

FRANCE: FINESSE – SOUTHERN BURGUNDY HOTEL BARGING

7-day / 6-night Hotel Barge cruise & GUIDED sightseeing – St-Julien-Sur-Dheune to St-Jean-de-Losne



- Cruise departs:** Paris every Sunday from 22nd March to 25th October 2020
- Fully inclusive costs from:** \$9,755 per person twin share (High Season \$11,295)
- Value season departures:** 22nd March to 19th April, 19th July to 23rd August, & 4th to 25th October 2020
- High season departures from:** 26th April to 12th July & 30th August to 27th September 2020
- Single cabin supplement from:** \$3,525 (High Season \$4,100)

Taking a Burgundy hotel barge cruise down one of the region's canals is a truly wonderful experience. The area boasts some of the world's finest wines with around 60,000 acres of sunlit vines and arguably the prettiest canals in France. The waterways wind through the heart of the territory's renowned vineyards, medieval towns, elegant châteaux, magnificent cathedrals, picturesque villages and wonderful local markets.

Finesse is a double-decker hotel barge that was built to exacting standards with luxury in mind, enhanced by clean, modern design and attention to detail. Her four suites, which can be in twin or double bed configuration, are very spacious, each one is air-conditioned and has a beautifully appointed shower room. The well-designed upper deck includes a dining room and saloon with contemporary furnishings and panoramic windows where the emphasis is on making the most of the natural light. There is also a demonstration galley where we can watch the chef preparing delicious gourmet meals. Outside, there is plenty of space to relax on the large sun deck with its alfresco dining area, comfortable seating and spa pool.

Finesse is the perfect vessel on which to cruise the meandering waterways of Southern Burgundy past vineyards and charming canal side villages, and to discover fascinating places along the way such as Autun, Beaune and Dijon. Cruise highlights include a visit to Clos de Vougeot, home of the Chevaliers du Tastevin, Tour and private wine tasting at the 17th Century Château de Chamirey in Mercurey, a visit to Beaune and Hôtel-Dieu Hospice, a fine example of 15th Century Burgundian architecture, and lunch in the beautiful setting of the Puligny & Chassagne Montrachet vineyards while sampling some of Burgundy's best white wines.

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Suggested itinerary *

Sunday: Day 1 St-Julien-sur-Dheune

Guests are met in Dijon and transferred by air-conditioned minibus to Finesse for a Champagne Welcome and the opportunity to meet the crew. Then there is time to wander along the towpath and admire the classic Burgundy scenery before dinner on board.

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

This morning, we begin our voyage through Southern Burgundy along the Canal du Centre through undulating countryside to moor at the little village of St-Leger-sur-Dheune. We descend a series of 11 locks while cruising past the villages along the way.

After lunch on board, we visit the 14th Century Château de Germolles, the best preserved of the residences of the Dukes of Burgundy, with its ducal chapel, medieval wall paintings and romantic gardens. Dinner on board.

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

This morning, we head to Autun, founded by the Romans as Augustodunum it has retained many of its original Antique monuments such as Roman gates, ruins of a Temple and a 17,000 seat amphitheatre. We return to the barge for lunch, then we cruise to the rural setting of Remigny, passing along the route picturesque Burgundian villages such as the famous wine-producing village of Santenay. Dinner served on board.

Wednesday: Day 4 Remigny to Rully

After breakfast, we set off on a drive through the Côte de Beaune vineyards to the town of Beaune, capital of Burgundy wine country where we visit the fascinating 15th Century Hôtel-Dieu Hospice and explore the quaint shops of the town, before enjoying a gastronomic lunch in the heart of Puligny & Chassagne Montrachet vineyards at the restaurant Le Montrachet. After lunch, we return to the barge for an afternoon cruise past the charming little town of Chagny, to our mooring near the village of Rully. Dinner served on board.

Thursday: Day 5 Rully to Fagnès

This morning, we continue our cruise along the Canal du Centre at a leisurely pace to moor at the village of Fagnès. There are perfect opportunities to walk or cycle along the towpath en route.

In the afternoon we are escorted on a winery tour and private tasting to the delightful 17th Century Château de Chamirey in Mercurey, owned by the Devillard family for five generations. Dinner served on board.

Friday: Day 6 Fagnès to St-Jean-de-Losne

This morning, the barge leaves the winding canal to join the peaceful River Saône, passing delightful little ports such as Seurre and Verdun-sur-le-Doubs en route, to arrive at St-Jean-de-Losne.

After lunch on board, we visit Clos de Vougeot, headquarters of the esteemed Chevaliers du Tastevin (translates as "*Fraternity of Knights of the Wine-Tasting Cup*"), who award a special prized label to the finest Côte d'Or vintages every year. We will have the opportunity to pay homage at the fields of Romanée Conti before returning to Finesse, for our farewell Dinner on Board.

Saturday: Day 7 St-Jean-de-Losne

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to their choice of location in Dijon.

** This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change and is weather dependant. On alternate weeks the cruise will be in the reverse direction.*

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