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The Renaissance barge cruising along Canal de Briare





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RENAISSANCE BARGE - UPPER LOIRE & WESTERN BURGUNDY CRUISE (TOUR CODE: 11147)

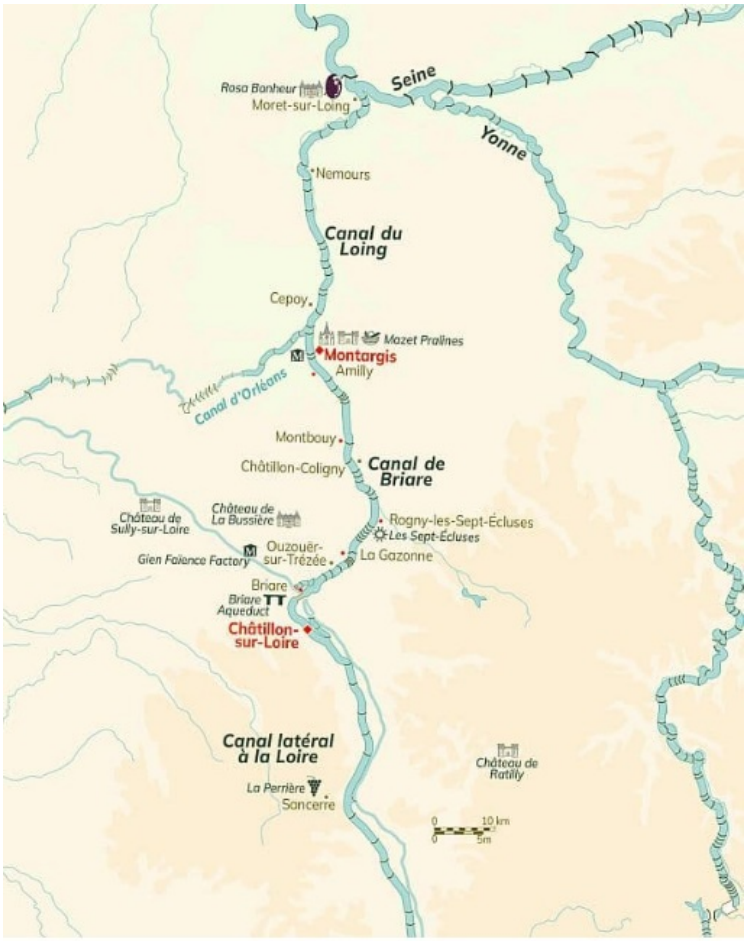
STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
in Paris	29 Mar 26 - 25 Oct 26	Cruising Food & Wine Luxury	Barge Cruising

Discover the charm and beauty of Upper Loire & Western Burgundy as you cruise along Canal de Briare and the Loire River aboard Renaissance.

Highlights

- Visit the “time capsule” studio home of 19th century artist Rosa Bonheur with a private lunch in her salon
- Tour of the privately-owned Château de La Bussière, including a cooking demonstration using seasonal
- Experience the seven lock flight at Rogny-Les-Sept-Écluses – a national historic monument
- Cruise across the **aqueduct at Briare**, built by Gustave Eiffel over the River Loire
- Enjoy a private wine tasting at the renowned Sancerre winery of Hubert Brochard
- Excellent opportunities for walking and biking

Originally built in 1960 in Belgium to transport grain and ore, Renaissancce was converted into a luxury hotel barge in 1997. Now cruising the scenic Canal de Briare and the Loire River, this elegant vessel accommodates up to eight guests in four spacious ensuite suites. Onboard amenities include a stylish saloon, dining room, sun deck with spa pool, library and bicycles. The journey through the Loire Valley and Burgundy features historic highlights such as Château de La Brussière, a private wine tasting at the renowned Sancerre winery of Hubert Brochard and plenty of oppurtunities for walking and biking.



INCLUSIONS

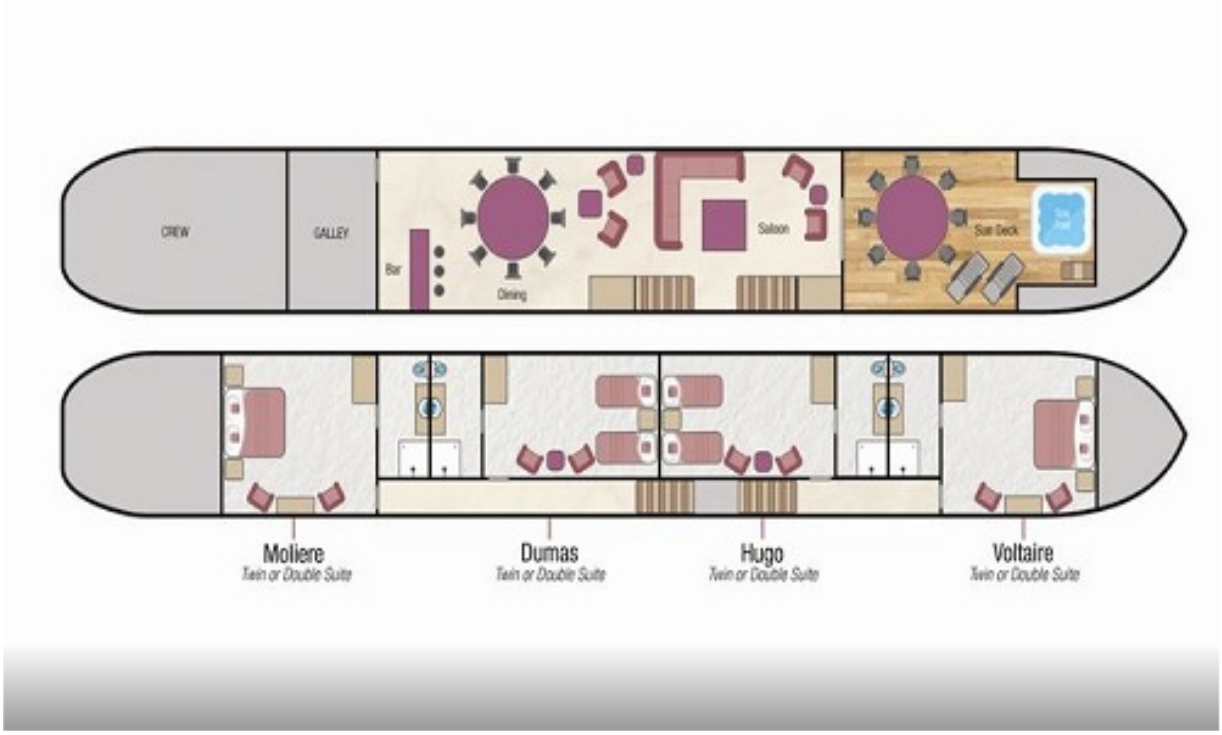
- 6 nights onboard the Hotel Barge Renaissance in a Suite
- Crew of 5 (Captain, tour guide, chef and hostesses)
- Transfers by an air-conditioned minivan
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily prepared by your chef
- Captains farewell dinner on your last night
- Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Use of barge facilities

ITINERARY

Deck Hotel Barge Renaissance

Ultra Deluxe | 8 Passengers | 5 Crew

- 127 Feet Long
- 4 Twin/Double Suites (Average 250sq ft incl. en suite)
- Spa Pool
- Air-Conditioned / Centrally Heated
- TV / DVD in suites



Day 1 Paris Montargis Amilly

You are met at a meeting point in Paris* and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to the spacious Renaissance where a **Champagne welcome with canapés** awaits you and you meet the Captain and crew.
Enjoy an afternoon cruise through picturesque **Montargis**, known as the 'Venice of Gâtinais' with its 131 bridges connecting the streets and crossing the Canal de Briare and the River Loing. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Renaissance** in a Suite.

Dinner


CHAMPAGNE WELCOME ABOARD RENAISSANCE

Day 2 Amilly Montbouy

This morning's cruise passes through wooded countryside and by the old Bardin water mill before reaching the mooring at **Montbouy**. After lunch, a visit is made to the Château de La Bussière, known as the 'Fishermen's Castle', with its beautiful ornamental and vegetable gardens. Here, a cooking demonstration is presented by the barge chef, showcasing seasonal

produce. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Renaissance** in a Suite.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



RENAISSANCE MOORED IN MONTBOUY

Day 3 Montbouy Rogny-les-Sept-Écluses

After breakfast, explore **Montargis** on foot, visiting the 11th-century château before wandering through the charming Fishermen's Quarter, where half-timbered houses line the canals. Stop at the 12th-century Church of the Madeleine to admire its soaring 62-foot nave, then visit Mazet, famed for inventing the original praline over a century ago, to see chocolate production and enjoy a tasting. The afternoon cruise takes you to the picturesque village of Rogny-les-Sept-Écluses, near the historic seven-lock flight. A short stroll to the locks is recommended before dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Renaissance** in a Suite.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



RENAISSANCE MOORED IN MONTBOUY

Day 4 Rogny-les-Sept-Écluses La Gazonne

The day focuses on Impressionist art, beginning with a walking tour of **Moret-sur-Loing,** famous for its connections to painter Alfred Sisley, viewing many of his iconic scenes. Next, a visit to Château Rosa Bonheur showcases the work of the pioneering 19th-century female artist, celebrated for her animal paintings, including one of Buffalo Bill Cody on horseback. Lunch is served in the château's salon, followed by a guided tour highlighting her life and artistic achievements. In the afternoon, a cruise passes the Rogny lock flight enroute to La Gazonne, a peaceful rural mooring surrounded by lakes and ponds supporting the Canal de Briare. Dinner is served on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Renaissance** in a Suite.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner


ROSA BONHEUR

Day 5 La Gazonne Briare

A morning cruise brings the barge to the charming town of **Briare**, home to Gustave Eiffel's remarkable aqueduct spanning the River Loire, with excellent opportunities for walking and cycling. Guests can preview Friday's crossing of the impressive 10,000-ton, 662-metre Pont Canal, completed in September 1896. In the afternoon, there is a visit to the renowned **Sancerre winery of Hubert Brochard**. Stroll through the exceptional vineyards to learn about the viticulture of the Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé appellations, followed by a private tour of the winery and a tasting of fine vintages, accompanied by the acclaimed Loire Valley 'Crottin de Chavignol' goat cheese. Dinner is served on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Renaissance** in a Suite.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



RENAISSANCE CRUISING THE BRIARE AQUEDUCT

Day 6 Briare Châtillon-sur-Loire

This morning begins with a visit to **Briare's market**, featuring food and fashion stalls, before returning to the hotel barge for lunch. Guests then enjoy a spectacular cruise across the Briare aqueduct, adorned with ornate iron lampposts and railings, spanning the wide River Loire below. In the afternoon, the delightful **Château de Ratilly** is visited, with its distinctive turreted towers dating back to 1270. In the castle workshops, traditional pottery is hand thrown, and guests have the opportunity to try this artisanal craft. The day concludes with the **Captain's Farewell Dinner** on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Renaissance** in a Suite.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



RATILLY DRIVE

Day 7 Châtillon-sur-Loire Paris

After breakfast, you are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to Paris.

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
French	EUR

Departure Dates and Pricing:

2026 Cruise Rates		
Rates are for 6 nights either: per person based on double occupancy per cabin or on a whole barge charter basis. Prices below are in Euros.		
Accommodation	**Value**	**Regular**
Suite	€8,150	€9,490
Single Supplement	€3,100	€3,600
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 6 passengers	€55,800	€65,000
Charter 7 passengers	€57,900	€67,500
Charter 8 passengers	€60,000	€70,000
Departure Dates (Sunday)	**Rates**	**Cruise Region**
Mar 29; Apr 5, 12, 19	Value	France - Western Burgundy & Upper Loire
Apr 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Jun 7, 14, 21, 28; Jul 5	Regular	France - Western Burgundy & Upper Loire
Jul 12, 19, 26; Aug 2, 9, 16	Value	France - Western Burgundy & Upper Loire
Aug 23, 30; Sep 6, 13, 20, 27; Oct 4, 11, 18	Regular	France - Western Burgundy & Upper Loire
Oct 25th	Value	France - Western Burgundy & Upper Loire

- This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. On alternate weeks, the cruise will be in the reverse direction.
- 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 2:30 pm
- Charter bookings - One location of the group's choice in Paris at 2:30 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.

* This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change - Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

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