

FRANCE – BURGUNDY AUXERRE TO MORET-SUR-LOING or vv 8-days / 7-nights easy to Moderate **PREMIUM** GUIDED cycling cruise with **E-BIKES**



We have secured a limited number of berths on a Premium barge for a cycling cruise in the heart of Northern Burgundy. Known as “*The Land of Good Living*”, it offers a combination of rolling vineyards, woods and farmlands, ancient medieval villages, meandering rivers, and some of the best wines, cheeses and traditional dishes of France. There is a laid-back lifestyle, a sense of friendliness and a generally mild climate.

Starting in Auxerre, a riverside town of church spires and 16th century architecture, we ride through cities and towns of great cultural, artistic and historic significance and icons before ending our week in Moret-sur-Loing, a charming medieval fortified town much favoured by painter Alfred Sisley. The cycling route alternates between easy stretches of freewheeling alongside the river Yonne and more challenging uphill sections that lead to spectacular views.

Our PREMIUM barge offers a high standard of meals and cabin accommodation, with lower twin beds, ensuite bathrooms and air-conditioning. On the main deck there is a comfortable, air-conditioned lounge with panoramic windows, dining area, seating corner and a small bar. There is a spacious sun deck with chairs and tables, where you can relax and enjoy the scenery, great for photography.

A Bike & Barge cycling cruise is an opportunity to explore at a relaxed pace. Each day you can join a guided bike tour, cycle independently and meet up with the group at the boat, or stay onboard to enjoy the canal and river cruising. In the evenings the guide may offer a city walk to a local café or bar. Unpack once and come ‘home’ each night to a comfortable cabin on your ‘floating hotel’. Well-maintained **E-bikes** with helmets and panniers are provided – enjoyable, easy to ride, and ideal for this route.

Departs: Auxerre to Moret-sur-Loing: 1 June, 27 July 2027
Moret-sur-Loing to Auxerre: 25 May, 8, 22 June, 6, 20 July 2027

Cost from: **\$4155** per person twin share Single use supplement from \$1745 - \$2120 (limited)
High season supplement from **\$110 - \$740** per person applies on selected departures

Includes: 7 nights’ accommodation in twin cabin with ensuite; 7 breakfasts, 6 packed lunches, 6 dinners; cycling tour guide; hire of **E-bike** with pannier, water bottle and helmet; Bailly wine tasting; entry fees to cider museum and Sens Cathedral; ferry fares, SGR insolvency protection.

Not included: Drinks and personal expenses, gratuities, transfers to/from the barge, travel insurance. Special diets available at extra cost. Dinner on 1 night at own arrangements.

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Suggested itinerary: (operates in reverse direction on alternate weeks)

Day 1 (Tuesday): Arrive Auxerre

Plan to arrive around 2pm at the barge moored in Auxerre. From Paris there are regular services between Gare de Bercy and Auxerre. After a welcome from the barge crew, bike fitting and a delicious dinner aboard, there is ample time for an evening stroll through Auxerre, a beautiful river town of majestic church spires and streets lined with 16th century timber houses.

Day 2 (Wednesday): Auxerre

cycling @ 30 - 45km

The barge stays in Auxerre today, so you have the option to either stay, relax and take in more of the sights of the town, or cycle with your guide along the Yonne River en route to the "Caves de Bailly". This vineyard is famous for its sparkling Cremant de Bourgogne and limestone caves. The nearby vineyards of St Bris and Irancy are also well worth a visit, as are the paintings of George Hosotte in the Chapelle de Bailly.

Day 3 (Thursday): Auxerre – Joigny

cycling @ 30 - 45km

Today cycle northwards through the Yonne River valley, toward Joigny. There are two routes: the longer takes in the countryside of Briennon-sur Armencon, before following the beautiful Burgundy canal to Migennes where it crosses the river Yonne. There board the barge for an afternoon cruise to Joigny, a picturesque little town with a long and storied wine history as well as several historical monuments, ancient churches and townhouses with carved renaissance facades from the 16th and 17th centuries.

Day 4 (Friday): Joigny – Villeneuve-sur-Yonne

cycling @ 20 - 45km

Spend the morning on a loop ride through the local vineyards for a tasting of some of Burgundy's finest wines. Return to Joigny for lunch, after which you have the option to board the barge for a leisurely cruise to Villeneuve sur Yonne or enjoy an afternoon ride to the town of Saint-Julien-du-Sault to visit the 13th century Saint-Pierre church with its magnificent stained-glass windows. The mooring point tonight is in the lovely, lesser-known town of Villeneuve where sunset is the perfect time to explore its medieval gate towers and strings of gardens.

Day 5 (Saturday): Villeneuve-sur-Yonne – Sens

cycling @ 30 - 55km

A choice of cycling routes – the short option follows the river Yonne, while the longer option heads into the hills for a taste of the fine cider produced at the museum 'de Pomme et de Cidre'. The next stop is Sens, one of the oldest towns in France with a visit to the first of the great Gothic cathedrals in France, Cathedral Saint-Etienne. There will be time afterward to shop, stroll through the marketplace or acquaint yourself with the many restaurants Sens has to offer, as there is no dinner included tonight.

Day 6 (Sunday): Sens – Pont-sur-Yonne

cycling @ 20 - 45km

The longer cycle route today heads back into the hills and leads to a local honey producer for a sample of their delicious wild honey. However, the shorter option affords more time to explore Sens at leisure before cycling through to Pont-sur-Yonne, a charming riverside town.

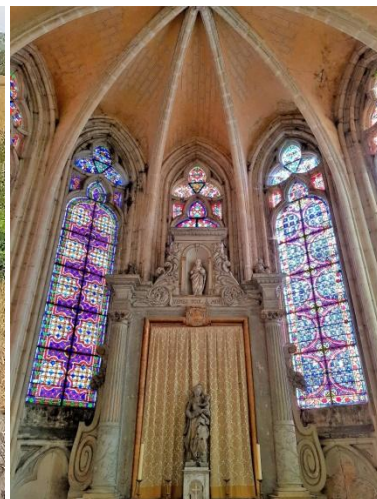
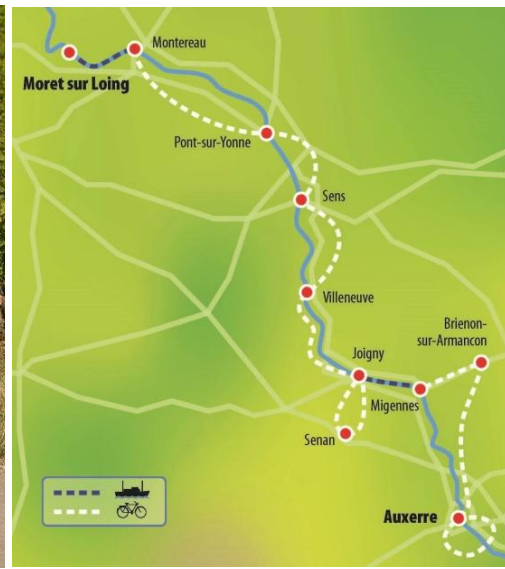
Day 7 (Monday): Pont-sur-Yonne – Vinneuf – Moret

cycling @ 35 - 40km

On the final cycling day, the route leaves the river behind for a scenic ride through forest landscapes. The journey ends in Moret-sur-Loing, a charming medieval town that inspired painter Alfred Sisley. Wander its historic streets and visit the 12th-century Church of Notre-Dame of Moret-sur-Loing.

Day 8 (Tuesday): Departure day

Tour ends after breakfast in Moret-sur-Loing. There are several daily direct trains to Paris Gare de Lyon.



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