



## **Fleurey sur Ouche to Escommes (or reverse)**

### **Sunday, Welcome Aboard!**

A private chauffeur will meet you at a central Dijon location and transfer you to the *Savoir Vivre* moored in Fleury-sur-Ouche, a classic village nestled on the Canal de Bourgogne. Enjoy a champagne welcome as you are introduced to your crew for the week. There will be time to unpack and explore, helping you work up an appetite for your first on-shore dinner. Now is the time to begin your authentic your gastronomic journey with us, as we chauffer you to the first on shore dinner venue of the week.

### **Monday, Fleury-sur-Ouche to Gisse-sur-Ouche**

This morning begin your cruise back in time through the unhurried and authentic Valley of the Ouche. You'll float past limestone cliffs, wooded hills and enchanting villages. After lunch on board, enjoy the first of many excursions. Richard, your Captain now becomes a trusted guide who will introduce you to the sights and history of Burgundy. You will be driven south to the famed Cote d'Or wine region. First visit Chateau du Clos de Vougeot where wine was produced by Cistercian monks from the 12th century on. Examine the ancient wine presses and learn more wine-making and life in that long ago era. Then it's back to present-day pleasures at a wine tasting which introduces area vintages. Return to *Savoir Vivre*. Later you'll be transferred to dinner to a charming nearby bistro.

### **Tuesday, Gisse-sur-Ouche to La Bussiere-sur-Ouche**

After breakfast on board featuring village-baked pastries just warm from the oven, head back to Dijon to mingle with locals at the famed outdoor market. There will be time to look around the well-preserved Medieval town core and shop - think mustard! Then it's back to *Savoir Vivre* with lunch on board and an afternoon cruise through gorgeous scenery to La Bussiere-sur-Ouche. Relax on deck or explore by bicycle (see picture below) - let's meet the barge at the next lock! Explore the subtle charms of La Brussiere before being taken to tonight's dinner venue.

### **Wednesday, La Bussiere-sur-Ouche to Pont d'Ouche**

Take a moment to reflect this morning as we cruise to Pont d'Ouche. After lunch aboard, sightseeing takes centre stage as you head to enchanting Beaune - wine capital of the Cote d'Or. There's much to enjoy in Beaune; most important is the immaculately preserved Hospice de Beaune, pictured below, a charity hospital built in the 15th century (and which treated patients until the early 20th century!). There will be time to explore the shops or visit a cafe in the square. Return to the barge in late afternoon, then relax until we drive you to another delightful bistro.

### **Thursday, Pont d'Ouche to La Repe**

After a peaceful start to your day we visit Hautes Cote de Beaune, an authentic cheesemaker. Yes, you'll learn and then you'll taste! After all, you are in France! Return to *Savoir Vivre* and walk the towpath or bicycle into a nearby village - or just relax on deck with a good book - as *Savoir Vivre* continues its journey on the historic Canal de Bourgogne to La Repe. When you are ready, you will be chauffeured to another local dining establishment.

### **Friday, La Repe to Escommes**

After breakfast on board, we visit the lovely Medieval village and chateau of Chateauneuf-en-Auxois perched high on a hill overlooking the canal. Explore on cobblestoned streets, peek into private gardens, and then tour the haunting chateau. Return to *Savoir Vivre* for a drink on deck and then continue our cruise through the Valley of the Ouche to our final mooring in Escommes. Your final on-shore dinner is tonight, now is the time to share memories of your authentic encounters with the people, cuisine, wine and sights of Burgundy.

### **Saturday, Breakfast and Farewell**

At 9:00 am, you will be chauffeured back to Dijon where you can pick up a rental car or TGV back to Paris and continue your adventure.

Sightseeing and restaurant suggestions are based on availability and are subject to change.

Your cruise fare includes daily breakfasts and lunches on board and all dinners on shore (with ½ bottle of wine per person per dinner) all excursions and transfers to the *Savoir Vivre* from a central Dijon location at 16:00hrs on Sundays and returning to Dijon by 10:00hrs on the following Saturday.