



Boat and Bike Tours to Go

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Living the Seine River by Bike and Barge



Destination: France

Duration: 8 days, 7 nights June 15-22, 2019

Paris, City of Light, is the central topic of this guided Cycling & Sailing Holiday in France. You will also visit the impressive castle Fontainebleau and pedal along the winding rivers Seine and Oise, You cycle right through some famous forests like Compiègne and you experience a fantastic canal cruise across 19th century Paris. See why the painters Van Gogh and Sisley were so inspired by picturesque villages like Auvers-sur-Oise and Moret-sur-Loing. You have enough time to enjoy some Paris Highlights on your own, such as the Eiffel Tower, Sacre Coeur, Arc de Triomphe, museum Centre Pompidou, the Versailles palace and much more.

Daily Schedule

(on this particular date the tour begins at Compiègne)

Saturday: Moret-sur-Loing(or Saint Mammès) Cycling appr. 7 km

By bus transfer from Paris Gare du Nord you arrive in Moret-sur-Loing where the barge is moored. Moret is a picturesque mediaval village famous for its impressionists painting souvenirs and artists like Alfred Sisley. In the evening you'll make a short cycling ride to Saint Mammés, a traditional barge village at the confluence of the Seine and Loing rivers.

Sunday: Moret sur Loing – Melun Cycling appr. 45 km

Today you start cycling to the impressive castle and the beautiful gardens of Château de Fontainebleau. Along the river Seine you cycle and pass Héricy and Samois sur Seine.

Your trip ends today in Melun, an attractive small provincial town. Your tour leader may take you on an easy-going city walk and show you several nice bridges, attractive historical buildings and churches.

Monday: Melun – Vigneux s/Seine – Paris Cycling appr. 50 km

Cycling trip following the river Seine and crossing the forestry of Domaine de Senart to Vigneux sur Seine. Here you embark the barge and make the sailing trip on the Seine to Paris. The barge moors for the night in the historic Bassin de Bastille located in down town Paris.

Tuesday: free day in PARIS

In the morning there's a cruise by barge from Bassin de l'Arsenal to Bassin la Villette. This impressive sailing trip on the Canal St. Martin (appr. 2,5 hours) takes you through a tunnel, along romantic bridges and through historic locks. From 10.30 hrs. you are free to explore Paris and its highlights such as the Eiffel tower, museums (Louvre, Centre Pompidou), do some window shopping, etcetera.

Wednesday: PARIS/Bassin La Vilette – Bougival Cycling appr. 40 km

Starting in down-town Paris you make an easy-going cycling tour mainly on cycle lanes following the river Seine, partly across the famous Bois de Boulogne to the village of Bougival, your peaceful mooring-place for the night.

Thursday: Bougival – Auvers s/Oise – l'Isle Adam Cycling appr. 40 km

Your cycling trip passes the château St. Germain-en-Laye, leads through Conflans Ste Honorine, the French Barging capital, to the village of Auvers s/Oise. Here Vincent Van Gogh used to live and work. In the late afternoon you embark the barge for a sailing trip to l'Isle Adam, a charming village situated on the banks of the river Oise.

Friday: l'Isle Adam – Creil – Compiègne Cycling appr. 40 km

In the early morning you sail to the town of Creil. Here you start a scenic cycling trip alongside the river Oise that leads to the imperial city of Compiègne. There are several options for a visit: the beautiful parc, the Napoleon IIIrd palace, the St. Jacques church (13th century). In the evening your tour leader may take you for a walk in the town centre.

Saturday: Compiègne

End of tour after breakfast. Say good-bye to the crew and your tour leader. Your train to Paris-Gare-du-Nord or to the airport Charles-de-Gaules leaves from Compiègne in the vicinity of the barge.

What's Included

- stay in double cabin 8 days/7 nights
- full board (breakfast, packed lunch, dinner)
- rental bicycle (24 gears) and pannier
- travel guidance (during cycling itineraries)
- several city walks
- info booklet and map
- visit to castle Fontainebleau
- transfer by bus between Paris/ du Nord – Moret-sur-Loing
- Tasting of Wine/Cheese

Clair de Lune

From May 2014 on Marco Pouw and his wife Astrid are the new owners of the barge CLAIR DE LUNE. This pretty ship has been sailing for HAT Tours before under the names 'Steile Bank' and 'Summerjazz'. The ship has been beautifully renovated and is now equipped for the Bike & Barge tour 'Paris & Beyond'. Five cabins have each 2 split-level beds, 3 cabins have a double bed and one cabin is for single use. All cabins are provided with private facilities.



Price 945 euros (approx. \$1150 US) Double occupancy, Single supplement 225 euros

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