

FRANCE

MS DÉBORAH - REVISIT FRANCE'S PAST, ITS ROYAL SITES AND MEDIEVAL CITIES DURING A HISTORIC CRUISE ON THE PETITE SEINE

(TOUR CODE: 14904)

STARTS AND ENDS

Paris to
Sens

TRAVEL PERIODS

15 Apr 26 - 05 Aug 26

EXPERIENCE

Cruising
Food & Wine
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Barge Cruising

Sail from Paris to Burgundy, exploring royal forests, historic castles, artistic villages, and medieval treasures, including UNESCO-listed Provins and Sens.

Highlights

- A historic cruise through a lush, green landscape, where castles and royal cities unfold across the picturesque scenery
- Vaux-le-Vicomte, a 17th-century architectural masterpiece
- Barbizon, a charming village once home to renowned painters
- Fontainebleau Palace, its stunning gardens and exquisite interiors - a French treasure.
- Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne, a picturesque royal city with historical charm
- Sens, a peaceful town with a magnificent cathedral and covered marketplace

Sail from Paris to the edge of Burgundy on a journey through history and nature. Pass the enchanting Fontainebleau Forest, once a royal hunting ground and an artistic haven. Explore the grand Vaux-le-Vicomte and Fontainebleau castles, steeped in history and elegance. Stroll through Barbizon, the charming village that inspired generations of painters. Discover the medieval beauty of Provins, a UNESCO-listed site with well-preserved ramparts and historic streets. Finally, admire the rich heritage of Sens, where centuries of history come to life. A perfect blend of culture, art, and scenic landscapes.

Please note: This tour also operates in the reverse direction.



INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights onboard the MS Déborah in a Twin Room
- All port fees
- Bicycles available on board
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner served onboard daily
- Crew of 6 members guarantee a personalised service
- Drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, are included with meals and at the bar, except for select premium beverages
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Farewell gala dinner on your last night
- Free Wi-Fi onboard
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Use of barge facilities

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Paris

Passengers may board the ship at 6:00 p.m in Paris. After settling into your cabins, the crew will be introduced during a welcome cocktail before dinner. Tonight, you'll savour dinner onboard.

Later, enjoy a scenic night cruise through Paris (subject to water levels).

Dinner



Day **2**

Paris Evry

The day begins in the morning with a cruise along the Seine, passing through the heart of Paris and offering stunning views of the river's iconic monuments. Arrive in Evry by early afternoon. Next, join in for a visit to the magnificent Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte. Designed by architect Louis Le Vau, renowned for his work as the King's "Principal Architect," the château embodies the Italianate style with influences from classical antiquity. This design marked a new chapter in French architecture, shaping the style for the next 150 years. After the tour, return to the ship, and the evening is free for your own exploration.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **3**

Evry Melun

Spend the morning cruising towards Melun, taking in the tranquil scenery along the Seine riverbanks. In the afternoon, visit the village of Barbizon. In the 1820s, Edmé and François Ganne opened a grocery shop in the hamlet, and in 1827, Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot discovered the village, attracting many other painters, including Théodore Rousseau and Jean-

François Millet. A generation of artists embraced painting "from nature," following the example of English pioneers John Constable and Turner. Stroll through the picturesque cobbled streets and explore the charming shops and art galleries. Afterwards, return to the ship, and the evening is free for your own enjoyment.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Deck MS Dèborah

MAIN DECK | 22 Passengers | 6 Crew

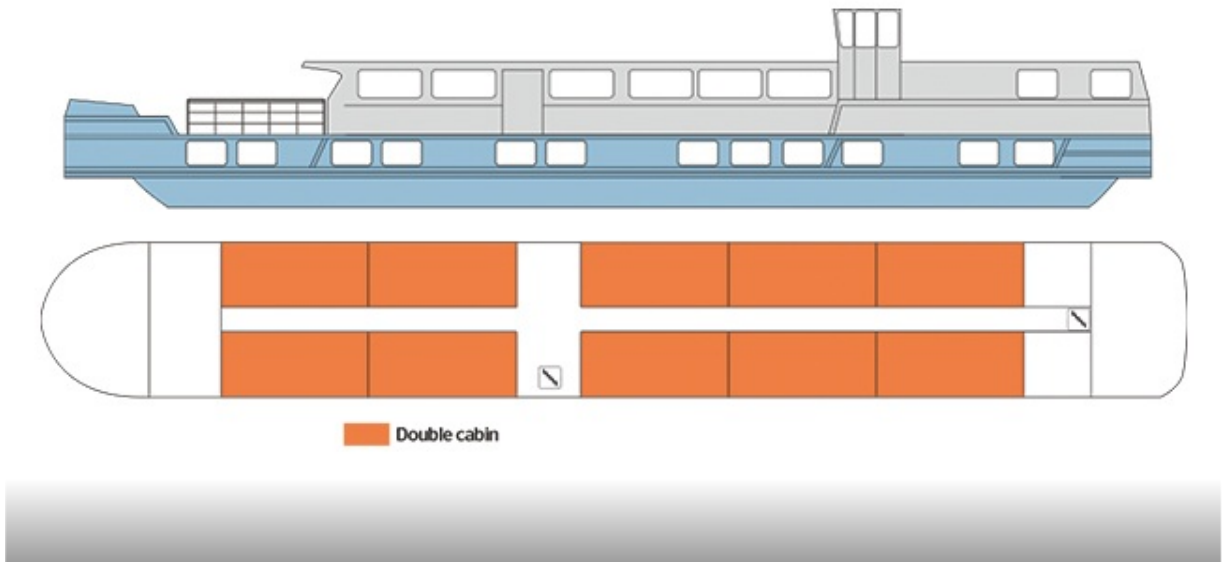
- Canal cruise, measuring 38.5m long and 5m wide
- 10 Twin cabins - 2 single beds (9m2)
- Amenities: TV, bathroom with shower and toilet, towels, telephone (for internal calls only), safe, independent air-conditioning, electricity 220V and Wi-Fi
- Please note that there is no laundry service on board the ship

SUN DECK

- Sun loungers

UPPER DECK

- Restaurant, Lounge/bar, terrace, jacuzzi and 1 Double PRM cabin



Day **4**

Melun Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne

Spend the morning cruising towards Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne.

In the afternoon, join in for a visit to the Palace of Fontainebleau and its stunning gardens. Throughout history, all the kings and queens of France have passed through Fontainebleau. The château stands as a remarkable example of a residence that has been inhabited for over eight centuries. Explore the French gardens, fountains, and flowerbeds, which evoke the palace's past splendour. You'll also discover the vibrant town that grew around the château to complete your experience.

After the tour, you'll return to the ship, and the evening is free for your own leisure.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **5**

Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne Cannes-Ecluses

Morning excursion: guided tour of Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne. Nestled on the edge of the Fontainebleau forest, this historic royal town is known for its barley sugar and landscapes captured by the Impressionist Alfred Sisley. Explore the medieval

fortified gates, stunning Renaissance facades, the picturesque Loing riverbanks, and Notre-Dame church. After the tour, enjoy free time to explore the town, with a chance to visit the local barley sugar shop, a treat dating back to the reign of Louis XIII.

In the afternoon, sail to Cannes-Ecluses. The evening is free to explore this charming town on the banks of the Yonne.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **6**

Cannes-Ecluses Sens

Morning cruise along the **Yonne River**, a tributary of the Seine, passing through serene lakes and ponds. Arrival in Sens in the afternoon. Visit the city, known for its historical buildings and remarkable architecture. The Sens Cathedral, the first of the great Gothic cathedrals in France, inspired many others, including Canterbury Cathedral in Great Britain. Stroll through the streets and promenades, admiring the fine homes, buildings, and walls that reflect the town's rich history. Time to explore the market and sample local products. After the tour, return to the ship. Gala dinner and evening to follow.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **7**

Sens

Savour a final buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. The tour concludes here.

**Please note: Coach transfer to Paris are available upon request for an additional fee. For more information, kindly consult our team.*

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
French	EUR

This itinerary may be subject to change. On alternate weeks, the cruise may be in the reverse direction.

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.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Transfers
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Drinks from the premium list, or drinks ordered during excursions
- 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