

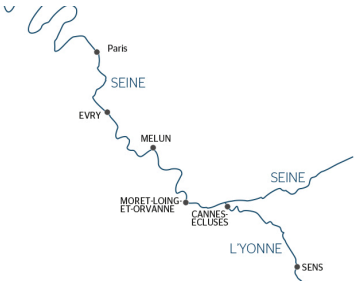
CRUISE OF 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS - REF. PSN_AIPP

Revisit France's Past, its Royal Sites, and Medieval Cities during a Historic Cruise on the Petite Seine (port-to-port cruise)

FRANCE

This cruise brings you gently from Paris to the edge of Burgundy. You'll pass the famous beautiful forest of Fontainebleau'once the hunting grounds for French royalty and a natural inspiration for many artists. Discover prestigious monuments and famous sites. Travel back in time at the Vaux-le-Vicomte and Fontainebleau castles. You'll fall in love with Barbizon, the timeless painters' village. The architectural treasures of Provins'a medieval city listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site'and Sens unfold before your eyes.





HIGHLIGHTS

- A historic cruise in a luxuriant green setting, where castles and royal cities stretch across the bucolic landscape
- EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:
- Vaux-le-Vicomte, a 17th-century masterpiece
- The village of Barbizon
- The Palace of Fontainebleau and its splendid gardens, one of the most beautifully decorated and furnished in France
- Royal city of Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne
- Peaceful Sens, its cathedral and covered marketplace

THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine - Gala dinner and evening - Welcome cocktail
- Free Wi-Fi onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Bicycles available on board
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

PARIS

Passengers are welcome to board our ship in Paris at 6:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, welcome cocktail before dinner. We'll cruise through Paris. "Parisian titi" evening on board.

DAY 2

PARIS - EVRY

We'll spend the morning cruising on the Seine. You will sail through the heart of the capital and enjoy a wonderful view of the monuments along the river. We'll reach Evry in the early afternoon. Join us for a visit to the sumptuous Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte. The architect Louis Le Vau was already widely celebrated when Fouquet called on his services in 1653. As the King's "Principal Architect," he had erected a number of Parisian mansions including the Hôtel Lambert. Considered the greatest ambassador of the Italianate style in France, Le Vau also drew inspiration from classical antiquity. Drawing on these traditional sources, he then created a powerful new style of his own, starting with Vaux-le-Vicomte – and thus lay the foundations of French architecture for the next 150 years. After our tour, we'll return on board. The evening is free to do as you please.

DAY 3

EVRY - MELUN

We'll spend the morning cruising towards Melun. Sit back and enjoy the bucolic scenery along the Seine riverbanks. In the afternoon, visit the village of Barbizon. Around the year 1820, Edmée and François Ganne set up a grocer's shop in the hamlet of Barbizon. In 1827, Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot discovered the village, paving the way for other painters to come here, including Théodore Rousseau and Jean-François Millet. A whole generation of young artists decided to paint "from nature", leaving their studios to work in situ, like their two great English precursors, John Constable and Turner. Stroll through the cobbled streets and push the door of small shops and art galleries! Afterwards, we'll return on board. The evening is free to do as you please.

DAY 4

MELUN - MORET-LOING-ET-ORVANNE

We'll spend the morning cruising towards Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne. In the afternoon, join us for a tour of the Palace of Fontainebleau and its magnificent gardens. All the kings and queens of France passed through Fontainebleau at one time or another. The château is a unique example of a residence that was inhabited regularly for more than eight centuries. The French gardens, fountains and flowerbeds will transport you back to the palace's days of glory. We'll also visit the cosmopolitan town which sprung up around the château to round out your tour. After our visit, we'll return to the ship. The evening is free to do as you please.

DAY 5

MORET-LOING-ET-ORVANNE - CANNES-ECLUSES

Morning, excursion included: guided tour of Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne. Situated on the edge of the Fontainebleau forest, this royal town is famous for its barley sugar and landscapes immortalised by the Impressionist Alfred Sisley. You'll discover the fortified medieval gates, the superb Renaissance facades, the banks of the Loing and Notre-Dame church. Free time after the visit to wander around the town at your own pace, and don't hesitate to visit the barley (2) sugar shop, a sweet and delicate flavour created during the reign of Louis XIII in Moret. In the afternoon, sail to Cannes-Ecluses. The evening is free, so take the opportunity to wander around this pleasant little town on the banks of the Yonne.

DAY 6

CANNES-ECLUSES - SENS

We'll spend the morning cruising the Yonne River, a tributary of the Seine. During our peaceful journey, we'll pass by several lakes and ponds. We'll arrive in Sens in the afternoon. Upon arrival, join us for a visit of the city, home to a variety of historical buildings with impressive architecture. The cathedral in Sens was the first of the great Gothic cathedrals in France and was the inspiration in layout and design for many others, including Canterbury Cathedral in Great Britain. Strolling through the street and along the promenades, you'll take in the remarkable homes, buildings and wall fronts that are testimony to the town's rich past. Take some time to browse in the market (3) and taste the local products. After our tour, we'll return to the ship. Tonight, is our gala dinner and evening.

DAY 7

SENS - Paris(1)

Enjoy breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. Possible transfer(1) by coach from Sens to Paris (duration ~2:00.) End of our services.

Excursions

Included excursions (5)



Vaux-le-Vicomte Château

3h30 Classic PM



Tour of Barbizon

1 day Classic PM



FONTAINEBLEAU

4h Classic PM



Guided tour of Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne

1 day Classic PM



Sens

1 day Classic PM

Our price includes

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - onboard drinks included (except for drinks from our special lists) - double-occupancy cabin with shower in bathroom - the excursions mentioned in the program - assistance from our onboard multi-lingual host/hostess - welcome cocktail - gala dinner - travel assistance and repatriation insurance- all port fees.

For the safety of our passengers, the captain and crew of the boat may decide to modify the navigational itinerary. (1) Transfer on request at an additional charge, contact us. (2) The candy shop is closed on Mondays. (3) The covered market is closed on Tuesdays. Alcohol can be harmful to your health. Please drink in moderation.

Our price does not include

Drinks from our special lists, or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - cancellation and baggage insurance - the transfer by coach from Sens to Paris(1) - personal expenses.

Practical information

REQUIREMENTS

Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.