

Meanderer

CRUISING THE REGIONS OF THE UPPER LOIRE

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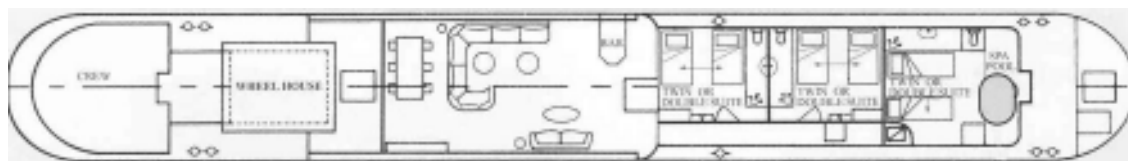
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Size:	118"X17"
Capacity:	6
Crew:	4
Cabins:	3
Accommodations:	3 Twin/Queen Suites
Heat & Air:	Central Heat & Air Conditioning
Cruising Region:	Upper Loire
Length of Cruise:	6 Nights
Departure Day:	Sunday
Refitted/Upgraded:	2007
Electricity:	2 X 220 volt generators (silent night running)
Engine:	165 HP GM Diesel, maximum speed 6 knots
Water:	15 tons of water and 10 tons of fuel
Meals:	All Included
Beverages:	All Included
Entrance Fees:	All Included
Hairdryers:	Supplied
Bathrobes:	Supplied
Laundry Facilities:	Not available
Transportation:	Transfers to and from Paris & Private Motorcoach for excursions
Pick-Up Location:	Paris hotel of your choice
Pick-Up Time:	2:00 PM
Recreational Items:	6 bicycles, Soundsystem with CD, Satellite TV in each cabin, Video, Library & Jacuzzi
Theme Cruises:	Golf, Biking, Antique & Art, Wine
Cruising Season:	April until October

BOAT DIAGRAM



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SAMPLE ITINERARY

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UPPER LOIRE CRUISE

Sunday - Day 1 - We collect you from your Paris hotel for transfer by private mini-bus to Meanderer. A Champagne reception and early evening cruise await you.

Monday - Day 2 - During the morning we cruise to Montcresson. After lunch the excursion program begins with a visit to the spectacular palace of Fontainebleau, home to generations of French royalty.

Tuesday - Day 3 - Today's excursion takes us to Montargis with the week's best opportunity to explore a busy market town, people-watch or shop for souvenirs and exquisitely packaged confectionery from the famous Mazet Praline shop. Our afternoon cruise takes us to the charming village of Chatillon Coligny.

Wednesday - Day 4 - This morning we visit the splendid 16th century Chateau of St. Fargeau. On return to the barge, our afternoon cruise to Rogny-les-Sept-Ecluses includes a chance to walk the ancient 'staircase' of locks, which stand as a monument to the old canal.

Thursday - Day 5 - The daily excursion program continues with a visit to the town of Gien. Set on the banks of the Loire river, the town holds many traditions including the famous Faience (fine china) Factory Museum and Boutique, the Hunting Museum and the Chateau de Gien. We return to the barge for lunch and a cruise to Ouzouer-sur-Trezee.

Friday - Day 6 - The afternoon excursion takes us to the world famous wine region of Sancerre with the opportunity to sample the local wine and explore the charming hill top village. Today's cruise takes in the delightful splendor of the world's longest aqueduct, crossing the River Loire.

Saturday - Day 7 - This morning, after breakfast, we depart for the return transfer to Paris.

Note: This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. On alternate weeks, cruises will be in reverse direction.

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GOLF CRUISE

Sunday

We collect you from a Paris hotel after lunch for transfer by private mini-coach to the Meanderer. A Champagne reception and early evening cruise await you. Dinner aboard.

Monday

After an early breakfast we transfer to Fontenailles Golf Course (18 par 72, 6256m). In the grounds of the prestigious Chateau de Fontenailles, this picturesque course offers a challenge to novice and expert players alike. The evergreen fairways of the course feature densely wooded boundaries and large natural water features. In the afternoon we take a cruise along the first part of our journey. Dinner on board.

Tuesday

After breakfast we transfer to Fontainebleau Golf Course (18 par 72, 6074m). Regarded by many as the best golf course in the southern Paris region, this all weather course is deep in the private forest of the Fontainebleau estate. After lunch we cruise to the charming village of Chatillon Coligny. Dinner on board.

Wednesday

After breakfast we transfer to Golf de Montargis (18 par 72, 5914m). This championship golf course is described as an "American" style course. Situated in a wooded valley, the course includes manmade water features and natural lakes. On return to the barge, our afternoon cruise to Rogny-les-Sept-Ecluses includes a chance to walk the ancient "staircase" of locks, which stand as a monument to the old canal. Dinner on board.

Thursday

After breakfast we transfer to Roncemay Golf Course in Joigny (18 par 72, 6401m) This international standard course, designed by Jean Garaialde in 1991 has hosted many of France's famous competitions. Overlooked by the Chateau in whose grounds the course has been developed, the length and technical nature of the course offer a challenge to even the most advanced player. Afternoon cruise to Briare. Dinner on board.

Friday

Our morning is spent moored in Briare to allow time to explore this busy market town and fascinating history of the canal, which once supported it. In the afternoon we transfer to

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Sancerrois Golf Course (18 par 72, 5828m). A spectacular course set on the banks of the River Loire within sight of the famous vineyard village of Sancerre. Today's cruise is reserved until the evening to take in the delightful splendor of the world longest aqueduct, crossing the River Loire. Farewell Captains Dinner.

Saturday

This morning after breakfast we depart for the return transfer to by Paris by approximately 1pm.

Itinerary is subject to change

Note

Meanderer will offer an alternative, non-golfing excursion programs to anyone in the party who does not want to play golf.

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2009 PRICES

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6 Night Cruises:

Sunday Departures

Per Person

\$4,400 Value

\$5,175 Main

4 Pass Charter

\$23,100 Value

\$25,290 Main

5 Pass Charter

\$24,200

\$27,600

6 Pass Charter

\$25,290

\$29,900

LOW SEASON:

April 19, 26; August 2, 9, 16, 23; October 18, 25

MAIN SEASON:

May 3, 10, 24, 31; June 07, 14, 21, 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26; August 30; September 6, 13, 20, 27;
October 4, 11

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MENU TYPES

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Sample Dinner Menus for Meanderer

Avocat Santa Clara
Avocado, Crevettes & Caviar with Mustard Seed Vinaigrette

Porc Lorient
Honey Roast Pork Tenderloin Stuffed with Apple and Dates
Leeky Mashed Potatoes

Buttered Baby Carrots and Petit Pois

Zesty Lemon Syllabub
Served with Brandy Snap

French Cheeses

Freshly Brewed Coffee & Petit Fours

Soupe Poivron

Red & Yellow Pepper Soup with Warm Gatinais Flat Bread

Supreme de Volaille
Pan-fried Strips of Chicken Breast in a Bacon & Mushroom Cream Sauce
Steamed New Potatoes & French Green beans

Sicilian Oranges
With Passion Fruit Sorbet

French Cheeses

Freshly Brewed Coffee & Petit Fours

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