

Itinerary – Barging and Walking

Barging in Burgundy : Day 1

Sunday

Transfer from Paris to the Luciole moored at Clamecy. You are picked up in Paris at the Hotel Mansart at 14.30. It is a four hour drive so you will stop along the way for a break. Champagne cocktail drinks and talk on board the barge to inform you of how the cruise and barging works. Dinner on board.

Barging in Burgundy : Day 2

Monday

Morning Cruise from Clamecy to Lucy-sur-Yonne

Afternoon visit to Vézelay.

Optional afternoon circuitous walk from Vézelay through St Père and Foissy-lès-Vézelay.

THE MORNING WALK

A pretty walk that takes you away down the hill of Vezelay with beautiful views of the basilica. St Pee has a very interesting church with strange corbels of grimacing heads. We climb gently out of St Pee with lovely views again of Vezelay before descending into Foissy to see the pigeon house and ancient trunks hollowed out by the Romans.

Barging in Burgundy : Day 3

Tuesday

Optional walk from Lucy-sur-Yonne to Merry-sur-Yonne via Chatel-Censoir.

Morning cruise from Lucy-sur-Yonne to Mailly-le-Chateau.

THE MORNING WALK

The walk takes you along the canal and then up and over the gentle hills to Chatel Censoir where we stop for a café or chocolat chaud of cognac. We cross the canal and river and continue through the beautiful Burgundian countryside with views of the Chatel Censoir church before arriving in the medieval village of Merry.

Barging in Burgundy : Day 4

Wednesday

Optional circuitous walk to the cliffs of Saussoir.

Morning visit to the medieval market town Noyers-sur-Serein

Afternoon cruise from Mailly-le-Chateau to Accolay.

THE MORNING WALK

This walk takes you through the forests of beech. We first get lovely views of the Yonne from the cliffs in the woods we climb up to. After a good walk in the forests along tiny paths we come out at a beautiful farmhouse with a farmyard full of turkeys and guinea fowl and chickens. We then continue along the plateau fields to the cliffs of Saussoir with lovely views across down to Merry.

Barging in Burgundy : Day 5

Thursday

Optional morning walk to Arcy-sur-Cure via Bessy-sur-Cure.

Early afternoon cruise from Accolay to Vincelles

Afternoon visit to Chablis for wine-tasting.

THE MORNING WALK

We leave to walk along the river Cure, a tributary of the Yonne. This is a very pretty river. We cross the fields to walk into the woods. After a relaxing walk in the woods we arrive at Bessy where we can swim in the river near the bridge. You then continue for the short walk on the lane to Arcy sur Cure to be greeted by drinks and another opportunity to swim in the setting of another charming Burgundian village.

Barging in Burgundy : Day 6

Friday

Optional morning circuitous walk through Irancy.

Morning afternoon cruise into Auxerre.

THE MORNING WALK

The last walk of the week takes you to the old village of Irancy that sits in a large amphitheatre of vineyards. It is a beautiful village. We climb up first to get good views of Vincelles and the village of Vincelottes. We then descend into Irancy and grab a quick chance for another café or chocolat chaud. We climb the gentle hill out of Irancy to get views of another viticultural village, St Bris-le-Vineux. We then turn and walk down with far reaching views all around to get back to the barge for the last cruise into Auxerre.

Barging in Burgundy : Day 7

Saturday

Departure from the Luciole for Paris, Hotel Mansart at 9.30am