



## Daily Itinerary\*

### Sunday, Day 1 St-Jean-de-Losne

Guests are met in Lyon and transferred by air-conditioned minibus to Finesse moored in St-Jean-de-Losne for a Champagne Welcome and the opportunity to meet the crew. Then there is time to wander along the quaysides to see the wide variety of watercraft plying their trade or undergoing refurbishment, before dinner on board.

## Monday, Day 2 St-Jean-de-Losne to Fragnes

We begin our voyage this morning through Southern Burgundy along the peaceful River Saône, passing delightful little river ports such as Seurre and Verdun-sur-le-Doubs, before joining the Canal du Centre at Chalon-sur-Saone to arrive at our mooring in Fragnes. 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.

## Tuesday, Day 3 Fragnes 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, for a winery tour and private tasting of Bouchard et Père Fils wines, before enjoying a gastronomic lunch in the delightful orangery of Château de Beaune, owned by the winery since 1820. Afterwards, we visit the fascinating 15th century Hôtel-Dieu Hospice and explore the quaint shops of the town, before returning to the barge for a short evening cruise to our mooring near the village of Rully. Dinner on board.

## Wednesday, Day 4 Rully to St-Léger-sur-Dheune

This morning, we take a walking tour of old Dijon, including a visit to the vivid flower and produce markets, mustard shops and the impressive Notre-Dame de Dijon, or enjoy some excellent shopping time. We return to the hotel barge for lunch and then a leisurely afternoon cruise, passing the little town of Chagny and the famous wine-producing village of Santenay. There are perfect opportunities to walk or cycle along the towpath en route, before we moor at the pretty little port of St-Léger-sur-Dheune. Dinner on board.

## Thursday, Day 5 St-Léger-sur-Dheune to St-Julien-sur-Dheune

After breakfast, we head to Autun, a town of ancient origins with Roman gates and a 17,000 seat amphitheatre. The 12th century cathedral is also renowned for its architecture and its position on the pilgrims' route from Vezelay to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. After lunch back on board, we continue our cruise along the Canal du Centre through undulating countryside to moor at the little village of St-Julien-sur-Dheune. Dinner on board.

## Friday, Day 6 St-Julien-sur-Dheune to Montchanin

This morning, we take a stroll to visit the fascinating Canal and Barge Museum at nearby Écuisses, before continuing our cruise up the flight of seven locks to our final mooring to Montchanin. This little town was the home of the factory which, for over a 100 years until the 1960s, produced the iconic, diamond-shaped Burgundy tiles and numerous houses here are decorated with them, giving the place a charming character of its own. After lunch, we visit the riverside town of Paray-le-Monial and its basilica, a gem of Romanesque Art, stopping at Charolles on our way back to visit L'Institut Charolais to learn more about this world famous cattle breed and its wonderful meat. Farewell Dinner on board.

## Saturday, Day 7 Montchanin

After breakfast guests disembark the hotel barge and are transferred back to Lyon by air-conditioned minibus.