

Hirondelle

CRUISING THE BURGUNDY & FRANCHE-COMTE REGIONS OF FRANCE

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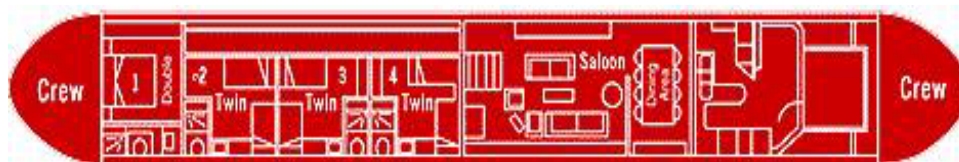
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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SPECIFICATIONS

Size:	128" X 17"
Capacity:	8
Crew:	4
Cabins:	4
Accommodations:	1 Double & 3 Twins
Cabin Size:	Approximately 130 sq ft
Heat & Air:	Central Heating & Air Conditioning
Cruising Region:	Burgundy & Franche-Comte
Length of Cruise:	6 Nights
Tandem Cruises:	Hirondelle can cruise in Tandem with the Alouette (6 Pass)
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:	Gare de Lyon Rail Station
Pick-Up Location:	Transfers can be arranged from any hotel in Paris when you charter the Vessel
Pick-Up Time:	Between 11:00-12:30
Recreational Items:	Stereo, games and bicycles
Theme Cruises:	Family, Golf, Walking, Cooking, Wine
Cruising Season:	April until November

BOAT DIAGRAM



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2008 CRUISE SCHEULE

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Value Season	6-Apr	St Jean - Escommes	
	13-Apr	Escommes - St Jean	
	20-Apr	St Jean - Escommes	
	27-Apr	Escommes - St Jean	
	4-May	St Jean - Escommes	
Main Season	11-May	Escommes - St Jean	
	18-May	St Jean - Escommes	
	25-May	Escommes - St Jean	
	1-Jun	St Jean - Escommes	
	08-Jun	Escommes - Dijon	
	15-Jun	Dijon - Besancon	
	22-Jun	Besancon - Dijon	
	29 - Jun	Dijon - Besancon	
	6-Jul	Besancon - Dijon	
	13-Jul	St Leger - Besancon	
Value Season	20-Jul	Besancon - St Leger	
	27-Jul	St Leger - Dijon	
	3-Aug	Dijon - Escommes	
	10-Aug	Escommes - St Jean	
	17-Aug	St Jean - Escommes	
	24-Aug	Escommes - Dijon	
	31Aug	Dijon - St Leger	
	7-Sep	St Leger - Dijon	
	Main Season	14-Sep	Dijon - Escommes
		21-Sep	Escommes - St Jean
28-Sep		St Jean - Escommes	
5 Oct		Escommes - St Jean	
12-Oct		St Jean - Escommes	
19-Oct		Escommes - St Jean	
26-Oct	St Jean - Escommes		

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2008 PRICES

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6 Night Cruises:

	Value	Main
Charter for 6 guests	\$28,600	\$30,800
Charter for 7 guests	\$30,800	\$33,000
Charter for 8 guests	\$33,000	\$35,200
	\$4,620 p/p	\$4,950 p/p

Main Season: May/June/Sept

Value Season: All other months

Price reductions:

Tandem Boat Hire 5%

Triple Boat Hire 7.5%

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SAMPLE ITINERARY

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ST JEAN TO ESCOMMES

Sunday

On arrival at Dijon station you are transferred to St Jean, 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. A late afternoon cocktail cruise on the river Saône will prepare your palate for your first dinner on board.

Monday - Cruise to Dijon. Visit Clos de Vougeot.

This morning, enjoy your first cruise on the Canal de Bourgogne followed by a visit to “Clos de Vougeot”, a medieval château 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. Then stop off for a wine tasting in the village. The barge moors for the night in Dijon port.

Tuesday - Cruise to Fleurey. Visit Dijon.

After breakfast, your guide takes you on a walking tour of Dijon to visit the local market, where you have a chance to buy some local produce for lunch. Visit the Ducal Palace, the market, and the Grey Poupon mustard shop. Return to the boat for lunch and the afternoon’s cruise. Enjoy the passing scenery paying particular attention to the beautiful lock keepers’ gardens.

Wednesday - Cruise to La Bussière. Visit Beaune.

Mid-morning, your guide takes on a tour of a snail farm followed by a “dégustation”. Then continue onto l’Abbaye de la Bussière, built in the 12th century under the guidance of the Cistercian monks from Cluny. Today, you have the option to take lunch off the barge if you wish. This afternoon, your guide escorts you to Beaune, capital of the wine region of Burgundy, and a visit to the famous Hôtel-Dieu, Hospice de Beaune.

Thursday – Cruise to La Rèpe. Visit the Château de Commarin.

Relax onboard and enjoy a leisurely cruise through the lovely Ouche Valley. After lunch visit the Château de Commarin, an interesting castle from the 15th, 17th and 18th centuries. Its celebrated tapestries, with the coat of arms of the Vienne family, take the place of a family tree. On your way back to the barge make a brief stop at the hilltop village of Châteauneuf-en-Auxois.

Friday - Cruise to Escommes. Visit l’Abbaye de Fontenay.

Cruise through several more locks until reaching your final destination of Escommes. Today, you take a very scenic drive to l’Abbaye de Fontenay, one of the oldest Cistercian monasteries in Europe. Meanwhile the chef is preparing a feast for your farewell dinner.

Saturday – Disembark

After breakfast disembark and transfer to the Dijon rail station.

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DIJON TO BESANCON

Sunday - Paris to Dijon.

Depart Paris, Gare de Lyon, on the TGV train in the afternoon. On arrival at Dijon station you are met by the Afloat in France guide who transfers you to the barge, moored in Dijon's Port du Canal, for your cruise through Burgundy and Franche Comté. A champagne reception welcomes you on board and gives you a chance to meet the crew.

Monday - Cruise to Longecourt. Visit Clos de Vougeot.

While the barge cruises the Canal de Bourgogne from Dijon to the River Saône, you visit 'Clos de Vougeot', a medieval château surrounded by vineyards. This is the headquarters of the Chevaliers du Tastevin, whose special label is awarded annually to the finest Côte d'Or vineyards. Return to the boat to continue cruising over lunch and throughout the afternoon to Longecourt.

Tuesday - Visit Dijon. Cruise to St. Jean de Losne.

After breakfast, your guide takes you on a walking tour of Dijon, including a visit to the Ducal Palace, the market, and the Grey Poupon mustard shop. Return to the boat for lunch and the afternoon's cruise to St Jean de Losne.

Wednesday - Cruise to Dole. Visit Beaune & Dole.

This morning you leave the Saône river and enter the Canal du Rhone au Rhin. Today, you have the option to take lunch off the barge if you wish. This afternoon discover Beaune, the capital of Burgundy and its famous Hôtel Dieu, Hospice de Beaune. Tonight's mooring is the charming port of Dole.

Thursday - Cruise to Osselle. Visit the Arbois.

This morning we cruise through spectacular scenery along the edge of the forest of Chaux to moor at the village of Osselle. Here you visit Arbois, the principal town of the Jura wine producing region, and enjoy a wine tasting of the region's famous vin jaune.

Friday - Cruise to Besançon. Visit Besançon.

Your final day of cruising alternates between canal and river, passing through two tunnels before arriving in Besançon, capital of the Franche-Comté. The barge moors directly below the King's tower which forms part of the defensive rampart of the town's magnificent citadel. A tour of the seventeenth century citadel and its museums is scheduled for the afternoon. Back on board the chef is preparing a memorable feast for your farewell dinner.

Saturday - Besançon to Paris.

After breakfast disembark and transfer to Besançon station. Board the TGV to Paris, Gare de Lyon, where you are met by the Afloat in France representative who will assist you with your luggage.

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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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TERMS & CONDITIONS

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BOOKINGS:

- ☐ A deposit of 25% of the cruise rate (per passenger / or per charter) is required upon booking
- ☐ The remaining balance is due 90 days prior to embarkation
- ☐ The boat owner reserves the right to modify the cost of the cruise if there is a substantial fluctuation in currency exchange rates

CANCELLATIONS:

- ☐ More than 120 days prior to embarkation, 5% of the cruise rate (per passenger / or per charter) is forfeited
- ☐ Between 120 to 90 days prior to embarkation, the deposit is forfeited
- ☐ Within 90 days prior to embarkation, the entire tour cost is forfeited

CHARTER OF HOTEL BARGES:

- ☐ All deposits are non-refundable. However, if cancellations are received up to 90 days prior to embarkation, the deposit may be applied towards individual cabins (hotel) bookings on that barge and departure date.
- ☐ Within 90 days, the entire tour cost is forfeited.
- ☐ To protect yourself in the event that you must cancel your trip, we suggest you take out suitable travel insurance.
- ☐ The company is not liable for personal illness, injury, or death incurred by a guest for the duration of the trip. Canal locks and therefore parts of routes are occasionally subject to unscheduled or temporary closing for repairs, flooding conditions, etc. by the government of France.
- ☐ Should that happen, the captain reserves the right to modify the route. In the event that we must cancel an entire trip for any reason, all payments will be returned.

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