



## EUROPEAN CANAL BARGE CRUISES

## 'Pivoine' - Marne River &amp; Marne Canal 2020

7 days

Limited to 8 guests

On its leisurely course through France's renowned Champagne region, 'Pivoine' hosts up to eight guests in four contemporary en suite cabins. Its *trompe l'oeil* wall mural, embroidered Parisian bed covers and marble bathrooms provide a stylish vibe, while romantic yellows and whites echo the color of peonies and Champagne. Luxuriate on the expansive deck or relax in the heated plunge pool, and savor gourmet cuisine in the inviting lounge and the sumptuous dining room. Go ashore for Champagne tastings and a superb lunch at celebrated La Briqueterie restaurant.

## Vessel Information

126 feet long, 16.5 feet wide with air conditioning throughout

Capacity for 8 in 4 king/twin cabins, each outward facing with en suite bathroom

Salon with stereo system, television with assortment of CDs/DVDs

Sun deck, partially shaded for al fresco dining, with heated plunge pool

Bicycles provided

Internet access (limited in some areas)

All meals and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) included

'Belmond Pivoine'

## Included With Every European Canal Barge Cruise

- Canal Barges Hand-Selected by A&K
- Choice of Independent Bookings or Private Charters Available
- Transfers to/from Barges
- All Meals and Drinks on Board
- All Sightseeing Excursions During the Cruise
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

# Itinerary

## DAY 1 SUNDAY

Meet in Paris and transfer to 'Pivoine,' moored in Château-Thierry. Enjoy a Champagne reception upon arrival. Tonight, dine on board, savoring a gastronomic *tour de force*.

'Pivoine' | Meals: Dinner

## DAY 2 MONDAY

Visit Belleau Wood, the site of the first large-scale battle of World War I involving American troops. Then, take time to reflect at the solemn Aisne-Marne American Cemetery and Memorial. Return to the barge for another delicious dinner prepared by your talented chef.

'Pivoine' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 3 TUESDAY

Spend a leisurely morning on board as 'Pivoine' winds its way past celebrated vineyards. After lunch, visit the family estate of Champagne J. de Telmont for a unique oenological workshop. Return to your barge by way of Hautvillers, a charming village where monk Dom Pérignon first made Champagne in the 18th century.

'Pivoine' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 4 WEDNESDAY

Early risers can accompany the chef to the covered market in Épernay to select the best seasonal produce for today's lunch. Later, explore the town, surrounded by vineyards and known the world over for its Champagne houses. Enjoy a private tasting at Moët & Chandon and lunch ashore at La Briqueterie before cruising to Mareuil-sur-Ay.

'Pivoine' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 5 THURSDAY

This morning's canal cruise offers opportunities for walking or cycling along the towpath. Then, visit Reims where the Gothic cathedral hosted coronations of French kings with glittering pageantry. Visit the Musée des Beaux-Arts and take time to explore the shops before returning to your barge.

'Pivoine' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 6 FRIDAY

Travel to a family-run Champagne house today for a tasting. Then cruise to Châlons-en-Champagne with time to explore its Gothic cathedral and view the remarkable statuary at the Cloister Museum at Notre-Dame-en-Vaux. Back on board your barge, the chef prepares a sumptuous dinner for this evening's gala farewell to the cruise week.

'Pivoine' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 7 SATURDAY

After breakfast, transfer to Paris, as your luxurious sojourn by barge draws to a close.



## Enhance Your Journey

Elevate your experience with a host of options available for an additional cost.

## Dates & Prices

Priced from \$57,810 to \$90,840 per charter

*Prices are for an eight guest Private Charter, with reduced pricing available for Private Charters of six or seven guests. Departures operate weekly from Sunday to Saturday between March 22 and October 18, and pricing varies by departure date and time of booking. Price includes TGV high-speed train from Paris to barge embarkation and return. Route runs in reverse on alternate weeks and may differ on selected cruise dates.*

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).