

Amaryllis

CRUISING THE BURGUNDY & FRANCHE-COMTE REGIONS OF FRANCE

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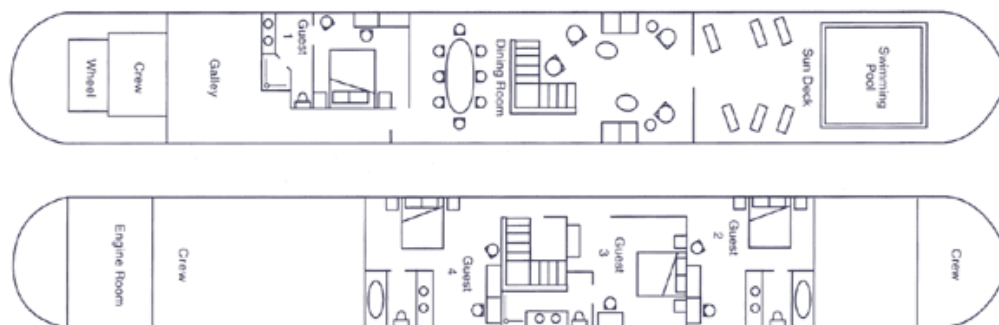
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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| Size: | 129" X 17.5" |
| Capacity: | 8 |
| Crew: | 6 |
| Cabins: | 4 |
| Accommodations: | 4 Queen/Twin Starerooms |
| Cabin Size: | Approximately 200-225 sq ft |
| Heat & Air: | Central Heating & Air Conditioning |
| Cruising Region: | Burgundy |
| Length of Cruise: | 6 Nights |
| Departure Day: | Sunday |
| Meals: | All Included |
| Beverages: | All Included |
| Entrance Fees: | All Included |
| Laundry Facilities: | Small Loads Acceptable |
| Hairdryers: | Supplied |
| Transportation: | Transfers to and from Paris & Private Motorcoach for excursions |
| Pick-Up Location: | Le Parc Hotel in Paris, 55/57 Avenue Raymond Poincare, 75116 Paris |
| Pick-Up Location: | When you charter Amaryllis they transfer the group from the hotel of their choice in Paris |
| Pick-Up Time: | Between 11:00-12:30 |
| Recreational Items: | Swimming pool, tv, video, library, stereo, games and bicycles |
| Theme Cruises: | Family, Golf, Walking, Cooking, Wine |
| Cruising Season: | April until November |

BOAT DIAGRAM



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2009 CRUISE SCHEDULE

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BURGUNDY

05-Apr St Léger - Dijon
12-Apr Dijon - Escottes
19-Apr Escottes - Dijon
26-Apr Dijon - St Léger
3-May St Léger - Dijon
13-May Dijon - Escottes
10-May Escottes - Dijon
17-May Dijon - St Léger
24-May St Léger - Dole
31-May Dole - Lyon
7-Jun Lyon - St Léger
14-Jun St Leger - Dijon
21-Jun Dijon - St Leger
28-Jun St Leger - Dijon
5-Jul Dijon - St Léger
12-Jul St Léger - Dijon
19-Jul Dijon - Escottes
26-Jul Escottes - Dijon
29-Jul Dijon - St Léger
2-Aug St Léger - Dijon
09-Aug Dijon - Escottes
16-Aug Escottes - Dijon
23-Aug Dijon - St Léger
30-Aug St Léger - Dijon
06-Sep Dijon - St Léger
13-Sep St Léger - Dole
20-Sep Dole - St Leger
27-Sep St Leger - Dijon
04-Oct Dijon - St Leger
11-Oct St Leger - Dijon
18-Oct Dijon - St Leger
25-Oct St Leger - Dijon

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SAMPLE ITINERARY

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BURGUNDY
ST LEGER TO DOLE

Sunday - Paris to Dijon

Your departure from Paris from the Gare de Lyon on the TGV train will arrive at approximately 16:15 at the Dijon train station where you will be met. After gathering your baggage you will be driven by mini-bus to St. Léger, where you will board the barge for your cruise through Burgundy.

A champagne reception welcomes you on board and gives you a chance to greet the crew while your luggage is brought aboard. The barge gangplank is raised and you can enjoy your first experience of navigating a lock and cruising the Canal du Centre from St. Léger to Denevy, a quiet canal mooring near the village of Denevy - great for an after dinner stroll. Dinner will be served at 20:00. (The time for meals on board can be altered to suit the passenger's wishes).

Monday - Cruise to Rully. Visit Couches.

Following a typical French breakfast the barge will cruise to Rully, another quaint village along the Canal du Centre. Passengers may elect to stay aboard and enjoy the passing scenery, bicycle and keep up with the barge, walk along the towpath and meet the barge further down the canal or take a dip in the pool. We shall pass the village of Chagny. As we approach the town, you can see the 18th century château sitting on the hills above the town. This afternoon you will visit Château Marguerite de Bourgogne in Couches, a château dating back to the 11th century. The tour includes a private underground wine tasting conducted by the owner.

Tuesday - Cruise to Chalon-sur-Saône. Visit Chalon Your last lock on the Canal du Centre is the 10.76 meter lock which takes you from the canal into the River Saône just north of Chalon-sur-Saône where the barge will moor for the night. The scenery changes from the close proximity of the canal banks to the expanse of this beautiful river. After another scrumptious lunch, enjoy a walk along pedestrian area of Chalon and visit the museum to photography.

Wednesday - Cruise to Verdun. Visit Beaune

A different view today. Last night you may have slept in the big city as compared to the quiet countryside. Then you will cruise the river Saône, quite a different feeling from canal cruising. If you decide to go biking make sure you get your rendez-vous instructions from the guide or pilot, take a map, a phone card and the telephone number of the boat with you. Towpaths do not exist on the river so you must pay attention to the traffic and know where you are heading. After lunch your guide will escort you to Beaune, capital of the wine region of Burgundy, and a visit to the famous Hotel-Dieu, Hospice de Beaune.

Thursday - Cruise to St. Jean de Losne. Visit Clos de Vougeot. From Verdun it is a short cruise to St. Jean de Losne where you will moor for the evening. Today, your guide is planning a visit to the Clos de Vougeot, a medieval abbey surrounded by 12th century vineyards. This is the headquarters of the Chevaliers du Tastevin, whose special label is awarded annually to the finest Côte d'Or vintages. A visit to Chambolle-Musigny for a wine-tasting will follow.

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BURGUNDY
ST LEGER TO DOLE

Friday - Cruise to Dole. Visit Dijon.

Up bright and early if you want to have the tour of Dijon. You may wonder why we have saved Dijon until the last and the reason is that today is market day in Dijon and one must experience a French market day. So off in the mini-bus to Dijon. When you return to the barge for lunch you will want to enjoy the lovely countryside of the Franche Comté cruising from St. Jean de Losne to tonight's mooring in the town of Dole. After lunch, enjoy a walking tour of Dole. Back on board the chef is preparing a memorable feast for your farewell dinner. Bon appetit.

Saturday - Disembark the barge. Transfer to Paris. After breakfast, it is all aboard the mini-bus for the last time for the drive to Dijon and the return to Paris, arriving Paris Gare de Lyon approximately 11:30.

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SOUTHERN BURGUNDY
ST LEGER TO LYON

Sunday - Paris to Dijon.

Depart Paris, Gare de Lyon, on the TGV train. On arrival at Dijon station you are met by the Afloat in France guide who escorts you on your transfer to St. Léger where you board the barge for your cruise through Burgundy. A champagne reception welcomes you on board and gives you a chance to meet the crew. Later that evening, enjoy your first dining experience on board.

Monday - Cruise to Rully. Visit Couches.

Following a typical French breakfast, the barge cruises to Rully, a quaint village along the 'Canal du Centre'. Today, your guide takes you to Château Marguerite de Bourgogne in Couches, dating back to the 11th century for a tour and wine tasting. In the afternoon, guests may elect to stay on board and enjoy the passing scenery, bicycle and keep up with the barge, or walk along the towpath and meet the barge further down the canal.

Tuesday - Cruise to Chalon-sur-Saône. Visit Beaune.

Your last lock on the Canal du Centre is the deep lock which takes you from the canal into the River Saône just north of Chalon-sur-Saône where the barge moors for the night. The scenery changes from the close proximity of the canal banks to the expanse of this beautiful river. After lunch your guide escorts you to Beaune, capital of the wine region of Burgundy, and a visit to the famous Hotel-Dieu, Hospice de Beaune.

Wednesday - Visit Tournus and Château de Cormatin. Cruise to Mâcon.

This morning the barge cruises to Tournus where you disembark to visit the Romanesque church of St. Philibert on the banks of the Saône. Over lunch the boat continues to cruise towards Mâcon. Later in the afternoon your guide takes you to visit the Château de Cormatin notable for its painted, sculpted and gold-leafed interiors from the reign of Louis XIII. If there's time, you'll also visit the Benedictine Abbey Church in Cluny, the largest church in the whole of western Christendom. Our mooring this evening is Mâcon, a thriving market town bordering both the Mâconnais and the Beaujolais vineyards.

Thursday - Cruise to Montmerle. Visit Beaujolais region.

In the morning, you'll take a drive to the Roche du Solutré, a picturesque site with a superb view of Mâcon, the River Saône and the Pouilly-Fuissé vineyards. Back on board you may wish to relax on deck and watch the passing scenery. After lunch you'll visit the Beaujolais region, a region known for its vineyards and gastronomy. Your guide has wine tasting on the agenda and perhaps a visit to the Car Museum.

Friday - Cruise to Lyon. Visit Lyon.

Today's visit is Lyon, one the three Roman capitals of Gaul and the second city of France. Lyon is a cultural, historic, gastronomic, and commercial center, little known outside of France. Dominating the city is the splendidly ornate Basilica of Notre Dame de Fourvière. The standard of Lyon's shopping facilities is renowned for its quality and includes many chic boutiques and a market hall devoted entirely to antiques. Back on board, the chef is preparing a gala

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dinner the last evening of your cruise.

Saturday - Lyon-Paris.

After breakfast disembark and transfer to the Lyon station. Return to Paris (Gare de Lyon) on the TGV where you are met by our Afloat in France representative to assist you with your luggage.

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2009 PRICES

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All Season Price:

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| Charter for 8 guests | \$57,700 |
| Charter for 7 guests | \$52,300 |
| Charter for 6 guests | \$46,900 |

What's Included

First-class TGV train from Paris to the destination station
6 night accommodation on board your péniche-hôtel
Breakfast, lunch and candlelit dinner each day
Refreshments on board after excursions
Wine with meals, liqueurs and bar drinks on board
Sightseeing excursions, including entrance fees
Use of bicycles
Air-conditioned mini-van with driver for sightseeing
All transfers

Gratuities and Insurance are not included.

History of Amaryllis

The Amaryllis is the sister ship to the Fleur de Lys. Designed in conjunction with La Fluviale, a prominent boat company in St. Jean de Losne, she has been decorated by some of the most respected names in France and Italy.

Amaryllis is a 40 meter Dutch hull, vintage 1962, converted into the most upscale hotel barge throughout 2001 and welcomed her first passengers in Spring 2002

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MENU TYPES

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Bisque de Tomates a la creme d'avocat
(Tomato bisque with avocado cream)

Cordon de truite, farci d'epinard et d'aneth, Mousse de Carottes a l'estragon, Haricots verts
aux amandes
(Trout stuffed with spinach, carrot mousse with basil, green beans with almonds)

Salades and fromages (st. Agur, Chabichon, Epoisses)
Salad and Regional Cheeses

Melon et sorbet au citron vert et framboise

Wines: Chateauneuf de Pape, Gigondas

Coffee/Tea & Chocolates

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