

FINESSE - CLASSIC SOUTHERN BURGUNDY CRUISE

St-Jean-de-Losne to St-Julien-sur-Dheune



Sunday, Day 1 St-Jean-de-Losne

Guests are met in Dijon** and transferred by air-conditioned minibus to Finesse. A Champagne Welcome and the opportunity to meet the crew, followed by 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

This morning, we visit Clos de Vougeot***, headquarters of the esteemed Chevaliers du Tastevin (translates as "Fraternity of Knights of the Wine-Tasting Cup"), who award a special prized label to the finest Côte d'Or vintages every year. We will have the opportunity to pay homage at the fields of Romanée Conti before returning to Finesse for lunch followed by an afternoon cruise with perfect opportunities to walk or cycle along the towpath en route, to our mooring near the village of Rully. Dinner on board.

Wednesday, Day 4 Rully to Remigny

After a short morning cruise to Chagny, 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 to Remigny. Dinner on board.

Thursday, Day 5 Remigny to St-Léger-sur-Dheune

This morning's leisurely cruise takes us past picturesque Burgundian villages such as the famous wine-producing village of Santenay. You might wish to cycle along the towpath en route, before we moor at the pretty little port of St-Léger-sur-Dheune. 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.

Friday, Day 6 St-Léger-sur-Dheune to St-Julien-sur-Dheune

This morning, we continue our cruise along the Canal du Centre through undulating countryside to moor at the little village of St-Julien-sur-Dheune. We will ascend a series of 11 locks while cruising past the villages along the way. After lunch, 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. Farewell Dinner on board.

Saturday, Day 7 St-Julien-sur-Dheune

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

***Other locations available for private charter bookings*

**** On Tuesday morning, charter groups might wish to visit Dijon with its Cathedral and mustard shops instead of Clos de Vougeot. This can be discussed with the Captain once on-board.*

This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change.

On alternate weeks the cruise is in the reverse direction.