GRAND CRU CLASSIC ITINERARY

Travel from Plombieres-les-Dijon to Vandenesse-en-Auxois

on the Canal de Bourgogne





SUNDAY: Welcome Aboard

Travel: Arrival at Plombieres-les-Dijon Meals: Dinner onboard

In the afternoon, you will be met by a crew member of the Grand Cru at the designated meeting point. From here, relax as you are chauffeured in our immaculate vehicle to the Grand Cru, moored in the tiny village of Plombieres-les-Dijon. A traditional champagne welcome and introduction to the crew awaits you, before your first gourmet dinner onboard.

MONDAY: Where Cistercian Monks Made Wine

Travel: Plombieres-les-Dijon to Fleurey sur Ouche Meals: Breakfast, lunch, & dinner onboard

A morning cruise through pastoral countryside is the perfect time to sip a cup of coffee on deck. This afternoon, visit the Chateau du Clos de Vougeot, where Cistercian monks made wine in the 12th century. Explore the preserved presses on which these iconic Burgundian vintages were made. Return to Grand Cru for cocktail hour as Chef prepares tonight's dinner.

TUESDAY: Destination Dijon

Travel: Fleurey sur Ouche to Gissey sur Ouche Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner onboard

This morning, exploring the noble town of Dijon offers a pleasurable excursion ashore. 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 Burgundian life. The journey continues with an afternoon cruise. Laze on deck in the hot tub or explore the countryside via bicycle.

WEDNESDAY: Private Tour and Wine Tasting at the Domaine de Cromey

Travel: Gissey-sur-Ouche to La Bussiere- sur- Ouche Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner onboard

Begin the day with a leisurely morning cruise. Relax and enjoy the scenery of the beautiful Ouche Valley. Domaine de Cromey sits in the heart of the Burgundy wine region. It is here where you can enjoy a privately hosted wine tasting of some of the prestigious Burgundy wines.

THURSDAY: Quaint Medieval Village Overlooking the Canal

Travel: La Bussiere-sur-Ouche to Pont d'Ouche Meals: Breakfast & lunch onboard, dinner ashore

Revel in the ambiance of the tranquil countryside during the final cruise this morning. This afternoon, your Tour Guide escorts you to Chateauneuf-en-Auxois, a castle overlooking the Canal. A walking tour through the Chateau reveals the architectural details and timeworn relics which speak to the deprivations and decadence so prevalent in France's history. This evening, dinner is ashore at the Abbaye de la Bussiere, an ancient Cistercian abbey now converted to a luxury, Relais & Chateaux hotel.

FRIDAY: Private Tour of Hospice de Beaune

Travel: Pont d'Ouche to Vandenesse-en-Auxois Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner aboard

As we continue to meander along the canal, visit the Captain in the wheelhouse or join chef in the kitchen for an informal culinary demonstration. In the afternoon, a drive in your private vehicle through the Cote d'Or vineyards culminates in the charming town of Beaune, the region's wine capital. Your Tour Guide will accompany you through the Hospice de Beaune, a prestigiously preserved Medieval hospital built in the 15th century. Chef presents a candlelit multi-course final farewell Dinner, culminating your private luxury barge cruise in style.

SATURDAY: A Sad Farewell

Travel: Transfer from Vandenesse-en-Auxois 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 the reverse direction on opposite weeks.