

# *Bonne Humeur*

CRUISING THE UPPER LOIRE REGION OF FRANCE

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# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

## Bonne Humeur

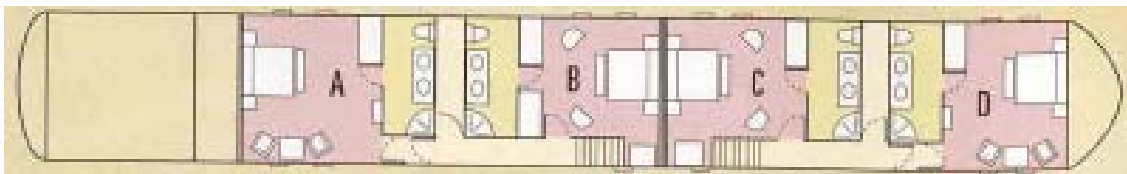
### SPECIFICATIONS

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Size:	126"X16'6"
Capacity:	8
Crew:	4
Cabins:	4
Accommodations:	4 King/Twin Staterooms
Heat & Air:	Central Heating & Air Conditioning
Cruising Region:	Upper Loire
Length of Cruise:	6 Nights
Departure Day:	Sunday
Meals:	All Included
Beverages:	All Included
Entrance Fees:	All Included
Laundry Facilities:	Not available
Hairdryers:	Included
Transportation:	Transfers to and from Paris & Private Motorcoach for excursions
Pick-Up Location:	Rail Station or Hotel in Paris
Pick-Up Time:	2:00 PM
Recreational Items:	Soundsystem with CD, 8 Bikes, Fully Stocked Bar, Library of books & Jacuzzi
Cruising Season:	April until November

### BOAT DIAGRAM

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## SAMPLE ITINERARY

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UPPER LOIRE & WESTERN BURGUNDY  
SAMOIS-SUR-SEINE TO ROGNY-LES-SEPT-ECLUSES

### Sunday

We collect you from Paris at 2pm for the drive by private, air-conditioned minibus to Bonne Humeur moored in the colourful river-side village of Samois-Sur-Seine on the peaceful wide reaches of the River Seine. A champagne reception awaits you before a short cruise on the river takes us to our first overnight mooring in the bustling waterside village of St. Mammes. The cruise today includes the passage through one of the mighty River locks on the Seine - capable of holding up to 8 barges the size of Bonne Humeur at a time.

### Monday

Our cruise schedule continues this morning as we enter the Canal de Loing to begin the ascent of the locks which lead up to the summit level of the canal. Our excursion today is to the glorious Chateau Vaux le Vicomte - setting for the film "The Man in the Iron Mask". The chateau has a fascinating history - which provided the inspiration for the film made there - and the visit includes a chance to walk in the gardens which are widely regarded as some of the best formal gardens in France. Our mooring tonight is in the town of Nemours on the Canal de Loing.

### Tuesday

A morning cruise takes us to an idyllic mooring at Beau Moulins where we pause for lunch before visiting the town of Moret Sur Loing - the medieval walled city famed as the home of the impressionist painter Sisley. Our local guide will help you explore the charming town where the River Loing flows into the River Seine. The church here inspired the style of the Cathedral de Notre Dame in Paris and the scenery of the many authentic town houses and narrow streets are an inspiration for painters to this day. Our mooring tonight will be in the quite hamlet of Nargis on the Canal de Loing.

### Wednesday

Our day begins with a morning excursion to the hill-top medieval town of Chateau Landon with its 10th-12th century church and fortified battlements. The town is best seen from an open vehicle, so today we ride into town by horse drawn carriage before stopping in the town centre to explore the narrow alleyways and reinforced battlements of the city. After lunch, our cruise continues to the pretty waterside village of Cepoy on the Canal de Loing where we moor in plenty of time for a pre-dinner stroll or cycle.

### Thursday

Today we join the Canal de Briare at Montargis - regional capital of "the Gatinais" - with its flower bedecked bridges and a network of miniature canals which once fed the walled city with produce. A morning excursion to the town is the perfect opportunity to take in a little souvenir

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UPPER LOIRE

shopping in this bustling market town, to visit the world famed "Mazet" Pralines shop or simply to sit and watch the locals going about their business. Our cruise today takes us past the town of Montargis and on to the village of Montbouy - renowned as one of the prettiest villages on this stretch of the canal. Our mooring tonight will be in the shadow of the splendid 12th century village church in Montbouy on the Canal de Briare.

### Friday

An early start is in store for those who would like to see a traditional country market, since Chef will be off the barge early today to pick up freshly grown vegetables and local cheeses for this evening's farewell dinner. Our final cruise takes us to one of the oldest canal side villages in Burgundy, Rogny-Les-Sept-Ecluses, where a staircase of seven locks (now adopted as a French National Monument) stand as a testimony to the 500 year history of the canal. Our final excursion takes us to a privately owned Loire Valley Chateau - the Chateau de La Bussiere - for a guided tour and a visit to the splendid vegetable gardens (which supplies the vegetables for the local Michelin starred restaurant). Since we are also now moored on the borders of the Burgundy and Loire regions, our visit to the chateau will be rounded off with a private tasting of some of the regions best known and most popular wines. Our mooring tonight will be in the village of Rogny-Les-Sept-Ecluses on the Canal de Briare where we enjoy a celebration farewell dinner hosted by your barge Captain.

### Saturday

After breakfast, we return to a central Paris drop off location. You should expect to arrive in Paris before midday.

Please note: this is a sample itinerary which may be subject to change depending on local conditions. The route will run in reverse direction on alternate weeks.

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## 2008 PRICES

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### 2008 PRICES:

#### VALUE SEASON:

VALUE SEASON APRIL 6 -19 & OCTOBER 19-25

\$4,750 PER PERSON  
\$1,750 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

\$35,000 UP TO 6 GUESTS  
\$36,500 UP TO 7 GUESTS  
\$48,000 UP TO 8 GUESTS

#### MAIN SEASON:

MAIN SEASON REMAINING DEPARTURES

\$6,000 PER PERSON  
\$2,250 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

\$44,000 UP TO 6 GUESTS  
\$46,000 UP TO 7 GUESTS  
\$48,000 UP TO 8 GUESTS

Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy (A minimum of two cabins are required to cruise)

**Price Includes:** king/oversized twin suites with private bath accommodations, meals, wines and alcoholic beverages consumed aboard, sightseeing and admittance fees as stipulated, use of bicycles and other facilities, and round-trip transfers from specific meeting points to and from Paris.

**Price does not include:** air transportation to Paris, trip cancellation or health and accident insurance (highly recommended), and other activities (e.g. ballooning and items of personal nature), and gratuities for the crew (5% suggested).

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# CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

## Cruise Route

In 2008, the well established cruise route will include cruising on the River Seine, the Canal de Loing and the ancient Canal du Briare with stops in the beautiful towns of Samois-sur-Seine, St Mammes, Nemours, Nargis and Rogny les Sept Ecluses. In keeping with its tradition over the years there is an experienced crew that will continue to keep Bonne Humeur's guests cheering about the care and enthusiasm the crew bestow on their guests during a fabulous cruise week in the Upper Loire and Western Burgundy regions.

**Bonne Humeur** accommodates up to eight passengers in ultimate luxury. The beautifully appointed lounge has comfortable seating. A cosy bar is stocked with your favourites and bookshelves contain a Bose CD system, current books, and up-to-date periodicals and magazines. She has 4 suites, which can be configured as twins or doubles. Each has a 60ft sq private bathroom. Bonne Humeur has a sundeck with Jacuzzi and bicycles for clients use.

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## SAMPLE MENU

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### *Begin your day*

whenever it suits you - with fresh croissants and rolls fresh from a nearby bakery, local butter and jam; fresh coffee, tea, juice, yogurt, fresh fruit and cereal. Comfort food. Eden revisited.

### *Lunch*

might be quiche, or an interesting tart, a savory soup for a cold day, the freshest of salads and a selection of cheeses (the kind made locally and unavailable anywhere else at any cost). Depending on the day, or your whim, take lunch inside - or out on the deck where you can watch life pass you by in all its natural glory.

### *Dinner*

is a celebration - after all, it's the end of the day and the beginning of the evening! Perhaps it will be a succulent roast duck, or mouth-watering local fish, or how about something exotic like wild boar, each accompanied by the freshest vegetable dishes. Course follows course, wines abound. After all this, dessert can still leave you starry-eyed: *tarte tatin*, *creme brulee*, *chocolate delicie* - any fancy name will suffice, the word resistance is not in your vocabulary.

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## SAMPLE CHEESE & WINES

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### Cheese and Wine

#### Sunday

Wine—Gigondas 2000 / Coulanges les Vineuse 2004  
Cheeses—Saint Agur/Brie de Meaux

#### Monday

Wine—Juliéas Beaujolais Cru 2002 / Pouilly Fumé 2002  
Cheeses—Montbriac/Mimolette

#### Tuesday

Wine—Pomerol 1999 / Menetou Salon 2003  
Cheeses—Forme d'Ambert/Vieux Panné (Brique)

#### Wednesday

Wine—Saumur Champigny 2004 / Mercurey 2004  
Cheeses—Bleu d'Auvergne/Boursault

#### Thursday

Wine—Irancy 2000 / Graves 2002  
Cheeses—Bleu de Causses / Caprice des Dieux

#### Friday

Wine—Chassagne Montrachet 1er Cru 02/ Sancerre Blanc 04  
Cheeses—Bresse Bleu / Pie D'Angloys

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