



BELMOND  
**AFLOAT IN FRANCE**

*Welcome to Belmond Afloat in France*

Savour a café  
au lait on the  
deck at dawn as  
the countryside  
around you  
turns gold in  
the sunlight.

# Discover France

*A passport for the senses, our luxury barges showcase France in the most delicious way, from Burgundy's vineyards to Provence's cobbled streets*

The art of living well is embraced warmly by the French, be it fine dining or people-watching in street cafés. The pleasure cruise originated here in the 19th century and we've refined it to perfection. Step aboard as we explore the country's finest flavours.

Visit Champagne, in the north, home to the world's most fêted wine and architectural gems galore, and sip the crispest of bubbles in lush vineyards. Travel south to the Canal du Midi where the water stretches some 150 miles from Toulouse to the Mediterranean.

In Burgundy, our signature six-night cruise, La Semaine des Grands Crus, is a chance to sample the region's 33 most prestigious wines. Glide to Dijon, where you'll find the original Grey Poupon mustard shop.

In the south, Provence is the stuff of dreams. It's here that you'll see the gauzy, golden light that inspired the likes of Van Gogh and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Go olive oil tasting in Avignon or catch the annual Fête de la Lavande here for a sweet-scented treat.

This is cruising at the leisurely pace it deserves. Our fleet of seven luxury barges drift along some of the country's most celebrated rivers and canals, allowing you to appreciate the tranquility and culture of France's unique waterways to the full.









*“How can you govern  
a country which has  
246 varieties of cheese?”  
– Charles de Gaulle*





# Life on the Water

*When the surroundings are so beautiful, why rush things? Belmond Afloat in France gives you the chance to relish every moment of your journey*

Our stunning barges accommodate between four and 12 guests in total comfort. Some have heated, panoramic pools and sunbeds laid out on the pretty sun decks, while all have bicycles ready for riding along leafy pathways by the tranquil canals.

Whether you want a family holiday, a reunion with friends or a romantic escape, we can create your perfect journey. Hire an entire barge and let us tailor your itinerary, or simply join us on a per-cabin basis. You can even hire two or more barges in tandem.

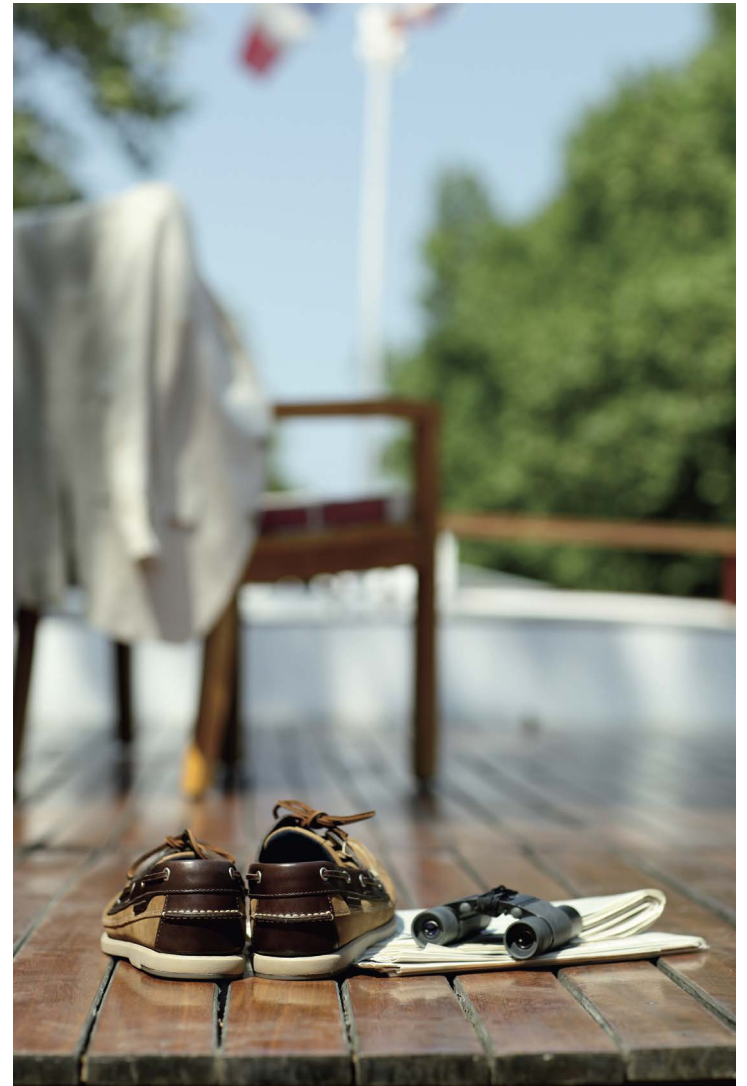
Light streams into our airy lounges through huge picture windows. There are plentiful creature comforts here too, such as iDocks and WiFi, and each cabin has its own ensuite bathroom. All meals, beverages and excursions are included in your fare.

There's a high crew-to-guest ratio and many of our seasoned staff are bilingual in English and French. A personal guide is on board, ready to introduce you to the region's highlights. You'll be looked after by the barge's chef, too, who carefully pairs fresh regional cuisine with local wines and cheese.

Look forward to a Champagne reception as you step aboard. Serenity and adventure in the French countryside lie just ahead.









# Belmond Afloat in France, Pivoine, Champagne

*Discover the joys of the Champagne region aboard the newest addition to the fleet, luxuriously equipped for eight guests to travel in cool, contemporary style*

Champagne is a region famed for the glamorous bottles that bear its name. Yet this historical gem of northeastern France sparkles in many ways. Vines decorate hillsides punctuated by inviting family-run cellars and charming villages. Corks pop, bubbles flurry and glasses clink. Raise a toast to the good life.

Named after the peony flower, Pivoine offers chic design and blissful comfort. Each light-filled cabin on this unique barge features an ensuite bathroom and king or twin beds. The onboard dining room is perfect for a gourmet banquet. For breezy socialising, the lounge has full-width doors which open on to the generous deck for alfresco dining. Swim in the heated pool or relax in the shade under the canopy.

*Available for private hire.*

## Barge details

- Total length: 128ft/39m
- Width: 16.57ft/5.05m
- Decks: 2
- Crew: 6
- Passengers: 8







# Belmond Afloat in France, Lilas, Burgundy

*Glide through Burgundy on our sleek and beautiful barge, which offers an intimate atmosphere and bespoke service for just eight passengers*

Burgundy is the “land of fine art and living”. Among the most diverse regions in France, it showcases its captivating heritage across a landscape as fertile in culture as it is in produce. Journey along the Burgundy Canal and embrace la vie française.

Inspired by nature and named after the lilac flower, Lilas gives classic French style a contemporary twist. Handcrafted timber furniture and natural linens make for an atmosphere that is at once elegant yet relaxed. Comfort is of the essence, and each of our spacious cabins offer king or twin beds and ensuite bathrooms. To make the most of your onboard chef’s talents, Lilas has an elegant dining room, as well as an airy lounge with doors that open out for alfresco dining. In the evening, enjoy an aperitif and spend sunny days by the heated pool on deck, soaking up the beauty of the countryside.

*Available for private hire.*

## Barge details

- Total length: 128ft/39m
- Width: 16.57ft/5.05m
- Decks: 2
- Crew: 6
- Passengers: 8







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# Belmond Afloat in France, Amaryllis, Burgundy

*The grand, fabled wine region of Burgundy is best explored aboard our elegant barge, which captures both the classic French style and spirit*

Burgundy satisfies many appetites. French produce and gastronomy are showcased alongside exquisite wines. Those with a hunger for history and design can navigate medieval villages and Renaissance châteaux. Across undulating land, tranquil waterways and lush vineyards reset the senses.

Amaryllis carries up to eight passengers and offers a taste of French splendour across two decks with its Louis XVI furniture, a trompe l'oeil wall mural and embroidered Parisian bed covers. The emphasis on comfort and luxury is evident in our private cabins, which offer king or twin beds and private marble ensuite bathrooms. While away sunny days in the heated pool or admire the beauty of the countryside on the sun deck. Dinner can be savoured in the dining room. In the lounge, doors span the width of the barge, opening for alfresco dining on the sun deck.

*Available for private hire.*

## Barge details

- Total length: 128ft/39m
- Width: 16.57ft/5.05m
- Decks: 2
- Crew: 6
- Passengers: 8







# Belmond Afloat in France, Fleur de Lys, Burgundy

*Discover the exquisite châteaux and vineyards at the heart of Burgundy on board this opulent, spacious barge for six guests*

The prestigious vineyards of Burgundy are of worldwide renown. Yet the region enchants in diverse ways. Trace its colourful heritage through timbered buildings, castles and Roman churches before savouring the natural beauty found across its forests and rivers.

From ornate fabrics to regal four-poster beds and authentic Indian furnishings, Fleur de Lys is a visual treat – there's even a baby grand piano to welcome you to the lounge in style. Here, you'll also find a curated selection of games, books, music and movies as well as WiFi. By day, look out over panoramic vistas of the countryside from the sun deck, or take a dip in the heated pool. As evening falls, dress for dinner in your private ensuite cabin and enjoy a sumptuous banquet created by your chef, served in the elegant dining room.

*Available for private hire.*

## Barge details

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- **Total length:** 129ft/39.3m
- **Width:** 16.567ft/5.05m
- **Decks:** 2
- **Crew:** 6
- **Passengers:** 6









# Belmond Afloat in France, Hirondelle, Champagne

*Cruise the serene waterways of the region in supreme comfort, taking in the grand châteaux and bountiful vineyards of Champagne*

Nowhere says “bubbles” quite like Champagne. The region is a tapestry of lush vineyards, extravagant champagne houses and, beneath them, caves noted for their vaulted ceilings and rows of bottles. A cruise here will be nothing short of effervescent.

Hirondelle takes you on an idyllic journey from Château-Thierry to Châlons-en-Champagne. Your route meanders effortlessly along some of the area’s most tranquil waterways, including the Canal Latéral à la Marne. The soft décor of the barge perfectly complements the scenery outside. Hosting eight guests, our four cosy cabins feature oak-panelled ceilings and ensuite bathrooms. Two cabins can be configured as twins or doubles – one cabin is a fixed double, the other a fixed twin. Relax in the light-filled lounge with our crisp sound system, television and WiFi, or in a deckchair on the splendid teak deck beneath the canopy.

*Available for private hire or per cabin basis.*

## Barge details

- **Total length:** 129ft/39m
- **Width:** 16.56ft/5.05m
- **Decks:** 1
- **Crew:** 5
- **Passengers:** 8









# Belmond Afloat in France, Alouette, Canal du Midi

*Our intimate, luxury craft accommodates up to four passengers and is perfect for a romantic holiday or for small groups*

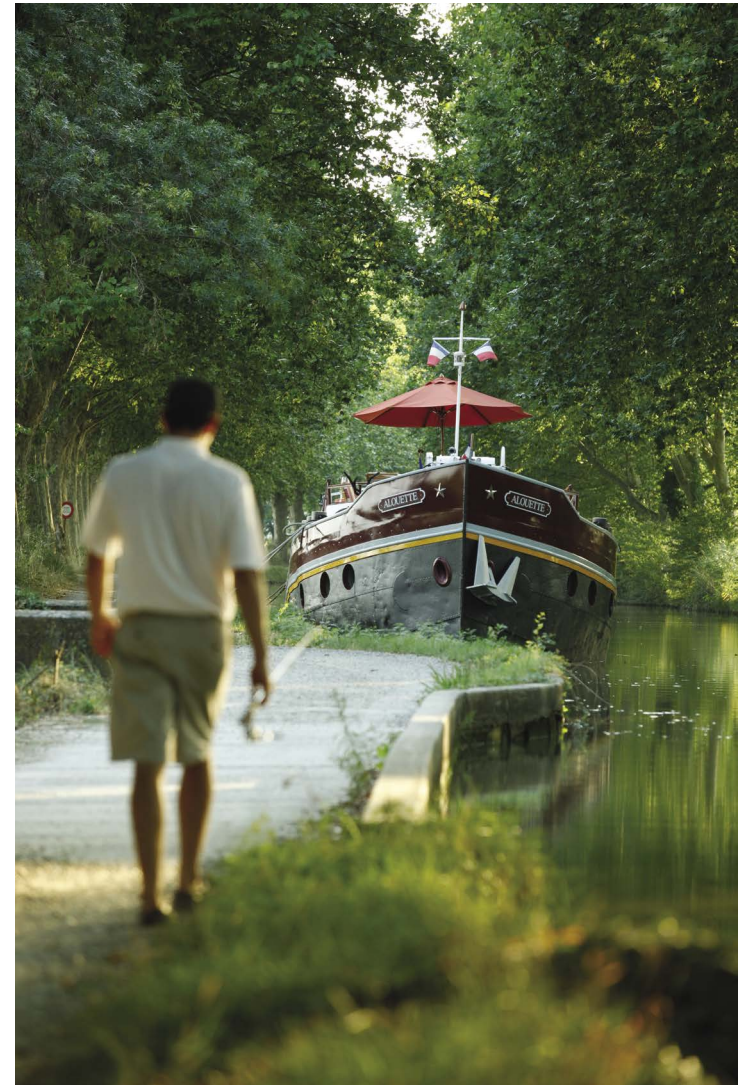
Running 240km from Toulouse to the Mediterranean Sea, the Canal du Midi as long as it is captivating. Framed by avenues of plane trees, the canal's calm green waters thread among verdant countryside, medieval fortresses and sun-drenched vineyards.

On the tranquil Canal du Midi you can explore the Languedoc wine region and uncover the history of medieval fortresses – or simply enjoy the beautiful passing scenery, with our large picture windows framing the views. Alouette offers two exquisite cabins, each with an ensuite shower and double or twin beds. Guests can relax in reclining chairs on the sun deck beneath the hydraulic canopy, or in the spacious lounge and dining area, where there is a writing desk, stereo and games.

*Available for private hire.*

## Barge details

- Total length: 100ft/30.48m
- Width: 15.58ft/4.74m
- Decks: 2
- Crew: 4
- Passengers: 4







# Belmond Afloat in France, Napoléon, Provence

*Up to 12 passengers can enjoy the grand Napoléon as she glides from dynamic Lyon to artistic Avignon along the majestic Rhône*

Provence is among France's most picturesque destinations. Rows of lavender and ancient olive groves are peppered with the architectural legacy of the region's Roman predecessors. It's small wonder that iconic artists have flocked here. Culture comes together with fine Mediterranean cooking, inviting guests to revel in l'art de vivre.

Napoléon is ideal for large, convivial gatherings, with its six sizeable cabins each boasting an ensuite bathroom. There's also a stately lounge with a computer and WiFi connection. In addition to an elegant dining room, there's a shaded area on the generously sized sun deck so you can soak up every bit of this beautiful region. Sip a cool drink and enjoy sumptuous alfresco lunches here. Explore lush Provence by day and take a relaxing jacuzzi on board as the sun sets slowly. Enjoy elegant cocktail parties under the stars by night.

*Available for private hire or per cabin basis.*

## Barge details

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- **Total length:** 129ft/39.3m
- **Width:** 16.56ft/5.05m
- **Decks:** 3
- **Crew:** 6
- **Passengers:** 12





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## CHAPTER THREE

# The Journeys

Running from April to October, we offer a range of six-night itineraries, from classic to customised, to suit every guest. Experience Burgundy, Champagne, Provence and beyond in total luxury. Discover the many wonderful cruises you can enjoy

### INSPIRING ITINERARIES

Journeys can be tailored to guests' preferences. Ride horses, sample vintages at famous châteaux, or visit a market with our chef and pick fresh local produce for the evening's feast.

### SPECIAL INTEREST CRUISES

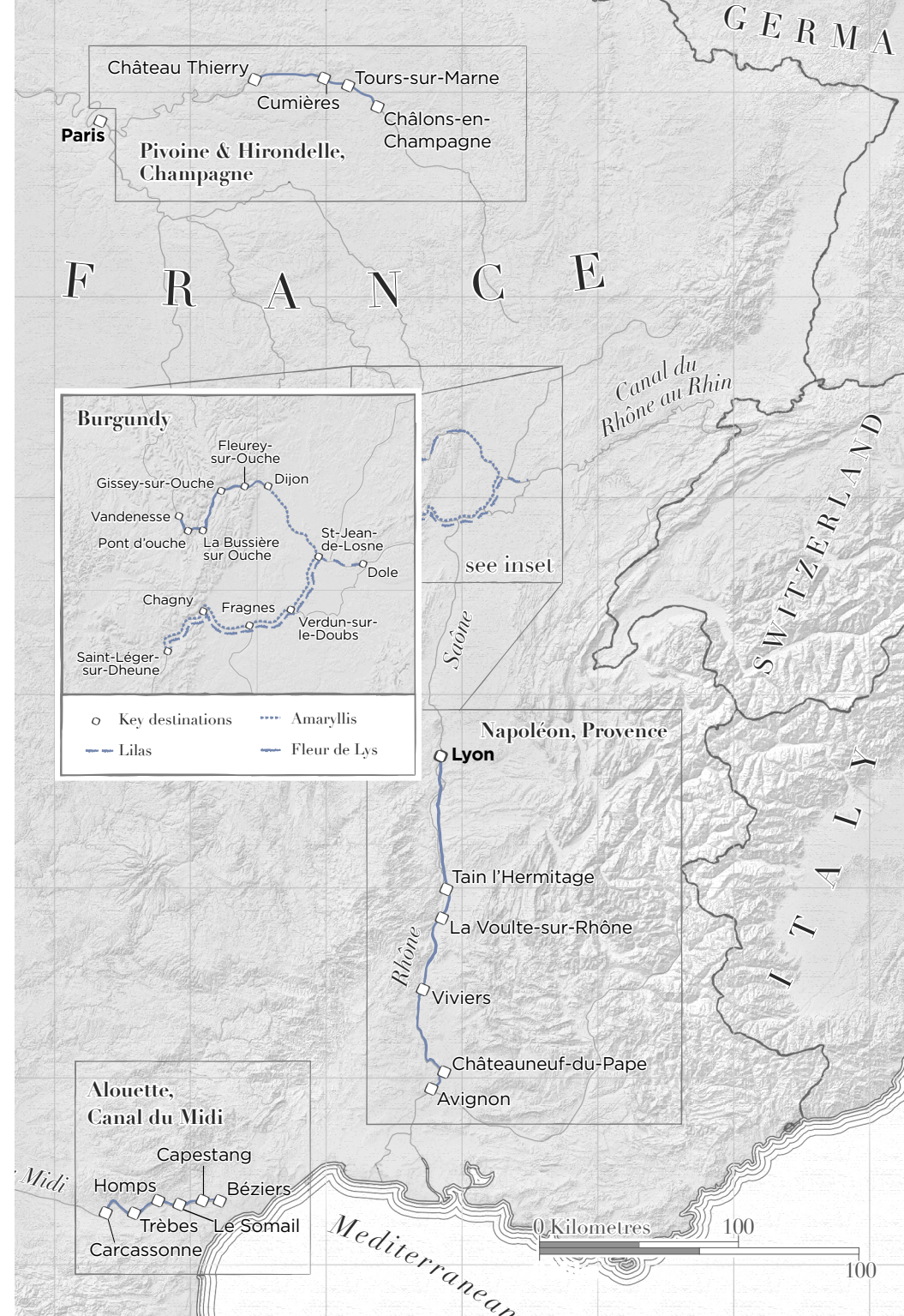
Embark on a gastronomic journey across famed culinary regions - and our renowned Wine Academy. Spend time with loved ones on Entertain the Family. Or, hire two or more barges in tandem - perfect for friends and family.

### BURGUNDY & CHAMPAGNE

Can't decide where to visit? No problem. Glide through Burgundy's famed vineyards before discovering the sparkling Champagne region on sister barges Amaryllis and Pivoine. This week-long journey promises fun, fascination and indulgence.

### THREE-NIGHT JOURNEYS

Looking for a shorter cruise? We offer three-night journeys on selected dates throughout our season. Please ask for more details.





# La Semaine Des Grands Crus

*This is a cruise designed with epicureans in mind. Make the most of this opportunity to sample the 33 most prestigious Grands Crus wines in Burgundy*

To step aboard Amaryllis in Saint-Léger-sur-Dheune is to enter a world of decadence and discovery. A Champagne reception serves as a fitting start to a sparkling six-night journey. The leisurely pace at which the boat moves invites guests to slow down and settle into the laissez-faire way of the water.

Days are punctuated by exclusive tours of châteaux and inspiring landmarks. Expert guides will lead your around Château de Rully and Château de Chamirey. In Beaune, the Burgundian wine capital, take a tour of the Hôtel-Dieu medieval hospital and see the renowned Joseph Drouhin cellars. Visit Clos de Vougeot, where Cistercian monks began making wine in the 12th century. Reaching Dijon, a walking tour takes in the Ducal Palace, Grey Poupon mustard shop and the city's bountiful food market.

As evenings draw in, local wine connoisseurs regale guests with stories as they dine on sophisticated cuisine and rare vintages. For a fitting farewell, savour the highlight of all Grands Crus, La Romanée-Conti.



# Special Interest Cruises

## The Wine Academy

The most authentic and potent way to learn about Burgundy's greatest asset? By cruising past the very vineyards where the precious grapes are grown, stopping off for private tastings at magnificent châteaux and being guided the whole time by the Grands Crus specialist Pascal Wagner. He has been referred to as "a walking encyclopaedia of oenology".

## Food, Glorious Food

"Good food is the foundation of real happiness" wrote culinary trailblazer Auguste Escoffier, and indeed France is a paradise for lovers of gastronomic excellence. Belmond Afloat in France offers a unique way to immerse yourself in its culture and delicious flavours. Each barge has a dedicated onboard chef who carefully selects and prepares the finest regional, seasonal foods, from wines to cheeseboards. We also offer the chance to take part in cookery lessons or embark on epicurean adventures, including visiting artisan producers and truffle-hunting.

## Entertain the Family

Our luxury cruises are made to measure for the whole family and our activities include go-karting, hot air ballooning and horse-riding. There are few simple pleasures so enjoyable as cycling along a towpath, at any age.

Our experienced guides know the land so well that excursions can be tweaked to suit the mood of the day. In Burgundy, a castle visit can be followed by a trip to the Summer Bobsled Park in Le Creusot. In Givry, all the family can have tree-climbing fun at the accro-branches outward-bound park.

Children are always welcome in French restaurants – even Michelin-starred ones. Onboard meals are crafted to suit even the fussiest youngster, while entertainment from a magician rounds off the week in glittering style.





# Booking Conditions

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The applicable deposit (5% unless otherwise stated) must be paid to us when you book (or if booking within 56 days of departure, full payment must be made on booking).

If there are fewer than 12 passengers in your party, and if you have made your booking more than 56 days before departure and have paid a deposit to secure your booking, the balance of the cost of your arrangements (including any applicable surcharge) is due not less than 56 days prior to scheduled departure.

If there are 12 or more passengers in your party, payments must be made as follows: 15% of the cost of your arrangements is payable on booking, a further 35% of such cost (including any applicable surcharge) is due 90 days before departure (if your booking is made between 90 and 56 days before departure you will be required to pay 50% of the cost of your arrangements on booking and the balance is due 56 days before departure). If your booking is made less than 56 days before departure, you will be required to pay the entire cost of your arrangements at the time of your booking. If we do not receive (in cleared funds) the relevant sum due in full and on time, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you, in which case cancellation charges will become payable.

Cancellation charges apply in the event that you or any member of your party cancels a confirmed booking. These charges will increase the closer to your departure date that you notify us of a cancellation.

Non-UK passport holders, including other EU nationals, should obtain up-to-date advice on passport and visa requirements from the Embassy, High Commission or Consulate of your destination or country(ies) through which they are travelling.

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**The figure-eight knot which coils across this cover is a vital part of any cruise along France's hidden waterways. Used by sailors through the centuries, it is secure for mooring, yet easy to undo. Marvel at the dexterity of our crew as they work with ropes throughout your journey. This simple knot is shown together with a colour that evokes tranquil waters and sunny skies – French blue.**