

Burgundy by River Barge - EFLNG

10 days: Dijon to Paris

What's Included

- Six nights aboard the Daniele canal river barge
- Walking tour of Dijon and Ducal Palace
- Cycling in the vineyards of Côte de Beaune with wine tasting
- Verdun-sur-le-Doubs walking excursion
- Visits to Saint-Jean-de-Losne, Auxonne, and Longecourt-en-Plaine
- Cycle through Gevrey-Chambertin
- Wine tasting at the Château de Marsannay
- Côte de Nuits visit
- Use of bicycles during shore excursions
- Tour the Hospices de Beaune with a history docent
- Paris culinary experience
- Interesting articles, helpful tips, and photography advice from National Geographic before you depart
- All transport to/from included activities and between destinations

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2016 - December 31st, 2017

Itinerary



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Day 1 Dijon

Arrive at any time.

Day 2 Dijon

Enjoy a walking tour in the morning to explore Dijon. Visit the Ducal Palace, the local market and the old town. In the afternoon, enjoy free time before transferring to the river barge and embarking the Daniele.

Dijon Walking Tour

Dijon

Explore the capital of the Dukes of Burgundy. Dijon was once second only to Paris as a centre of power in France. Visit the Ducal Palace, the local market, and the old town.

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 3 Dijon/Longecourt-en-Plaine

Enjoy a full day of biking through vineyards and villages to reach Dijon. Cycle to Gevrey Chambertin, a small but well known Burgundy village. Enjoy wine tasting at the Château de Marsannay and continue to Côte du Nuit before meeting the barge in Longecourt-en-Plaine. This mostly flat route is the best way to see quintessential Burgundy.

Riverboat

Dijon – Longecourt-en-Plaine

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Gevrey Chambertin and Marsannay Château Excursion

Dijon – Longecourt-en-Plaine

Leave the river behind and cycle into the countryside of Gevrey Chambertin. Explore the small village located on the Route des Grands Crus in the Côte de Nuits. The town is famous for the Grand Cru Burgundy wine which is produced nearby. Cycle on to the Château de Marsannay for a wine tasting of some of the region's best wines.

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 4 Longecourt-en-Plaine/Auxonne

Start the day with a walk around a beautiful, typical Burgundy castle and its lush gardens. Continue the morning walking along the canal stopping in small villages and looking at the various locks. Enjoy the Burgundy canal as we walk a 10km (6.2 mi) stretch of the canal between Longecourt and St-Jean-de-Losne. Free time in the evening to visit Auxonne.

You can rejoin the barge at any of the four locks along the way. Opt to use one of the bikes to ride ahead of the walkers.

Burgundy Wine Talk and Horizontal Tasting

Saint-Jean-de-Losne

Enjoy an expert presentation by a local winemaker on the vineyards and wines of Burgundy. Learn about the various vineyards and AOC. Enjoy a horizontal tasting (different wines from the same year) focusing on the two main vineyards of the region: Côte de Nuits reds and Côte d'Or whites.

Saint-Jean-de-Losne Visit

Saint-Jean-de-Losne

One of the capitals for the river barging world, Saint-Jean-de-Losne is located at a crossroads of waterways. The local cafés are still often occupied by regulars of the canal barges and riverboats, so grab a table and get to know the locals while enjoying a bite of lunch. Relax in the sunshine with a glass of wine, or opt to walk just outside the town to the local picturesque woodlands.

Riverboat

Longecourt-en-Plaine – Auxonne

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 5 Auxonne/Seurre

Have a relaxing morning on board, before a visit to the barge capital of St-Jean. Continue on to Seurre with some free time to explore on your own.

Free Time

Seurre Evening

Get out and explore.

Riverboat

Auxonne – Seurre

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 6 Seurre/Verdun-sur-le-Doubs

Spend the morning discovering the area around Seurre on foot. Return to the barge and continue towards Verdun-sur-le-Doubs with free time to explore.

Free Time

Seurre Morning

Get out and explore this small, French town.

Riverboat

Seurre – Verdun-sur-le-Doubs

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Free Time

Verdun-sur-le-Doubs Evening

Enjoy leisure time in Verdun and choose to do whatever you wish.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 7 Verdun-sur-le-Doubs/Fragnes

Cycle along the Côte de Beaune, stopping at villages and vineyards along the way. Explore the vineyard of Puligny Montrachet and Meursault while stopping to sample some wines. This mostly flat ride is an ideal way to experience quintessential Burgundy. Opt for lunch in town before returning to the barge near Fragnes.

Côte de Beaune Cycling

Verdun-sur-le-Doubs 35-40km

Bike along the vineyards of the Côte de Beaune. Famous for its white wines, these small roads are dotted with villages and vineyards.

Riverboat

Verdun-sur-le-Doubs – Fragnes

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 8 Fragnes/Paris

Transfer to Beaune, the historic wine capital of Burgundy. Enjoy a tour with a docent, exploring the Hospices of Beaune, a charitable hospital that has been funded by the annual wine auction for over 155 years. Delve into history and discuss the relationship of the hospice with the powerful wine merchants of Burgundy. Enjoy some free time to explore before catching the train to Paris.

Private Vehicle

Fragnes – Beaune 1h Morning

Stretch out and scan the scenery from the comfort of a private vehicle.

Visit Hospices of Beaune

Beaune

Enjoy a tour with a docent, exploring the Hospices of Beaune, a former charitable hospital that has been funded by the annual wine auction for over 155 years. Delve into History and discuss the relationship of the hospice with the powerful wine merchants of Burgundy.

Local train

Beaune – Paris 2h-2h30m

Climb aboard, take your seat, and get around like the locals do.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Paris

Explore the historic covered Marché d'Aligre with a local chef and food expert. Rarely visited by tourists, this market is where locals come to shop for food. Meet vendors, enjoy tastings, and learn about the history of the market and the specialties offered here. The afternoon is free to explore the city on your own.

Local Market Visit with a Chef

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Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Paris

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Meals included: Breakfast

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Highlights

Pastoral Burgundy was made to be discovered from its canals. Sail a river barge into a world you'll never want to leave, with National Geographic Journeys.

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Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

Important Notes

While it is our intention to follow the itinerary as advertised, some modifications to the itinerary may be needed if water levels become very low. This is rare, but please note that some excursions and activities may change if it is necessary to modify the sailing route.

Group Size Notes

Max 22

Transport

Private vehicles, Daniele river barge, bicycle, walking.

Solo Travellers

We believe solo travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and solo travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

Accommodation

Aboard the Daniele river barge (6 nts), hotel (3 nts).

My Own Room

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room for all night stops

About Accommodation

12 spacious cabins.

Amenities: each cabin has a window and is equipped with private en-suite facilities (shower and WC), TV, radio, telephone (for internal calls only), safe and independent air-conditioning.

Number of cabins : 12

Maximum passenger capacity : 24

Number of crew members : 5

Amenities on board : spacious lounge with bar - restaurant - sun deck with loungers and parasols - barbecue deck - Jacuzzi - bicycles on board available for use by passengers - wifi on board.

Arrival Complications

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier and contact us as soon as possible. If you have a pre-booked transfer, and you have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

What to Take

Dress on board is informal. Plan to bring comfortable, casual clothing for all activities. When packing, we suggest that you do not weigh yourself down with too many clothes or too much gear. Select informal, practical attire that can be worn in layers.

Checklist

Passport (with photocopies)

- Travel insurance (with photocopies)
- Airline tickets (with photocopies)
- Cash in USD
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Any G Adventures vouchers, pre-departure information or trip details
- Any entry visas or vaccination certificates required
- Camera, memory cards, batteries and chargers
- Reading/writing material
- Rain poncho
- T-shirts
- Comfortable clothing for hiking/cycling.
- Walking boots/sturdy shoes
- Swimwear if you would like to use the on board Jacuzzi.
- Sunblock
- Toiletries (biodegradable)
- Watch/alarm clock
- Water bottle (water available for refills)
- First-aid kit (should contain lip salve, Aspirin, Band Aids, anti-histamine, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, extra prescription drugs you may be taking.)

-Antibacterial wipes/gel

-Ear plugs

Laundry

Laundry facilities are offered by some of our hotels for a charge. There will be times when you may want to or have to do your own laundry so we suggest you bring non-polluting/biodegradable soap.

Visas

Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

All visitors to the EU (European Union) and EEC (European Economic Community) countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand passport holders do not need a visa to visit the Schengen area (see below), however they may not stay longer than three months in any 6-month period.

For other nationalities, travelling in Europe has been simplified with the introduction of the Schengen visa. As a visitor to the Schengen area (Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Italy, Spain, France, Luxembourg, Sweden, Czech Republic, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland) you will enjoy the many advantages of this unified visa system. Generally speaking with a Schengen visa, you may enter one Schengen country and travel freely throughout the Schengen region during the validity of your visa. There are limited border controls at Schengen borders, if any at all.

Please note that the UK and Ireland are NOT part of the Schengen agreement.

A Schengen visa is applied for at the Embassy or Consulate of the Schengen country in which you will be spending the most nights on your trip to the Schengen space. If you are only visiting one country on your trip then you apply for your visa at the Consulate of this Schengen country.

Emergency Fund

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

A Couple of Rules

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter, and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of prostitutes is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our group leader has the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they use prostitutes.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your leader, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy we require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency evacuation and repatriation. A minimum coverage of USD200,000 is required. G Adventures can provide you with the appropriate coverage. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

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