



Hotel Finesse Barge Cruise

FRANCE

FINESSE - SOUTHERN BURGUNDY CRUISE (TOUR CODE: 11838)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Dijon

TRAVEL PERIODS

09 Apr23 - 20 Oct 24

EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine
Luxury

TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

Meander waterways of Southern Burgundy past vineyards and charming canal-side villages and discover stunning places like Beaune and Dijon.

Highlights

- Visit Clos de Vougeot, home of the Chevaliers du Tastevin
- Tour and private wine tasting at Château de Chamirey in Mercurey
- Visit to Beaune, including Hôtel-Dieu Hospice
- Lunch in the beautiful setting of the Puligny & Chassagne Montrachet vineyards

Finesse is a double-decker hotel barge that was built to exacting standards with luxury in mind, enhanced by her modern public areas and very spacious cabin suite accommodation.

The well-designed public areas include a 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 guests can watch their chef preparing delicious gourmet meals. Outside, guests can relax on the large sun deck with its alfresco dining area, comfortable seating and spa pool.

The four en-suite cabins, which can be in twin or double-bedded configuration, are very spacious (approx. 265sq ft including en suite), each one air-conditioned and with a beautifully appointed shower room.

INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights onboard the Hotel Barge Finesse in a Suite
- Crew of 5 (Captain, tour guide, chef and hostesses)
- Transfers by an air-conditioned minivan
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily prepared by your chef
- Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Use of barge facilities

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Dijon St-Julien-sur-Dheune

You 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.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Finesse** in a Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Dinner



Day **2**

St-Julien-sur-Dheune

This morning, begin your voyage through Southern Burgundy along the Canal du Centre through undulating countryside to moor at the little village of **St-Leger-sur-Dheune**. Descend a series of 11 locks while cruising past the villages along the way. After lunch on board, 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.

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Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.



Day **3** St-Léger-sur-Dheune Remigny

This morning, we visit **Clos de Vougeot**, headquarters of the esteemed Chevaliers du Taste vin (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. Continue along the **Routes des Grands Cru** through the **Côte de Nuits**, before returning to Finesse for lunch followed by an afternoon cruise with perfect opportunities to walk or cycle along the towpath en route, to our mooring near the village of Rully. Dinner on board.

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Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **4** Remigny Rully

After breakfast, set off on a drive through the **Côte de Beaune vineyards** to the town of Beaune itself, capital of Burgundy wine country where you will 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, return to the barge for an afternoon cruise past the charming little town of Chagny, to our mooring near the village of Rully. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Finesse** in a Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **5**

Rully Fragnes

This morning, continue your cruise along the Canal du Centre at a leisurely pace to moor at the village of **Fragnes**. There are perfect opportunities to walk or cycle along the towpath en route. In the afternoon you will be 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 on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Finesse** in a Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



CHÂTEAU DE CHAMIREY

Day **6**

Fragnes 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. You will have the opportunity to pay homage at the fields of Romanée Conti before returning to Finesse. Farewell Dinner on Board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Finesse** in a Suite.

*Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included. ***On Friday afternoon, charter groups might wish to visit Dijon with its Cathedral and mustard shops instead of Clos de Vougeot. This can be discussed with the Captain once onboard.*

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



FAREWELL DINNER

Day **7**

St-Jean-de-Losne Dijon

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

Breakfast



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
French	EUR

Departure dates and Pricing:

2023 Cruise Rates		
Rates are for 6 nights either: per person based on double occupancy per cabin or on a whole barge charter basis. Prices below are in Euros.		
Accommodation	Value	Regular
Suite	€6,850	€7,950
Single Supplement	€2,600	€3,000
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 6 passengers	€46,400	€53,800
Charter 7 passengers	€48,200	€55,900
Charter 8 passengers	€50,000	€58,000
Departure Dates (Sunday)	Rates	Cruise Region
Apr 9, 16, 23	Value	France - Burgundy
Apr 30; May 7, 14, 21, 28; Jun 4, 11, 18, 25; Jul 2, 9	Regular	France - Burgundy
Jul 16, 23, 30; Aug 6, 13, 20	Value	France - Burgundy
Aug 27; Sep 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct 1	Regular	France - Burgundy
Oct 8, 15, 22	Value	France - Burgundy

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Apr 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26; Jun 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Jul 7, 14	Regular	France - Burgundy
Jul 21, 28; Aug 4, 11, 18	Value	France - Burgundy
Aug 25; Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Regular	France - Burgundy
Oct 6, 13, 20	Value	France - Burgundy

- This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. On alternate weeks, the cruise will be in the reverse direction.
- This barge is available for charter bookings and theme cruises. Contact us for more details.

Booking / Payment Process

- On our website the Barge Cruise prices are show in Euros
- All payments will be made to us in Australian Dollars
- The current exchange rate will be used at the time of deposit and balance
- Our invoice will make this clear and our team is here to assist you

Supplier Booking Conditions Apply

Due to the boutique nature and limited capacity of this travel experience, under our Bookings Conditions this package classifies as “Booking Type 2 – Travel Experience where we act as agent only”. Your contract for the delivery of travel arrangements will be with the principal supplier and will be subject to their Booking Conditions. We will advise you prior to confirming your booking the full details and Booking Conditions of the principal supplier. Our responsibility to you where we sell travel arrangements as agent for the supplier is specified in the ‘Responsibility’ section of our Booking Conditions.

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package