

France's Impressions Voyages

The ultimate travel experience in France

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SAVOIR VIVRE

Experience brand new luxury barge cruising with the 8-passenger Savoir Vivre

Casual Class, 8 passengers
Sunday to Saturday



James Waggott, the founder of Savoir Vivre, developed his unique vision of a new more chic, casual and authentic French barge cruising experience! Enjoy idyllic breakfasts and lunches as we cruise along the beautiful Burgundy canal. Explore hidden gems of French life, history and culture via air conditioned van and the legendary guidance of your Captain, Francois Everson. Experience the 'real France' dining experiences at different authentic local restaurants every evening. Excursions to the highlights of southern Burgundy give guests a diversity

of historic sights and emphasize the villages, the markets, and the wine and food producers.

Highlights

- **Route des Grands Crus**
- Wine tasting at the medieval chateau of **Clos de Vougeot**
- Colorful outdoor market of **Dijon** with time to see the historic town center and **Ducal Palace**
- An entire day in **Beaune**, the wine center of the Cote d'Or, to enjoy the famed "Hospice", lunch in town followed by winetasting and plenty of time to browse the shops or enjoy a cafe
- Visit **Ferme de Poisset**, an authentic cheesemaker - tastings, *bien sur!*
- Hilltop castle and village of **Chateauneuf-en-Auxois**



2012 Itinerary: *Escommes to Fleury-sur-Ouche*

Sunday: Meet in Dijon

Our captain will meet your party in late afternoon in **Dijon** at the Rail Station or a local hotel. From there, you'll be chauffeured to Savoir Vivre at anchor in **Fleury-sur-Ouche**, a classic village nestled on the Canal de Bourgogne. There will be time to unpack and explore the better to work up an appetite for your first on-shore dinner.

Monday: The beautiful Beaune

This morning begin your cruise back in time through the unhurried and authentic **Valley of the Ouche**. Today's cruise involves a string of locks along a meandering tree lined section of the canal. The extraordinary **Chateauneuf-en-Auxois** comes into view as we round the corner on our way to our mooring at La Repe. After lunch aboard, sightseeing takes center stage as you head to enchanting **Beaune** - wine capital of the Cote d'Or. There's much to enjoy in **Beaune**; most important is the immaculately preserved **Hospice de Beaune**, a charity hospital built in the 15th century (and which treated patients until the early 20th century!). And there will be

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time to explore the shops or visit a cafe in the square. Return to the barge in late afternoon, then relax until we drive you to the nearby delight of "Restaurant de l'Auxois", your restaurant for this evening

Tuesday: Hilltop Medieval Village

After breakfast on board, we visit the lovely Medieval village and chateau of Chateauneuf-en-Auxois perched high on a hill overlooking the canal. Explore on cobblestoned streets, peek into private gardens, and then tour the haunting chateau. Then it's back to Savoir Vivre for lunch as we cruise through gorgeous scenery to Pont d'Ouche, a canal port where all kinds of interesting boats can normally be found. Relax on board or explore by bicycle - let's meet up with our barge at the next lock! When you are ready we drive you to the nearby delight of "Le Spuller", your restaurant for this evening.

Wednesday: Pont D'Ouche to La Bussiere

After a peaceful start to your day we visit Ferme de Poisset, an authentic cheesemaker complete with goats. Yes, you'll learn and then you'll taste! After all, you are in France! Return to Savoir Vivre and walk the towpath or bicycle into a nearby village - or just relax on board with a good book - as Savoir Vivre continues its journey on the historic Canal de Bourgogne to La Bussiere. Tonight you will dine at "L'Oree du Bois", an authentic creperie (which are a French dining institution) located in the heart of Chateauneuf en Auxois. Before dinner enjoy a glass of wine at the stunning lookout point.

Thursday: La Bussiere to Gissey – Wine, wine, wine!

As you enjoy breakfast on board featuring village baked pastries still warm from the oven, we cruise through gorgeous scenery to Gissey-sur-Ouche. You will be driven south to the famed Cote d'Or wine region. Your first visit today is to Chateau du Clos de Vougeot where wine was produced by Cistercian monks from the 12th century. Examine the ancient wine presses and learn more about winemaking and life in that long ago era. Then it's back to present-day pleasures at a winetasting which introduces this area's vintages. Return to Savoir Vivre. Later you'll be transferred to dinner at the local, friendly and refined restaurant – "Auberge Les Gourmands".



Friday: Gissey to Fleury-sur-Ouche – Market in Day in Dijon

After breakfast, we head to Dijon to mingle with locals at the famed outdoor market. There will be time to look around the well-preserved Medieval old town and shop - think mustard! Then it's back to Savoir Vivre for lunch and an afternoon cruise through gorgeous scenery to Fleury-sur-Ouche. Your final on-shore dinner is at the highly regarded hilltop restaurant "Ferme de Rolle". Now is the time to share memories of your authentic encounters with the people, cuisine, wine and sights of Burgundy.

Saturday: Fleurey to Dijon - A Sad Farewell!

Depart between 8 and 9 am for your chauffeured transfer back to Dijon. After your final breakfast on board, it will be hard to leave Savoir Vivre! There are mid-to-late morning TGV trains from Dijon back to Paris or perhaps you'll choose to rent a car for an onward journey. We hope to see you on Savoir Vivre again!

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.

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Floor Plan



Barge Features

Passengers: 8

Crew: 2

Barge Size: 80 feet long

Ceiling Height: 6'6" to 7 feet

Cabins: 4 twin or queen

Cabin Size: 100 sq. feet

Accommodations: 4 cabins with twin or queen beds, deluxe bedding, ample storage, excellent reading lights, bathrobes, dressing table/chair, bathroom with shower, sink, toilet

Heat & Air: Central Heat and Air with individual controls

Laundry: Not available

Amenities: Library, bicycles, sound system, TV; 2 decks, fore and aft, with lounge and upright chairs

Email Access: Yes, where available

TV/DVD/CD: Yes, flat screen

Electricity: 220V



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For the best rate, please contact us: contact@voyages-france-impressions.com

Theme cruise : Families, Custom

For further information please contact us

Included in Cruise Price

- Transfer from meeting point in Dijon to the barge and return to Dijon
- Six nights accommodation in private cabin with ensuite bathroom
- Continental breakfast served every morning
- New : Daily lunches & diners are included
- A complimentary 'Open Bar and Refrigerator' stocked with soft drinks, wines, beers, house selected spirits and a selection of snacks.
- Daily chauffeured and guided excursions to local places of interest in our dedicated minivan.
- All entrance fees to places visited.

