

Le Papillon

CRUISING THE BURGUNDY REGION OF FRANCE

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Size:	104"X16'6"
Capacity:	6
Crew:	4
Cabins:	3
Accommodations:	1 Double, 2 Twins
Heat & Air:	Central Heating & Air Conditioning
Cruising Region:	Burgundy Region
Length of Cruise:	6 Nights
Departure Day:	Sunday
Electricity:	2 generators, 380/220 volts
Engine:	210 HP Cummins, maximum speed 12 knots
Water:	12 tons of water, 5 tons of fuel
Meals:	All Included
Beverages:	All Included
Entrance Fees:	All Included
Laundry Facilities:	Not available
Transportation:	Transfers to and from Paris & Private Motorcoach for excursions
Pick-Up Location:	Rail Station, Hotel or Airport in Dijon
Pick-Up Time:	4:30-5:00 PM
Recreational Items:	Sondsystem with CD, 6 Mountain Bikes, Tennis Rackets, Library of books & games
Theme Cruises:	Family, Walking, Tennis & Wine
Cruising Season:	April until November

BOAT DIAGRAM



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SAMPLE ITINERARY

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FLEUREY TO PONT ROYAL

Fleurey-sur-Ouche (near Dijon) to Pont Royal

50 miles of beautiful canal scenery - sample itinerary

Sunday

You will be met by a Papillon crew member at your hotel in Paris at 1pm and driven to the Papillon moored near Dijon in the village of Fleurey-sur-Ouche. On the way we can visit the fabulous château of **Vaux-le-Vicomte** – a mini rival to Versailles. Alternatively you can take the fast TGV train from Paris and a Papillon crew member will meet you at the railway station in Dijon. Upon arrival, you will be welcomed aboard Le Papillon with a Champagne reception and introduced to the crew of four – time to settle in before dinner.

Monday

After breakfast, we will start cruising along the **Canal de Bourgogne**. There will be ample opportunities to take a bike or walk along the canal towing path. By mid afternoon we shall be moored in the delightful village of **Gissey-sur-Ouche**. A short drive in the minibus will take us to the **medieval quarter of Dijon** for a walking tour followed by a visit to the **Musée des Beaux Arts** in the ducal palace. Our drive back to Papillon will include the **Route des Grands Crus** through the vineyards of the **Côte de Nuits**, passing by **Clos Vougeot**.

Tuesday

Food lovers can make an early start and accompany our chef to the busy morning **food market** in Dijon. This is an opportunity to meet our cheese, fish, meat and vegetable suppliers, of whom we are very proud, face to face. Maybe take a coffee with the chef and discuss some of your favourite dishes. There will be some free time for any shopping – the **Rue Verrerie** with its famous **antique shops** is nearby. Lunch back aboard and then cruise to the village of **Veuve-sur-Ouche**.

Wednesday

This morning's cruise will take us to **Pont d'Ouche** where we cruise over the Ouche river. After lunch we will drive through the nearby hills and descend into the Cote d'Or vineyards and visit **Beaune** – a thriving little town and proud capital of the wine trade. By far the most famous sight is the **hospice** with its multicoloured roof tiles which was built in 1443 by Nicolas Rolin, chancellor to the dukes of Burgundy. Next door in the spectacular cellars of the **Marché aux Vins** we can taste some of **Burgundy's finest wines** or alternatively stop at one of the vineyards on our way back to Papillon. During the afternoon Papillon will have cruised on to La Repe where she will be moored for the night.

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Thursday

A 5 minute drive from Papillon will take us up to the hilltop village of **Chateauneuf-en-Auxois**. Highly restored and very picturesque, the village also offers a fine aerial view of the canal. Back onboard, we will climb the remaining locks before reaching the summit level of the canal – **the highest point** on this water route from the **Mediterranean to the English Channel**. After lunch we can visit the little **chateau of Commarin** with its fine **tapestries**. And then on through one of the wonders of the canal system – a **two mile tunnel** leading to the town of **Pouilly-en-Auxois**. Nearby the chateau of Chailly has a fine **golf course**.

Friday

Today's cruise will take us through lovely rolling countryside to **Pont Royal**. From there, a pleasant circular trip in the minibus could include visits to the hilltop village of **Flavigny** where '**Chocolat**' was filmed, the **Cistercian abbey of Fontenay** (UNESCO world heritage sight) and the virtually undiscovered medieval town of **Semur-en-Auxois**. **Saturday**

After breakfast, minibus transfer to Dijon train station or your hotel or airport in Paris.

The above description of a week on Le Papillon, cruising from Fleurey to Pont Royal contains similar points of interest as a cruise in the opposite direction from Pont Royal to Fleurey, although times for excursions will clearly differ between the two routes. No two cruises on Le Papillon are ever exactly the same however, since we always mould each voyage to fit the interests of our passengers. **Whatever your passion is – golf, tennis, biking, walking, side trips in the minibus, just relaxing on deck, or a little of everything – we'll make sure you do it.**

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2008 PRICES

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6 Night Cruises:

\$3,850 pe person

(based on two sharing a cabin)

Charter up to 6:

\$22,000 Half-Board

\$23,000 Full Board

(minimum of 4 passengers to guarantee cruise)

Either we treat you to a meal ashore at a local restaurant or you may choose our half/half-board option whereby you take 3 dinners ashore at your own expense and enjoy a reduction of \$1000 on the charter fare.

Our fares include six nights accommodation, five days of cruising and transfers between Paris and the barge. All meals, bar drinks, wines, champagne and other beverages are included. An air conditioned minibus and six bicycles are available for side-trips throughout the cruise. There is a crew of four.

Personal travel insurance and optional crew gratuities are not included.

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CRUISE OPTIONS

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Make it as active as you wish

You might relax on deck with a book, or perhaps try.....

Wine tasting - In small private cellars - fun and informative

Horse riding - Can be arranged as an extra activity

Market - Pick up some produce with the chef

Boules - The classic French pastime and not too strenuous

Minibus - Available for tours throughout the cruise

Tennis - Most villages have a courts

Walking - Miles of towpath beside the canals

Restaurant - We invite you to a meal ashore

These are just some suggestions, we can cater the cruise to your interests.

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MENU TYPES

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A Typical Menu

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on deck

Warm salad of scallops & carrots in a Sauternes sauce

Roast fillet of lamb with asparagus and a warm vinaigrette of fresh tomato and basil

Plateau of local cheeses and green salad

Homemade peach ice cream with fresh fruits

Coffee, chocolates and digestifs

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