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FINESSE RIVER CRUISE

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European Canal Barge Cruises, Cruises

Europe, France

7 days from AU$13,035 pp

Private

Journey Overview

Finesse is a double-decker hotel barge that was built to exacting standards with luxury in mind, enhanced by her modern public areas and very spacious cabin suite accommodation.

The well-designed public areas include a saloon with contemporary furnishings and panoramic windows where the emphasis is on making the most of the natural light. There is also a demonstration galley where guests can watch their chef preparing delicious gourmet meals. Outside, guests can relax on the large sun deck with its alfresco dining area, comfortable seating and spa pool.

The four cabin suites, which can be in twin or double-bedded configuration, are very spacious (approx. 265sq ft including en suite), each one air-conditioned and with a beautifully appointed shower room.

Finesse is the perfect vessel on which to cruise the meandering waterways of Southern Burgundy past vineyards and charming canalside villages, and to discover fascinating places along the way such as Autun, Beaune and Dijon.

Cruise Highlights

- Tour of the historic city of Dijon, including the magnificent Notre-Dame
- Visit to the 14th century Château de Germolles
- Tour and private wine tasting at Château de Chamirey in Mercurey
- Visit to Beaune, including Hôtel-Dieu Hospice
- Tour of ancient Autun and its 12th century cathedral
- Gastronomic lunch ashore at a Michelin starred restaurant
- Excellent opportunities for walking and cycling
- “Biking Plus” option available



Itinerary

Day 1 St-Julien-sur-Dheune

Guests are met in Dijon* and transferred by air-conditioned minibus to Finesse for a Champagne Welcome and the opportunity to meet the crew. Then there is time to wander along the towpath and admire the classic Burgundy scenery before dinner on board.
Finesse* | *Meals: D

Day 2: St-Julien-sur-Dheune to St-Léger-sur-Dheune

This morning, we begin our voyage through Southern Burgundy along the Canal du Centre through undulating countryside to moor at the little village of St-Leger-sur-Dheune. We descend a series of 11 locks while cruising past the villages along the way. After lunch on board, we visit the 14th century Château de Germolles, the best preserved of the residences of the Dukes of Burgundy, with its ducal chapel, medieval wall paintings and romantic gardens Dinner on board.
Finesse* | *Meals: BLD

Day 3: St-Léger-sur-Dheune to Remigny

This morning, we head to Autun, founded by the Romans as Augustodunum it has retained many of its original Antique monuments such as Roman gates, ruins of a Temple and a 17,000 seat amphitheatre. We return to the barge for lunch, then we cruise to the rural setting of Remigny, passing along the route picturesque Burgundian villages such as the famous wine-producing village of Santenay. Dinner on board.
Finesse* | *Meals: BLD

Day 4: Remigny to Rully

After breakfast, we set off on a drive through the Côte de Beaune vineyards to the town of Beaune itself, capital of Burgundy wine country where we visit the fascinating 15th century Hôtel-Dieu Hospice and explore the quaint shops of the town, before enjoying a gastronomic lunch in the heart of Puligny & Chassagne Montrachet vineyards at the restaurant Le Montrachet. After lunch, we return to the barge for an afternoon cruise past the charming little town of Chagny, to our mooring near the village of Rully. Dinner on board.
Finesse* | *Meals: BLD

Day 5: Rully to Fragnes

This morning, we continue our cruise along the Canal du Centre at a leisurely pace to moor at the village of Fragnes. There are perfect opportunities to walk or cycle along the towpath en route. In the afternoon we escort you on a winery tour and private tasting to the delightful 17th century Château de Chamirey in Mercurey, owned by the Devillard family for five generations. Dinner on board.
Finesse | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Fragnes to St-Jean-de-Losne

This morning, the barge leaves the winding canal to join the peaceful River Saône, passing delightful little ports such as Seurre and Verdun-sur-le-Doubs en route, to arrive at St-Jean-de-Losne. After lunch on board, we take a walking tour of old Dijon**, gastronomic capital of France with its mustard shops and home to the impressive Notre-Dame de Dijon. You might also wish to enjoy some excellent shopping time. Farewell Dinner on board.
Finesse | Meals: BLD

Day 7: St-Jean-de-Losne

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to their choice of location in Dijon*.
Meals: B

This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. On alternate weeks the cruise is in the reverse direction.

**other locations available for private charter bookings*

*** Charter groups may wish instead to visit the 12thC. Chateau Clos de Vougeot, headquarters of the famous Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin, if Dijon is their pick-up location. This can be discussed with the Captain once on-board.*

Inclusions

- Comfortable accommodation in air-conditioned, en suite staterooms or suites
- Gourmet meals prepared by the on-board chef, fine wines and an open bar
- Daily escorted excursions to places of interest and private wine tastings
- Local transfers, for example to and from Dijon
- Bicycles and on most hotel barges, an on-deck spa pool
- Attentive service from an experienced crew – Captain, chef, tour guide and hosts/hostesses

Map


EMBARK/
DISEMBARK
ROUTE
Dijon
St-Jean-de-Losne
FRANCE
St-Léger-sur-Dheune
St-Julien-sur-Dheune
Chalon-sur-Saône

Accommodation

Finesse



Finesse is a luxurious, double-decker hotel barge that is currently being commissioned, and will commence cruising the scenic River Saône and Canal du Centre in Southern Burgundy from May 2016.

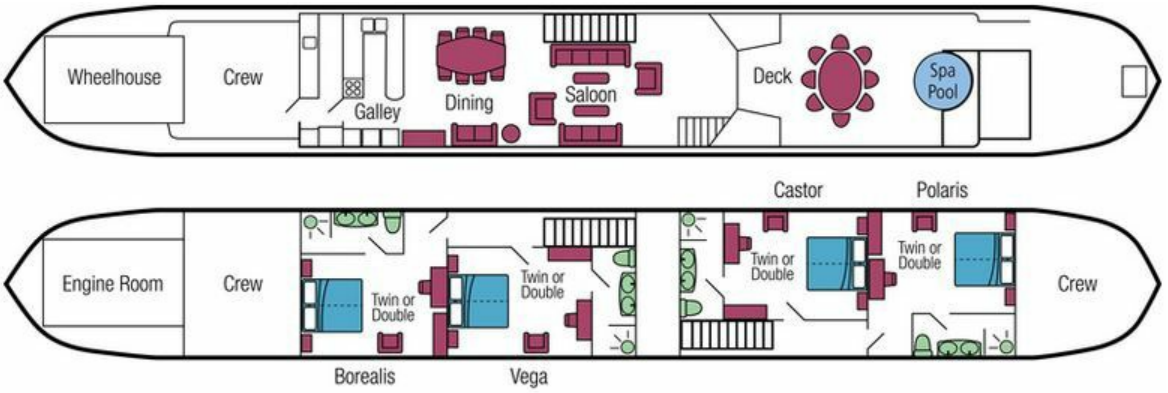
Built to exacting standards with luxury in mind, she will offer accommodation for up to 8 passengers in four spacious twin or double-bedded suites (approx. 265sq ft including en suite), each air-conditioned and with beautifully appointed shower-rooms. She will also boast a large saloon with panoramic windows and a demonstration galley where guests can watch their chef preparing delicious gourmet meals.

She will have a very modern and well-designed interior, offering plenty of natural light. Outside guests can relax on the large sun deck with its alfresco dining area, comfortable seating and spa pool.

With her doting crew of five to look after you, Finesse will be the perfect vessel on which to meander through the vineyards and undulating countryside of Southern Burgundy.

Category: Ultra Deluxe
Cruise region: Southern Burgundy
Cruise Route: Canal du Centre & River Saone
Pickup location: Dijon

Departures: March - October
Length of vessel: 128 ft
Crew: 5
Max Passenger Capacity: 8
Approx Cabin Size: Suites 265 ft2
Interior Decks: 2
TV/DVD Play in Cabin Saloon: -
Demo Gallery: Yes
Spa Pool: Yes
Sun canopy on deck: Yes
Themed Cruises: Family, Golf, Wine Appreciation



Dates & Pricing

Finesse is also available for whole barge charter for 6-8 passengers, from $87,884.

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