

L'IMPRESSIONNISTE CLASSIC BURGUNDY CRUISE

Escommes to Fleurey-sur-Ouche

Sunday, Day 1 Escommes

Guests are met in Paris** and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to the elegant L'Impressionniste. A champagne reception welcomes you on board and the opportunity to meet the captain and crew. Enjoy a stroll into Escommes before dinner on board.



Monday, Day 2 Escommes to Vandenesse

We begin our voyage this morning from the canal summit in Escommes, 1,250 feet above sea level and cruise to Vandenesse-en-Auxois. This afternoon we visit the moat-encircled Château de Commarin, where we are lucky enough to enjoy a private tour, with the opportunity to meet Count Bertrand de Vogue – the current resident and 26th generation of the de Vogue family to maintain continuous residence since the 13th century. Guests can then explore the regal interior, rustic stables and surrounding gardens. Dinner on board.



Tuesday, Day 3 Vandenesse to Pont d'Ouche

This morning we cruise to Pont d'Ouche, crossing the only canal bridge on the Burgundy Canal and a perfect time to explore the towpath on foot or bicycle. After lunch, we visit the medieval village, craft shops and castle of Châteauneuf-en-Auxois, once an outpost of the Dukes of Burgundy and offering a fine overview of the feeder lakes, canal and surrounding countryside. Dinner on board.



Wednesday, Day 4 Pont d'Ouche to La Bussière

After a short morning cruise, we set off on a drive through the slopes of the UNESCO-listed vineyards of the Côte de Beaune. Here, our expert guide will offer an insight into the production of the region's finest Premier and Grand Cru wines. We continue to Beaune – the capital of the Burgundy wine country, for a private tour and tasting at the renowned Domaine Chanson. The tour includes its medieval Bastion de l'Oratoire, a 15th century defence tower whose 25-foot-thick walls now maintain the perfect temperature for ageing wine. This is followed by a private gastronomic lunch in the domaine's chateau. Afterwards, we visit the fascinating Hôtel-Dieu Hospice with time to explore the town, before returning for a short evening cruise to La Bussière. Dinner on board.



Thursday, Day 5 La Bussière to Sainte Marie-sur-Ouche

After breakfast, we cruise past Gissey-sur-Ouche towards our mooring at Sainte Marie, again with plenty of opportunity to walk or cycle along the ever-present towpath past sleepy villages and pretty lock houses. In the afternoon we visit Clos de Vougeot, headquarters of the esteemed Chevaliers du Tastevin, who annually award prized special labels to the finest Côte d'Or vintages. On the way back to the hotel barge we enjoy a tour of the cellars and a private tasting of fine Burgundy wines at the family-owned Domaine Rion. Dinner on board.



Friday, Day 6 Sainte Marie-sur-Ouche to Fleurey-sur-Ouche

This morning, we take a walking tour of old Dijon, including a visit to the vivid flower and produce markets, mustard shops and the impressive Notre-Dame de Dijon, or enjoy some excellent shopping time. Return to the hotel barge for lunch and a leisurely afternoon cruise, with perhaps a walk or bicycle ride to the next lock or two, to arrive at our final mooring at Fleurey-sur-Ouche. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.



Saturday, Day 7 Fleurey-sur-Ouche

After breakfast, guests are transferred to Paris**.

This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change.
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** Other locations available for Private Charter bookings.



L'IMPRESSIONNISTE - CLASSIC BURGUNDY CRUISE

Fleurey-sur-Ouche to Escommes

Sunday, Day 1 Fleurey-sur-Ouche

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Monday, Day 2 Fleurey-sur-Ouche to Sainte Marie-sur-Ouche

This morning, experience your first day's cruise along this enchanting canal, which also promises a walk or cycle along an ever-present towpath past sleepy villages and pretty lock houses. After lunch we visit Clos de Vougeot, headquarters of the esteemed Chevaliers du Tastevin, who award a special prized label to the finest Côte d'Or vintages every year. On the way back to the hotel barge we enjoy a tour of the cellars and a private tasting of fine Burgundy wines at the family-owned Domaine Rion. Dinner on board.



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Thursday, Day 5 Pont d'Ouche to Vandenesse

After breakfast, we cruise to Vandenesse-en-Auxois, passing grazing white Charolais cattle, rolling hills and picturesque villages, crossing the only aqueduct on the Burgundy Canal. After lunch on board, we visit the medieval village, craft shops and castle of Châteauneuf-en-Auxois, once an outpost of the Dukes of Burgundy and offering a fine overview of the feeder lakes, canal and surrounding countryside. Dinner on board.



Friday, Day 6 Vandenesse to Escommes

Our last day's leisurely cruise takes us to the canal summit, 1,250 feet above sea level, just before the Pouilly tunnel. This afternoon we visit the moat-encircled Château de Commarin where we are lucky enough to enjoy a private tour, with the opportunity to meet Count Bertrand de Vogue – the current resident and 26th generation of the de Vogue family to maintain continuous residence since the 13th century. Guests can then explore the regal interior, rustic stables and surrounding gardens. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.



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