

# DEBORAH HOTEL BARGE



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## OVERVIEW

Experience Loire Nivernias atop the beautiful canals from Briare to Nevers, France; all while on board the brand new contemporary hotel barge, Deborah!

With all meals included along with unlimited beverages, you're well taken care of during your stay aboard Deborah. You will have an opportunity to explore France like never before. Well-trained knowledgeable staff, brand new modern furnishings, and other guests who are just as excited as you will help make your vacation a memorable one! Unwind at the bar with your choice of house wines or beer all of which are complimentary and also unlimited (excluding specific wines or champagne on the wine list).

This boat is brand new to the 2016/2017 cruising schedule so you will find many new luxurious finishes along with modern décor all throughout the charter. Each suite has an attached bathroom with an electric toilet and a large, comfortable shower. In your cabin you will also find a television, radio, telephone (for internal calls only), central heating, safe, independent air conditioning, and WIFI. There are also bicycles available for those who wish to ride along with the boat through the walkways or travel deeper into each city. While you are relaxing on your cruise you can also enjoy time using a brand new complimentary Samsung Galaxy tablet!

To choose a hotel barge option such as Deborah, you are choosing to peacefully cruise through France on its forefronts while enjoying European culture, cuisine and many different activities.

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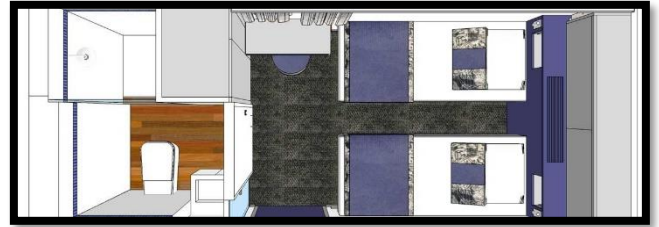
**SUITES: 11 (EN-SUITE BATHROOMS)**

**CREW: 6**

**Length: 131 Feet Long**

**GUEST CAPACITY: 22**

**AMENITIES: JACUZZI/SPA, TV/RADIO, TOURING BICYCLES,  
WIFI, BAR LOUNGE**



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## CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Briare Aqueduct, one of the most prestigious waterways in France
  - Stroll through history, well-reserved sites & traditional regions
- Visit to the Fontmorigny Abbey, a privately-owned French historical monument
  - A stopover at the Tour de Pouilly-Fume: a wine-tourism center
- Visit to Apremont-sur-Allier, known to be one of the most beautiful villages in France
- Ride along a portion of the EuroVelo 6, a bike route traveling from the Atlantic Ocean to the Black Sea
  - Small train ride/tour to discover Briare's hidden treasures



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## SAMPLE MENU

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### Breakfast

Self-serve buffet consisting of fresh juice, tea, soda, coffee, pastries, breads, jams and jellies, a variety of sausages, eggs, fresh fruit, cold cuts and delicious yogurts.

### Lunch

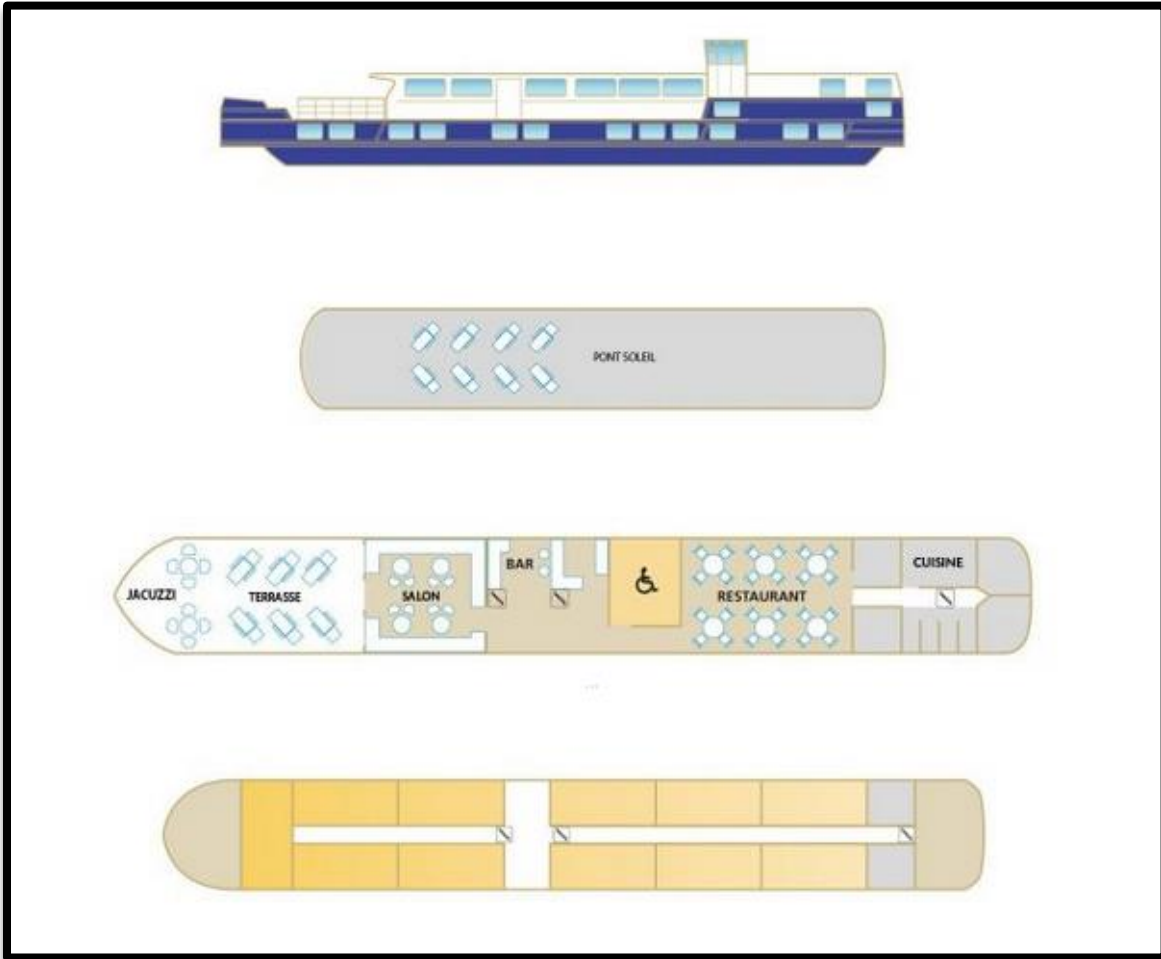
Russian eggs, sole, stuffed agnoletti, spinach with garlic cream sauce and pineapple brochette for dessert.

### Dinner

Pate en croute, stuffed chicken, spaetzel with croutons, along with raspberry cake.

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# DECK PLAN



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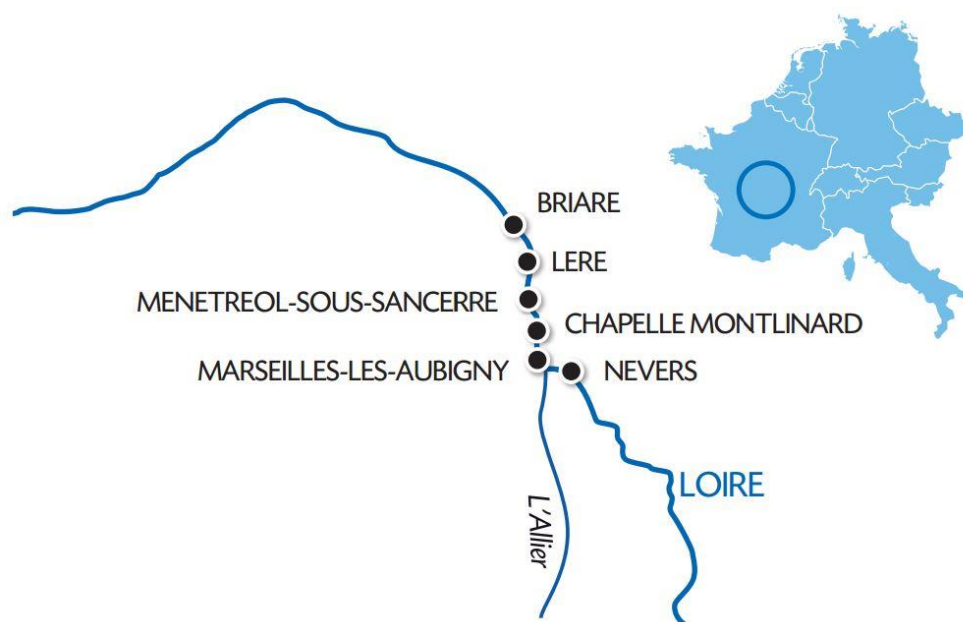
## 2017 DEPARTURE DATES

7 Days / 6 Nights

Nevers to Briare	Aug 23 – Aug 29, 2018; available as charter
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## ITINERARY

DISCOVER THE LOIRE CANAL IN THE HEART OF FRANCE – Nevers to Briare



### DAY 1: Paris - NEVERS

Transfer by coach from Paris to join our ship in Nevers (duration ~2:45). Passengers are welcome to board at 6:00 p.m. After you've settled comfortably in your cabin, we'll introduce our crew to you before having dinner. At nightfall, we'll leave on a romantic tour of Nevers with lanterns. We'll remain in port overnight.

### DAY 2: NEVERS – MARSEILLES-LES-AUBIGNY

All meals served on board. This morning, join us for a visit of Nevers. Our visit will begin with the Espace Bernadette Soubirous, the final resting place of the simple country girl from Lourdes who claimed to have seen the Virgin 18 times. We'll then continue to the city center where we'll be able to see Ducal Palace, considered the first of the Loire's castles. Built on the hill, the palace overlooks the center of the old town, the Republic Square and a large park. We'll stroll through the remarkably preserved old quarter, with its half-timbered houses and picturesque streets, before reaching the Nevers Cathedral, dedicated to Saints Quiriacus and Julietta, a national monument of France. We'll have a brief visit to the pottery quarter before ending our tour with a tasting of local products. We'll spend the afternoon cruising towards Marseilles-lès-Aubigny. Kick back and enjoy the scenery as it rolls by or borrow one of the bikes on board to ride along the canal. The evening is free to do as you please. We'll remain in port overnight.

### DAY 3: MARSEILLES-LES-AUBIGNY – CHAPPELLE MONTLINARD

All meals served on board. We'll leave by coach for the visit to the Fontmorigny Abbey, a privately-owned French historical monument. Now one of the main cultural sites in the area, it is testimony to over 8 centuries of French religious heritage. The contemporary stain-glass windows are not to be missed. We'll continue on to visit Apremont-sur-Allier and its floral garden. Classified as one of the most beautiful villages in France, this small medieval jewel on the bank of the Allier is an absolute must-see. The village offers a stunning point of view of the castle that overlooks it, also a nice

stroll along the Allier river. Afterwards, we'll return on board and continue towards Chapelle Montlinard. During our journey, discover the unique abundance of nature, culture and heritage. You'll have an outstanding view of the Val de Loire Natural Reserve. The evening is free to do as you please. We'll remain in port overnight.

## **DAY 4: CHAPELLE MONTLINARD – MENETREOL-SOUS-SANCERRE**

All meals served on board. We'll leave by coach for a tour of La Charité-sur-Loire and an authentic farm. We'll begin our visit with the priory, one of the most important restoration sites in Burgundy for the past 15 years. We'll then visit a farm deep in the countryside, where we'll experience the rustic calm and authenticity that can be found only in France. A nice stop-over and a perfect way to get to know the animals typically local or coming from other areas: sheeps, pigs, goats, donkeys, African or Highland cattle, llamas, ostriches, and of course, ducks! After we return on board, we'll cruise towards Ménétréol-sous-Sancerre. The evening is free to do as you please. We'll remain in port overnight.

## **DAY 5: MENETREOL-SOUS-SANCERRE – LERE**

All meals served on board. We'll leave by coach for a visit of Pouilly-sur-Loire, where we'll visit the Tour de Pouilly-Fumé: a wine-tourism center located in a beautiful setting. We'll visit the vineyards, the wine cellar and enjoy a tasting. Once we return on board, we'll continue towards Léré. Take advantage of this moment to ride along a portion of the EuroVélo 6, the bike route traveling from the Atlantic Ocean to the Black Sea. The evening is free to do as you please. We'll remain in port overnight.

## **DAY 6: LERE - BRIARE**

All meals served on board. Excursion to Sancerre and a goat farm. Set in the historic Berry region, Sancerre overlooks the gorgeous Loire Valley.

You'll discover this beautiful medieval city by following the Fil d'Ariane: a red line painted on the streets taking you past the old wine-making neighborhoods, bakeries, fascinating buildings, and lovely art galleries.

The Fief Tower (significant stairs to climb) is the only remaining tower of the 14th-century medieval castle. Afterwards, we'll visit a goat farm and have a tasting of its trademark cheeses and the local Sancerre wine. The family on the farm is raising approximately 200 goats and 60 cows and will be happy to share their cheese-making secrets with you. We'll spend the afternoon cruising to Briare, cruising through the Briare Aqueduct, whose 14 masonry supports were built by the Eiffel Company. Until recently, it was the longest navigable aqueduct in the world. Tonight is our festive gala evening. We'll remain in port overnight.

## **DAY 7: BRIARE - Paris**

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. Transfer by coach from Briare to Paris (duration ~2:15). End of our services.

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# PRICING



2018

Stateroom per Person in double occupancy cabin: \$3,069.00

Charter price: \$49,834.00

## Prices Include

DEBORAH Includes: the cruise on a full board basis commencing with dinner on D1 and ending with buffet breakfast on the D7 – the drinks included on board are unlimited mineral water, wine, beer and fruit juice only, with tea or coffee after each meal, served by CroisiEurope during on-board meals in the restaurant, as well as all drinks consumed in the lounge bar (excluding Champagne and wines on the wine list) – an air-conditioned twin main deck cabin with en suite shower – welcome cocktail –excursions - entertainment – the services of our on board hostess – Gala evening – insurance covering emergency aid and repatriation – all port taxes.

This program and price includes a group transfer from downtown Paris to the ship in Nevers on day 1 and from Briare to downtown Paris on day 7.

Formalities: For US Citizens, a valid Passport is required for your travel. Non US Citizens but Resident in the US, please contact the local Embassies or Consulates for proper paperwork required before travelling.

