



Cruising

the beautiful waterways of

France



Dear CroisiEurope Guest,

Forty years ago,

our founder, Gérard Schmitter, brought CroisiEurope to life through his trailblazing spirit.

When river cruising was a privilege reserved only for the rich, wealthy CroisiEurope developed a concept aimed at giving the best service at the right price—making it accessible to any traveller! This was possible thanks to our involvement in all stages: from the simple idea to the construction of our ships, the assembly of our crews, and the full integration of sales and logistical (purchasing, cuisine and maintenance) teams. Your happiness is our priority, and we aim to ensure it thanks to the comfort of our boats and the quality of the service you receive when dining. We call on all our expertise to better serve you, including working in partnership with some of the most renowned French chefs, such as Paul Bocuse and Marc Haerberlin. Owner and operator of 43 ships, CroisiEurope is proud to be one of the greatest river ship owners



in Europe. Our founder's pioneering spirit has been passed down through the generations. Having developed the novel concept of a coastal cruise on the Adriatic Sea aboard a new 200-passenger ocean cruiser, CroisiEurope revamped the feel of cruising the French canals in the Upper Loire, Alsace-Lorraine, Burgundy, Champagne, Provence, Gascony regions and Paris with a fleet of new, modern and comfortable canal barges. With just 12 cabins, these barges bring you to the heart of each of these regions allowing you to discover the hidden treasures that await.

Alsatian, but French. French, but European. CroisiEurope knew how to become global by providing cruises in some of the world's most fabulous destinations. And it's with this passion, friendliness, and professionalism that we welcome you aboard our fleet. The Schmitter Family and the valued employees and crew members of CroisiEurope thank you for your patronage, and invite you to make your dreams our destinations this year.

*Bienvenue,
the Schmitter Family*



A CRUISE ON A TRADITIONAL CANAL BARGE, IS ARGUABLY THE BEST WAY TO RELAX AND ENJOY LIFE.

You can cruise through the very soul of France, as you enjoy the peace and quiet far from the hustle and bustle of the modern world gently cruising along peaceful waterways. Truly, an ideal opportunity to unwind!

To cruise along France's canal network is to set off on an adventure. Here, life is simplicity itself as you float peacefully along. A canal cruise in France is also the chance to learn about the region through which you are travelling; its flora and fauna, its history, its culinary specialities and much more.

As the barge cruises along the canals, it is never far from the land. This gives passengers the chance to appreciate and savour the wide range of regional gastronomic dishes, accompanied of course by carefully chosen local wines. In addition, it is easy to set off on a discovery tour of the area's natural beauty spots on foot along hiking trails or by bicycle (available on board), travelling the cycle paths which run alongside the tranquil banks of the canals. You can, of course, return on board again at any time.

These custom designed canal barges have been equipped with maximum comfort in mind for unforgettable and relaxing holidays. Passengers are very well looked after and pampered by a crew completely at their disposal, so they can relax on board and have a truly wonderful time. Relaxation is a byword for a cruise on one of these barges as you journey through the very heart of a wonderful, bountiful, natural environment.

Whether you are a couple, a family or a group of friends, a barge cruise is the ideal way to combine comfort and travelling to discover the charms of France and the riches of her regions at your own pace, and in a quite original way.



OUR FLEET

EXPERIENCE LIFE IN FRANCE FROM A TRULY UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE, WITH A NEW RANGE OF PRODUCTS DEVELOPED BY CROISIEUROPE: A FLEET OF CANAL BARGES THAT WILL CRUISE THE UPPER LOIRE REGION, THE ALSACE-LORRAINE, BURGUNDY, CHAMPAGNE, GASCONY, PROVENCE AND THE CANAL SAINT-MARTIN IN PARIS.



BUILT IN:

2013 (Canal barge Jeanine)
2014 (Canal barges Anne-Marie, Madeleine & Raymonde)
2016 (Canal barges Danièle & Déborah)

LENGTH: 40 m

WIDTH: 5,70 m



PASSENGERS:

24 passengers and 6 crew members (12 cabins)

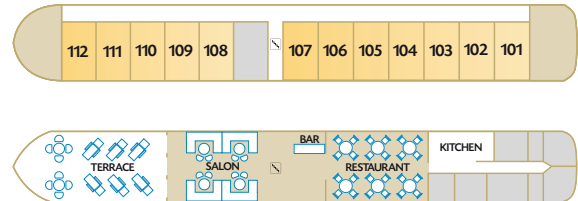
EQUIPMENTS:

Each cabin has a window and is equipped with private en-suite facilities (shower and WC), TV, radio, telephone (for internal calls only), safe, independent airconditioning, central heating, WIFI, bicycles available onboard

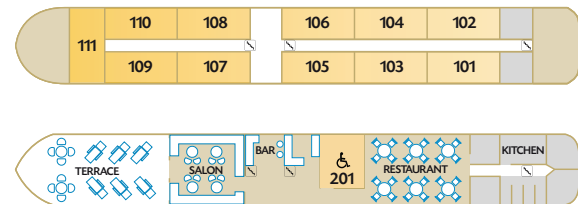
FACILITIES:

Well-equipped sun deck with lounge chairs, parasols, jacuzzi and barbecue - Dining room - Spacious lounge area with bar

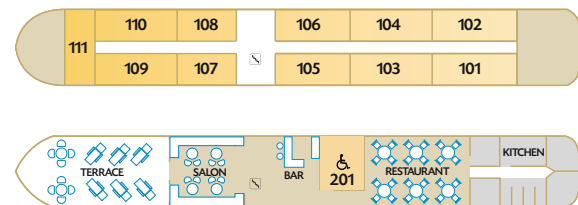
JEANINE



ANNE-MARIE, MADELEINE, RAYMONDE



DANIÈLE, DÉBORAH





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BEST VALUE FOR MONEY

SINCE 1976, CROISIEUROPE HAS BEEN OFFERING QUALITY CRUISES AT AFFORDABLE PRICES, GIVING OUR CUSTOMERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CRUISE AROUND THE WORLD.





Affordable price without sacrificing quality

We like to say “*CroisiEurope takes you away for so much less, but we still includes it all*”. Our cabins and beds offer the best in comfort, our food is unparalleled, our ships are spotless safe, our staff and crew are highly trained, and we take you to beautiful cities and sites. You won't find any superfluous extras on CroisiEurope – we think that just distracts from your experience of the voyage. What you will find is that our standards are high and our quality is excellent.



FOR YOU TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR JOURNEY, WHETHER YOU ARE A COUPLE, A FAMILY OR A GROUP OF FRIENDS WE CAN ARRANGE TWO TYPES OF DEPARTURE:

CHARTER CRUISES: we can organize a large selection of charter cruises which will appeal to all types of interest groups, both big and small. You will have the entire barge to yourselves. Excursions are all included or can be adapted on request.

INTERNATIONAL CRUISES: Arrangements are already in place! Special departures have been selected so that you will have mostly English speaking fellow guests, a dedicated crew member, all the excursions are included during your cruise and the transfers are arranged.



THE BENEFITS OF TRAVELLING WITH CROISIEUROPE

- **Brand new barges**
- **Best value for money**
- **Excursions and transfers included**
- An **intimate atmosphere** and a 6 member crew dedicated to take care of you and every need
- A **capacity of 24 passengers**, the ideal size for a group of friends or family
- High standard **French cuisine**
- A pleasant setting with **maximum comfort** and **unique décors**
- **Bicycles available onboard**
- **Jacuzzi at your disposal**

How to travel to your canal barge?

With CroisiEurope cruises, everything is inclusive except the way you travel to your embarkation place in France. Transportation in France is very efficient for air, rail and road links and we can help you with your transfer arrangements. We can recommend a number of partners and also advise regarding your choice of travel and timings. Our reservations staff are here to help.

LIFE ON BOARD



CABINS

After dinner, retire to your private cabin in comfort for the night: all our tastefully decorated cabins are equipped with air-conditioning, central heating, shower/toilets, satellite TV, safe, hairdryers— and each gives you a view of the river.



WANT TO RELAX: CHOOSE BETWEEN LOUNGE BAR & SUN DECK

Why not enjoy one of our lounge? A good place to spend time socializing indoors with friends or family, or enjoy some entertainment.

The sun deck of each boat offers a panoramic view of the landscape's beauty as you cruise. A great place to relax outdoors and enjoy the weather sipping a glass of wine.



SERVICE & LANGUAGES

We have a dedicated and knowledgeable staff of almost 1,000 people, whose conviviality, attentiveness and professionalism ensures that your voyage will be comfortable and pleasurable.

Our staff and crews speak French, English and many of them speak other major European languages as well. So you'll be in the heart of European culture and charm, but you'll always be able to find someone who understands you.

YOU WON'T FIND EXTRAVAGANCE
AND FUSS AT CROISIEUROPE.
INSTEAD, WHAT YOU'LL FIND
IS JUST WONDERFULLY RIGHT.
AND YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ENJOY
YOUR TRIP MUCH MORE BECAUSE
OF IT!





FRENCH CUISINE, EUROPEAN FLAIR

We carefully design and plan our cuisine and menus in the exacting tradition of fine French gastronomy. Each meal on your cruise will give you a delightful experience of French haute cuisine. Our chefs have worked alongside such Michelin-starred greats as Paul Bocuse and Marc Haerberlin; CroisiEurope's head chef, Alain Bohn, was recently nominated as a member of the Maîtres Cuisiniers de France. This esteemed French association, created 50 years ago, includes only 250 chefs worldwide.



BUFFET BREAKFAST

Your day will start with an impressive self-serve buffet breakfast in the onboard restaurant, which may include pastries, coffee, tea, juice, breads, jams and jellies, a variety of sausages and cold cuts, eggs, fresh fruit, and yogurt.

THINGS THAT MATTER MOST:
EXPERIENCED AND FRIENDLY STAFF
AND CREW, CLEAN AND COMFORTABLE
CABINS AND BEDS, RELIABLE AND SAFE
SHIPS, EXCELLENT FOOD, INCREDIBLE
ITINERARIES.



JUST SIT DOWN AND LET US TAKE CARE OF YOU

Lunch and dinner will be 3-course sit down meals prepared by our chefs. We serve a fixed menu of local specialties, prepared on a daily basis from fresh ingredients. Both lunch and dinner meals are paired with excellent complimentary wines. We do provide meals for people with food allergies or special dietary needs.



INCLUSIVE BEVERAGES

On all cruises, from April to October, all beverages are unlimited and complimentary, including mineral and sparkling water, juices, soft drinks, tea, coffee, beer and a large selection of house wines. Whether you wish to enjoy a drink during your meal or at any other time, we will be happy to serve you these complimentary drinks. Specific wines and Champagne are not complimentary; please refer to the list available at the bar. Drinks are not included in the price of the PAM/FAN winter cruises.



BRIARE CANAL BRIDGE

REF. BNV_AIPP/NVB_AIPP (opposite direction)⁽¹⁾ • 7 - DAY CRUISE

Discover the Upper Loire

In the heart of France, charming cities reveal their secrets

DAY 1 | Paris • BRIARE

Transfer from Paris to Briare. Board at 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation. We'll cruise through the **Briare Aqueduct**, whose 14 masonry supports were built by the Eiffel Company.

DAY 2 | BRIARE • LERE

Visit of **Briare and the museum conservatory**. We'll take a tourist train to discover the village of **Briare** and its hidden treasures. Then, **visit of the Museum Conservatory** and learn about the history of the Loire and its canals. Afternoon spent cruising to Léré. The evening is free to do as you please.

DAY 3 | LERE MENETREOL-SOUS-SANCERRE

Excursion to **Sancerre and a goat farm**. Taste its trademark cheeses and the local Sancerre wine. Afternoon spent cruising towards Ménétréol-sous-Sancerre. The evening is free to do as you please.

DAY 4 | MENETREOL-SOUS-SANCERRE CHAPELLE MONTLINARD

Visit of **Pouilly-sur-Loire**, where we'll visit the Tour de Pouilly-Fumé and stop in a wine cellar to enjoy a tasting. Take advantage of this moment to ride along a portion of the **EuroVélo 6**. The evening is free to do as you please.

DAY 5 | CHAPELLE MONTLINARD MARSEILLES-LES-AUBIGNY

Visit of **La Charité-sur-Loire and an authentic farm**. We'll begin our visit with the priory, one of the most important restoration sites in Burgundy for the past 15 years. We'll then visit a farm deep in the countryside, where we'll experience the rustic calm and authenticity that can be found only in France. Afternoon spent cruising. You'll have an outstanding view of the Val de Loire Natural Reserve. Tonight is our festive gala evening.



DAY 6 | MARSEILLES-LES-AUBIGNY • NEVERS

Excursion to the **Fontmorigny Abbey**, a privately-owned French historical monument. Now one of the main cultural sites in the area, it is testimony to over 8 centuries of French religious heritage. The contemporary stain-glass windows are not to be missed. We'll continue on to visit Apremont-sur-Allier and its floral garden. Classified as one of the most beautiful villages in France, this small medieval jewel on the bank of the Allier is an absolute must-see. Afternoon spent cruising. At nightfall, we'll leave on a romantic tour of Nevers with lanterns.

DAY 7 | NEVERS • Paris

Buffet breakfast on board. Disembark at 9:00 a.m. Transfer by coach from Nevers to Paris.

See excursion details on page 24.

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CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Transfers included on day 1 and 7 from and to Paris

EuroVélo 6:

This bike route goes from the Atlantic Ocean to the Black Sea.

It's one of the **easiest, most enjoyable** cycle routes that crosses France. In France, it provides almost 1,300Km of **specialty laid-out, unbroken paths** linking Alsace in the east to the Atlantic in the west, going via the Canal du Rhône au Rhin, the Doubs and Saône Valleys, and the Canal du Centre in Burgundy, before joining the Loire à Vélo cycle route, which takes you **alongside one of Europe's last major wild rivers** up to Saint-Brevin-les-Pins at the Loire's estuary.

Must-see sites:

Stroll through history: discover traditional regions during this exceptional cruise with authentic and well-preserved sites

• **Briare Aqueduct**, one of the most prestigious waterways in France and which used to be the longest navigable aqueduct in the world

 **DRINKS AND EXCURSIONS INCLUDED**

 **ALL MEALS SERVED ON BOARD**



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AUVILLAR

REF. TLA_AIPP/ATL_AIPP (opposite direction)⁽¹⁾ • **7 - DAY CRUISE**

The Bastides and villages of Southwestern France in Gascony

DAY 1 | Toulouse · CASTELSARRASIN

Transfer from Toulouse to Castelsarrasin. Board at 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation.

DAY 2 | CASTELSARRASIN · TOULOUSE MOISSAC

Tour of Toulouse known as the the "Pink City" and its rich architectural heritage, including the Capitole and its square, the Basilica of Saint Sernin and the imposing Church of the Jacobins. Cruise towards Moissac. Take advantage of this time to bike along the "Green Road" that follows the canal.

DAY 3 | MOISSAC · VALENCE D'AGEN

Guided **tour of the St. Pierre and the cloister of Moissac**. The cloister of St. Pierre Abbey, finished in 1100, is a unique and perfectly preserved treasure of Romanesque art. At the end of our tour, we'll taste some regional specialities, including products made from chasselas grapes. Afternoon spent cruising towards Valence d'Agen on the **Garonne Canal**. The evening is free to do as you please.

DAY 4 | VALENCE-D'AGEN · AGEN

Excursion to **Auvillar**, lovely little city voted one of the most beautiful villages in France. At the end of our visit, we'll enjoy a tasting of some local products. Afternoon spent cruising. The evening is free to do as you please.

DAY 5 | AGEN · SERIGNAC-SUR-GARONNE

Guided **tour of Agen's** historical center and discover the richness and exceptional diversity of its cultural heritage. Taste a local speciality: "dried prune". Afterwards, enjoy some free time on your own to visit the center of town. Afternoon spent cruising. We'll pass through the second-longest navigable aqueduct in France (1,902 feet), built entirely from stone between 1839 and 1843. Take advantage to go by the "Green Way" of the **Garonne Canal**. The evening is free to do as you please.



DAY 6 | SERIGNAC-SUR-GARONNE DAMAZAN

Visit of Nérac. Lying on both sides of the Baise River, this quaint city has all the charm and ambiance of the French Southwest. Our visit will then continue on to Barbaste. We'll stop and have a look at the fortified mill and the 13th-century bastide in Vianne. We'll then visit a wine cellar and have a tasting of the local AOC wine: the Buzet. Afternoon spent cruising or stroll along the canal, on foot or by bike, at your own pace. Tonight is our festive gala evening.

DAY 7 | DAMAZAN · Toulouse

Buffet breakfast on board. Disembark at 9:00 a.m. Transfer by coach from Damazan to Toulouse.

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Transfers included on day 1 and 7 from and to Toulouse

Discover the Garonne Canal, connecting Toulouse to the Atlantic Ocean, it was created in the 19th century as an extension of the Canal du Midi. These two waterways form one remarkable result: the Canal des Deux Mers

Must-see sites:

- **Auvillar**, most beautiful village of France
- **The cloister of Moissac**, listed as world heritage site by UNESCO
- **Toulouse**, the "Pink City"

 **DRINKS AND EXCURSIONS INCLUDED**

 **ALL MEALS SERVED ON BOARD**

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REF. ECP_AIPP/PCE_AIPP (opposite direction)⁽²⁾ • **7 - DAY CRUISE**

Champagne

From Epernay to Paris



DAY 1 | Paris • EPERNAY

Transfer from Paris to Epernay. Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation.

DAY 2 | EPERNAY • DORMANS

Excursion along the famous Champagne route. Discovery tour of the village of Hautvillers. Visit of a major Champagne house followed by a tasting session. Cruise to Dormans. Arrival in the evening.

DAY 3 | DORMANS • CHATEAU THIERRY

Departure by coach for the **excursion of Reims**, guided tour of the historic center and its cathedral. Afternoon spent cruising to Château Thierry, through the beautiful Marne Canal landscapes. Arrival in the beginning of the evening.

DAY 4 | CHATEAU THIERRY SAINT-JEAN-LES-DEUX-JUMEAUX

Visit to the Jean de la Fontaine Museum⁽¹⁾. Discovery of the town of Château Thierry passing the castle walls and the Hotel Dieu where Jean de la Fontaine also once lived. Cruise to Saint-Jean-Les-Deux-Jumeaux. Afternoon spent cruising, passing Drachy and Champigny, through the heart of the Seine-et-Marne countryside and its Champagne vines. Arrival during the evening.

DAY 5 | SAINT-JEAN-LES-DEUX-JUMEAUX MEAUX • LAGNY-SUR-MARNE

Cruise to Meaux. Arrival in **Meaux** and in the afternoon, **visit of this charming town.** Discovery of the Brie de Meaux Exhibition Room, followed by a tasting of the cheese, hailed as “the King of Cheeses”.

DAY 6 | LAGNY-SUR-MARNE • PARIS

Morning spent cruising. In the afternoon, arrival in **Paris** and **excursion through the major sites of the capital.** Original walk along the prettiest covered walkways in Paris. Travel back through time and history around the Palais Royal. Gala evening.

DAY 7 | PARIS

Buffet breakfast on board. Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 22 & 23.

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CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Transfer included on day 1 from Paris

Must-see sites:

- Reims
- The **Champagne Route** in Hautvillers, birthplace of Champagne
- **Château Thierry** and the **Jean de la Fontaine Museum**
- **Meaux**, with its historic and gastronomic heritage
- **Paris**, a new and original visit of the capital city
- **Champagne** tasting session

 **DRINKS AND EXCURSIONS INCLUDED**

 **ALL MEALS SERVED ON BOARD**

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(1) Depending on the mooring point of the ship, a transfer by coach may be arranged on board. A 20€ per person supplement will be payable on the spot.

(2) Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise (ref. PCE_AIPP), its itinerary and different excursion package.

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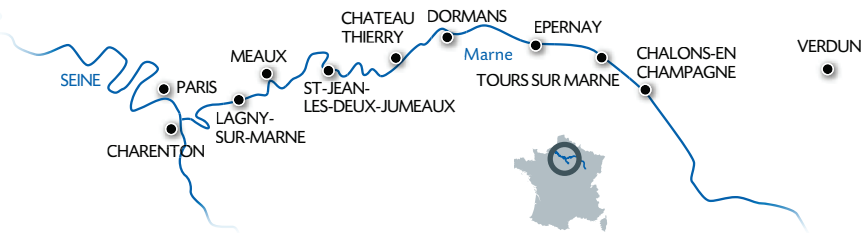




LES INVALIDES, PARIS

REF. ECP_WWAIPP · 7 - DAY CRUISE

The Great War, cruise the Marne Canal in Champagne



DAY 1 | Paris · EPERNAY

Transfer from Paris to Epernay. Board at 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation. We'll then enjoy dinner on board and stay overnight in Paris.

DAY 2 | EPERNAY · DORMANS

The morning, leave by coach on a **tour of Verdun, including a visit to Fort Douaumont, and visit of the Douaumont ossuary.** We'll finish the visit with the "Tranchée des Baïonnettes" (bayonet trench). Cruise continues to Dormans.

DAY 3 | DORMANS · CHÂTEAU THIERRY

This morning, tour on the **famous Champagne Tourist Route. Guided tour of the village of Hautvillers**, once home to the famous Dom Perignon, and visit to a prominent champagne house, with a tasting. Afternoon spent cruising towards Château Thierry.

DAY 4 | CHÂTEAU THIERRY SAINT-JEAN-LES-DEUX-JUMEAUX

In the morning, **visit of the Remembrance Museum of Belleau⁽¹⁾, and visit of the Aisne-Marne Cemetery.** We'll cruise to Saint-Jean-Les-Deux-Jumeaux, passing by Drachy and Champigny as we cruise through the vineyard-dotted landscapes of the Seine-et-Marne. Arrival in the evening.

DAY 5 | SAINT-JEAN-LES-DEUX-JUMEAUX MEAUX · LAGNY-SUR-MARNE

Morning spent cruising to Meaux. The afternoon, **guided tour of the Battlefields of the Marne**

and the Museum of the Great War. The circuit of the Battlefields of the Marne takes us through the most important combat areas.

DAY 6 | LAGNY-SUR-MARNE · PARIS

Cruise to Paris. The afternoon, departure for a **coach and foot tour of Paris.** We'll visit **Les Invalides**, which retraces history from 1871 to 1945, including the two World War. Gala evening.

DAY 7 | PARIS

Buffet breakfast on board. Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Transfer included on day 1 from Paris

Must-see sites:

- The Remembrance Museum of Belleau and the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery
- The Battlefields of the Marne and the Museum of the Great War
- An out-of-the-ordinary visit to Paris and Les Invalides

 **DRINKS AND EXCURSIONS INCLUDED**

 **ALL MEALS SERVED ON BOARD**

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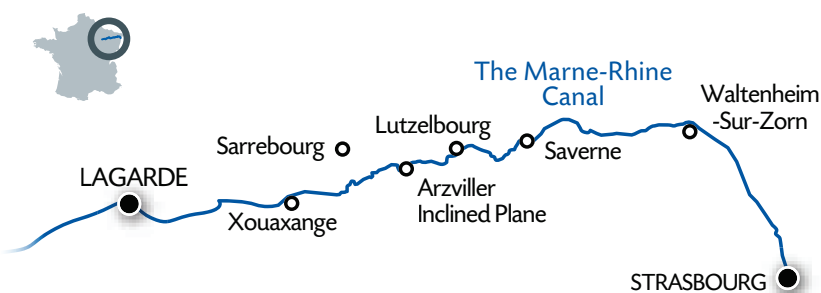


STRASBOURG

REF. SXO_AIPP/XOS_AIPP (opposite direction)⁽¹⁾ • **7 - DAY CRUISE**

Alsace and Lorraine

From Strasbourg to Lagarde



DAY 1 | STRASBOURG

Boarding from 6:00 p.m. in **Strasbourg**. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation. Dinner on board followed by a **discovering of the old Strasbourg by panoramic boat**.

DAY 2 | STRASBOURG · WALTENHEIM

Morning spent cruising toward **Waltenheim-sur-Zorn** through the Brumath Forest. In the afternoon, **excursion to hike along the hops trail in Wingersheim** (only available with prior booking). With a heritage of wine-growing and beer-brewing, Alsace will give you a new perspective by showing you how hops is grown. We suggest you a **dinner to taste the tarte flambée**, a local specialty, at a restaurant in Waltenheim.

DAY 3 | WALTENHEIM · SAVERNE

Morning spent cruising toward **Saverne**. Bucolic journey passing the towns of Schwindratzheim, nestled on a hillside, and Hochfelden, a typical local village. During the morning, you are free to stroll or bike on the paved trails alongside the canal. In the afternoon, **tour of Château de Haut-Barr**, nicknamed "The Eye of Alsace", where you will discover a splendid view of the Alsatian plains.

DAY 4 | SAVERNE · LUTZELBOURG

Guided tour of Saverne, virtually unknown by the usual tourist routes, the city offers a wide

range of places to discover. Back on board and departure of the boat toward **Lutzelbourg**. The canal winds through the Vosges Mountains before joining the Lorraine region. Late in the afternoon, we suggest you to set off on foot to marvel at Lutzelbourg Château.

DAY 5 | LUTZELBOURG Arzwiller Inclined Plane · XOUXANGE

We will cast off for the **Arzwiller inclined plane**. On the way, we will stop at the **crystal glassworks** near the inclined plane. You will learn about this time-tested tradition, and watch crystal blowing and cutting demonstrations. Departure of the boat and passage through the **Arzwiller inclined plane** - an incredible experience. A fabulous structure, this transverse system boat "elevator" is one-of-a-kind in Europe. The inclined plane replaces 17 successive locks over 2.5 miles that once needed a full day to navigate.

DAY 6 | XOUXANGE · LAGARDE

Morning spent cruising toward **Lagarde**. Passage through the Réchicourt lock, one of the largest in France, before continuing our journey through the lakes. In the afternoon, **visit of Sarrebourg** that will take us on Chagall trail. Gala evening.

DAY 7 | LAGARDE · Strasbourg

Buffet breakfast on board. Disembark at 9:00 a.m. Transfer by coach back to Strasbourg.

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Transfer included on day 7 to Strasbourg

A journey between Alsace and Lorraine. River cruises at the crossroads of many cultures, combining unspoiled nature and exceptional architectural heritage

Must-see sites:

- **Strasbourg**, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- **The Artzwiller inclined plane**, an exceptional engineering feat
- The beautiful scenery of the **Zorn Valley and the Vosges Mountains**
- A hike through the hops fields in **Wingersheim**
- **The Haut-Barr Château**
- **Saverne**, a particularly charming small village
- **Lutzelbourg Château**
- **Marc Chagall's unique stained glass window** in Sarrebourg

 **DRINKS AND EXCURSIONS INCLUDED**

 **ALL MEALS SERVED ON BOARD**

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⁽¹⁾ Please contact us for more itinerary details. For cruise Ref. XOS_AIPP, itinerary and excursion packages are different.

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AIGUES-MORTES

REF. AVF_AIPP/SVA_AIPP (opposite direction)⁽¹⁾ • **7 - DAY CRUISE**

Cruise in Provence from Arles to Sète

DAY 1 | Avignon⁽⁴⁾ • ARLES

Boarding at 6:00 p.m. in Arles. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation.

DAY 2 | ARLES • GALLICIAN

Tour of **Arles**⁽³⁾. Discover this cultural center and its Roman ruins, and then travel inland to find out about **olive oil production** in Provence. Tasting of some local products. Afternoon spent cruising.

DAY 3 | GALLICIAN • AIGUES-MORTES

Excursion to **the Camargue**. Free time in the splendid city of Sainte-Marie-la-Mer, where we recommend a visit to its fortified church. Afternoon spent cruising to Aigues-Mortes.

DAY 4 | AIGUES MORTES PALAVAS-LES-FLOTS

Tour of **Aigues-Mortes**⁽³⁾. 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. Afternoon spent cruising to Palavas-Les-Flots. Spend some free time discovering its spa resort.

DAY 5 | PALAVAS-LES-FLOTS • SETE⁽²⁾

Tour to **discover a manade** and the life of its herders during a visit by wagon. Take part in a bull sorting. Before returning to the boat, we'll have a delicious snack with products coming from the farm. Cruise towards Sète.

DAY 6 | SETE

Excursion of the **Etang De Thau**, famous for its shellfish. Visit of the Etang de Thau Museum, where you'll discover the shellfish farmers and fishermen. Taste some of the shellfish while taking in the beauty of the basin from a terrace. Afternoon dedicated to a **tour of Sète's historical downtown area**. We'll continue towards Mont Saint-Clair, and discover its exceptional panoramic view as well as its renowned cross and the Notre-Dame-De-La-Salette chapel. Gala evening.



DAY 7 | SETE • Avignon⁽⁴⁾

Buffet breakfast on board. Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 23 & 24.

Formalities: Valid passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate. Please note: your passport must be valid for six months beyond the last day of your travels.

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CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Transfers included on day 1 and 7 from and to Avignon

Must-see sites:

- Arles and olive oil production
- The beauty of the Camargue
- The fortified city of Aigues-Mortes and the salt marshes
- A traditional Camargue experience with a **manade**
- **Etang De Thau** and its oyster farms
- The magnificent island of Sète

 **DRINKS AND EXCURSIONS INCLUDED**

 **ALL MEALS SERVED ON BOARD**

(1) Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise, Ref. SVA_AIPP.

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

(3) According to where the ship is moored, coach transfer will be organized on board. A €20 additional charge will be requested at that time.

(4) Possibility of transfer from Marseille to Arles valid for a minimum of 18 paying guests. Under this basis, private transfer: contact us.

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SETE



REF. SLD_AIPP/DSL_AIPP (opposite direction)⁽¹⁾ • **7 - DAY CRUISE**

Burgundy

From Saint-Léger to Dijon

DAY 1 | Dijon · SAINT-LEGER-SUR-DHEUNE
Transfer from Dijon to **Saint-Léger-sur-Dheune**. Boarding at 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation.

**DAY 2 | SAINT-LEGER-SUR-DHEUNE
SANTENAY · CHAGNY**

Departure by coach toward **Nolay**, where we will find our trailhead to **hike to the Cirque du Bout du Monde**, a Natura 2000 natural site. Continuation by coach toward **Mont de Sène**, an ancient Celtic religious site which overlooks the Santenay vineyards from a height of over 1,700 feet high. In the afternoon, walk to the **center of Santenay**, a charming little wine-producing village with a priceless historical heritage and **wine tasting session** at one of the 38 wine producers in the village. The end of the afternoon is spent cruising toward **Chagny**.

DAY 3 | CHAGNY · CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

Morning spent cruising toward **Chalon-sur-Saône**. You have the possibility to **bike along the banks of the Doubs River by taking the Green Way bike path**. In the afternoon, walking tour of **Chalon-sur-Saône**.

**DAY 4 | CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE
SAINT-JEAN-DE-LOSNE**

Morning spent cruising toward **Saint-Jean-de-Losne**. **Bicycles are available on board** if you would like to ride along the canal's banks. In the afternoon, **guided tour of Saint-Jean-de-Losne**, which will end with a tasting of **local specialties from Burgundy**.

**DAY 5 | SAINT-JEAN-DE-LOSNE
PETIT-OUGES**

Day spent cruising toward **Petit-Ouges**. **Bicycles are available on board** at any time if you'd like to take a bike ride along the canal's banks. Arrival in **Petit-Ouges late in the afternoon**.



CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Transfer included on day 1 from Dijon

Must-see sites:

- **The Cirque du Bout du Monde and the Mont de Sène**, remarkable natural sites
- **Wine tasting at Santenay**
- **Chalon-sur-Saône**, town of art and history and birthplace of photography
- **Saint-Jean-de-Losne**, top European marina
- **The Grands Crus Wine Route**

DRINKS AND EXCURSIONS INCLUDED
 ALL MEALS SERVED ON BOARD

See excursion details on pages 20 & 21.

DAY 6 | PETIT-OUGES · DIJON

Morning spent cruising toward **Dijon**. In the afternoon, **excursion along the Burgundy Grands Crus Wine Route**. The touristic Grands Crus wine route passes through villages and the finest and most prestigious of the Burgundy vineyards. **Gala dinner on board**.

DAY 7 | DIJON

Buffet breakfast on board. Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

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⁽¹⁾ Please contact us for more itinerary details. For cruise Ref. DSL_AIPP, itinerary and excursion packages are different.

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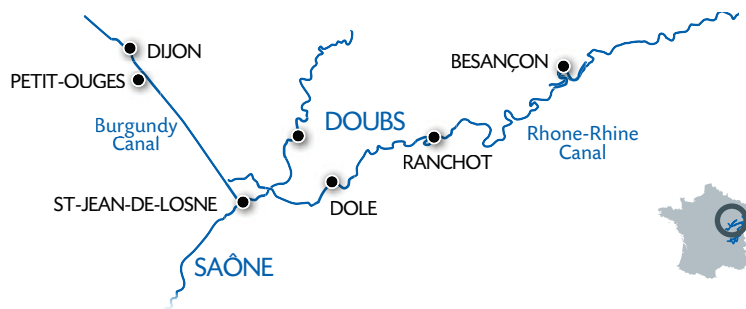




BESANCON

REF. DBC_AIPP/BDJ_AIPP (opposite direction)⁽²⁾ • **7 - DAY CRUISE**

The Burgundy Canal From Dijon to Besançon



DAY 1 | DIJON

Boarding from 6:00 p.m. in **Dijon**. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation.

DAY 2 | DIJON · PETIT-OUGES

Excursion along the Grands Crus Wine Route. This touristic route passes through the finest and most prestigious of the Burgundy vineyards. Then departure toward **Petit-Ouges**. As we float by, you will discover the magnificent lush, green landscapes of the Saône Valley and the “**circuit of the three wash-houses**”⁽¹⁾.

DAY 3 | PETIT-OUGES

SAINT-JEAN-DE-LOSNE

The whole day is spent cruising toward Saint-Jean-de-Losne. Take the time sit back and admire the vineyards and scenery that we slowly pass by as we cruise. Late in the afternoon, arrival in **Saint-Jean-de-Losne**.

DAY 4 | SAINT-JEAN-DE-LOSNE · DOLE

Visit of Saint-Jean-de-Losne, the capital of canal barging in France, which lies at the heart of the French waterways and canal system in southern Burgundy. Afternoon spent cruising toward **Dole** that we reach at the end of the afternoon.

DAY 5 | DOLE · RANCHOT

Join an **original and unique tour, following the “trail of the Perched Cat”**. This trail refers the famous tales of a Perched Cat, written by Marcel Aymé who lived in **Dole** as a child. It also refers

to Dole’s location, which is perched on a beautiful hillside. Then departure to **Ranchot**. You can use the bicycles (available on board) to ride on the bike path that follows our route on the canal.

DAY 6 | RANCHOT · BESANCON

Morning spent cruising. In the afternoon, departure by coach to **Arc-et-Senans** for a **tour of the Saline-Royale**. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this royal factory, built between 1775 and 1779 in the shape of a semi-circle, was where salt workers traditionally lived and worked. Back on board in **Besancon**. **Gala evening**.

DAY 7 | BESANCON · Dijon

Buffet breakfast on board. Disembark at 9:00 a.m. Transfer by coach to Dijon.

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Transfer included on day 7 to Dijon

Must-see sites:

- The charming country village of **Petit-Ouges**
- **Saint-Jean-de-Losne** and its monuments telling the story of its prestigious past
- **Dole**, hilltop city and birthplace of Louis Pasteur
- **La Saline Royale** (Royal Salt works), listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site

DRINKS AND EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

ALL MEALS SERVED ON BOARD

See excursion details on page 21.

Formalities: Valid passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate. Please note: your passport must be valid for six months beyond the last day of your travels.

NB: For navigational reasons and passenger safety, the company and the captain reserve the right to modify the cruise itinerary if necessary. The itinerary is subject to mooring availability at locks or ports, and may be modified as necessary.

(1) The Circuit of the Three Wash-houses is not a guided tour.

(2) Please contact us for more itinerary details. For cruise Ref. BDJ_AIPP, itinerary and excursion packages are different.

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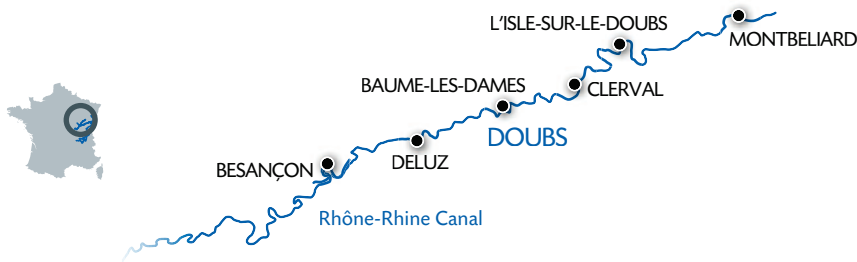


DOUBS RIVER VALLEY



REF. MBC_AIPP/BCM_AIPP (opposite direction)⁽¹⁾ • **7 - DAY CRUISE**

The Burgundy Region From Montbéliard to Besançon



DAY 1 | MONTBELIARD

Boarding from 6:00 p.m. in **Montbéliard**. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation. Dinner on board.

DAY 2 | MONTBELIARD L'ISLE-SUR-LE-DOUB

Walking tour through the historic heart of Montbéliard, a former Württemberg principality. Afternoon spent cruising toward **L'Isle-sur-le-Doubs**. Take time to relax and admire the beautiful scenery in the Doubs Valley, or to walk or cycle along the canal paths alongside the boat.

DAY 3 | L'ISLE-SUR-LE-DOUBS · CLERVAL

Morning spent cruising toward **Clerval**. At any time you are free to **bike along the banks of the Doubs River** by taking the **EuroVelo 6 Cycle Route**. In the afternoon, **discovering the hiking path to the Altar Chapel**. Back on board.

DAY 4 | CLERVAL · BAUMES-LES-DAMES

Morning spent cruising toward **Baumes-Les-Dames** that we will reach in the afternoon. During the morning, you are free to **bike alongside the boat by riding on the EuroVelo 6 Cycle Route**. You can come and go as you please. Afternoon **guided tour of Baumes-les-Dames**. Here you'll discover the ancient town center, including typical buildings full of character, and the beautiful abbey.

DAY 5 | BAUMES-LES-DAMES · DELUZ

Morning spent cruising toward **Deluz**. In the afternoon, discovering of the various **hiking**

paths around the town. You'll have the opportunity to discover the Pelouse Sèche (dry grassland) site, which is part of the Natura 2000 project.

DAY 6 | DELUZ · BESANCON

Morning spent cruising toward **Besançon**. During the morning, you are free to **bike alongside the boat by riding on the EuroVelo 6 Cycle Route**. Early in the afternoon, arrival in **Besançon and guided tour Citadel**. After the visit, you will have free time to visit the Citadel's various museums, including the Resistance and Deportation Museum, the Comtois Museum and the Natural History Museum. Gala evening.

DAY 7 | BESANCON

Buffet breakfast on board. Disembark at 9:00 a.m.



CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

EuroVelo 6:

This bike route goes from the Atlantic Ocean to the Black Sea.

It's one of the **easiest**, most enjoyable cycle routes that crosses France. In France, it provides almost 1,300Km of **specially laid-out, unbroken paths** linking Alsace in the east to the Atlantic in the west, going via the Canal du Rhône au Rhin, the Doubs and Saône Valleys, and the Canal du Centre in Burgundy, before joining the Loire à Vélo cycle route, which takes you **alongside one of Europe's last major wild rivers** up to Saint-Brevin-les-Pins at the Loire's estuary.

Visit inland France along historic canals, and travel back through centuries of history

Must-see sites:

- **Montbéliard** and its historic center
- **Baumes-les-Dames** & the abbey
- **The Vauban Citadel at Besançon**

Special tours for hikers

- **Clerval** & the path to the Chapel Altar
- **Deluz** & the **Pelouse Sèche (Dry Grassland) Walk**

DRINKS AND EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

ALL MEALS SERVED ON BOARD

See excursion details on pages 20 & 21.

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REF. DPS_AIPP/PJN_AIPP (opposite direction)⁽²⁾ • **7 - DAY CRUISE**

The Burgundy and Petite Saône Canal



DAY 1 | DIJON

Boarding from 6:00 p.m. in **Dijon**. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation.

DAY 2 | DIJON

LONGCOURT-EN-PLAINE

Guided visit of Dijon. You will discover the former capital of the Valois Dukes of Burgundy, the Palace of the Dukes, and the Estates of Burgundy in the Parliament district, passing by the Notre Dame church and meandering through the medieval streets. Afternoon spent cruising toward **Longcourt-en-Plaine**. You can use the bicycles available on board to ride alongside the boat on the canal's bicycle path. During the evening, arrival in **Longcourt-en-Plaine**.

DAY 3 | LONGCOURT-EN-PLAINE AUXONNE

Excursion along the Grands Crus Wine Route. This touristic route passes through villages and the finest and most prestigious of the Burgundy vineyards. Departure to **Auxonne**. You will also have the opportunity to bike along the banks of the Doubs River by following the Green Way⁽¹⁾.

DAY 4 | AUXONNE · GRAY

The whole day spent cruising toward Gray. You can spend some times **walking or biking⁽¹⁾ along the canal's banks**. At the end of the afternoon, arrival in Gray.

DAY 5 | GRAY · SAVOYEUX

Guided tour of Gray, discovering the wonderful treasures of the town as you meander through its streets. Cruise toward **Savoieux**. You can use one of the onboard bicycles and enjoy a **ride along the Green Way⁽¹⁾**. Feel free to bike alongside the boat and come and go as you please. Arrival in **Savoieux** early in the evening.

DAY 6 | SAVOYEUX · PORT-SUR-SAONE

Visit of the medieval castle at Champlitte, listed historical monument since 1909, which hosts the museum of popular Arts and Traditions. Then departure to **Port-sur-Saône**. From the boat, you can admire the lush, green landscapes as well as the impressive castle of Ray-sur-Saône as we cruise by. Gala evening.

DAY 7 | PORT-SUR-SAONE · Dijon

Buffet breakfast on board. Disembark at 9:00 a.m. Transfer to Dijon by coach.

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Transfer included on day 7 to Dijon

Must-see sites:

- **Dijon**, former capital of the Valois Dukes of Burgundy
- **The Burgundy Grands Crus Wine Route**
- **Gray** and its hidden treasures
- The medieval **Château at Champlitte**, Museum of Popular Art and Traditions

DRINKS AND EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

ALL MEALS SERVED ON BOARD



See excursion details on pages 20 and 21.

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(1) Timetables and embarkation/disembarkation points will be announced on board by the ship's Captain.

(2) Please contact us for more itinerary details. For cruise Ref. PJN_AIPP, itinerary and excursion packages are different.

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NOTRE-DAME DE PARIS

REF. PAM · 4 - DAY CRUISE

Prestigious Paris and its major must-see sites

DAY 1 | PARIS

Board at 6:00 p.m. **"Paris by night" cruise** (depending on the level of water). Dinner on board will be followed by a **traditional Titi Parisian show on board**. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation.

DAY 2 | PARIS and the famous sites

Morning spent on a **guided visit of Paris**. The tour of the city will take you to see the major sites of the capital, such as the Place de la République, the Opera, the Louvre, etc. From the Palais Royal, you are invited on a new and original walk along the prettiest **covered walkways in Paris**. Shortcuts for pedestrians, every one of these walkways is like a village in the heart of the capital. **Afternoon spent cruising on the Seine**. The banks of the Seine in Paris are designated a UNESCO world heritage site and are marked out of a succession of masterpieces like Notre-Dame, the Sainte-Chapelle, the Louvre, the Invalides and the Place de la Concorde. You can enjoy some free time visiting one of the most prestigious museums of Paris like the Louvre or Orsay. Free evening by yourself.



DAY 3 | PARIS and the Saint-Germain-des-Prés district

The morning is spent on **the guided tour of Saint-Germain-des-Prés district**. From the Trocadero, we will cruise along the **"Triumphal Way"**, the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysees and the Place de la Concorde before arriving in Saint-Germain-des-Prés. A legendary place where history, architecture, art and society life are a symbol of Paris. Afternoon spent cruising on the Seine. We will cruise along the Jardin des Tuileries, pass under the bridge Alexandre III, listed historical monument; one of the most emblematic of the capital city. You will also see many others monuments like the Invalides, the Grand Palais and the Eiffel Tower. **Gala evening**

DAY 7 | PARIS

Breakfast on board. Disembark around 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 24.

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CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

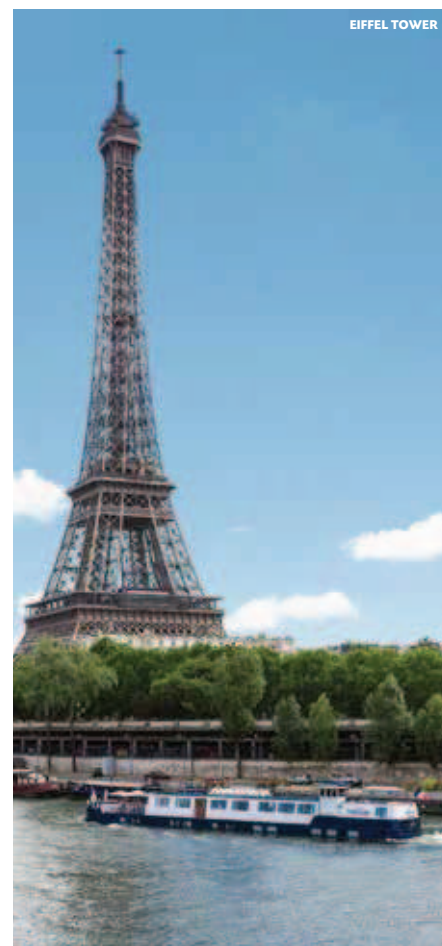
Must-see sites:

- **Montbéliard** Panoramic tour of the capital city and visit of the **covered walkways still with their original charm**
- Visit the famous **Saint-Germain-des-Prés district**, with a rich past where history and creativity are the very essence of this legendary place

EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



PARISIAN COVERED WALKWAYS



EIFFEL TOWER



REF. FAN/NAF · 5 - DAY CRUISE

Provence Christmas traditions

DAY 1 | AVIGNON

Board at 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation. Evening of Christmas traditions.

DAY 2 | AVIGNON · TARASCON

Enjoy a guided tour of Avignon, 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 visit the **Christmas Market**, where you'll discover santons. Afterwards, we'll have a look at the large nativity scene at the town hall and then head to **the local market**⁽²⁾ to discover the regional holiday treats. Holiday theme dinner.

DAY 3 | TARASCON · ARLES AIGUES-MORTES

We'll have a visit to a **candle factory**⁽¹⁾ this morning to discover the unique scents and colors of this traditional craftsmanship. Afternoon spent cruising to Arles. Upon arrival, we'll head to **Paradou** to visit the museum displaying more than 400 different santons. La Petite Provence du Paradou is reputed to be one of the largest nativities in the world.

Return to **Arles** and visit the **santon** exhibition and tradeshow. Holiday theme dinner.

DAY 4 | AIGUES-MORTES

Morning spent cruising to **Aigues-Mortes**, which we'll visit by coach in the afternoon. In the Middle Ages, the city began as a settlement of reed huts, with its inhabitants making their living from fishing, hunting and salt production from the small marshes along the shore. Much later, it became a fortified city because of its strategic location and is now one of the most beautiful historical sites in Provence. We'll finish our tour with a tasting of the traditional sweet fougasse. You'll have some free time to explore before heading back to the ship. Gala evening.

DAY 5 | AIGUES-MORTES · Avignon

Buffet breakfast on board. Disembark at 9:00 a.m. You'll be transferred to Avignon by coach.

Formalities: Valid passport compulsory. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate. Please note: your passport must be valid for six months beyond the last day of your travels.

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Must-see sites:

- **Avignon** and its lights enchantment (REF. FAN)
- **Arles** and its legendary santons (REF. FAN)
- **Aigues-Mortes**, medieval city (REF. FAN)
- **Bask in the magic of the holidays in dazzling** (REF. MAP)
- **Paris, which gets totally decked out for the occasion** (REF. MAP)
- Discover the largest **Christmas market** in the city on the **Avenue des Champs-Élysées**⁽²⁾ (REF. MAP)

EXCURSIONS INCLUDED

NB: For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. The cruise schedule may vary according to tides and arrival times at ports of call may be subject to change. **Drinks not included.**

(1) Closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

(2) Closed on Mondays and afternoons. Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite-direction cruise.

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REF. MAP · 4 - DAY CRUISE

Christmas Market in Paris

DAY 1 | PARIS

Board at 6:00 p.m. Welcome cocktail and crew presentation. We'll cruise along the Seine to take in **enchanting Paris by night** (water level permitting).

DAY 2 | PARIS and its legendary sites

Guided visit of Paris. The **famous covered walkways** are pedestrian shortcuts with a life all their own within the heart of the bustling city. You will be able to step back in time and history around the Palais-Royal. During the holidays, the covered walkways are marvelously decorated to dazzle the eyes. In the afternoon, we'll moor near the Musée d'Orsay and explore the **Christmas market**⁽²⁾ on the **Avenue des**

Champs-Élysées. Vendors in traditional wooden chalets sell their regional products, arts, crafts and snacks throughout the day and well into the evening. Holiday theme dinner.

DAY 3 | PARIS and the neighborhood of Saint-Germain-des-Près

In the morning, we'll enjoy a guided **tour of Saint-Germain-des-Près**. You can still feel the bohemian spirit that inspired Jean-Paul Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir and Juliette Gréco. This afternoon, we'll cruise to the Quai de Grenelle⁽¹⁾. Gala dinner

DAY 4 | PARIS

Buffet breakfast on board. Disembark at 10:00 a.m.

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NB: For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. For optimal organization of this cruise, the order of the visits might be reversed. **Drinks not included.**

(1) The addresses for boarding and disembarking will be sent to you a few days before your cruise.

(2) The visit to the Christmas market will be based on its dates, which were not available when this program was made.

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OUR EXCURSIONS

Alsace

■ RIVER BOAT TOUR IN STRASBOURG

LENGTH: 2.5 hours.

Take a river boat through old Strasbourg by night (depending on availability) and sail to the "Petite France", a well-known part of the town with its white half-timbered houses. Gently cruise through the city and discover different places and important monuments such as the European Parliament or the European Court of Human Rights building.

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■ SARREBOURG

LENGTH: 3 hours.

Set off by coach for a visit of Sarrebourg. Guided tour of the town, located at the entrance to the Vosges and Alsace. The town has a rich diversity of attractions. Its historic and cultural heritage holds many unexpected treasures, such as the only stained glass window by Marc Chagall, a veritable paean to peace.

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■ SAVERNE

LENGTH: 2 hours.

Off the beaten track of usual tourist haunts, Saverne offers the visitor a multitude of places to discover. The main street with its unicorn fountain (the unicorn is the town's emblem), the Katz house, decorated with wonderful sculpted half-timbered walls, the church of Notre Dame with its porch tower from the 12th century, various administrative buildings from the 18th century and the former convent of the Recollets founded in the 14th century.

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■ THE HAUT-BARR CHATEAU

LENGTH: 2.5 hours.

Visit to the castle at Haut Barr, often called "the Eye of Alsace", from where there are unrivalled views over the Alsace plain. Built in 1170, it was restored during the 14th century and a listed historical monument since 1874. Situated at 470 m high on three huge rocks it is connected to a footbridge called the "devil bridge". On our return to the boat, we stop off at the Chappe tower, an ancient



telegraph, where there is an interactive display on the ancestry of all means of telecommunication.

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■ THE HOPS PATH OF WALTENHEIM

LENGTH: 3 hours.

Set off by coach from Waltenheim to Wingersheim to a discovery walking tour of the hops path at Wingersheim. Alsace offers an unexpected and captivating landscape. The area is famed for making both wine and beer and offers a different view of the region through the growing of hops. We have a playful walk through the hop fields followed by a tasting of some beer.

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■ THE INCLINED PLAIN AT ARZWILLER

↳ ITS CRISTAL WORKSHOP

LENGTH: 2.25 hours.

Passage through the inclined plane at Arzwiller, a truly unforgettable experience. A fantastic piece of workmanship, this type of transverse boat lift is the only one of its kind in Europe. The inclined plane replaces 17 locks spread over a 4 km stretch, which used to take an entire day to navigate. The lift itself is a wagon roughly the same size as a classic lock (41.5m x 5.5m) which moves up a slope with a 41% incline. The 44 m vertical journey is achieved in just 4 minutes. Visit of the inclined plane crystal workshop, which has been in place for some 25 years at the foot of the inclined plane and tries to preserve the art of carving and etching crystal. Take the opportunity to learn a little about the old methods with a demonstration of crystal blowing and carving.

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Burgundy

■ BAUMES-LES-DAMES

LENGTH: 2 hours.

Set off on foot from the mooring point, accompanied by one of the town's guides. Here you can discover the charming houses of the town dating from the 15th and 16th centuries, followed by the main religious buildings in the town, in particular the Chapel of the Holy Sepulchre (exteriors only) and St Martin's Church (exteriors only). Next you will visit the famous Abbey of Baume les Dames. Founded in the 5th century by St Germain, the abbey welcomed

and housed nuns from illustrious families, including Odile, the blind daughter of Duke Etichon (Adalric) of Alsace, who had her sight restored here during her baptism. The visit ends with a tasting of seasonal produce, featuring local charcuterie and cheeses.

CRUISES REF. BCM_AIPP/MBC_AIPP, page 16.

■ BESANÇON, ITS CITADEL

LENGTH: 4 hours.

Transfer by coach to the Citadel at Besançon, one of Vauban's great masterpieces. Accompanied by your guide, you will learn the history of this exceptional defensive site, from its construction through to the present day, and which today is listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. After the visit, you will have free time to walk around in the citadel.

CRUISES REF. BCM_AIPP/MBC_AIPP, page 16.

■ CHALON-SUR-SAONE

LENGTH: 3.5 hours.

Guided tour to Chalon-sur-Saône, birthplace of Joseph Nicéphore Niepce, who invented photography in 1824. The excursion goes round the old town with its timber framed houses constructed during the 15th to 17th centuries, the cathedral of St-Vincent and classical dwellings from the 17th and 18th centuries. The tour continues to the town centre followed by a wine tasting of Cote Chalonnaise wines.

CRUISES REF. SLD_AIPP/DSL_AIPP, page 14.

■ CHAMPLITTE CHATEAU

LENGTH: 4.75 hours.

Set off by coach to the medieval castle at Champlitte, which has been a listed historical monument since 1909. The castle was a stronghold first and a home second, 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 give a glimpse into life at the turn of the 20th century.

CRUISES REF. DPS_AIPP/PJN_AIPP, page 17.

■ DIJON

LENGTH: 2 hours.

Guided visit of Dijon, the historic capital of Burgundy. The historic centre 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).

CRUISES REF. DPS_AIPP/PJN_AIPP, page 17.



CHAMPLITTE CHATEAU

■ DOLE

LENGTH: 2 hours

Discover Dole, city of Louis Pasteur, in the company of your guide as you follow the "trail of the Perched Cat". This is a reference to the author Marcel Aymé, creator of the famous tales about the Perched Cat who spent his childhood years in Dole. Perched itself on a limestone hillside alongside the canal, Dole was the capital of the County of Burgundy before it became part of the French kingdom in 1678. During the tour, you will discover many historic monuments, which have made Dole a town of Art and History. You can also see Louis Pasteur's birthplace, which today houses a museum where you can discover different sides of the famous scientist, the Cours Saint-Mauris, which is a garden of two halves where the fluid design of the lower section contrasts with the straight paths of its upper section and from the promontory terrace, there are excellent views of the Chaux forest. You will also be able to see the former Hôtel-Dieu, which was a hospital for the poor of the town built in the 17th century. Since 2000 it has housed the town's media centre, municipal archives and Dole's Town of Art and History heritage initiative. You will end your visit of Dole with the famous Collegiate Church of Notre-Dame, built between 1509 and 1580, whose bell tower dominates the historic town centre. There

are many other monuments that you will be able to admire during the tour as you discover this town which is steeped in history.

CRUISES REF. BDJ_AIPP/DBC_AIPP, page 15.

■ GRAY

LENGTH: 2 hours.

Discover the delightful little treasures of the town of Gray by joining a guided tour. The town became rich and wealthy thanks to a wide range of industries and business, and this wealth made Gray one of the three principal strongholds in Franche-Comté. You will have time to stop awhile to admire the charming, traditional houses and your guide will tell you all about the Saône's past. During your visit, you will see some quite magnificent buildings and monuments, such as the Town Hall, a listed historic building, and one of the most beautiful Renaissance buildings in Franche-Comté built between 1567 and 1572, and the Gothic-style Notre Dame Basilica, whose façade was only completed in 1863. You can also admire the Hotel-Dieu, built between 1716 and 1747 under the orders of Louis XIV, and its three sculptures represent the theological virtues: Faith, Hope and Charity. Afterwards, there is a degustation of local products on board.

CRUISES REF. DPS_AIPP/PJN_AIPP, page 17.

■ MONTBELIARD

LENGTH: 3 hours.

Set off on foot from the marina at Montbéliard accompanied by a tour guide for a guided tour through the historic heart of the town, a former Württemberg principality. You will travel back in time through four centuries of a royal destiny, along streets filled with charm and fantasy. You will discover some fine Renaissance houses, the beautiful Temple of Saint Martin – the oldest Lutheran church in France – as well as the stone covered market.

CRUISES REF. BCM_AIPP/MBC_AIPP, page 16.

■ PETIT-OUGES

LENGTH: 2 hours

We'll arrive in Petit-Ouges 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. Have fun taking in the local curiosities. You

can also enjoy a four-kilometer hike and relive the time before running water and electricity via the "Three Wash-houses Path", exposing historic three washhouses in very different styles. Come and encounter this little known area of Dijon that traces its roots back to the 7th century.

CRUISES REF. BDJ_AIPP/DBC_AIPP, page 15.

■ ROYAL SALTWORKS

LENGTH: 2 hours.

Transfer by coach to Arc-et-Senans. With audioguide you discover La Saline-Royale (or Royal Saltworks), built between 1775 and 1779 by Claude-Nicolas Ledoux at the wishes of King Louis XV. Today listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this masterpiece consists of a complex of 11 buildings constructed in the shape of a semi-circle, and was where the salt workers lived and worked. There is time for a stroll in the gardens spread out behind the different buildings.

CRUISES REF. BDJ_AIPP/DBC_AIPP, page 15.

■ SAINT-JEAN-DE-LOSNE

LENGTH: 2.5 hours.

Guided visit of Saint-Jean-de-Losne to discover the monuments that bear witness to a prestigious past such as the monument commemorating the Siege of 1636, the Hôtel-Dieu which was a hospital founded in 1658 surrounded by wrought iron railings dating from the 12th and 13th centuries. We also discover the inland harbor and visit the gothic-style church of St-John the Baptist and the Batellerie Museum, one of the oldest houses in the town which recounts the history of navigation. Our visit ends at the Hotel de Ville where we have the chance to taste some specialties from Burgundy.

CRUISES REF. SLD_AIPP/DSL_AIPP/BDJ_AIPP/DBC_AIPP, pages 14 and 15.

■ THE GRANDS CRUS WINE ROUTE

LENGTH: 4 hours.

Excursion along the Burgundy Grands Crus Wine Route which crosses through the finest and most prestigious of the Burgundy vineyards. Stop in one of the many estates in the region to enjoy a wine tasting session.

CRUISES REF. SLD_AIPP/DSL_AIPP/BDJ_AIPP/DPS_AIPP/DBC_AIPP/PJN_AIPP, pages 14, 15 and 17.

■ WALK TO THE CIRQUE DU BOUT DU MONDE & MONT DE SENE

LENGTH: 3.5 hours.

Set off by coach for a walk to the Cirque du Bout du Monde, which is a steephead or blind valley, to discover the imposing chalk cliffs carved out by the river Cozanne where a 25 m high waterfall was formed. We return to Nolay on foot and join our coach to set off for Mont de Sene, or the Mountain of the Three Crosses, an ancient Celtic religious site which overlooks the Santenay vineyards. Classified as a "nature park", it is characterised by its rustic plants and wild shrubs. From this spot there are amazing panoramic views of the surrounding main peaks and valleys.

CRUISES REF. SLD_AIPP/DSL_AIPP, page 14.

■ WINE TASTING AT SANTENAY

LENGTH: 1 hour.

Set off from the ship and walk to the centre of Santenay, a charming little wine-producing village with a priceless heritage. You will be able to enjoy a wine tasting session at one of the 38 wine producers in the village.

CRUISES REF. SLD_AIPP/DSL_AIPP, page 14.



Champagne

■ BATTLEFIELDS OF THE MARNE & THE MUSEUM OF THE GREAT WAR

LENGTH: 4 hours.

Leaving from Meaux by coach, we'll visit the Battlefields of the Marne, discovering the site where one of the most important battles of the First World War was fought. The bus tour follows the direction of the French troops as they advanced during the war while explaining how events unfolded around Meaux from September 5th to 8th, 1914. You'll then visit the Museum of the Great War, consisting of approximately 50,000 objects and documents allowing visitors to appreciate the worldwide dimensions of the conflict. It houses one of the most unique collections in Europe and proposes an innovative vision of the Great War through modern techniques. After our tour, we'll return to the ship in Meaux.

CRUISE REF. ECP_WWAIPP page 11.

■ DAY IN VERDUN

LENGTH: 10 hours.

We'll leave from Epernay by coach for Verdun, where we'll first visit the Underground Citadel in a small train, passing through underground rooms and passages. We'll also see the reconstruction of a trench battle and understand how the Unknown Soldier was selected. Then we'll enjoy a guided tour of a *dragée* (Jordan Almond) factory and see how these candies came to be in 1220. We'll have lunch in a local restaurant before discovering Verdun and the still scarred and pockmarked earth of its battlefields. We'll begin the tour with a visit to Fort Douaumont, the largest and highest fort on the ring of 19 defensive forts protecting the city of Verdun until it was abandoned in 1915 by the French and taken over by the Germans. We'll then continue on to the Douaumont ossuary, where the bodies of 130,000 unidentified World War soldiers from each side are at rest together for eternity after four terrible years of war. We'll finish the visit with the "Tranchée des Baïonnettes" (bayonet trench), a monument financed by the American George Rand in honor of the 137th Infantry Regiment. We'll then return to our ship in Epernay.

CRUISE REF. ECP_WWAIPP, page 11.

■ JEAN DE LA FONTAINE MUSEUM - CHATEAU THIERRY

LENGTH: 2.5 hours.

Visit the Museum devoted to Jean de la Fontaine, great renowned French poet born in 1621 known mostly for his wonderful fables. The museum displays his works, his life and temporary exhibitions of other authors to whom he had links throughout his life. The tour then continues through the town of Chateau-Thierry passing the castle walls and the Hotel Dieu where Jean de la Fontaine also once lived.

CRUISES REF. ECP_AIPP/PCE_AIPP, page 10.

■ MEAUX

LENGTH: 2.5 hours.

We'll have a guided tour of the Episcopal Palace and the Brie de Meaux exhibit hall with a certified guide. It is rare nowadays to find an Episcopal Palace so well preserved. In Meaux, the palace is anything but monotonous: integrating Medieval, Renaissance and Classical styles. You'll travel through time and history as you visit the cathedral, the bishop's palace, the Gallo-Roman ramparts, and the magnificent Bousset gardens. Then, we'll discover the Brie de Meaux exhibit hall and enjoy a film explaining 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. You'll have a bit of free time, and then we'll return to the boat.

CRUISE REF. PCE_AIPP, page 10.



■ MEAUX 2

LENGTH: 4.5 hours.

We'll take a coach to Meaux, where we'll have a guided tour of the Episcopal Palace and the Brie de Meaux exhibit hall with a certified guide. It is rare nowadays to find an Episcopal Palace so well preserved. In Meaux, the palace is anything but monotonous: integrating Medieval, Renaissance and Classical styles. You travel through time and history as you visit the cathedral, the bishop's palace, the Gallo-Roman ramparts, and the magnificent Bousset gardens. Then, we'll discover the Brie de Meaux exhibit hall and enjoy a film explaining 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. You'll have a bit of free time and then we'll return to the boat.

CRUISE REF. EPC_AIPP, page 10.

■ PARIS

LENGTH: 10.5 hours.

Go back in time to retrace history on a one-hour boat tour through the heart of Paris, coasting around the île de la Cité dominated by the Notre Dame Cathedral. This river excursion will include audio commentary recounting the history of the magnificent monuments lining the banks of the Seine and will include some surprising facts. We'll continue on to discover the famous Gothic masterpiece, Notre Dame Cathedral. Highly damaged during the French Revolution, the cathedral



was restored in the 19th century through the efforts of several architects. Every year, over 13 million visitors admire the stained-glass and rose windows, towers, flèche and gargoyles. Lunch in a restaurant. Leaving from the Palais-Royal, we'll walk through the unique Parisian covered walkways —pedestrian shortcuts with a life all their own within the heart of the bustling city. You will be able to step back in time and history around the Palais-Royal. The galleries have retained their charm, but now the likes of Shiseido, Jean-Paul Gauthier, and Stella Mc Cartney bring their own certain class. Afterward, we'll return to the ship by coach.

CRUISES REF. EPC_AIPP/PCE_AIPP, page 10.

■ PARIS

LENGTH: 4.5 hours.

You'll be taken from Meaux to Paris, where we'll meet up with our tour guide for a guided tour of Paris by coach and on foot. During our day together, you'll be able to see some of the most amazing sites like the Louvre and the Madeleine Church. We'll visit "Les Invalides" and the "Musée de l'Armée", which retraces history from 1871 to 1945, including the two World Wars. The museum has over a thousand objects showing the diversity of its collections: French and foreign uniforms, including some having belonged to illustrious military leaders (Foch, Joffre, de Lattre, Leclerc) and objects used by ordinary soldiers in daily life—as well as marshal batons and ceremonial swords. When we have finished our tour, the coach will bring us back to the ship.

CRUISE REF. ECP_WWAIPP page 11.



REIMS GUIDED TOUR

LENGTH: 5 hours.

We'll leave by coach from Dormans for Reims, known as the "City of Coronations". Reims played a prominent role in French monarchical history as the traditional site of the crowning of the kings of France. Many notable champagne-producing houses have their headquarters in Reims. We'll enjoy a guided tour on foot and discover the Place Royale, Place Du Forum (Roman forum) and the Place de l'Hôtel de Ville, etc. The cathedral became a UNESCO World Heritage Site, along with the former Abbey of Saint-Remi and the Palace of Tau, in 1991. We'll take part in a guided visit of the cathedral, which receives about one million visitors annually. Built in the 13th and 14th centuries, this work of art is unique in its unity of style, stained-glass windows of rare magnificence (including one by Marc Chagall installed in 1974), and the "Smiling Angel" statue. At the end of our tour, we'll return to the ship in Dormans.

CRUISES REF. ECP_AIPP/PCE_AIPP, page 10.

REMEMBRANCE MUSEUM OF BELLEAU - THE ALLIED CEMETERY

LENGTH: 3 hours.

We'll leave by coach from Chateau-Thierry toward the Remembrance Museum of Belleau. At the museum, you'll first encounter the permanent exhibition presenting the American Military Cemetery and the chapel built on the site of the trenches (Belleau Wood), as well as temporary exhibitions about the First World War. We'll then continue on to visit the Aisne-Marne Cemetery. In this cemetery at the foot of Belleau Wood hill are laid 2,289 soldiers who fell during fighting around Chateau-Thierry in the summer of 1918. After our tour, we'll return to the ship in Chateau-Thierry.

CRUISE REF. ECP_WWAIPP page 11.

THE CHAMPAGNE ROUTE - HAUTVILLERS

LENGTH: 5 hours.

Guided excursion along the famous Champagne route. Set off on a discovery tour with commentary of the village of Hautvillers, often called "The Pearl of Champagne" as it was the birthplace of Champagne where Dom Perignon lived. It was Dom Perignon who invented the famous "champagne method" of producing sparkling wine. Next comes a visit to a major Champagne house followed by a tasting session.

CRUISES REF. ECP_WWAIPP/ECP_AIPP/PCE_AIPP, pages 10 and 11.

Gascony

AGEN

LENGTH: 3 hours.

We'll set out on foot for a guided tour of Agen's historical center. Leaving from the port, we'll walk along the charming medieval streets and head for St. Caprais Cathedral, crossing over the Avenue de la République, now a chic shopping area. We'll stop for some time at the Place des Laitiers, the site of an ancient Roman forum, where we can also admire the fantastic architecture of the surrounding buildings and houses. At the end of our tour, we'll have a tasting of Agen dried prunes, the authentic local specialty. The visit will be brightened up by a video projection.

CRUISES REF. ATL_AIPP/TLA_AIPP, page 9.

AUVILLAR

LENGTH: 3 hours.

Departure by coach from Valence d'Agen with your guide to visit the charming village of Auvillar, voted one of the most beautiful villages in France. First established as a Gallo-Roman settlement, Auvillar suffered many invasions, especially by the Normans, until the 11th century. We'll stop in the market square to admire its circular corn exchange – the only one of its kind in Southwest France. Our visit will be followed by a tasting of local products. The visit will be brightened up by the visit of earthenware and shipping museums. We'll return on board at the end of the morning or the afternoon.

CRUISES REF. ATL_AIPP/TLA_AIPP, page 9.



MOISSAC ABBEY

LENGTH: 3 hours.

We'll leave by coach for the Moissac Abbey and Cloister. The cloister of St. Pierre Abbey, finished in 1100, is a unique and perfectly preserved treasure of Romanesque art. The portal of the abbey church shelters a sculptural ensemble from the beginning of the 12th century of rare splendor. The diversity and finesse of its sculptures is the reason for the cloister's renown. This finely sculpted tympanum was featured in the film "The Name of the Rose", based on the novel by Umberto Eco. At the end of our tour, we'll enjoy a tasting of products made from chasselas grapes, an exceptional fruit cultivated with respect for the soil and the natural environment. Lastly, the coach will take you to the top of the belvedere, where you'll have a marvelous view of Moissac and the Tarn and Garonne rivers. We'll return to our ship by coach.

CRUISES REF. ATL_AIPP/TLA_AIPP, page 9.

NERAC - SUBSTITUTE EXCURSION FOR FOIE GRAS MUSEUM

LENGTH: 4.5 hours.

We'll leave by coach from Sérignac-sur-Garonne with our tour guide and head to Nérac. Lying on both sides of the Baise River, this quaint city has all the charm and ambiance of the French Southwest. Built on the land of a Gallo-Roman villa, the once Protestant stronghold prospered in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. We'll discover the port, the "old bridge" and the vestiges of Henry IV's Château. We'll continue on to Barbaste and have a look at the fortified mill and then go past the 13th century bastide in Vianne. Our visit will finish up at a vineyard in the Albret region, where you'll be able to enjoy some Buzet wine. We'll return by coach to Sérignac-sur-Garonne.

CRUISES REF. ATL_AIPP/TLA_AIPP, page 9.

VISIT OF TOULOUSE

LENGTH: 5 hours.

You'll leave by coach for the center of Toulouse with your guide. Discover the "Pink City", a cosmopolitan melting-pot that's awash with culture, art, industry and architecture. The delightful old quarter is located around the fabulous Place du Capitole – a

vast public square lined by lavish buildings including the city's town hall and opera house. The city also has several churches to explore, most notably the Basilique St-Sernin, built between 1080 and 1120. One of France's finest examples of Romanesque architecture, it was built with rosy-red brick and is graced by an elegant spire and octagonal tower. We'll continue with the visit of the "Maison de Violette" to discover the delicious products made from violets - candies, chocolate, jams, sugar, liquors, teas, etc. Return by coach to Castelsarrasin.

CRUISES REF. ATL_AIPP/TLA_AIPP, page 9.

Provence

AIGUES-MORTES

LENGTH: 4 hours.

Meet with your guide and set off for a guided visit of Aigues Mortes. This old walled town has a prestigious heritage, sitting in the middle of marshlands in one of the loveliest natural settings in Provence. Then you will board a tourist train which will take you on a 90-minute journey through the salt tables, with a stop at the museum of salt.

CRUISES REF. AVF_AIPP/SVA_AIPP, page 13.

ARLES AND THE OLIVE FARM

LENGTH: 4 hours.

Set off by coach to discover how olive oil is produced in Provence. Your visit of the olive estate will finish with a tasting of the products on the farm. Transfer to Arles and beginning of the optional visit of this delightfully charming town. Arles is the largest city in France in terms of area, and is over 2000 years old, with many fine monuments and exceptionally well-preserved ancient architectural masterpieces. You will see the remains of the Roman Empire here (the Roman Amphitheatre, the Theatre Antique, St Trophime Square and much more). We walk back to the ship.

CRUISES REF. AVF_AIPP/SVA_AIPP, page 13.



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.

CRUISES REF. AVF_AIPP/SVA_AIPP, page 13.

ETANG DE THAU

LENGTH: 2 hours.

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

CRUISES REF. AVF_AIPP/SVA_AIPP, page 13.

OUR EXCURSIONS

■ SETE

LENGTH: 4 hours.

Set off by coach with a guide to visit Sète. In the middle of the Languedoc coastline lies the town of Sète, an island connected to the mainland. Built on and around Mont Saint-Clair, Sète was a great favourite of both Georges Brassens and Paul Valéry, who named it the "Singular Island". Sète is quite a unique town, criss-crossed with canals and little alleyways. After the visit, set off by coach for Mont Saint-Clair from where you will discover stunning views as well as seeing the Saint-Clair cross and Notre Dame de la Salette chapel.

CRUISES REF. AVF_AIPP/SVA_AIPP, page 13.



CAMARGUE

■ THE CAMARGUE

LENGTH: 4 hours.

Where the sea and fenland are inhabited by an extraordinary array of water fowl and birds. You will stop in les Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, a remarkable twice-yearly pilgrimage centre for gypsies from all over Europe, with an interesting fortified church. The town of Les Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer acts as the capital for those who are passionate about the Camargue and are entranced by its wild, natural beauty, its culture and all its living, authentic traditions. The excursion will finish with a visit to a traditional ranch (une Manade).

CRUISES REF. AVF_AIPP/SVA_AIPP, page 13.

Canal Saint Martin

■ PANORAMIC TOUR OF PARIS & VISIT OF THE COVERED WALKWAYS

LENGTH: 3 hours.

The tour of the city will take you to see the major sites of the capital, such as the "Place de la République", the main boulevards, the Opera, the Place de la Madeleine, "Place Vendôme" and the Louvre. From the Palais Royal, you are invited on a new and original walk along the prettiest covered walkways in Paris. Shortcuts for pedestrians, every one of these walkways is like a village in the heart of the capital. You will travel back through time and history around the Palais Royal. The galleries have retained all their charm; however Shiseido, JP Gauthier, Stella McCartney and many others have also brought luxury and extravagance here too.

CRUISE REF. PAM, page 18.

■ THE SAINT-GERMAIN-DES-PRÉS DISTRICT

LENGTH: 3 hours.

We set off by coach from the Trocadero and take in the "Triumphal Way", the Arc of Triomphe, the Champs Elysees and the Place de la Concorde

before arriving in Saint-Germain-des-Prés, which is one of the truly legendary places where history, architecture, art and society life are a symbol of Paris. Here it is said that you can still sense the presence of Sartre and de Beauvoir, as well as Juliette Greco because there is always a "Saint-Germain-des-Prés after-life". You will then cross through a maze of streets and little squares where you can see buildings from the 17th and 18th centuries. Near the Odeon, all the figures of the Revolution await our arrival - Danton, Marat and Doctor Guillotine - as well as the oldest café in Paris. Near the Seine, artists and writers give way to antique dealers and luxury boutiques.

CRUISE REF. PAM, page 18.

Upper Loire

■ DUCAL PALACE AND CATHEDRAL IN NEVERS, TASTING

LENGTH: 4 hours.

Our first stop after leaving the ship will be the Espace Bernadette Soubirous, the final resting place of the simple country girl from Lourdes who claimed to have seen the Virgin 18 times. Her incorrupt body has been enshrined here in a glass and bronze casket since 1925. We'll then discover the façade of Ducal Palace, considered the first of the Loire's castles. Built on the hill, the palace overlooks the center of the old town, the Republic Square and a big park. The impressive building was constructed for the Count of Nevers in the 15th century, in the place where his old fortress used to be. We'll continue on to the Nevers Cathedral, dedicated to Saints Quiriacus and Julietta, and a national monument of France. We'll visit the Nevers Blue Gold pottery district before finishing up with a tasting of local products. We'll return on board after our tour.

CRUISE REF. NVB_AIPP, page 8.

■ FONTMORIGNY ABBEY AND APREMONT-SUR-ALLIER

LENGTH: 4.5 hours.

We'll leave from Marseille les Aubigny for the Fontmorigny Abbey, a privately-owned French historical monument. A former Cistercian monastery, the present owners have tried to bring the abbey back to life, and it has now become one of the main cultural sites in the Loire Val d'Aubois. We can still admire the peaceful abbey-church and cloister ruins, a part of the ancient guest quarters, fish pond and abbot garden. Afterwards, we'll continue on to Apremont-sur-Allier, classified as one of the most beautiful villages in France, and its floral gardens. When our tour is finished, we'll return to the barge.

CRUISES REF. BNV_AIPP/NVB_AIPP, page 8.

■ LA CHARITE-SUR-LOIRE & THE FARM BARREAUX

LENGTH: 4 hours.

We'll leave from Chapelle Montlinard for La Charité-sur-Loire and begin our visit with the Sainte-Croix-Notre-Dame church, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site as part of the Way of St. James. We'll then head to the Benedictine gardens and the ruins of the Church of Saint-Laurent. During the Hundred Years' War, Joan of Arc experienced her only defeat trying to take the city. We'll then head to the "Ferme des Barreaux", where you'll be able to taste local products made from the animals raised on the farm: different

types of cows, ostriches, sheep, pigs, goats, donkeys, and even a lama! After the tour is finished, we'll return on board in Chapelle Montlinard.

CRUISES REF. BNV_AIPP/NVB_AIPP, page 8.

■ MUSEUM CONSERVATORY & TOURIST TRAIN

LENGTH: 2.25 hours.

We'll leave by tourist train for a tour of Briare, first admiring the Briare Aqueduct, whose 14 masonry supports were built by the Eiffel company. Until recently, it was the longest navigable aqueduct in the world. We'll also pass in front of the city hall and the Château de Trousse Barrière. We'll then head to the Museum Conservatory and discover the history of the Loire and its canals: the spot that was once considered the most important boating crossways in France. Learn about the evolution of boating on the Loire and its sailors, the navigational techniques used, and the large variety of merchandise that was transported up and down the river at one time. We'll return to the ship by tourist train.

CRUISE REF. BNV_AIPP, page 8.

■ NIGHTTIME STROLL THROUGH NEVERS WITH LANTERNS

LENGTH: 2 hours.

At nightfall, we'll leave on a romantic tour by foot of Nevers with lanterns. You'll travel back to medieval times as we stroll through the winding streets and along the river's edge. We'll return on board by coach.

CRUISES REF. BNV_AIPP/NVB_AIPP, page 8.

■ POUILLY-SUR-LOIRE

LENGTH: 3.5 hours.

We'll leave Ménétréol-sous-Sancerre for the picturesque town of Pouilly-sur-Loire, where we'll visit the Tour de Pouilly-Fumé: a wine-tourism center. Overlooking the river, the vineyard enjoys a microclimate and topography particularly well-suited to Sauvignon grapes. This ideal combination of factors has provided the famous Pouilly Fumé wine with remarkably distinctive characteristics worthy of its international reputation. This œnotouristic establishment aims to promote the vineyards and the know-how of the winegrowers in a modern and multisensory way by highlighting the excellence of the region. We'll visit the vineyard and stop in a cellar for a tasting. Afterwards, we'll return on board in Ménétréol-sous-Sancerre.

CRUISES REF. BNV_AIPP/NVB_AIPP, page 8.

■ SANCERRE & A GOAT FARM

LENGTH: 4.5 hours.

We'll leave from Léré for Sancerre and have a tour of the city on foot. Set in the historic Berry region, Sancerre overlooks the gorgeous Loire Valley. You'll discover this beautiful medieval city by following the Fil d'Ariane: a red line painted on the streets taking you past the old wine making neighborhoods, bakeries, fascinating buildings and lovely art galleries. We'll first admire the view and the vineyards. The guided tour will then take us through the typical small streets of this once medieval city. You'll be able to visit the Tour des Fiefs on your own (192 steps). The tower is the only remaining edifice of the 14th century medieval castle. From this vantage point, you'll have an exceptional 360° view. We'll then head to the goat farm, where we'll be able to sample its trademark cheeses and the local Sancerre wine. We'll return on board in Léré.

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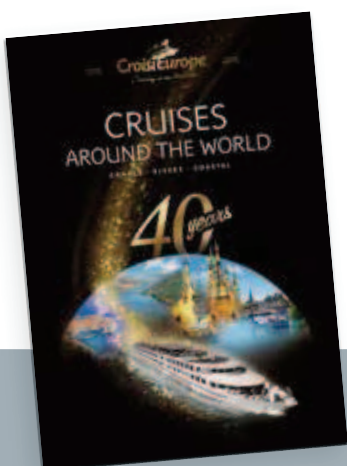
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