Cycling Europe

FRANCE 2020

BURGUNDY BY BIKE & BARGE CRUISE DIJON – TOURNUS OR VV Guided cycling 7 nights / 8 days

Burgundy epitomises excellent wines, impressive castles, picturesque villages and changing landscapes. The tour starts in Dijon, capital of Burgundy, and follows the Canal of Burgundy and the River Saôn to the charming town of Tournus. Scenery changes daily from small villages and rolling hills to bustling, beautiful, historical towns such as Beaune and Chalon sur Saône.



HIGHLIGHTS

Wine tasting Burgundy wines - Cruise on the Saône river - city walks of Dijon and Beaune – plus several visits to castles, museums and abbeys enroute, and cycling the wine trail in the Côte d'Or.

DAY 1: SATURDAY

Arrive Dijon, the beautiful capital of Burgundy. In the afternoon at 3 pm, you board the barge and meet the crew and tour leader. Time in the evening to explore Dijon.

DAY 2: SUNDAY: Dijon

A short cycle ride brings you to the northwest Dijon region along the Burgundy Canal, passing Lake Kir. In the afternoon you will discover Dijon on foot with your tour leader during an afternoon city walking tour. **Cycling: 20 km**



DAY 3: MONDAY: Dijon to Longecourt en Plaine This morning we cruise to and through the first two locks in the Burgundy Canal. In the afternoon you will cycle through the region along a beautiful wine trail. Your ride ends in the quaint village of Longecourt en Plaine. **Cycling: 45 Km**

DAY 4: TUESDAY: Longecourt en Plaine to St Jean de Losne

Cycling on small roads, through forrests and past pretty villages to the town of Auxonne on the River Saône. Follow towpath along the river to St Jean de Losne to join the barge. **Cycling: 45 km**

DAY 5: WEDNESDAY: St Jean de Losne / Seurre

Today you start with a visit to the charming Musée de la Batellerie in St. Jean de Losne. Today's cycling trip passes the It is a nice spot to have a picnic, in the small shop you can buy the famous abbey cheese. For a short while you will follow a trail along the river Saône, and at the end of the day you arrive at the small town of Seurre. **Cycling: 45 km**



DAY 6: THURSDAY: Seurre - Beaune - Chalon sur Saône

Today we cycle to the beautiful fortified town of Beaune, also known for its many excellent wines (Côte d'Or). Your tour leader will take you on a stroll through town and you will have time to visit for example the church 'Collegiale Notre-Dame', the Hôtel Dieu or the Museum of Burgundy Wines. After the visit to Beaune you go by train to Chalon sur Saône, a port town located at the Saône river and the Canal du Centre. **Cycling: 25 km**

DAY 7: FRIDAY: Chalon sur Saône to Tournus

Follow an old railway track now a cycle path. Stop in Buxy to visit the local winery. When you reach Tournus you will discover the beautiful 10th century abbey of St Philibert, one of the oldest in France. **Cycling: 60 km**

DAY 8: SATURDAY: Tournus - Dijon

Arrangements end after breakfast with a transfer by train from Tournus to Dijon. Arriving in Dijon at approximately midday (noon).



N.B. Itinerary is subject to change. Every alternate week the trip operates in the opposite direction *i.e. Tournus to Dijon.* Included in the tour is a train trip between Dijon and Tournus. If your tour starts in Tournus, the train leaves Dijon train station at approximately 2pm, and you will arrive at the barge in Tournus around 3.30 pm.



GRADE

Easy cycling with some hills.

Wearing helmets is not mandatory in France, however, if you wish to wear one, we suggest that you take your own well fitted helmet.







BARGE ACCOMODATION: ANNA MARIA V Minimum 14/Maximum 17 Passengers to operate

ANNA MARIA V is specially adapted to sail the French inland waterways! She features 8 two person cabins, all with split level beds and private facilities. There is one single cabin. The large sun deck with its adjoining bar is a lovely place to sit and enjoy the warm summer evenings. Wi Fi on board. The French chef creates wonderful French and international meals.

LUGGAGE & STOWAGE

We would advise you not to bring big suitcases. It is better to take soft bags that can be put under the beds. The space between the floor and the bottom of the bed is approximately 30cm. In some cabins it is possible to put suitcases under one of the beds.

2020 SCHEDULE

TOURNUS TO DIJON 04 July, 18 July, 08 August, 22 August

DIJON TO TOURNUS 11 July, 25 July, 15 August



2020 TOUR COST (PER PERSON IN EUROS)

CYCLE HELMETS are not available to rent on this tour - helmets are not compulsory in France

INCLUDED IN TOUR COST:

- 7 nights accomodation on board
- Full board (breakfast, packed lunch, 3 Course dinners)
- Tour leader for cycle tours and city walks; multilingual; English, German and Dutch
- Information booklet
- Transfers from Tournus to Dijon Ville train station, or Dijon to Tournus depending on direction of tour.

Special diet catering has a surcharge of €50 (eg gluten free, dairy free, vegan, etc). If you are a "lacto-ovo" vegetarian (eats dairy & eggs) or require a diabetic or low sodium diet there is no extra charge.

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