

La Nouvelle Etoile

CRUISING THE ALSACE REGION OF FRANCE

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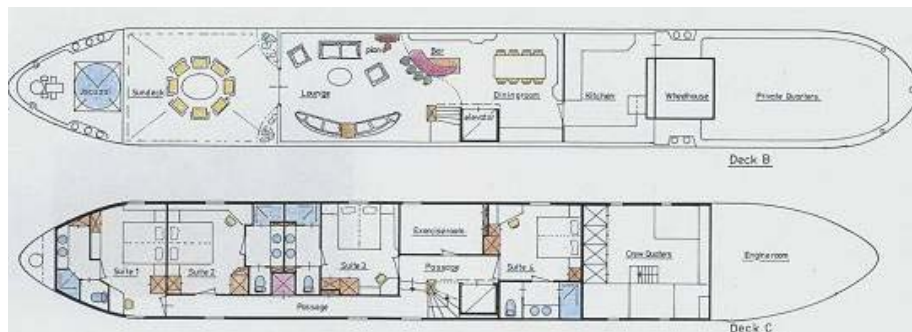
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Size:	128" X 17"
Capacity:	8
Crew:	5
Cabins:	4
Accommodations:	4 Large Suites (Queen or Twin)
Heat & Air:	Central Heating & Air Conditioning
Cruising Region:	Alsace Region
Length of Cruise:	6 Nights
Departure Day:	Sunday
Electricity:	The voltage aboard is 220 volt A/C and 110v (for electric shavers)
Hairdryers:	Provided
Meals:	All Included
Beverages:	All Included
Entrance Fees:	All Included
Laundry Facilities:	Small loads acceptable
Transportation:	Transfers to and from Paris & Private Motorcoach for excursions
Pick-Up Location:	Paris Hotel or Rail Station
Pick-Up Time:	3:30 PM
Recreational Items:	Soundsystem with CD, Jacuzzi, 6 Bikes, Fully Stocked Bar, Library, Exercise Room, TV and Computer in each cabin
Theme Cruises:	Golfing, Biking, Three Country, Mosel River Cruise
Cruising Season:	Alsace Region: August 23, 30; September 6, 13

BOAT DIAGRAM



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SAMPLE ITINERARY

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NANCY TO STRASBOURG

Sunday

You are met at your hotel and driven to the Etoile moored in the center of Nancy. After a champagne welcome, there will be a short cruise before the locks close at sunset.

Monday

We will enjoy a leisurely morning cruise to Einville and then return to Nancy for a walking tour of the city beginning at the elegant "Place Stanislas." Flanked by handsome Baroque palaces and enclosed by ornate gold and wrought iron entry gates, the square is considered one of the grandest in all of France. The Art Nouveau movement originated in Nancy, and you may choose to visit the Ecole de Nancy to see its fine collection.

Tuesday

After a morning cruise past tidy farms and pasture lands, we will drive to the privately owned chateau de Fleville. This graceful Renaissance residence adjoins a 14th century castle keep. The interiors are richly furnished with 18th century antiques. We then return to the Etoile, moored in the peaceful village of Schneckenbush, for the night.

Wednesday

Each day, the canal has gradually been climbing to the crest of the Vosges Mountains. After navigating two tunnels carved into the mountaintop, the Etoile encounters the Inclined Plane at Arzviller. This unique lock allows a barge to glide effortlessly up or down the mountainside using a sophisticated system of weights and balances. The Etoile continues her cruise through the Zorn Valley where the surrounding hilltops are dotted with the ruins of feudal castles, and spends the night in Lutzelbourg.

Thursday

We wind through the heart of Saverne, past the regal 18th century Bishop's Palace. From Saverne, we will take an afternoon drive along the Route du Vin d'Alsace to the old fortified town of Obernai where we will visit the Market Square and the 14th century ramparts that surround the city.

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Friday

Today, the Etoile will finish her cruise in the busy port of Strasbourg. Our afternoon tour of Strasbourg includes the folk museum and the 11th century Gothic cathedral, leaving enough time to wander around town to explore the fine shops. Returning to the Etoile, we will celebrate with a farewell dinner aboard.

Saturday

After breakfast, you are driven to your hotel, or the airport.

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2009 CRUISE SCHEDULE

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March 29-Apr 4	Early Season	Haarlem to Haarlem (Tulip Cruise)
April 5-11	Early Season	Haarlem to Haarlem (Tulip Cruise)
April 12-18		Haarlem to Haarlem (Tulip Cruise)
April 19-25		Haarlem to Haarlem (Tulip Cruise)
April 26-May 2		Haarlem to Haarlem (Tulip Cruise)
May 3-9		Haarlem to Haarlem (Tulip Cruise)
May 10-16		Amsterdam to Bruges
May 17-27		Bruges to Paris (2 Country Cruise)
May 31-June 6		Paris to Auxerre
June 7-13		Auxerre to Paris
June 14-20		Paris to Epernay
June 21-27		Epernay to Paris
June 28-July 4		Paris to Auxerre
July 5-11		Auxerre to Paris
July 12-18		Paris to Auxerre
July 19-25	Value Season	Auxerre to Paris
July 26- Aug 1	Value Season	Paris to Epernay
Aug 2-8	Value Season	Epernay to Paris
Aug 9-15	Value Season	Paris to Epernay
Aug 16-22	Re-Position Cruise (no cruises for this week)	
Aug 23-29		Nancy to Strasbourg
Aug 30-Sep 5		Strasbourg to Nancy
Sept 6-12		Nancy to Strasbourg
Sept 13-19		Strasbourg to Nancy
Sept 20-26		Remich to Koblenz

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Sept 20-26		Remich to Koblenz
Sept 27-Oct 3		Koblenz to Remich
Oct 4-10		Remich to Koblenz
Oct 11-17		Koblenz to Remich
October 18-24	Value Season	Remich to Koblenz

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2009 PRICES

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6 Night Cruise

Sunday Departures

Per Person:

\$6,150 p/p Early Season

\$6,500 p/p Value Season

\$6,900 p/p Main Season

8 Pass Charter:

\$46,900 Early Season

\$48,900 Value Season

\$52,900 Main Season

12 day Bruges to Paris

\$11,500 p/p

\$88,500 8 Pass Charter

EARLY SEASON:

March 29 & April 5

VALUE SEASON:

July 19, 26, August 2, 9; Oct 18

MAIN SEASON:

All Remaining Dates

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MENU TYPES

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Breakfast

Continental breakfast with freshly baked pastries and breads, cereals, fruit, yogurt and eggs made to order.

Morning Tea

Freshly brewed tea and coffee served with homemade lamingtons (sponge cake covered in coconut, dripped in chocolate).

Lunch

Dou potato soup with cheese, croutons, salads, cold meats, variety of pate, cheeses of the day, fresh breads and pastries.

Afternoon Tea

Hors d'oeuvres

Cheese and corn fritters.

Dinner

Entree - Trio of vegetables timbale, consisting of cauliflower, carrot, zucchini, gruyere and cayenne pepper. Served on a sauce of roasted red peppers, tomato and garlic.

Main Course - North Atlantic Salmon fillets grilled and topped with a champagne and chive lemon beurre blanc.

Cheese course consisting of the best regional cheeses.

Desert - Light chocolate souffle glazed with icing and Cream Chantilly.

Coffee, aperitifs and chocolates served in the main salon.

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Breakfast

Continental breakfast with freshly baked pastries and breads, cereals, fruit, yogurt and eggs made to order.

Morning Tea

Freshly brewed tea and coffee served with banana bread.

Lunch

French toast with Virginia leg ham, gouda cheese and tomatoes. Served with assorted pate, cold meats, salads and freshly baked breads.

Afternoon Tea

Hors d'oeuvres

Smoked trout pate on pumpernickel.

Dinner

Entree - Sautéed Scottish King Scallops served on a bed of zucchini and cabbage braise, topped with lime and chervil sauce with trio of caviar.

Main Course - Pork Macadamia - Oriental marinated pork fillets, flame grilled with roasted macadamia nuts served on a bed of angel hair pasta with seasonal vegetables in a curry and sesame sauce.

Cheese course consisting of the best regional cheeses.

Desert - Bombe Alaska - a wild berry mousse encased in a vanilla sponge cake topped with meringue and then baked.

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