



FRANCE

L'ART DE VIVRE - BURGUNDY CRUISE (TOUR CODE: 11148)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Paris

TRAVEL PERIODS

09 Apr 23 – 20 Oct 24

EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

A first class, 8-passenger hotel barge that takes you across the highlights of Burgundy passing charming sleepy villages and lush vineyards.

Highlights

- Explore enchanting Auxerre and its magnificent cathedral
- Private wine tasting at the prestigious Chablis house of Domaine Laroche, along with a cellar visit and private lunch
- Excursion to the quarry of Aubigny, followed by a crémant wine tasting in the cellars of Bailly Lapierre
- Visit the picturesque town of Vezelay and its hilltop basilica
- Visit the elegant 12th Century Château de Bazoches
- Excellent towpath for walking and cycling

Discover the gorgeous highlights of Burgundy on a week-long scenic cruise with ample chance to disembark for exciting shore excursions and wine tastings. Set along the fascinating Canal du Nivernais, your cruise is a magical journey back in time with the lush rolling hills, pastoral scenery, vineyards, grand chateaux and medieval villages creating a backdrop for your holiday.

L'Art de Vivre is a first class, 8-passenger hotel barge boasting original wood and brass design. The barge whisks you through the heart of rural France in comfort with its inviting interior, modern en suite facilities, charming saloon, sun deck, and spa pool. This holiday offers a Biking Plus option for guests who want to do more than just cycling along nearby towpaths. With this option, you will follow an interesting, but not too challenging route and explore the surrounding countryside and villages. Hot air ballooning is also a great add-on. The 1-hour balloon ride takes place in the early hours just after dawn or before sunset, when the air is still and the light is perfect for you to gaze down at the stunning countryside.

INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights onboard the Hotel Barge L'Art de Vivre in a Stateroom
- Crew of 4 (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
- Use of barge facilities

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Paris Auxerre

You are met at our meeting point in Paris** and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to the pretty L'Art de Vivre. Following a **champagne welcome**, you are free to explore the medieval town of Auxerre, or take a stroll along the banks of the River Yonne before returning for dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge L'Art de Vivre** in a Stateroom.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Dinner



L'ART DE VIVRE CRUISING PAST AUXERRE CATHEDRAL IN FRANCE.

Day **2**

Auxerre Vincelles

Your morning cruise starts early and takes us through some delightful locks and past vineyard-clad hillsides to our rural mooring at **Vincelles**. Following lunch on board, we head to the quarry of Aubigny, a subterranean wonderland of stonework which is famous for the limestone used on buildings such as the Paris Opera House, here we explore this uniquely atmospheric underground space. Afterwards, we **visit the cellars of Bailly-Lapierre**, also carved out of the rock, to taste some their sparkling Crémant de Bourgogne. Dinner on board.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



L'ART DE VIVRE CRUISING THE GORGEOUS SCENERY OF BURGUNDY REGION.

Day **3**

Vincelles Mailly-la-Ville

Following an early breakfast, we discover the medieval town of **Auxerre**. Later, we tour the centre of what was originally the capital of Lower Burgundy, with its lavish Renaissance houses, fine churches and particularly its magnificent cathedral situated close to the river. We then return to the hotel barge for a cruise south wardt hrough rich pasture lands and past grazing Charolais cattle, to the sleepy village of **Mailly-la-Ville**. After your relaxed lunch on board, perhaps this is a good time to enjoy a walk or bicycle ride along the towpath. Dinner on board.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



THE STUNNING AUXERRE CATHEDRAL.

Milly-la-Ville Le Saussois

This morning, after a leisurely breakfast, head to the celebrated **wine village of Chablis**. After viewing the vineyards, we make a **private visit to the prestigious Domaine Laroche** for a wine-tasting, followed by a **tour of the 1000 years old *Obédiencerie***; originally part of the monastery of St. Martin, this is where the monks developed the craft of winemaking in the Middle Ages and to this day it remains the location for aging the wines. Lunch will be served by a private chef in the Domaine's dining hall. Later in the afternoon return to the barge to cruise past the cliffs at Le Saussois, a stunning natural setting with an international climbing centre. There will also be the opportunity to enjoy delightful walks or bicycle rides along the towpath. Dinner onboard.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Le Saussois Lucy-sur-Yonne**

Your morning cruise is through the picturesque **Yonne Valley** to our mooring at Lucy-sur-Yonne. After lunch on board, enjoy an **excursion to the pilgrimage town of Vézelay**, one of Burgundy's most famous treasures with the Romanesque Basilica of St Mary Magdalene, craft shops and fine views of the surrounding countryside. Dinner on board.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **6**

Lucy-sur-Yonne Chevroches

A morning cruise through beautiful countryside takes us to our final mooring at the pretty canalside village of **Chevroches**, where we'll visit the elegant **Château de Bazoches**, built in the 12th century and whose illustrious visitors included Richard the Lionheart. The château was later remodelled by Maréchal Vauban and there are wonderful views from its elevated hillside setting. After lunch, enjoy an afternoon at leisure—perfect for a bicycle ride, or a walk along the towpaths before the Captain's Farewell. Dinner on board.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **7**

Chevroches Paris

After breakfast, you are transferred to Paris.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

LOCAL CURRENCY

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	€ 5,250	€ 6,090
Single Supplement	€ 1,900	€ 2,200
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 6 passengers	€ 36,200	€ 41,800
Charter 7 passengers	€ 37,600	€ 43,400
Charter 8 passengers	€ 39,000	€ 45,000
Departure Dates (Sunday)	Rates	Cruise Region
Apr 9, 16, 23	Value	France - Burgundy
Apr 30; May 7, 14, 21, 28; Jun 4, 11, 18, 25; Jul 2, 9	Regular	France - Burgundy
Jul 16, 23, 30; Aug 6, 13, 20	Value	France - Burgundy
Aug 27; Sep 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct 1	Regular	France - Burgundy
Oct 8, 15, 22	Value	France - Burgundy

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

- This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. On alternate weeks, the cruise will be in the reverse direction.
- Approximate transfer duration between Paris & L'Art de Vivre is 2.5 hours.
- 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 2:00 pm
- Charter bookings - One location of the group's choice in Paris at 2:00 pm OR a TGV train station close to the barge after 4:00 pm

Drop-off Point

- Cabin bookings - The Hotel Westminster by 12:00 noon
- Charter bookings - One location of the group's choice in Paris by 12noon OR at a local TGV train 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