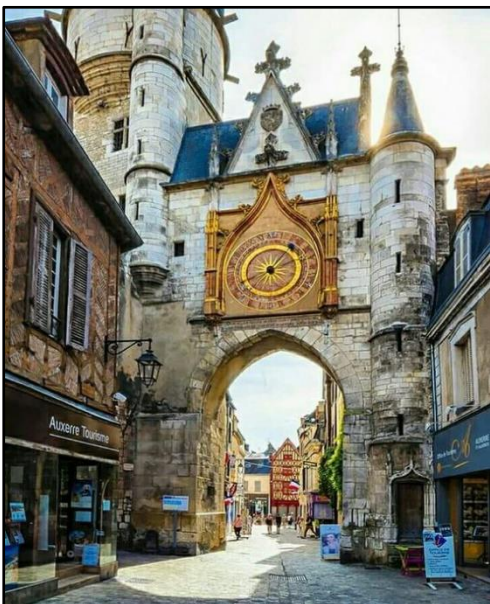




Tours For
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Women



FRANCE - The Champagne Barge Tour



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PARIS - TO CHAMPAGNE - TO NIVERNAIS CANAL - AND BACK.

This very special 12 day tour has been developed in response to requests from our clients. Focussed on relaxation, we have accommodation in a champagne chateau and then an unparalleled, exclusive canal barge cruise.

In **PARIS**, we spend two nights in the **Marais district (3rd / 4th arrondissement)**. Then, a fast train to **Reims** where we meet our guide over lunch and proceed to our **Champagne Chateau** hotel for 3 nights. We will spend days exploring this famous region with our own guide and transport. Then - we will drive to the city of **Auxerre** and join our private canal barge "Luciole" for 7 days and 6 nights cruising the Nivernais Canal to Clamecy. One night in Paris on our return. Final Dinner in historic restaurant...

WE ARE DIFFERENT!

Our *hotels* are always chosen for their uniqueness. The PARIS hotel is in the heart of the Marais district, close to the Loire, the bohemian sector and the city centre.

The *experiences* we offer cater to all tastes. There are always opportunities for a quiet sit with a coffee or cocktail – and time to do your own thing too.

Our *Experiences List* includes: Ghosts of the Marais with our guide Oriel, bikes on-board for you to choose to use, guided visits of market villages, wine & champagne cellars, historic gardens & chateaux, village wanders, wine tasting lunch in Hautvilliers (the home of Dom Perignon), meet the Reims smiling angel.... We visit 'must see' places as well as special spots 'off the beaten track'.

Travel Paris to Reims is by TGV fast train . Within each area, we travel by minibus or taxi - sometimes we walk. In Paris, we use both the metro and taxis.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

In the Paris stays - Two meals are included each day. You can expect them to be breakfast and dinner unless notified otherwise. We dine in a mix of restaurants, cafes, home-style etc. Also – tours, transport and guides.

In the Chateau – two meals are included each day. So too are all tours, guides and transfers.

On Board – all meals included – all drinks included - daily excursions included – transfers included – relaxation or busy days – included and – did I mention bikes?

NOT INCLUDED: insurance, personal expenses, extra meals or wines, room service.

*****Airlines** (for the first time in almost 20 years of tours, recent unpredictable pricing has resulted in the removal of flights from our inclusions) They can still be booked/ discussed with Jenny our Travel Agent. Or of course you may do your own.

COST AND PAYMENT.

The tour cost is payable by monthly payments. We will require a \$1000 deposit on registration.

Payment is always made to our registered Travel Agent where it is retained in trust, by law.

AND ALSO:

- There are only 7 cabins available.
- Each has its own bathroom
- Some could take two people, which could reduce your costs.
- We will need to have an answer by COB Friday 26 May. (The owner of the barge is also Penny. She has given us 5 days to think about a booking)

**You may like to look at websites:

<https://www.hotelparismaraisbretonnerie.com/en/>

<https://www.chateau-etoges.com/>

<https://www.bargeluciole.com>



TOURS FOR “Independent thinking” WOMEN
Itinerary for the Champagne Barge Experience

16 April	Paris	We begin! The group meets in Paris at Hotel Bretonnerie . Early dinner together on Isle de la Cite
17 April	Paris	Walking tour with Oriel. Dinner on The Seine
18 April	Champagne region	Fast train to Reims. (40 mins) Walking tour with Tina. Our first Champagne tasting. Check in to Chateau D’Etoges for the next 3 nights.
19 April	Hautvilliers	Drive to Dom Perignon’s 1600’s home for lunch. Wine tasting again! Escorted tour in the heart of the region
20 April	Epernay	Great Houses of Champagne visits “WOW!” and an afternoon of your choice.
21 April	Auxerre	Transfer today in our own minibus. Stopping to visit some historic gardens.Cocktails and introductions on the deck of Luciole – our canal barge.
22 April	To Vincelles	Cruise begins. Wine tasting and drive to visit several villages along the way.
23 April	To Accolay	Walking historic tour – let’s view French provincial life... with our own expert!
24 April	To Mailly le Chateau	Market day in medieval town of Noyer. (One of the prettiest villages in France)
25 April	To Lucy sur Yonne	Discover UNESCO status buildings in spectacular Vezelay on the way...
26 April	To Clamecy	We tour the Chateau of Bazoches and visit some burgundy cellars. Farewell dinner on the banks of the Yonne..
27 April	To Paris	Mid morning we bid goodbye to the canal and Luciole and drive back to Paris.
28 April		We say goodbye today 😊