

# France's Impressions Voyages

The ultimate travel experience in France

## BURGUNDY



SAVOIR VIVRE is a new 8 passenger charter barge cruise on the popular Burgundy Canal.

### SAVOIR VIVRE

Casual Class, 8 passengers

Sunday to Saturday

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

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



### Itinerary: The Burgundy Canal Fleury-sur-Ouche to Chateauneuf-en-Auxois

#### 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: Fleury-sur-Ouche to Gisse-sur-Ouche

This morning begins your cruise back in time through the unhurried and authentic Valley of the Ouche. You'll float past limestone cliffs, wooded hills and enchanting villages. After lunch on board (always freshly purchased from nearby markets and gourmet food shops), enjoy the first of many excursions. Your Captain now becomes a trusted guide who will introduce you to the sights and history of Burgundy. You will be driven south to the famed Cote d'Or wine region. Visit first Chateau du Clos de Vougeot where wine was produced by Cistercian monks from the 12th century on. Examine the ancient wine presses and learn more winemaking and life in that long ago era. Then it's

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back to present-day pleasures at a wine tasting which introduces area vintages. Return to Savoir Vivre. Later you'll be transferred to dinner in the nearby town of Sombornon.

## **Tuesday: Gissey-sur-Ouche to La Bussiere-sur-Ouche**

After breakfast on board featuring village-baked pastries just warm from the oven, head back to Dijon to mingle with locals at the famed outdoor market. There will be time to look around the well-preserved medieval town core and shop - think mustard! Then it's back to Savoir Vivre with lunch on board and an afternoon cruise through gorgeous scenery to La Bussiere-sur-Ouche. Relax on deck or explore by bicycle - let's meet the barge at the next lock! Walk to your dinner tonight at the restaurant Ecluse de la Charme.

## **Wednesday: Moor at La Bussiere-sur-Ouche**

Change the pace today! Sightseeing takes center stage as you head to a full day in and around 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!). After an included set-menu lunch in Beaune, enjoy a very special winetasting. There will still be time to explore in the pedestrian shopping zone or have a cafe in the square. Return to the barge in late afternoon, then relax until we drive you to nearby Bligny-sur-Ouche for dinner on shore.

## **Thursday: La Bussiere-sur-Ouche to Pont d'Ouche**

Walk the towpath or bicycle into a nearby village - or just relax on deck with a good book - as Savoir Vivre continues its journey on the historic Canal de Bourgogne. After lunch on board, visit Ferme de Poisset, an authentic cheesemaker. Yes, you'll learn and then you'll taste! After all, you are in France! Return to Savoir Vivre and dine in the nearby village of Crugey.



## **Friday: Pont d'Ouche to Chateauneuf-en-Auxois**

Continue to cruise into the Valley of the Ouche and past the dramatic village and chateau of Chateauneuf-en-Auxois perched high on a hill overlooking the canal. After lunch on board, visit this lovely medieval town. Explore on cobblestoned streets, peek into private gardens, and then tour the haunting chateau. Return to Savoir Vivre for a drink on deck and then walk to your final on-shore dinner at Hostellerie de l'Auxois. Now is the time to share memories of your authentic encounters with the people, cuisine, wine and sights of Burgundy.

## **Saturday: Chateauneuf-en-Auxois to Dijon**

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. 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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- Open refrigerator and bar with snacks, beer, wine, house brands of whiskey, bourbon, gin and vodka, water and soft drinks
- 9 passenger Mercedes mini-bus with guide/driver available for sightseeing expeditions, shopping,