



OUTLINES – TRAVEL NEWS

September 2014

Hard to resist travel offers that you may be able to take advantage of if you can act quickly & yes, we can help with your flight bookings if you decide to go to Europe in October or Tasmania in December 2014:

GERMANY: BIKE & BARGE FROM KOBLENZ TO MERZIG

7-day / 6-night self-guided tour on the Moselle & Saar Rivers

TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE OFFER – PREMIUM PLUS BARGE

Limited discounted cabins available on 4th October 2014



Cost: \$1845 per cabin twin share or single

Tour cost includes:

- * 6-nights' accommodation in a twin/double cabin with private bathroom, air-conditioning, safe, hairdryer
- * 6 buffet breakfasts, picnic lunches, 5 3-course dinners (starting with dinner on Saturday, the first day) and ending with breakfast on Saturday the last day
- * Daily room cleaning service with all bedding, sheets, towels, facial tissues, soap & portorage of luggage, harbour and ferry fees
- * Drinking water, tea and coffee. Beer and wine etc are available at extra cost from the bar
- * 7-speed hybrid bicycle hire with panniers, repair kit & lock (helmets available if required on request)

Not included:

- * Tour guide – this is a simple route to follow and maps and route information and a nightly briefing is provided
- * Drinks and bar expenses other than those mentioned & entrance fees other than those described
- * Transfers or travel to/from the cruise, travel insurance and personal expenses.

These cruises offer the opportunity to explore beautiful countryside and historic cities sampling beer, wine and local produce in the company of like-minded cyclists. Your barge hosts speak in excellent English and passengers may include a mix of different nationalities - including English or German speaking with French, Italian or Dutch as the other main languages - adding to the cultural enjoyment of bike and barge cruising.

Well-maintained bikes are provided (e-bikes are available at extra cost) with self-guided cycling along a variety of waterway routes – mostly along flat, sealed pathways - but occasionally we break away into hillier country to visit areas of interest, wine tasting, a castle or a coffee stop. Longer routes are available in some destinations so please ask the crew for suggestions according to your ability and interests. The cycling is always fascinating and varied with free time to explore each day's destination or for extra cycling for those who prefer.

Space is limited so do act quickly - for details see:

http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/pdfs/2014/Germany_Luxembourg_Bike_Barge_Koblenz_to_Merzig_m_2014.pdf

FRANCE: HOTEL BARGE CRUISES IN BURGUNDY

7-days / 6-nights hotel barge cruising and sightseeing

TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE OFFER – PREMIUM BARGE

Limited to three discounted twin cabins left on 4th & one single left on 18^h October 2014



Hotel barge cruises combine two popular ways of exploring Europe, canal or river cruising with guided sightseeing excursions by coach or mini-bus. Our medium sized boat with 10 double/twin cabins and 1 single cabin allows access to the smaller waterways linking smaller towns, villages, charming French chateaux or vineyards. The bus gives access to the larger sightseeing destinations such as Beaune and Dijon. You unpack once and come 'home' each afternoon to your comfortable cabin with your own bathroom.

The Burgundy cruises go from Dijon to St Leger & vice versa on alternate weeks. We offer a delightful cruise along the Burgundy Canal with many interesting shore excursions by coach, on foot or by bicycle. This region is world-renowned for its exquisite cuisine and fine wine and this itinerary is ideal for wine lovers as it cruises through several growing regions.

Burgundy cruise highlights include:

- * St Jean de Losne, Dijon, Beaune with its surrounding vineyards & wine-makers
- * 12th Century Clos de Vougeot winery
- * Chateau de Marguerite of Burgundy
- * Wine tastings at Meursault

These all-inclusive cruises offer a high standard of meals prepared by our onboard chef, serving traditional and regional cuisine with local wines and cheeses. In the afternoon or early evening there is an opportunity to take a stroll or bike ride along the towpaths or perhaps a guided city-walk or a host of other activities.

Departs: Every Saturday from 5 April to 25 October 2014

Cost per person: \$3975 per cabin on 4th October or \$3775 per cabin on 18th October 2014

Space is limited so do act quickly - for details of this fully inclusive canal cruise see:

http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/pdfs/2013/France_Burgundy_Dijon_hotel_barge_cruise_2014.pdf

FRANCE: DORDOGNE GASTRONOMY, WINE AND EASY WALKING

8-day / 7-night small group relaxing holidays for the discerning.....

Save \$200 per person & no single supplement on select October departures in 2014 *

Departs: 18th - 25th October and 25th October - 1st November, 2014

Cost: \$2850 per person twin share Single room supplement \$640

Distance: Walking: easy afternoons

* The no single supplement offer is subject to room availability & there is a limit on each date – ask for details

This is not a cooking course. It is just an opportunity for you to relax and have fun in a house-party atmosphere cooking with three or four different French chefs and walking and discovering the region with our local English-speaking hosts and guides who moved to an 18th Century farmhouse in the Lot Valley, South

West France almost 20-years ago, enthused by the romance and beauty of the area. Their love of the flora and fauna, their combined fascination for food, wine and local traditions and personal contacts make these special holiday experiences offering considerably more than you could find as an individual traveller.

There is much hands on cooking to do with the freshest of vegetables and farmyard meats and all taking place in the gastronomic heart of France and lots of recipes to bring home with you. You will touch on *haute cuisine* and *nouvelle cuisine* and learn how to work with simple base food like crème brûlée and mousse and turn them into totally different and exotic dishes by the simplest of ways.

There is a little walking but it is really to enjoy the autumn colours, to breathe in the fresh country air and to work up an appetite.



Holidays include:

- Twin share in comfortable, quality hotels, inns and private homes - single rooms are on request.
- All meals and wine with most meals (pre and post meal drinks except if staying at inns/ hotels)
- Fully guided walking, with mule/donkey support, support staff and vehicle, luggage transfers
- All local transport for the walks
- Knowledgeable English speaking guides.
- Maximum group size of 16.

Space is limited so do act quickly - for full details of this holiday see:

http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/pdfs/2013/France_Dordogne_cooking_walking_t_2014.pdf

AUSTRALIA: TASMANIA'S FREYCINET PENINSULA WALK

4-days / 3-nights - guided centre-based walk with quality lodge accommodation

Save \$200 per person on select December departures in 2014

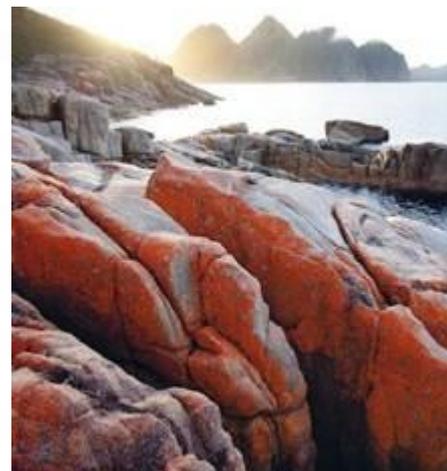
"The Freycinet Experience's combination of gorgeous landscapes and prevailing ethos of 'luxury without harm' is enough to leave visitors on a natural – and sustainable – high." Gourmet Traveller Magazine

This four-day guided wilderness walk covers the entire length of the Freycinet Peninsula on Tasmania's east coast. Rise to the sights, sounds and smells of the Australian 'bush', enjoy the spectacular vistas of the clear waters of the Tasman Sea, see the contrast of **bright orange lichen on granite** against pristine white beaches, hear bird song and waves collapsing on the shore, and relish the **warm honey smell of Kunzea** in flower.

A walk that allows you to experience the challenge of a good days hike and the indulgence of having to carry no more than your lunch. Each evening, you return to our lodge for candlelit dinners, a hot bath and a comfortable bed. For many, the highlight of this tour is staying at the award-winning Friendly Beaches Lodge. Every aspect of the lodge and its surrounds is designed to give guests maximum comfort yet have minimal impact on the environment.

The fully inclusive cost is \$2150 per person - on these selected dates you can save \$200 per person:

Cost: **\$1950** per person on 16th - 19th or 20th - 23rd December 2014



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http://www.outdoortravel.com.au/content/pdfs/2014/Australia_Tasmania_Freycinet_guided_walk_2014-15.pdf

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