

# La Belle Epoque

CRUISING THE REGIONS OF BURGUNDY

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## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

# La Belle Epoque

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Size:	126X16'6"
Capacity:	12
Crew:	5
Cabins:	7
Accommodations:	1 Double, 2 Twins and 3 Twin/Doubles & 1 Single
Heat & Air:	Central Heat & Air Conditioning
Cruising Region:	Burgundy
Length of Cruise:	6 Nights
Departure Day:	Sunday
Electricity:	3 X 220 volt generators (silent night running)
Engine:	150 HP M.A.N., maximum speed 10 knots
Water:	20 tons of water and 3 tons of fuel
Meals:	All Included
Beverages:	All Included
Entrance Fees:	All Included
Hairdryers:	Supplied
Laundry Facilities:	Not available
Transportation:	Transfers to and from Paris & Private Motorcoach for excursions
Pick-Up Location:	Ampere Villiers Hotel, 102 Avenue de Villiers, 75017 Paris
Pick-Up Time:	1:30 PM
Recreational Items:	12 Mountain bikes, Jacuzzi, library and sound system with CD
Theme Cruises:	Biking, Wine & Family
Cruising Season:	April until November

### BOAT DIAGRAM

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## SAMPLE ITINERARY

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STANDARD CRUISE  
AUXERRE TO CLAMECY

### **Sunday**

Guests are met in Paris at 1.30 pm and transferred to the elegant La Belle Epoque. Following a Champagne Welcome, explore the medieval town of Auxerre with its cathedral before returning for dinner aboard.

### **Monday**

our morning excursion is to St.Bris with its extraordinary network of medieval passages beneath the town. A wine tasting introduces you to the outstanding Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in the 12th century cellars of Madame Bersan. In the afternoon, cruise past vineyard-clad hillsides to Vincelles where we moor in rural bliss and enjoy dinner aboard.

### **Tuesday**

A tranquil morning cruise to the hamlet of Accolay where we lunch in the setting of the Abbaye de Crisenon and its clear trout pools. During the afternoon we visit the 14th century hilltop town of Noyers with its half-timbered houses and painted doors and surrounded by the meandering river Serein. In the evening cruise through rich pasture lands and past grazing Charolais to Vermenton. Dinner aboard.

### **Wednesday**

Begin the day's excursion to Chablis and Domaine Guy Robin for a wine tasting of light and subtle vintages, with a guided tour of the cellars and wine press. Later cruise southwards through the Yonne valley past dramatic steep cliffs to the market town of Mailly. Dine in fine Burgundian style ashore.

### **Thursday**

Cruise past the Saussois cliffs where an international climbing center creates a spectacular setting and a perfect lunchtime mooring. Excursion to Vézelay, one of Burgundy's most famous treasures with the Roman Basilica of St.Mary Magdalene, craft shops and fine views of the surrounding countryside. Dinner aboard.

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STANDARD CRUISE  
AUXERRE TO CLAMECY

### Friday

Morning cruise through beautiful countryside towards Clamecy where there is time to wander the ancient streets and visit the 18th century Ferme de Miserey where traditional farming methods are explained and a Foie Gras tasting is accompanied by a noble Chablis. Captain's Farewell Dinner aboard.

### Saturday

Disembark after breakfast, then return to Paris.

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BIKING CRUISE

### Sunday

Guests are met at Hotel Ampere in Paris, and transferred by private motor-coach to La Belle Epoque, moored in the historic Quartier de la Marine in the cathedral town of Auxerre. Champagne welcome-dinner on board.

### Monday

The Barge leaves Auxerre on the Canal du Nivernais; at the hamlet of Augy cyclists head off through the cherry orchards up to Vallan, Escamps and Chastenay. Enjoy a cooling break while visiting the subterranean caverns at Taingy, from which the famous Burgundian limestone was extracted to build monuments such as the Pantheon and la Madeleine in Paris, and even the first water tower in Chicago! Buffet Lunch. Return to the barge via Molesmes and Charentenay with optional wine tasting chez Mr.Bon, in the hamlet of Migé. Dinner onboard.

### Tuesday

Our itinerary today takes cyclists up though the narrow streets of Irancy, the latest wine village to be awarded its own appellation-controlée. Continue on a narrow track straight up through the vineyards and plunge down to St Bris where a short break is spent in the 12th C. cellars of Mr.Bersan. Cross country on the 'Grande Randonnée track 13' follows with buffet lunch/barbecue in the grounds of a 17th C watermill. An afternoon cycle circuit takes in Accolay, and Fontenay sous Fouronnes before rejoining the barge at Bazarnes for a short evening cruise to Vermenton. Dinner on board.

### Wednesday

As the barge leaves Vermenton, cyclists disembark at the first lock and follow the GR 13 along the banks of the River Cure through Bessy and Arcy sur Cure. An old Roman road leads back over the hill down to Pregilbert where La Belle Epoque is mooring up - lunch on board. Afternoon cycling to Mailly le Chateau and The Rochers du Saussois, with perhaps a stop at the 14thC tower, studio of local artist M.Rose, before rejoining the barge at Merry sur Yonne. Dinner ashore at Auberge La Beursaudiere, once a Benedictine priory.

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## BIKING CRUISE

### Thursday

As the Belle Epoque slips its mooring, this mornings ride traverses the Bois d'Arcy and climbs to one of Burgundy's most picturesque hilltop settings - Vezelay. After discovering the world famous Romanesque Basilica of St.Mary Magdelene, a swoop downhill takes us through St.Père sous Vezelay to meet our chef, setting up a buffet luncheon on the banks of the River Cure,

alongside the mediaeval bridge at Pierre Perthuis. Our afternoon ride is through Fontenay and the forest of Chauffour-Ferrières to the village of Lucy sur Yonne where the barge is moored for the night. Dinner onboard.

### Friday

A short ride uphill brings us to the 18th C Ferme de Miserey, where traditional farming methods are explained and an introduction to the art of Foie Gras making is accompanied by a tasting. Then cycle to Dornecy through the Fôret de Champônot , buffet lunch somewhere in the greenery, and back to the barge, moored at Clamecy, along the towpath. Captains Farewell dinner on board.

### Saturday

Return to Paris by motorcoach after breakfast arriving at approximately 1pm

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## WINE CRUISE

### Sunday

Wine cruise Day 1 Paris to Auxerre Guests are met in Paris at 1:30 PM and transferred to the elegant La Belle Époque. Following a Champagne Welcome and outline of the weeks wine cruise you are free to explore the medieval town of Auxerre or take a stroll along the banks of the river Yonne before returning for dinner aboard.

### Monday

Wine cruise Day 2 Auxerre to Vincelles Our morning cruise takes us past vineyard-clad hillside to Vincelles where we moor in rural bliss. After lunch, accompanied by our wine guide, we drive to St Bris with its extraordinary network of medieval passages beneath the town. Following a tour of the Bersan family's 12th century cellars we taste the unique selection of wines made in this little known Burgundian village. Dinner aboard.

### Tuesday

Wine cruise Day 3 Vincelles to Mailly le Ville Morning cruise past gently rolling hills. Vineyards interspersed with cherry orchards. Charolais cattle glance up as we pass them grazing in the lush fields alongside the river. Cruise through lunch. At St Pallaye our wine guide takes us over the nearby hills to the legendry vineyards surrounding the world famous town of Chablis. A tour of the grand Cru vineyards is followed by an exclusive visit to a state of the art winery. The afternoon is completed with an extensive wine tasting including rare Premier and Grand cru wines. Return to barge awaiting us at Mailly le Ville. Dinner aboard.

### Wednesday

Wine cruise Day 4 Mailly le Ville to Chatel Censoir In the morning we cruise past the prehistoric coral reefs, which now form the spectacular cliffs at Mailly le Chateau and Le Saussois, a favourite rendez-vous for rock climbers. In the early afternoon we arrive at our mooring in the pretty village of Chatel Censoir. From here we enjoy an excursion to Vézelay, one of Burgundy's most famous treasures with the Roman Basilica of St Mary Magdalene , craft shops and fine views of the surrounding countryside while sipping a glass of wine from the ancient monastic vineyard. Dinner aboard.

### Thursday

Wine cruise Day 5 Chatel Censoir to Lucy sur Yonne An early start after breakfast for the drive to Beaune arriving late morning for a tasting in the Grand Cru vineyards at Puligny Montrachet. Lunch in a top class restaurant in the center of Beaune followed by a visit to the famous Hotel Dieu. Afternoon drive north through the Cote de Nuits vineyards passing Romanée Conti and Clos Vougeot. Arrive back on board for short evening cruise to Lucy and light dinner

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WINE CRUISE

### Friday

Wine cruise Day 6 Lucy sur Yonne to Clamecy We take an excursion to the 18th century Ferme de Miserey where traditional farming methods are explained and a foie gras tasting. Returning to the barge our wine guide presents a wine tasting aperitif exploring other regions of Burgundy. Following lunch a gentle cruise through the pastoral Morvan countryside to the sleepy market town of Clamecy. Captains Farewell Dinner On Board

### Saturday

Wine cruise Day 7 Clamecy to Paris Disembark after breakfast, and then return to Paris by about 1pm On alternative weeks the cruise is in reverse direction.  
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FAMILY CRUISE

### **Sunday, Family Cruise Day 1, Paris to Auxerre**

Guests are met at Hotel Ampere in Paris at 1:30 PM and transferred to the elegant La Belle Époque in Auxerre, Burgundy. Following a Champagne Welcome, you are free to explore the medieval town of Auxerre by bicycle or foot or take a stroll along the banks of the River Yonne before returning for dinner aboard.

### **Monday, Family Cruise Day 2, Auxerre to the Caves de Bailly**

There is a choice this morning or either ice-skating, swimming and perhaps if there is time a game of 10 pin bowling as well. An alternative tour is St Bris with its extraordinary network of medieval passages beneath the town. A wine tasting introduces you to the outstanding Chardonnay and Pinot Noir wines produced in Monsieur Bersan's 12th century cellars. Dinner aboard.

### **Tuesday, Family Cruise Day 3, The Caves de Bailly to Accolay**

This mornings choice of excursions depends on the children ages but you can choose quad biking (12+) Paint Balling (16+), potholing (10+) or pony riding (3+). Alternatively visit Auxerre and discover the medieval town centre. Originally the capital of Lower Burgundy, Auxerre prides itself on its fine churches. We cruise through rich pasturelands and past grazing Charolais cattle to Accolay. Dinner ashore in a local auberge.

### **Wednesday, Family Cruise Day 4, Accolay to Mailly la Ville**

Visit the caves this morning of Arcy sur Cure. The site of Arcy sur Cure, a major one for the medium and late palaeolithic age in northern France, is located between Auxerre and Avallon. It includes a set of caves dug out by the Cure River into a coral massif that emerged at the end of the secondary era. Alternatively this morning, we visit the charming mediaeval village of Noyers, one of the most beautiful villages in France, on an excursion through delightful countryside. We then return to the barge for a cruise southwards through the Yonne valley past dramatic steep cliffs to the market town of Mailly. Dinner aboard.

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## FAMILY CRUISE

### **Thursday, Family Cruise Day 5, Mailly la Ville to Lucy sur Yonne**

In the morning we cruise past the Saussois cliffs where an international climbing centre creates a spectacular setting, mooring at Lucy sur Yonne. All ages will love a canoeing trip or rafting on the River Cure near Vezelay. The canoeing really is a fantastic excursion, which we feel, should not be missed. For those a little less adventurous we can visit the Chateau of Bazoches, whose illustrious visitors included Richard the Lionheart and which was later remodelled by Maréchal Vauban. Dinner aboard.

### **Friday, Family Cruise Day 6, Lucy sur Yonne to Clamecy**

This morning we visit Cardoland, which is a vast wooded park about 7km from Vezelay. The sculptor, Cardo, created this wonderful prehistoric world of life size dinosaurs. It has a museum, caves, exhibition and prehistoric play area. Cardoland is a wonderful visit for families with younger children. An alternative to Cardoland is an excursion to the town of Vézelay, one of Burgundy's most famous treasures with the Romanesque Basilica of St Mary Magdalene, craft shops and fine views of the surrounding countryside. A cruise this afternoon takes us through beautiful countryside then takes us to Clamecy. Take a short walk into Clamecy to visit the town, the Cathedral and also the Logging and Barging Museum. The narrow streets lined with ancient buildings also present an opportunity for shopping. Captain's farewell dinner aboard.

### **Saturday, Family Cruise Day 7, Clamecy to Paris**

Disembark after breakfast and arrive at Hotel Ampere in Paris by about 1pm.

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***In addition we will be running a treasure hunt and scavenger hunt, plus various other fun competition and games throughout the week.***

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2009 PRICES

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	VALUE	REGULAR
<b>Junior Suite Per Person</b>	\$4,350	\$4,990
<b>Senior Suite Per Person</b>	\$4,590	\$5,290
<b>Single Supplement</b>	\$1,700	\$1,900
<b>Charter for 10 guests</b>	\$46,900	\$54,500
<b>Charter for 11 guests</b>	\$48,200	\$56,000
<b>Charter for 12 guests</b>	\$49,500	\$57,500
<b>Charter for 13 guests</b>	\$50,800	\$59,000

**VALUE SEASON DATES:** March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, July 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23; October 18, 25; November 1, 8

**REGULAR SEASON DATES:** May 17, 24, 31; June 07, 14, 17, 21, 28; July 05, 12, 19; Sept 06, 13, 20, 27; October 04, 11

**2 Passengers required on all departures to guarantee the cruise except March and November when a minimum of 4 is required**

## **THEME CRUISES AVAILABLE FOR CHARTERS:**

**Cycling Cruise:** \$3,000 supplement per charter - available for charter groups only

(supplement includes an upgrade of bicycles for the week and the services of the a professional cycling tour guide)

**Wine Charter:** \$3,000 per charter supplement - available for charter groups only

(The supplement includes the services of a Professional Wine Guide and an upgrade to the wine list on board, to include some Premier and Grand Cru Wines)

**Family Charter:** \$300 discount offered to children aged 0-17

Charter groups only

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SAMPLE MENU

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## Regional Specialities

Filet d'Agneau au Basilic

Magret de Canard

Poulet à L'Estragon

Wine cellar

Chablis

Vosne Romanée

Domaine Laroche,

Nuit St-Georges

Epineuil

Cheese board

Aisy Cendré

Bouton de Culotte

Epoisses

Ami du Chambertin

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## CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

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### Cruise Highlights

Cuisine aboard

All-inclusive - open bar, free  
wines, gourmet cuisine, entry  
fees to excursions

- ~Explore enchanting Auxerre~
- ~Wine tasting of Chardonnay and~  
Pinot Noir in a 12th Century cellar
- ~Visit St. Bris with its underground~  
passages
- ~Visit to Noyers-sur-Serein, one of ~  
the most beautiful villages in  
Burgundy
- ~Visit Vézelay, a medieval hilltop~  
village
- ~Gastronomic dinner ashore~
- ~Optional Hot Air Ballooning~

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