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EUROPEAN CANAL BARGE CRUISES

2024



Cruise Europe's intimate waterways in style for the ultimate leisurely escape.

Cruising by canal barge is a perfect way to experience a Europe most travellers never see. With your cosy floating inn as your home base, you explore one charming village after another, visiting under-the-radar attractions and enjoying delectable cuisine prepared fresh from local ingredients — and all without having to repack your luggage. Our 2024 European Canal Barge Cruises collection offers a tempting array of barges and routes, each promising a memorable, off-the-beaten-path adventure.

On a barge cruise, you explore mostly outdoors, strolling in open villages and along scenic towpaths, or simply relaxing on deck and watching the scenery pass by — an ideal option for today's travel environment. Each day's dining is a memorable occasion, with your onboard chef preparing delectable dishes paired with local wines and served either al fresco on deck or in your barge's dining room.

Charter an entire vessel for your exclusive use, a perfect way to celebrate a milestone while travelling with just your family and friends on your own timetable, or book a cabin on the vessel and departure of your choosing. We can further customise your cruise with activities tailored around your own interests — anything from walking or biking to wine and golf — thanks to our longstanding local presence and 60 years of experience in luxury travel.

Escape to Europe for a relaxing and revealing adventure on the barge of your choice. Book your journey today.



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Explore the Europe that locals know,
in style and at a casual pace.





An Intimate Way to Travel

Cruising the canals and inland waterways of Europe by barge is tranquil, relaxing and always authentic. Every day on board each handpicked barge features fresh gourmet meals (served and enjoyed on deck or in the privacy of your dining room) and a charming new view. Chat with your hosts — who may double as captain, chef and lock tender — and get to know your fellow guests in pleasant, intimate surroundings.

Europe Beyond the Guidebooks

Your cruise route takes you to secluded towns and villages where you can explore freely, immersing yourself in inspiring architecture and quiet cafés not listed in the guidebooks. Most routes offer the chance to follow along the towpath, either on a bicycle or your own two feet. Venture into a nearby town or village, and then rejoin the vessel at another lock along the cruise route.

Each Barge Handpicked for Comfort and Style

A&K selects a portfolio of the finest canal cruise vessels operating in Europe today. Only the most inviting barges, accomplished chefs and attentive crews are presented here for your consideration. With the more than 17 different journeys included in this brochure, there is a European Canal Barge Cruise to satisfy every traveller and every taste. Sightseeing, transfers, meals and alcoholic beverages are all included, leaving you free to enjoy yourself — you don't even have to pack until you're ready to return home.

A Choice of Ways to Cruise

To allow you to experience Europe as a couple, on your own, or with a circle of friends or family members, many canal barge journeys included in this brochure offer you the choice to travel independently or as a group on a private charter.

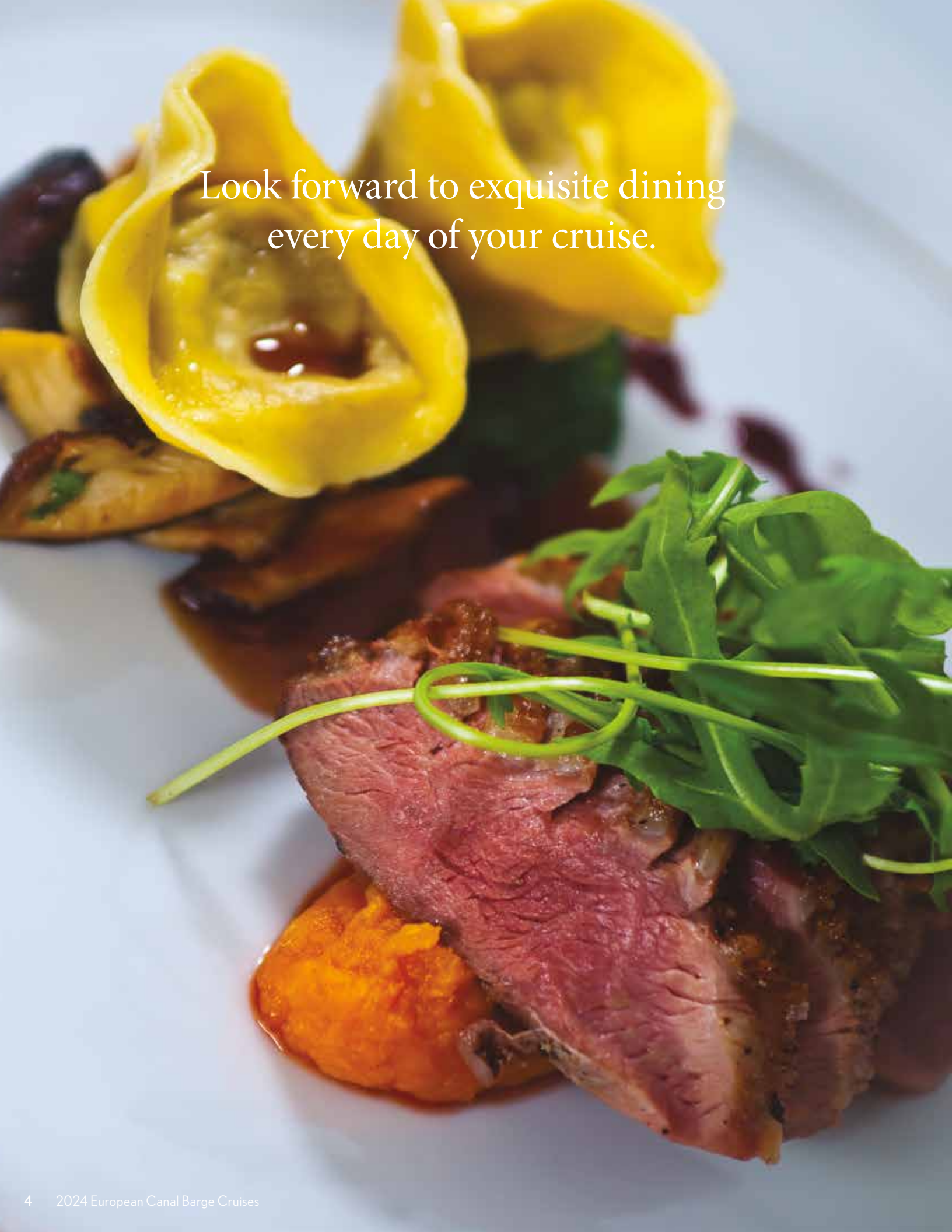
Private Charters

Whether celebrating a birthday, getting together over a holiday or just spending quality time together, a private charter provides the perfect solution for travelling exclusively with friends or family. Privately chartered cruises can also be completely customised according to a theme, such as walking, biking, wine and more. Enjoy Burgundy, for instance, on a refreshing walk or bike ride, admiring its medieval villages and rolling green hills; or journey to the vineyards for private tastings, learning about their grapes, cultivation methods and wine history from a master sommelier.

Individual Travel

You can secure a cabin the way you would book a room in a country inn, sharing the vessel's amenities, sightseeing excursions and meals with your fellow guests. It's a wonderful way to meet new people with a similar passion for exploration while taking in the best local sights.

Book now to experience the insider's Europe aboard your own private, handpicked barge. To reserve your barge today, contact an A&K Journey Designer by calling 1300 583 901 or speak to your travel advisor. Find more information online at www.abercrombiekent.com.au.



Look forward to exquisite dining
every day of your cruise.



“Watching the beautiful country of Scotland drift past me was truly magical. The staff treated me like part of their family, sights were simply incredible and every meal was delicious beyond compare. I would go on another barge cruise in a heartbeat.”

— Molly



Refined Cuisine in Breathtaking Locales

Look forward to extraordinary dining experiences aboard every vessel, prepared just for you by an expert chef. Some barges are even equipped with a demonstration kitchen, where you can watch your chef prepare gourmet meals and share the rich culinary traditions unique to each region.

Delectable Meals Are an Everyday Highlight

Wake up each morning to a beautiful arrangement of locally sourced pastries, artisanal cheeses, fresh fruit, yogurt, fruit juice and freshly brewed coffee. Lunch features an impressive spread of rustic salads, homemade soups, quiches, pâtés, and cheese and wine presentations, and is often served al fresco with countryside views. Later, sit down to a dazzling multicourse dinner, ending your culinary odyssey on another high note. Moor beneath the stars and savour an unforgettable feast prepared with local, market-fresh ingredients, accompanied by a selection of cheeses and dessert. Throughout your meal, specially chosen fine wines are served to complement the evening's cuisine.

Help Your Onboard Chef Gather the Best Local Ingredients

Your onboard chef knows that great meals begin with the freshest ingredients, many of which can only be gathered after your voyage is already underway. For example, Olivia Power, chef aboard 'Shannon Princess,' relies on key producers she has cultivated in her home country of Ireland. Ask the chef on your cruise how he or she sources ingredients and, if you wish, rise early to help gather them yourself.



A vibrant outdoor market stall, likely in a Mediterranean setting, featuring a variety of food items. In the foreground, there are large wooden bowls filled with green beans, olives, and bread. Several wooden spoons and bowls are scattered around the food. In the background, people are seen sitting at tables under a large blue and white striped umbrella, suggesting a relaxed dining area. The overall atmosphere is bright and lively.

From sunrise to sunset, every day
of cruising is packed with authentic
local discovery.

Another Extraordinary Day Begins

Wake and sip piping hot coffee or tea from the deck of your intimate vessel as the sun bathes the tranquil waterways in a golden morning glow. Take in the stunning backyards of historic towns, private residences and architecturally significant landmarks, and watch as they come to life.

Exploring on Shore, Relaxing on Board

Visit both iconic and less-frequented sites, outdoors and far from throngs of tourists. It might be a local truffle farm and lavender distillery in the South of France; a winery in Chablis, which you tour with its owner; or the open-air Dijon market in Burgundy, an irresistible icon featuring cheese stalls, artisanal bakers and pie makers, along with escargot, cured meats and gingerbread. From walled cities and stunning châteaux and cathedrals to busy markets and time spent with local craftspeople, each experience proves more revealing than the last.

As the afternoon lengthens, consider a peaceful cycling excursion through the countryside, a singular adventure offering rare glimpses into local life. Most barges have bicycles on board, and your crew can offer local knowledge revealing the best places to see on two wheels. Alternately, find a spot on deck and enjoy an afternoon coffee or tea as the scenery lazily rolls by.

At Day's End, a Gourmet Meal in Refined Company

As the sun begins to set, gather in the dining room for freshly prepared, locally sourced cuisine matched with carefully curated wines. Before turning in, enjoy a nightcap with fellow guests in the comfortable onboard salon. Then, moor overnight for a relaxing sleep in your well-appointed cabin, arising the next morning to begin the adventure anew.

"I really enjoyed the entire itinerary — great sightseeing, great pace — the perfect combination of relaxing and doing things. And the food and wine were out of this world. Never in my life have I eaten so well!"

— Carrie



Add to your European Canal Barge Cruise and
enjoy an experience that's uniquely yours.



See More of Europe on a Fully Customised Itinerary

Experience a wider breadth of Europe on an end-to-end adventure created around your canal barge cruise, with authentic experiences, local guides, accommodations and transfers all arranged just for you by A&K. We can craft a complete journey centred around your interests and preferences; see the following examples for just a small sample of what's possible with A&K.

France: Burgundy & the Upper Loire: *Paris and Normandy*

Experience a family farm day near incomparable Paris. Join your children during a fun workshop, learning how to make your own bread using the finest ingredients and French cooking techniques. While the sticky dough rises in the oven, tour the farm and meet the animals. Afterward, roam around the woods next to the park of Versailles Palace, enjoying quiet moments with your family in the countryside.

France: Provence & the South: *Côte d'Azur and Catalonia, Spain*

Admire the radiant coastal city of Barcelona during a tapas tour as you zip around glamorous avenues in a motorcycle sidecar. Choose from three diverse upscale restaurants, each offering savoury dishes accompanied by fine wines, as you watch the sun set and the night come alive.

Italy: *Lake Como, Venice and Croatia*

Savour a private dinner and cocktails accompanied by chamber music, set in the splendid ground floor of Opatija's 19th-century Villa Angiolina. Surrounded by beautiful gardens, this neoclassical pearl enchants with trompe l'oeil frescos, Corinthian-style columns and intricate mosaic floors.

Ireland, Scotland & England: *Dublin, Edinburgh and London*

Discover Edinburgh, Scotland's capital, an eclectic city of castles, museums, art festivals and drinking dens. Relax over an exclusive afternoon tea experience set in the cosy Signet Library, enjoying traditional finger sandwiches, sweet cakes and crumbly scones from bespoke silver tea stands. Afterward, at a master class led by a team of experts, sample rare Scotch whiskies from a private collection.

Holland: *Brussels, Bruges and Ghent*

Visit the heart of medieval Bruges. Privately tour a family-run brewery, the only one of its kind found in the city's historic centre. Descend into the cellars, taking part in a tasting as you learn the secrets behind traditional, age-old brewing methods and the perfect blend of malt and hops.

France & Germany: *Alsace, Champagne & the Moselle: Baden-Baden and Switzerland*

Explore a whimsical spa town brimming with fairy-tale villas, chic boutiques, immaculate gardens and open-air cafés. Here, soak up the mineral waters and alpine vistas of the restorative baths, reputed to have cured Roman emperor Caracalla of his rheumatism. Discover Switzerland on a goat-trekking excursion just outside Lucerne, and enjoy chocolate treats in Basel crafted by master Swiss chocolatiers.

Create a customised European journey around your Canal Barge Cruise, complete with authentic experiences, local guides, hotels and transfers. Contact A&K at 1300 583 901, visit us online or speak to your travel advisor to learn more about the extraordinary possibilities of A&K travel.



France: Burgundy & the Upper Loire

Hillside Château de Rully, wreathed in lush vineyards

Savour French Gastronomy and Countryside Vistas

Renowned for its fine wines, cheeses, foie gras and piquant Dijon mustard, the Burgundy region is a culinary delight. Dotted with small, historic towns and verdant vineyards, it is a prime example of the quiet little pleasures that make canal and river cruising so rewarding.

The agriculturally rich region is also awash in history: here, Julius Caesar fought the Gallic Chief Vercingetorix, and the courts of the powerful Dukes of Burgundy once rivalled those of France's kings.

As the history and present-day charm of Europe unfold, your onboard chef prepares gourmet meals using local ingredients, pairing them with vintages for which the region is known.

Ashore, you are met with one fascinating encounter after the next, be it a market in Dijon or a pedal along the towpaths that still flank many canals. Châteaux are always nearby, offering a firsthand example of life in days past.

Explorations — planned at a leisurely pace — immerse you in the beauty of exemplary sites such as the Palais des Ducs and Musée des Beaux-Arts, a market in Beaune or Château de Chassagne Montrachet, where a private wine tasting awaits in the ancient cellars.

Learn more about the cruise routes we explore in this region, which span the Burgundy Canal, Saône River, Canal du Centre and Canal de Briare.

Tour ancient Beaune, admiring Hôtel Dieu's harlequin-tiled roof





Burgundy Canal

The Burgundy Canal offers a scenic gateway to Burgundy, one of France's most popular holiday destinations. From the Yonne River, it meanders past the Château d'Ancy-le-Franc, Châteauneuf-en-Auxois and Dijon before emptying into the Saône River at St-Jean-de-Losne. Your cruise takes you to charming towns and vineyards for a glimpse of Gallic history, gastronomy and art.

Saône River

Situated in eastern France, this commercial river rises in the Vosges Mountains of Lorraine, flowing through the length of Burgundy to Lyon, where it joins the Rhône. The name "Saône" owes its origins to the Gallic river goddess Souconna and a local Celtic tribe, the Sequanes. Among the important ports along the river are Chalon-sur-Saône, with its medieval quarter, and Tournus, with its tree-lined quays and laid-back pace. At Mâcon, with its numerous cafés and restaurants, the Saône is wide and slow moving as it flows south to Lyon — France's "second city."

Canal du Centre

Completed in 1792, the Canal du Centre was built to link the Saône River to the Loire, providing the shortest navigable route between Lyon and Paris. It winds its way northward from Chalon-sur-Saône to Digoin, and through the Côte Chalonnaise in southern Burgundy. Though primarily a leisure route today, the canal was once a busy commercial waterway for the wine trade, heavy industry and breeders of Charolais cattle. Its four remaining 19th-century hydraulic boat lifts are still in use and listed as World Heritage Sites by UNESCO.

"This is without a doubt the most incredible way to see France and its gorgeous countryside. Lovely barge, amazing food, and friendly and accommodating crew. Easily one of the best experiences of my life."

— Ashley





Stroll the Romanesque halls of Abbaye de Fontenay

Canal de Briare

The Canal de Briare, completed in 1642, is one of the oldest canals in France and was built to connect the Seine and Loire rivers. As the first canal in Europe to cross a watershed, it rises 85 metres from Buges in the north, then descends 41 metres to Briare, with a total of 36 locks spanning a distance of only 53 kilometres. In Briare, commercial loads were once transferred from small riverboats onto larger canal barges bound for Paris. Here, the Canal de Briare is linked to the Canal Latéral à la Loire by way of a magnificent bridge. Built by Gustave Eiffel in the 19th century, the 640-metre-long channel is one of the longest navigable aqueducts in the world.

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The Wines of Burgundy

Burgundy wines owe their fame to a variety of grapes, the most recognized of which is the noble Pinot Noir. Grown in the valleys and slopes west of the Saône River, they produce the dry red wine named for the region. White Chablis, on the other hand, comes from Burgundy's northernmost reaches. The product of Chardonnay grapes, Chablis is largely unoaked, and it produces a dry, acidic wine that's often described as "steely" in taste. Less frequently, Gamay and Aligoté grapes are used in Burgundian wine production, serving as the basis of light-bodied Beaujolais.



‘La Belle Époque’

Burgundy Canal

Limited to 12 guests

Graceful ‘La Belle Époque’ cruises the Burgundy Canal between Venarey-les-Laumes and Tanlay. Enjoy several private experiences during this relaxing journey, including wine and Champagne tastings, a falconry display and a gourmet lunch ashore, as well as meetings with owners of two historic châteaux.

DAY 1: Meet in Paris; embark on ‘La Belle Époque,’ moored in Venarey-les-Laumes

DAY 2: Private falconry display at Château de Commarin, meeting with Count Bertrand de Vogue, the resident 26th-generation owner

DAY 3: 12th-century Romanesque Abbaye de Fontenay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

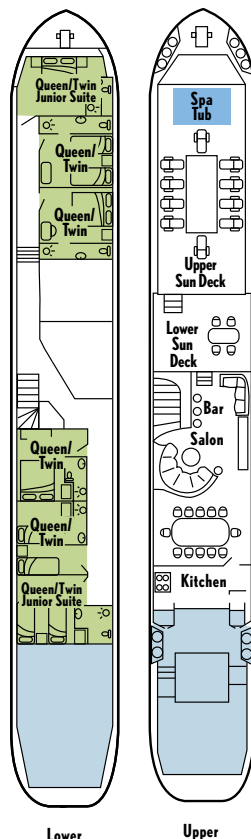
DAY 4: Private champagne tasting at Maison Taisne Riocour; private gourmet lunch ashore at 12th-century Château de Ricey-Bas with Baroness Ségolène de Taisne

DAY 5: Historic 16th-century Château d’Ancy-le-Franc

DAY 6: Visit Chablis for a private wine tasting at prestigious Domaine Laroche

DAY 7: Disembark in Tanlay; return to Paris

Route runs in reverse on alternate weeks and may differ on selected cruise dates. Family, golf, walking and wine theme cruises available for Private Charters (supplements may apply). Contact A&K for details.



ON BOARD

- ▶ 12 guests, 6 crew
- ▶ 2 queen/twin junior suites, 4 queen/twin cabins, each with en suite bathroom
- ▶ Bicycles available
- ▶ Air-conditioned throughout
- ▶ Spa tub on deck



'L'Impressionniste'

Burgundy Canal Limited to 12 guests

Beautiful 'L'Impressionniste' floats through the wine country of central Burgundy, cruising a tranquil stretch of the Canal de Bourgogne between Fleurey-sur-Ouche and Escommes. Along the way, stroll through Dijon, sample the vintages at renowned Clos de Vougeot and visit Beaune's 14th-century Hôtel-Dieu.

DAY 1: Meet in Paris; embark on 'L'Impressionniste,' moored in Fleurey-sur-Ouche

DAY 2: Clos de Vougeot; private tasting at family-owned Domaine Rion

DAY 3: Market day walking tour of Dijon

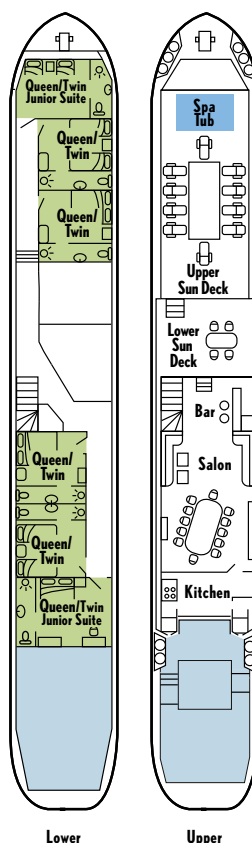
DAY 4: Beaune, including Bastion de l'Oratoire & Hôtel-Dieu; private tasting & lunch ashore at Domaine Chanson

DAY 5: Medieval village and castle of Châteauneuf-en-Auxois

DAY 6: Private falconry display at Château de Commarin, meeting Count Bertrand de Vogue, the resident 26th-generation owner

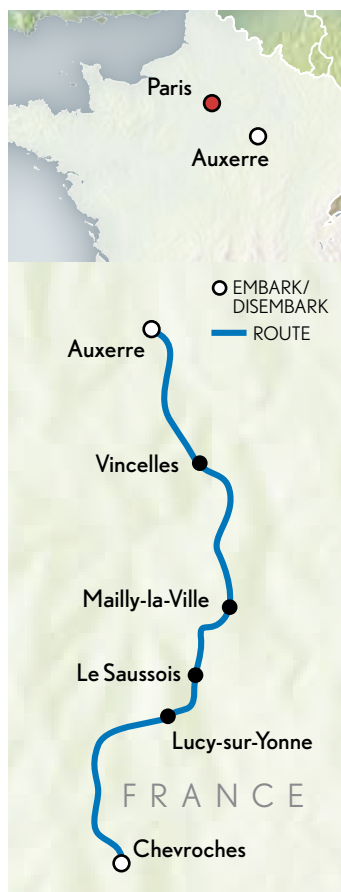
DAY 7: Disembark in Escommes; return to Paris

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ON BOARD

- ▶ 12 guests, 6 crew
- ▶ 2 queen/twin junior suites, 4 queen/twin cabins, each with en suite bathroom
- ▶ Bicycles available
- ▶ Air-conditioned throughout
- ▶ Spa tub on deck



'L'Art de Vivre'

Canal du Nivernais Limited to 8 guests

Celebrate the art of fine living in traditional Burgundian style aboard relaxing 'L'Art de Vivre.' Cruise past hillside vineyards, and visit medieval villages with half-timbered houses and spectacular churches. In Chablis, visit Domaine Laroche for a private wine tasting and lunch. Admire the beautiful Romanesque basilica in Vézelay, and explore 12th-century Château de Bazoches.

DAY 1: Meet in Paris; embark on 'L'Art de Vivre,' moored in Auxerre

DAY 2: Visit the subterranean quarry at Aubigny; wine tasting at Les Caves Bailly Lapierre

DAY 3: Explore Auxerre; cruise to Mailly-la-Ville

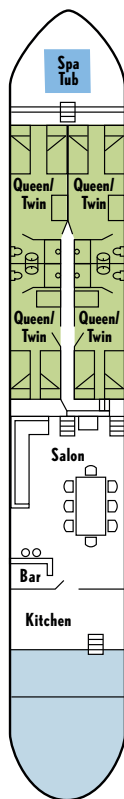
DAY 4: Private wine tasting at Domaine Laroche, including lunch ashore; cruise past the cliffs of Le Saussois

DAY 5: Visit Vézelay with its magnificent basilica, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

DAY 6: Cruise to Chevroches; Château de Bazoches; farewell dinner on board

DAY 7: Disembark in Chevroches; return to Paris

Route runs in reverse on alternate weeks and may differ on selected cruise dates. Cycling, family, golf, tennis, walking and wine theme cruises available for Private Charters (supplements may apply). Contact A&K for details.



ON BOARD

- ▶ 8 guests, 4 crew
- ▶ 4 queen/twin cabins, each with en suite bathroom
- ▶ Bicycles available
- ▶ Air-conditioned throughout
- ▶ Spa tub on deck



“Absolutely fantastic. Best food, best wine, best cheese, and the best company and crew. Best holiday ever.”

— Lindsay and Michael; Weston, CT

‘Renaissance’

Canal de Briare Limited to 8 guests

Explore the Upper Loire aboard ‘Renaissance’ as one of only eight privileged guests. Taste local vintages at a family-owned vineyard. Cruise on Gustave Eiffel’s famous canal bridge, and visit Château de Ratilly with its spectacular turreted towers.

DAY 1: Meet in Paris; embark on ‘Renaissance,’ moored in Montargis

DAY 2: Morning cruise to Montbouy; cooking demonstration at Château de La Bussière

DAY 3: Explore Montargis, known for its praline confections; cruise to Rogny-les-Sept-Écluses with its 350-year-old seven-lock staircase

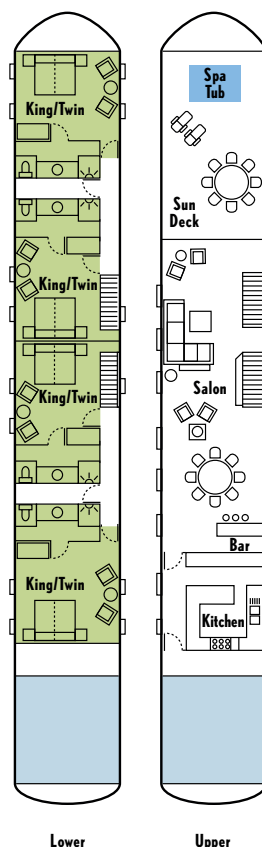
DAY 4: Visit to studio home of celebrated 19th-century artist Rosa Bonheur with lunch ashore in her salon

DAY 5: Cruise to Briare; visit a family-owned winery in Sancerre for a private tour and tasting

DAY 6: Briare market; cruise Eiffel’s canal bridge; visit a traditional pottery workshop at Château de Ratilly

DAY 7: Disembark in Châtillon-sur-Loire; return to Paris

Route runs in reverse on alternate weeks and may differ on selected cruise dates. Family, golf and wine theme cruises available for Private Charters (supplements may apply). Contact A&K for details.



ON BOARD

- ▶ 8 guests, 5 crew
- ▶ 4 king/twin cabins, each with en suite bathroom
- ▶ Bicycles available
- ▶ Air-conditioned throughout
- ▶ Spa tub and covered dining area on deck



'Finesse'

Canal du Centre & Saône River Limited to 8 guests

Built with luxury in mind, 'Finesse' meanders through the vineyard-clad countryside of southern Burgundy. Visit 14th-century Château de Germolles, and explore ancient Autun with its Roman gates and amphitheatre. In Beaune, see fascinating Hôtel-Dieu and visit prestigious Maison Champy for a wine tasting and gourmet lunch in their cellars. Enjoy a private tasting at Château de Chamirey and visit the magnificent Clos de Vougeot.

DAY 1: Meet in Dijon; embark on 'Finesse,' moored in St-Julien-sur-Dheune

DAY 2: Visit to 14th-century Château de Germolles

DAY 3: Ancient Autun and its 12th-century cathedral

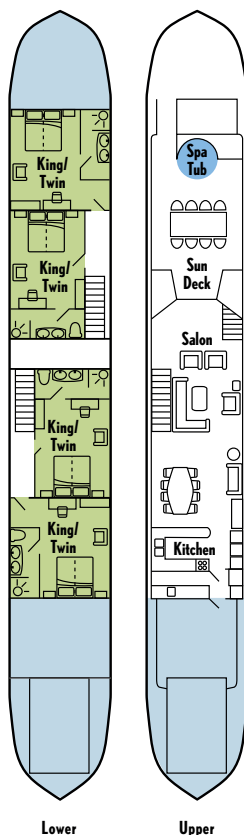
DAY 4: Tour of Beaune, including Hôtel-Dieu; gourmet lunch and tasting ashore at Maison Champy

DAY 5: Tour and private tasting at Domaine Chanzy

DAY 6: Morning cruise onto the Saône River; visit historic Clos de Vougeot

DAY 7: Disembark in Chalon-sur-Saône; return to Dijon

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ON BOARD

- ▶ 8 guests, 5 crew
- ▶ 4 king/twin cabins, each with en suite bathroom
- ▶ Bicycles available
- ▶ Air-conditioned throughout
- ▶ Spa tub on deck
- ▶ Open demonstration kitchen



France: Provence & the South



The spectacular tiered arches of Pont du Gard

Visit Carcassonne, a formidable fortress from the Middle Ages

Discover Roman Heritage and Emblematic Wildlife

While exploring the sun-drenched South of France — land of painters and storied artists — see stunning vineyards and Languedoc, with its ties to the Cathars and a reputation for producing nearly half of the wine the country consumes.

As you float at a relaxed pace along the Canal du Midi, stop to visit Molière's home of Pézenas or the busy indoor market in Narbonne, pausing to savour renowned vintages, or marvel at the Roman aqueduct, Pont du Gard.

Historically home to the Greeks, Romans and Moors, “le Midi” claims a unique identity — Provençal, rather than merely French. Savour a wine tasting at Château Pech-Celeyran, join a truffle hunt, visit a lavender distillery or experience the magnificent walled city of Carcassonne before returning to your stylish vessel for gourmet meals.

Sleep soundly in comfortable, well-appointed cabins, refuelling for the next day's adventure, perhaps at Arles' Roman amphitheatre or clifftop Les Baux-de-Provence.

Glide through the wildlife-rich Camargue wetlands, where you may sight any of the 400 species of birds living there, such as the greater flamingo. Or stop at a manade (ranch) to watch as local cowboys tend to their horses and bulls, including the iconic gray-white Camargue horse, an ancient symbol of freedom and romance that embodies the spirit of the region.

Take a closer look at the cruise routes we explore in this region below, which span the Rhône River and Canal du Midi.





Rhône River

First used as a trade route by the ancient Greeks, the mighty Rhône River has always been the favoured link between the Mediterranean Sea and northern Europe. The Romans planted the Vallée du Rhône's first vineyards, and Côtes du Rhône vintages are still among the country's best. Influential cities such as Arles, Lyon and Avignon, a 14th-century papal residence, grew along its banks.

Canal du Midi

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Canal du Midi is the 17th-century masterpiece of Pierre-Paul Riquet, who transformed technical achievement into a work of art. One lock at the town of Béziers, cut from solid rock, was constructed by a largely female workforce and remains a marvel of engineering. The canal is popular with locals and visitors alike; look for canoers and fishermen lazily sharing the waters with you.

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Glide along the twisting green waters of France's Canal du Midi



The Cathedral of Saint Trophime and its striking west portal

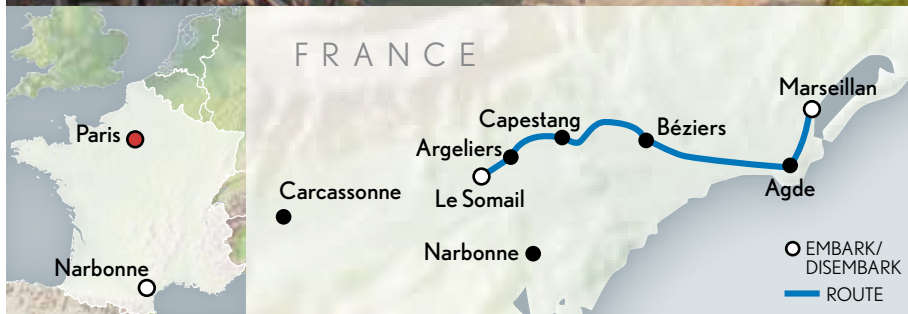


Carcassonne

The strategic site of Carcassonne has two entrances — Porte Narbonnaise and Porte d'Aude — and has been fortified for more than 2,000 years. The old town, La Cité, is extraordinarily preserved, appearing much as it did in the Middle Ages. Its inner ramparts were built by the Visigoths in the sixth century; the outer ramparts were begun by Louis IX. The city fell into decline and was all but abandoned by the 19th century prior to its restoration. Stunning Carcassonne has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1997.



Historic fortress of Carcassonne



“A cruise made memorable by the kindness, patience and generosity of the crew. Everyone was so wonderful. *Merci beaucoup* to the entire team.”

— Sherry

‘Anjodi’

Canal du Midi Limited to 8 guests

Enjoy life aboard ‘Anjodi’ as you cruise the Canal du Midi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Disembark to stroll charming Pézenas, peruse Narbonne’s vibrant indoor market and join a truffle hunt. Enjoy a wine tasting at Château Pech-Céleyran and dinner ashore at a local bistro in Béziers. Visit the walled medieval city of Carcassonne.

DAY 1: Meet in Narbonne; embark on ‘Anjodi,’ moored in Le Somail

DAY 2: Walled city of Carcassonne; private winery tour and tasting at Château de Paraza

DAY 3: Capestang village; truffle hunt with tastings of truffles and olive oils

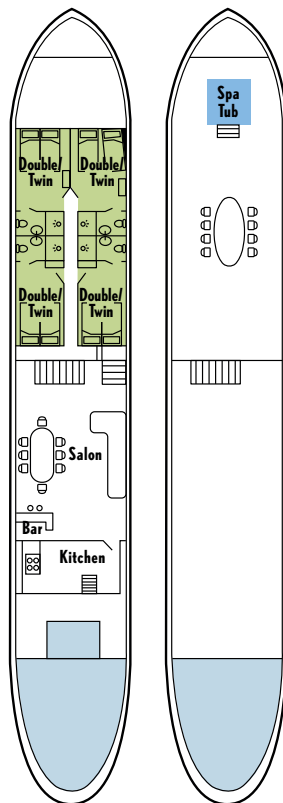
DAY 4: Indoor market at Narbonne; world’s oldest canal tunnel at Malpas; dinner ashore in Béziers

DAY 5: Fonserannes Locks; visit Pézenas, home to the playwright Molière

DAY 6: Cruise through Nature Reserve Bagnas; tour and tasting at Noilly Prat vermouth distillery

DAY 7: Disembark in Marseillan; return to Narbonne

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ON BOARD

- ▶ 8 guests, 4 crew
- ▶ 4 double/twin cabins, each with en suite bathroom
- ▶ Bicycles available
- ▶ Air-conditioned throughout
- ▶ Spa tub on deck



'Athos'

Canal du Midi & Petit Camargue Limited to 10 guests

Relax aboard 'Athos' – a charming vessel converted from an authentic wine barge – with bright cabins and a spacious, canopied sun deck. Absorb the beauty of the Canal du Midi and "Petit Camargue" wetlands, visit the medieval walled city of Carcassonne, taste olive oil where it is pressed, sample vermouth at the distillery of Noilly Prat, and explore the indoor market at Narbonne.

DAY 1: Meet in Béziers; embark on 'Athos,' moored in the charming port of Argeliers

DAY 2: Medieval walled city of Carcassonne; cruise to La Croisade

DAY 3: Olive oil tasting at L'Oulibo; village of Minerve

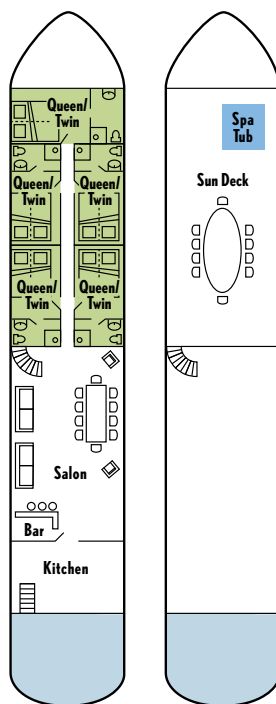
DAY 4: Indoor market and tour of Roman Narbonne; cruise to the lock staircase at Fonserannes

DAY 5: Market town of Pézenas; cruise to Portiragnes

DAY 6: Cruise the "Petit Camargue" wetlands; Noilly Prat vermouth distillery tour

DAY 7: Disembark in Marseillan; return to Béziers

Route runs in reverse on alternate weeks and may differ on selected cruise dates. Art, family, golf, tennis and wine theme cruises available for Private Charters (supplements may apply). Contact A&K for details.



ON BOARD

- ▶ 10 guests, 5 crew
- ▶ 5 queen/twin cabins, each with en suite bathroom
- ▶ Bicycles available
- ▶ Air-conditioned throughout
- ▶ Spa tub on deck



‘Enchanté’

Canal du Midi Limited to 8 guests

Cruise the Canal du Midi in contemporary style, exploring the memorable walled city of Carcassonne; hunting and tasting truffles paired with fine olive oils in Argeliers; and absorbing the beauty of Lagrasse, where you enjoy lunch at an *auberge* overlooking Corbières’ idyllic, vineyard-covered hills.

DAY 1: Meet in Narbonne; embark on ‘Enchanté’, moored in Sallèles d’Aude

DAY 2: Join a truffle hunt in Argeliers, savouring your harvest paired with a tasting of fine olive oils

DAY 3: Indoor market at Narbonne; afternoon cruise to Homps

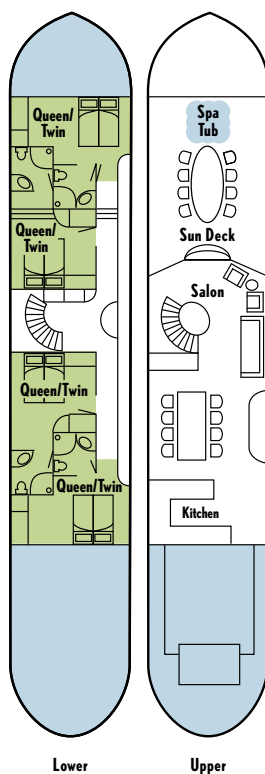
DAY 4: Benedictine abbey in Lagrasse; lunch ashore

DAY 5: Private winery tour and tasting at Château Maris in the Minervois La Livinière

DAY 6: Walled city of Carcassonne

DAY 7: Disembark in Trèbes; return to Narbonne

Route runs in reverse on alternate weeks and may differ on selected cruise dates. Culinary, family, golf and wine theme cruises available for Private Charters (supplements may apply). Contact A&K for details.



ON BOARD

- ▶ 8 guests, 5 crew
- ▶ 4 queen/twin cabins, each with en suite bathroom
- ▶ Bicycles available
- ▶ Air-conditioned throughout
- ▶ Spa tub on deck
- ▶ Open demonstration kitchen



France & Germany: Champagne, Alsace & the Moselle



Unveil a Tapestry of French, Roman and German Flavours

From stylish cities to Romanesque cathedrals to wine traditions known the world over, Champagne's cultural legacy has endured for countless generations. It is here you will find the oldest and most prestigious vineyards in France, where viticulturists continue a practice dating back to the 1700s.

A true crossroads of cultures, Alsace blends the best of France and Germany without losing sight of its own distinct identity. In this vibrant slice of Western Europe, discover centuries-old traditions; trace the winding Route des Vins d'Alsace; and explore delightful locales such as Strasbourg, Saverne and La Petit Pierre.

Float along scenic waterways aboard your canal barge, admiring colourful villages and rich greenery. Each day, enjoy delicious meals prepared by a master chef, paired with fine regional wines. Ashore, you savour dinner at a local restaurant and even stop at an authentic French *pâtisserie*, flaunting a rainbow of tarts, eclairs and macarons.

One of Germany's most important wine-growing regions, the Moselle River Valley delights travellers with charming avenues and storybook castles. Visit the family cellars of Franz-Josef Weis for a tasting in the intimate wine town of Zell, certain to be a memorable highlight of your cruise experience.

Below, find out more about the cruise routes we explore in this region, which span Champagne, Alsace-Lorraine and the Moselle River.



Visit the cellars of Champagne Billecart-Salmon



Champagne

As the birthplace of bubbly, Champagne enjoys a much celebrated legacy, along with the exclusive right to label the sparkling wine produced here as Champagne. Quiet villages and family-run vineyards dot the picturesque region, and a warm welcome can always be expected. The Marne River winds through this area, retracing a trade route dating back to Julius Caesar's conquest of Gaul in 56 BC. Explore it by canal barge, pausing for tours and tastings at renowned wine and Champagne estates.

Alsace-Lorraine

In the borderlands of Alsace-Lorraine, the history, cuisine and character of France mingle with the traditions of neighbouring Germany. Here, charming, fairy-tale villages give way to mountaintop castle La Petite Pierre. Witness life along the postcard-worthy Canal de la Marne au Rhin, a 312-kilometre-long canal linking Paris with eastern France and featuring more than 150 locks as well as several long tunnels through the Vosges Mountains. The Saint-Louis-Arzviller boat lift is an engineering masterpiece, accomplishing its 44-metre vertical drop in a matter of minutes, making for a most intriguing ride.

"Absolutely delightful, refreshing, relaxing and restful. Everyone was simply spectacular, attentive without intruding, helpful and available. One of the best weeks of our lives. Cannot wait to return."

— T. and L.Y.



Explore Cochem along the tranquil Moselle River

Moselle River

Germany’s valley of the Moselle River is a captivating blend of ancient cultures, winemaking traditions and fascinating history. Over the last 800 years, the valley provided an arena for fierce conflicts, brave knights and the construction of mighty castles. Numerous hilltop castles attest to an impressive Roman legacy, while idyllic towns and villages with half-timbered houses are terraced neatly into hillsides. The grapes that thrive on its slate-lined slopes produce some of the best Rieslings in the world, as you will discover at local winery tastings.



Sample local vintages on a vineyard visit and wine tasting along the Moselle

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Cochem, Germany



‘Panache’

Canal de la Marne au Rhin

Limited to 12 guests

Lovely ‘Panache’ cruises past the quaint canalside towns of Alsace. Visit the 12th-century Gothic cathedral, stroll the charming Petit France district, drive the scenic Route des Vins d’Alsace and have dinner ashore, and admire Chagall’s stained glass at a 13th-century chapel.

DAY 1: Meet in Strasbourg; embark on ‘Panache,’ moored in nearby Krafft

DAY 2: Cruise through the Grand Ried wetlands; tour of Strasbourg’s cathedral and Petit France district

DAY 3: Scenic drive along the Route des Grands Vins with a private tasting of the local wines; dinner ashore

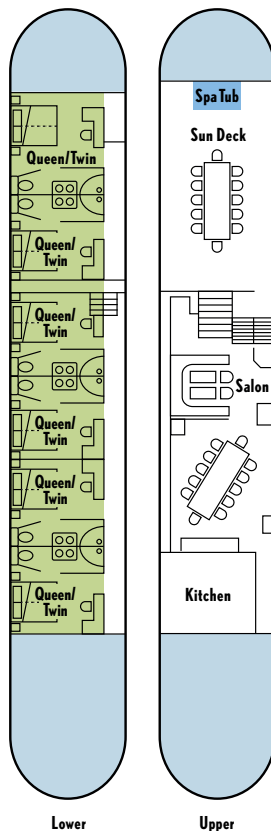
DAY 4: Walking tour of Saverne

DAY 5: Mountaintop village of La Petite Pierre; René Lalique collection of glassware

DAY 6: Visit a local glassworks; Arzwiller boat elevator; Chagall’s stained glass at Chapelle des Cordeliers

DAY 7: Disembark in Niderviller; return to Strasbourg

Route runs in reverse on alternate weeks and may differ on selected cruise dates. Family theme cruises are available for Private Charters, and Christmas Markets cruises are available in Nov-Dec. Contact A&K for details. ‘Panache’ also cruises in Holland (see page 46).



ON BOARD

- ▶ 12 guests, 6 crew
- ▶ 6 queen/twin cabins, each with en suite bathroom
- ▶ Bicycles available
- ▶ Air-conditioned throughout
- ▶ Spa tub on deck



'La Nouvelle Etoile'

Moselle River

Limited to 8 guests

Watch life unfold along the Moselle River from refined 'La Nouvelle Etoile,' unwinding in its on-deck spa tub. Visit a romantic medieval castle set in a forest. Stroll delightful Cochem with its half-timbered houses. Explore charming Zell, the Roman city of Trier, and Luxembourg's capital with its cobbled streets and fascinating fortress. Along the way, partake in wine tastings at renowned local vineyards.

DAY 1: Meet in Frankfurt; embark on 'La Nouvelle Etoile,' moored in Remich

DAY 2: See Luxembourg city's ancient fortifications

DAY 3: Trier, Germany's oldest town; wine tasting at Dr. Pauly-Bergweiler estate

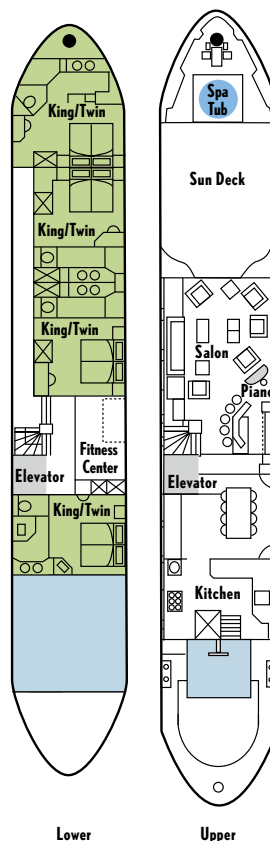
DAY 4: Cruise to beautiful Zell; family cellars of Franz-Josef Weis

DAY 5: Cruise to Cochem; visit Burg Eltz castle, set in a romantic forest

DAY 6: Charming lanes and squares of Koblenz

DAY 7: Disembark in Koblenz; return to Frankfurt

Route runs in reverse on alternate weeks and may differ on selected cruise dates. 'La Nouvelle Etoile' also cruises in Holland (see page 47). Routes in France are also available. Contact A&K for details.



ON BOARD

- ▶ 8 guests, 5 crew
- ▶ 4 king/twin cabins, each with en suite bathroom
- ▶ Bicycles available
- ▶ Air-conditioned throughout
- ▶ Spa tub on deck
- ▶ Small exercise room
- ▶ Piano in salon

Italy



Explore Venice, one of the world's most spellbinding cities

Explore Romantic Cities and Taste Legendary Cuisine

An epicentre of cultural riches, culinary masterpieces and ancient civilizations, Italy casts a powerful spell over locals and visitors alike. Discover its magic across the Venetian Lagoon and Po Valley, exploring fertile landscapes and savouring a private wine tasting at a seventh-century villa.

Learn more about the cruise route we explore in this region, which spans Venice and the Po Valley.

Venice

A large, crescent-shaped inlet of the Adriatic Sea, the ecologically rich Venetian Lagoon is home to sandbars, mud flats and the 118 islands that make up the city of Venice. From its earliest days, this ethereal, romantic waterscape has bewitched artists, poets, musicians and travellers from around the world. When you consider the serenity of its canals, the glory of its architecture and the beguiling ambience of its waterfront, Venice may well be the most romantic city on earth.

Po Valley

The longest valley in Italy, the Po Valley is world renowned for its exquisite wines. It is also a major agricultural area for the country, where much of its grain is grown, most notably the flavourful rice used in classic risotto. A blend of natural landscapes, the region is laced with myriad hiking trails. Mantua, capital of the surrounding province, holds a special place in Italian cultural and musical life, while Ferrara, a Renaissance masterpiece, is home to the Dukes of Este, former rivals of Florence's powerful Medici family. On the shores of the Po River, enjoy dinner at a private villa where Lord Byron courted his beloved Contessa Teresa Gamba.



Walk in the footsteps of Mantua's nobility at the Ducal Palace

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‘La Bella Vita’

Po Valley & Venetian Lagoon

Limited to 20 guests

Cruise the Venetian Lagoon and Italy's Po Valley aboard relaxing 'La Bella Vita.' Tour the Castello district in Venice, dine ashore at romantic Villa Ca' Zen, enjoy a private wine tasting at Villa Widmann-Borletti and visit the fascinating 14th-century Ducal Palace in Mantua.

DAY 1: Meet in Mestre; embark on 'La Bella Vita'

DAY 2: Walking tour of Venice, including the Castello district; cruise to Pellestrina

DAY 3: Historic town of Chioggia; cruise through a nature reserve; private dinner ashore at Villa Ca' Zen

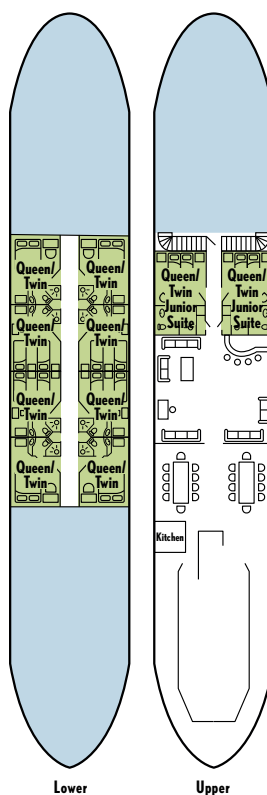
DAY 4: Archaeological Museum at Adria; private wine tasting at Villa Widmann-Borletti; cruise to Zelo

DAY 5: Schifanoia Palace in Ferrara; cruise to Governolo

DAY 6: Cruise to Mantua; visit to 14th-century Ducal Palace

DAY 7: Disembark; return to Mestre

Route runs in reverse on alternate weeks and may differ on selected cruise dates. Family, garden, golf, opera and wine theme cruises available for Private Charters (supplements may apply). Contact A&K for details.



ON BOARD

- ▶ 20 guests, 6-10 crew
- ▶ 2 queen/twin junior suites, 8 queen/twin cabins, each with en suite bathroom
- ▶ Bicycles available
- ▶ Air-conditioned throughout
- ▶ Panoramic rooftop sun deck with spa tub
- ▶ Piano in salon

Ireland, Scotland & England



Discover enchanting Urquhart Castle, once a medieval stronghold

Enjoy the Charms and Traditions of Three Great Nations

Watch history unfold before your eyes as you cruise Ireland's River Shannon and inner lakes, Scotland's Caledonian Canal and Loch Ness, or England's River Thames. Enjoy a glimpse into the character and customs of a unique people on whichever journey you choose to take through these storied lands.

Get a closer look below at the cruise routes we explore in this region, which include the River Thames, Caledonian Canal and Loch Ness, Lough Ree, Lough Derg, and the River Shannon.

River Thames

The Thames weaves its way through a tapestry of English history — a world of picturesque villages, winding backwaters, tidy locks and paddling ducks. As you travel through the natural beauty of Buckinghamshire and Berkshire, visit historic sites including Hampton Court, a former palace of Henry VIII, and Windsor Castle, still in use by the royal family. Frequent stops along the way give you the time to wander and explore the tranquil villages that have sprung up along this ancient route.

Caledonian Canal & Loch Ness

The awe-inspiring beauty of the Highlands imbues Scotland with a rich natural heritage. The 96-kilometre-long Caledonian Canal stretches from the Highlands' capital of Inverness to Fort William. Only partly manmade, it actually links several lochs — including the infamous Loch Ness. Search for the mythical monster as you cruise through the Great Glen, anchoring beside ancient castles that dot the heather-clad hills. From Banavie, with its impressive set of eight 19th-century locks called Neptune's Staircase, there are excellent views of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain.

Sample Irish whiskey at a distillery



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Lough Ree

The 52 islands of Lough Ree were once inhabited by monks, whose ecclesiastical treasures attracted seafaring Viking raiders. In today's more peaceful Ireland, the tranquil lake is a place for pastimes such as fishing and birdwatching. Picturesque small towns along its shores, with names like Glasson and Athlone, welcome guests with typical Irish hospitality.

Lough Derg

Unspoiled Lough Derg is an often-overlooked Irish treasure cosily positioned on the River Shannon. Its inviting lakeside towns and villages are steeped in history. Killaloe is best known as the birthplace of Brian Boru, Ireland's legendary 11th-century high king. Perched high above the Lough, the charming estate village of Mountshannon was once a planned community and a centre of linen manufacturing. The enchanting hamlet of Terryglass, situated along Lough Derg's northeastern shore, has twice won the distinction of being "Ireland's Tidiest Town."

River Shannon

Rising in the misty moors of County Cavan, the 259-kilometre-long River Shannon nearly divides Ireland in two. Along its banks are dozens of historic towns, castles and monasteries that testify to Ireland's storied and turbulent history. The river's floodplain is dotted with marshy grasslands and bogs. Cruise the Shannon Callows, a remarkable protected wetland, to see its abundance of diverse birdlife and plant species. There is time to listen to a *seisún* (traditional music session), enjoy the *craic* (fun) and share a pint on a relaxing journey through the land of *céad míle fáilte* (a hundred thousand welcomes).



‘Shannon Princess’

Lough Ree, Lough Derg & River Shannon
Limited to 10 guests

Indulge in gourmet fare aboard ‘Shannon Princess,’ listed in Ireland’s Blue Book and featured in the hit Irish TV show *Neven’s Irish Food Trails*. Disembark to visit a whiskey distillery, attend a falconry display and observe an authentic handweavers’ workshop. Enjoy lunch ashore at an oyster bar in Galway, and swap stories with the locals in a pub.

DAY 1: Meet in Dublin; embark on ‘Shannon Princess,’ moored in Glasson

DAY 2: Whiskey tasting at Kilbeggan Distillery; explore Athlone’s old town

DAY 3: Evocative ruins of ancient Clonmacnoise; visit reputedly haunted Leap Castle

DAY 4: Cruise Lough Derg; visit Birr Castle Gardens

DAY 5: Walled kitchen gardens of Portumna Castle; visit Galway with authentic oyster bar lunch ashore

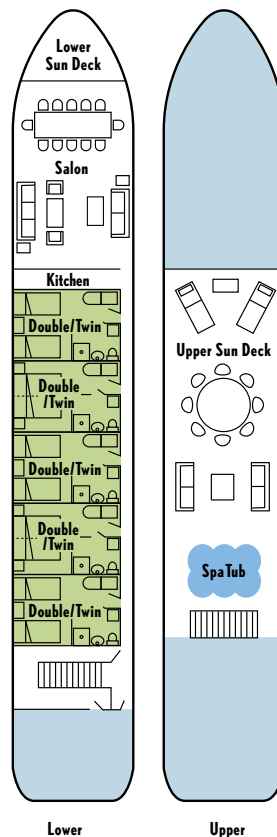
DAY 6: Falconry display at Adare Manor; Irish handweavers’ workshop

DAY 7: Disembark in Killaloe; return to Dublin

Route runs in reverse on alternate weeks and may differ on selected cruise dates. Artisan, family, golf and walking theme cruises available for Private Charters (supplements may apply). Contact A&K for details.

ON BOARD

- ▶ 10 guests, 5 crew
- ▶ 5 double/twin cabins, each with en suite bathroom
- ▶ Bicycles available
- ▶ Air-conditioned throughout
- ▶ Spa tub on deck





‘Scottish Highlander’

Caledonian Canal & Loch Ness

Limited to 8 guests

Cruise a scenic route along canal, loch and river on the graceful ‘Scottish Highlander,’ savouring traditional Scottish fare. Explore ancient castles and forts, visit one of Scotland’s oldest whisky distilleries, and keep an eye out for “Nessie” as you sail fabled Loch Ness.

DAY 1: Meet in Inverness; embark on ‘Scottish Highlander,’ moored in Muirtown

DAY 2: Culloden Moor battlefield

DAY 3: Scenic Cawdor Castle; cruise on Loch Ness, passing Urquhart Castle

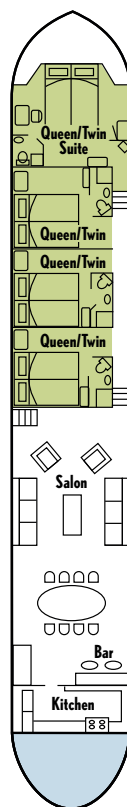
DAY 4: Falconry display at the Highland Club; village of Fort Augustus; dinner ashore

DAY 5: Cruise on lovely Loch Oich; Eilean Donan Castle

DAY 6: Neptune’s Staircase; whisky tasting at Dalwhinnie Distillery

DAY 7: Disembark in Banavie; return to Inverness

Route runs in reverse on alternate weeks and may differ on selected cruise dates. Family, golf and Whisky Trail theme cruises available for Private Charters (supplements may apply). Contact A&K for details.



ON BOARD

- ▶ 8 guests, 5 crew
- ▶ 1 queen/twin suite and 3 queen/twin cabins, each with en suite bathroom
- ▶ Observation area in wheelhouse
- ▶ Bicycles available
- ▶ Central heating; air conditioning in salon



‘Spirit of Scotland’

Caledonian Canal & Loch Ness
Limited to 12 guests

Admire the breathtaking scenery of the Scottish Highlands in comfort aboard ‘Spirit of Scotland,’ which evokes the style of traditional steamers that plied the waters in days gone by. Relax in the spacious salon with its large picture windows or lounge in the heated spa pool on the expansive sun deck. Go ashore to explore romantic castles, visit historic battlefields and tour a distillery to learn about the whisky-making process.

DAY 1: Meet in Inverness; embark on ‘Spirit of Scotland,’ moored in Banavie

DAY 2: Whisky tasting at Dalwhinnie Distillery

DAY 3: Scenic cruise on lovely Loch Oich; romantic Eilean Donan Castle

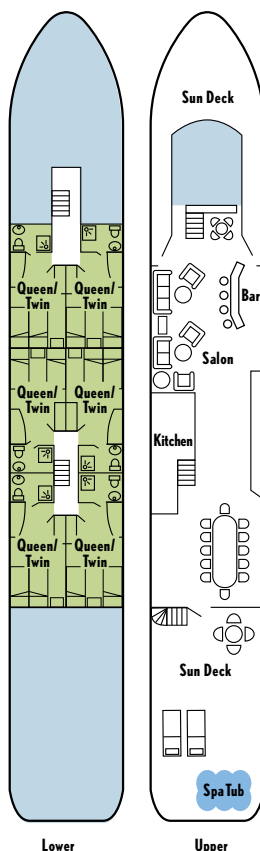
DAY 4: Falconry display at the Highland Club; village of Fort Augustus; dinner ashore

DAY 5: Cruise on Loch Ness past Urquhart Castle ruins; Cawdor Castle

DAY 6: Culloden Moor battlefield

DAY 7: Disembark in Muirtown; return to Inverness

Route runs in reverse on alternate weeks and may differ on selected cruise dates. Family, garden, golf and Whisky Trail theme cruises available for Private Charters (supplements may apply). Contact A&K for details.



ON BOARD

- ▶ 12 guests, 6 crew
- ▶ 6 queen/twin cabins, each with en suite bathroom
- ▶ Panoramic upper sun deck
- ▶ Bicycles available
- ▶ Central heating; air-conditioned throughout
- ▶ Spa tub on deck



‘Magna Carta’

River Thames

Limited to 8 guests

Lovely ‘Magna Carta’ takes you on a voyage of discovery on the River Thames. Explore the tapestry of English history with visits to 11th-century Windsor Castle and Dorney Court, a Tudor manor house, and the lush gardens of 17th-century Cliveden – home of the Astors. Later, meet master craftspeople at work in a boatyard.

DAY 1: Meet in London to enjoy traditional cream tea; embark on ‘Magna Carta,’ moored at Hampton Court

DAY 2: Tour Hampton Court, the Tudor palace of Henry VIII

DAY 3: Visit to 11th-century Windsor Castle

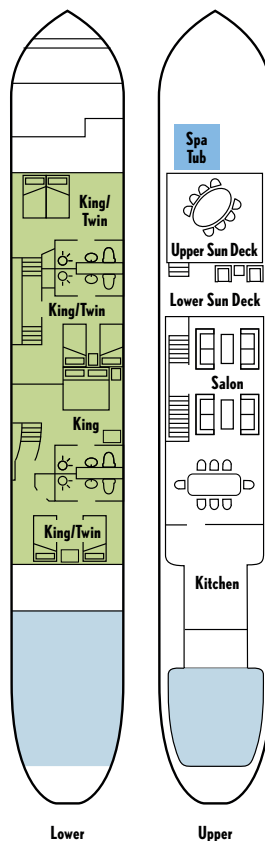
DAY 4: Tudor mansion Dorney Court; cruise to an exclusive mooring on the Cliveden estate

DAY 5: Stanley Spencer Gallery visit; Peter Freebody’s traditional wooden boat restoration yard

DAY 6: Excursion to Oxford, including a tour of Christ Church college

DAY 7: Disembark in Henley-on-Thames; return to London

Route runs in reverse on alternate weeks and may differ on selected cruise dates. Antiques, family, golf, tennis and walking theme cruises available for Private Charters (supplements may apply). Contact A&K for details.



ON BOARD

- ▶ 8 guests, 5 crew
- ▶ 3 king/twin cabins and 1 king cabin, each with en suite bathroom
- ▶ Bicycles available
- ▶ Air-conditioned and heated throughout
- ▶ Under-floor heating in cabins and bathrooms
- ▶ Spa tub on deck

Holland





Experience Famous Dutch Hospitality at Its Best

Tulips. Canals. Bicycles. Art by the Old Masters. These may be the first things that come to mind when thinking of Holland, but there is so much more. Travelling the waterways is one of the best ways to explore this enchanting land of windmills, chocolate and spectacular spring flowers. Although the canals of Holland were built out of necessity — as repositories for seawater pumped from low-lying shores — their presence resulted in reclaimed land and a very popular system of transportation. A cruise affords a scenic look at medieval architecture; reveals traditional crafts; and offers a sampling of delicious cuisine set amid bustling, cosmopolitan cities and charming rural areas.

Take in the Renaissance grandeur of Delft's City Hall



Savour creamy Gouda cheese at a local farm



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'Panache'

Holland

Limited to 12 guests

Absorb the beauty of Amsterdam in glorious springtime. Visit the cheese town of Alkmaar and the iconic windmills of Zaanse Schans. View millions of colourful blooms at magnificent Keukenhof Gardens, followed by dinner ashore. Gaze upon Old Masters' paintings at the Frans Hals Museum, explore the university town of Leiden and tour the renowned porcelain factory in Delft.

DAY 1: Meet in Amsterdam; embark on 'Panache,' moored in Alkmaar

DAY 2: Walking tour of Alkmaar; open-air museum of Zaanse Schans

DAY 3: Cruise to Haarlem; visit Keukenhof Gardens; dinner ashore

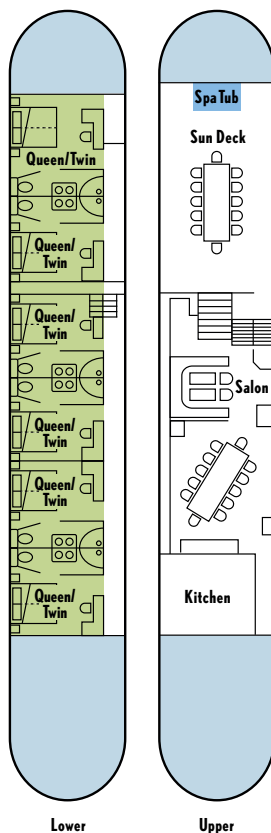
DAY 4: Frans Hals Museum; cruise to Oude Wetering

DAY 5: University town of Leiden, with private boat trip and time at leisure

DAY 6: Delft and its famous porcelain factory

DAY 7: Disembark in Delft; return to Amsterdam

Route runs in reverse on alternate weeks and may differ on selected cruise dates. Family and golf theme cruises available for Private Charters (supplements may apply). 'Panache' also cruises in Alsace (see page 34). Contact A&K for details.



ON BOARD

- ▶ 12 guests, 6 crew
- ▶ 6 queen/twin cabins, each with en suite bathroom
- ▶ Bicycles available
- ▶ Air-conditioned throughout
- ▶ Spa tub on deck



'La Nouvelle Etoile'

Holland

Limited to 8 guests

Experience the flower-filled charms of springtime in Holland as you cruise historic waterways, stopping for a cheese tasting in Gouda, a visit to the open-air museum of Zaanse Schans and a tour of Delft, with its famous porcelain. Take in the amazing spring blooms of Keukenhof Gardens, and visit the flower auction at Aalsmeer.

DAY 1: Meet in Amsterdam; embark on 'La Nouvelle Etoile,' moored in Haarlem; cruise to Zaandam

DAY 2: Open-air museum of Zaanse Schans; cruise through Amsterdam to Uithoorn

DAY 3: Explore Gouda, with a cheese tasting at a local farm and a visit to the Gothic church, Sint Janskerk

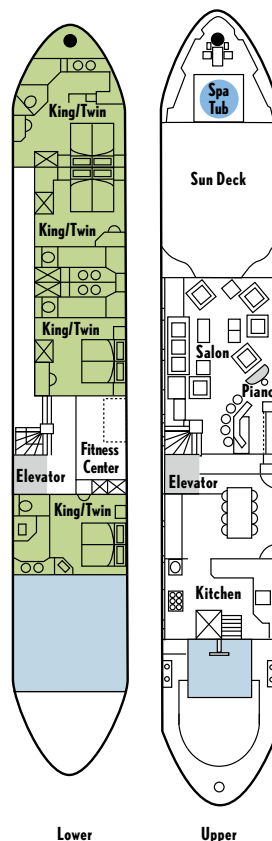
DAY 4: Cruise Rotterdam; visit Delft and tour its famous porcelain factory

DAY 5: Cruise through charming Leiden; stroll the magnificent Keukenhof Gardens

DAY 6: World's largest flower auction at Aalsmeer; Cruquius pumping station; Frans Hals Museum

DAY 7: Disembark in Haarlem; return to Amsterdam

Route may differ on selected cruise dates. 'La Nouvelle Etoile' also cruises on the Moselle (see page 35). Routes in France are also available. Contact A&K for details.



ON BOARD

- ▶ 8 guests, 5 crew
- ▶ 4 king/twin cabins, each with en suite bathroom
- ▶ Bicycles available
- ▶ Air-conditioned throughout
- ▶ Spa tub on deck
- ▶ Small exercise room
- ▶ Piano in salon

2024 European Canal Barge Cruises

All cruises depart Sundays for 6 nights.

VESSEL	PAGE#	# OF GUESTS	CABIN SIZE(S)	ROUTE LOCATIONS
France: Burgundy & the Upper Loire				
'La Belle Époque'	14	12	11–15 sq. mtr.	Burgundy Canal
'L'Impressionniste'	15	12	10–14 sq. mtr.	Burgundy Canal
'L'Art de Vivre'	16	8	9 sq. mtr.	Canal du Nivernais
'Renaissance'	17	8	24–25 sq. mtr.	Canal de Briare
'Finesse'	18	8	24 sq. mtr.	Canal du Centre & Saône River
France: Provence & the South				
'Anjodi'	24	8	8–9 sq. mtr.	Canal du Midi
'Athos'	25	10	8–10 sq. mtr.	Canal du Midi & Petit Camargue
'Enchanté'	26	8	16 sq. mtr.	Canal du Midi



VESSEL	PAGE#	# OF GUESTS	CABIN SIZE(S)	ROUTE LOCATIONS
France & Germany: Champagne, Alsace & the Moselle				
'Panache'	34	12	13–14 sq. mtr.	Canal de le Marne au Rhin
'La Nouvelle Etoile'	35	8	18 sq. mtr.	Moselle River
Italy				
'La Bella Vita'	37	20	9–12 sq. mtr.	Po Valley & Venetian Lagoon
Ireland, Scotland & England				
'Shannon Princess'	40	10	11 sq. mtr.	Lough Ree, Lough Derg & River Shannon
'Scottish Highlander'	41	8	10–13 sq. mtr.	Caledonian Canal & Loch Ness
'Spirit of Scotland'	42	12	12 sq. mtr.	Caledonian Canal & Loch Ness
'Magna Carta'	43	8	18 sq. mtr.	River Thames
Holland				
'Panache'	46	12	13–14 sq. mtr.	Holland
'La Nouvelle Etoile'	47	8	18 sq. mtr.	Holland

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