



OUTLINES: This is the Outdoor Travel newsletter with travel news, special offers and information on new destinations. For those of you receiving our e-newsletter for the first time, welcome. Copies of previous newsletters are stored on our website – see this link:

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The June issue of OUTLINES includes savings worth hundreds of dollars on hotel barging in Europe, details of some of our walking or cycling holidays and your comments on our Bike & Barge holidays. Click-on this link for details: <http://bit.ly/1LCZAWy>

BIKE & BARGE & DRINKS ARE ON US FROM MAASTRICHT TO PARIS

Euro 100 per cabin on the bar tab with our compliments for September departure



The last few cabins are available on our unique luxury gentleman's yacht (built in 1916) for the popular 2-week self-guided e-bike cycling cruise departing on 19th September 2015.

Meals are included and to help you enjoy the experience we are offering each cabin up to Euro 100 on the bar tab for your beer, wines and soft drinks on this departure date only. *

Highlights include the beautiful city of Maastricht in southern Holland, Namur, Huy, the forests of the Ardennes, the battlefields of the Somme in northern France, Wallonia, Noyon, Compiègne, Bougival and 2-nights moored in central Paris.

Cost: \$3210 per person twin share (plus local fees & harbour taxes paid on arrival: €199pp)

Includes: Breakfast, dinner on board (on 12-nights), picnic lunch, e-bike hire, helmet & GPS/route notes

This cruise offers a high standard of meals and comfortable cabin accommodation (each with its own bathroom) plus the opportunity to explore this varied and interesting countryside, with visits to historic and cultural centres. With a self-guided itinerary and well-maintained, multi-gearred Gazelle e-bikes provided there is time to explore the many highlights that makes this part of Belgium and France so famous. Each day the route is well described with detailed maps and route description and a GPS route finder.

Travel at your own pace with time to explore each day's destination or stay aboard and enjoy the cruising.

Click-on this link for details: <http://bit.ly/1DdajXj>

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BIKE & BARGE – TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE OFFER **LAST CABINS**

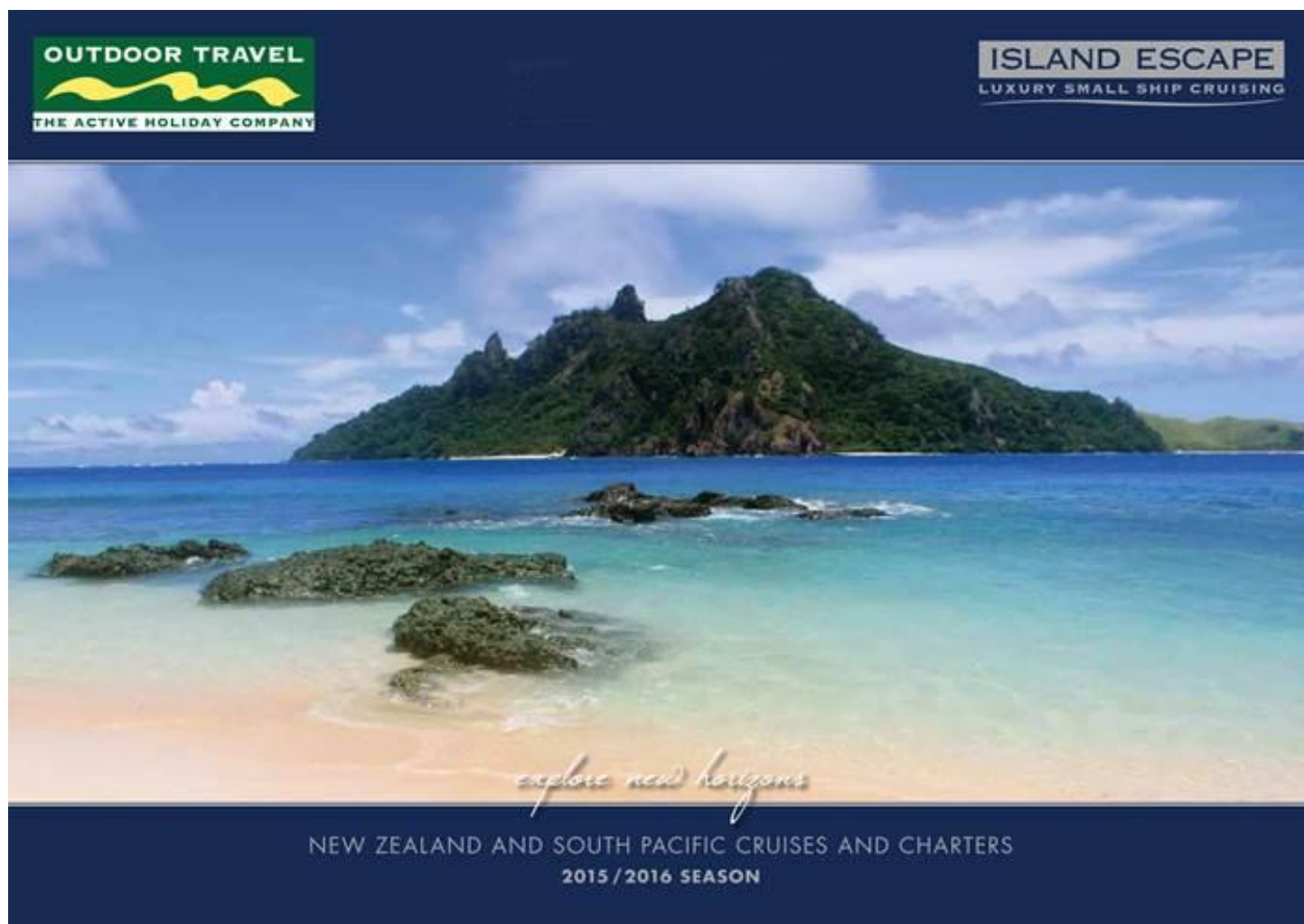
France: From Paris to Champagne - SAVE over \$1600 per cabin. *

Two sharing a cabin can travel for the price of one on an 8-day cycling cruise departing on 29th August 2015.

Space is limited - for details call 1800 331 582 or see: <http://bit.ly/1f4dire>

* Conditions apply – ask for details

NEW ZEALAND OR THE PACIFIC ISLANDS – LUXURY CRUISES



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We provide a unique 24-passenger experience, hand crafted itineraries, space and comfort that is only usually found on larger ships and absolute attention to detail from our 10 caring crew who love to over deliver our range of all-inclusive small ship cruise products.

Purpose built to explore we visit gorgeous coves, fiords and islands that larger ships simply cannot access. Our cruises specifically exclude long periods of travel - we usually cover just 3 hours each day - and feature frequent daily guided excursions. We utilise easy access landing craft and discover the wilderness in groups of a dozen. Kayaks, snorkel and fishing gear are available as well as the helicopter for trips beyond the range of the ships tenders

Click-on here for a copy of the new full colour brochure: <http://bit.ly/1BFXXr0>

Click-on here for current dates & prices: <http://bit.ly/1lzMypQ>

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EUROPEAN CANAL & RIVER CRUISES – LATEST DISCOUNT OFFERS

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ON SELECTED CRUISES

SAVE UP TO EURO 1000 ON CABIN COSTS OR UP TO EURO 5000 ON CHARTERS



Solo travellers delight! **No single supplement applies** on selected luxury hotel barge cruises in France, Italy and Scotland. Choose to travel solo and save up to €1550 on cruises in Burgundy, Alsace-Lorraine, on the waterways of the Veneto or along the scenic Caledonian Canal in Scotland. Get to know your fellow travellers in the intimate & convivial atmosphere onboard the deluxe 12-passenger *L'Impressionniste* as she cruises through Burgundy, a region world-renowned for its exquisite cuisine and fine wine. Highlights include wine tastings at the 12th Century Clos de Vougeot winery and Bouchard Pere et Fils, a guided tour of the markets of Dijon, and visits to beautiful Beaune and the 13th Century Chateau de Bussy-Rabutin.

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

We are offering **no single supplements** on selected departures for new bookings made by **6th July 2015** on [GO BARGING - EUROPEAN WATERWAYS HOLIDAYS](#).

Barge	Region	Select offer dates in 2015
<i>Panache</i>	Alsace-Lorraine, France	2 August
<i>L'Impressionniste</i>	Burgundy, France	5, 19, 26 July
<i>La Bella Vita</i>	Venice & Po Valley, Italy	9, 30 August, 6 September
<i>Scottish Highlander</i>	Caledonian Canal, Scotland	5 July

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

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

Savings are also available on selected cabins & charters in many cruising regions, including the Canal du Midi in the South of France and Burgundy, for new bookings made by **6th July 2015**:

SAVE UP TO EURO 1000 ON CABIN COSTS OR UP TO EURO 5000 ON CHARTERS

Barge	Discount	Select offer dates in 2015
La Belle Epoque – Burgundy per cabin per charter	€1000 off per cabin €6000 off per charter	12, 26 July, 9, 16, 30 August 5 July, 23 August
L'Art de Vivre – Burgundy per cabin per charter	€1000 off per cabin €4000 off per charter	19 July 26 July, 9 August
L'Impressionniste – Burgundy per cabin	€1000 off per cabin	5, 19, 26 July
Savoir Faire – Burgundy & Upper Loire per cabin per charter	€1000 off per cabin €6000 off per charter	9 August 12, 19, 26 July, 2, 16, 30 August
Anjodi – Canal du Midi per cabin per charter	€1000 off per cabin €4000 off per charter	12 July, 9, 30 August 5 July, 2, 23 August
Enchanté – Canal du Midi per cabin per charter	€1000 off per cabin €4000 off per charter	12, 19, 26 July 5 July
Clair de Lune – Canal du Midi per charter	€3000 off per charter	5 July
Athos – Canal du Midi per charter	€5000 off per charter	5, 26 July, 2, 23 August
Rosa – Gascony & Bordeaux per cabin per charter	€1000 off per cabin €4000 off per charter	12, 19 July, 16, 23 August 26 July, 2, 9, 30 August
Panache – Alsace-Lorraine per cabin per charter	€1000 off per cabin €6000 off per charter	2 August 26 July, 16, 23, 30 August
La Bella Vita – Venice & Po Valley per cabin per charter	€1000 off per cabin €6000 off per charter	19 July, 9, 30 August, 6, 13 September 5, 12 July, 23 August, 20, 27 September, 11 October
Magna Carta – River Thames per cabin per charter	€1000 off per cabin €4000 off per charter	9 August 5 July, 2, 23 August
Scottish Highlander – Caledonian Canal per cabin	€1000 off per cabin	5 July
Shannon Princess – River Shannon per charter	€5000 off per charter	5 July

Conditions: The normal Terms & Conditions as shown on website / brochure apply. Some cruises may require a minimum of 4 passengers booked to guarantee the cruise. Cabin discounts only apply to double occupancy. 50% of the discount applies to single occupancy.

Special offers are subject to availability and cannot be combined or used in conjunction with other offers.

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NEW FOR 2015 – CYCLING HOLIDAYS IN THE USA

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WALKING THE VIA FRANCIGENA PILGRIMAGE ROUTE

Self-guided walking on Italy's *road less travelled* from the Alps to Rome



The pilgrim's road to Rome or **Via Francigena** comprises several routes that have changed over the centuries. It did however become the 'backbone' of the road system of Western Europe in 58BC, when Emperor Julius Caesar opened his "*Road of the Sun*"; the shortest route between the North Sea and Rome.

In the Middle Ages as the number of pilgrims to Rome grew, abbeys, monasteries, cathedrals, churches and shrines were built to encourage and support them. Hospices, hospitals, shelters or refuges were established to accommodate and cater to the needs of the ever-increasing flow of the devoted and travellers.

Today, it is possible to experience the same route as the medieval travellers, walking the most unspoilt sections of the route on a self-guided 'inn to inn' walk – staying in 1, 2 or 3-star hotels, hostels or agriturismo (farm or guest houses) – all with ensuite bathrooms, with mostly half-board, route notes and with your baggage transferred each day.

We offer weekly easy to moderate self-guided walking sections on the Via Francigena walk – with daily departures on demand - from the Alps near the Swiss border down to the Cinque Terre coast, through Tuscany and across the Apennines to St Peter's Square and the Vatican in Rome.

For details see: <http://bit.ly/1eFB50N>

WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT OUR HOLIDAYS

Bike & Barge in Italy 2015

"It was a really good trip. Everything worked out well.

The Amalfi Boat and Bike was especially good and the e-bike was a very good idea. Travelling the Amalfi Coast by boat was a wonderful way to go. The boat was beautiful. The week from Venice to Mantova was easy cycling, but unfortunately that week was very hot, but it did not stop us cycling. We cooled off in the villages at the water pump in the square by pouring water over ourselves which made it much cooler riding. I really liked Naxos, as it seemed to me to be typically Greek and fewer tourists than Santorini. Also we walked over a lot of the island and climbed the highest mountain Mt Zas.

Overall a great trip. Thank you for your excellent work putting it together for me." Margaret

Click-on these links for tour details:

[Italy - Amalfi Coast & Bay of Naples PREMIUM GUIDED cycle cruise 2015](#)

[Italy - Venice & the Po PREMIUM & PREMIUM PLUS GUIDED cycle cruise 2016](#)

Remember that early booking is essential on our most popular Bike & Barge cycling cruises – check with us soon for more details.

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