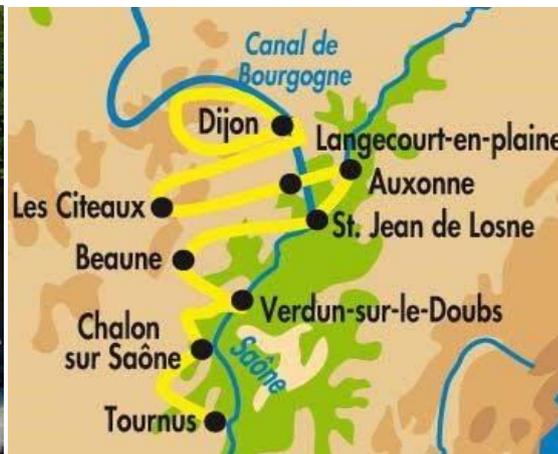


FRANCE – BURGUNDY

8-days / 7-nights easy to moderate cycling on a **STANDARD** barge, from Dijon to Tournus or return



Travel through a landscape of vineyards, imposing castles, ancient monasteries and attractive towns. Starting in the capital of Burgundy, Dijon, you follow the Canal of Burgundy and the River Saône. The scenery changes from small villages and rolling hills to lively and attractive historical towns like Beaune and Chalon sur Saône.

Bike & Barge cruises combine two popular ways of exploring Europe (cycling and river cruising) and they allow partners of different abilities and interests to holiday together (trips are just as interesting for the leisure cyclist OR cycling enthusiast). Unpack just once and come 'home' each night to a wonderful meal cooked and served onboard and to your comfortable ensuite cabin. Multi-geared bicycles with panniers are provided – comfortable, easy to ride and ideal for this route – and a fascinating and varied guided cycling program with free time to explore each day's destination.

This cruise through one of France's richest and diverse regions, Burgundy, offers some excellent cycling on an easy-to-moderate guided cycling route, with a network of canals and waterways ideal for barging, plus the opportunity to explore the beautiful rural countryside sampling the Burgundian wines and cheeses that makes this part of France so famous. The barge is an older style one with 8 small twin cabins with split level beds (pictured) and one single cabin, for up to 17 guests. The simply furnished cabins do not have air-conditioning.

Cost from: \$1570 per person (twin share). Single cabin supplement from \$405 (limited availability)

Departs: Every Saturday from 11th May to 19th October 2019 (except 3rd August 2019)

Starts & Ends: Dijon

Includes: Small cabins (twins have split level beds as pictured) with limited luggage space and compact shower/toilet, full board (which includes breakfast + packed lunch each day + 3-course dinner each night) and an English speaking cycling guide, bicycle hire (multi-geared and with pannier), visits to a museum, wine tasting and a guided Dijon city walk, transfer by train one way between Tournus and Dijon or v.v.

Not included: Airfares to France or transport other than that indicated, excursions, entrance fees (that are not shown in the itinerary), drinks, bike insurance (@ €27 per person, paid locally) and personal expenses. Helmets are not compulsory in France, we do recommend you bring your own bike helmet or buy one locally.



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Suggested itinerary: *The tour is offered in reverse starting in Tournus and ending in Dijon on alternate weeks and may change should circumstances demand. Distances shown are approximate.*

Day 1: Saturday: Arrive Dijon

Plan to arrive in Dijon in the afternoon. Board the barge and meet the crew and your tour leader before a warm-up ride to adjust your bicycle before dinner. After dinner there is a briefing about the weeks ahead.

Day 2: Sunday: Dijon

Cycling @ 20km

In the morning we have a short cycle northwest of Dijon and mid-afternoon we visit the beautiful and historic city of Dijon with a guided city walk.

Day 3: Monday: Longecourt en Plaine

Cycling @ 45km

The day starts with a cruise through the first two locks on the Burgundy Canal. We then cycle on a beautiful wine trail through the region surrounding Dijon, to the village of Longecourt en Plaine.

Day 4: Tuesday: St. Jean de Losne

Cycling @ 45km

Cycling on small roads and through forests, we pass picturesque villages to the pretty town of Auxonne on the River Saône. We follow the Saône to St. Jean de Losne, where it meets the Burgundy Canal.

Day 5: Wednesday: Seurre

Cycling @ 45km

We visit to the charming Musée de la Batellerie in St. Jean de Losne. We cycle past the Abbaye de Citeaux, a nice spot to have a picnic – the famous abbey cheese is available for purchase at the small shop. For a short while we follow a trail along the river Saône, and at the end of the day we arrive at the small town of Seurre.

Day 6: Thursday: Chalon sur Saône

Cycling @ 25km

A visit to the historic city of Beaune, the centre for Côte d'Or wines. We stroll through the lovely streets and laneways to visit the church 'Collegiale Notre-Dame', the spectacular Hôtel Dieu or the Museum of Burgundy Wines. There are kilometres of wine cellars storing many millions of bottles under the town centre. We travel by train to Chalon sur Saône, at the confluence of the Saône and Canal du Centre to re-join the barge.

Day 7: Friday: Tournus

Cycling @ 60km

We leave Chalon and follow a rail trail cycling towards Buxy where we visit a winery in an historic tower. We then follow the River Saône downstream to Tournus to see the beautiful church of St. Philibert and the unique abbey – one of the oldest in France dating back to the 10th Century.

Day 8: Saturday: Tour ends in Dijon

After breakfast there is an optional transfer by train to Dijon, where the tour ends, arriving around midday.



Outdoor Travel offer cycling cruises on many of the canals and rivers of Europe including **Bordeaux**, the **River Seine**, **Loire Valley** or **Provence** in France and for 2-weeks between **Paris and Bruges** through the Somme WW1 battlefield and memorial sites. There are routes in **Holland**, **Belgium** and in **Germany** along the River **Danube**, **Saar**, **Moselle** or **Rhine** or in **Venice** and River Po in Italy. Bike & Boat cruises available on the **Amalfi Coast** and **Sicily** in Italy, the Dalmatian coast of Croatia, the islands of **Greece** and **Turkey**. Ask too about inn-to-inn cycling tours – guided or self-guided - in many areas of Europe and the UK.

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