

RENDEZ-VOUS CLASSIC ITINERARY

Travel from Auxonne to Cusey on the Champagne-Burgundy Canal/River Saone



SUNDAY: Welcome Aboard

Travel: Arrival at Auxonne Meals: Dinner onboard

In the afternoon, our driver will greet you at the designated meeting point. Relax in our transfer vehicle to Rendez-Vous, moored in Auxonne on the River Saone. The Champagne-Burgundy Canal connects two of France's most iconic regions. Our route offers sublime cruising in the heart of rural France as well as excursions to important sights in nearby Burgundy. Enjoy a traditional champagne welcome and introduction to Rendez-Vous and her crew before your first of many gourmet dinners on board.

MONDAY: An Enchanting Medieval Village

Travel: Auxonne to Pontailier-sur-Saone Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner onboard

Rendez-Vous cruises this morning on the River Saone. As your world slows down, there's time to notice small things: the aroma of freshly baked bread drifting from town or the flash of sunlight on tiled roofs. This afternoon our Tour Guide introduces the Medieval village of Beze, criss-crossed by waterways. With its ancient riverside residences and picturesque wash houses, Beze is one of France's most photogenic villages. Discover the Grottes (caves) and remains of the Abbey before returning to Rendez-Vous for drinks and dinner.

TUESDAY: Destination Dijon

Travel: Pontailier-sur-Saone to Cheuge Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner onboard

This morning, Dijon offers a pleasurable assault on the senses. Preserved palaces and beautiful churches, recalling the reign of the Dukes of Burgundy, vie for attention with specialty boutiques, small cafes, and serene gardens. Shop, sip, and stroll your way through this small city brimming with authentic French life. Return as Rendez-Vous slips onto the peaceful Champagne-Burgundy Canal. Chef has been busy creating tonight's epicurean dinner to be enjoyed onboard.

WEDNESDAY: Quaint Medieval Village Overlooking the Canal

Travel: Moored in Cheuge Meals: Breakfast & dinner onboard, lunch ashore

With your Tour Guide, encounter the best of Burgundy's wine country. Starting in Beaune, where millions of bottles are still stored under cobblestoned streets, take a tour of the Hospice de Beaune, an immaculately preserved Medieval hospital. After a winetasting, it's on to luncheon at Hostellerie du Levernois, followed by a tour and tasting of Domaine Patriarche. Since 1780, this Domaine has been making wines with exceptionally pampered grapes, reflecting the historic bounty of Burgundian soil. Return to the Rendez-Vous for an evening of drinks and dinner onboard, and what about a nightcap in the hot tub while lazing under the stars?

THURSDAY: Meet a Chateau Owner

Travel: Cheuge to Pouilly-sur-Vingeanne Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner onboard

This morning, as Rendez-Vous continues to cruise, relax on deck or explore the towpath and country lanes by bicycle. This afternoon, our Tour Guide introduces Chateau de Rosières. This fascinating castle, located just a few minutes from the canal, dates from 1321. Meet owner Bertrand Bergerot, who, with his youthful family, is restoring the castle and grounds; he'll share his passion for Medieval architecture. Back onboard, enjoy cocktail hour before Chef presents this evening's dinner party.

FRIDAY: You've Tasted the Wine – Now Taste the Cheese

Travel: ouilly-sur-Vingeanne to Cusey Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner onboard

After a morning cruise, our Tour Guide chauffeurs you to Ferme de Montsaugéon. This farm produces goats milk cheese amongst other regional produce. Meet the adorable goats and their charismatic owner Valérie for a demonstration of the cheese making process, a cheese tasting, and her insights into local life. Back onboard, Chef is creating a candlelit multi-course Farewell Feast, ending your cruise in style.

SATURDAY: A Sad Farewell

Travel: Transfer from Cusey Meals: Breakfast onboard

After breakfast, you will be chauffeured to the designated drop off point.

Please note: This is a sample itinerary which may be subject to change depending on local conditions.

Cruises will run in reverse direction on the canal on opposite weeks.