

# Rendez-vous Classic Cruise Itinerary

## ***Travel from Fleurey-sur-Ouche to Escommes on the Canal de Bourgogne***



### SUNDAY: Welcome Aboard

*Travel: Arrival at Fleurey-sur-Ouche Meals: Dinner onboard*

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

### MONDAY: Destination Dijon

*Travel: Fleurey-sur-Ouche to Gisse-sur-Ouche Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner onboard*

Your luxurious journey begins with a lazy morning cruise. Relax on deck in the hot tub or explore the waterside towpath with a gentle stroll or leisurely bicycle ride. This afternoon, exploring the urbane 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. Return to the Rendez-Vous for cocktail hour as Chef prepares tonight's dinner.

### TUESDAY: Where Monks Made Wine

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

This morning, your Tour Guide accompanies you to 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 Rendez-Vous for lunch and an afternoon cruise. Laze on deck in the hot tub or explore the countryside via bicycle and relax before drinks and dinner onboard.

## WEDNESDAY: Quaint Medieval Village Overlooking the Canal

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

Begin the day with a leisurely morning cruise. 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. Tonight's dinner is taken ashore at a fine dining venue, the Chateau de Sainte Sabine. Feast on traditional French gastronomy with a contemporary approach. Bon Appetit!

## THURSDAY: The Best of Burgundy in Beaune

*Travel: Pont d'Ouche to Vandenesse en Auxois Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner onboard*

Begin the day with a leisurely morning cruise. Visit your Captain in his wheelhouse or join Chef in the open 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. Return to the barge where Chef is putting the final touches on tonight's dinner party.

## FRIDAY: The Iconic Vineyards of Burgundy

*Travel: Vandenesse en Auxois to Escommes Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner onboard*

A lazy morning cruise through the Burgundian countryside begins the day's adventures and activities. In the afternoon, you will be escorted to the Domaine Famille Picard, founded in 1951, at the Chateau de Chassagne Montrachet. Enjoy a presentation of the estate, a tour of the pristine cellars, and a tasting of these world-famous wines. Then it's back to Rendez-vous to socialize with a final sunset cocktail before Chef presents a candlelit multi-course farewell dinner, culminating your private luxury barge cruise in style.

## SATURDAY: A Sad Farewell

*Travel: Transfer from Escommes 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.*

*Cruise will run in reverse direction on the canal on opposite weeks.*