



## FRANCE

# L'ART DE VIVRE - BURGUNDY CRUISE

(TOUR CODE: 11148)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
in Paris	05 Apr 26 - 25 Oct 26	<a href="#">Cruising</a> <a href="#">Food &amp; Wine</a> <a href="#">Cultural</a>	Barge Cruising

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
- Visit Chablis for a private wine tasting at the prestigious Domaine Laroche, followed by a delicious gourmet lunch in the monks' former refectory
- Visit the elegant 12th Century **Château de Bazoches**
- Crémant tasting at Bailly Lapierre cellars with visit to Aubigny quarry
- Visit the picturesque town of Vezelay and its hilltop basilica
- Excellent towpath for walking and cycling

Explore the stunning landscapes of Burgundy on a week-long cruise along the Canal du Nivernais, surrounded by rolling hills, vineyards, medieval villages, and grand châteaux. L'Art de Vivre, an 8-passenger hotel barge with original wood and brass details, offers a cosy saloon, modern ensuite cabins, a sun deck and a spa pool. Enjoy guided excursions, wine tastings, and optional activities like the Biking Plus program or a breathtaking hot air balloon ride at sunrise or sunset for a unique perspective of rural France's picturesque countryside.



## INCLUSIONS

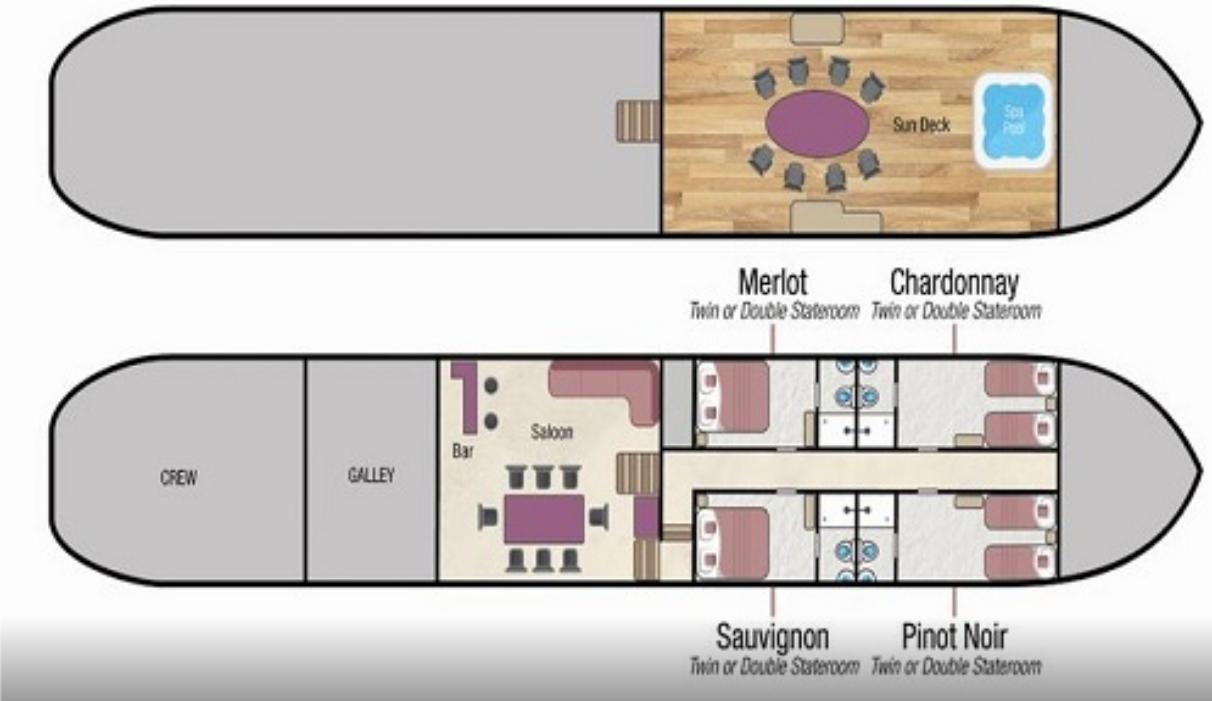
- 6 nights onboard the Hotel Barge L'Art de Vivre in a Stateroom
- Crew of 4 (Captain, tour guide, chef and hostesses)
- Transfers by an air-conditioned minivan
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily prepared by your chef
- Captains farewell dinner on your last night
- Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic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

## ITINERARY

### Deck Hotel Barge L'Art de Vivre

#### First Class | 8 Passengers | 5 Crew

- 100 Feet Long
- 4 Twin/Double Staterooms (100sq ft incl. en suite)
- Spa Pool
- Air-Conditioned / Centrally Heated



Day 1

## Paris Auxerre

You will be met at the 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.

Dinner



Day 2

## Auxerre Vincelles

The morning cruise begins early, passing through charming locks and vineyard-clad hillsides to a rural mooring at Vincelles. After lunch on board, the itinerary continues to the quarry of Aubigny, a subterranean wonderland of stonework famed for the limestone used in buildings such as the Paris Opera House. This uniquely atmospheric underground space is explored

before visiting the cellars of Bailly-Lapierre, also carved from the rock, for a tasting of sparkling Crémant de Bourgogne. Dinner on board.

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

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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

Day 3

## Vincelles Mailly-la-Ville

Following an early breakfast, discover the medieval town of Auxerre. Later, 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. Later, return to the hotel barge for a cruise southward through rich pasturelands and past grazing Charolais cattle, to the sleepy village of Mailly-la-Ville. After your relaxed lunch on board, you may enjoy a walk or bicycle ride along the towpath. Dinner on board.

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

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



THE STUNNING AUXERRE CATHEDRAL.

Day

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## Mailly-la-Ville Le Saussois

This morning, after a leisurely breakfast, head to the celebrated **wine village of Chablis**. After viewing the vineyards, 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 monks' former refectory. 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.

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

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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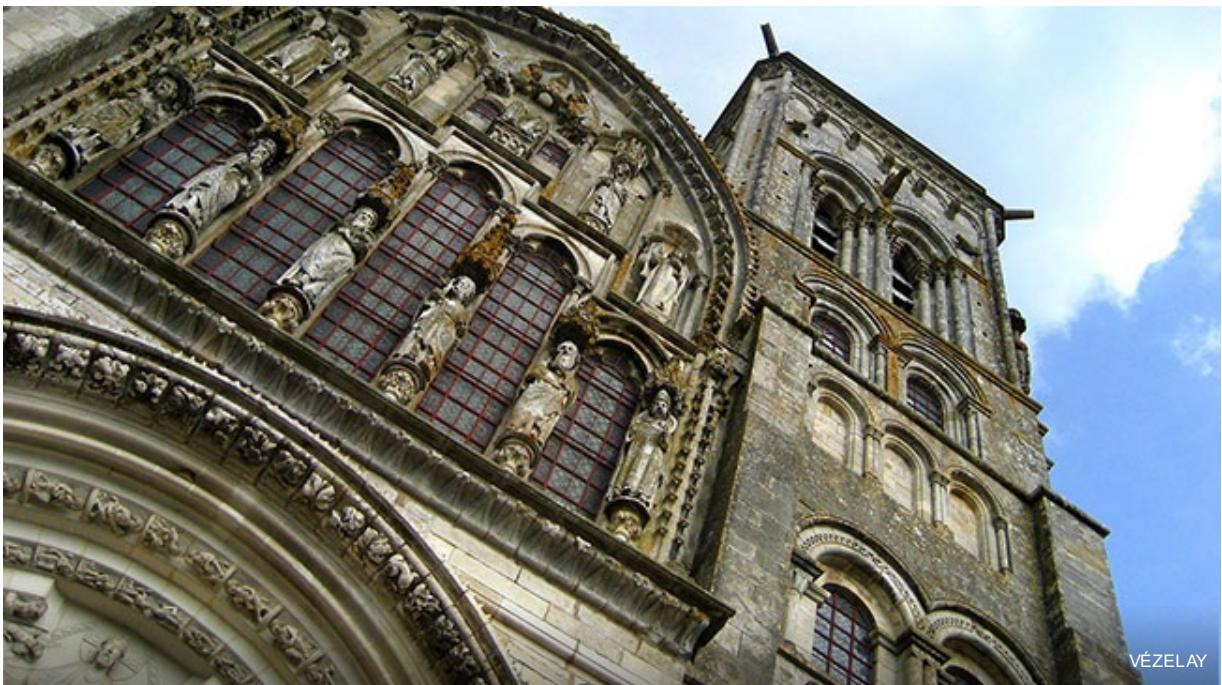
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## Le Saussois Lucy-sur-Yonne

The morning cruise passes through the picturesque Yonne Valley to a mooring at Lucy-sur-Yonne. After lunch on board, the afternoon features an excursion to the pilgrimage town of Vézelay, one of Burgundy's most celebrated treasures, with the Romanesque Basilica of St Mary Magdalene, charming craft shops and fine views over the surrounding countryside. Dinner on board.

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

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day

## 6 Lucy-sur-Yonne Chevrotches

A morning cruise through beautiful countryside takes you to the final mooring at the pretty canalside village of **Chevrotches**, with a visit to the elegant **Château de Bazoches**, built in the 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day

## 7 Chevrotches Paris

After breakfast, you are transferred to Paris.

Breakfast

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

### LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

### Departure Dates and Pricing:

2026 Cruise Rates		
Accommodation	Value	Regular
Stateroom	€5,350	€6,190
Single Supplement	€2,000	€2,300
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 6 passengers	€36,700	€42,800
Charter 7 passengers	€38,100	€44,400
Charter 8 passengers	€39,500	€46,000
Departure Dates (Sunday)	Rates	Cruise Region
Apr 5, 12, 19	Value	France - Burgundy
Apr 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Jun 7, 14, 21, 28; Jul 5	Regular	France - Burgundy
Jul 12, 19, 26; Aug 2, 9, 16	Value	France - Burgundy
Aug 23, 30; Sep 6, 13, 20, 27; Oct 4, 11, 18	Regular	France - Burgundy
Oct 25th	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.
- 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.
- 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 2:15 pm
- Charter bookings - One location of the group's choice in Paris at 2:15 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.

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## **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