

Rendez-vous Classic Cruise Itinerary



Travel from Fleurey-sur-Ouche to Escommes on the Canal de Bourgogne



SUNDAY: Welcome Aboard

Travel: Arrival at Fleurey-sur-Ouche Meals: Dinner onboard

In the afternoon, you will be met by a crew member of the Rendez-Vous at the designated meeting point. From here, relax as you are chauffeured to Rendez-Vous, moored in the village of Fleurey-sur-Ouche. A traditional champagne welcome and introduction to the crew awaits you, before your first gourmet dinner onboard.

MONDAY: Where Monks Made Wine

Travel: Fleurey-sur-Ouche to Gisse-sur-Ouche Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner onboard

The journey continues with a morning cruise. Laze on deck in the hot tub or explore the countryside via bicycle. This afternoon, your Tour Guide accompanies you to Clos de Vougeot, where Cistercian monks made wine in the 12th century. Explore the preserved presses on which these iconic Burgundian vintages were made. Then it's back to present day pleasures with a winetasting in the vineyards of the Cote de Nuits. Return to the Rendez-Vous and relax with drinks and dinner onboard.

TUESDAY: Destination Dijon

Travel: Gisse-sur-Ouche to Pont d'Ouche Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner onboard

This morning, the town of Dijon offers a pleasurable assault of the senses. "Les Halles", the region's food market, presents a panorama of colorful produce; mustard jars are cheerfully displayed in boutiques; and public gardens are vibrant with greenery and scenery. Shop, stroll, and sip your way through this small city brimming with authentic French life. Return to the barge for a lazy afternoon cruise. Explore the towpath with a sunset stroll or relaxing bicycle ride as Chef prepares tonight's dinner.

WEDNESDAY: The Best of Burgundy in Beaune

Travel: Moored in Pont d'Ouche Meals: Breakfast & dinner onboard, lunch ashore

Begin the day with a drive through the Cote d'Or vineyards to the charming town of Beaune, the region's wine capital. The methods of making mustard are revealed during a tour and tasting at the factory Fallot, the last independent mill in Burgundy. After free time to explore the local market, enjoy luncheon ashore at a charming bistro. Next, visit the Hospice de Beaune, an immaculately preserved Medieval hospital built in the 15th century. Return to the Rendez-Vous where Chef is putting the finishing touches on tonight's delicious dinner.

THURSDAY: Explore a Magnificent Medieval Castle

Travel: Pont d'Ouche to Vandenesse en Auxois Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner onboard

Relax on the deck with a freshly brewed cup of coffee during today's morning cruise. This afternoon, your Tour Guide escorts you to Chateauneuf-en-Auxois, a village perched atop a hill overlooking the Canal. Chateauneuf's imposing position refers to its history as a 15th century fortress. A tour of the Chateau reveals architectural details and timeworn relics which speak to the deprivations and decadence so prevalent in France's history. Chef presents dinner onboard.

FRIDAY: The Iconic Vineyards of Burgundy

Travel: Vandenesse en Auxois to Escommes Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner onboard

Experience your final cruise this morning with a cup of coffee on deck while soaking in the ambiance of the tranquil countryside. This afternoon, your Tour Guide accompanies you to the prestigious vineyards of the Chateau de Chassagne Montrachet for a private tasting of their boutique wines. The Picard family, who owns the domaine since 1951, will open the doors to its cellars, which date back to the XI and XV centuries. Return to the Rendez-Vous for cocktails and canapes, and then finish your cruise in style at the Captain's Dinner.

SATURDAY: A Sad Farewell

Travel: Transfer from Escommes Meals: Breakfast onboard

After breakfast, you will be chauffeured to the designated drop off point.

Please note: this is a sample itinerary which may be subject to change depending on local conditions. Cruise will run in reverse direction on the canal on opposite weeks.