

Edge Charter

- BURGUNDY BY LUXURY MOTOR BARGE -



The Randle Canal du Nivernais

Thirteen Night Grand Cruise from the vineyards of Cote St Jacques to tranquil Lake Baye in the Morvan

The beautiful hills and valleys of Burgundy have been famous for wine production for millennia. During a thirteen night cruise aboard The Randle we will show you the very best Burgundy has to offer as we cruise along the idyllic Nivernais canal and Yonne river valley. Through water meadows with grazing cattle, unspoilt villages sleeping in the afternoon sun, to bustling market towns with magnificent cathedral spires, lively cafes, bars, and restaurants.

Every day you will wake to breakfast purchased that very morning from the local artisan patisserie and with fresh espresso coffee, followed by a relaxing morning cruise with lunch at a quiet location followed by an afternoon tour by car. Enjoy a pleasant evening at one of the many excellent local restaurants and then return to The Randle for a candlelit nightcap.

A thirteen night cruise will focus on the local history, architecture, Burgundian wines and French cuisine. We arrange outings and events along many themes, ballooning, golf, horse riding, tennis, canoeing, antiques hunting, art, fishing, and more, we welcome your ideas.

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Day 1, Sunday

Arrive Joigny

After afternoon pick up from Paris it is a 1 1/2 hour transfer to the Randle moored on the banks of the River Yonne in Joigny.

Welcome aboard with Captain's 'Cia Royal' reception

Joigny was fortified in the 10th Century and has many cobbled streets and ancient buildings, the remains of the old town walls and gate houses too. There are many restaurants to choose from, from the three-starred Michelin La Cote Saint-Jacques, to authentic bistros.

Night 1, Joigny

Day 2, Monday

Joigny to Gurgy

On Monday morning we set sail for Gurgy, a peaceful hamlet on the banks of the river Yonne. After lunch aboard we set off by car to the famous wine village of Chablis to tour the Grand Cru vineyards after which we return to the village to sample wines from light and fresh Petite Chablis, Chablis, First Cru, and then Grand Cru, the king of Chablis with a great depth of flavour and a very long finish.

Evening dining is either at one of the many restaurants in Chablis from Michelin to bistro style, or closer to the Randle moored in Gurgy.

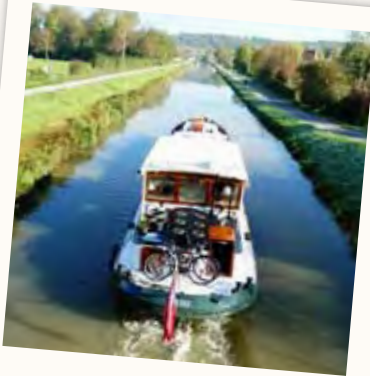
Night 2, Gurgy

Day 3, Tuesday

Gurgy to Auxerre

After the morning cruise we arrive at Auxerre. Twice visited by Jeanne d'Arc and a citadel since the 5th century, Auxerre is dominated by the Saint-Etienne Cathedral and the Saint-Germain Abbey. Embracing its medieval past with many interesting cobbled streets and half timbered houses, there is more to see and do than can be possibly fitted into one day, from shopping for that little bit of French style to visiting the museums and art galleries, many bars, cafes, and restaurants to choose, from authentic bistros to Michelin recommended for an evening dining treat.

Night 3 Auxerre



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Day 4, Wednesday

Trip to Guedelon & Saint Fargeau

Today we stay in Auxerre and take a tour by car to Guelelon and Saint Fargeau, Guedelon is a 13th century castle work in progress, commenced in 1998 and with still over 15 years to go, construction follows the exact same processes, tools, and techniques as used in the 13th century. With the possibility to see many old crafts in action, rope making, blacksmith, carpenters, stone cutters, and masons, all using the traditional methods of the past. Close by is the Grand Chateau Saint-Fargeau. A magnificent building commenced in the 10th century and later remodelled in its present form in 1652 by Anne-Marie Louise d'Orleans, a cousin of King Louis XIV.

Night 4, Auxerre

Day 5, Thursday

Auxerre to Vincelles

Today we leave the grand locks of the Yonne and enter the first smaller locks of the Nivernais Canal, still hand operated by attendant lockkeepers. We cruise on to Bailly where a short walk from our mooring is the Cave de Bailly where the local "champagne" Cremant de Bourgogne is produced in a worked out medieval limestone mine, indeed, some of the stone used to construct Notre-Dame Cathedral, Paris, came from this very location. At the perfect constant temperature of just 12°C and using the exact same two-year champagne method Cremant is produced; there is a chance to tour the caves where 8 million bottles are on their way to becoming Cremant de Bourgogne. After lunch aboard the Randle we make the short cruise to Vincelles on the Yonne for our evening mooring. There may also be time to tour the picturesque wine village of Irancy too, or the remains of a Roman villa at Escolives. Dinner can be taken at either the Michelin recommended Auberge de Tilleuls, or Pub Cellia, where tender Charolais steaks are prepared over an open log fire.

Night 5, Vincelles

Day 6, Friday

Vincelles to Accolay

Today we are on our way to Accolay! Set on a side branch of the canal the village of Accolay was once famous for pottery but is now a quiet mooring and sleepy village. After lunch we take a tour by car to Noyers sur Serein, one of the prettiest villages in France. Once on a major medieval trade route it was besieged and sacked by King Henry IV of France in the 17th century. The fortified village remains little changed since those times although but now benefiting from being a popular tourist destination. Evening dining either in Noyers or at the superb Hostelier de la Fontaine, Accolay.

Night 6, Accolay





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Day 7, Saturday

Accolay to Mailly le Chateau

Back on the main route of the Nivernais canal we cruise on to Pregilbert, where we stop to catch trout for lunch at the nearby Abbaye de Crisenon, a trout farm founded by the monks and revised in recent times. After lunch we cruise on to Mailly-Le-Chateau; take a walking tour of the village set on a high ravine, with its fortified church overlooking the beautiful Yonne river valley, the roof tops of Maillyle-Bas and the Nivernais canal.

The Afternoon tour by car is to the Grottes d'Arcy-sur-Cure, to view some of the oldest cave paintings in Europe, the 28,000 year old Paleolithic paintings of woolly mammoths, rhinoceros, and even the artist's hand. Supper is at the La Castel in the town square of Mailly le Chateau for an authentic taste of France.

Night 7, Mailly Le Chateau

Day 8, Sunday

Mailly le Chateau to Lucy sur Yonne

Today we cruise through the Yonne valley to moor under the cliffs of Le Saussois, the Saussois cliffs are popular with climbers some of whom may be see practicing their skills, and Falcons too. There is a path to the top to reward climbers with a fantastic view of the surrounding countryside. We then cruise on to small village of Lucy sur Yonne for our afternoon mooring.

The afternoon tour by car is to the Castle of Druyes where in 1216 Pierre de Courtenay was offered the crown to the Latin empire of Constantinople but now a magnificently preserved example of medieval fortification with adjoining village, at the base of the castle is Les Belles Fontaines the source natural spring water and with art gallery and viaduct too.

In the evening there is the opportunity to dine at the house of Marie Claude, Clos de Lucy, for a fine taste of authentic French country-house cooking.

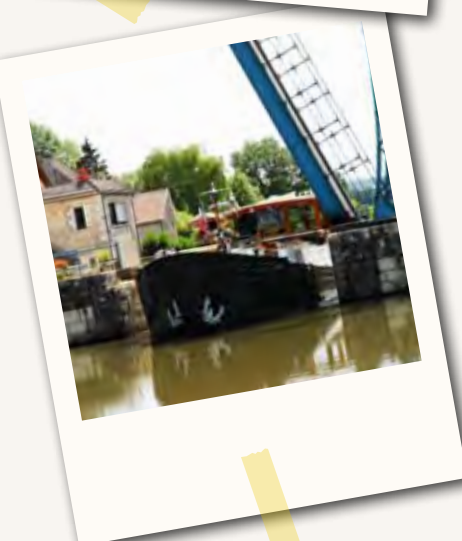
Night 8, Lucy Sur Yonne

Day 9, Monday

Lucy Sur Yonne to Clamecy

Today we cruise on canal and river to arrive in the old regional centre of Clamecy, for over four hundred years a prosperous logging town, the old town has a wealth of architecture reflecting its now faded status, view the logging museum and walk the cobbled streets, with many restaurants to choose from for an evening of dining pleasure.

Night 9 Clamecy



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Day 10, Tuesday

Clamecy to Asnois

After a morning cruise we take a tour by car to the UNESCO world heritage site and Basilica of Saint Mary Madeline, Vézelay. View the many shops and galleries and the basilica itself with crypt to the relic of Mary Madeline making it a place of pilgrimage for over a millennium, and meeting place of Richard the Lionheart and King Philippe-Auguste of France in 1190 on the starting point of the third crusade. Evening dining is at one of the many fine Vézelay restaurants.

Night 10 Asnois

Day 11, Wednesday

Asnois to Chitry les Mines

Chitry les Mines gets its name from small silver mines worked there during the Renaissance; now a quite village which a fortified chateau adjacent the canal, Afternoon tour by car to Bazoches, built on a former Roman base an amazing, beautifully presented, and preserved chateau of Marshal de Vauban, Military architect and strategist to king Louis XIV and designer of many great fortifications. Evening dining at L'Auberge du Centre at Monceaux le Comte close to the canal.

Night 11, Chitry les Mines

Day 12, Thursday

Chitry les Mines to Sardy les Epiry

The morning cruise is through rural countryside to the base of the Sardy "staircase" a set of 16 consecutive locks. there is a chance to relax in the rural setting explore the quite lanes by bicycle, the evening is aboard the Randle with chef's barbeque on the grassy banks of the canal.

Night 12, Sardy Dine onboard





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Day 13, Friday

Sardy to Baye

We start our cruise by climbing the Sardy "staircase", a masterpiece of canal engineering to arrive at Port Brulé. And then, set in a deep walled ravine like the entrance to an ancient lost city we pass through three amazing tunnels, Bruilles, Mousas, and Clollancelle to arrive at the very summit the Nivernais, the tranquil Lake Baye. Set on the border of National park of the Morvan a popular place for walkers, sailors and fishermen alike. After lunch possibility to visit Chateau Lantilly and to enjoy the rural peace of our evening mooring, before I taking your final evening meal in the historic town of Corbigny.

Night 13, Baye

Day 14, Saturday

Depart after breakfast for transfer to Paris or Montbard TGV.

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Information

Features

- Elegant riverboat with modern comforts and classic charm.
- Open bar & cellar with a range of great regional wines.
- En-suite wood panelled cabins
- Air conditioned and centrally heated.
- Cordon Bleu chef and host.
- Chauffeured tours by private car to vineyards, chateaus, castles, and places of interest.
- Evening chauffer service.
- 3G/GPRS WiFi
- English crew of three.
- Paris transfers both ways to airport, station, or hotel.

Supplements

- A Balloon trip over the magnificent countryside and possibly over the hilltop Basilica of Vézelay, from \$270.00USD per person.
- An evening dining aboard the Randle including captains selection of two bottles of local wine, \$270.00USD
- Popular melodies by our very own songstress, \$200.00USD
- Many outdoor pursuits, sailing, fishing, horse riding, painting to name but a few, please enquire.

Restaurants Burgundy is renowned for the quality of its food. Cruising Randle you will arrive at the very best of the local restaurants ranging from Michelin starred to bistro cafés; all with their special and individual charm and friendly atmosphere, whether you wish to dine gourmet style or something rather more casual we are sure that we will be able to accommodate your tastes, and dietary requirements. Several have their own private moorings and welcome arrivals by water.

Other attractions There are many other attractions in Burgundy; listed above are but a few of the many, if you have special interests please ask and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Language, parlez-vous anglais? Yes, we have an English crew and English is spoken at all restaurants & attractions we visit; however there are many opportunities to practice French speaking should one wish.

The Itinerary

The cruise as detailed above is an example of what one might look forward to during two weeks aboard Randle. Randle does not have to keep to a strict schedule and as such she is very much your boat for the charter period, to do as much or as little as one wishes. And as we only whole boat charter you will have a private time aboard too.

The Cost

Grand Cruise, 13 night private charter, up to four guests. \$20,250.00 USD

All Inclusive but excluding evening dining at selected restaurants & gratuities.

To ensure your comfort the Randle is crewed by an English company of three, Captain/tour-guide, Matelot, and chef/host (Cordon Bleu)

