



FRANCE

L'IMPRESSIONNISTE - BURGUNDY CRUISE (TOUR CODE: 9877)

STARTS AND ENDS in Paris	TRAVEL PERIODS 02 Apr 23 – 20 Oct 24	EXPERIENCE Food & Wine Cultural	TRAVEL STYLE Cruise
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A 12-passenger luxury barge combining traditional and French influences to give you the coziest holiday in the Burgundy countryside.

Highlights

- Visit Clos de Vougeot, home of the Chevaliers du Tastevin
- Tour of Dijon and its markets
- Private Falconry Display & Tour at the Château de Commarin
- Tour of Domaine Chanson including a private wine tasting and exclusive gastronomic lunch
- Visit to medieval Châteauneuf-en-Auxois
- Excellent towpath for walking and cycling

L'Impressionniste is a beautiful, 12-passenger luxury barge that cruises along the Burgundy Canal. The sister ship of La Belle Epoque, this hotel barge combines traditional and French influences to give you the coziest holiday in the French countryside. Light and airy features dominate the interior while selections of Impressionist prints, fabrics and wall colourings give it a classic vibe. There is a sun-deck, spa pool, 12 bikes, and an always open inclusive bar. A choice of single cabin, junior suite is available.

L'Impressionniste quietly voyages through the beautiful Ouche Valley in Southern Burgundy, passing through charming locks and fairytale landscapes. During your holiday you are given ample time to discover medieval villages and castles and enjoy wine tastings in the cellars of renowned Burgundy Domaines.

INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights onboard the Hotel Barge L'Impressionniste in a Stateroom
- Crew of 6 (Captain, tour guide, chef and hostesses)
- Transfers by an air-conditioned minivan
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily prepared by your chef
- Captains farewell dinner on your last night
- Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Open bar 24/7 with a large range of alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks
- Use of barge facilities

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Paris Fleurey-sur-Ouche

You are met at your meeting point in Paris** and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to the elegant L'Impressionniste. A **champagne reception** welcomes you on board and the opportunity to meet the captain and crew. Then enjoy your first dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge L'impressionniste** in a Stateroom.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Dinner



Day **2**

Fleurey-sur-Ouche Sainte Marie-sur-Ouche

This morning, experience your **first day's cruise along this enchanting canal**, which also promises a walk or cycle along an ever-present towpath past sleepy villages and pretty lock houses. After lunch **visit Clos de Vougeot**, headquarters of the esteemed Chevaliers du Tastevin, who award a special prized label to the finest Côte d'Or vintages every year. On the way back to the hotel barge enjoy a **tour of the cellars and a private tasting of fine Burgundy wines** at another long-established domaine. Dinner on board.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day

3

Sainte Marie-sur Ouche La Bussière

After breakfast, enjoy a **walking tour of old Dijon**, including a visit to the vivid produce markets, mustard shops and the impressive Notre-Dame de Dijon, or enjoy some excellent shopping time. Return to the hotel barge for lunch and a leisurely afternoon cruise to La Bussière and perhaps a walk or bicycle ride to the next lock or two. Dinner on board.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day

4

La Bussière Pont d'Ouche

After a short morning cruise, set off on a drive through the slopes of the UNESCO-listed vineyards of the **Côte de Beaune**. Here, our expert guide will offer an insight into the production of the region's finest Premier and Grand Cru wines. We continue to Beaune – the capital of the Burgundy wine country, for a **private tour and tasting at the renowned Domaine Chanson**. The tour includes its medieval Bastion de l'Oratoire, a 15th century defence tower whose 25 foot thick walls now maintain the perfect temperature for ageing wine. This is followed by a **private gastronomic lunch in the domaine's chateau**. Afterwards, **visit the fascinating Hôtel-Dieu Hospice** with time to explore the town, before returning for a short evening cruise to Pont d'Ouche. Dinner on board.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **5**

Pont d'Ouche Vandenesse

After breakfast, **cruise to Vandenesse-en-Auxois**, passing grazing white Charolais cattle, rolling hills and picturesque villages, crossing the only aqueduct on the Burgundy Canal. After lunch on board, we **visit the medieval village**, craft shops and castle of Châteauneuf-en-Auxois, once an outpost of the Dukes of Burgundy and offering a fine overview of the feeder lakes, canal and surrounding countryside. Dinner on board.

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BURGUNDY CANAL

Day **6**

Vandenesse Escommes

Your last day's leisurely cruise takes us to the **canal summit**, 1,250 feet above sea level, just before the Pouilly tunnel. After an early lunch, we **visit the moat-encircled Château de Commarin** to be treated to a private demonstration of the medieval sport of falconry***. The close up encounter with these majestic birds against the backdrop of the castle grounds is an amazing experience and afterwards, we meet Count Bertrand de Vogue, the current resident and 26th generation of the de Vogue family to maintain continuous residence since the 13th century, who will give a fascinating insight into the Château's history. This is followed by a **private tour of the building**. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



CHÂTEAU DE COMMARIN

Day **7**

Escommes Paris

After breakfast, you are transferred back to Paris.

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
Stateroom	€5,090	€5,990
Junior Suite	€5,550	€6,450
Single Supplement	€1,800	€2,100
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 8 passengers	€51,200	€59,800
Charter 9 passengers	€53,000	€61,900
Charter 10 passengers	€54,500	€63,600
Charter 11 passengers	€56,000	€65,300
Charter 12 passengers	€57,500	€67,000
Departure Dates (Sunday)	Rates	Cruise Region
Apr 2, 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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Mar 31; Apr 7, 14, 21	Value	France - Burgundy
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.
- Approximate transfer duration between Paris & L'Impressionniste is 3 hours and 15 minutes.
- This barge is available for charter bookings and theme cruises. Contact us for more details.

Pick-up Point

- Cabin bookings - The Hotel Westminster, Paris at 2:30 pm
- Charter bookings - One location of the group's choice in Paris, Geneva or Lyon at 2:30 pm OR a local TGV station close to the barge after 4:00 pm

Drop-off Point

- Cabin bookings - The Hotel Westminster by 12:30 pm
- Charter bookings - One location of the group's choice in Paris, Geneva or Lyon by 12:30 pm OR at a local TGV station by 10:00 am.

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