



FRANCE

NYPHEA - LOIRE VALLEY CRUISE (TOUR CODE: 11841)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Tours

TRAVEL PERIODS

06 Jul 25 - 05 Oct 25

EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

Nymphae with its shallow draft makes her the ideal vessel for navigating the beautiful sandy reaches of the River Cher in the Loire Valley

Highlights

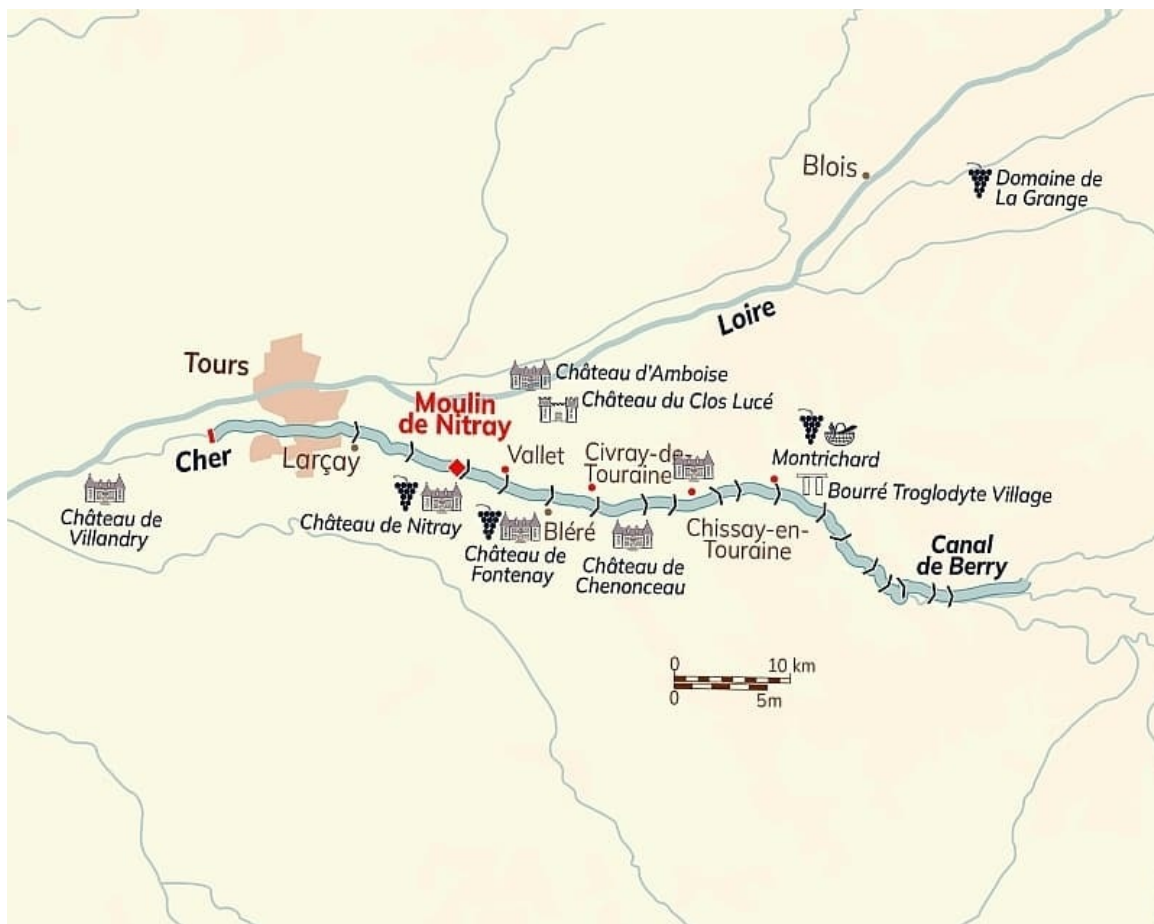
- Private **wine tasting at Bruno Curassier's** Domaine de la Grange
- Excursions to the **Château d'Amboise** and Château du Clos Lucé
- Visit to **Château de Villandry** and its magnificent gardens
- Tour of **Château de Chenonceau and gardens**

Hotel Barge Nymphae traditional interior, reminiscent of a classic yacht, features a warm decor of rich varnished hardwoods, stained glass and shining brass. The traditionally furnished saloon and dining area have a warm and welcoming country house atmosphere and there is an additional upper saloon area with more comfortable seating to relax in. Nymphae has three compact, but comfortable cabins, two twin staterooms and one twin or double stateroom, all with air conditioning and en-suite facilities.

Outside, the sun deck with its comfortable seating offers the perfect vantage point from which to admire the next picturesque waterside village, elegant chateau, or stunning stretch of scenery as it slowly comes into view. You will even get to cruise through the arches of probably the most-photographed chateau in the Loire Valley, Château de Chenonceau – not once, but twice – a rare privilege afforded to very few boats! And if you wish to explore the River Cher's towpath and surrounding countryside, there are 6 bicycles available for your use.

Nymphae's crew of Captain/Tour Leader and Master Chef are most knowledgeable about the history, wine and cuisine of the region and they will be there to help make your journey through the 'Valley of the Kings of France' truly unforgettable.

Classic Cruise Route



INCLUSIONS

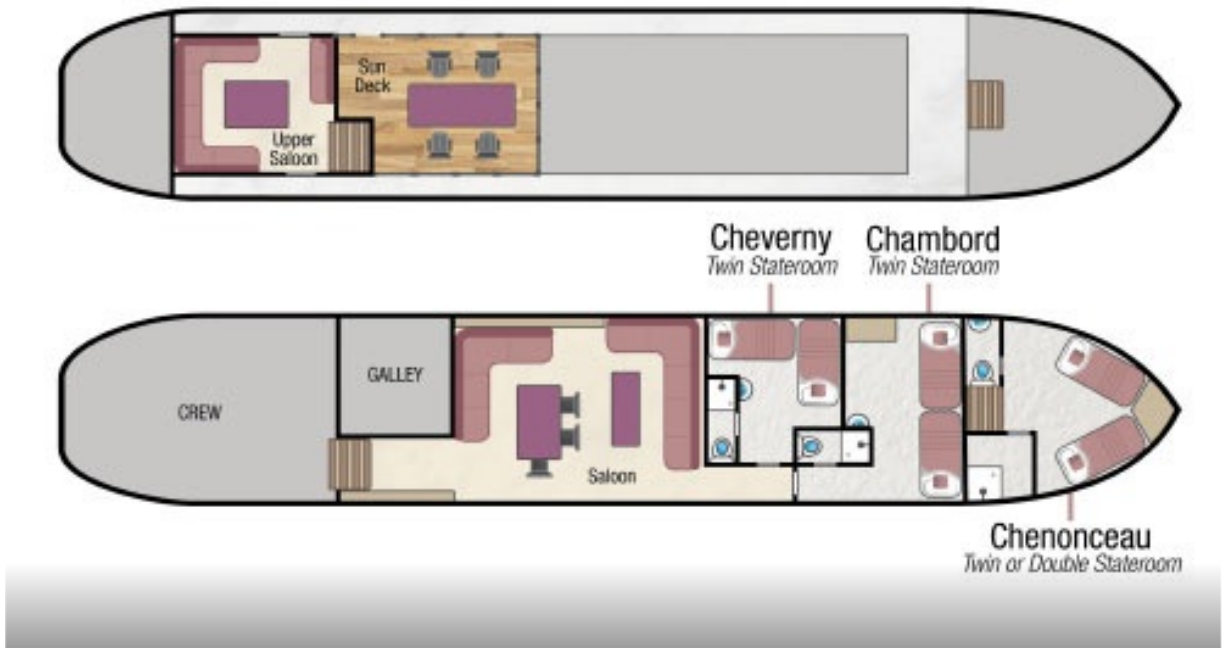
- 6 nights onboard the Hotel Barge Nymphaea in a Stateroom
- Crew of 4 (Captain, tour guide, chef and hostesses)
- Transfers by an air-conditioned minivan
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily prepared by your chef
- Captains farewell dinner on your last night
- Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Use of barge facilities

ITINERARY

Deck Hotel Barge Nymphaea

First Class | 6 Passengers | 2/3 Crew

- 81 Feet Long
- 2 Twin Cabin (65-91 sq ft incl. en suite)
- 1 Twin/Double Stateroom (91 sq ft incl. en suite)
- Air-conditioned / Centrally Heated



Day **1** Tours Moulin de Nitray

Guests are met near Tours* and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to hotel barge Nympha where the crew and a Champagne Welcome await you at your mooring opposite the 17th century Moulin de Nitray. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Nympha** in a Stateroom.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Dinner



Day **2** Moulin de Nitray Vallet

After breakfast, stroll up to **Nitray** to visit the château and rose garden. Taste their range of Touraine wine before returning to the barge and cruising up to the hamlet of **Vallet**. In the afternoon, enjoy an **excursion to Château de Villandry** on the

banks of the Loire. The château is world-renowned for its amazing array of ornamental, water, vegetable and herb gardens. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Nyphea** in a Stateroom.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **3**

Vallet Civray-de-Touraine

After a short morning cruise, enjoy a pre-lunch aperitif at **Bruno Curassier's Domaine de la Grange** before continuing our cruise to **Civray de Touraine**. After lunch on board, **tour the Château d'Amboise**, a royal residence of the Kings of France for 200 years. You will also **visit Château du Clos Lucé** nearby, Leonardo Da Vinci's home for the last three years of his life. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Nyphea** in a Stateroom.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



LOIRE RIVER

Day 4

Civray-de-Touraine Chissay-en-Touraine

This morning, cruise under the five-arch bridge of the impressive **Château de Chenonceau** before mooring at nearby. From here, take a short drive in the air-conditioned minibus to visit Chenonceau, often called 'the ladies chateau', after those such as Henry II's mistress, Diane de Poitiers, who added the bridge over the River Cher and the beautiful gardens. **Evening cruise to Chissay-en-Touraine** and dinner ashore at a local restaurant, La Boulaye.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Nyphea** in a Stateroom.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



CRUISE UNDER THE ARCH BRIDGE OF THE CHÂTEAU DE CHENONCEAU

Day 5

Chissy-en-Touraine Montrichard

A morning cruise will take you towards the troglodyte village of Bourré and you moor near one of the more unusual dwellings, **La Magnaneraie**. The Coquillat family have grown up in this hillside troglodyte habitation, which has been in turn

a wine cellar, a quarry for the tuffeau stone, and lastly, a silkworm nursery. After lunch, drive to **Valençay**, one of the most splendid châteaux of the Loire. You will then cruise to **Montrichard** where we moor for the night. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Nyphea** in a Stateroom.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **6**

Montrichard Moulin de Nitray

Following breakfast, explore the street market of **Montrichard** and the 11th century château overlooking the medieval town square, as well as the **local vineyard of the Meriau family**, to taste the regional Touraine vintages. In the afternoon, cruise back downstream to Nitray before the **Captain's Farewell Dinner** on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Nyphea** in a Stateroom.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Moulin de Nitray Tours

After breakfast, you are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to the drop-off point near Tours.

Breakfast



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

Departure Date 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	Regular	
Stateroom	€5,450	
Single Supplement	€2,200	
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 2 passengers	€27,500	
Charter 4 passengers	€28,200	
Charter 5 passengers	€29,600	
Charter 6 passengers	€31,000	
Departure Dates (Sunday)	Rates	Cruise Region
Jul 6, 27; Aug 31; Sep 7, 14, 21; Oct 5	Regular	France - Loire Valley

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

Booking / Payment Process

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

Supplier Booking Conditions Apply

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

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

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