



EUROPEAN CANAL BARGE CRUISES

## 'Belmond Hironnelle' - Marne River & Marne Canal 2019

7 days from \$4,680

Limited to 8 guests

Live graciously on 'Belmond Hironnelle' as you discover the essence of the Champagne region. Visit historic Reims, the centuries-old place of French coronations. Explore the sobering sites of World War I. Visit a *fromagerie* to sample delicious local cheese in the charming medieval town of Chézy-sur-Marne. And — of course! — tour Épernay with exclusive tastings of its most famous effervescent wines. Return to your cozy barge each evening for a gourmet dinner and perhaps a nightcap under the stars.



### Vessel Information

- 128 feet long and 16.5 feet wide with air conditioning throughout
- Capacity for 8 guests in 2 double/twin cabins, 1 double cabin and 1 twin cabin, each outward facing with en suite bathroom
- Salon with stereo system and assortment of CDs
- Sun deck, partially shaded for al fresco dining
- Bicycles provided
- Internet access (limited in some areas)
- All meals and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) included

# Itinerary

## DAY 1: SUNDAY

Meet in Paris for a Private Driver Transfer to 'Belmond Hironnelle,' moored in Châlons-en-Champagne. Enjoy a welcome reception as your crew welcomes you. Later that evening, enjoy a sumptuous gourmet dinner on board.

'Belmond Hironnelle' | Meals: Dinner

## DAY 2: MONDAY

This morning, tour Châlons-en-Champagne, visiting its gothic cathedral and the Cloister Museum at Notre-Dame-en-Vaux with its remarkable statuary. Return to the barge for lunch and an afternoon cruise, visiting a local family-run Champagne house for a tasting en route.

'Belmond Hironnelle' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 3: TUESDAY

Enjoy a relaxing cruise this morning, followed by an excursion to the historic city of Reims, an important center of Champagne production. Visit the Cathedral, where some 34 French kings were crowned, and the Musée des Beaux Arts. Return to the barge for a late afternoon cruise with cocktails on deck, followed by another gourmet dinner.

'Belmond Hironnelle' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 4: WEDNESDAY

Visit Épernay to wander its Avenue de Champagne, an elegant street lined with prestigious houses and charming courtyards. Stop at Moët & Chandon for an exclusive tasting with lunch ashore at the celebrated restaurant, La Briqueterie. Back on board 'Belmond Hironnelle,' unwind during the afternoon cruise to Courcelles, the overnight mooring.

'Belmond Hironnelle' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 5: THURSDAY

Relax this morning as your barge cruises in style through scenic landscapes with opportunities to walk or cycle along the towpath lining the canal. After lunch on board, drive to the picturesque abbey in Hautvillers with its spectacular views over the local vineyards. It is here that Dom Pérignon, the Benedictine monk credited with inventing Champagne, is buried. Continue to the house of Champagne J. De Telmont for a unique and fascinating oenological workshop.

'Belmond Hironnelle' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 6: FRIDAY

Cruise at leisure to Château-Thierry for a picturesque drive to Belleau Wood, site of a famous World War I battle where American troops halted the German army's progression. Also visit Aisne-Marne Cemetery to view the graves of 2,288 American soldiers buried there. Then continue to the enchanting medieval town of Chézy-sur-Marne for a taste of the famous Brie de Meaux at a local *fromagerie*. Back on board the barge, your chef has prepared your gala farewell dinner, a fitting close to your wonderful week of cruising.

'Belmond Hironnelle' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 7: SATURDAY

After breakfast, a Private Driver Transfer to Paris marks the end of your journey.

*Route runs in reverse on alternate weeks and may differ on selected cruise dates.*



# Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person and based on double occupancy unless noted as charter. Contact A&K for availability.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Availability
<b>Departing Every Sunday Between June 2 - August 24, 2019</b>			
Cabin	\$4,680	\$2,810	
6 night charter	\$45,170	N/A	
<b>Departing Every Sunday Between August 25 - August 31, 2019</b>			
Cabin	\$5,200	\$3,120	
6 night charter	\$50,190	N/A	
<b>Departing Every Sunday Between September 1 - October 26, 2019</b>			
Cabin	\$6,530	\$3,920	
6 night charter	\$53,570	N/A	

## Journey Details

Minimum age (for Independent Bookings) is 12 years old.

Reduced pricing available for Private Charters of 6 or 7 guests.

Alternate Routes:

Mar 24 to Apr 28 and Oct 6 to Oct 20: Couvrot to Épernay or reverse

Contact A&K for details.

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