









#### **FRANCE**

# ALOUETTE - CRUISE THROUGH BORDEAUX'S FAMED WINE COUNTRY (TOUR CODE: 14919)

STARTS AND ENDS

Agen to
Castets-en-Dorthe

TRAVEL PERIODS

19 Jul 26 - 25 Oct 26

EXPERIENCE
Cruising
Food & Wine
Luxury

TRAVEL STYLE
Barge Cruising

Cruise through the iconic wine-making region of Bordeaux and alight to venture into vineyard coated vistas.

#### Highlights

- Enjoy an exclusive tasting at the legendary Château d'Yquem, then wander through the serene waterlily ponds that inspired Monet's masterpieces
- · Step ashore in Bordeaux, a vibrant city where culture, gastronomy, and boutique shopping blend seamlessly
- Indulge in a rejuvenating spa experience at Les Sources de Caudalie, where grape-infused treatments harness the nourishing power of the vine for ultimate relaxation

Unwind to the gentle pace of the waterways on a private journey through the heart of Bordeaux's renowned wine region, travelling from Agen to Castets-en-Dorthe. This exclusive cruise offers a rich blend of history, culture and indulgence as you explore celebrated vineyards and historic châteaux. Sample world-class vintages, savour exquisite regional cuisine and soak in the vineyard-cloaked scenery that defines this iconic corner of France. Whether you're a wine enthusiast or simply seeking a serene escape, this voyage promises a truly immersive and memorable experience in Bordeaux's wine country.

Kindly note: The Alouette is exclusively available for private charter for up to 4 guests & available in the reverse direction.

## **INCLUSIONS**

- · 6 nights onboard the Alouette in your own private sanctuary with a capacity to welcome up to four guests
- · Table d'hote meals and complimentary beverages, daily breakfast and French fine dining experience served onboard
- All excursions including exclusive use of the onboard bicycles alongside the river
- · Dedicated Host service
- · A dedicated tour guide and an itinerary tailored to your preferences
- Roundtrip transfers to/from the luxury barge within France & Geneva

#### **ITINERARY**

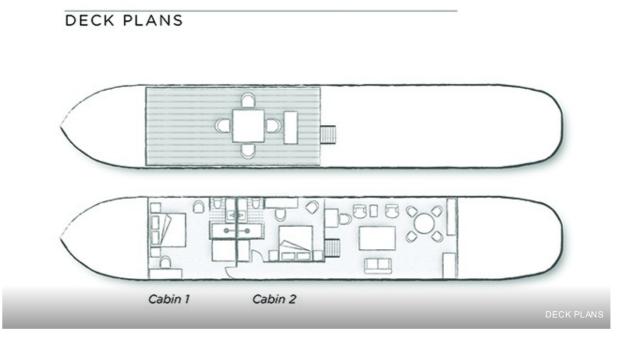
#### **Deck** Alouette

#### Welcome onboard!

Enjoy the finest of river cruises and lounge in understated luxury aboard Alouette. Perfect for a tranquil South of France summer or a romantic holiday, Alouette has just two cabins, one twin and one double — each boasting an ensuite shower room featuring L'Occitane toiletries.

Relax in intimate accommodations, where soft lighting, warm pastel tones and airy marble bathrooms set the scene for a restful stay. Cool off with an afternoon siesta or stretch out with a classic cocktail as you watch the sun set through your picture windows.

Each meal is tailored to your own taste. Consult personally with your chef, picking from regional specialities and fine ingredients. Pair the region's finest fish dishes with delightful wines nurtured to maturity by local vineyards.



## 1 & 2 Start your journey from Boé port

Welcome to the south of France. Enjoy a chill glass of champagne while taking in delightful views on deck. Relax and discuss the region's highlights with your dedicated guide as Chef prepares your first feast of the cruise. Raise a toast to the start of a sublime river cruise.

Awake to a breakfast of local delicacies the next day. Cruise from Boé port to Agen, a time-honoured city of medieval alleys and Gothic architecture. After lunch on board, disembark in Sérignac-sur-Garonne to go to Latour-Marliac, the waterlily

garden that inspired Monet's famous canvases. Enjoy a tranquil visit, admiring the beautiful botanical gardens and ponds, before returning to Alouette in Puch-d'Agenais for refreshing aperitifs and dinner on board.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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## Puch-D'Agenais Saint-Émilion

On day 3, disembark for a visit to Château d'Yquem – a 400-year-old chateau that produces one of the world's most celebrated sweet wines. A tour of the grounds is followed by a sublime tasting and short drive back to the barge. In July and August, visit the Damazan night market, where a vibrant summer vibe includes musical entertainment to enliven proceedings as you browse. Tonight, indulge in an exquisite farewell gala dinner.

The next day, alight for a drive to Saint-Émilion, a charming village in the heart of Bordeaux wine country, for a private tasting or two. Return to the boat for a sumptuous dinner.

On day 5, after lunch onboard, disembark for an exclusive visit to Les Sources de Caudalie Spa. Enjoy the enriching effects of vinotherapy – signature treatments that combine natural properties of hot spring water with the nourishing power of the vine and grape. Each ritual is designed to rejuvenate your skin and relax your mind.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## § 6 & 7 Castets-en-Dorthe

Mid-morning, alight at the mooring of Cadillac where your tour guide will take you for lunch at a local restaurant in Bordeaux. Known for its rich history, stunning architecture and world-renowned wines, Bordeaux is a bustling city with a delightful blend of culture, gastronomy, natural beauty and great shopping opportunities. Return to the boat in Castet-en-Dorthe, in time for the apéritif. Tonight, indulge in an exquisite farewell gala dinner.

On Day 7, check-out is scheduled for 09:00am. After breakfast, the team is happy to arrange your transfers to the airport – get in touch to discuss your travel requirements with us.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
French	EUR

· This itinerary may be subject to change. On alternate weeks, the cruise will 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
- · 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