



## FRANCE

**FINESSE - SOUTHERN BURGUNDY CRUISE** (TOUR CODE: 11838)

## STARTS AND ENDS

in Paris

## TRAVEL PERIODS

30 Mar 25 - 26 Oct 25

## EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine  
Luxury

## TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

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

### Highlights

- Visit **Clos de Vougeot**, home of the Chevaliers du Tastevin
- Private **wine tasting** and exclusive **gastronomic lunch** in the cellars of Maison Champy
- Visit to **Beaune** including Hôtel-Dieu Hospice, one of France's most prestigious historic monuments
- Visit to the ancient roman city of **Autun**, including a 17,000 seat amphitheatre

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

The well-designed public areas include a saloon with contemporary furnishings and panoramic windows where the emphasis is on making the most of the natural light. There is also a demonstration galley where guests can watch their chef preparing delicious gourmet meals. Outside, guests can relax on the large sun deck with its alfresco dining area, comfortable seating and spa pool.

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



## INCLUSIONS

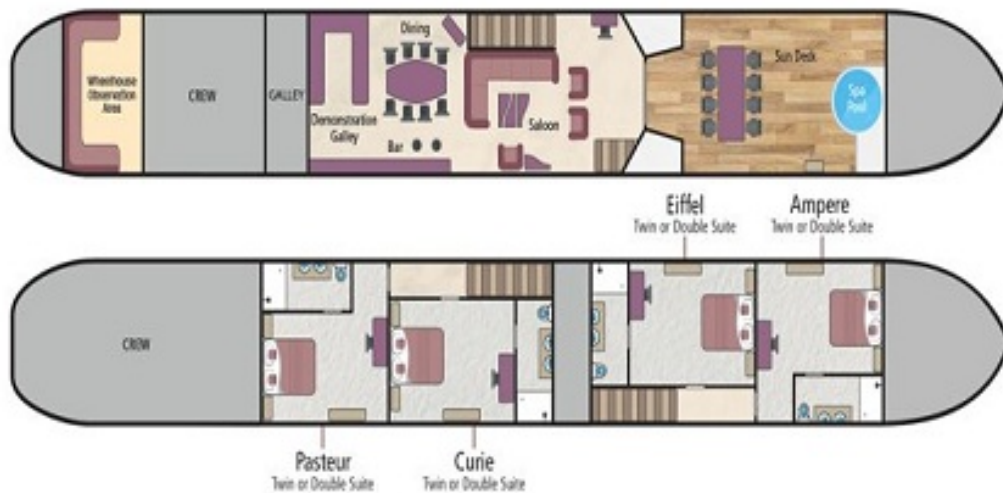
- 6 nights onboard the Hotel Barge Finesse in a Suite
- Crew of 5 (Captain, tour guide, chef and hostesses)
- Transfers by an air-conditioned minivan
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily prepared by your chef
- Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Use of barge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

## ITINERARY

### Deck Hotel Barge Finesse

#### Ultra Deluxe | 8 Passengers | 5 Crew

- 127 Feet Long
- 4 Twin/Double Suites (265sq ft incl. en suite)
- Spa Pool
- Air-Conditioned / Centrally Heated
- Demonstration Open Gallery



Day **1** Paris St-Julien-sur-Dheune

Guests are met in Paris\*\* and transferred by air-conditioned minibus to Finesse for a champagne welcome and the opportunity to wander along the towpath to admire the classic Burgundy scenery before dinner on board.

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

*Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.*

Dinner



Day **2** St-Julien-sur-Dheune St-Léger-sur-Dheune

This morning, begin your voyage through Southern Burgundy along the Canal du Centre through undulating countryside to

moor at the little village of **St-Leger-sur-Dheune**. Descend a series of 11 locks while cruising past the villages along the way.

After lunch on board, **visit the 14<sup>th</sup> century Château de Germolles**, the best preserved of the residences of the Dukes of Burgundy, with its ducal chapel, medieval wall paintings and romantic gardens Dinner on board.

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

*Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.*

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **3**

### St-Léger-sur-Dheune Remigny

This morning, head to **Autun**, founded by the Romans as Augustodunum it has retained many of its original Antique monuments such as Roman gates, ruins of a Temple and a 17,000 seat amphitheatre. Return to the barge for lunch, then cruise to the rural setting of **Remigny**, passing picturesque Burgundian villages such as the famous wine-producing village of **Santenay**. Dinner on board.

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

*Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.*

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **4** Remigny Rully

After breakfast, set off on a drive through the **UNESCO-listed Côte de Beaune** vineyards to the town of Beaune itself, which is the capital of Burgundy's wine country. First stop will be a visit to the oldest winemakers in Burgundy, **Maison Champy**. You will enjoy a **private tour of the wine cellars** and experience a wine tasting, learning from an expert about the production of the region's finest Premier and Grand Cru wines.

A private lunch is served in a unique dining venue, which has been created from one of the winery's historic large wooden wine vats or "cuves". Then go on to **visit the stunning 15th century Hôtel-Dieu Hospice** and return to the barge for an afternoon cruise past the charming little town of **Chagny**, to your mooring near the village of Rully. Dinner on board.

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

*Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.*

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **5** Rully Fraignes

This morning, continue our cruise along the Canal du Centre at a leisurely pace to moor at the village of **Fagnès**. There are perfect opportunities to walk or cycle along the towpath en route.

In the afternoon you will be escorted on a **winery tour and private tasting to the delightful Domaine Chanzy**, one of Burgundy's must-see wine estates thanks to its 80 hectares of vines growing over the three Burgundy hillsides. Dinner on board.

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

*Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.*

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **6** Fagnès Chalon-sur-Saône

This morning, visit the wall-enclosed vineyard of **Clos de Vougeot**, headquarters of the esteemed Chevaliers du Tastevin (translates as "Fraternity of Knights of the Wine-Tasting Cup"), who award a special prized label to the finest Côte d'Or vintages every year. Here, you'll enjoy a **tour of the iconic cellars**.

Continue along the Route des Grands Cru through the Côte de Nuits to stop at the prestigious vineyard of **Romanée Conti** for a brief history on the significance of its wines. Back on board Finesse, you'll make your final cruise of the week, passing through the last lock on the canal which lowers us an impressive 35 feet. Then head out onto the peaceful River Saône and turn downstream to our mooring at **Chalon-sur-Saône** with its elegant waterfront, imposing cathedral, and opportunities for some last-minute shopping. **Captain's Farewell Dinner** on board.

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

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

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **7**

## Chalon-sur-Saône Paris

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

Breakfast



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

Departure dates and Pricing:

## 2025 Cruise Rates

Rates are for 6 nights either: per person based on double occupancy per cabin or on a whole barge charter basis. Prices below are in Euros.

Accommodation	Value	Regular
Suite	€7,990	€9,290
Single Supplement	€3,000	€3,500
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 6 passengers	€54,500	€63,700
Charter 7 passengers	€56,500	€66,100
Charter 8 passengers	€58,500	€68,500
Departure Dates (Sunday)	Rates	Cruise Region
Mar 30; Apr 6, 13, 20	Val	Fance - Burgundy
Apr 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; Jun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Jul 6, 13	Reg	Fance - Burgundy
Jul 20, 27; Aug 3, 10, 17	Val	Fance - Burgundy
Aug 24, 31; Sep 7, 14, 21, 28; Oct 5, 12	Reg	Fance - Burgundy
Oct 19 & 26	Val	Fance - Burgundy

- This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. On alternate weeks, the cruise will be in the reverse direction.
- Burgundy & Champagne departing 28 July, 4 & 11 August (during the Paris Olympics) special pick up/drop off arrangements will apply as our drivers will not be able to access the Hotel Westminster during that time – please ask us for details.
- Approximate transfer durations between Dijon & Finesse is 45 minutes or 1 hour 10 minutes; between Lyon and Finesse 1.5 hours to 2 hours; between Geneva & Finesse 2.5 hours; Between Paris & Finesse (supplement applies) 4 hours depending on cruise direction.
- This barge is available for charter bookings and theme cruises. Contact us for more details.

### Pick-up Point

- Cabin bookings - Dijon - Grand Hotel La Cloche Dijon MGallery by Sofitel at 4:15pm OR Gare de Dijon Ville TGV station at 4pm - meet at the Café Club Leo Resto, Floor 0.
- Charter bookings - One location of the group's choice in Geneva at 2:30pm / or Dijon, Lyon or Le Creusot TGV station at 4pm; One location of the group's choice in Paris at 1pm (supplement applies).

### Drop-off Point

- Cabin bookings - Gare de Dijon Ville TGV station OR the Grand Hotel La Cloche Dijon MGallery by Sofitel by 11am.
- Charter bookings - One location of the group's choice in Dijon, Lyon or Le Creusot TGV station by 11am / or Geneva by 12noon; One location of the groups choice in Paris at 1:00 pm (supplement applies).

### 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