

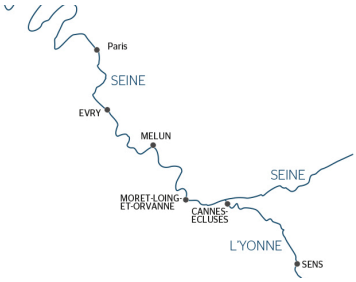
CRUISE OF 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS - REF. SNP_RCAIPP

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

FRANCE

Embark on an exceptional cruise along the Petite Seine and the Yonne, at the very heart of France's rich history. From Sens to Paris, via Moret, Melun, and Fontainebleau, each stop immerses you in royal elegance, medieval heritage, and the bucolic charm of the country's most beautiful historic towns. Discover architectural treasures such as the Cathedral of Sens, the châteaux of Vaux-le-Vicomte and Fontainebleau. Stroll through the picturesque streets of Barbizon and Moret, once a haven for Impressionist painters. A cultural and gourmet cruise, set against the backdrop of enchanting landscapes.





HIGHLIGHTS

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

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(1) - SENS

Possible transfer(1) by coach from Paris to join our ship in Sens (duration ~2:00.) Passengers are welcome to board our ship in Sens at 6:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail before dinner.

DAY 2

SENS - CANNES-ECLUSE

In the morning, visit 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 (2) and taste the local products. We'll return on board and begin to cruise on the Yonne River, a tributary of the Seine. During our peaceful journey, we'll pass by several lakes and ponds. Arrive in Cannes-Ecluse in the late afternoon. The evening is free, so take the opportunity to wander around this pleasant little town on the banks of the Yonne.

DAY 3

CANNES-ECLUSE - MORET-LOING-ET-ORVANNE

Morning sail to Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne. Afternoon excursion included: 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 (3) sugar shop, a sweet and delicate flavour created during the reign of Louis XIII in Moret. Return on board. Evening free.

DAY 4

MORET-LOING-ET-ORVANNE - MELUN

We'll spend the morning cruising to Melun. In theafternoon, 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

MELUN - EVRY

In the morning, guided tour of Reims. The city owes its fame to its celebrated cathedral, the coronation site of the Kings of France, and to Champagne wine. Your visit will take you to Place Royale, Place de l'Hôtel de Ville, the Palais du Tau — residence of the French kings during their coronation — and the former Royal Benedictine Abbey of Saint-Rémi, founded in the 8th century and showcasing majestic 18th-century architecture. You will then visit the cathedral, a masterpiece of Gothic art. It bears witness to the remarkable mastery of new architectural techniques achieved during the 13th century, a harmonious blend of structure and sculpted decoration. The richness of its ornamentation, sculptures and stained-glass windows has been magnificently preserved. Return on board. Lunch in a restaurant in Épernay. In the afternoon, included excursion: along the Champagne Route. To discover it, you will follow the scenic Champagne Tourist Route, winding through vineyards across rolling hillsides dotted with Champagne villages, châteaux and churches. Stop in Hautvillers, nestled in the heart of the Montagne de Reims vineyard and regarded as the birthplace of Champagne. It was here, in the former Benedictine Abbey of Hautvillers, that the cellar master Dom Pérignon developed the Champagne-making method in the 18th century. Stroll through the narrow streets lined with winegrowers' houses and admire the wrought-iron signs recalling traditional crafts. The visit continues at a prestigious Champagne house, followed by a tasting*. Return on board. Gala evening.

DAY 6

EVRY - PARIS

In the morning, visit of 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 on Evry. We'll spend the afternoon cruising to Paris. "Parisian titi" evening on board.

DAY 7

PARIS

Enjoy breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

Excursions

Included excursions (6)



Sens

1 day Classic MATIN



Guided tour of Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne

1 day Classic PM



FONTAINEBLEAU

4h Classic MATIN



GUIDED VISIT OF REIMS

5h Classic MATIN



GUIDED TOUR CHAMPAGNE'S ROAD

5h Classic PM



Vaux-le-Vicomte Château

3h30 Classic MATIN

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 covered market is closed on Tuesdays. (3) The candy shop is closed on Mondays. 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 Paris to Sens(1) - personal expenses.

Practical information

REQUIREMENTS

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