



FRANCE

COQUELICOT - PRESTIGIOUS FLOATING VILLA IN THE HEART OF CHAMPAGNE

(TOUR CODE: 14931)

STARTS AND ENDS

Jaulgonne to
Chalons en Champagne

TRAVEL PERIODS

12 Apr 26 - 25 Oct 26

EXPERIENCE

Cruising
Food & Wine
Luxury

TRAVEL STYLE

Barge Cruising

Step aboard Coquelicot, a floating sanctuary, and explore Champagne's essence with Ruinart, panoramic views, luxurious cabins and exquisite dining experiences.

Highlights

- Discover where Dom Pérignon's accidental breakthrough led to the first champagne, then enjoy an intimate tasting at a boutique local producer
- Savour a five-course dining experience at Maison Ruinart, where animated projections bring the champagne house's legacy to life
- Explore Veuve Clicquot's vast chalk cellars and uncover the story of the widow who shaped a global icon, followed by an exclusive tasting

Embark on a journey with Coquelicot, a luxurious floating retreat through the Champagne region. In partnership with Ruinart, the world's oldest champagne house, this elegant barge offers a truly immersive experience. Relax in the spacious upper lounge with panoramic views, enjoy gourmet cuisine in the open kitchen and unwind in three beautifully designed cabins with en-suite marble bathrooms. As evening falls, sip fine Ruinart Champagne in the salon and bar. Sail from Jaulgonne to Châlons-en-Champagne, indulging in exquisite meals and France's finest wines on this unforgettable river cruise.

Kindly note: The Coquelicot is exclusively available for private charter for up to 6 guests & available in the reverse direction.

INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights onboard the Coquelicot in your own private sanctuary - with a capacity to welcome up to six guests
- Table d'hôte 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

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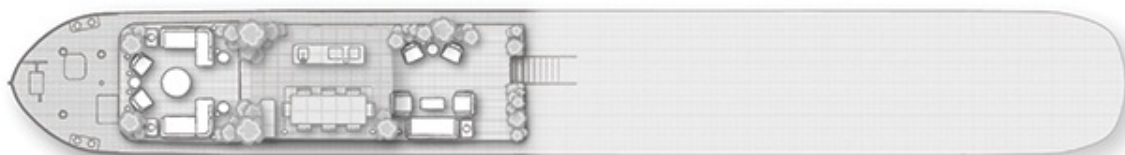
Facilities onboard Coquelicot

Welcome onboard!

The crown jewel of Coquelicot, venture to the top deck at dawn to catch a golden sunrise with your morning coffee and pastries. Get closer to your chef and crew as you lunch alfresco, admiring the backdrop of passing vineyards and watercolour chateaux. At night, gather your loved ones for a sparkling evening beneath an open canopy of stars.

Designed with tranquility in mind, this luxury floating villa ensures a supremely relaxing cruise. On the **upper deck**, unwind, connect and indulge: the spacious lounge is perfect for social relaxation, allowing you to soak up the panoramic views of Champagne behind the oversized picture window. Sit back under oak-panelled ceilings on plush furnishings, pen the day's highlights from your writing desk, or engage with your chef as they prepare seasonal cuisine with local ingredients, from the comfort of the open kitchen.

Below deck, three spacious cabins – and their ensuite marble bathrooms – adjoin an indoor dining area, ideal for intimate moments with your loved ones. As the evening unfolds, make your way to the salon and Champagne bar, and savour fine Champagne by Ruinart under the stars.



DECK PLANS

Day 1 & 2 Jaulgonne Vandières

In Jaulgonne, prepare to see the Champagne region from a fresh perspective. Your effervescent cruise begins with a champagne reception, a chance to meet your dedicated captain and crew. As you unpack and explore Coquelicot, your

elegant sanctuary, the chef onboard prepares your first gourmet dinner of the week.

Your first morning begins with a leisurely cruise towards Vandières in the heart of the beautiful Marne Valley. After a delicious lunch, it's time for a delightful visit to Hautvillers Abbey, where Dom Pérignon accidentally discovered how to make champagne through the process of secondary fermentation. Enjoy a private tasting at a small local producer on the way back to the barge. Unwind over an aperitif before a delicious dinner on board.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 3 & 4 Damery Mareuil-sur-Ay

Today, cruise towards Damery, your evening mooring. After lunch on board, your guide will take you to 4 Rue des Crayères in Reims, the historical headquarters of Maison Ruinart, founded in 1729. As the oldest established champagne house, Ruinart embodies the French spirit of savoir-faire and art de vivre. Enjoy an exclusive tour of the atmospheric underground cellars.

The experience turns into an immersive gastronomic adventure, simply called Petit R. Kanako Kuno's drawings, animated through 3D video mapping and anamorphic projections, bring your dining table magically to life. Telling the story of Ruinart, the unique five-course dinner is paired with some of the Maison's finest champagnes. The evening concludes with an exclusive tasting to the "Secret Cellar" in the Nicolas Ruinart Pavilion, designed by renowned architect Sou Fujimoto.

On day 4, a short drive will take you to Vertus to see the colourful market. Choose some ingredients that catch your eye and watch being transformed into a feast back on board. Continue meandering along the River Marne, before alighting to exploring Épernay, the jewel of Champagne. Enjoy a private tasting at Leclerc Briant, a local winery renowned for its pioneering biodynamic champagnes. Return to the barge for dinner and perhaps a digestif beneath the stars before you retire for the night

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **5**

Vraux

Linger over breakfast as Coquelicot heads for Vraux, a quiet mooring at the junction between the Marne's Lateral Canal and the Marne-to-Aisne Canal. Relax into the rhythm of the water and perhaps alight to walk or cycle along the towpath. In the afternoon, head to Reims, a famous centre of champagne production and renowned for its spectacular Gothic cathedral. Dinner tonight is served at a beautiful local restaurant.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **6**

Châlons-en-Champagne

Enjoy a relaxed morning cruise, with ample time to absorb the tranquil scenery from on deck. After lunch, alight for a thrilling visit to Veuve Clicquot, one of the most celebrated champagne houses in the world. It was named after the widow ("veuve") who took over her husband's wine business at the tender age of 27 and rescued it from the brink of failure. Plunge into the atmospheric underground cellars that stretch deep into the crayères, or chalk pits, for over 24km and glean fascinating facts about one of the world's most recognisable labels. Explore Châlons-en-Champagne and its rich heritage while the chef

prepares a fantastic farewell dinner onboard.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **7**

Disembark in Châlons-en-Champagne

Your check-out time is scheduled for 09:00am. After breakfast, your crew bids you farewell as you disembark for your onward travel arrangements.

Breakfast

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