

# France's Impressions Voyages

*The ultimate travel experience in France*

## BURGUNDY



### **CAPRICE... HEART OF BURGUNDY !**

**First Class, 21 passengers**

**Saturday to Friday**

**Caprice is a 21-passenger** First class barge recently renovated with a cozy salon, a bar and dining area, a comfortable furnishings and large picture windows. A two-level forward sundeck at the bow, wreathed in flowers, chairs and parasols, and even including a barbecue for an outdoor lunch one day during the cruise,

weather permitting.

**Caprice** follows a popular itinerary along the Burgundy Canal, one of the most beloved in France, with an incredible abundance of interesting shore excursions by coach, on foot, by balloon or by bicycle. This incomparable region is world-renowned for its exquisite cuisine and fine wine. The cruise route affords plenty of opportunity for walking or biking along the canal.

### **Highlights**

- The barging capital of Europe, St Jean de Losne
- Dijon, the capital of Burgundy
- The 12th century monks winery of Clos de Vougeot
- Medieval town of Chalon-sur-Saone
- The 12th Century Chateau of Rully
- The picturesque village of Chagny
- Wine tasting in Meursault & Château de Marguerite of Burgundy
- A tour of historic Beaune, the capital of the vineyards
- A mooring in the vineyards of Santenay



### **Itinerary: Dijon to St Leger sur Dheune**

#### **Saturday**

Meet at the Dijon train station at 4:15 p.m. Bus transfer to Caprice and welcome aboard drinks with introduction of the crew. As you are getting acquainted with your new sailing mates the Caprice will begin its journey along the Canal de Bourgogne to its evening mooring at Ouges.

#### **Sunday**

After your buffet breakfast aboard Caprice, our motor coach will whisk you to Dijon for a tour of this capital of Burgundy. Meanwhile Caprice continues down the Canal de Bourgogne. Passengers will return to Caprice for lunch and continue cruising along the canal. There are many opportunities for guests to walk along the towpath or cycle into nearby villages. This evening we will moor in St Jean de Losne, traditionally the center of barging in Burgundy. It is in St Jean de Losne that the Canal de Bourgogne merges with the River Saone. There are opportunities to walk through the village before dinner and stroll the quiet streets after dinner. There are hundreds of barges moored here in addition to major barge manufacturers. Live-aboard barge owners are abundant. It is a unique village.

#### **Monday**

This morning your guide will take you to visit Clos de Vougeot. Wine was produced here as early as the 12th century, by none other than the local monks. A private wine tasting follows before we return to Caprice. This afternoon we

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will cruise to Chalon sur Saone. Chalon sur Saone is the second largest city in Burgundy and has been an important trading center since Gallo-Roman times. There will be time to visit the beautiful medieval town center surrounding the Cathedral St Vincent.

## Tuesday

Today we enter the Canal du Centre from the Saone through a lock with a 50-foot rise. We will cruise along an attractive winding stretch where a good towpath and fairly frequent locks give ample opportunities to walk or cycle the towpath. This afternoon we will have an excursion to the nearby village of Rully for a private guided tour of the 12th century Chateau. When we return to Caprice it will be moored in the lovely little town of Chagny.

## Wednesday

Morning excursion to Beaune. Beaune is the wine capital of Burgundy and home to the magnificent Hotel-Dieu, a charity hospital founded in 1443. This monument boasts the finest Burgundian-Flemish architecture in the world. Afternoon cruise through the meanders of the Canal du Centre, then, moor in the midst of the famous vineyards of Santenay.



## Thursday

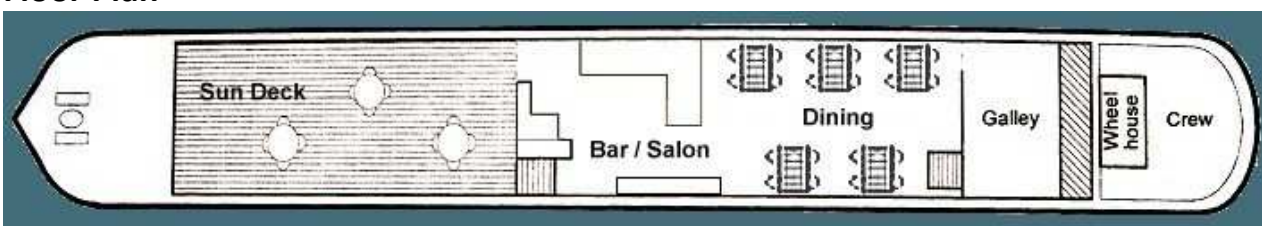
Today we navigate to the quiet village of Dennevly. Drive to Couches to visit the chateau of Marguerite of Burgundy, the beautifully preserved vestiges of a vast medieval fortress, followed by a tasting of the wines made here by Emmanuel Cayot, son of the owner. Some free time for walking or cycling today. Later we cruise on to the picturesque village of St Leger-sur-Dheune for a farewell gala dinner.

## Friday

Transfer to Dijon train station after breakfast.

*\*Note: This is a sample itinerary and it is subject to modification in the case of unforeseen circumstances and canal closures. This cruise may run in reverse on alternate weeks.*

## Floor Plan



## Barge Features

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**Passengers:** 2 1

**Crew:** 7

**Barge Size:** 128 ft by 17 ft

**Cabins:** 11

**Cabin Size:** from 68 to 98 sq ft each (average 82 sq ft)

**Accommodations:** Two doubles, 8 twins, 1 single with all with ensuite marble baths

**Heat & Air:** Central heat and air conditioning

**Laundry:** Not available

**Amenities:** Hairdryers, bathroom toiletries, , bicycles, sundeck with comfy chairs, hot tub, polished mahogany interior, 2 minivans

**TV/DVD/CD:** CD Sound System

**Electricity:** 220V

## **CAPRICE 2011 SEASON PRICES in US \$**

**Value Season is April 2 thru 9, July 16 thru 30, thru August 6 thru 20, October 22 thru 29**

**Regular Season is April 16 thru 30, May 17 thru 28, June 4 thru 25, July 2 thru 9, August 27 thru October 15**

**Cabin (per person, double occupancy)** VS \$ 2,690 / RS \$ 2,890

**Single Occupancy Supplement** VS \$ 1,290 / RS \$ 1,290

Theme cruises: Wine & Gastronomy, Cooking Classes

For further information please contact us.

### **Included in Cruise Price**

- 7 days and 6 nights on the barge in a cabin with private bath
- Transfers from Dijon or Le Creusot train station to the barge and return, depending on cruise route
- All meals beginning with dinner on Saturday through breakfast on Friday
- All wines with lunches and dinners
- All escorted side-excursions
- Use of bicycles