

OUTDOOR TRAVEL
THE ACTIVE HOLIDAY COMPANY

**HOTEL BARGE HOLIDAYS
FRANCE & BELGIUM**

2025



Great canal journeys

EDITION 2025



FRANCE: ILE-DE-FRANCE • OISE VALLEY • CHAMPAGNE • ALSACE
BURGUNDY • FRANCHE-COMTÉ • PROVENCE

BELGIUM: FLANDERS • WALLONIA

Cruising the beautiful waterways of France & Belgium



Let us take you to the wonderful natural scenery on France's and Belgium's canals and the truly unique beauty of their regions, coupled with historic, vibrant cities and towns, steeped in history and culture.

Privacy, hand-picked activities, personal chef and crew... Just a few reasons why our charming hotel barges are an ideal base for a multi-generation family or social group holiday.

Cruising the sweeping waterways of the French and Belgian countrysides is one of the best ways to enjoy life in the very slow lane. Each region has its own terroir, gastronomy, authenticity and hidden treasures. The gentle navigation allows you to observe idyllic landscapes from these waterways or from the towpaths lining the banks, on foot or by bike.

MORE THAN JUST A CRUISE:

*Explore charming towns and villages
and taste local produce*

*All excursions are included:
visits to French and Belgian heritage gems
and UNESCO World Heritage sites*

*Small-sized cruises, with a capacity
of just 22 passengers*

Away from the hustle and bustle

INTIMATE, ALL-INCLUSIVE CRUISES



CHATEAU DE CHANTILLY (OISE VALLEY)



OLIVE OIL PRODUCTION (RHONE CANAL TO SETE)

HIGHLIGHTS

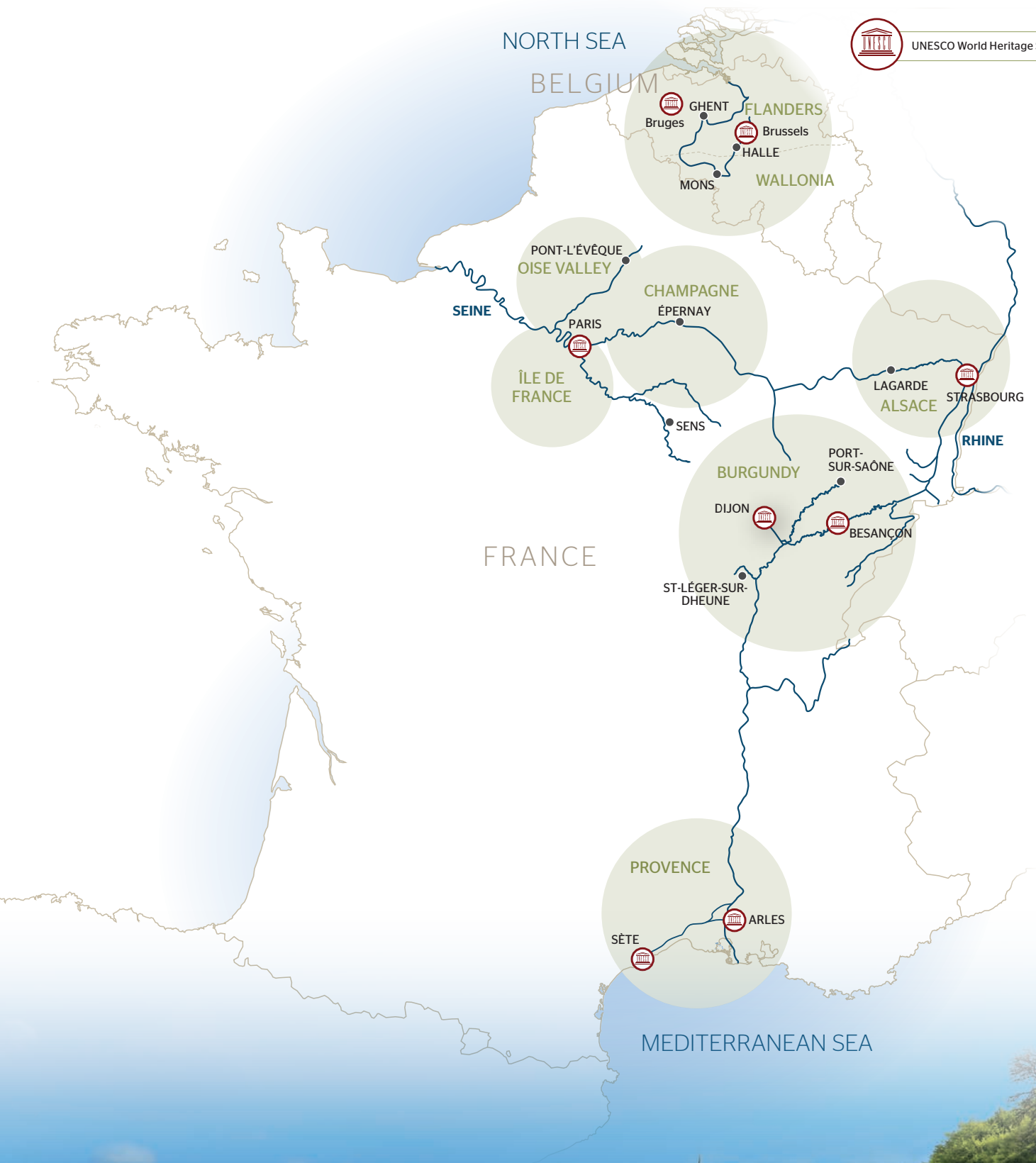
- *French gourmet cuisine and exquisite wines*
 - *11 air-conditioned cabins with en-suite bathrooms*
 - *Complimentary Wi-Fi*
- *All meals and unlimited drinks included whilst onboard*
- *Specially selected excursions included*
 - *Jacuzzi on board*
 - *Bicycles available*
 - *Unrivalled itineraries*

Cruises on the canals of France and Belgium promise magnificent journeys between charming stops, historic cities and countryside navigation.

*On board, enjoy traditional, refined cuisine prepared by our chefs under the direction of Alain Bohn, a member of the *Maîtres Cuisiniers de France* and the *Chaîne des Rôtisseurs*.*



REIMS, NOTRE-DAME CATHEDRAL (MARNE CANAL)



Welcome aboard

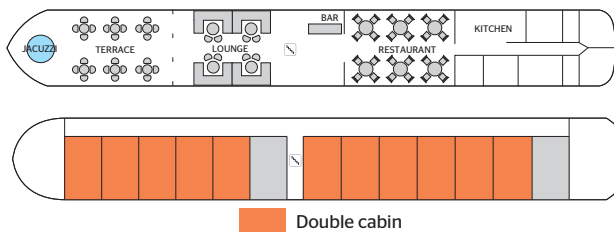
MS ANNE-MARIE • MS DANIELÈ • MS DÉBORAH • MS JEANINE • MS MADELEINE • MS RAYMONDE



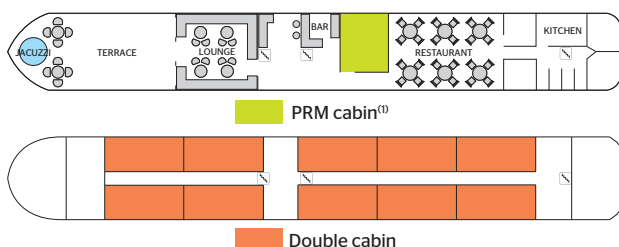
BURGUNDY CANAL, MS DANIELÈ

Embark on a cruise along the canals of France and Belgium aboard our 6 barges, moored in the most amazing locations, which have everything you will need to keep you comfortable, cosy and entertained. Decks equipped with Jacuzzis and sunloungers let you admire the most beautiful French and Belgian landscapes.

MS JEANINE



MS ANNE-MARIE, MS MADELEINE, MS RAYMONDE, MS DANIELÈ AND MS DÉBORAH



We've brought back to life a historic mode of navigation on the canals: the Freycinet-gauge barge. A unique model that we have completely recreated and redesigned in order to (re)discover France and Belgium in a different way!

Our 6 barges, the most modern in Europe, named Jeanine, Anne-Marie, Madeleine, Raymonde, Danièle and Déborah, each sail a dedicated route.

Built	1985 - Renovated in 2017 (MS Jeanine) 2014 (MS Anne-Marie, MS Madeleine and MS Raymonde) 2016 (MS Danièle and MS Déborah)
Dimensions	Length: 38,5 m (126 ft) - Width: 5 m (16 ft)
Passengers	22 passengers and 6 crew members (11 cabins)
Equipments	Each cabin has a window and is equipped with private en-suite facilities (shower and toilet), TV, telephone (for internal calls only), safe, central heating or air conditioning, Wi-Fi. Bicycles available onboard
Facilities	Well-equipped sun deck with parasols and deckchairs, and jacuzzi - Restaurant Spacious lounge area with bar.

(1) Cabin for People with Reduced Mobility. Non contractual plans.



MARNE-RHINE CANAL, MS MADELEINE

A real cocoon of charm in a contemporary, refined setting, our barges can accommodate 22 passengers. Each one has been carefully decorated to create an atmosphere that is both elegant and intimate, in perfect harmony with its surroundings.

The restaurant offers delicate cuisine, while the lounge/bar area opens onto the outdoor deck with its Jacuzzi.

On the sun deck, comfortable deckchairs invite you to relax. Bicycles available



- 1. COMPIÈGNE, MS RAYMONDE
- 2. SUN DECK - BARBECUE, MS DANIELÉ
- 3. SUN DECK - JACUZZI, MS ANNE-MARIE
- 4. SUN DECK - TERRACE, MS DANIELÉ
- 5. CYCLING ALONG THE CANALS



Comfortable cruising

ON BOARD, EVERY DETAIL IS TAKEN CARE OF, AND THE 6 CREW MEMBERS GUARANTEE ATTENTIVE, À LA CARTE SERVICE



CABIN, MS ANNE-MARIE



CABIN CREW, MS RAYMONDE

THE ADVANTAGES

Personalized service throughout your cruise

*An intimate atmosphere
and attentive onboard staff*

*Our know-how to make your cruise
an exceptional experience*

Ideal for a group of friends or family

Onboard facilities: Jacuzzi and bicycles

All meals and beverages are included, and feature local specialties complemented by new flavours that will amaze passengers' taste buds. Menus take into account the wishes of passengers, and are devised according to the inspiration of the chef and the fresh produce available in the markets during ports of call.



EXAMPLE OF DISH ON BOARD





LOUNGE / BAR, MS ANNE-MARIE



- 1. CABIN CREW, MS MADELEINE
- 2. RESTAURANT, MS DANIELE
- 3. CABIN, MS RAYMONDE
- 4. BATHROOM, MS DANIELE

Paris, Medieval France and romance at Fontainebleau

FROM PARIS TO SENS



PALACE OF FONTAINEBLEAU

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

A magnificent journey including quaint ports of call, historical cities and excellent local cuisine

EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:

Vaux-le-Vicomte, a 17th century masterpiece

The village of Barbizon

Palace of Fontainebleau and its splendid gardens, one of the most beautifully decorated and furnished in France

Medieval Provins

Peaceful Sens, its cathedral and covered marketplace



7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE

DAY 1 | Paris

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail
Cruise through Paris by night
(depending on water level)

DAY 2 | Paris • Évry

Cruise towards Évry
Excursion proposed:
• Visit of Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte

DAY 3 | Évry • Melun

Cruise towards Melun
Excursion proposed:
• Visit to Barbizon village

DAY 4 | Melun • Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Palace of Fontainebleau and its magnificent gardens, followed by a visit of the cosmopolitan town of Fontainebleau
Cruise towards Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne

DAY 5 | Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne • Montereau-Fault-Yonne

Cruise towards Montereau-Fault-Yonne
Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Provins and its exceptional heritage, followed by a tasting of a renowned speciality

DAY 6 | Montereau-Fault-Yonne • Sens

Cruise towards Sens
Excursion proposed:
• Visit of Sens, its cathedral and covered market
Gala dinner

DAY 7 | Sens • Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.
Transfer⁽¹⁾ by coach from Sens to Paris

See excursion details on page 23.

NB: For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite direction cruise.

⁽¹⁾ Transfer on request at an additional charge.



Paris, the City of Light, and the Champagne region

FROM PARIS TO ÉPERNAY



CHAMPAGNE REGION

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:

Paris, an original visit of the French capital

Meaux and the "King of Cheese"

Château-Thierry and falconry show⁽²⁾

Hautvillers, birthplace of Champagne

Reims and the Notre-Dame Cathedral, a majestic jewel of Gothic art



REIMS CATHEDRAL

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE

DAY 1 | Paris

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew
and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 | Paris • Lagny-sur-Marne

Excursion proposed:
• Guided visit of Paris and its major sites
Cruise towards Lagny-sur-Marne

DAY 3 | Lagny-sur-Marne • Isles-les-Meldeuses • Saint-Jean-les-Deux-Jumeaux

Cruise towards Isles-les-Meldeuses
Excursion proposed:
• Visit of the charming town of Meaux
followed by a tasting of the renowned
Brie de Meaux cheese

DAY 4 | Saint-Jean-les-Deux-Jumeaux Château-Thierry

Cruise towards Château-Thierry
Excursion proposed:
• Visit of Château-Thierry followed
by a falconry show⁽²⁾

DAY 5 | Château-Thierry • Dormans

Excursions proposed:
• Hautvillers and the famous
Champagne route
• Visit of a major Champagne house
followed by a tasting

DAY 6 | Dormans • Épernay

Cruise towards Dormans
Excursion proposed:
• Visit of Reims, guided tour of the
historic centre and its cathedral
Gala dinner

DAY 7 | Épernay • Paris

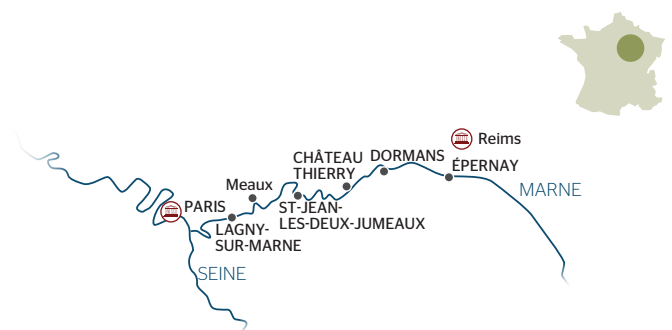
Disembark at 9:00 a.m.
Transfer⁽¹⁾ by coach
from Épernay to Paris

See excursion details on page 23 - 24.

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(1) Transfer on request at an additional charge.

(2) In case the falconry show cannot take place, the excursion will be replaced by a visit of the medieval castle ruins.



The Oise Valley, a captivating region of France

FROM PARIS TO PONT-L'ÉVÊQUE



CHÂTEAU DE MALMAISON

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Indulge in a first-rate cruise with fascinating ports of call and enticing treats

EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:

Pontoise and the Pissarro museum

Absinthe Museum of Auvers-sur-Oise

The beautiful Château de Chantilly

Compiègne and the Armistice Memorial



CHÂTEAU DE CHANTILLY

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE

DAY 1 | Paris

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail
Cruise through Paris at night⁽¹⁾

DAY 2 | Paris • Bougival⁽²⁾

Cruise towards Bougival
Excursion proposed:
• Château de Malmaison

DAY 3 | Bougival⁽²⁾ • Pontoise

Cruise towards Pontoise
Excursion proposed:
• Pontoise and the Pissarro museum

DAY 4 | Pontoise • Auvers-sur-Oise Saint-Leu-d'Esserent

Cruise towards Auvers-sur-Oise
Excursion proposed:
• Absinthe Museum of Auvers-sur-Oise
Cruise towards Saint-Leu-d'Esserent

DAY 5 | Saint-Leu-d'Esserent Pont-Sainte-Maxence • Compiègne

Excursion proposed:
• Château de Chantilly
Cruise towards Compiègne

DAY 6 | Compiègne • Pont-l'Évêque

Excursion proposed:
• Compiègne and the Armistice Memorial
• Noyon and its cathedral
Gala dinner

DAY 7 | Pont-l'Évêque • Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.
Transfer⁽³⁾ by coach from Pont-l'Évêque to Paris

See excursion details on page 24.

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(1) Depending on the water level.

(2) Depending on mooring availability, the stopover in Bougival could be replaced by a stopover in Chatou.

(3) Transfers on request at an additional charge.



Cruise in the Paris region

ROUND-TRIP CRUISE FROM PARIS



TROYES

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

An enchanting cruise through picturesque landscapes and man-made wonders

*EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:
Tour of Paris by bus and on foot*

*The Palace of Fontainebleau
and its wonderful gardens*

Troyes and its picturesque historic centre

The tourist Champagne route with tasting

The Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte

Saint-Germain-des-Prés



CHÂTEAU DE VAUX-LE-VICOMTE

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE

DAY 1 | Paris

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew
and welcome cocktail
During dinner, we'll cruise through
Paris to take in the romantic City
of Light at night⁽¹⁾.

DAY 2 | Paris • Évry

Excursion proposed:
• Tour of Paris by bus and on foot
Cruise towards Évry

DAY 3 | Évry • Melun • Saint-Mammès

Cruise towards Melun
Excursion proposed:
• Tour of the Palace of Fontainebleau
and its magnificent gardens

DAY 4 | Saint-Mammès • Troyes and the tourist Champagne Route Melun

Excursion proposed:
• Troyes and the tourist Champagne
route with tasting

DAY 5 | Melun • Évry • Paris quai d'Orsay

Excursion proposed:
• The Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte
Cruise towards Paris

DAY 6 | Paris quai d'Orsay Paris quai de Grenelle

Excursion proposed:
• Saint-Germain-des-Prés
Free time to discover Paris
on your own
Gala dinner

DAY 7 | Paris quai de Grenelle

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 23.

NB: For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain
are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.
(1) Depending on the water level.



Prestigious Paris & the canal Saint-Martin

ROUND-TRIP CRUISE IN PARIS



PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Ship is docked at the Bassin de la Villette, the very heart of Paris and only ten minutes away from the Eiffel Tower

EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:

Panoramic tour of the capital city, and visit of the covered arcades with their authentic charm

Tour of the legendary Saint-Germain-des-Prés district, where history was made and creativity was cultivated



PARIS, TROCADERO GARDENS

4-DAY / 3-NIGHT CRUISE

DAY 1 | Paris

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail
Evening of traditional Titi Parisien show on board

DAY 2 | Paris and its famous sites the canal Saint-Martin

Cruise along the canal Saint-Martin
Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Paris
Cruise through Paris at night (depending on water levels)

DAY 3 | The canal Saint-Martin Paris and the Saint-Germain-des-Prés district

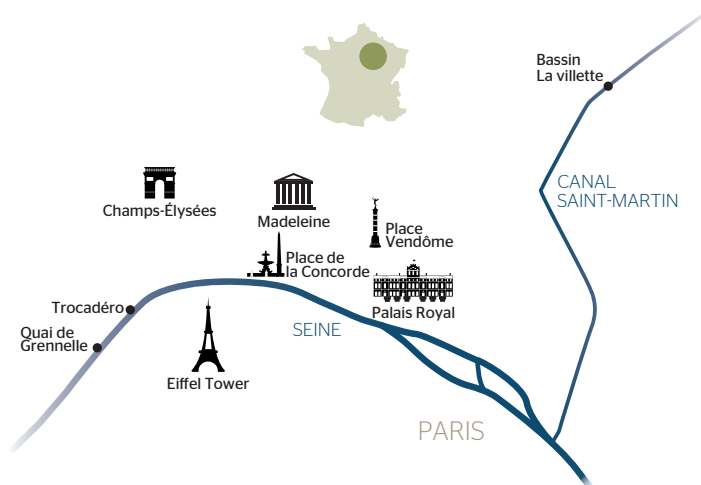
Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of the Saint-Germain-des-Prés district
Afternoon spent cruising on the Seine
Gala dinner

DAY 4 | Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 23.

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Charming Provence in the south of France

FROM ARLES TO SÈTE



SAINT-GUILHEM-LE-DÉSERT

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

*A wonderful journey through charming towns
and historic sites*

EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:
Arles local olive oil tasting

The beauty of the Camargue

The fortified city of Aigues-Mortes and the salt marshes

A traditional Camargue experience in a manade

The Etang de Thau and its oyster farms

*Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, listed as one of the most
beautiful villages in France*



ARLES

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE

DAY 1 | Arles

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew
and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 | Arles • Gallician

Excursion proposed:
• Tour of Arles and visit of an olive oil
production domain
Cruise towards Gallician

DAY 3 | Gallician • Aigues-Mortes

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of the Camargue
Cruise towards Aigues-Mortes

DAY 4 | Aigues-Mortes Palavas-les-Flots

Excursions proposed:
• Guided tour of Aigues-Mortes
• Visit of the Salins du Midi salt marshes
and the Salt Museum in Aigues-Mortes
Cruise towards Palavas-les-Flots

DAY 5 | Palavas-les-Flots • Sète⁽¹⁾

Excursions proposed:
• Discover a manade and the life of its
herders during a wagon tour
• Tasting of local products
Cruise towards Sète

DAY 6 | Sète⁽¹⁾

Excursions proposed:
• Visit of the Etang de Thau Museum
and commented tasting of shellfish
• Tour of Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert
Gala dinner

DAY 7 | Sète • Arles

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.
Transfer⁽²⁾ by coach from Sète to Arles

See excursion details on page 25.

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⁽¹⁾ Depending on mooring availability and weather conditions, the stopover in Sète could be replaced by a stopover in Frontignan.

⁽²⁾ Transfer on request at an additional charge.



Historical Burgundy and the Doubs Valley

FROM DIJON TO BESANÇON



SAINT-JEAN-DE-LOSNE

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Discover idyllic landscapes all along your cruise

EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:

The Burgundy Grands Crus Wine Route

The charming village of Petit-Ouges

The monuments of Saint-Jean-de-Losne

Dole, hilltop city and birthplace of Louis Pasteur

La Saline Royale listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site



ROYAL SALTWORKS OF ARC AND SENANS

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE

DAY 1 | Dijon

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew
and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 | Dijon • Petit-Ouges

Excursions proposed:
• The Burgundy Grands Crus Wine Route
• Walk along the "Circuit of the Three Washhouses"⁽¹⁾

DAY 3 | Petit-Ouges Saint-Jean-de-Losne

Day spent cruising towards Saint-Jean-de-Losne, arriving late in the afternoon
Possibility to ride along the canal banks⁽²⁾

DAY 4 | Saint-Jean-de-Losne • Dole

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Saint-Jean-de-Losne and the Musée de la Batellerie (navigation museum)
Cruise towards Dole

DAY 5 | Dole • Ranchot

Excursion proposed:
• Trail of the "Chat Perché"
Cruise towards Ranchot

DAY 6 | Ranchot • Besançon

Cruise towards Besançon
Excursion proposed:
• Visit of the Saline Royale (Royal Salt Works)
Gala dinner

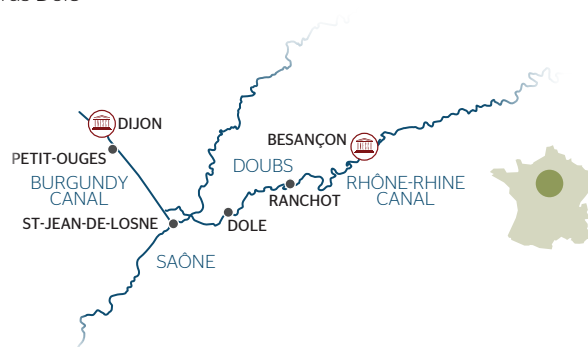
DAY 7 | Besançon

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 25 - 26.

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(1) The Circuit of the Three Washhouses is not a guided tour.
(2) Timetables and embarkation/disembarkation points will be decided on board by the ship's Captain.



The Burgundy, Saône and Centre canals

FROM DIJON TO SAINT-LÉGER-SUR-DHEUNE



SANTENAY

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Cruise the Burgundy Canal, the Saône River, and the Canal du Centre

*EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:
The Grands Crus Wine Route*

Saint-Jean-de-Losne, a historic European river port

Chalon-sur-Saône, a city of full of art and history and the birthplace of photography

Wine tasting at Santenay*

The Cirque du Bout du Monde and the Mont de Sene, remarkable natural sites



CIRQUE DU BOUT DU MONDE

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE

DAY 1 | Dijon

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 | Dijon • Longecourt-en-Plaine

Possibility to walk or bike along the canal banks⁽¹⁾
Excursion proposed:

- The Burgundy Grands Crus Wine Route

DAY 3 | Longecourt-en-Plaine Saint-Jean-de-Losne

Day spent cruising towards Saint-Jean-de-Losne, arriving late in the afternoon
Possibility to ride along the canal banks⁽¹⁾

DAY 4 | Saint-Jean-de-Losne • Dole

This morning will be spent cruising
Possibility to bike along the Doubs river⁽¹⁾
Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Saint-Jean-de-Losne
The visit will end with a tasting of local specialties from Burgundy

DAY 5 | Chalon-sur-Saône • Chagny

This morning will be spent cruising towards Chagny
Excursion proposed:
• Walk to the Cirque du Bout du Monde

DAY 6 | Chagny • Santenay Saint-Léger-sur-Dheune

Cruise towards Santenay with a wine tasting session
Cruise towards St Léger-sur-Dheune
Gala dinner

DAY 7 | Saint-Léger-sur-Dheune • Dijon

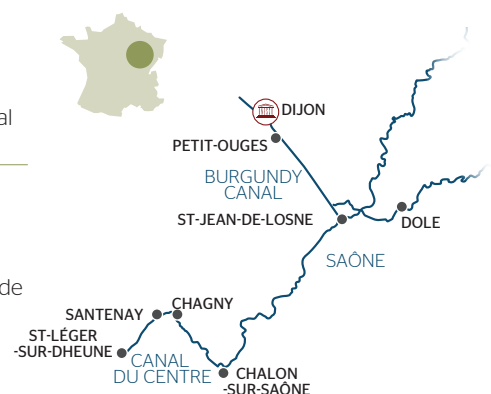
Disembark at 9:00 a.m.
Transfer⁽²⁾ by coach from Saint-Léger-sur-Dheune to Dijon

See excursion details on pages 25 - 26.

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(2) Transfer on request at an additional charge, contact us.



The Burgundy Canal & the Petite Saône

FROM DIJON TO PORT-SUR-SAÔNE



BURGUNDY

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Cruise through beautiful scenery and past quaint villages in the Haute-Saône on the majestic Burgundy Canal and the Petite Saône

EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:

Dijon, the capital of gastronomy and the Burgundy region

The Burgundy Grands Crus wine route

Gray and its town hall roof covered with traditional multi-colored tiles

The medieval castle in Champlitte



GRAY

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE

DAY 1 | Dijon

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 | Dijon • Longecourt-en-Plaine

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Dijon
Cruise towards Longecourt-en-Plaine
Possibility to walk or bike along the canal banks⁽¹⁾

DAY 3 | Longecourt-en-Plaine Auxonne

Excursion proposed:
• The Grands Crus wine route
Cruise towards Auxonne
Possibility to bike along the Doubs river⁽¹⁾

DAY 4 | Auxonne • Gray

Cruise towards Gray
Possibility to walk or bike along the canal banks⁽¹⁾

DAY 5 | Gray - Ray-sur-Saône

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Gray
Cruise towards Ray-sur-Saône
Possibility to walk or bike along the canal banks⁽¹⁾

DAY 6 | Ray-sur-Saône- Port-sur-Saône

Excursion proposed:
• Medieval castle in Champlitte
Cruise towards Port-sur-Saône
Gala dinner

DAY 7 | Port-sur-Saône - Dijon

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.
Transfer⁽²⁾ by coach from Port-sur-Saône to Dijon

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History and traditions through Alsace-Lorraine

FROM STRASBOURG TO LAGARDE



STRASBOURG

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Strasbourg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

The Arzviller inclined plane, an exceptional structure

The beautiful scenery of the Zorn valley and the Vosges Mountains

EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:

Maison du Kochersberg museum and Villa Meteor

The Haut-barr Castle, the "eye of Alsace"

Saverne, a small and particularly charming town

Lutzelbourg Castle

Marc Chagall's unique stained glass window in Sarrebourg



THE ARZVILLER INCLINED PLANE

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE

DAY 1 | Strasbourg

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

Excursion proposed:
• Visit of the Old Strasbourg by panoramic boat

DAY 2 | Strasbourg • Waltenheim

Cruise towards Waltenheim
Excursions proposed:

- Visit of the Maison du Kochersberg museum and the Villa Meteor
- Dinner at a restaurant in Waltenheim to taste a local specialty: "tarte flambée"

DAY 3 | Waltenheim • Saverne

Cruise towards Saverne
Excursion proposed:

- Visit of Haut-Barr Castle

DAY 4 | Saverne • Lutzelbourg

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Saverne
- Walk to Lutzelbourg Castle

DAY 5 | Lutzelbourg • Arzviller inclined plane Xouaxange

Excursion proposed:

- Passage through the Arzviller inclined plane and visit of the cristal glassworks

Cruise towards Xouaxange

DAY 6 | Xouaxange • Lagarde

Cruise towards Lagarde

Excursion proposed:

- Guided tour of Sarrebourg that will take us along the Chagall Route
Gala dinner

DAY 7 | Lagarde • Strasbourg

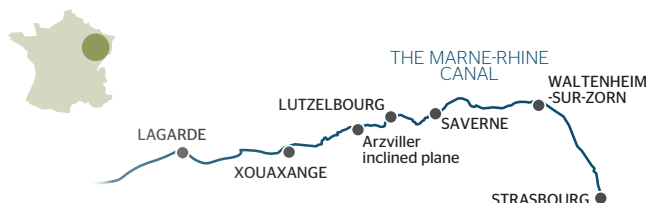
Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

Transfer⁽¹⁾ by coach from Lagarde to Strasbourg

See excursion details on page 26.

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Charming canal cruises through Belgium

FROM GHENT TO HALLE



OUDENAARDE

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Discover emblematic towns, colourful sites and a host of flavours that only Belgium can offer

EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:

Bruges, Flemish architecture at its best

Oudenaarde throughout the centuries

Château de Beloeil, nicknamed the Belgian Versailles, and its immense gardens

The Chant d'Éole vineyard and its sparkling wines with a Belgian flair

Brussels and its captivating way of life, where history and chocolate intersect



BRUGES

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE **NEW FOR 2025**

D1 | Ghent

Transfer⁽¹⁾ possibility from Brussels to Ghent. Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail.

D2 | Ghent • Bruges • Oudenaarde

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Bruges and a brewery
Cruise on the Scheldt towards Oudenaarde

D3 | Oudenaarde Péronnes-Lez-Antoing

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Oudenaarde and a distillery
Cruise towards Péronnes-lez-Antoing

D4 | Péronnes-Lez-Antoing • Mons

Morning cruise on the Nimy-Blaton-Péronnes Canal towards Mons
Excursion proposed:
• Château de Beloeil and the Chant d'Éole vineyard

D5 | Mons • Strépy-Thieu

Excursion proposed:
• Gourmet walk in Mons
Cruise on Canal du Centre towards Strépy-Thieu

D6 | Strépy-Thieu • Brussels • Halle

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Brussels and a Belgian chocolate maker's workshop
Gala dinner

D7 | Halle

Disembark at 9:00 a.m. Transfer⁽¹⁾ possibility from Halle to Brussels.

See excursion details on page 27.

NB: For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.

(1) Transfer on request at an additional charge, contact us.



Christmas traditions along the canals of Provence

FROM AIGUES-MORTES TO AVIGNON



AVIGNON, PAPAL PALACE

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the traditions of Christmas in Provence, with santons, cosy evenings and culinary discoveries

*EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:
Aigues-Mortes, medieval city*

Le Paradou and its legendary santons

Avignon and the Papal Palace



SANTONS

5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE

DAY 1 | Avignon • Aigues-Mortes

Transfer by coach from Avignon to Aigues-Mortes
Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail
"Christmas traditions"-themed evening

DAY 2 | Aigues-Mortes • Arles

Excursion proposed:
• Tour of Aigues-Mortes
Cruise towards Arles
Christmas-themed evening

DAY 3 | Arles • Tarascon

Excursions proposed:
• The Village des Santons museum at Le Paradou
• Visit of the santon exhibition in Arles
Cruise towards Tarascon
Excursion proposed:
• Visit the castle of Tarascon
"Christmas Carols"-themed evening

DAY 4 | Tarascon • Avignon

Cruise towards Avignon
Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Avignon and the Papal Palace
Gala dinner

DAY 5 | Avignon

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 25.

NB: For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite direction cruise.



Enchanting Christmas markets along Alsatian canals

ROUND-TRIP CRUISE FROM COLMAR



KAYSERSBERG

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Charming Alsatian Christmas markets

Picturesque Little Venice in Colmar

Tasting of Alsatian gingerbread on board

EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:

Chocolate delights in Colmar

The medieval city of Riquewihr



RIQUEWIHR

4-DAY / 3-NIGHT CRUISE

DAY 1 | Colmar

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew
and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 | Colmar • Kunheim Kaysersberg Riquewihr

Cruise towards Kunheim
Excursion proposed:
• Kaysersberg⁽²⁾ and Riquewihr
Christmas-themed evening

DAY 3 | Kunheim • Colmar

Cruise towards Colmar
Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Colmar
Gala dinner

DAY 4 | Colmar

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 26.

NB: For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.
Some drinks are included on board this cruise, please contact us for details.

(1) The Hospices de Strasbourg are closed on Sundays. In this event, D2 and D3 of the programme will be reversed.

(2) The Kaysersberg Christmas Market is open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On other days, we'll visit the Eguisheim Christmas Market, one of the most beautiful in Alsace.



Our excursions French and Belgian canals

Paris and its region

BARBIZON

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for Barbizon, tucked along the western corner of the forest of Fontainebleau. This charming village found fame in the 19th century through the works of art created by landscape painters who were members of the Barbizon School art movement. A stroll through the lush forest renders a snapshot of the rocky chaos painted by Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot and the old oak forests where Simon Mathurin Lantara raised his cows. In the centre of the village, we'll stop by the Auberge Ganne, a period museum that recreates the atmosphere of the time the artists were in residence.

FONTAINEBLEAU

LENGTH: 4 hours

Guided tour of Fontainebleau with its historic palace, gorgeous town squares, lavish theatre, and magnificent church. This tour reveals the secrets and anecdotes of times gone by. We'll then visit the castle and its vast estate which was the residence of every French monarch for almost eight centuries. Some of the monarchs that lived in the castle include Louis XV, Louis XVI, Napoleon I, Napoleon III, William I and Maximilian II of Bavaria. The gardens themselves are a work of art that evokes that glory of royal France.

PARIS AND ITS COVERED WALKWAYS

LENGTH: 4 hours

Guided visit of Paris. This tour will bring you to some of the most important sites in the capital such as the Madeleine Church and the Louvre. Leaving from the Palais Royal, we'll walk through the unique Parisian covered walkways — pedestrian shortcuts with a life all to their own within the heart of the bustling city.

PARIS AND SAINT-GERMAIN-DES-PRÉS

LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure by coach from the Trocadero for Saint-Germain-des-Prés following the Voie Triomphale. We'll pass the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysées

and the Place de la Concorde, locations just bursting with history, before reaching Saint-Germain-des-Prés. There, you'll get to stroll through streets and small squares lined with buildings from the 16th and 17th century and discover the history, architecture, art, and everyday life of these legendary sites that have come to symbolize Paris. Built up around the former Abbey of Saint-Germain-des-Prés, this neighbourhood became the meeting place of intellectuals and philosophers, actors and musicians during the existentialist movement right after World War II. Closer to the Odeon, we'll discover many of the famous participants of the French Revolution such as Danton, Marat, and Dr. Guillotin, as well as the oldest café in Paris.

PROVINS

LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll leave by coach for Provins, once the former seat for the powerful Counts of Champagne. Our guided tour will bring you to the top sites in the town, including the imposing 12th century fortified walls, the Cesar Tower on its rocky outcrop, the old Grange aux Dimes market dating back to the 1200s, half-timbered homes, and the Saint-Quiriace collegiate church. We'll wrap up our excursion with a tasty bite of one of the local specialties, delicious rose honey!

SENS

LENGTH: 12 hours

We'll leave on foot for a guided tour of Sens to get a feel for its remarkable history as told through its medieval and Renaissance-style architecture. Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Becket, the "meddlesome priest" who was a thorn in English King Henry's side in the 12th century, spent his exile here. Each step through the city feels like a walk through the yesteryears. The cathedral itself is outstanding for many reasons, the biggest being its stained glass windows that recount Becket's life. The museum next to the cathedral holds an important collection of relics, ornaments, and religious art. The exquisite market hall is right across the street from the cathedral. We'll enjoy a tasting of local products at the end of our tour.



TROYES AND THE CHAMPAGNE ROUTE

LENGTH: 9.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for Troyes, one of the most beautiful medieval cities in France. During a guided tour, you'll be transported back through time as you admire the colorful, 16th-century, half-timbered homes; Renaissance-style manors; streets laid out during the Middle Ages; secret passageways; and intimate courtyards. The cathedral and several churches with hidden treasures sit majestically among this labyrinth of stone and wood. Troyes is a veritable kaleidoscope of history and colors. It is also the capital of the Champagne region and lies alongside some of the most famous vineyards in France. We'll stop for lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, we'll continue along the Champagne Route, and discover the stunning landscapes mixed with forests, quaint villages, and vast vineyards. We'll visit a champagne producer and enjoy a tasting*.

VAUX-LE-VICOMTE CHÂTEAU

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for a visit to the splendid Vaux-le-Vicomte Château. Nicolas Fouquet transformed the small castle he purchased in 1641 into the masterpiece it is today. To achieve this dream, he brought together architect Louis Le Vau, painter Charles Le Brun, and landscaper André Le Notre. The result is an unparalleled work of harmony and beauty.



Champagne

ALONG THE FAMOUS CHAMPAGNE ROUTE

LENGTH: 5 hours

Our tour guide will greet us before we set off on our coach tour of the Champagne Tourist Route, where you'll discover the magnificent vineyard-dotted valleys of the region. You'll partake in a guided tour of the village of Hautvillers, birthplace of Champagne. We'll continue our visit to a prominent champagne house, with a tasting*, of course.

CHÂTEAU-THIERRY

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave on foot to visit the medieval castle in Château-Thierry. In these fortifications which have dominated the Marne Valley for centuries, you'll take part in a falconry show with live demonstrations. You'll get the chance to discover an art

that has been listed as an Intangible Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. You'll literally rub elbows with impressive birds. It's the perfect occasion to view these amazing animals up close and discover their prowess. You might even be so lucky as to touch one or two!

In case the falconry show cannot take place, the excursion will be replaced by a visit of the medieval castle ruins.

MEAUX AND CHEESE TASTING

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll take a coach to Meaux and leave on a guided tour of the Episcopal Palace and the Brie de Meaux exhibit hall with a certified guide who will explain the techniques used in making the region's famous cheese. After learning about Brie de Meaux, what would be better than tasting the cheese declared as "The Prince of All Cheeses" by Talleyrand in 1815?

REIMS

LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll depart by coach for Reims, the "City of Coronations". We'll enjoy a guided tour on foot and discover the Place Royale, Place Du Forum (Roman forum), the Place de l'Hôtel de Ville and more. We'll take part in a guided visit of the cathedral, which receives about one million visitors annually.



Oise Valley

AUVERS-SUR-OISE AND THE MUSÉE DE L'ABSINTHE

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll head towards Auvers-sur-Oise. Stretching almost four miles (seven kilometers) of the Oise River bank, Auvers-sur-Oise was Vincent Van Gogh's last home and final resting place. We'll stroll through the picturesque village streets and along the Artists' Pathway, where works by famous Impressionists compare the current landscapes and architecture. Our next stop will be the Musée de l'Absinthe and its reproduction of the ambiance found in cafés during the Belle Époque, when the "green fairy" was the preferred drink of poets and artists. The museum collection gives us great insight into 19th century culture in France. We'll finish up our tour with a demonstration of the absinthe ritual and a tasting, of course.

CHÂTEAU DE CHANTILLY

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set off for Chantilly, home to one of the most beautiful castles in France. The château is the work of an exceptional figure, Henri d'Orléans, Duke of Aumale, son of the last French king, Louis-Phillipe. The duke is considered to have owned one of the finest art collections of his time, making Chantilly a showcase for his many masterpieces and priceless manuscripts. The castle has remained at a virtual standstill since the Duke of Aumale bequeathed it to the Institut de France, so take advantage of this moment to jump back in time and relish this princely domain. We'll visit the art galleries, where paintings have hung undisturbed since the 19th century; the large, opulent suites once used as reception rooms; and the reading room, one of the most extensive libraries in the country.

COMPIÈGNE AND THE ARMISTICE MEMORIAL

LENGTH: 3 hours

Set off on a guided tour of historic Compiègne. On the picturesque streets of this significant city, you'll see the lovely 16th century town hall with its intricately sculptured late-Gothic facade containing several historical figures, such as Louis XII on his horse. The town hall tower holds one of the oldest municipal bells in France dating back to 1303. Further along the route,

we'll come across some lovely medieval homes. The oldest, La Vieille Cassine, was built in the 15th century. We'll enjoy a tasting of regional delicacies before we continue on to the Armistice Memorial. Part of the museum's collection includes the emblematic train car used in the signing of the 1918 Armistice, later vindictively recommissioned by Hitler for the 1940 surrender of France during World War II; a Marne Taxi requisitioned by the French government to transport troops during its namesake battle; and 800 stereoscopic images from the time of World War I. The memorial is dedicated to all soldiers who have fought since 1870, including Augustin Trébuchon—the last French soldier killed on the front during World War I.

CHÂTEAU DE MALMAISON

LENGTH: 3 hours

Built in the 17th century, Joséphine de Beauharnais acquired this castle in 1779. In 1800, it became the headquarters of the government and a conference room. The library restores the industrious atmosphere by which Bonaparte enjoyed to be surrounded. The council room is shaped like a military tent where receptions, dances and country-style games took place. The musical lounge offers Josephine's "troubadour" paintings and her well-known harp for visitors to admire. Here, many paintings from these times are on display. After her divorce in 1809, Joséphine continued to live in her house, where she died in 1814. The Napoleonic museum was inaugurated in 1906; it is furnished, decorated and adorned with the paintings that Joséphine bought and loved. The charm and authenticity that have been preserved in this castle will certainly delight you.

NOYON AND ITS CATHEDRAL AT NIGHT

LENGTH: 3 hours

Discover Noyon and its 2,000 years of history during this exclusive tour. Two thousand years of heritage and funky street art dot this eclectic city's streets. A festival of lights and colors awaits you within the Notre Dame Cathedral, the first example of Gothic architecture in northern France during the second half of the 12th century.

PONTOISE AND THE PISSARRO MUSEUM

LENGTH: 3 hours

Learn about Pontoise's monuments and celebrities as you stroll along its picturesque streets at your own pace. The city's superb cathedral dates as far back as the 12th century and includes a Flamboyant-style tower and central portal, as well as Renaissance additions added a few centuries later. Afterwards, we'll visit the Pissarro Museum, containing works not only by the museum's namesake, but also by his sons (Lucien, Ludovic-Rodo, Georges, and Félix) and contemporaries such as Paul Signac, Ludovic Piette, Federico Zandomenoghi, Edouard Béliard, and Louis Hayet. The collection is rounded out by canvases from pre- and post-Impressionists who worked in the Oise Valley, most notably Charles-François Daubigny, Luis Jimenez, and Octave Linet. We'll finish up our excursion with a taste of goat cheese and honey at the Tourist Information Office.



Provence

AGUES-MORTES

LENGTH: 3 hours

You'll be greeted by your guide for a tour of Aigues-Mortes. This old, fortified city with a rich heritage is located in the middle of the marshes and is one of the most beautiful sites in Provence. The tour will finish up with a tasting of fougasse, a local sweet bread made with orange-bloom syrup. After, you'll have some free time before we return to the ship.

AGUES-MORTES AND THE SALINS DU MIDI SALTWORKS

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set off for a guided tour of Aigues-Mortes. This old walled town with a prestigious heritage is located in the middle of marshlands in one of the loveliest natural settings in Provence. We'll then board a tourist train which will take us on a 90-minute journey through the salt tables, with a stop at the Salt Museum.

ARLES AND THE SANTON MAKERS

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for Paradou to visit the museum displaying more than 400 different santons—traditional, handmade figures used in local nativity scenes that represent 55 various characters from traditional Provençal village life. Each remarkable, life-like santon is based on a character from the books of Alphonse Daudet and Marcel Pagnol. They are remarkable for their originality and details. We'll then return to Arles for a visit to the international santonniers trade show displaying almost 300 years of this local tradition—from the very first models to the latest creations. Many are priceless works of art. We'll return to the ship on foot.

For cruises REF. FAN_XMASPP, the order of the visit is reversed: we'll first head to The Santon exhibition in Arles, then on to the Paradou for a visit of the Santon museum.

ARLES AND VISIT OF AN OLIVE OIL PRODUCTION SITE

LENGTH: 4 hours

Depart by foot for a guided tour of Arles. For 2,000 years, Arles has maintained an outstanding architectural heritage making it a genuine open-air museum. Afterwards, we'll leave by coach for a traditional olive farm which produces the famous Provençal olive oil. The owners will explain the cultivation and production of the "yellow gold" of Provence. After this discovery, you will have the opportunity to taste the products of the estate. Return to Arles by coach.

AVIGNON AND THE PAPAL PALACE

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave for a guided tour of Avignon and the Papal Palace. Avignon was one of the most important cities in Europe during the Middle Ages, and the official residence of nine popes in the 14th and 15th centuries. We'll then head to the Halles market to discover the regional holiday treats. After our tour, we'll return to the ship and cruise towards Tarascon.

The Halles market is closed on Mondays and in the afternoons.

CASTLE OF TARASCON

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

Transfer to the castle of Tarascon which, at 45 metres high, has long dominated the landscape north of Arles. Its monumental appearance marks the landscape of this area between the Alpilles and the Rhône. The castle's remarkable state of preservation is due in particular to the restoration and maintenance work carried out by several State architects of historic monuments. During the visit, you will discover the bailey, with the garden and the apothecary of the Saint-Nicolas hospital, and the lordly dwelling. The tour covers 35 areas and has about 150 steps up and down. During your visit, you will explore the former flats of the princes, transformed into dungeons in modern times, the permanent exhibitions on the history of the monument and the temporary exhibitions.

DISCOVER A MANADE

LENGTH: 3 hours

Discover a manade and the life of its herders during a wagon tour and take part in a bull sorting. Before returning to the boat, we'll have a delicious snack with products from the farm.

ÉTANG DE THAU

LENGTH: 2.25 hours

The Étang de Thau is well known for its shellfish. We'll visit the Étang de Thau Museum, where you'll learn about the shellfish farmers and fishermen, and you'll enjoy tasting some of the shell-fish while taking in the beauty of the basin from a terrace.

SAINT-GUILHEM-LE-DÉSERT AND THE DEVIL'S BRIDGE

LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll depart from Sète by coach with our guide towards the Pont du Diable (Devil's Bridge), located at the heart of the Hérault Gorges. We'll then discover Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, listed as one of the most beautiful villages in France. You'll be delighted by this picturesque town and its abbey (exteriors only). Afterwards, we'll stop off at a wine estate for a visit followed by a tasting* of some of the wines from the Languedoc region.

THE CAMARGUE

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set off on a panoramic guided tour of the Camargue for an occasion to admire its rivers, marshland and lakes, pink flamingos, bulls and the famous white Camargue horses. A stop is planned in Les Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, renowned as a pilgrimage centre for gypsies from all over Europe.

Burgundy

BURGUNDY, THE GRANDS CRUS WINE ROUTE

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set off on the Grands Crus Wine Route, including a visit to the Château du Clos de Vougeot, a symbol of more than 1,000 years of Burgundy history. In the 12th century, monks built winegrowing outbuildings in the middle of the vines, completed by a main building in the 16th century. We'll continue to a wine estate for a tasting of local wines*.

THE CHAMPLITTE CASTLE

LENGTH: 4.5 hours

Set off by coach to the medieval castle at Champlitte, which has been a listed historical monument since 1909. The castle was first a stronghold and then a home, and was a seat of power located at the boundary of both the Duchy and the County of Burgundy. You will be able to admire the architecture of the castle and understand its history through your guided visit. Flemish influences are in great evidence but nonetheless, the décor is much more provincial in style. You will also visit the Museum

of Popular Arts and Traditions, an ethnological museum located in the castle, where the wealth of exhibits gives a glimpse into life at the turn of the 20th century.

DIJON

LENGTH: 2 hours

Guided tour of Dijon, the historic capital of Burgundy. The historic center is packed with many ancient houses, including some beautifully decorated townhouses (built by wealthy medieval burghers) and Parliamentary buildings, and occupies several hectares of what is known as a Protected Area (to preserve Dijon's ancient monuments and buildings for posterity).

DOLE

LENGTH: 2 hours

Discover Dole, the birthplace of Louis Pasteur, in the company of your guide as you follow the "trail of the Chat Perché". This is a reference to Marcel

Aymé, author of the famous "Contes du Chat Perché", who spent his childhood years in Dole. Your tour will take you past the many historic monuments which have granted Dole the City of Arts and History label.

THE GRANDS CRUS WINE ROUTE

LENGTH: 4 hours

In the afternoon, set off on the Grands Crus Wine Route, including Gevrey-Chambertin and the Clos de Vougeot, with a visit of the Château du Clos de Vougeot. As early as the 12th century, monks from the Cîteaux abbey built winegrowing outbuildings in the middle of the vines. The main building strongly influenced by the Renaissance style was added in the 16th century. The Clos Vougeot remains the symbol of more than 1000 years of Burgundy history. The journey continues to a wine estate for a tasting* of Burgundy wines. Here you will discover a traditional vineyard, visit the cellars that hold barrels and bottles, then take part in a commented tasting of the famous wines from the region.

* Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.

GRAY

LENGTH: 2 hours

Discover the delightful town of Gray on our guided tour. The town became wealthy thanks to a wide range of industries and businesses, making Gray one of the main three strongholds in Franche-Comté. You'll have some time to admire the charming, traditional houses while your guide tells you all about the region's past. During your visit, you'll discover gorgeous monuments such as the Town Hall, a listed historic building and one of the most beautiful Renaissance edifices in Franche-Comté that was built between 1567 and 1572. You'll also be able to marvel at the Gothic-style Notre Dame Basilica, as well as the Hotel-Dieu built between 1716 and 1747 under the orders of Louis XIV. Don't miss its three sculptures representing the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. Afterwards, enjoy a tasting of local products.

PETIT-OGES

LENGTH: 2 hours

Arrival at the end of the afternoon. Take time to visit this tiny village at your own pace. Discover the surprising mini-museum dedicated to locks and its collection of photos, post cards and objects related to the Burgundy Canal. You can also enjoy a four-kilometer walk on the "Path of the Three Wash Houses", exposing three historic wash houses in very different styles. This little known area of Dijon that traces its roots back to the 7th century will surprise you.

SAINT-JEAN-DE-LOSNE

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

Today, this city is the capital of barging in France, lying at the heart of the French waterways and canal system in southern Burgundy. You'll discover the

exterior of the Monument Commemorating the Siege of 1636 and the Hôtel-Dieu, as well as the Gare d'Eau (Water Station), the Church of St John the Baptist, and the Batellerie Museum (Sailors' House) which recounts the history of navigation. Your visit ends with a tasting of some local specialties.

THE ROYAL SALTWORKS

LENGTH: 4 hours

Transfer by coach to Arc-et-Senans to discover La Saline-Royale (Royal Saltworks) built at the wishes of King Louis XV. Today listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this masterpiece was where the salt workers lived and worked. There is time for a stroll in the gardens spread out behind the different buildings.

Alsace

BOAT TOUR OF STRASBOURG

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

We'll set off by coach for the Palais Rohan to board a panoramic boat. Our tour will take us along the canal of the famous Petite France district with its charming half-timbered houses and narrow alleyways. We'll glide past the Tanners Quarter, the Covered Bridges and the Panoramic Terrace on the Vauban Dam. We'll continue towards the European Parliament Building and the Human Rights Building where the European Court of Human Rights is located.

COLMAR

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set out for the center of Colmar. Your guide will first introduce you to picturesque Little Venice. The Lauch River canals wind their way through the city dotted with colorful, half-timbered homes. We'll then visit the Choco-Story chocolate museum, dedicated to the wonders of our favorite sweet, located in Colmar's center of the holiday activity. Warm up with a cup of delightful hot chocolate. Afterwards, spend some time strolling through the Christmas market enjoying what the ambiance has to offer—small chalets with traditional Christmas decorations and housewares, original gift ideas, and culinary specialties swathed in spicy holiday smells.

HAUT-BARR CASTLE

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

Enjoy unrivalled views over the Alsace plain from the Haut-Barr Castle, often called "the Eye of Alsace". Constructed in 1170, it was transformed and restored during the 14th century. It was built at an altitude of 470 metres on 3 wide rocks linked by a footbridge called the "Devil's Bridge" and a series of staircases, which enabled the Bishops of Strasbourg to watch over the Zorn Valley and the Alsace Plain. With your guide, you will have the opportunity to discover this wonderful castle which has been listed as a historic monument since 1874.

KAYSERSBERG AND RIQUEWIHR

LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll head to Kaysersberg for a Christmas exhibit. Each year, the village goes all out showing the expanse of Alsatian Christmas decorations. Next stop is Riquewihr, a charming medieval village nestled among the vineyards, where you'll discover an authentic Christmas market in a unique setting. The bright colors of the half-timbered homes add to the postcard-like setting of traditional Alsace. Take your time wandering the cobblestone streets and admiring the marvelous decorations covering the facades and village monuments. The Kaysersberg Christmas Market is open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On other days, we'll visit the Eguisheim Christmas Market, one of the most beautiful in Alsace.

KOCHERSBERG REGION

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach from Waltenheim-sur-Zorn for Truchtersheim. We'll travel through the lush green hills and expansive fields in the Kochersberg Region and quaint villages lined with half-timbered houses before reaching Truchtersheim. We'll tour the Maison du Kochersberg museum, which highlights the local heritage and traditions. The museum displays a wide range of objects from antique to modern in its exhibits. Our next stop will be Hochfelden and the Villa Meteor. This is a great experience for beer lovers and connoisseurs. Discover the history of the Meteor family and their brewery from 1640 to the present. Learn about beer making and enjoy a tasting of their famous products*.

LEHRER CRYSTAL GLASSWORKS

LENGTH: 2.25 hours

Within a short walking distance of the Saint-Louis-Arzviller inclined plane, you'll visit the Lehrer Crystal Glassworks where you'll discover the secrets of glassblowing through a guided tour. Afterwards, you'll have some free time to browse through the gift store.

SARREBOURG

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set off by coach for Sarrebourg. This guided tour of the town will allow you to admire monuments like the cinema, built in 1912, the library and the Custine Hotel. You'll also get to discover the square and the Chapel of the Cordeliers with its quite unique stained glass window by Marc Chagall.

SAVERNE

LENGTH: 2 hours

Guided tour of Saverne, a town off the beaten track of the usual tourist haunts, despite its many places to see and admire. Founded in Roman times, the town has preserved many relics from its past. You will visit the Main Street, with its unicorn fountain, the Katz House, the Church of Notre Dame with its porch tower from the 12th century and the former convent of the Récollets founded in the 14th century.

SÉLESTAT, THE ALSATIAN WINE ROUTE AND OBERNAI

LENGTH: 10 hours

You'll leave by coach with your tour guide for Sélestat. The first stop will be the Maison du Pain d'Alsace, where you'll discover the secrets of Alsatian baking. Of course, you'll be able to have a taste or two! The next stop will be Éguisheim, officially listed as one of France's most beautiful villages. The village will be totally decked out for the holidays, and the Christmas market will provide all you need to get you in the holiday spirit. Take some time to peruse the stands with crafts and items for sale. We'll enjoy lunch on the Wine Route before heading to Obernai. Christmas is a particularly decorative and festive time in this Renaissance village. After our tour, we will return on board the ship.

STRASBOURG CHRISTMAS MARKETS

LENGTH: 4 hours

Join us for a guided tour on foot to see the city's iconic Petite France area and majestic cathedral. Afterwards, enjoy some free time at the various Christmas markets set up across the city.

WINE CELLARS AT THE STRASBOURG HOSPICE

LENGTH: 2 hours

Discover the ancient secrets found within the Strasbourg Hospice wine cellars. In old times, it was used to store wine offered as payment for hospital care. Today, twenty or so winemakers use the renowned cellar to age their prestigious wines. The oldest wine barrel dates back to 1472! Your tour will be followed by a tasting*.



ALSATIAN WINE ROUTE

Belgium

NEW FOR 2025

BRUGES

LENGTH: 4 hours

Art collections, a gentle way of life, a romantic aura and architectural appeal are just some of the assets of the little Venice of the North, the jewel of Flanders and a must-see stopover in Northern Europe. A rich maritime city in the 14th century, the town has preserved a rich and masterful architectural heritage with discreet and elegant finishes. Visit a brewery and taste a Bruges beer. The history of this brewery began in 1856. After many years and 6 family generations, it is now a dynamic brewery faithful to its origins, with authentic Bruges beers.

OUDENAARDE

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

The town of Oudenaarde is packed with historic monuments, including the town hall, the church of Notre-Dame de Pamele and the church of Sainte-Walburge. You will also appreciate the smaller buildings such as the picturesque beguinage, the majestic house of Marguerite de Parme, the Baudouin tower and the 18th century meat market. All bear witness to a rich and eventful past. The town boasts more than 100 listed monuments. The town walk "Oudenaarde through the centuries" takes you to some surprising hidden corners and monuments. Visit to an Oudenaarde distillery. This is an opportunity to discover the traditional distillation process for jenever, gin and whisky, followed by a tasting session.

MONS

LENGTH: 4 hours

BELOEIL CASTLE

Nicknamed the "Belgian Versailles", it contains a rich collection of works of art dating from the 15th to the 19th century, including the Beloeil Library, which houses over 20 000 books and precious manuscripts. The furniture is a sample of the work of the finest French cabinet-makers of the 17th and 18th centuries. The paintings depict most of the members of the family who have occupied the premises and recount the high points of their lives.

CHANT D'ÉOLE ESTATE

The result of a meeting between a Champagne winemaker and a family of Belgian farmers, the Chant d'Éole estate is inspired by the best techniques developed to date to ensure the production of sparkling wines that are true to the Belgian terroir. A guided tour will take you to the heart of the vineyard's history. Enthusiastic guides will explain the different stages in the production of these nectars, from planting to bottling, including the choice of grape varieties, vine care and vinification. The tour ends with a tasting of Brut Blanc de Blancs, Brut Rosé and Elixir Saint Georges.

GOURMET WALK

Few towns can boast such a rich heritage. Modernity has had no hold on its urban planning, which reveals its history as if it were an open book. From the Grand-Place, the possibilities for escapism are endless. Discover the history of the town and its regional dishes with tasting local specialities. Gastronomy combined with culture makes this culinary walk an unforgettable experience.



BRUSSELS

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LENGTH: 4 hours

GUIDED TOUR OF BRUSSELS

In the heart of the city, admire the grandeur of the Grand Place of Brussels with its glorious city hall and its many guild houses. With its richly decorated facade and impressive tower, the city hall of Brussels is one of the most beautiful buildings in the country. Further on, you can admire Manneken-Pis, the Royal Galleries of Saint-Hubert...

ARTISANAL BELGIAN CHOCOLATE

From its origin with the Mayas to the current production under the work of Master chocolatiers, come and watch a demonstration observing this meticulous and precise work through the windows of the living workshop.



MONS

* Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.

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