



FRANCE

ROSA - BORDEAUX CRUISE (TOUR CODE: 9875)

STARTS AND ENDS in Bordeaux	TRAVEL PERIODS 12 Jul 26 - 25 Oct 26	EXPERIENCE Cruising Food & Wine Cultural	TRAVEL STYLE Barge Cruising
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Hotel Barge Rosa takes you on a breathtaking odyssey along the canals of southwest France.

Highlights

- Tour of the famous **Saint Émilion**
- Cruise across the 1,900 foot **Agen aqueduct**
- Tour the Garonne River aboard a **traditional flat-bottomed boat**
- **Wine, cheese and Armagnac** tastings

Rosa, a clipper-style barge built in the Netherlands in 1907 and converted into a hotel barge in 1990, is known for its elegance and charm. Featured in "Rick Stein's French Odyssey," it cruises through southern France's captivating landscapes. The barge offers a dining room, saloon bar, sun deck, and four ensuite staterooms for up to eight guests. The crew includes a captain, tour guide, master chef, and housekeeper. With bikes available, guests can explore scenic locations such as Saint Émilion and enjoy wine, cheese and Armagnac tastings.



INCLUSIONS

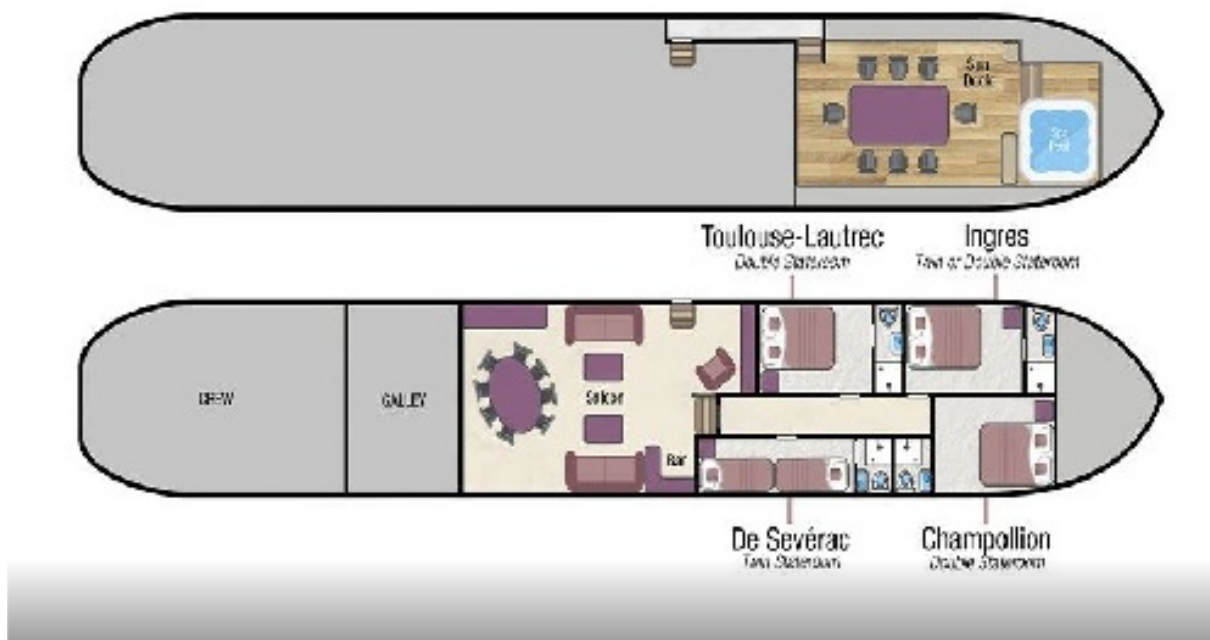
- 6 nights onboard the Hotel Barge Rosa in a Stateroom
- Crew of 4 (Captain, tour guide, chef and hostesses)
- Transfers by an air-conditioned minivan
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily prepared by your chef
- Captains farewell dinner on your last night
- Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Use of barge facilities

ITINERARY

Deck Hotel Barge Rosa

First Class | 8 Passengers | 4 Crew

- 98 Feet Long
- 2 Double Staterooms (104-110sq ft incl. en suite)
- 1 Double/Twin Staterooms (92-107sq ft incl. en suite)
- Spa Pool
- Air-Conditioned / Centrally Heated
- DVD Player in Saloon



Day 1 Bordeaux Castet-en-Dorthe

Guests are met in Bordeaux* and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to Rosa. Following a champagne welcome, there is time for a stroll before returning for your first dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Rosa** in a Stateroom.

Dinner



HOTEL BARGE ROSA

Day 2 Castet-en-Dorthe Meilhan-sur-Garonne

This morning, visit the medieval town of **Saint Emilion**, a UNESCO World Heritage site and centre of the most famous of the Bordeaux appellations. Later, stop at **Château Franc Mayne**, producer of premier and grand crus wines, where we discover the secrets of the vine and, of course, enjoy a tasting. After lunch on board, you'll follow the **Canal de Garonne**, to the port of Meilhan-sur-Garonne, before dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Rosa** in a Stateroom.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



THE MEDIEVAL TOWN OF SAINT EMILION.

Day **3**

Meilhan-sur-Garonne Lagruère

This morning enjoy a cruise to the charming little village of **Lagruère**. At this time, you can cycle or walk the tow path and enjoy the stunning countryside. Following lunch on board, tour the Garonne river aboard a traditional flat-bottomed boat, after which we visit the beautiful village of **Le Mas d'Agenais**, its 11th century church playing host to an ornate Romanesque doorway and an original masterpiece by Rembrandt. After this, take a short drive to an **artisanal dairy farm** where you will experience the entire cheese making process, culminating in a delicious tasting of goats' cheeses. Dinner, if the weather permits, is a gourmet barbecue beside the barge, overlooking the River Garonne.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



READING CORNER OF HOTEL BARGE ROSA.

Day **4**

Lagruère Buzet-sur-Baise

This morning, depart early and enjoy the colourful market of Lavardac, before heading to the 13th century bastide village of **Vianne** with its medieval streets and atypical 12th century Romanesque church. A delectable lunch of regional specialities will be served at restaurant 'Le Moulin des Saveurs', before returning to the barge for a cruise along the tranquil Canal de Garonne to your mooring at **Buzet-sur-Baise**, a pastoral haven. Dinner on board.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **5**

Buzet-sur-Baise Serignac-sur-Garonne

After breakfast, enjoy a leisurely cruise to **Serignac-sur-Garonne** with time to explore the towpath or relax on the decktop. After lunch on board, visit the medieval town of **Nérac** and tread in the footsteps of King Henry IV and Queen Margot. The château was built in the 15th century, but much was destroyed during the French Revolution and today only the impressive north wing remains. You will then stop at the Lapeyrade estate for a **cellar tasting of Armagnac**, the oldest alcohol in France. Dinner on board.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



CHARMING SALOON OF BARGE ROSA.

Day **6**

Serignac-sur-Garonne Boé

You will start the day with a morning cruise towards the final destination of **Boé**, crossing the Plan Canal d'Agen, one of the longest aqueducts in France which spans the River Garonne. After lunch, you will enjoy a stroll through the historic town of **Agen** to enjoy the colourful decorated cathedral dedicated to Saint Caprasius, before a tour and tasting of organic wines at the family-owned **Domaine Christophe Avi. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.**

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



THE SCENIC RIVER GARONNE.

Day **7**

Boé Bordeaux

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to their location in Bordeaux.

Breakfast



HOTEL BARGE ROSAIN LOCK.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

LOCAL CURRENCY

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
Stateroom	€5,250	€6,050
Single Supplement	€2,000	€2,300
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 6 passengers	€36,200	€41,800
Charter 7 passengers	€37,600	€43,400
Charter 8 passengers	€39,000	€45,000
Departure Dates (Sunday)	Rates	Cruise Region
Jul 12, 19, 26; Aug 2, 9, 16	Value	France - Gascony & Bordeaux
Aug 23, 30; Sep 6, 13, 20, 27; Oct 4, 11, 18	Regular	France - Gascony & Bordeaux
Oct 25th	Value	France - Gascony & Bordeaux

- Itinerary is subject to change. On alternate weeks, the cruise is in the reverse direction.
- Approximate transfer duration for Rosa cabin bookings are 1 - 1 hour 45 minutes, depending on the cruise route.
- This barge is available for charter bookings and theme cruises. Contact us for more details.

Pick-up Point

- Cabin bookings - The Intercontinental Bordeaux – Le Grand hotel (if guests stay the prior night) at 4:00 pm or Bordeaux Train Station (in HALLE 3 by black and yellow sign 'Point Rencontre Groups/Group Meeting Point') at 4:20 pm

- Charter bookings - One location of the group's choice in Bordeaux or Toulouse for pick-up at 4:00 pm

Drop-off Point

- Cabin bookings - Guests' choice of location in Bordeaux by 11:00 am
- Charter bookings - One location of the group's choice in Bordeaux or Toulouse by 11:00 am

Booking / Payment Process

- On our website the Barge Cruise prices are shown 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.

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