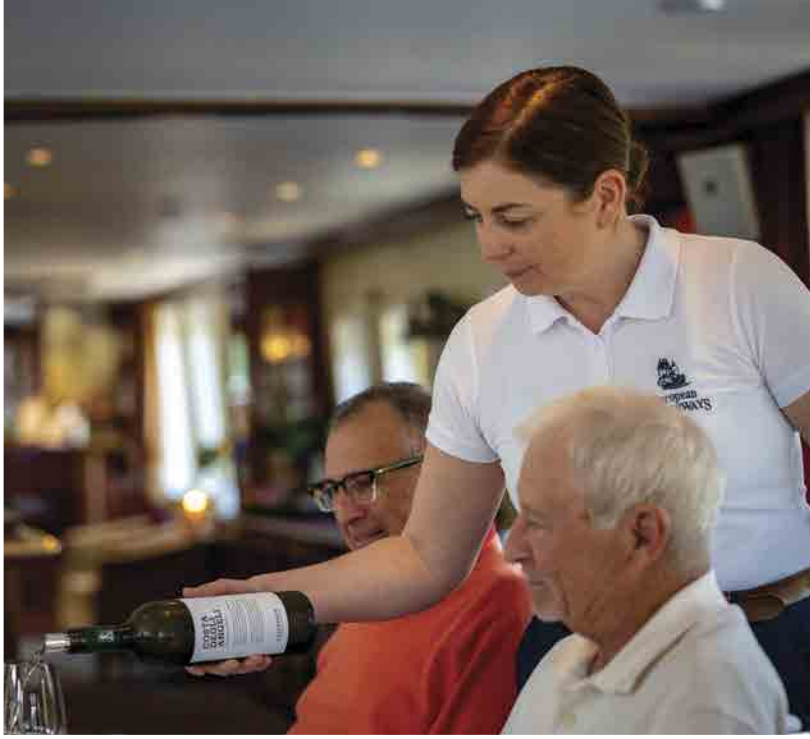




L'Impressionniste Crew



La Belle Epoque Crew



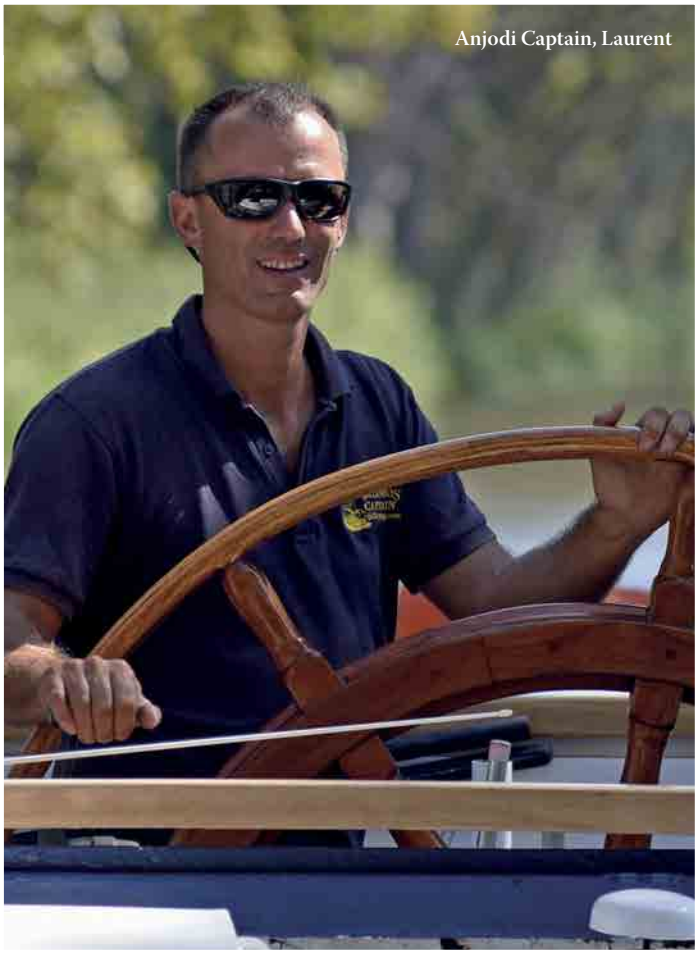


Knowledgeable Tour Guide

Join daily excursions led by our knowledgeable Tour Guide, fluent in English and deeply familiar with the region's history and culture. They'll enrich your experience with local insight from the moment you step off the barge.

Friendly Deckhand

Our friendly Deckhands work behind the scenes, keeping an eye on things by ensuring the vessels are clean and tidy, carrying out general maintenance, repositioning the hotel barge minibus and preparing the bicycles when guests require them.



Anjodi Captain, Laurent





A GASTRONOMIC EXPERIENCE

Each meal is lovingly prepared and elegantly presented each day by the master Chef, whose culinary artistry is sure to impress.

Complemented by expertly chosen wines, and served in an inviting and charming atmosphere, each meal on board is a true event.



EPICUREAN DELIGHTS

Flavours inspired by every region

Embark on a culinary journey where traditional French and international haute cuisine takes centre stage. Our highly-trained chefs are culinary artists whose gastronomic creations consistently surpass the standards of top restaurants, delighting our discerning clients.

Finest Locally-Sourced Ingredients

Experience the essence of each region through delectable menus crafted from the finest seasonal, and locally-sourced ingredients: In Burgundy, savour a fillet of locally-reared Charolais beef; on our Midi barges, indulge in a seafood platter of freshly-caught shellfish; in Scotland, enjoy locally-sourced game and wild salmon, and in Italy, taste the best homemade pasta dishes.

Culinary Artistry

Our chefs are true artisans, sourcing ingredients from local markets and suppliers, and even bartering with lock keepers for freshly-picked fruit and vegetables along the way. They may also utilise herbs grown in onboard window boxes to infuse dishes with fresh, aromatic flavours. Before each gourmet meal, your chef personally introduces the dishes, tantalising your palate. For enthusiasts, our chefs are delighted to offer demonstrations and share tips, such as creating the silkiest sauces or crafting the perfect soufflé. We gladly accommodate special dietary requests including vegetarian options and allergies; please inform us at the time of booking.

Hand-Picked Wine Lists

Enhancing the culinary journey, our hosts present carefully curated wine selections, describing each wine's characteristics before serving. Indulge in a smooth Santenay premier cru from southern Burgundy, a dry Sancerre, a crisp Chablis, or an aromatic Riesling grand cru from Alsace – each selected to complement your dining experience flawlessly.

Highly Acclaimed Cheeses

Indulge in a variety of cheeses during your cruise, each with a rich local heritage waiting to be savoured. Your host will expertly describe the unique qualities of each cheese, from the creamy delights of France like Époisses and Chèvre au Poivre, to Scotland and Ireland's memorable offerings such as Black Crowdie and Cashel Blue. And let's not forget the flavoursome cheeses of Holland and Italy!

Whether you're a gourmand, a wine enthusiast, a cheese lover, or all three, our commitment to gastronomy ensures that every hotel barge experience provides an authentic taste of the region's finest offerings.















With dining a true event on board, here's a taster of what culinary delights await you at each mealtime.

Breakfast

Awaken to the aroma of brewing coffee. Then enjoy a continental breakfast of fresh fruit, cold meats, crusty French bread, hot buttery croissants and pastries – freshly-baked and collected from the local patisserie each morning – accompanied by delicious conserves, or perhaps a cooked breakfast.

Luncheon

Luncheon may be a delicious homemade soup and entrée, accompanied by a choice of local cheeses and wines, or perhaps a buffet of imaginative salads, pâtés, quiches, meat or fish platters – often served al fresco on the sunlit deck overlooking the countryside.

Dinner by Candlelight

On your hotel barge moored beneath the stars, dinner is a gastronomic adventure and the finale to your day's journey of relaxation and discovery. You may be served Chèvre Chaud en Portefeuille, or Marinated Langoustines, followed by Filet d'Agneau au Basilic, Truite à la Chablisienne, or Magret de Canard au Vinaigre de Framboise – all complemented by fine wines. Then a selection of creamy and firm cheeses such as Chaource, Époisses or Morbier, before a delicious dessert, perhaps Ile Flottante, Crème Brulée à la Vanille avec Tuiles aux Amandes, Tarte Tatin avec Caramel au Beurre Salé or Fondant au Chocolat. And afterwards, of course, relax with coffee and liqueurs in the company of your fellow passengers.

WINE & WHISKY

Sip, savour, and explore – from vineyards to distilleries



Embark on cruises through France's premier wine-growing regions such as Burgundy, Bordeaux, Languedoc-Roussillon, Champagne, and Alsace. With over 50 years of experience, we've cultivated strong relationships with renowned vineyards, witnessing a new generation of winemakers blending modern techniques with time-honoured traditions.

Indulge in a wide selection of wines carefully curated to complement your meals, catering to every palate aboard our cruises. For those on our Scottish and Irish hotel barges that are 'too far north for the grape', enjoy private distillery tours and tastings for an immersion into the rich heritage of Celtic whiskies.









Explore Europe's Great Wine Regions

From the robust Côte de Nuits and Vosne-Romanée vintages in Burgundy to the rich Minervois, Corbières, and Côtes de Roussillon wines of Southern France; from the crisp, dry white wines of Sancerre and Chablis to the distinctive Rieslings of Alsace and Moselle, and the renowned Champagne, our cruises offer a journey through some of Europe's finest wine regions.

Experience exclusive visits to prestigious domaines in the Côte de Nuits, Chablis, and Sancerre regions, as well as intimate encounters at family-run vineyards like Château de Paraza in the Midi and Villa Widmann-Borletti in Italy's Po Valley.

Hotel Barges by Wine & Whisky Region



1	La Belle Epoque	7	Enchanté	13	La Nouvelle Etoile
2	Finesse	8	Anjodi	14	La Bella Vita
3	L'Impressionniste	9	Athos	15	Spirit of Scotland
4	Renaissance	10	Rosa	16	Scottish Highlander
5	L'Art de Vivre	11	Nymphea	17	Shannon Princess
6	Kir Royale	12	Panache	18	Magna Carta



ENRICHING EXCURSIONS

Delve into the essence of local history, culture, and gastronomy with uniquely curated daily excursions. Each private experience is carefully designed to connect you with the timeless traditions that truly define the destination.



Hospices de Beaune

EXPLORING YOUR DESTINATION

Uncover Europe's gems in luxury and style

Each destination along our hotel barging routes has been hand picked to enhance your experience along Europe's picturesque inland waterways. Discover stunning scenery, delve into local history, and explore charming cultural highlights that perfectly complement your cruise.

Vineyards & Wine Tastings

Whether you're a seasoned connoisseur or simply enjoy a good glass of wine, our cruises offer a wealth of opportunities to explore regional wines. Experience private tours at prestigious domaines, where you'll immerse yourself in the art of winemaking and indulge in tastings of exquisite vintages. Visit renowned estates like Domaine Chanson in Beaune, grand cru domaines in the Champagne village of Aÿ, or intimate family-run vineyards such as Jean Baptise Jessiaume in Burgundy.

UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Many of our cruises include visits to UNESCO World Heritage Sites, offering glimpses into special historical treasures. Explore places like Abbaye de Fontenay, Reims Cathedral, the hilltop town of Vézelay, and the historic Canal du Midi in France. In Italy, discover iconic sites such as Venice, Mantua, and Ferrara.

Exclusive Experiences

Enjoy exclusive visits to independently-owned stately homes, castles, and châteaux. Delve into the history of places like Château de Ricey-Bas in France, Birr Castle in Ireland, or Villa Ca'Zen in Italy with private guided tours often hosted by the owners themselves, some bearing noble titles like Count, Countess, and Baroness. Indulge in private gourmet lunches amidst grand surroundings.

Villages, Towns & Cities

Cruise past charming waterside villages where you can explore local shops and markets filled with artisanal products. Wander through elegant towns like Dijon, Strasbourg, and Narbonne, where cobbled streets beckon with unique shops offering perfect souvenirs of your memorable journey with us.

Artisans & Market Stalls

One of the real pleasures of a hotel barge cruise is being served locally-sourced food that has been lovingly prepared by the barge chef. Where possible, your chef will take you to charming local markets for regional delicacies, seasonal produce and artisanal products. There's also the opportunity to visit local artisans at work – perhaps at an oil press in the Midi, a boulangerie in Burgundy, or a glassblower in Alsace.

Aperitifs & Digestifs

For aficionados of fine spirits, we offer exclusive visits to local wine and spirits producers. Delight in tastings at esteemed venues like an Armagnac producer in Gascony and the Noilly Prat vermouth distillery in the Midi. In Scotland, savour a whisky tour and tutored tasting at the Dalwhinnie Distillery – an experience also featured in our 4-distillery Whisky Trail itinerary, perfect for charter groups of single-malt enthusiasts.





Noilly Prat Distillery



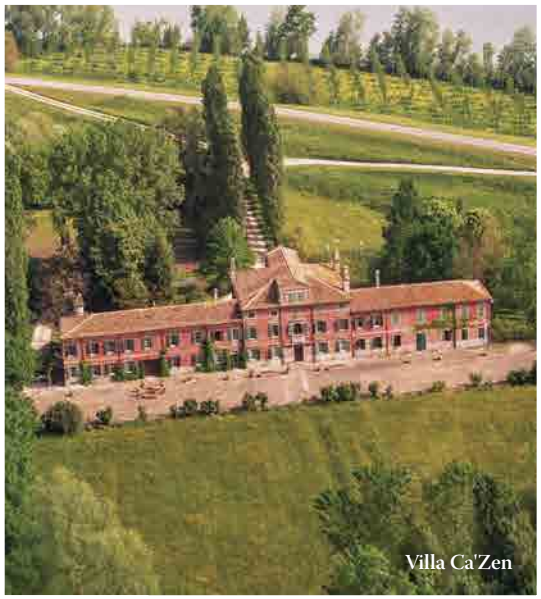
Local Markets



The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Mantua



Auxerre



Villa Ca'Zen



Studio Home of Rosa Bonheur



Delft Pottery

Famous Film Locations

For film enthusiasts, our cruises include visits to iconic film settings such as Scotland's Eilean Donan Castle featured in The World is Not Enough, England's Highclere Castle known from Downton Abbey, and the grand piazzas and canals of Venice, immortalised in films like Casino Royale, Indiana Jones, and The Italian Job.

Battlefields, Castles & Châteaux

Embark on tours of historic battlefields like Scotland's Culloden Moor, the World War One American Monument at Château-Thierry, and the American battlefield and cemetery at Belleau Wood in Champagne. Dive into architectural marvels and history at sites such as Scotland's Cawdor Castle, Burgundy's Château de Bazoches, and Italy's magnificent Ducal Palace in Mantua.

Arts & Crafts

Delve into renowned arts and crafts destinations during your cruise, such as Burgundy's 13th century Château de Ratilly known for its pottery, the René Lalique glass collection in Alsace, and the Royal Delft factory famous for its porcelain in Holland. Explore the Stanley Spencer Gallery in Cookham by the River Thames, or the preserved studio of celebrated artist Rosa Bonheur in Western Burgundy.



Comfort & Convenience

Experience unparalleled comfort with our barges' air-conditioned minibuses, always at the ready to transport you in style. For many excursions, you'll find yourself just a short walk from the mooring, ensuring ease and accessibility throughout your journey. Each excursion, conducted in English, is typically led by a knowledgeable crew member – be it the Captain or a Deckhand or Tour Guide – who will regale you with fascinating facts and entertaining anecdotes about the places you explore.

INSIDER EXPERIENCES

Local life, privileged access

Our guests are often sophisticated, seasoned travellers who have already explored the most famous sites in the countries we cruise through. With our dedicated Insider Experiences, they escape the madding crowds and take the road less travelled to uncover hidden gems. These immersive encounters offer a deeper connection to each region's history, culture, and culinary traditions – transforming every journey into a truly authentic experience and every guest into a destination insider.

Insider Experiences are immersive cultural experiences that aren't always published in our itineraries – with many impromptu, depending on the occasion and the interests of the guests on board. Personalised for each itinerary, they offer a natural opportunity to experience a slice of local life, adding to the intimate nature of their 'gentle voyage of discovery'.

Engaging with Local Life

As your luxury hotel barge leisurely glides along, you'll encounter authentic local life at every turn. In Burgundy, a friendly lock keeper may welcome you into their lockhouse or garden; in Holland, explore the art of traditional clog making. Savour a warm Irish welcome with Guinness and oysters in a lively local pub. You may also meet people from very different backgrounds, such as the Count of a Renaissance château who hosts private wine tastings, or the head gardener offering exclusive tours of a Scottish castle garden. These carefully curated experiences reveal the true charm of the local people of each region.



Private lunch at Maison Champy



Mazet Pralines



Peter Freebody's Boatyard on the River Thames

Exceptional Private Dining Experiences

Whilst meals on board are a fine dining affair, we also offer a number of spectacular private dining experiences ashore. Some of our favourites include a gourmet lunch with a Baroness in the 12th century Château de Ricey-Bas in Burgundy, and dinner on the banks of Lord Byron's River Po with a Countess at the Villa Ca'Zen.

Guests can also enjoy some unique dining venues, such as a private lunch at Maison Champy, served in one of the winery's historic large wooden wine vats or 'cuves', a gourmet lunch at the home of the most celebrated female artist of the 19th century, Rosa Bonheur, and a private lunch in the family salon at the boutique champagne house, Frerejean Frères.

History, Heritage & Craftsmanship

Many of the diverse waterways we cruise on have fascinating histories which you can learn about through meeting many of the interesting characters who work and live on them. A private visit to an esteemed boatyard on the Royal River Thames to see craftsmen hand-building traditional river craft is sure to fascinate, while a short jaunt aboard an open wooden boat on the River Loire enjoying a glass of white wine with the owner creates unique travel stories to take home.



Falconry at The Highland Club



Private Dinner at the Beautiful Villa Ca'Zen



Grape Harvesting



Onboard Entertainment

Enjoying the Arts

As the sun sets on a warm French summer evening, imagine unwinding with a refreshing cocktail in hand, accompanied by the smooth sounds of your private onboard jazz ensemble. Or picture this: A dramatic performance on the misty banks of a Scottish loch, where a kilted bagpiper in full regalia transports you to a world of Highland charm. Whether it's the romance of France or the rugged beauty of Scotland and beyond, every moment is a chance to indulge your senses through cultural and musical heritage.

A Taste of the Good Life

Local gastronomy is also a firm feature of our Insider Experiences. You may find yourself joining the chef at the extraordinary indoor market in Narbonne to select the fresh local ingredients for that evening's gourmet dinner, or perhaps visiting the confectioners renowned for creating the original praline recipe over 100 years ago – and of course sampling the end product!

ALONG THE TOWPATH

From leisurely strolls to biking explorations, discover the canal at your own pace



Embrace the freedom of canalside exploration as your hotel barge glides serenely just a stone's throw from the towpath. Perhaps a brief afternoon stroll is in order after an indulgent lunch, or a further investigation of the idyllic countryside on one of the bicycles provided. In any case, there is often the chance to hop off and explore those unique canalside locations that you simply wouldn't encounter anywhere else.

'A Bicycle Made for You'

Each vessel in our fleet is equipped with easy-to-ride, all-terrain bicycles complete with helmets that are available for your use throughout the journey. Our attentive crew members make sure these bicycles are effortlessly offloaded at every lock or mooring, making necessary adjustments for a perfect fit for every rider. For families, children's bicycles are readily available upon request, ensuring everyone can enjoy the scenic towpaths and picturesque surroundings to the fullest.



e-Bikes

Ideal for exploring Burgundy, Alsace, and the Canal du Midi up close without breaking a sweat! Our robust fleet of electric bicycles awaits, providing effortless navigation along towpaths and rural lanes. e-Bikes require advance booking with an additional supplement.





A Walk Nearby...

Gently fuse the relaxation of hotel barging with leisurely exploration on foot. Upon arrival, wander nearby surroundings solo or with fellow travellers. An evening stroll along the towpath primes your appetite for the next gourmet dinner onboard.

...or Further Afield

Throughout the season, walkers can combine hotel barge cruising with easy hikes along scenic routes like Scotland's Great Glen Way, Ireland's footpaths, or picturesque Burgundy or Champagne during autumn's vineyard splendour. Walking groups return seasonally to enjoy this blend of gentle exercise and serene indulgence.

Whether strolling or cycling, discover more about the local people and places, and rejuvenate both body and spirit!

Biking Charters

For avid cyclists, we offer 'Bike & Barge' themed cruises tailored for private groups covering longer distances on upgraded bikes. Enjoy half-day guided itineraries that highlight the best of the local area each day, possibly including a countryside picnic (supplement applies).

If the idea of a little pedalling appeals, our reservations team can advise you on the biking opportunities for each cruise itinerary.





Biking Plus

For those passengers who would like to be a little more adventurous than riding along the nearby towpath, a number of our hotel barges offer a 'Biking Plus' option, where you can take a barge bike on most days and, unguided, follow an interesting, but not too challenging route, which we have already researched.

With our carefully crafted biking maps and a backpack, you can explore the surrounding countryside and villages along the lanes, towpaths and byways for an hour or two. Our crew are on hand to fetch you, should you require any assistance. Otherwise, you can just re-join the hotel barge where you left her, or maybe a little further along the canal.

And reassuringly, the itinerary is arranged so that you won't miss any of the organised excursions or much of the cruising!



BURGUNDY

The Great Wine Region of Burgundy captivates with its scenic vineyards, diverse terroirs, timeless châteaux, and exquisite cuisine, weaving together a rich tapestry of history and natural beauty.





Château du Clos de Vougeot

BURGUNDY

Heart of rural France – vineyards & châteaux



La Belle Epoque Cruising near Château d'Ancy-le-Franc



Burgundy boasts some of the world's finest wines with around 60,000 acres of sunlit vines and arguably the prettiest canals in France. These canals wind their way in smooth curves through the heart of renowned wine growing areas such as Chablis, Côte de Beaune and Côte de Nuits, sometimes rising steeply through a flight of locks that appear like staircases.

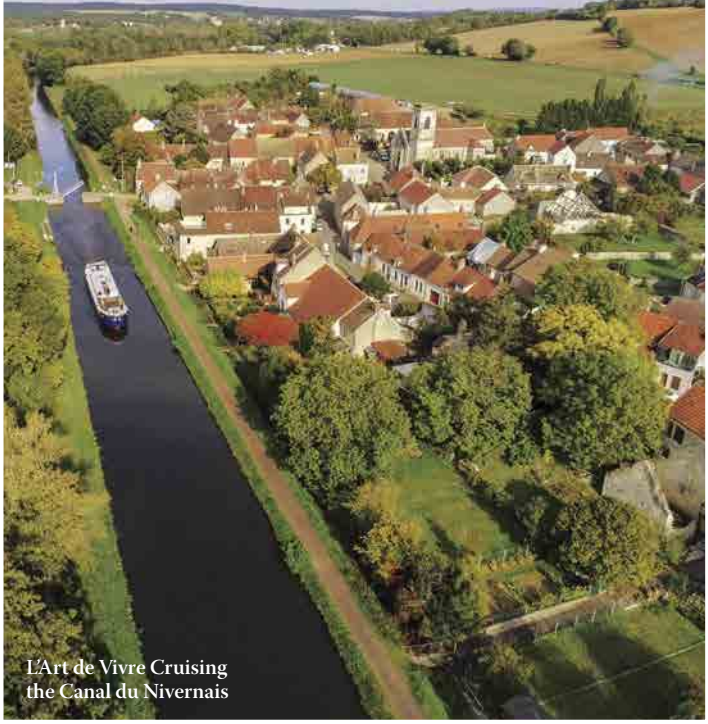
The Canal du Nivernais meanders along with the picturesque River Yonne, through a largely undiscovered region near the Morvan Hills, passing sleepy villages and Charolais cattle grazing in the lush pastures. This is the original home of hotel barging with its hand swung bridges and old logging sites, and where time seems to have stood still for centuries.

◆ **La Belle Epoque:**

DELUXE 12 PASSENGERS 6 CREW



The 12th Century Hilltop Town of Vézelay



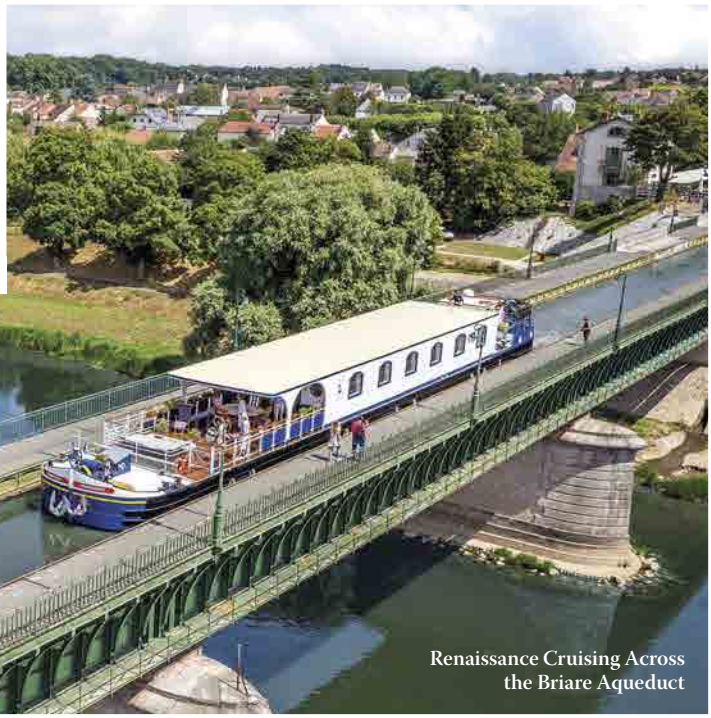
L'Art de Vivre Cruising the Canal du Nivernais

The landscape around Burgundy is one of rolling hills covered in forests of oak, maple and pine and where spring, summer and autumn each leave a unique signature. Medieval towns are surrounded by unspoilt countryside and the wonderful markets have stalls brimming with fresh local products cultivated on the fertile plains.

In Southern Burgundy, the smooth-flowing River Saône links the Canal de Bourgogne with the charming Canal du Centre which weaves its way through a landscape of vineyards producing renowned wines such as Santenay, Montrachet and Meursault. Meanwhile, Western Burgundy touches the River Loire, crossed by the Briare Canal on Eiffel's famous aqueduct, a region of magnificent châteaux and the celebrated dry wines of Sancerre.

Burgundy's gastronomic tradition is certainly rich and diverse and a sedate cruise on a hotel barge along one of its delightful waterways will allow you to indulge in good food and wine, two of the real pleasures in life.





Renaissance Cruising Across the Briare Aqueduct

- **Finesse:** ULTRA DELUXE · 8 PASSENGERS · 5 CREW
- **L'Impressionniste:** DELUXE · 12 PASSENGERS · 6 CREW
- **Renaissance:** ULTRA DELUXE · 8 PASSENGERS · 5 CREW
- **L'Art de Vivre:** CLASSIC · 8 PASSENGERS · 5 CREW

LA BELLE EPOQUE

Northern Burgundy

DELUXE | 12 PASSENGERS | 6 CREW





In her first life, La Belle Epoque started her career transporting logs between Burgundy and Paris. Today, she is transformed into a deluxe hotel barge carrying a very different cargo along the very same canals.

She has been designed with both elegance and passenger comfort in mind and her welcoming features include a wood-panelled saloon/dining room with bespoke, hand-built seating and a spacious sun deck with spa pool. The comfortable cabin accommodation comprises two junior suites and four staterooms and a choice of twin or double beds, all with marble en suite facilities.

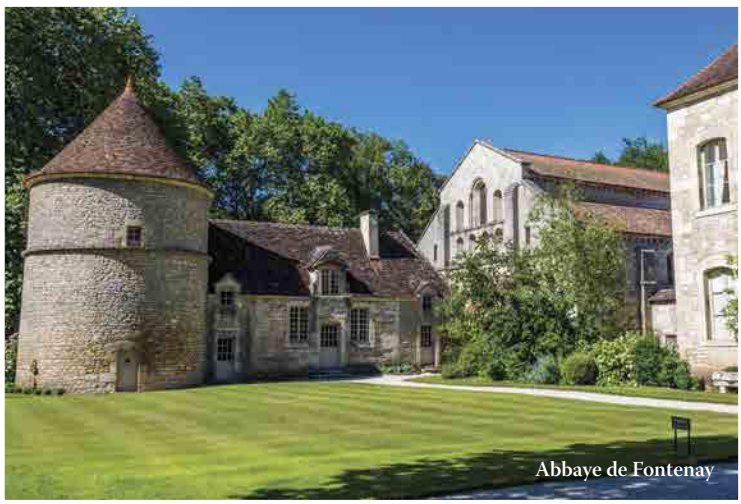
La Belle Epoque is the perfect vessel to take you on a gentle voyage of discovery through a region studded with tradition and history that goes back centuries. As she meanders along the Burgundy Canal with its undulating countryside, you will find that the towpath is always there for a spot of walking or cycling.

- Tour UNESCO-listed Abbaye de Fontenay
- Private tasting of Chablis wines at the prestigious Domaine Laroche
- Private falconry demonstration at Château de Bazoches

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BURGUNDY


Abbaye de Fontenay


Junior Suite

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Falconry at Château de Bazoches


Domaine Laroche

ITINERARY – Venarey-les-Laumes to Lézinnes

Day 1- Venarey-les-Laumes

Guests are met at the Hotel Westminster in Paris and transferred by private minibus to La Belle Epoque, where a champagne welcome awaits. Dinner on board.

Day 2 - Venarey-les-Laumes to Montbard

Explore Château de Bazoches, with its Vauban heritage and hillside views, followed by a private falconry demonstration. After lunch, cruise the Burgundy Canal to our mooring near the 18th-century Forges de Buffon. Dinner on board.

Day 3 - Montbard to Buffon

Morning cruise with excellent towpath walking or cycling, mooring near the 18th-century Forges de Buffon. Afternoon visit to the UNESCO-listed Abbaye de Fontenay, founded in 1118. Dinner on board.

Day 4 - Buffon to Ravières

Visit to Les Riceys in the Champagne region for a vineyard tour and tasting at Maison Taisne Riocour, followed by lunch with the Baron and Baroness at Château de Ricey-Bas. Relaxing afternoon cruise to Ravières before dinner on board.

Day 5 - Ravières to Ancy-le-Franc

Cruise through picturesque locks to our mooring at Ancy-le-Franc. Afternoon tour of the Renaissance Château d'Ancy-le-Franc, renowned for its symmetrical architecture and magnificent murals. Dinner on board.

Day 6 - Ancy-le-Franc to Lézinnes

Visit Chablis for a private tasting at Domaine Laroche and tour the 1,000-year-old Obédiencerie, steeped in local history. Afternoon cruise to Lézinnes. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

Day 7 - Lézinnes

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to Paris.

- Private champagne tasting at Taisne Riocour
- Dine with the Baron & Baroness of Ricey-Bas
- Visit Château d'Ancy-le-Franc & its Renaissance murals

FINESSE

Southern Burgundy

ULTRA DELUXE 8 PASSENGERS 5 CREW



Finesse is a double-decker hotel barge that was built to exacting standards with luxury in mind, enhanced by her modern public areas and spacious cabin suite accommodation.

The well-designed public areas include a saloon with contemporary furnishings and panoramic windows where the emphasis is on making the most of the natural light. There is also an open demonstration galley where guests can watch their chef preparing delicious gourmet meals. Outside, guests can relax on the large sun deck with its al fresco dining area, comfortable seating and spa pool.

The four cabin suites, which can be in a twin or double bed configuration, are very spacious (approx. 265 sq ft including en suite), each one air-conditioned and with a beautifully appointed shower room.

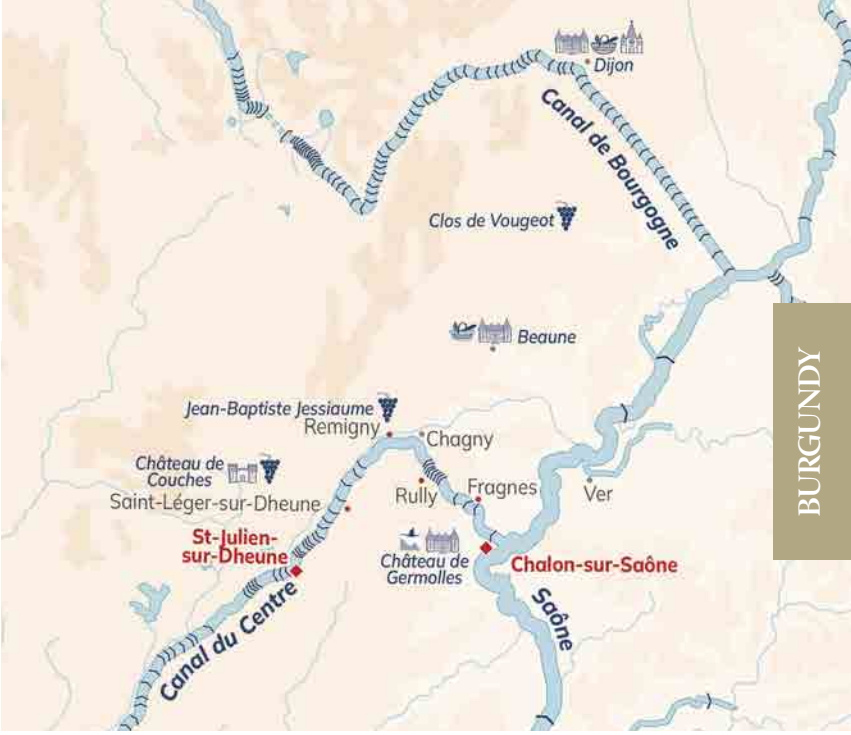
Finesse is the perfect vessel on which to cruise the meandering waterways of Southern Burgundy past vineyards and charming canalside villages, and to discover fascinating places along the way such as Beaune and Dijon.


Suite

- Tour Clos de Vougeot, home of Chevaliers du Tastevin
- Explore Beaune & the Hospices de Beaune
- Wine tasting & lunch inside CUVE 17 at Maison Champy

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Château de Couches



BURGUNDY


Cistercian Cellar at Château du Clos de Vougeot


Maison Champy Vineyards


Saloon

ITINERARY – St-Julien-sur-Dheune to Chalon-sur-Saône

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Day 1 - St-Julien-sur-Dheune

Guests are met in Paris or Dijon and transferred by private minibus to Finesse, where a champagne welcome awaits. Enjoy a stroll along the towpath before dinner on board.

Day 2 - St-Julien-sur-Dheune to St-Léger-sur-Dheune

Morning cruise along the Canal du Centre, descending 11 locks to St-Léger-sur-Dheune. Afternoon visit to the 14th-century Château de Germolles with an exclusive falconry display. Dinner on board.

Day 3 - St-Léger-sur-Dheune to Remigny

Tour the magnificent 11th-century Château de Couches, a medieval fortress once owned by the Dukes of Burgundy, followed by a tasting of the château's Crémant de Bourgogne. Afternoon cruise past Santenay to Remigny. Dinner on board.

Day 4 - Remigny to Rully

After breakfast, tour Beaune with an exclusive wine tasting at Maison Champy, followed by lunch inside a historic wine vat. Visit the remarkable 15th-century Hospices de Beaune before a leisurely afternoon cruise past Chagny. Dinner on board.

Day 5 - Rully to Fragnes

Morning cruise to Fragnes, with time to walk or cycle along the picturesque towpath. Afternoon winery tour and tasting at the renowned Santenay domaine, Jean Baptiste Jessiaume. Dinner on board.

Day 6 - Fragnes to Chalon-sur-Saône

Tour the wall-enclosed vineyard of Clos de Vougeot, home to the Chevaliers du Tastevin, guardians of Côte d'Or's finest vintages. Cruise through the final lock, lowering 35 feet, before gliding along the River Saône to Chalon-sur-Saône. Captain's Farewell Dinner onboard.

Day 7 - Chalon-sur-Saône

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to Paris or Dijon.

- Falconry display at the 14th-century Château de Germolles
- Private wine tour & tasting at Jean Baptiste Jessiaume
- Tour Château de Couches and taste its Crémant de Bourgogne

L´IMPRESSIONNISTE

Southern Burgundy

DELUXE | 12 PASSENGERS | 6 CREW



A supremely refined vessel, L'Impressionniste offers an onboard ambience that combines traditional and modern French influences to ensure that you cruise in style and comfort.

Her light and airy interior features picture windows and prints reminiscent of the era after which she has been named. In the spacious saloon with its rich coloured teak flooring and soft lighting, there are balloon-backed dining chairs and elegant banquettes that complete the effect.

The cabins, each one bearing the name of a renowned Impressionist painter, offer a choice of accommodation in two large junior suites or four amply-sized staterooms, complemented by modern en-suite shower rooms. Twin or double bed configurations are also available.

L'Impressionniste glides gently through the picturesque Ouche Valley in Southern Burgundy through locks dotted with charming lock houses. You will see medieval villages perched on hilltops and have the opportunity to discover a region famed for its history and viticulture, with visits to such places as Beaune, the local 'wine capital', and the elegant city of Dijon.

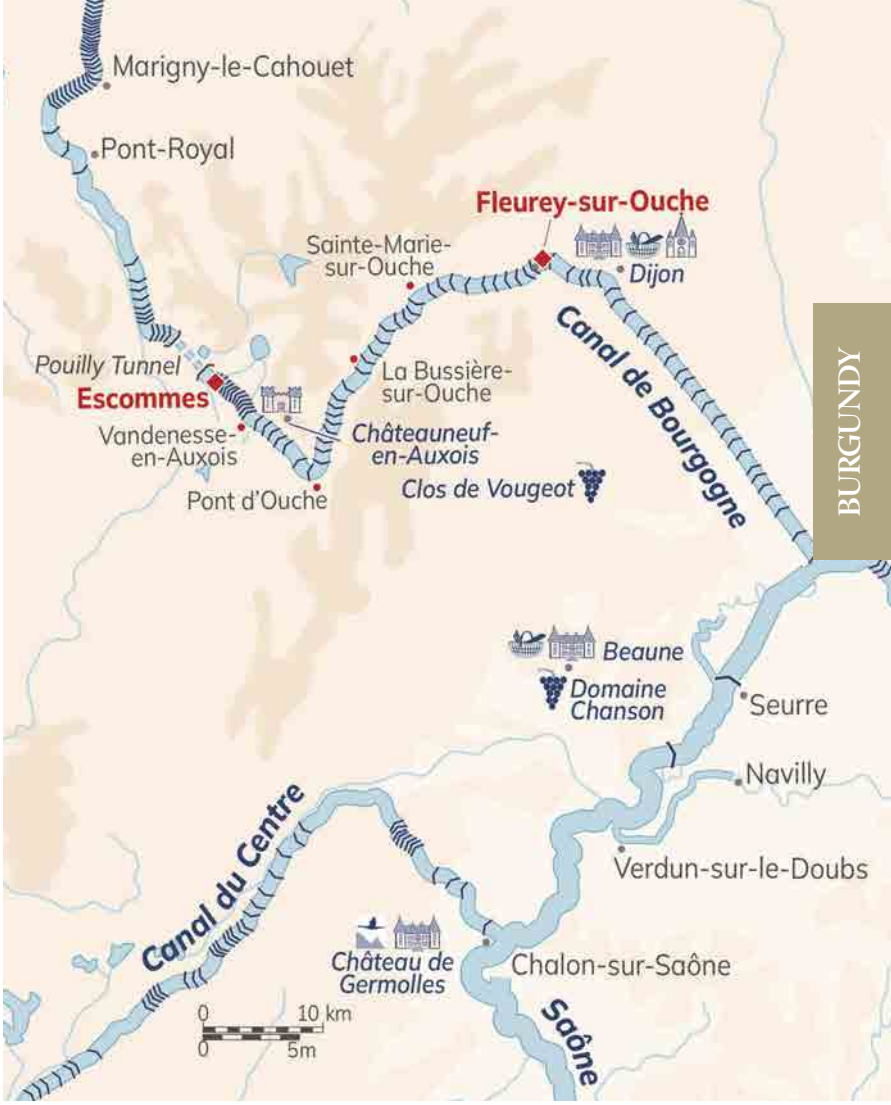


- Tour Clos de Vougeot, home of the Chevaliers du Tastevin
- Explore Dijon & its vibrant food markets
- Falconry display & tour at Château de Germolles

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Junior Suite


Dijon



BURGUNDY


Falconry at Château de Germolles



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ITINERARY — Fleurey-sur-Ouche to Escommes

Day 1 - Fleurey-sur-Ouche

Guests are met at the Hotel Westminster in Paris and transferred by private minibus to L'Impressionniste, where a champagne welcome awaits. Dinner on board.

Day 2 - Fleurey-sur-Ouche to Sainte Marie-sur-Ouche

Cruise past sleepy villages and lock houses. After lunch, visit Clos de Vougeot, home of the Chevaliers du Tastevin, with the option of a private Burgundy tasting. Dinner on board.

Day 3 - Sainte Marie-sur-Ouche to La Bussière

Morning walking tour of Dijon, taking in its lively produce markets, the impressive Notre-Dame de Dijon church, and a selection of shops in the historic centre. After lunch on board, enjoy a leisurely afternoon cruise to La Bussière. Dinner on board.

Day 4 - La Bussière to Pont d'Ouche

Short cruise before visiting the UNESCO vineyards of the Côte de Beaune.

Continue to Beaune for a private tasting and lunch at Domaine Chanson, followed by a tour of the Hospices de Beaune. Evening cruise. Dinner on board.

Day 5 - Pont d'Ouche to Vandenesse

Cruise to Vandenesse-en-Auxois. After lunch, visit the 14th-century Château de Germolles for a private display of the medieval sport of falconry and tour. Dinner on board

Day 6 - Vandenesse to Escommes

Final cruise to the summit level of the canal. This afternoon, explore Châteauneuf-en-Auxois and its medieval castle with panoramic views. Captain's Farewell Dinner.

Day 7 - Escommes

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to Paris.

- Private winery tour, tasting & lunch at Domaine Chanson
- Visit medieval Châteauneuf-en-Auxois
- Visit the historic 15th-century Hospices de Beaune

RENAISSANCE

Western Burgundy & the Upper Loire

ULTRA DELUXE 8 PASSENGERS 5 CREW



Renaissance has been designed to carry her guests in ultimate luxury along the Canal de Briare, France's oldest canal, completed in 1642 and rich in history. The cruise meanders past elegant châteaux, charming countryside villages and the renowned wine-growing region of Sancerre, offering an unforgettable journey through the heart of France.

She is a very spacious hotel barge and the beautifully-appointed saloon with its wooden beams, classic dining furniture and artwork, evokes the atmosphere of a classic French manor house. The comfortable leather sofas and hand-built bar where you can enjoy your pre-dinner aperitif, add to the feeling of onboard opulence.

The 'Renaissance mood' extends to the four very generously-sized twin or double bed suites (average approx. 250 sq ft including en suite), each one fully air-conditioned and complemented by a large en suite shower room.

Outside, the large forward deck includes a covered roof extension with a circular table for al fresco dining, comfortable hardwood sun loungers and a heated spa pool.

With her refined onboard ambience, Renaissance is the perfect vessel on which to cruise a historic canal and experience the splendour of landmarks en route, including the spectacular aqueduct built by Gustav Eiffel across the mighty River Loire.


Studio Home of Rosa Bonheur

- Tour Rosa Bonheur's studio & lunch in her salon
- Visit Château de La Bussière & its beautiful gardens
- Explore Montargis & visit Mazet, creators of the praline

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Château de Ratilly




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Suite

ITINERARY – Montargis to Châtillon-sur-Loire

Day 1 - Montargis to Amilly

Guests are met at the Hotel Westminster in Paris and transferred by private minibus to Renaissance, where a champagne welcome awaits. Afternoon cruise through the 'Venice of Gâtinais'. Dinner on board.

Day 2 - Amilly to Montbouy

Morning cruise through the peaceful Loire countryside. In the afternoon, visit Château de La Bussière, the 'Fishermen's Castle', for a tour of its house and grounds including the abundant kitchen gardens and the fascinating collection of fishing artifacts. Dinner on board.

Day 3 - Montbouy to Rogny-les-Sept-Écluses

Explore historic Montargis and enjoy a tour and tasting at Mazet, creators of the original praline. Afternoon cruise to Rogny-les-Sept-Écluses, near its 350-year-old 7-lock flight. Dinner on board.

Day 4 - Rogny-les-Sept-Écluses to La Gazonne

Time permitting, a visit to Moret-sur-Loing, linked to Impressionist Alfred Sisley, and enjoy a private lunch and tour at Château de Rosa Bonheur, once home to the famous 19th-century artist. Afternoon cruise to La Gazonne. Dinner on board.

Day 5 - La Gazonne to Briare

Cruise to Briare and its magical aqueduct, an impressive feat of engineering. In the afternoon, enjoy a private wine tasting and tour at the renowned Domaine Hubert Brochard in Sancerre, sampling some of their finest vintages. Dinner is served on board.

Day 6 - Briare to Châtillon-sur-Loire

Explore the market before crossing Briare's 2,200ft-long aqueduct during lunch. In the afternoon, visit Château de Ratilly, a medieval fortress, for a tour of the castle and its renowned pottery workshop. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

Day 7 - Châtillon-sur-Loire

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to Paris.

- Cruise Eiffel's Briare aqueduct over the Loire
- Private tasting at Sancerre's Hubert Brochard
- Visit the 13th-century Château de Ratilly & its renowned pottery workshop

L´ART DE VIVRE

Burgundy & the Nivernais

CLASSIC 8 PASSENGERS 5 CREW



Stateroom


Domaine Laroche

L'Art de Vivre is the oldest hotel barge in our fleet and was built in England during World War One as a supply vessel to the Allied troops battling in the Somme.

Today, her life is a little less dramatic as she cruises one of France's longest-established canals, the Canal du Nivernais.

She is very much a traditional barge in style, with original wood and brass features that emphasise her heritage and create a warm and inviting interior atmosphere. The comfortable, compact staterooms all have modern en suite facilities and the delightful saloon combines contemporary seating with more traditional furnishings.

Outside, there is a sun deck to relax on with a glass of wine as you glide through the pretty Burgundy countryside and a spa pool to soak in. You can explore the ever present towpath on foot or on one of the barge's bicycles, before rejoining L'Art de Vivre at one of the locks up ahead.

Located on the edge of the Morvan hills, this charming region is home to picture-postcard villages and centuries-old history, explored on a gentle cruise aboard L'Art de Vivre which takes you back in time along a magical waterway.

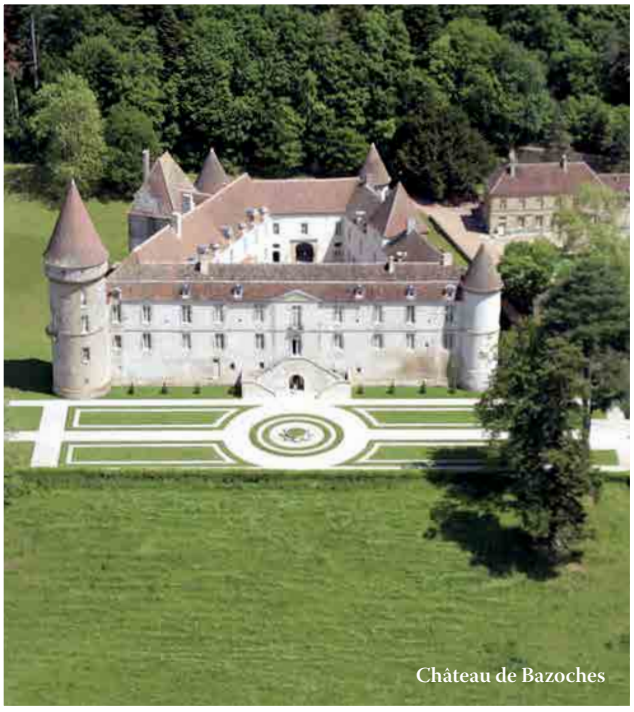
- Explore Auxerre & its stunning cathedral
- Chablis tasting & lunch at Domaine Laroche
- Visit the UNESCO hilltop town of Vézelay

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L'Art de Vivre cruising in Auxerre





Château de Bazoches



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ITINERARY – Auxerre to Chevroches

Day 1 - Auxerre

Guests are met at the Hotel Westminster in Paris and transferred by private minibus to L'Art de Vivre, where a champagne welcome awaits. Enjoy a stroll along the River Yonne or into historic Auxerre. Dinner on board.

Day 2 - Auxerre to Vincelles

Enjoy a morning cruise to Vincelles before visiting the fascinating Carrière d'Aubigny, a historic quarry linked to Paris landmarks. Then, enjoy a Crémant de Bourgogne tasting at Bailly-Lapierre's spectacular underground cellars. Dinner on board.

Day 3 - Vincelles to Mailly-la-Ville

This morning, we explore medieval Auxerre, known for its magnificent cathedral and Renaissance houses. Return to the barge for a gentle cruise through peaceful countryside to Mailly-la-Ville. Dinner on board.

Day 4 - Mailly-la-Ville to Le Saussois

Visit Chablis for a private tasting at Domaine Laroche and lunch in the monks' atmospheric former refectory. Cruise past limestone cliffs to moor at Le Saussois. Dinner on board.

Day 5 - Le Saussois to Lucy-sur-Yonne

Morning cruise through the picturesque Yonne Valley. After lunch, explore Château de Bazoches, with its Vauban heritage and hillside views, followed by a private falconry demonstration. Dinner on board.

Day 6 - Lucy-sur-Yonne to Chevroches

Cruise to Chevroches through beautiful countryside. After lunch, visit the UNESCO-listed hilltop village of Vézelay, home to the Basilica of St Mary Magdalene and charming craft shops. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

Day 7 - Chevroches

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to Paris.

- Enjoy a private falconry demonstration at Château de Bazoches
- Guided tour of the historic Aubigny quarry
- Crémant de Bourgogne tasting at Bailly-Lapierre

CHAMPAGNE

The Champagne region: A mosaic of sloping vineyards beneath expansive skies, and home to the eponymous sparkling wine – an enduring symbol of celebration and luxury.

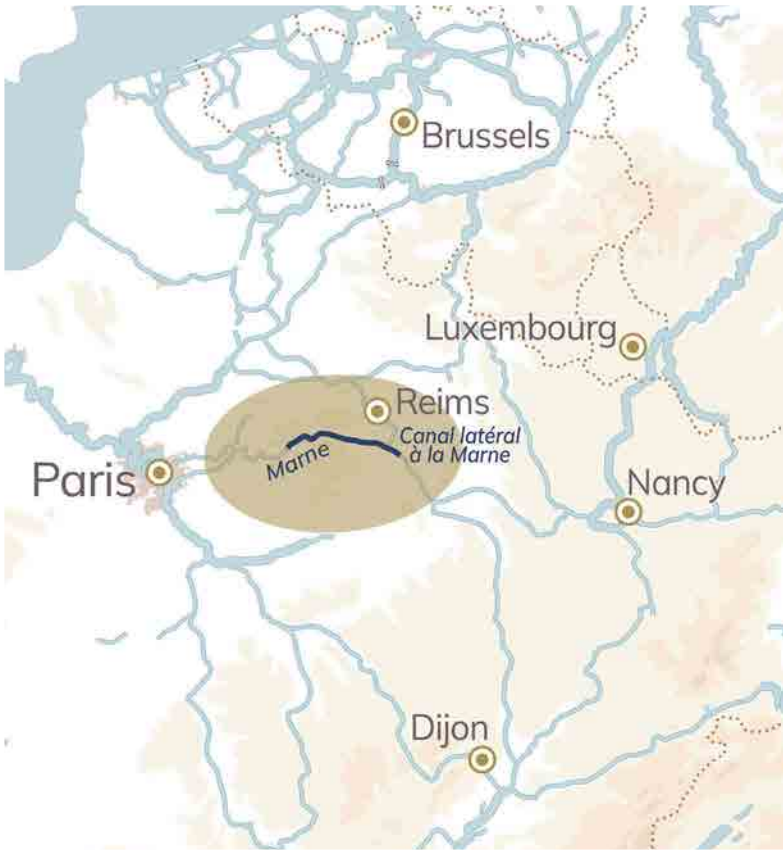




CHAMPAGNE

The River Marne and Canal Latéral à la Marne





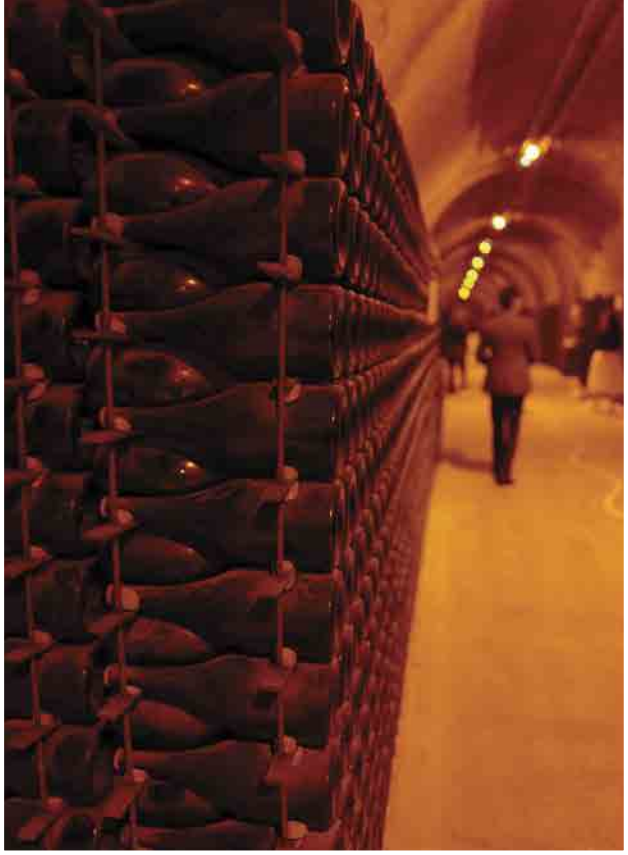
The River Marne flows from Épernay to Paris, meandering through the beautiful Champagne region. A plethora of vineyards stretches across the undulating plains as far as the eye can see, and there will be plenty of opportunities to sample the sparkling wine for which the region is renowned, including private tastings at celebrated champagne houses.

This is also a part of France that is rich in both ancient and modern history. During our voyage, we visit a number of significant landmarks, magnificent châteaux and one of the finest Gothic cathedrals in the country, where 33 Kings of France were crowned.

As well as champagne, the region is known for many other delicious products, particularly its wonderful creamy cheeses, with the towns of Meaux and Coulommiers at their heart.

You can cruise through the Champagne region aboard the 8-passenger hotel barge Kir Royale or the 8-passenger hotel barge La Nouvelle Etoile.

- **Kir Royale:**
  ULTRA DELUXE | 8 PASSENGERS | 5 CREW
- **La Nouvelle Etoile:**
  ULTRA DELUXE | 8 PASSENGERS | 7 CREW





Reims Cathedral





Frerejean Frères



Champagne Vineyards

KIR ROYALE

The River Marne and Canal Latéral à la Marne

ULTRA DELUXE 8 PASSENGERS 5 CREW



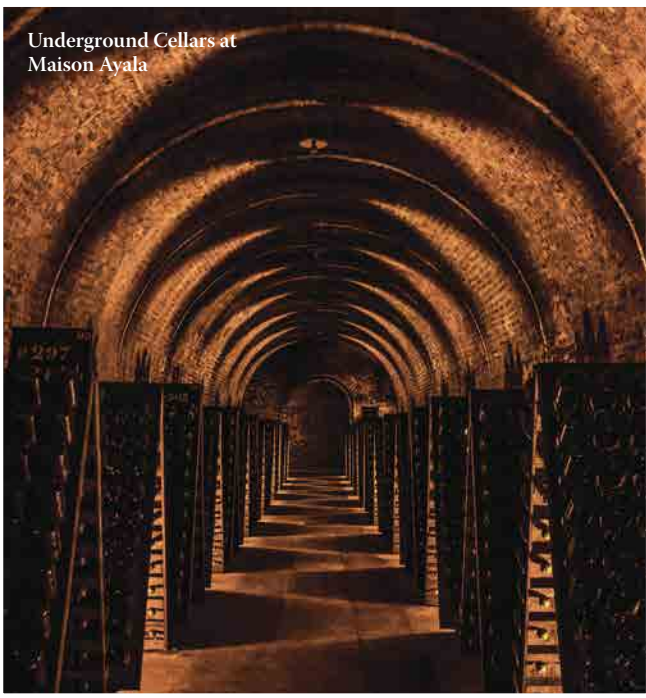
Kir Royale, the latest addition to our fleet, has a fascinating history. Originally a beach landing craft supporting the World War Two effort, she was later transformed into a beautiful hotel barge carrying passengers along Europe's inland waterways. She now cruises the stunning Champagne region, with vineyards stretching across rolling hillsides as far as the eye can see.

Her saloon is spacious and airy and has been the subject of a complete refit with bespoke furniture and a bar, piano and separate dining area. The four generously sized, individually decorated suites average over 200 sq ft and have recently been renovated. They have ultra-modern en suite bathrooms with his and hers sinks, and a luxurious oversized rainforest shower.

Outside, there is a cosy forward sun deck where you can relax on a sun lounger or unwind in the heated spa pool. There is also a large and sheltered aft sun deck with covered dining area and additional sun loungers, plus an upper observation deck for a panoramic view.

Imbued with an air of style and elegance, Kir Royale is a great choice for discovering Champagne – whether you're cruising alongside the rolling vineyards, or perhaps on a private tour, savouring the wines, history and culture of this famous region.

La Nouvelle Etoile (see page 104) also cruises in Champagne in early summer.

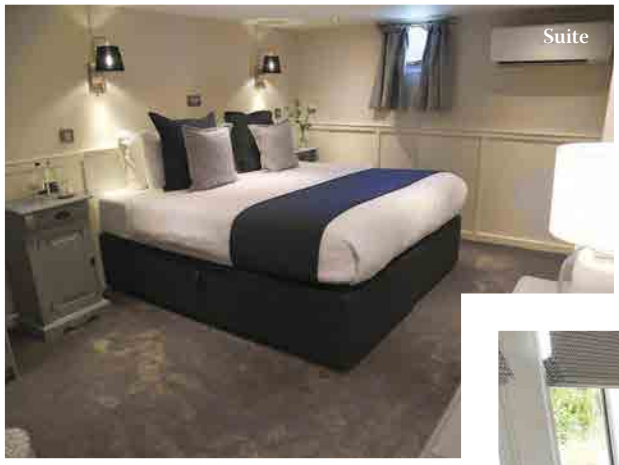


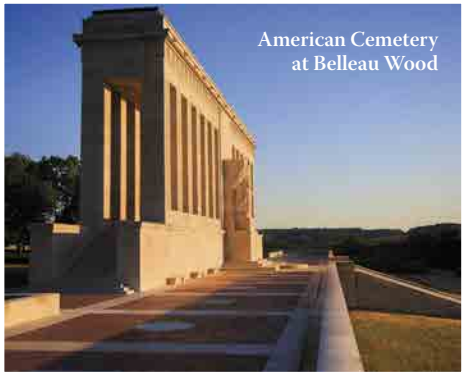
Underground Cellars at Maison Ayala

- Explore Champagne's heritage at the immersive Pressoria museum
- Visit Reims Cathedral, coronation site of the Kings of France
- Frerejean Frères tour & lunch at family domaine

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Suite


American Cemetery at Belleau Wood



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Al Fresco Dining

ITINERARY – Château-Thierry to Châlons-en-Champagne

Day 1 - Château-Thierry

Guests are met at the Hotel Westminster in Paris and transferred by private minibus to Kir Royale, where a champagne welcome awaits. Dinner on board.

Day 2 - Château-Thierry to Dormans

Enjoy a morning cruise along the winding River Marne to Dormans. After lunch on board, visit Maison Ayala in Aÿ, a grand cru champagne house, for a private tasting. Dinner on board.

Day 3 - Dormans to Damery

This morning, visit the World War One battlefield at Château-Thierry and the American cemetery at Belleau Wood. After lunch, enjoy a relaxing afternoon cruise to Damery. Dinner on board.

Day 4 - Damery to Dizy

Today includes a private tour and tasting at the boutique grand cru winery Frerejean Frères, with a stop at a hillside vineyard en route. Savour a gourmet lunch in the family domaine's private salon, before returning for a tranquil afternoon cruise to Dizy. Dinner on board.

Day 5 - Dizy to Tours-sur-Marne

Visit magnificent Reims Cathedral, a Gothic masterpiece and historic coronation site of the Kings of France, followed by free time to explore the city. After lunch on board, cruise to our charming mooring at Tours-sur-Marne. Dinner on board.

Day 6 - Tours-sur-Marne to Châlons-en-Champagne

Visit Pressoria museum to discover the heritage and craftsmanship behind champagne, ending with a private tasting. Enjoy a stroll along Epernay's famous Avenue de Champagne before an afternoon cruise to Châlons-en-Champagne and the Captain's Farewell Dinner.

Day 7 - Châlons-en-Champagne

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to Paris.

- Winery tour & tasting at Maison Ayala in Aÿ
- Cruise the River Marne past vineyards
- Visit Château-Thierry & historic Belleau Wood

CANAL DU MIDI

A spectacular land of rich historic and cultural heritage, where diverse Mediterranean landscapes meet sun-drenched vineyards and awe-inspiring Cathar fortresses.





Carcassonne

CANAL DU MIDI

South of France



The 345-year-old Canal du Midi skirts the sun-drenched shore of the Mediterranean before meandering inland through the fabled 'Cathar Country', with its fortified hilltop villages and walled cities, such as Carcassonne.

This historic canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is defined by its beauty, lined with plane trees, canalside villages and crossed by pretty, arched bridges. The warm Mediterranean weather and gentle pace of life lulls you into unwinding as your hotel barge slowly cruises along this serene waterway. This is the perfect place for cycling or walking along the ever-present towpath, or simply watching the scenery drift by as you relax on deck with a cool drink.

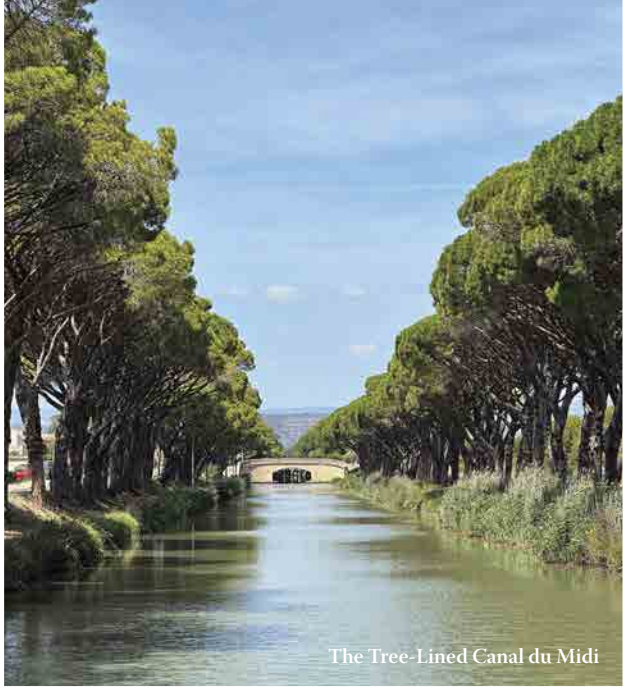
In the distance you can see the Pyrenees, while closer to hand are the vineyards of the Languedoc that seem to stretch endlessly all around. You will discover a marvellous blend of ancient Gallo-Roman and traditional influences reflected throughout this region of historical importance and visit such places as Pézenas, Minerve and Narbonne.

The cuisine is a delicious combination of Provençale and Mediterranean flavours. Fresh seafood and regional specialities, paired with the excellent local Corbières and Minervois wines, produce an unforgettable repertoire of dining experiences.

Enchanté:

ULTRA DELUXE 8 PASSENGERS 5 CREW

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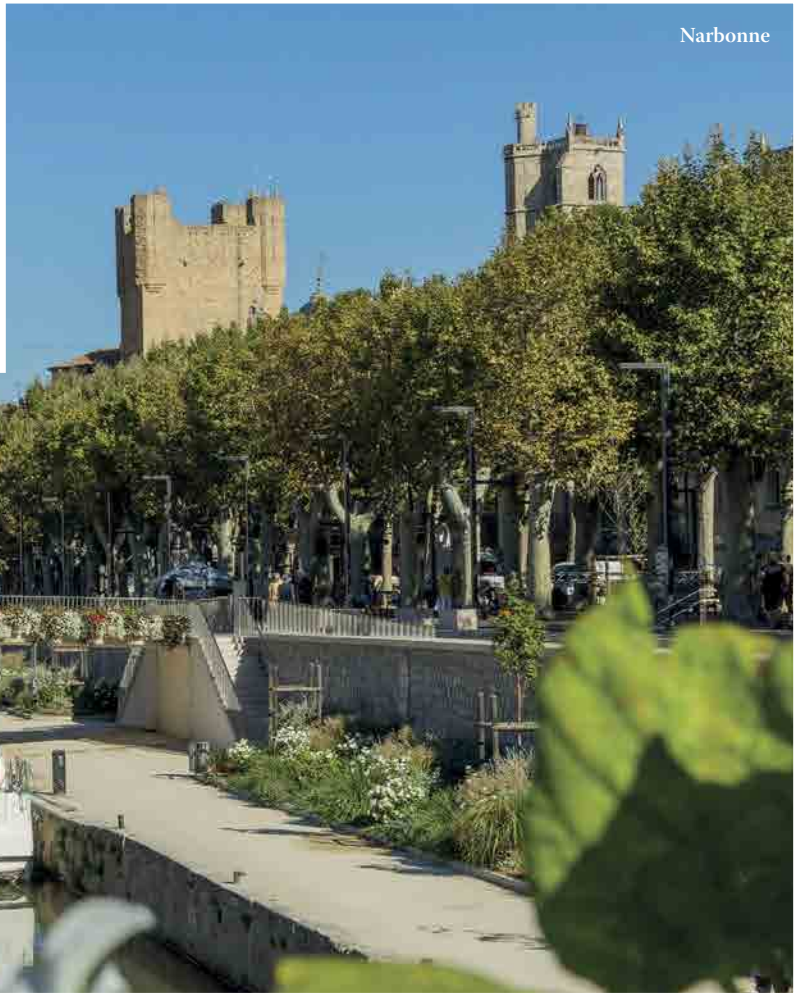


The Tree-Lined Canal du Midi





Bagnas Nature Reserve



Narbonne

- **Anjodi:** CLASSIC 8 PASSENGERS 5 CREW
- **Athos:** CLASSIC 10 PASSENGERS 5 CREW

ENCHANTÉ

Canal du Midi

ULTRA DELUXE | 8 PASSENGERS | 5 CREW




Suite

Enchanté is a spacious, double-decker hotel barge that has been built to the highest standard to offer a stylish onboard ambience that is perfect for enjoying a cruise through this sun-drenched region.

The hotel barge is tastefully furnished in a contemporary style, creating a bright, Art Deco atmosphere. She has a large saloon with outstanding attention to detail, including an open-plan demonstration galley where guests can see their skilled chef at work.

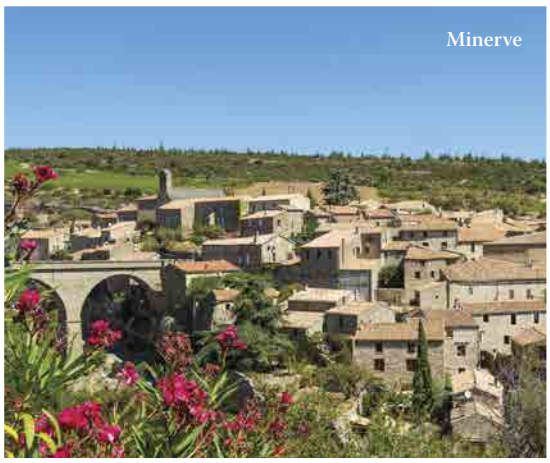
The luxurious air-conditioned accommodation is in four equally spacious twin or double bed suites, the largest of any hotel barge on the Canal du Midi and all with superbly appointed en suite shower rooms.

Outside, the spacious sun deck boasts an al fresco dining area, a gorgeous spa pool and comfortable loungers to relax in while the countryside drifts slowly by.

Enchanté is a hotel barge that offers an alluring blend of luxury and modernity. She is a vessel that will charm any discerning traveller on her sedate journey through the Midi countryside.

- Winery tour and tasting at the 17th-century Château de Paraza
- Visit Abbaye de Fontfroide, a magnificent medieval Cistercian abbey
- Explore Narbonne's palace & market

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Minerve



CANAL DU MIDI




Narbonne

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ITINERARY – Sallèles d'Aude to Trèbes

Day 1 - Sallèles d'Aude to Le Somail

Guests are met in Narbonne and transferred by private minibus to Enchanté, where a champagne welcome and cruise to Le Somail await. Dinner on board.

Day 2 - Le Somail to Roubia

Morning excursion to Abbaye de Fontfroide, founded in 1093 and later one of Europe's wealthiest Cistercian abbeys, home to monks for over 900 years. After lunch, cruise the Grand Bief to the historic village of Roubia. Dinner on board.

Day 3 - Roubia to Homps

This morning's excursion is to Narbonne, where we tour the Archbishop's Palace, Cathedral, Via Domitia, and bustling indoor market. In the afternoon, cruise past sunlit vineyards to charming Homps, with time to explore before dinner.

Day 4 - Homps to Puichéric

Private winery tour and tasting at Château de Paraza, followed by a leisurely lunch in the château's elegant salon. Afternoon cruise to Puichéric. Dinner on board.

Day 5 - Puichéric to Marseillette

Visit the dramatic fortified hilltop village of Minerve, famed for its Cathar history and medieval heritage. In the afternoon, enjoy a scenic cruise along the Canal du Midi, ascending its locks as the relief becomes steeper. Dinner on board.

Day 6 - Marseillette to Trèbes

Tour the extraordinary medieval fortress city of Carcassonne, one of the most complete walled cities in Europe. In the afternoon, cruise past rolling vineyards and hamlets to Trèbes, noted for its 13th-century church paintings. Captain's Farewell Dinner.

Day 7 - Trèbes

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to Narbonne.

- Visit stunning Minerve, awarded one of the 'Most Beautiful Villages of France'
- Tour the medieval city of Carcassonne
- Private lunch in the elegant salon of Château de Paraza

ANJODI

Canal du Midi

CLASSIC 8 PASSENGERS 5 CREW



Anjodi is very much a hotel barge of the classic Dutch design and also the founding member of our fleet, embarking on her first cruises along the historic Canal du Midi over 45 years ago.

Her beautiful interior makes the most of traditional materials such as African hardwoods and shining brass to create a warm onboard feel, reminiscent of a classic yacht.

The charming saloon is particularly welcoming, with its combination of richly coloured wooden flooring, elegant French dining furniture and comfortable banquette seating, as well as a fully-stocked bar.

The four compact, cleverly-designed staterooms, featuring hardwood panelling and brass portholes, offer a choice of twin or double bed accommodation, each with en suite facilities.

The spacious sun deck is shaded by an adjustable canopy and there are comfortable sun loungers and a spa pool to soak in with a glass of chilled white wine.

Anjodi is a very well-known hotel barge having achieved 'film star' status some years ago following her many appearances in the television series Rick Stein's French Odyssey, when she carried the TV chef and restauranteur on a voyage of culinary discovery through Southern France. Why not follow in his footsteps with a cruise along the Canal du Midi, a 345-year-old canal with UNESCO World Heritage status?



- Wine tasting at the Château de Paraza
- Cruise through Malpas, the world's oldest canal tunnel
- Olive & wine tasting, château tour & lunch at Château Canet

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Château de Paraza


Carcassonne

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Stateroom


Maison Noilly Prat Distillery

ITINERARY – Marseillan to Le Somail

Day 1 - Marseillan

Guests are met in Narbonne and transferred by private minibus to Anjodi, where a champagne welcome awaits. Enjoy an early evening cruise on the Étang de Thau before dinner on board.

Day 2 - Marseillan to Portiragnes

Begin the day with a visit to the Maison Noilly Prat vermouth distillery. After lunch, enjoy a relaxing cruise along the 345-year-old Canal du Midi through the scenic Bagnas nature reserve. Dinner on board.

Day 3 - Portiragnes to Béziers

Enjoy a visit to Pézenas, renowned for its rich history and ties to the famous playwright Molière. After lunch, cruise to ascend the 7-lock flight at Fonserannes, mooring at Béziers. Dinner on board.

Day 4 - Béziers to Capestang

A morning visit to Château Canet for an olive and wine experience, featuring tastings, vineyard and cellar tours, and a private château lunch with perfectly paired wines. Cruise through the world's oldest canal tunnel at Malpas to Capestang. Explore 14th-century village architecture before dinner.

Day 5 - Capestang to Sallèles d'Aude

Visit Narbonne's vibrant indoor market, then tour the Archbishop's Palace, Cathedral, and Via Domitia in this historic Roman town. After lunch, enjoy a relaxing cruise through locks on the Canal de la Robine to Sallèles d'Aude. Dinner on board.

Day 6 - Sallèles d'Aude to Le Somail

Morning visit to the fortress city of Carcassonne. After lunch, enjoy a final cruise on the Canal du Midi to charming Le Somail. Private wine tasting at Château de Paraza followed by the Captain's Farewell Dinner.

Day 7 - Le Somail

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to Narbonne.

- Cruise Pyrenees vineyards & discover Cathar history
- Tour Carcassonne, a complete medieval fortress
- Visit the renowned Maison Noilly Prat vermouth distillery

ATHOS

Canal du Midi

CLASSIC 10 PASSENGERS 5 CREW



Athos was originally built as a commercial sand, grain and wine barge but has since been converted into the luxury vessel you see before you. Though she now carries a very different cargo, her association with wine continues as she meanders through the Languedoc-Rousillon region of France.

In her saloon there are comfortable sofas and an elegant dining area, while the five air-conditioned, twin or double bed staterooms each have all modern comforts including an en suite shower room.

Outside, her spacious sun deck has an adjustable canopy to offer shade, comfortable hardwood deckchairs and a spa pool.

Athos is one of the most traditional hotel barges cruising the Canal du Midi and her welcoming ambience will make your voyage through the Languedoc landscape truly memorable.

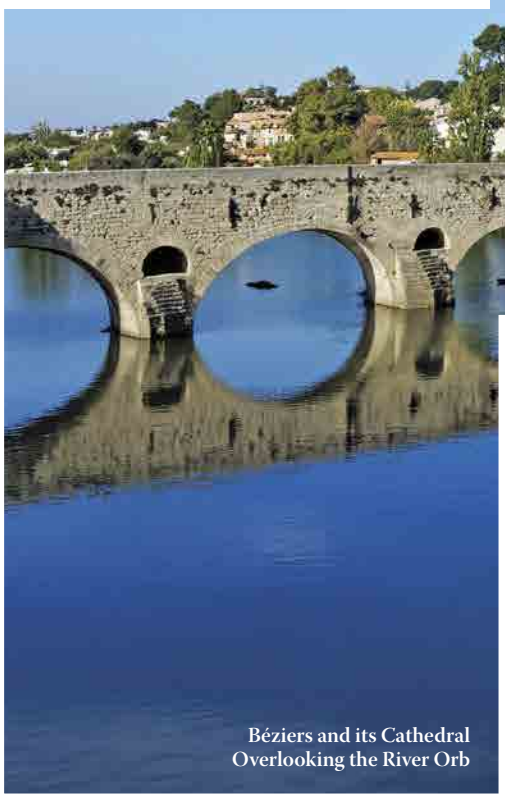


Stateroom

- Tour the medieval city of Carcassonne
- Private tour & tasting at a Minervois winery
- Organic olive tasting at L'Oulibo

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Béziers and its Cathedral Overlooking the River Orb



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ITINERARY – Argeliers to Marseillan



Day 1 - Argeliers

Guests are met in Béziers and transferred by private minibus to Athos, where a champagne welcome awaits. Dinner on board.

Day 2 - Argeliers to La Croisade

Morning visit to the medieval double-walled city of Carcassonne for a guided tour. After lunch on board, cruise to La Croisade with time to walk or cycle the towpath. Dinner on board.

Day 3 - La Croisade to Capestang

Enjoy a tasting at the olive oil co-operative, L'Oulibo, then on to Minerve, the ancient Minervois capital with a 12th-century Cathar fort. After lunch aboard, cruise to Capestang or opt for a wine tasting at Château de Cabezac. Dinner on board.

Day 4 - Capestang to Fonserannes

Morning tour of Narbonne's Archbishop's Palace, Cathedral, Via Domitia, and vibrant indoor market, followed by lunch. Afternoon cruise through the Malpas Tunnel to Fonserannes. Dinner on board.

Day 5 - Fonserannes to Portiragnes

Visit the charming town of Pézenas, associated with Molière. After lunch, cruise down the Fonserannes Staircase Locks and across the Orb Aqueduct to Portiragnes. Dinner on board.

Day 6 - Portiragnes to Marseillan

Cruise through the Petite Camargue, spotting flamingos and mussel beds, and pass through Agde's unique round lock. After lunch, tour and optional tasting at the Noilly Prat distillery before the Captain's Farewell Dinner.

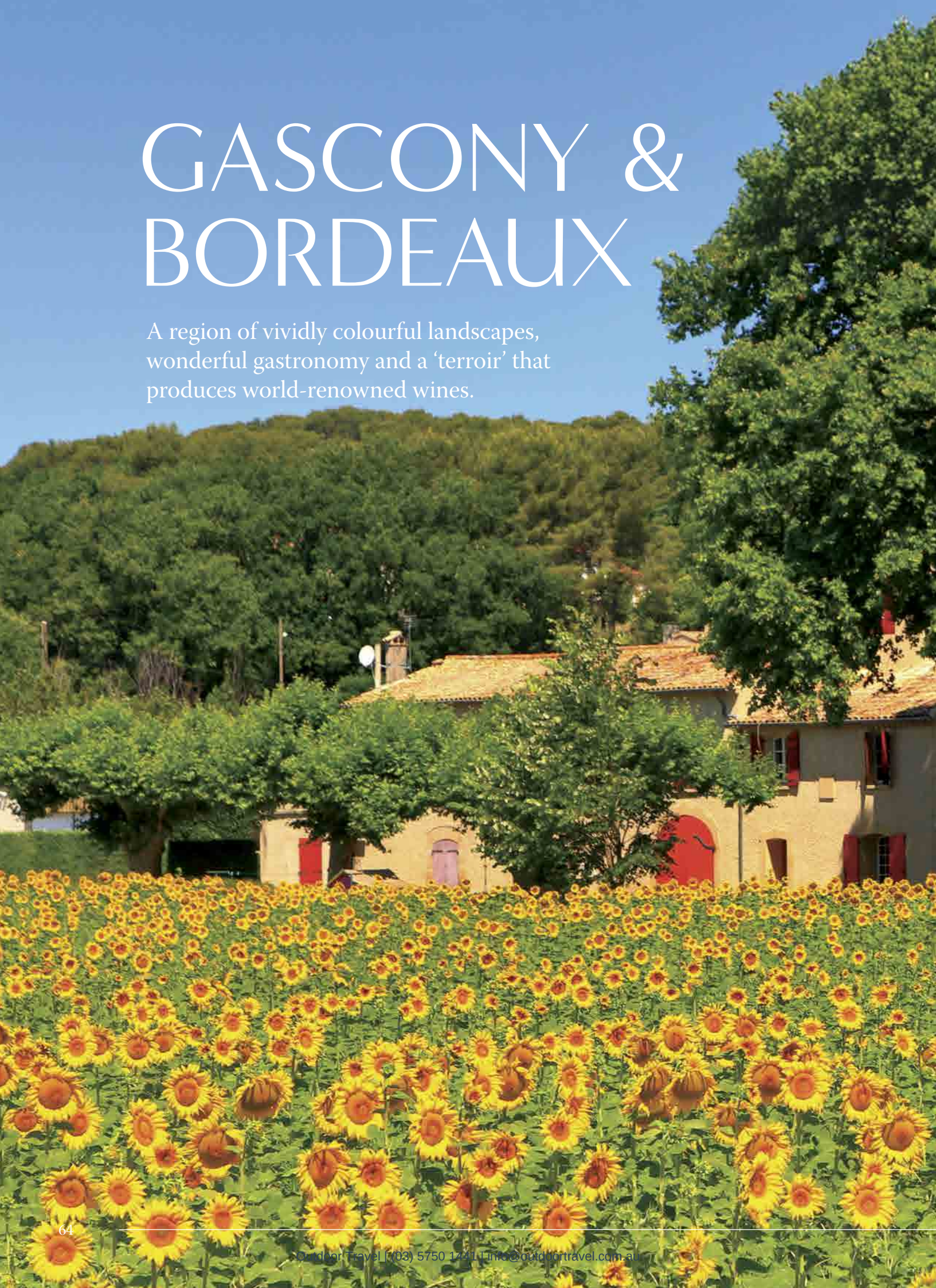
Day 7 - Marseillan

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to Béziers.

- Cruise through the Petite Camargue
- Tour & tasting at Noilly Prat distillery
- Tour Narbonne's historic sites and vibrant market

GASCONY & BORDEAUX

A region of vividly colourful landscapes, wonderful gastronomy and a 'terroir' that produces world-renowned wines.





GASCONY & BORDEAUX

Southwest France, Canal de Garonne

Rosa: CLASSIC 8 PASSENGERS 4 CREW



Rosa is an old Dutch 'Clipper' barge that was built early in the last century to carry cargo on the coastal waterways of Holland. Now, as a charming hotel barge, she navigates the much calmer canals of Southwest France.

The pretty, wood-panelled saloon has comfortable seating, a dining area and bar, and the four cosy, air-conditioned staterooms have full en suite facilities. Outside there is a spacious sun deck with parasols, comfortable loungers to relax in, and a spa pool. Rosa also featured alongside Anjodi in the successful television series, Rick Stein's French Odyssey and you will be able to enjoy your own personal odyssey through this captivating part of Southwest France.

Gascony, initially part of the historic dukedom of Gascony, is famed for its outstanding pastoral vistas and rich culinary traditions. Expect quaint farms, villages untouched by time and a spectacular palate of tastes, scents and colours.

The Bordeaux region with its 'special terroir', has been producing astonishing wine for around 2,000 years, though it may just be the stunning châteaux, eclectic markets or artistic pastimes that you fall in love with.

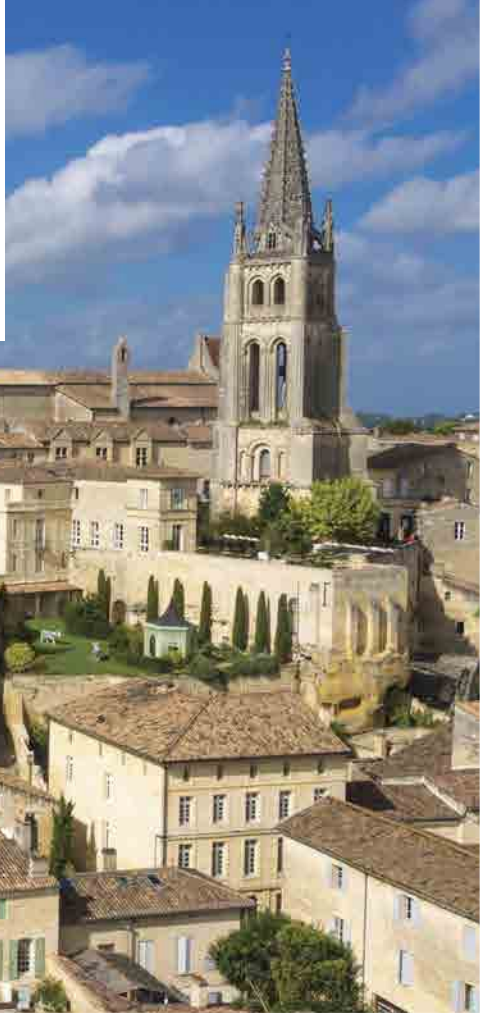
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GASCONY

- Tour Château de Lamotte-Bardigues with Countess
- Armagnac & Floc de Gascogne tasting at Domaine de Lapeyrade
- Visit Moissac & its UNESCO-listed abbey

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ITINERARY – Gascony
Montauban to Boé

Day 1 - Montauban

Guests are met in Toulouse and transferred by private minibus to Rosa, where a champagne welcome awaits. Dinner on board.

Day 2 - Montauban to Montech

Morning visit to a local dairy farm in Ramier for a full cheese-making demonstration and tasting. After lunch and a stroll, cruise up a flight of nine locks to moor in Montech. Dinner on board.

Day 3 - Montech to Castelsarrasin

Visit Château Bellevue la Forêt in the Côtes du Frontonnais wine region for a tasting. After lunch on board, enjoy a guided tour of the impressive, inclined water plane, before cruising to Castelsarrasin. Dinner on board.

Day 4 - Castelsarrasin to Moissac

Explore the UNESCO-listed Abbaye St-Pierre de Moissac and enjoy lunch at Le Florentin. Cross the 1,000-foot Pont Canal du Cacor and descend through a staircase of locks into Moissac. Dinner on board.

Day 5 - Moissac to Pommevic

Visit Castelsarrasin's market for breakfast before cruising to Pommevic. Tour Château de Lamotte-Bardigues with the resident Countess, enjoy tea in her private apartments, then visit the hilltop village of Auvillar. Dinner on board.

Day 6 - Pommevic to Boé

Morning cruise through the countryside to Boé. After lunch, visit Domaine de Lapeyrade for tastings of Armagnac and Floc du Gascogne, followed by a tour of Nérac and its royal château. Captain's Farewell Dinner.

Day 7 - Boé

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to Toulouse.

View deck plan on page 109

ITINERARY – Bordeaux
Castets-en-Dorthe to Boé

Day 1 - Castets-en-Dorthe

Guests are met in Bordeaux and transferred by private minibus to Rosa, where a champagne welcome awaits. Dinner on board.

Day 2 - Castets-en-Dorthe to Meilhan-sur-Garonne

Morning visit to the UNESCO-listed village of Saint-Émilion, with wine tasting at Château Franc Mayne. After lunch, we cruise to Meilhan-sur-Garonne. Dinner on board.

Day 3 - Meilhan-sur-Garonne to Lagruère

Morning cruise to the riverside village of Lagruère. After lunch, we enjoy a traditional flat-bottomed boat ride on the Garonne River, followed by visits to Le Mas d'Agenais and a local goat's cheese dairy for a tour and tasting. Dinner on board.

Day 4 - Lagruère to Buzet-sur-Baise

Visit the colourful market at Lavardac and stroll the medieval streets of Vianne. Lunch at 'Le Moulin des Saveurs', then cruise to Buzet-sur-Baise. Dinner on board.

Day 5 - Buzet-sur-Baise to Sérignac-sur-Garonne

Leisurely cruise to Sérignac-sur-Garonne, with time to walk or relax. In the afternoon, visit medieval Nérac and enjoy an Armagnac tasting at Lapeyrade estate. Dinner on board.

Day 6 - Sérignac-sur-Garonne to Boé

Cruise to Boé, crossing the impressive Agen aqueduct. After lunch, stroll through historic Agen and enjoy a tour and tasting of organic wines at Domaine Christophe Avi. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

Day 7 - Boé

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to Bordeaux.

BORDEAUX

- Tour world-renowned Saint Émilion
- Cruise across the 1,900ft Agen aqueduct
- Wine, cheese & Armagnac tastings



BRITTANY

A captivating land of Celtic heritage, peaceful waterways and timeless landscapes, with medieval towns, flower-filled villages and grand châteaux shaped by centuries of history and tradition.



BRITTANY

Canal de Nantes à Brest

Nymphea: CLASSIC 6 PASSENGERS 2-3 CREW





Nymphea was purpose-built in Holland with a shallow draft, making her perfectly suited to navigating the peaceful canals and rivers of Brittany. Today, she is the only hotel barge cruising these beautiful inland waterways, offering a unique way to discover one of France's most enchanting regions.

Her traditional interior, inspired by a classic yacht, features rich varnished hardwoods, stained glass and polished brass. The welcoming saloon and dining area provide a warm country house atmosphere, while the three compact yet comfortable, air-conditioned cabins all have twin beds and en suite facilities. Outside, the spacious sun deck is the perfect place to relax and admire the ever-changing scenery of Brittany's rolling countryside, historic châteaux and charming towns.

Brittany is a land of Celtic heritage, peaceful waterways and timeless landscapes, where medieval towns, flower-filled villages and grand châteaux reflect centuries of history and tradition. Discover Michelin-starred Breton cuisine, local cider, artisan markets and picturesque cruising along the Canal de Nantes à Brest on an unforgettable journey through the heart of this captivating region.

- Tour Château de Josselin & its magnificent gardens
- Discover the Menhirs de Monteneuf
- Michelin-starred dining at Maison Tiegezh

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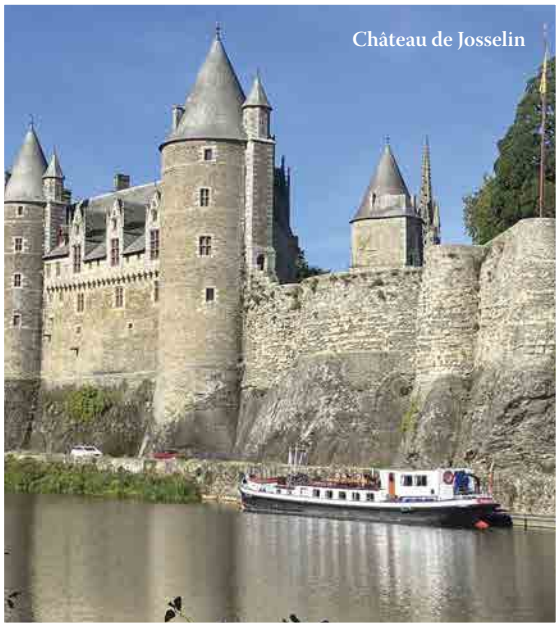





Rochefort-en-Terre


Menhirs de Monteneuf

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Château de Josselin

ITINERARY – Josselin to Redon

Day 1 - Josselin

Guests are met in Redon and transferred by private minibus to Nymphea, moored beneath the towers of Château de Josselin, where a champagne welcome awaits. Dinner on board.

Day 2 - Josselin to Montertelot

Private visit to Château de Josselin and its landscaped gardens. Afternoon cruise along the River Oust and Canal de Nantes à Brest through peaceful countryside to Montertelot. Dinner on board.

Day 3 - Montertelot to Malestroit

Morning cruise through picturesque locks to medieval Malestroit. Afternoon excursion to the Menhirs de Monteneuf, an extraordinary collection of Neolithic standing stones. Dinner ashore at Maison Tiegezh.

Day 4 - Malestroit to Saint-Martin-sur-Oust

Visit Malestroit's traditional market before cruising to Saint-Martin-sur-Oust. Afternoon cider tasting at Cidrerie du Clos de la Ruaudaie, followed by an excursion to Rochefort-en-Terre. Dinner on board.

Day 5 - Saint-Martin-sur-Oust to La Gacilly

Cruise through the marshes of Glénac and along the tree-lined River Aff to La Gacilly. Afternoon excursion to the Dantelezh winery for a private tour and tasting. Dinner on board.

Day 6 - La Gacilly to Redon

Morning visit to La Gacilly, known for its craft workshops, botanical gardens and photography festival. Afternoon cruise via Île aux Pies to Redon. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

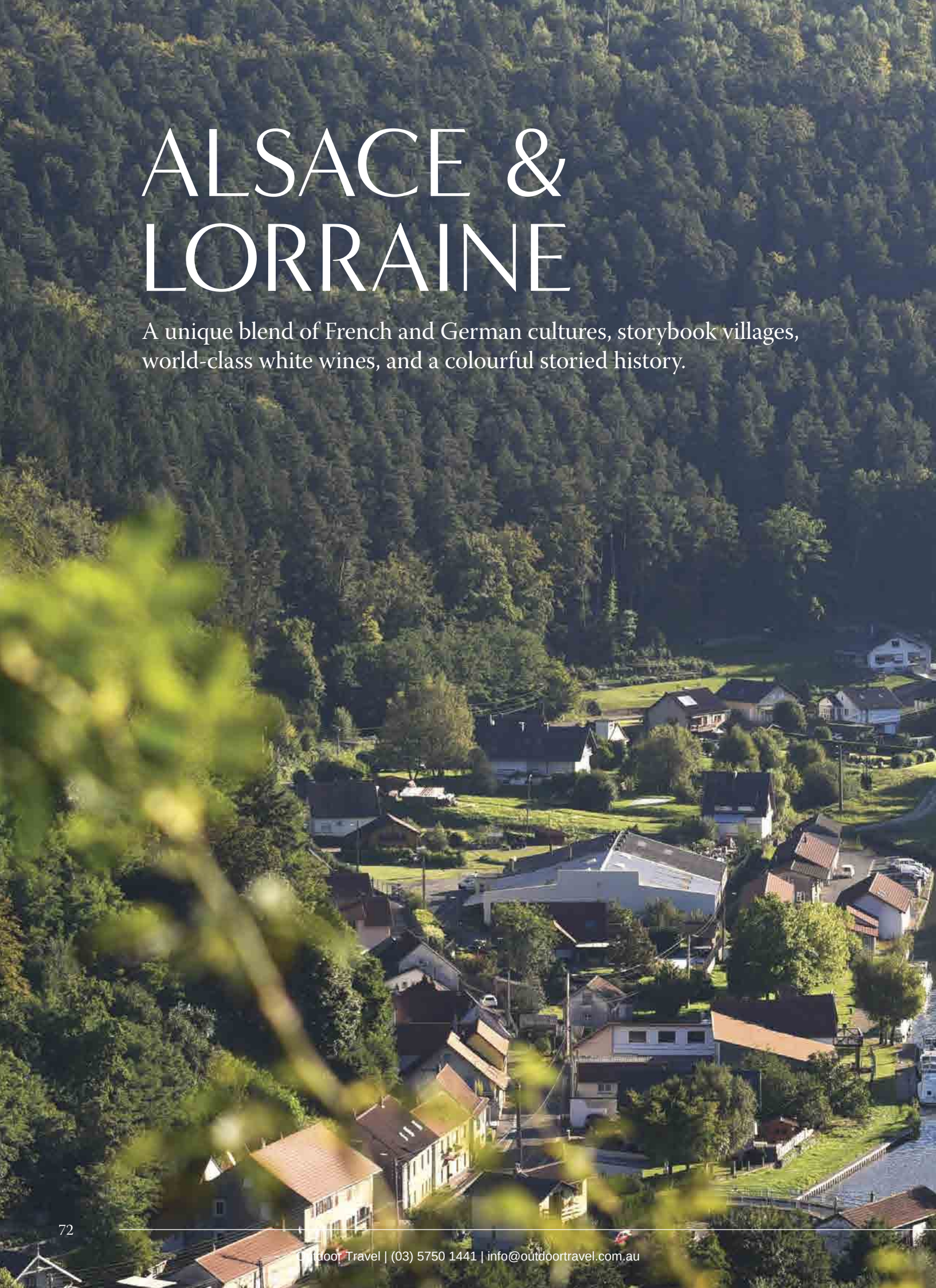
Day 7 - Redon

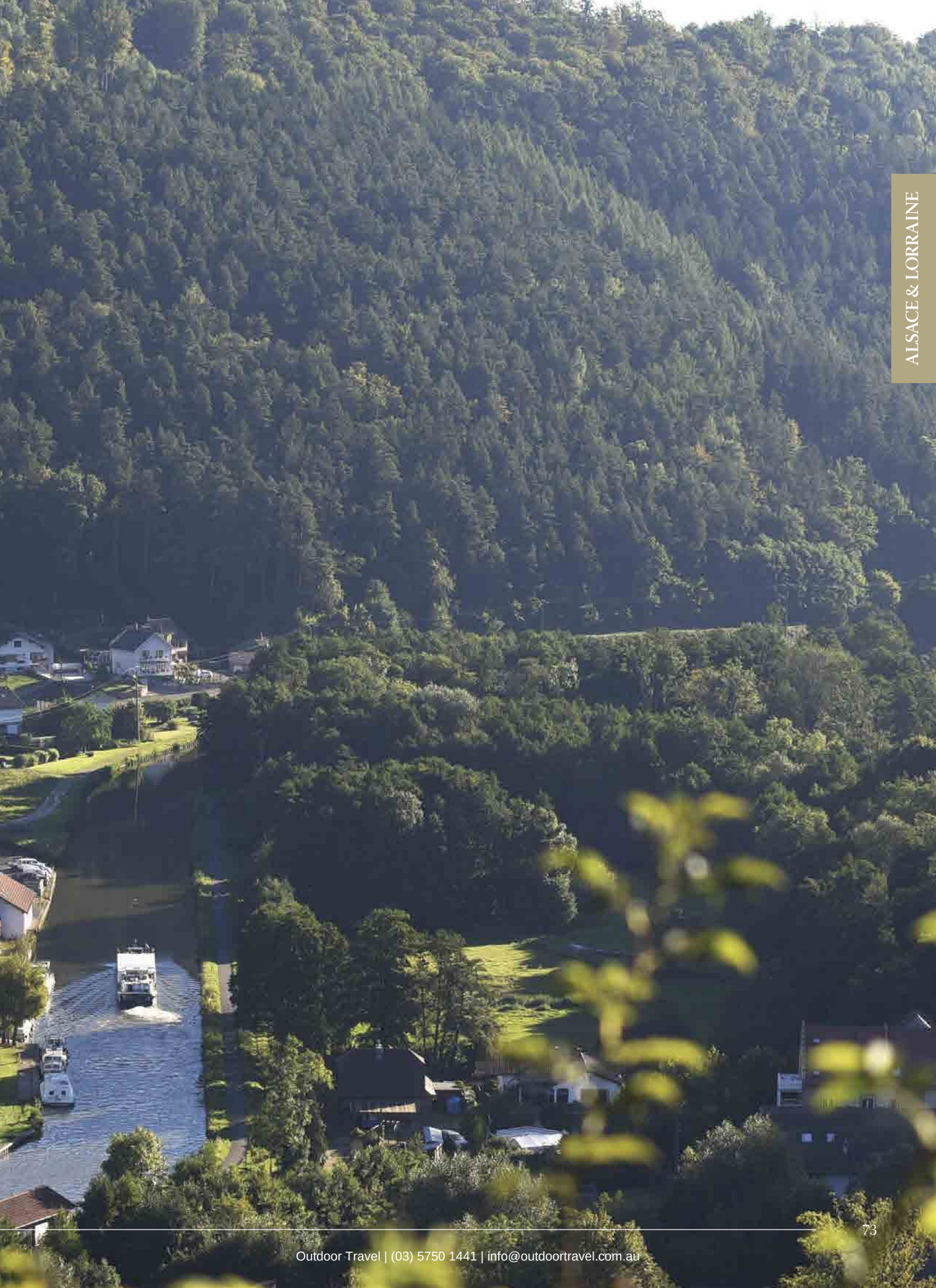
After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to Redon.

- Traditional Breton cider tasting
- Cruise through the spectacular Île aux Pies
- Explore La Gacilly & Yves Rocher Gardens

ALSACE & LORRAINE

A unique blend of French and German cultures, storybook villages, world-class white wines, and a colourful storied history.





ALSACE & LORRAINE

Canal de la Marne au Rhin



Alsace Vineyards

Once a vital thoroughfare connecting Paris with Alsace and Germany via the Rivers Marne and Rhine, the charming Canal de la Marne au Rhin has been transformed and modernised almost beyond recognition since its completion over 150 years ago.

Today, the canal and the surrounding region of Alsace & Lorraine offer a captivating blend of French and German cultures, set amidst picturesque landscapes of rolling vineyards, lush countryside and charming chocolate-box villages with half-timbered houses and cobbled streets. A leisurely cruise along the tranquil waterway, passing through locks and beneath historic bridges, reveals ever-changing scenery at every turn.

This unique region is also home to the city of Strasbourg, renowned for its magnificent Gothic cathedral, and the scenic Route des Vins d'Alsace, which stretches for over 100 miles. Yet perhaps the most remarkable engineering achievement is the Saint-Louis Arzviller Inclined Plane, also known as the Arzviller Boat Elevator, which replaced a flight of 17 locks that once took more than a day to navigate.

Alongside its world-renowned white wines, the cuisine of Alsace & Lorraine reflects a rich blend of French and German influences, with regional specialities including choucroute garnie, tarte flambée and baeckeoffe. Renowned for its exceptional gastronomy and Michelin-starred restaurants, the region's cuisine is a true highlight.



Strasbourg

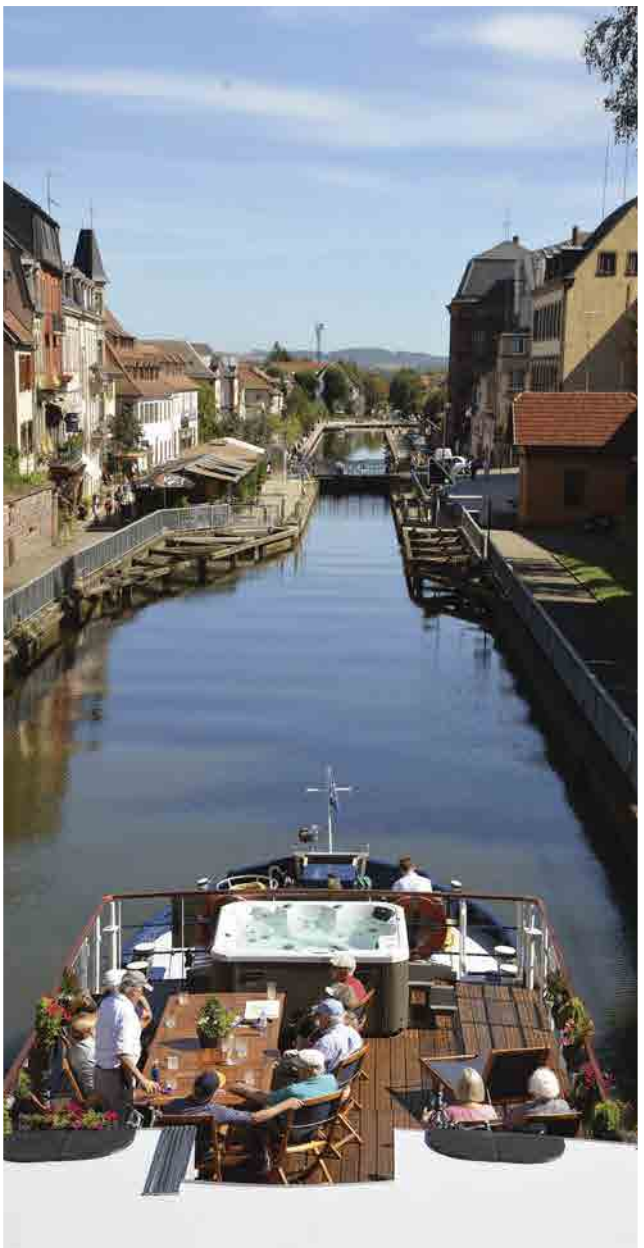
- **Panache:**
  DELUXE 12 PASSENGERS 6 CREW
- **La Nouvelle Etoile:**
  ULTRA DELUXE 8 PASSENGERS 7 CREW



La Petite France



Panache moored in Lutzelbourg





PANACHE

Canal de la Marne au Rhin

DELUXE | 12 PASSENGERS | 6 CREW



In the summer and autumn, Panache cruises the beautiful and varied waterways of Alsace & Lorraine, a region of France offering a unique mix of French and German cultures, history and local gastronomy.

Panache is a hotel barge that has been fitted out in traditional yacht style with brass and mahogany fittings in the spacious public areas and very comfortable cabin accommodation. In the saloon the picture windows let in plenty of natural light, and the tempting cocktail bar and comfortable leather sofas are enhanced by polished hardwood flooring and separate dining area.

The cabin accommodation comprises six generously-sized junior suites, all with en suite bathrooms that have twin hand-basins and oversized showers. Outside, the spacious sun deck is the perfect place to unwind and admire the passing scenery from one of the comfortable chairs, whilst the heated spa pool and chilled glass of champagne completes the picture.

Panache's voyage through Alsace & Lorraine will give you the opportunity to appreciate the very best of the region, passing storybook villages along the way and even experiencing Europe's most famous boat elevator!

She offers a handful of festive Christmas Markets Cruises in Alsace between November and December, offering visits to the traditional Strasbourg, Riquewihr, and Colmar Christmas markets. For more information, please see page 17.

La Nouvelle Etoile (see page 104) also cruises in Alsace & Lorraine in summer.



- Discover Strasbourg's Gothic Cathedral and charming historic quarter
- Explore the Route des Vins d'Alsace with private tour and tasting
- Experience the unique Arzviller boat elevator

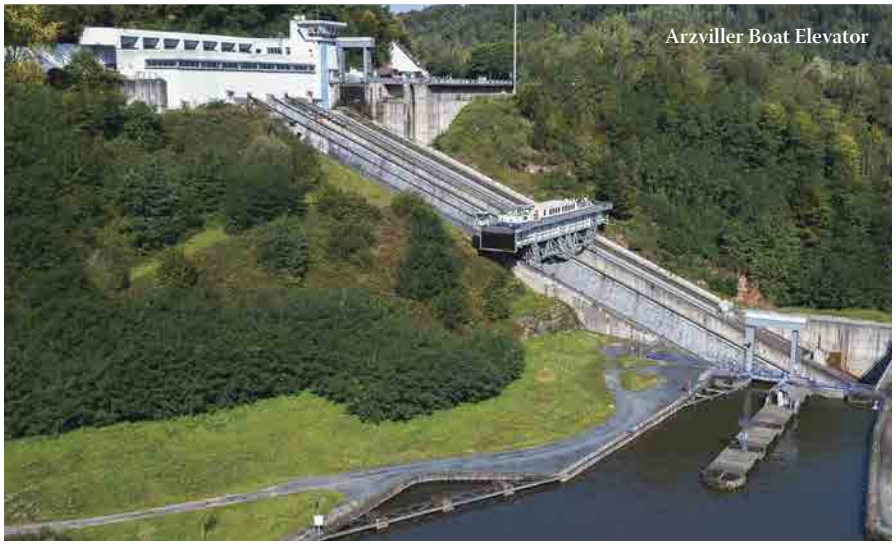
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Chagall Chapel


Junior Suite


Arzviller Boat Elevator

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ITINERARY – Strasbourg to Niderviller

Day 1 - Strasbourg

Guests are met in Strasbourg and transferred by private minibus to Panache, where a champagne welcome awaits. Dinner on board.

Day 2 - Strasbourg to Vendenheim

Enjoy a tour of Strasbourg including the 12th-century Gothic cathedral, Place Gutenberg, and the boutiques of La Petite France. In the afternoon, enjoy a leisurely cruise past the European Parliament building to Vendenheim. Dinner on board.

Day 3 - Vendenheim to Hochfelden

Morning cruise to Hochfelden. In the afternoon, enjoy a scenic drive along the Route des Vins d'Alsace, including a private tasting at a renowned Domaine. Conclude the day with dinner ashore at a traditional Alsatian restaurant.

Day 4 - Hochfelden to Saverne

This morning, cruise further down the canal to the enchanting town of Saverne. After lunch, take a walking tour of the town and drive up to Château du Haut-Barr to enjoy stunning views. Dinner on board.

Day 5 - Saverne to Lutzelbourg

Visit Saverne's market before cruising to the picture-postcard village of Lutzelbourg. Afternoon visits include La Petite Pierre and the René Lalique collection of Art Nouveau and Art Deco glass. Dinner on board.

Day 6 - Lutzelbourg to Niderviller

Cruise through the Alsatian countryside, visit artisan glassblowers, and ascend the Arzviller boat lift. Enjoy a candlelit cruise through tunnels to Niderviller. After lunch, tour Sarrebourg and its Chagall chapel. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

Day 7 - Niderviller

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to Strasbourg.

- Tour Sarrebourg, including the Chagall Chapel and historic museum
- Explore the outstanding René Lalique Collection
- Candlelit cruise through Arzviller tunnels

HOLLAND

A kaleidoscope of springtime colours, historic towns of the Old Masters lined with picturesque canals, and a vibrant culture of cycling, cheese-making and innovative design.





HOLLAND

Dutch Canals & Waterways



- **Panache:**
  DELUXE 12 PASSENGERS 6 CREW
- **La Nouvelle Etoile:**
  ULTRA DELUXE 8 PASSENGERS 7 CREW

Cruise the delightful waterways of Holland's western provinces in spring, passing windmills standing majestically above the polders. Spring is, of course, the time of year when visitors have the opportunity to see the tulips at their very best, but lovers of culture also come from far and wide to explore the traditional Dutch cities and their many museums. Delft, Leiden and Haarlem will charm you, just as they did the great Dutch artists.

Visitors to Holland are entranced by the vivid colours of the bulb fields and the magnificence of the formal displays, such as those at the world-renowned Keukenhof Gardens, which we visit. Other attractions, including the Royal Delft pottery and Zaanse Schans Conservation Area, are equally memorable.

Two of our hotel barges – Panache (see page 76) and La Nouvelle Etoile (see page 104) – cruise the waterways of Holland in spring, when the bulb fields are at their most colourful.


Alkmaar

- Tour Keukenhof Gardens, the world's largest flower display
- Visit the vast Aalsmeer flower auction
- See the windmills of the Zaanse Schans conservation area

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Aalsmeer Flower Auction


Keukenhof Gardens


The World Famous Delft Pottery

HOLLAND

ITINERARY – Alkmaar to Delft

Day 1 - Alkmaar

Guests are met in Amsterdam and transferred by private minibus to Panache, where a champagne welcome awaits. Dinner on board.

Day 2 - Alkmaar to Zaanse Schans

Morning walking tour of Alkmaar, followed by a cruise to Zaanse Schans. After lunch on board, explore the open-air conservation area with traditional windmills and historic houses, offering a vivid glimpse of 17th- and 18th-century Dutch life. Dinner on board.

Day 3 - Zaanse Schans to Haarlem

Early morning cruise to Haarlem, dating back to the 13th century. After lunch on board, visit the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens, showcasing over 7 million flowering bulbs across 100 acres. Dinner ashore at a local restaurant.

Day 4 - Haarlem to Oude Wetering

Optional early tour to the Aalsmeer flower auction, trading 17 million cut flowers daily. After breakfast, enjoy a private tasting of fine Dutch cheese and wines during a Haarlem city tour. Cruise to Oude Wetering. Dinner on board.

Day 5 - Oude Wetering to Leiden

Cruise to Leiden, Rembrandt's birthplace. Afternoon private boat tour highlights the city's historic charm. Free time to explore local cafés, shops, markets, and antique dealers. Dinner on board.

Day 6 - Leiden to Delft

Morning cruise to Delft, a former home port of the Dutch East India Company. After lunch, visit the Royal Delft factory to discover the art of world-famous porcelain making. Afternoon at leisure to explore Delft. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

Day 7 - Delft

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to Amsterdam.



- Visit Royal Delft pottery, traditional hand-painted ware
- Tour Haarlem with Dutch cheese & wine tasting
- Explore charming Leiden, Rembrandt's birthplace



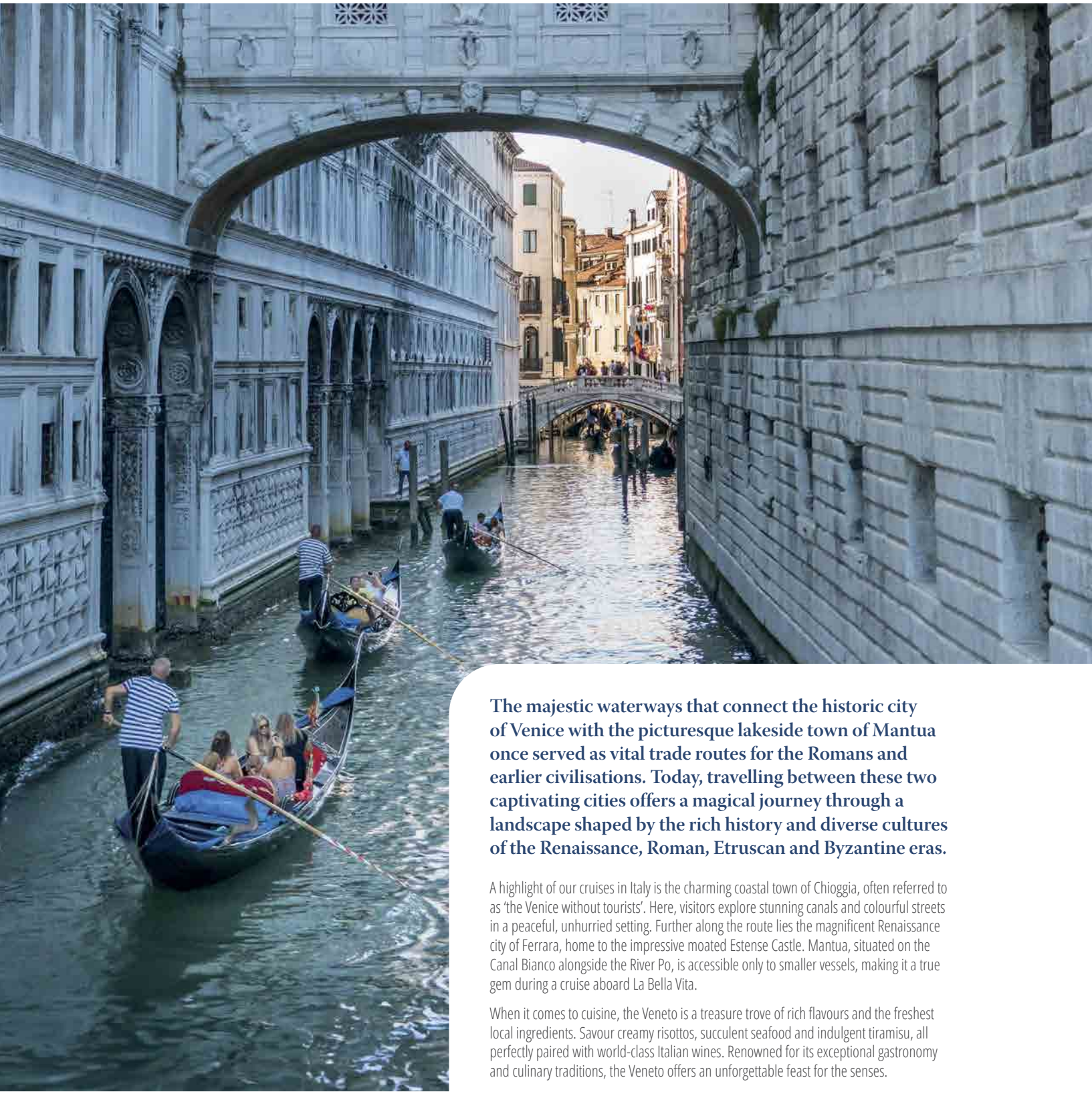


ITALY

Discover the enchanting canals, colourful lagoon islands, and the centuries of culture, history, and nature of Venice and the Po Valley.

ITALY

Venice, the Venetian Lagoon, the Canal Bianco and the Po Valley



The majestic waterways that connect the historic city of Venice with the picturesque lakeside town of Mantua once served as vital trade routes for the Romans and earlier civilisations. Today, travelling between these two captivating cities offers a magical journey through a landscape shaped by the rich history and diverse cultures of the Renaissance, Roman, Etruscan and Byzantine eras.

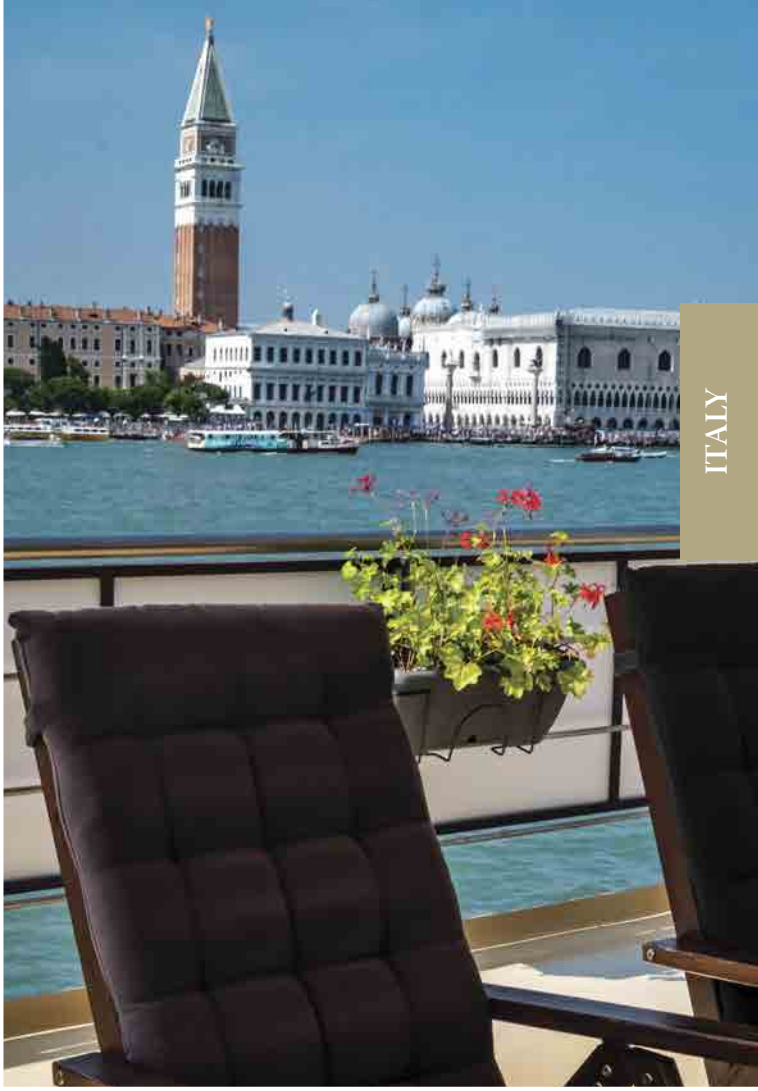
A highlight of our cruises in Italy is the charming coastal town of Chioggia, often referred to as 'the Venice without tourists'. Here, visitors explore stunning canals and colourful streets in a peaceful, unhurried setting. Further along the route lies the magnificent Renaissance city of Ferrara, home to the impressive moated Estense Castle. Mantua, situated on the Canal Bianco alongside the River Po, is accessible only to smaller vessels, making it a true gem during a cruise aboard La Bella Vita.

When it comes to cuisine, the Veneto is a treasure trove of rich flavours and the freshest local ingredients. Savour creamy risottos, succulent seafood and indulgent tiramisu, all perfectly paired with world-class Italian wines. Renowned for its exceptional gastronomy and culinary traditions, the Veneto offers an unforgettable feast for the senses.

◆ **La Bella Vita:**

CLASSIC 20 PASSENGERS 7-10 CREW







Ducale Palace in Mantua





Ferrara

LA BELLA VITA

Venice, Islands of the Venetian Lagoon and the Po Valley

CLASSIC | 20 PASSENGERS | 7-10 CREW



La Bella Vita cruises Italy's Venetian Lagoon, River Po and Bianco Canal between Venice and the lakeside Renaissance city of Mantua. A stylish 20-passenger vessel, La Bella Vita features a contemporary Italian interior, with vibrant colours throughout creating an atmosphere of relaxed elegance.

The generous saloon includes an inviting bar where you can enjoy a glass of prosecco, comfortable seating areas with leather sofas and a lounge piano, and a spacious dining room with louvred doors offering spectacular views as you are served delicious Italian specialities and fine wines.

Accommodation comprises two Upper Deck Junior Suites and eight Lower Deck Staterooms, all air-conditioned and with en suite facilities. Head to the Sun Deck, where you will find an extensive seating area with a large canopy, comfortable sun loungers and a relaxing spa pool.

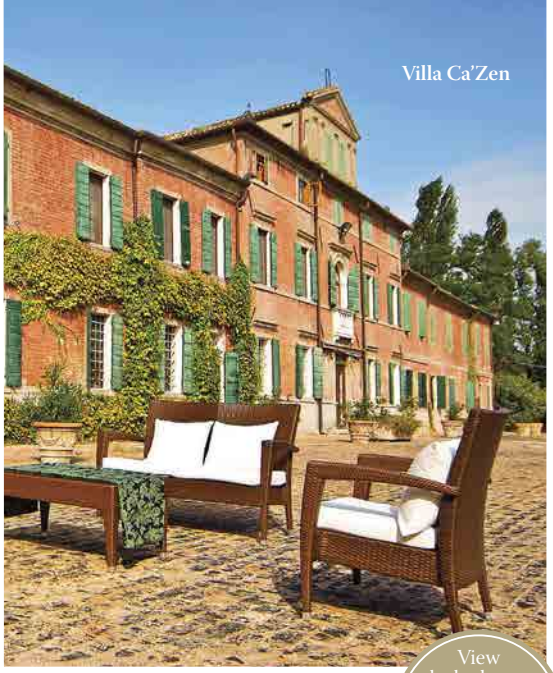
On selected departures, La Bella Vita embarks on a six-night circumnavigation of the colourful islands of the Venetian Lagoon, with highlights including Murano, Burano, Lido and more. Visit our website for details.

La Bella Vita also offers special summer Opera Cruises, including front stall seats to enjoy an acclaimed opera such as Aida or Carmen in the magnificent setting of the open-air Arena di Verona. For more information, please see page 17.


Chioggia

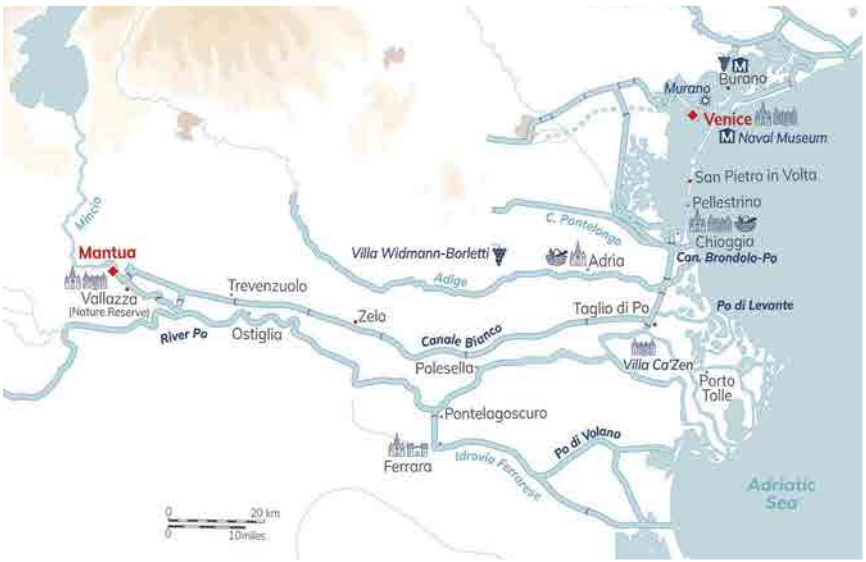
- Tour Venice, Naval Museum & Gondola Pavilion
- Explore Chioggia's Roman & Byzantine history
- Private dinner at the elegant 17th-century Villa Ca'Zen

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Villa Ca'Zen




Villa Widmann-Borletti



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ITINERARY – Venice to Mantua

Day 1 - Venice

Guests are met in Mestre and transferred by private minibus to La Bella Vita for a prosecco welcome and afternoon cruise along the Giudecca Canal. Dinner on board.

Day 2 - Venice to San Pietro in Volta

Morning tour of the Doge's Palace. Afternoon free to explore the Castello District, Naval Museum, or Murano glassworks by private water taxi. Cruise to Pellestrina, with time for a stroll along the 18th-century Istrian Sea wall before dinner on board.

Day 3 - San Pietro in Volta to Taglio di Po

Visit Chioggia's lively fish market and enjoy a short cruise aboard a traditional, locally-built boat. Afternoon cruise to Taglio di Po, followed by dinner ashore at the 17th-century Villa Ca'Zen.

Day 4 - Taglio di Po to Zelo

Morning cruise to Adria and visit to the Etruscan museum. Afternoon tour of Villa Widmann Borletti's Renaissance gardens, followed by a wine tasting in its historic cellars. Dinner on board.

Day 5 - Zelo to Vallazza

Guided morning tour of Ferrara, including the Estense Castle. Afternoon cruise past rural villages to Vallazza. Dinner on board.

Day 6 - Vallazza to Mantua

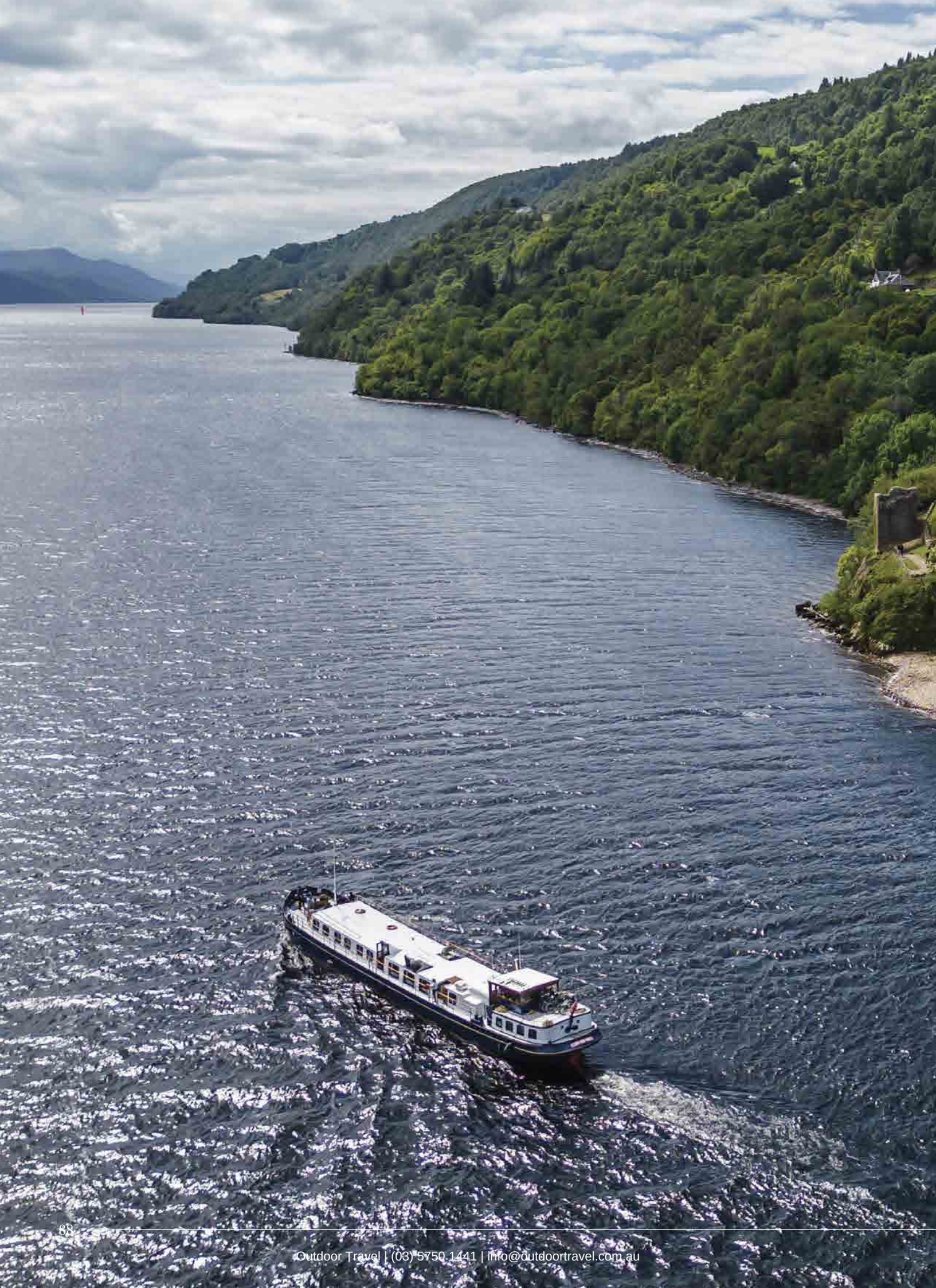
Final cruise into Mantua, home of poet Virgil and artists Mantegna and Donatello. Explore the Ducal Palace, renowned for its frescoes, artworks, and gardens. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

Day 7 - Mantua

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to Mestre.


Junior Suite

- Private tasting at 17th-century Villa Widmann Borletti
- Visit Mantua's Ducal Palace & gardens
- Tour of the Renaissance city of Ferrara including the Estense Castle





SCOTLAND

An inspiring land of mountains, glens and famous battlefields, with magical lochs that reflect the legends of the past.

Scottish Highlander cruising on Loch Ness past Urquhart Castle

SCOTLAND

The Caledonian Canal, Loch Ness & The Highlands



The Scottish Highlands are truly magical – a magnificent vista of expansive lochs, formidable mountainsides and historic battlegrounds. We cruise sedately through the Great Glen between Inverness and Fort William, navigating beautiful lochs and the engineering masterpiece that is the Caledonian Canal.

Ancient castles perched on the water's edge, heather-clad hillsides and magnificent views of the surrounding mountains make it arguably the finest inland cruising in the world and an unforgettable experience.

Along the way, you will visit places that have played a significant role in the region's centuries-old history, including Cawdor Castle, Eilean Donan Castle and Culloden Moor. You will also discover more about Scotland's best-known export – whisky – on a private tour of a long-established distillery and, of course, sample the 'water of life' itself.

Cuisine is traditional Scottish fare, with your creative chef preparing dishes using locally-sourced game and beef, wild salmon and seafood paired with a selection of fine international wines. And for whisky lovers there is a wide range of single malt and blended whiskies to savour on board.

Scotland's legends of the past, the taste of single malt and the mythical inhabitant of Loch Ness all contribute to a bewitching charm only experienced in the dramatic Highlands.

- **Spirit of Scotland:**
  DELUXE 12 PASSENGERS 6 CREW
- **Scottish Highlander:**
  DELUXE 8 PASSENGERS 5 CREW









Eilean Donan Castle



SPIRIT OF SCOTLAND

The Caledonian Canal, Loch Ness & The Highlands

DELUXE | 12 PASSENGERS | 6 CREW



Spirit of Scotland is an elegant hotel barge with extensive public areas inside and out that are perfect from which to admire the breathtaking Highlands scenery in comfort as she cruises the Caledonian Canal and the lochs of the Great Glen.

Although purpose built twenty years ago as a hotel barge, her style evokes that of the traditional steamers that plied the lochs of Scotland in times gone by.

Accommodating up to 12 passengers in comfort, her interior features a bright and spacious saloon and dining area with picture windows, a separate bar, and an integral forward wheelhouse giving views of the cruise route ahead. The 6 air-conditioned staterooms offer a choice of twin or double beds and are complemented by well designed en suite shower rooms.

Outside, there are separate areas where you can relax on a recliner, or perhaps in the heated spa pool, as well as a covered dining terrace. The large upper sun deck is the ideal place to admire the dramatic backdrop as you cruise on deep-water lochs such as Loch Oich, and pass historic landmarks along the way.

Hit the links at the likes of the stunning seaside Castle Stuart or the famed Championship Royal Dornoch aboard our Golf Cruise. For more information please see page 17.



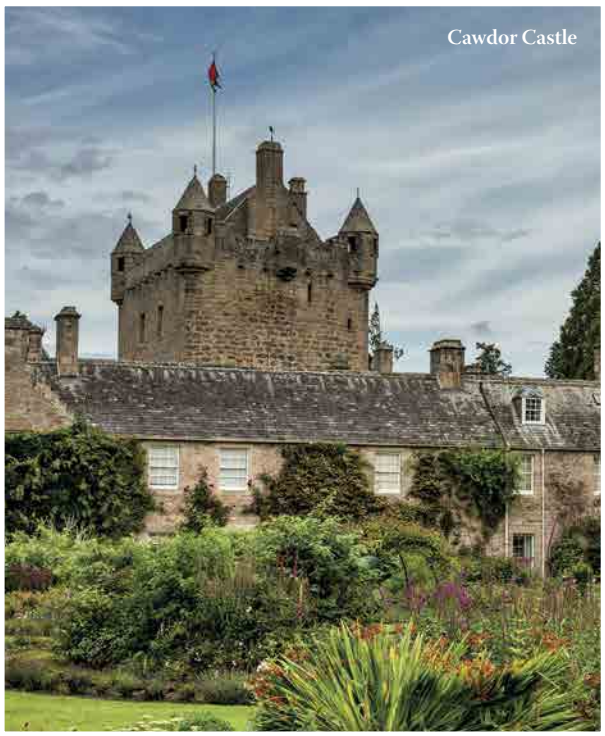
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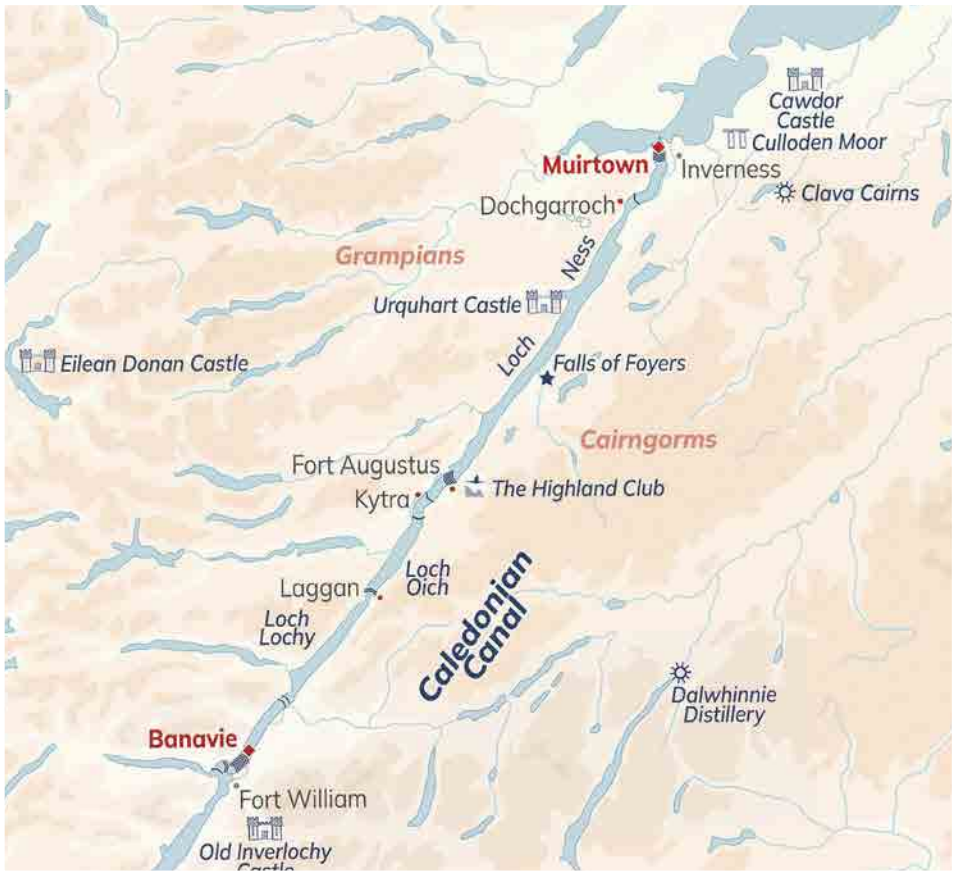
- Tour Dalwhinnie Distillery & whisky tasting
- Falconry display on the shores of Loch Ness
- Visit Cawdor Castle, famously linked to Macbeth

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Falconry at The Highland Club


Cawdor Castle





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ITINERARY – Banavie to Muirtown

Day 1 - Banavie

Guests are met in Inverness and transferred by private minibus to Spirit of Scotland, where a champagne welcome awaits. Dinner on board.

Day 2 - Banavie to Laggan

Morning cruise to Laggan. Afternoon visit to Dalwhinnie Distillery for a private tour and tasting. Dinner on board.

Day 3 - Laggan to Kytra

Excursion to Eilean Donan Castle, famed for its stunning lochside views and film history. Afternoon cruise across scenic Loch Oich to Kytra, with time for fishing or a gentle stroll. Dinner on board.

Day 4 - Kytra to Fort Augustus

Cruise to Fort Augustus and descend the lock flight to moor near Loch Ness. Afternoon falconry display at the Highland Club, set in a former monastery. Dinner ashore.

Day 5 - Fort Augustus to Dochgarroch

Cruise across Loch Ness beneath Urquhart Castle. Visit Culloden Battlefield and, time permitting, the ancient Clava Cairns, featured in Outlander. Dinner on board.

Day 6 - Dochgarroch to Muirtown

Final cruise to Muirtown, with time for a stroll or bike ride to the sea lock. Afternoon visit to Cawdor Castle, the historic setting of Shakespeare's Macbeth. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

Day 7 - Muirtown

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to Inverness.

- Visit Eilean Donan Castle, one of Scotland's most scenic spots
- Explore Culloden Moor, 1746 battle site
- Cruise across Loch Ness with views of Urquhart Castle

SCOTTISH HIGHLANDER

The Caledonian Canal, Loch Ness & The Highlands

DELUXE | 8 PASSENGERS | 5 CREW







Suite

Scottish Highlander has the atmosphere of a comfortable country house with subtle use of tartan furnishings and landscape paintings, a reminder of the spectacular surroundings to be seen on your voyage through the Great Glen.

At 117 feet long, she is spacious and has every comfort needed for enjoying the magnificence of the Highlands during spring, summer, and autumn.

The warm and welcoming saloon features rich-coloured wooden panelling, large picture windows and comfortable leather Chesterfield sofas to relax in, perhaps with a mellow single malt whisky from the very well-stocked bar.

Accommodation for eight guests is in three twin/double staterooms and one larger twin/double junior suite, each one centrally heated and with en suite facilities.

There is a cosy observation area behind the wheelhouse where you can admire the passing scenery and chat to the Captain about life on the Caledonian Canal and its interconnecting lochs. On the forward deck area there is more seating where you can appreciate the far-reaching views and rugged Highland landscape.

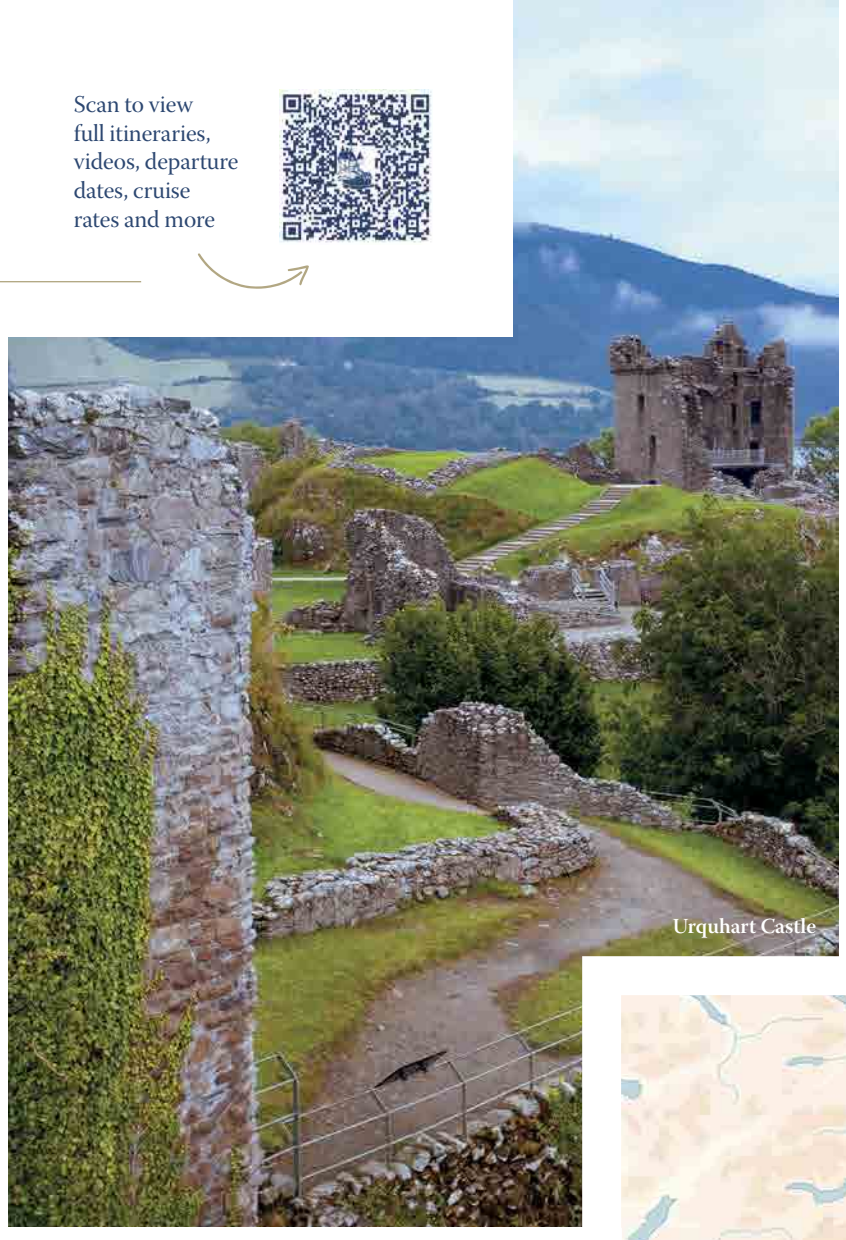
If you're a fan of a wee dram then our Whisky Trail Cruise could be the ultimate getaway for you. For more information please see page 17.



The Highland Club

- Tour Dalwhinnie Distillery & whisky tasting
- Falconry display on the shores of Loch Ness
- Visit Cawdor Castle, famously linked to Macbeth

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Urquhart Castle

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ITINERARY – Muirtown to Banavie

Day 1 - Muirtown

Guests are met in Inverness and transferred by private minibus to Scottish Highlander, where a champagne welcome awaits.

Day 2 - Muirtown to Dochgarroch

Cruise the Muirtown lock flight to Dochgarroch. Afternoon visit to Cawdor Castle, forever associated with Shakespeare's Macbeth. Dinner on board.

Day 3 - Dochgarroch to Fort Augustus

Morning visit to Culloden Battlefield and, time permitting, the ancient Clava Cairns, featured in Outlander. Cruise Loch Ness past the ruins of Urquhart Castle en route to Fort Augustus. Dinner on board.

Day 4 - Fort Augustus to Kytra

Cruise up the lock flight to Kytra. Afternoon free time in Fort Augustus before a falconry display at the Highland Club, a former monastery. Dinner ashore.

Day 5 - Kytra to Laggan

Cruise across Loch Oich to Laggan. Afternoon excursion to Eilean Donan Castle, famed for its stunning lochside views and film history. Dinner on board.

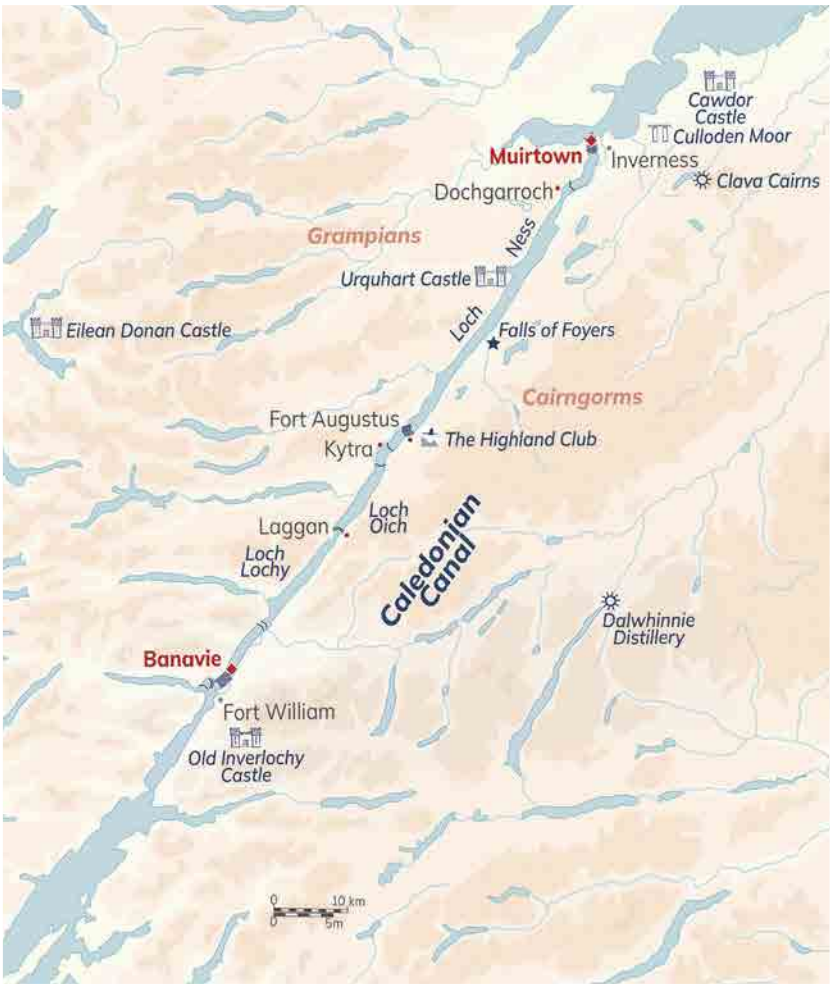
Day 6 - Laggan to Banavie

Final cruise across Loch Lochy to Banavie. Afternoon tour and tasting at Dalwhinnie Distillery. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

Day 7 - Banavie

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to Inverness.


Cruising through the Tomnahurich Swing Bridge



- Visit Eilean Donan Castle, one of Scotland's most scenic spots
- Explore Culloden Moor, 1746 battle site
- Cruise across Loch Ness with views of Urquhart Castle

IRELAND

A land of lush green hills and ancient heritage, where historic castles and timeless traditions blend with lively music and warm, welcoming locals.





Shannon Princess cruising near the historic Clonmacnoise Monastery

IRELAND

The River Shannon & its Loughs



Ireland is a land rich in cultural heritage, lyrical landscapes and timeless charm. A cruise along the River Shannon and its tranquil lakes offers a serene journey through one of Europe's most captivating regions.

Along the way, you'll pass lush green pastures, ivy-clad ruins and quiet villages steeped in Celtic folklore. Towering forests give way to open water, ancient monastic sites and a patchwork of farmland where age-old traditions flourish and warm Irish hospitality welcomes visitors.

Highlights along the route include iconic landmarks such as Birr Castle, Portumna Castle and Adare Manor, each offering a glimpse into Ireland's fascinating history. A visit to Tullamore D.E.W. Distillery provides the opportunity to sample one of Ireland's finest whiskeys and discover the heritage behind its time-honoured craft.

On board, your chef creates refined Celtic-inspired cuisine using the freshest local ingredients, from wild seafood and fresh oysters to premium Irish beef and seasonal produce. Each dish is thoughtfully paired with carefully selected wines and complemented by a curated selection of Irish whiskeys.

Music, myth and laughter accompany your journey along these peaceful waterways, revealing the true soul of Ireland – a charm that lingers long after the voyage has ended.



Adare Manor

Shannon Princess:

DELUXE 10 PASSENGERS 6 CREW



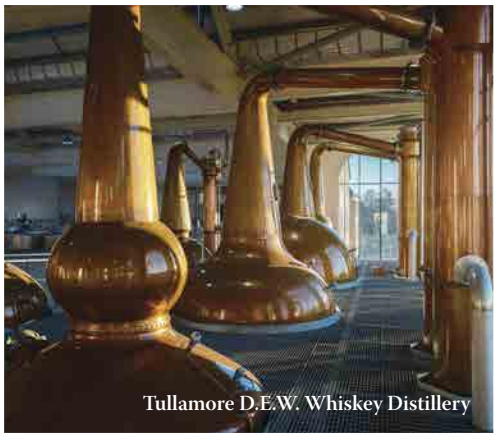
Hand-Weaving Workshop



Galway



Birr Castle



Tullamore D.E.W. Whiskey Distillery





SHANNON PRINCESS

The River Shannon & its Loughs

DELUXE | 10 PASSENGERS | 6 CREW



Shannon Princess is the only hotel barge cruising the River Shannon, Ireland's longest river and its enchanting network of intertwining locks. Her welcoming interior has been thoughtfully designed to reflect the charm and warmth of a traditional Irish country house.

A comfortable saloon and spacious dining area, both with panoramic windows, provide the perfect setting from which to enjoy the passing scenery. The five junior twin/double staterooms are stylishly furnished, each featuring picture windows, air conditioning, and en suite shower rooms.

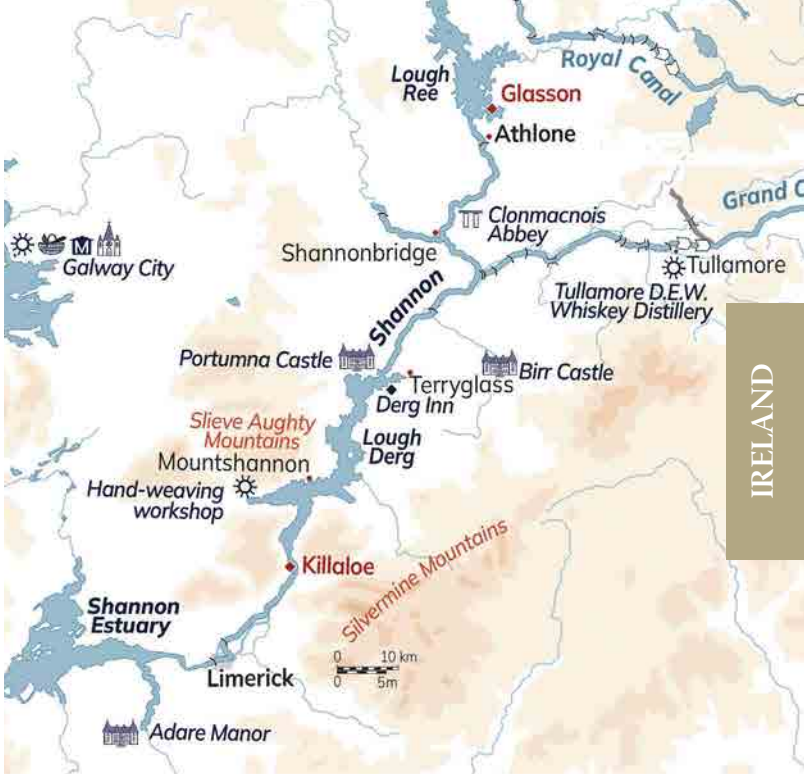
The sundeck offers a relaxed and elegant setting for alfresco dining, as well as a peaceful space to unwind and admire the lush Irish landscape as it drifts by.

Cruising aboard Shannon Princess provides a refined and immersive way to experience the soul of Ireland through its landscapes, traditions, and warm hospitality – all in comfort and style.



- Tour the legendary 6th-century Clonmacnoise ruins
- Day trip to Portumna Castle & Abbey
- Private tour of Birr Castle & Gardens, including its world-famous Great Telescope

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Portumna Castle


Ancient Clonmacnoise


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ITINERARY – Glasson to Killaloe

Day 1 - Glasson

Guests are met in Dublin and transferred by private minibus to Shannon Princess, where a champagne welcome awaits. Dinner on board.

Day 2 - Glasson to Athlone

Cruise the scenic Inner Lakes of Lough Ree, exploring some of its 365 islands before mooring at Athlone. After lunch, a tour and tasting Tullamore D.E.W Distillery, one of Ireland's oldest distilleries dating back to 1829.

Day 3 - Athlone to Shannonbridge

Navigate Athlone Lock and cruise to the ruins of Clonmacnoise, a 6th-century monastic site. Continue to Shannonbridge. After lunch, enjoy a private tour of Birr Castle and Gardens, including its Science Centre and historic Great Telescope. Dinner on board.

Day 4 - Shannonbridge to Terryglass

Cruise the River Shannon through Meelick Lock to Lough Derg, passing Portumna swing bridge before mooring at Terryglass Harbour. A visit to lively Galway city, with time to explore its shops and enjoy lunch at a traditional pub famed for Guinness and oysters. Dinner on board.

Day 5 - Terryglass to Mountshannon

Tour Portumna Castle's walled gardens and explore the ruins of medieval Portumna Abbey, before a visit to an Irish hand-weaving workshop. Afternoon cruise across Lough Derg to Mountshannon. Dinner on board.

Day 6 - Mountshannon to Killaloe

Cruise to Killaloe for a town visit. After lunch, tour Adare Manor estate with a falconry display. 'Sláinte' cocktail reception and Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

Day 7 - Killaloe

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to Dublin.

- Birds of prey demo at Adare Manor
- Tour & Tasting Tullamore D.E.W Distillery, one of Ireland's oldest
- Traditional Guinness & Oyster lunch in Galway city

ENGLAND

The Royal River Thames

Magna Carta: DELUXE 8 PASSENGERS 5-6 CREW



Cliveden Reach

Magna Carta will take you on a slow, meandering journey along the prettiest stretches of the River Thames, past Royal Palaces and quaint riverside towns and villages – a captivating mixture of olde worlde England and the natural beauty of the surrounding countryside.

From Henry VIII's Hampton Court, past Windsor Castle and on to Henley-on-Thames, frequent stops allow plenty of time to wander and explore some of England's prettiest counties.

During the cruise, there is a diverse programme of escorted visits along the way – art galleries, stately homes, and even a boatyard that has been building traditional river craft for centuries.

Magna Carta's large saloon and dining area feature picture windows and stylish furnishings, and the sense of refined space continues in the four very generous, air-conditioned twin or double suites, with their combination of period furniture and contemporary en suite shower rooms.

Outside you can unwind in the heated spa pool, or enjoy a mouth-watering al fresco lunch prepared by your onboard master Chef.

With a seasoned Captain at the helm, and an attentive crew at your service, why not take a cruise through history aboard Magna Carta.



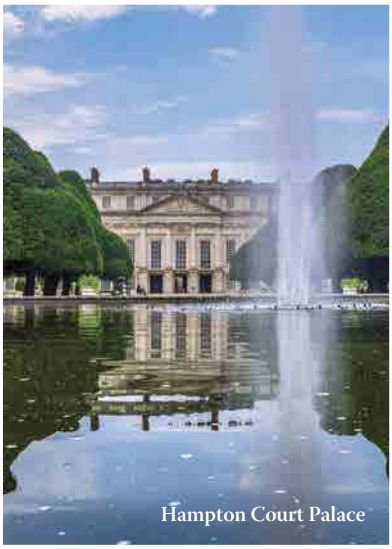
- Explore Henry VIII's Hampton Court Palace
- Moor beneath & visit Windsor Castle
- Tour gardens of the Cliveden estate

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Olde Bell at Hurley


Hampton Court Palace


Windsor Castle

ITINERARY – Hampton Court to Henley on Thames

Day 1 - Hampton Court Palace

Guests are met at London's Stafford Hotel for English Cream Tea, then transferred by private minibus to Magna Carta, where a champagne welcome awaits. Dinner on board.

Day 2 - Hampton Court Palace to Shepperton

Morning tour of Hampton Court Palace, home to Henry VIII and featuring the finest Tudor ceiling. Afternoon cruise through Molesey, Sunbury, and Shepperton Locks to moor privately. Optional pub visit. Dinner on board.

Day 3 - Shepperton to Windsor

Cruise past the Magna Carta Memorial to Windsor. Afternoon visit to Windsor Castle, exploring State Apartments and St George's Chapel. Dinner on board.

Day 4 - Windsor to Cliveden

Short drive to Tudor manor Dorney Court, owned by the Palmer family for over 450 years. Afternoon cruise past Bray to moor on the Cliveden estate. Dinner on board.

Day 5 - Cliveden to Hurley

Tour Cliveden grounds, then visit Stanley Spencer Gallery in Cookham. Cruise through Cookham and Marlow to Hurley, with an optional visit to the historic Olde Bell inn. Selected departures visit Highclere Castle instead of Dorney Court. Dinner on board.

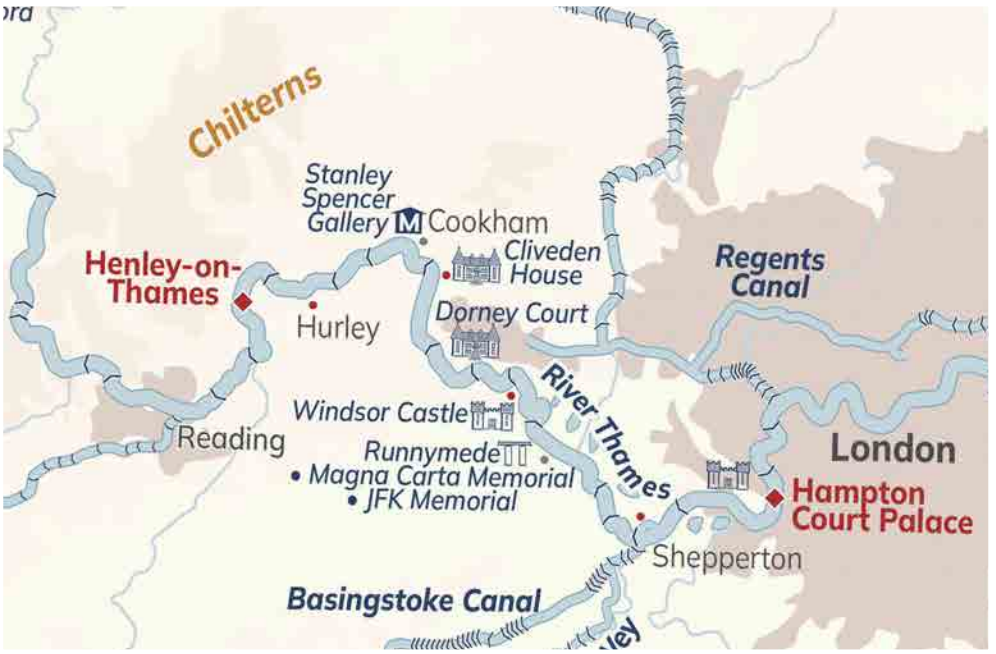
Day 6 - Hurley to Henley-on-Thames

Walk through Hurley village and visit a traditional boatyard. Cruise to Henley-on-Thames along the famous regatta course. Afternoon tour of Christ Church, Oxford. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

Day 7 - Henley-on-Thames

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private minibus to central London.


Suite



- Visit the Stanley Spencer Gallery, Cookham
- Private tour of Tudor manor Dorney Court
- Tour of Highclere Castle on selected departures

BELGIUM, GERMANY & LUXEMBOURG

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Belgian Waterways and The River Moselle

La Nouvelle Etoile: ULTRA DELUXE 8 PASSENGERS 7 CREW



La Nouvelle Etoile has been designed to offer a very high level of comfort and convenience, to provide an onboard blend of traditional elegance and modern-day facilities.

The spacious, air-conditioned saloon with its attractive cocktail bar, piano and elegant furnishings provides a truly sophisticated setting, while each of the four generous 215 sq ft cabin suites is lavishly equipped and the en suite bathrooms feature double hand basins and oversized showers. On deck there is a large sun deck with comfortable loungers and a hot tub. This cruise on the luxurious La Nouvelle Etoile is a journey back in time through a picturesque landscape along delightful canals, and through historic cities. She also cruises in Alsace & Lorraine (page 72) and Holland (page 78).

For those seeking more than a classic canal cruise, our 11-night voyage takes you from the 'Venice of the North', Bruges, to the 'City of Love and Lights', Paris. Contact us to find out more.


Suite



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ITINERARY
Holland to Belgium – May

- In Holland, see the world-famous flower displays of Keukenhof Gardens
- Visit the Royal Delft pottery factory and see how the world-famous porcelain is made
- Stop in historic Willemstad en route to Antwerp for a tour of the old quarter
- Visit Ghent and its magnificent cathedral
- Enjoy a private floating tour of Bruges

Belgium to Paris (11 nights) – May

- Enjoy guided walking and floating tours around Bruges, the 'Venice of the North'
- Tour medieval Ghent with its magnificent altar piece
- See France's largest cathedral in Amiens
- Visit Compiègne, site of the World War One Armistice signing
- Experience Giverny to see Claude Monet's home and the gardens that served as subjects for some of his most famous works
- Cruise through Paris past the Eiffel Tower

Germany and Luxembourg – Sep & Oct

- Visit Burg Eltz, the 12th century 'Queen of German Castles', one of the few not destroyed by King Louis XIV
- Cruise the River Moselle past picturesque hillside vineyards
- Enjoy private wine tastings in Zell and Bernkastel, home of the best of Moselle wines
- Tour Trier, Germany's oldest town and see the Porta Nigra, the magnificent Roman city gate
- Tour Luxembourg with a visit to its capital


Ghent


Burg Eltz



AT A GLANCE GUIDE

Every hotel barge, every detail – helping you choose your perfect voyage

VESSEL	CATEGORY	CRUISE REGION	CRUISE ROUTE	PICKUP LOCATION	DEPARTURES
FRANCE					
La Belle Epoque	Deluxe	Northern Burgundy	Canal de Bourgogne	Paris	April - October
Finesse	Ultra Deluxe	Southern Burgundy	Canal du Centre & River Saone	Paris	April - October
L'Impressionniste	Deluxe	Southern Burgundy	Canal de Bourgogne	Paris	April - October
Renaissance	Ultra Deluxe	Western Burgundy & the Upper Loire	Canal de Briare	Paris	April - October
L'Art de Vivre	Classic	Burgundy & the Nivernais	Canal du Nivernais & River Yonne	Paris	April - October
Kir Royale	Ultra Deluxe	Champagne	Canal latéral à la Marne & River Marne	Paris	April - October
Enchanté	Ultra Deluxe	South of France, the Midi	Canal du Midi	Narbonne	March - October
Anjodi (1)	Classic	South of France, the Midi	Canal du Midi	Narbonne	March - October
Athos (1)	Classic	South of France, the Midi	Canal du Midi	Béziers	April - October
Rosa	Classic	Southwest France, Gascony	Canal de Garonne	Toulouse	April - June
		Southwest France, Bordeaux	Canal de Garonne	Bordeaux	July - October
Nymphea	Classic	Brittany	Canal de Nantes à Brest	Redon	May - October
Panache	Deluxe	Alsace & Lorraine	Canal de la Marne au Rhin	Strasbourg	May - December
La Nouvelle Etoile	Ultra Deluxe	Alsace & Lorraine	Canal de la Marne au Rhin	Strasbourg	July & August
HOLLAND					
Panache	Deluxe	Western Provinces	Dutch Waterways	Amsterdam	March - May
La Nouvelle Etoile	Ultra Deluxe	Western Provinces	Dutch Waterways	Amsterdam	March - May
ITALY					
La Bella Vita	Classic	Venice & the Po Valley	Venetian Lagoon River Po/Canal Bianco	Venice	April - October
SCOTLAND, ENGLAND, IRELAND					
Spirit of Scotland	Deluxe	Scotland	Caledonian Canal & Lochs	Inverness	April - October
Scottish Highlander	Deluxe	Scotland	Caledonian Canal & Lochs	Inverness	April - October
Shannon Princess	Deluxe	Ireland	River Shannon & its Loughs	Dublin	April - September
Magna Carta	Deluxe	England	River Thames	London	April - October
BELGIUM, GERMANY & LUXEMBOURG					
La Nouvelle Etoile	Ultra Deluxe	Luxembourg/Germany	River Moselle	Frankfurt/Koblenz	August - October

Our Hotel Barge Categories

The category class refers primarily to the cabins. The service, gourmet meals, wines, escorted excursions and other amenities on board are of a similar standard on all of our hotel barges.

Ultra Deluxe – Exceptionally spacious suites offering a level of luxury comparable to a high-end hotel.

Deluxe – Comfortable, well-appointed cabins, slightly smaller than those in the Ultra Deluxe category.

Classic – Compact yet comfortable cabins, thoughtfully designed to maximise space.

Biking:

✓✓✓ – Towpath biking and good rural biking routes.
✓✓ – Some towpath biking and/or rural biking routes.
✓ – Limited biking opportunities
\+ – 'Biking Plus' option available

Notes:

(1) Anjodi and Athos can 'tandem' for larger groups up to 18.

(2) Other theme cruises are available on request.

LENGTH OF VESSEL	CREW	MAX PASSENGER CAPACITY	APPROX. CABIN SIZE	INTERIOR DECKS	SPA POOL	BIKING	THEME CRUISES (2)
127 ft	6	12	Jr. Suite: 150-165 sq. ft. Staterooms: 125-130 sq. ft.	2	Yes	✓✓✓ +	Family, Wine Appreciation
127 ft	5	8	Suites: 265 sq. ft.	2	Yes	✓✓✓ +	Family, Wine Appreciation
127 ft	6	12	Jr. Suites: 152-156 sq. ft. Staterooms: 110-124 sq. ft.	2	Yes	✓✓✓ +	Family, Golf, Wine Appreciation, Culinary
127 ft	5	8	Suites: 235-265 sq. ft.	2	Yes	✓✓✓ +	Family, Golf, Wine Appreciation
100 ft	5	8	Staterooms: 100 sq. ft.	1	Yes	✓✓✓ +	Family, Wine Appreciation, Biking
127 ft	5	8	Suites: 190-230 sq. ft.	2	Yes	✓✓	On Request
100 ft	5	8	Suites: 165 sq. ft.	2	Yes	✓✓ +	Family, Golf, Wine Appreciation, Culinary
100 ft	5	8	Staterooms: 91-102 sq. ft.	1	Yes	✓✓ +	Family
100 ft	5	10	Staterooms: 93-102 sq. ft.	1	Yes	✓✓	Family, Tennis
100 ft	4	8	Staterooms: 97-114 sq. ft.	1	Yes	✓✓✓	Family, Wine Appreciation
81 ft	2-3	6	Staterooms: 65-91 sq. ft.	1	No	✓✓✓	On Request
127 ft	6	12	Jr. Suites: 150 sq. ft.	2	Yes	✓✓✓ +	Family, Christmas Markets
127 ft	7	8	Suites: 215 sq. ft.	2	Yes	✓✓✓	On Request
127 ft	6	12	Jr. Suites: 150 sq. ft.	2	Yes	✓	Family
127 ft	7	8	Suites: 215 sq. ft.	2	Yes	✓	On Request
148 ft	7-10	20	Jr. Suites: 135 sq. ft. Staterooms: 105 sq. ft.	2	Yes	✓	Family, Golf, Wine Appreciation, Gardens, Opera
127 ft	6	12	Staterooms: 130 sq. ft.	2	Yes	✓	Family, Golf, Gardens, Whisky
117 ft	5	8	Jr. Suite: 148 sq. ft. Staterooms: 115 sq. ft.	1	No	✓	Family, Golf, Whisky
110 ft	6	10	Staterooms: 125 sq. ft.	1	Yes	✓	Family, Golf
117 ft	5-6	8	Suites: 200 sq. ft.	2	Yes	✓✓	Family, Golf
127 ft	7	8	Suites: 215 sq. ft.	2	Yes	N/A	On Request

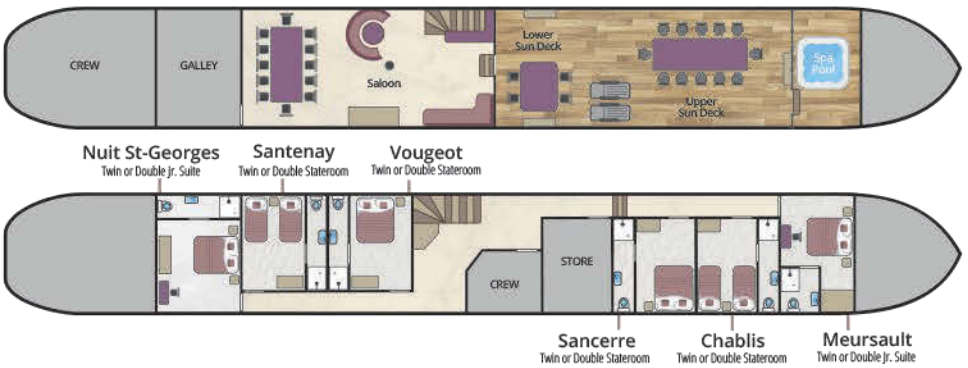
**Please note that on many of our cruises, on alternate weeks we travel in the reverse direction. The route, excursions and pick up/drop off points remain the same for both directions.*

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La Belle Epoque

DELUXE
12 PASSENGERS
6 CREW

- 127 Feet Long
- 2 Twin/Double Junior Suites (150 - 165 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- 4 Twin/Double Staterooms (125 - 130 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned/Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool

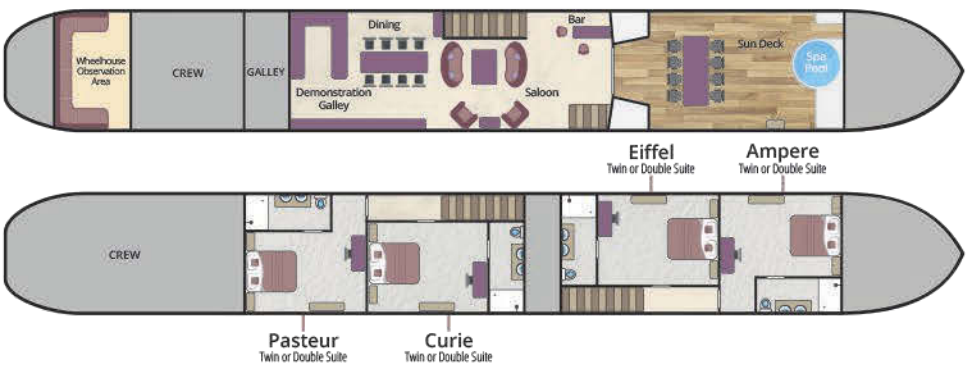


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Finesse

ULTRA DELUXE
8 PASSENGERS
5 CREW

- 127 Feet Long
- 4 Twin/Double Suites (265 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned/Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool
- Observation Open Galley

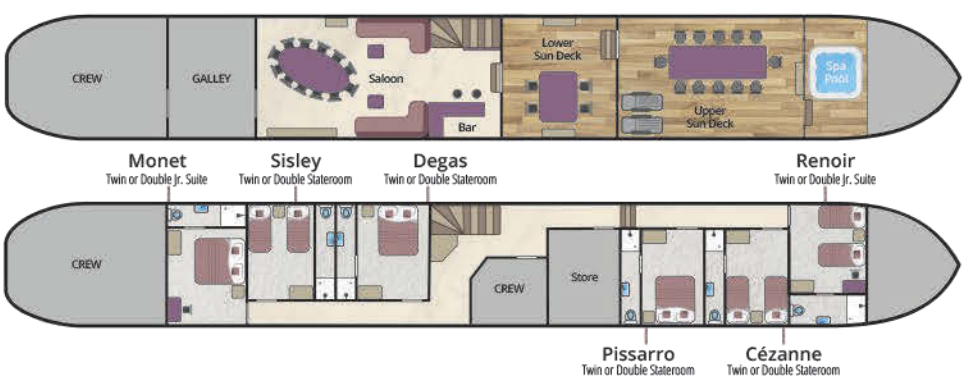


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L'Impressionniste

DELUXE
12 PASSENGERS
6 CREW

- 127 Feet Long
- 2 Twin/Double Junior Suites (152 - 156 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- 4 Twin/Double Staterooms (110 - 124 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned/Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool

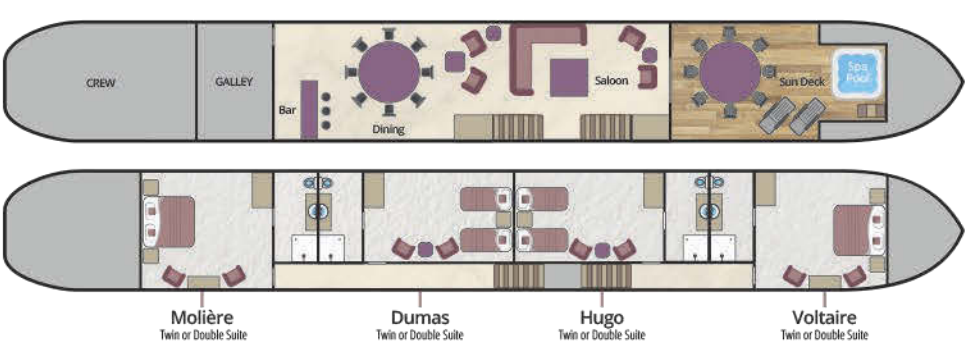


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Renaissance

ULTRA DELUXE
8 PASSENGERS
5 CREW

- 127 Feet Long
- 4 Twin/Double Suites (235 - 265 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned/Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool

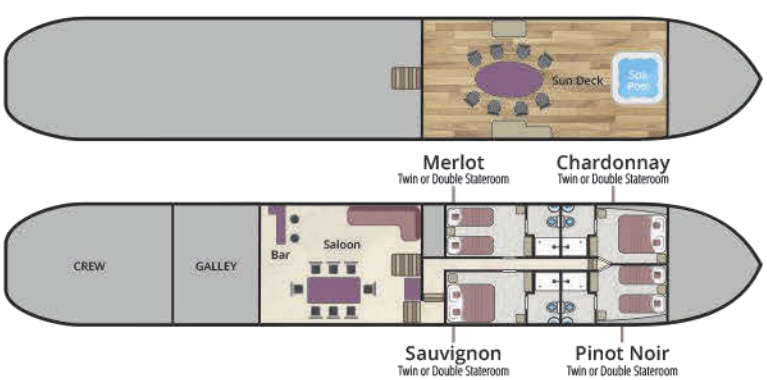


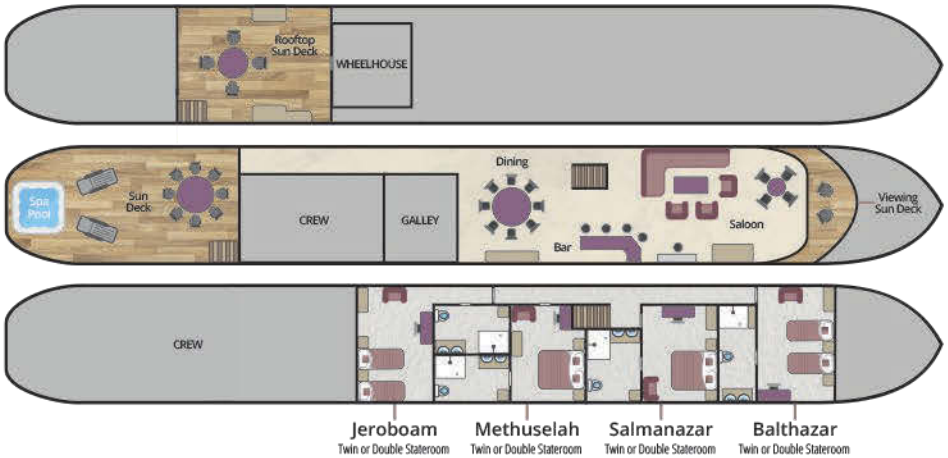
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L'Art de Vivre

CLASSIC
8 PASSENGERS
5 CREW

- 100 Feet Long
- 4 Twin/Double Staterooms (100 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned/Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool





Kir Royale

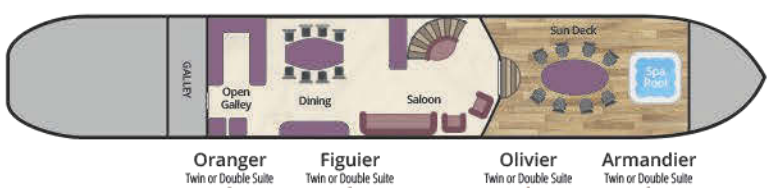
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ULTRA DELUXE

8 PASSENGERS

6 CREW

- 127 Feet Long
- 4 Twin/Double Suites (190– 230 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned/Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool
- Galley Observation Window
- Piano



Enchanté

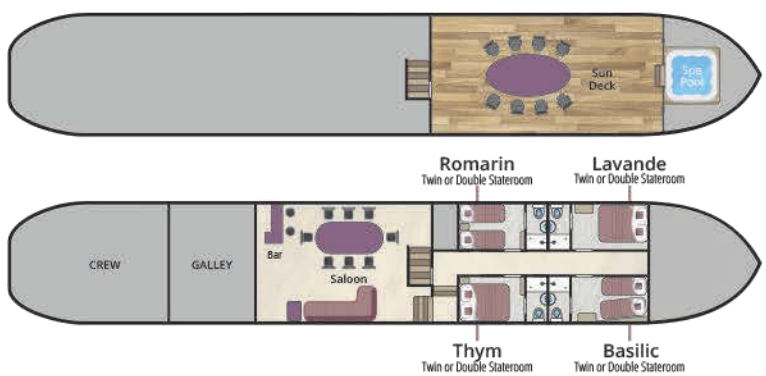
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ULTRA DELUXE

8 PASSENGERS

5 CREW

- 100 Feet Long
- 4 Twin/Double Suites (165 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned/Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool
- Observation Open Galley



Anjodi

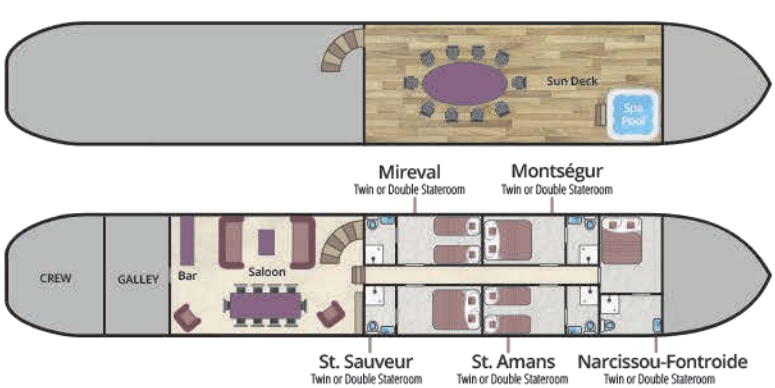
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CLASSIC

8 PASSENGERS

5 CREW

- 100 Feet Long
- 4 Twin/Double Staterooms (91 – 102 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned/Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool



Athos

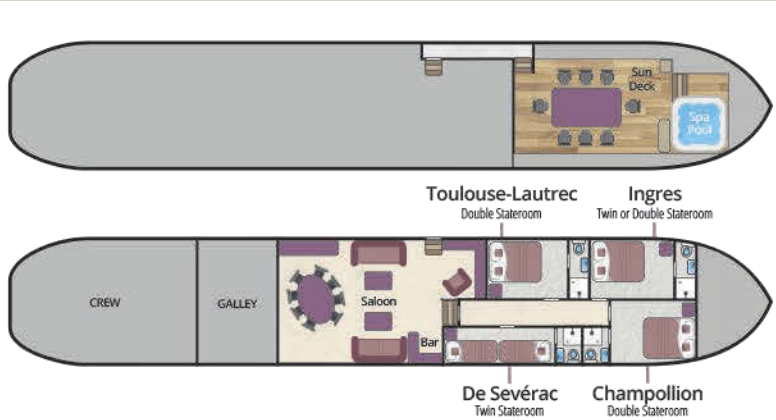
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CLASSIC

10 PASSENGERS

5 CREW

- 100 Feet Long
- 5 Twin/Double Staterooms (93 – 102 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned/Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool



Rosa

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CLASSIC

8 PASSENGERS

4 CREW

- 100 Feet Long
- 2 Double Staterooms (104 – 114 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- 1 Double/Twin Stateroom (92 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- 1 Twin Stateroom (107 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned/Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool

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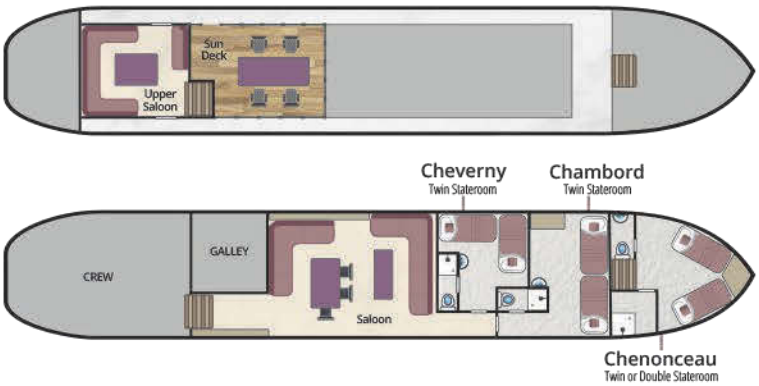
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CLASSIC

6 PASSENGERS

2-3 CREW

- 81 Feet Long
- 2 Twin Cabins (65 – 91 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- 1 Twin/Double Stateroom (91 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned/Centrally Heated



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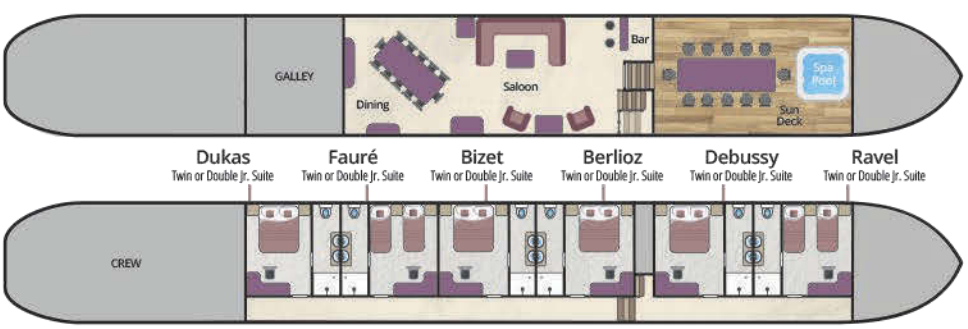
Panache

DELUXE

12 PASSENGERS

6 CREW

- 127 Feet Long
- 6 Twin/Double Junior Suites (150 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned/Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool



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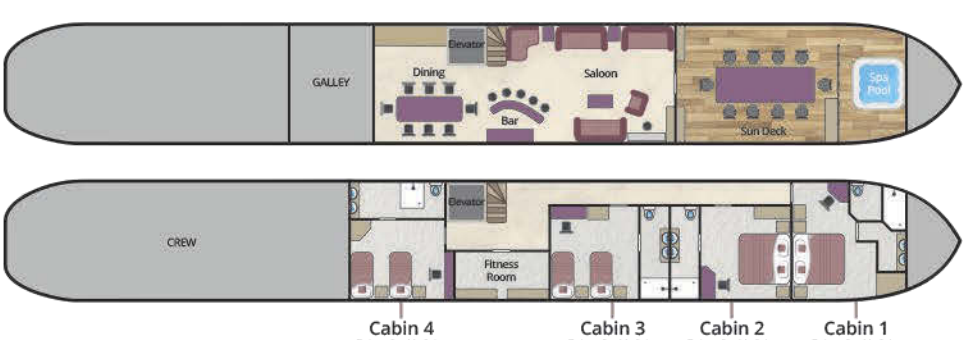
La Nouvelle Etoile

ULTRA DELUXE

8 PASSENGERS

7 CREW

- 127 Feet Long
- 4 Twin/Double Suites (215 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned/Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool
- Elevator
- Fitness Room



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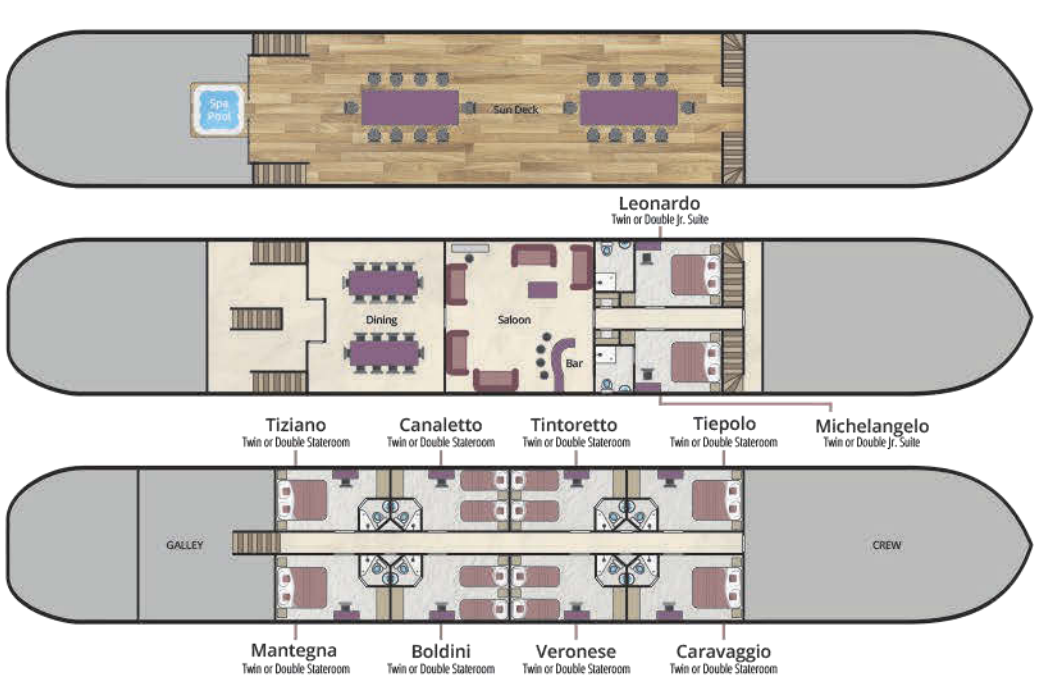
La Bella Vita

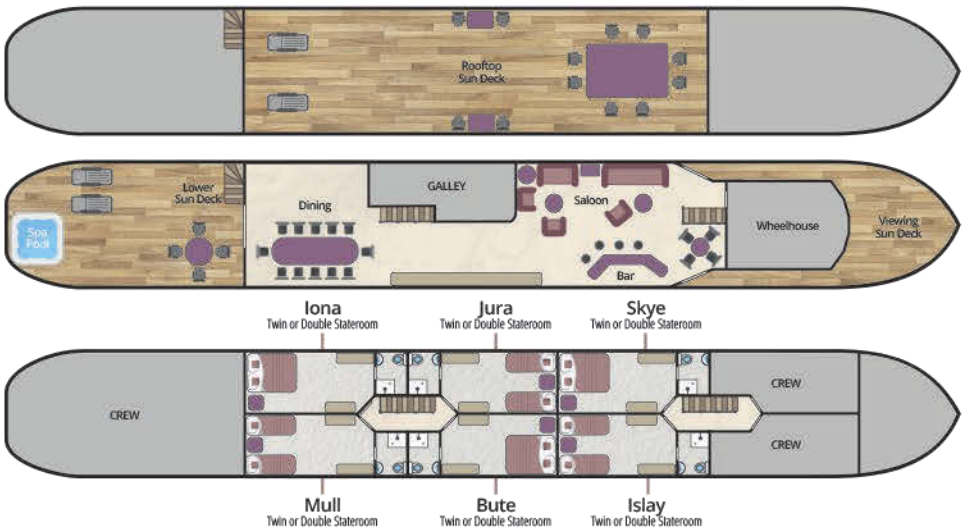
CLASSIC

20 PASSENGERS

7-10 CREW

- 148 Feet Long
- 2 Twin/Double Junior Suites (135 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- 8 Twin/Double Staterooms (105 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned/Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool
- Piano





Spirit of Scotland

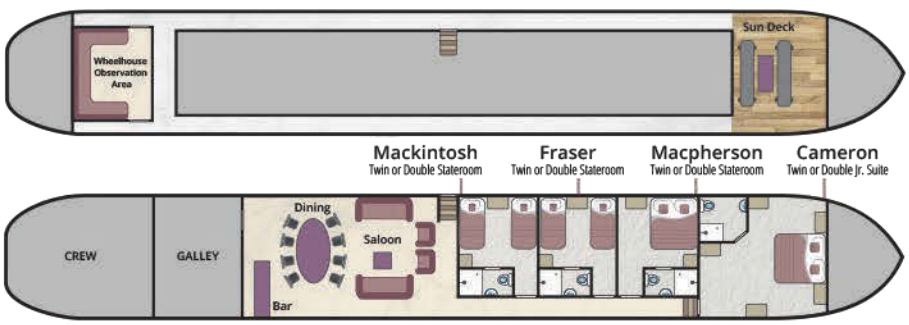
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DELUXE

12 PASSENGERS

6 CREW

- 127 Feet Long
- 6 Twin/Double Staterooms (130 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- Separate Cabin for Tour Leader
- Air-Conditioned/Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool



Scottish Highlander

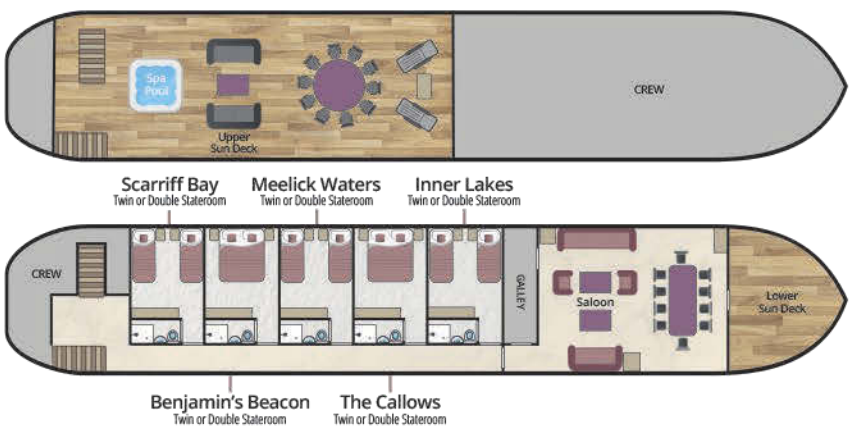
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DELUXE

8 PASSENGERS

5 CREW

- 117 Feet Long
- 1 Twin/Double Junior Suite (148 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- 3 Twin/Double Staterooms (115 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- Centrally Heated/Air-Conditioned (Saloon Only)
- Wheelhouse Observation Area



Shannon Princess

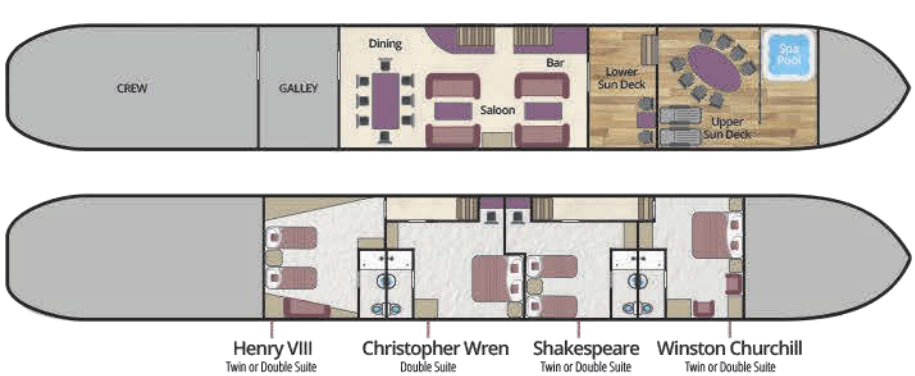
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DELUXE

10 PASSENGERS

6 CREW

- 110 Feet Long
- 5 Twin/Double Staterooms (125 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned/Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool



Magna Carta

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DELUXE

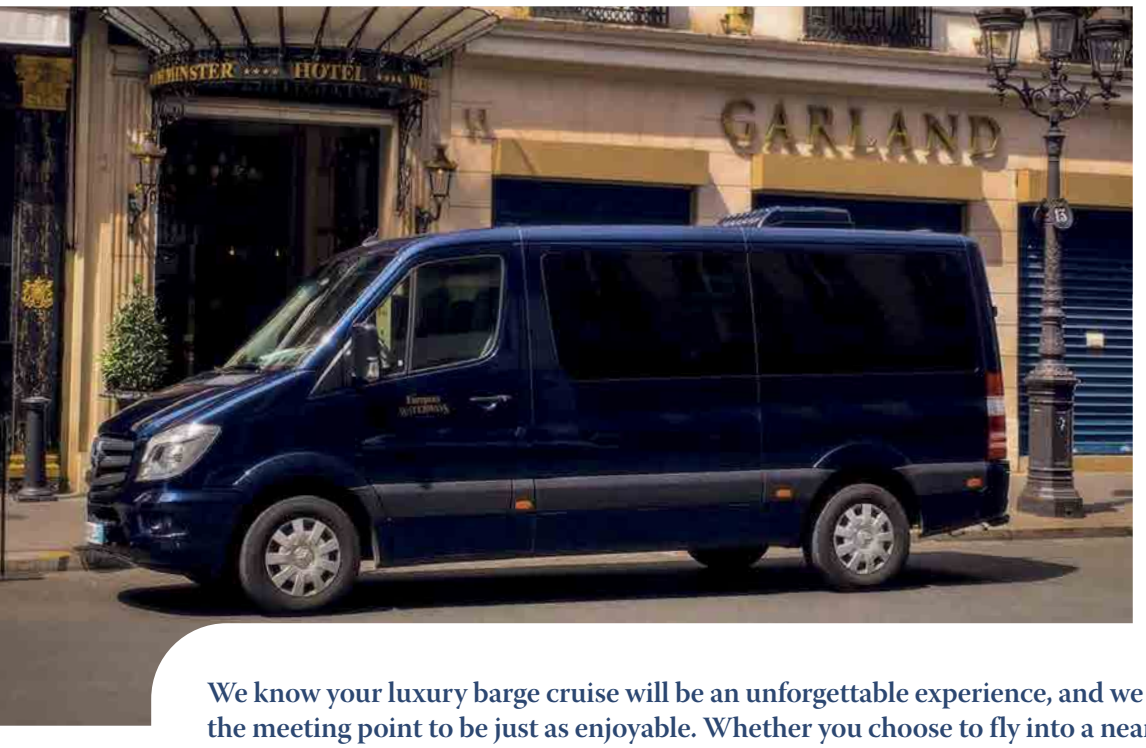
8 PASSENGERS

5-6 CREW

- 117 Feet Long
- 3 Twin/Double Suites (200 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- 1 Double Suite (200 sq. ft. incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned/Centrally Heated
- Spa Pool

ARRIVING AT YOUR HOTEL BARGE

By car, train, or plane – the best ways to begin your journey







We know your luxury barge cruise will be an unforgettable experience, and we want your journey to the meeting point to be just as enjoyable. Whether you choose to fly into a nearby airport, board a high-speed train, or drive across picturesque borders, each option offers its own rewards. This guide will help you plan your arrival so that your adventure begins well before you step aboard.

Meeting Points & Transfers

Designated meeting points for your chosen hotel barge are typically located in the lobbies of luxury hotels that we have carefully selected for our clients' comfort and convenience. You may wish to stay in the same hotel before or after your cruise if you are spending additional time in the region. Meeting times are predominantly on Sunday afternoons, with return transfers on the following Saturday morning. For Burgundy cruises, return transfers are from a central Paris meeting point, such as the Hotel Westminster.

Charter groups have the flexibility to choose an alternative meeting point, either near the designated pick-up location – such as a different hotel in the same town or city, a train station or an airport – or within a 30-minute drive of where the hotel barge is moored.

Travelling by Car

Driving to the hotel barge through rural countryside at your own pace in your own (or hired) car, can be a very enjoyable 'top and tail' to a cruise. For passengers travelling from the UK, there are many cross-channel routes, including the Eurotunnel, which takes only 35 minutes. Parking is often available at the meeting point hotel or at another convenient location. We can also provide clear directions, or a direct pick-up can often be arranged. Please note that parking is at your own risk and expense. You can also arrange your own private transfer from a railway station or airport, including those just outside the French borders. Driving times to the barges are reasonable, ranging from around one hour from Toulouse for a Canal du Midi barge to four hours from Geneva for one of our Burgundy barges.

Travelling by Train

Rail services in Europe, and particularly in France, are excellent. The high-speed TGV trains operate from Paris to all regions and link to the Eurostar trains from London. Transfers from local stations to the meeting point are usually very easy, or a direct hotel barge pick up can often be arranged from the platform. In addition, there are reliable rail services into France from cities in neighbouring countries, such as Barcelona on the northeast coast of Spain, and Zurich in central Switzerland which give access to our Canal du Midi, and Alsace & Lorraine cruising regions respectively.

Travelling by Air

As well as the major hubs such as Paris, London, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, and Brussels, there are many well-served regional airports near our cruise routes such as Lyon, Montpellier, Carcassonne, Toulouse, Strasbourg, Venice, Verona, and Inverness. Flying to or from airports in adjoining countries such as Barcelona, Zurich or Geneva is also an attractive option if you wish to spend some time in another destination before or after your barge cruise.

Travel Planning Assistance

Although we cannot package your tour, we can recommend a number of partner travel companies with a deep understanding of our business, who can help you with your individual requirements for booking flights, trains, ferries, hotels, car hire and even chauffeured limousines. Our experienced travel team will be happy to assist you with any travel queries you may have.

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WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY

We always value hearing what our clients think about their experiences with European Waterways. Here is a selection of recent comments from the independent review website Feefo. All reviews can be viewed online at www.feefo.com

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Scottish Highlander

A truly wonderful way to see a slice of the Scottish Highlands.

– Ms Susan C

L'Art de Vivre

Our second vacation with European Waterways, our first being on the Scottish Highlander which was such a memorable family experience we unanimously decided to do another. The L'Art de Vivre did not disappoint, a beautiful old barge but with every modern comfort one could wish for.

– Trusted Customer

Spirit of Scotland

The whole experience was top of the line. From the moment we arrived at our pick up destination to the final goodbyes everything was spot on.

– Mr Newt B and Ms. Raquel T

Shannon Princess

The Shannon Princess is the comfort of home, eating with your newfound family each meal. The Shannon Princess is seeing Ireland from the water - incredibly beautiful views! The 10 passengers and 5 crew became close knit quickly. Every detail and desire was seen to in the warmest, coziest way.

– James and Riley D

Kir Royale

The most fascinating and special experience. The boat was lovely, the crew faultless, each one of them amazing. The food and wine were spectacular. The excursions exclusive and memorable. The scenery was beautiful and everywhere was so peaceful and quiet. Everything was top class. We enjoyed every second and will definitely try another one.

- Trusted Customer

Finesse

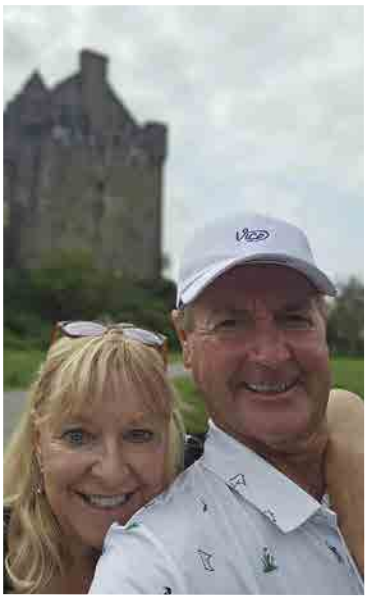
By the time the week was over, we knew we had experienced possibly the best trip ever and we were grateful for all the efforts the crew had put forth to make it so wonderful. If you're considering this particular barge trip, don't hesitate. Just go!

– Trusted Customer

La Bella Vita

This was my second cruise with European Waterways. I hadn't been to Venice, and thoroughly enjoyed the first day sail and docking, with a walking tour on the quiet back canals and streets. I am a foodie and wine lover and it was a week in heaven. The daily excursions were excellent and nicely paced, including highlights of the area and free time for wandering or shopping. Truly, I wanted to stay on board for another week and cruise in the other direction, but that sailing was full!

– Ms Wendy B



Enchanté

Wonderfully curated trip with excellent staff. The 5-star meals prepared by our chef were the best travel meals that we have ever had. The staterooms were wonderfully appointed and maintained. Our Captain ensured that every detail was perfect!

– Pierre M



L'Impressionniste

In May, my old friends from college and I booked all six cabins and did a week on L'Impressionniste. It was fantastic. 10 times better than we'd hoped for. The staff were amazing. We all loved it. Great food. Very cool barge. Nice rooms. Amazing wines. Fantastic tours. Everyone spoke English. I can't imagine how it could've been any more fun.

– Mr Richard T

La Belle Epoque

Everything went smoothly. We felt totally spoiled by the crew! Meals were exquisite! Excursions were lovely!

– Trusted Customer



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