

# 2010 Cruises in Burgundy

Luxury barge

“M.S. Niagara”

Cruise from Dijon to Vandenesse

4 days / 3 nights

from Friday to Monday

or Monday to Thursday

or

Cruise from Dijon to Vandenesse

for 7 days / 6 nights

from Friday to Thursday



## Welcome on board "MS Niagara"



Experience a nostalgic cruise in Burgundy with MS Niagara and discover the freedom of water and country.



Exploring the waterways of Burgundy and France on board "MS Niagara" is an unforgettable adventure.

The traditionally built motor yacht "MS Niagara" offers a travel adventure, back in time and an insight into France as it should be seen.

The air-conditioned main deck with its comfortable wheel house offers you an ideal occasion to assist the Captain in all manoeuvrings. Sumptuous suites and bathrooms await a maximum of 6 passengers. On the upper level, you will appreciate the spacious sun-deck with Swimming pool and Jet-stream - depending on your desires; it can be warmed up to 85 °F or more. Just relax and enjoy the comfort of this casual cruise. Mountain bikes are always on board and ready to go, for casual rides along the tow-path or cross country raids...

## ..."MS Niagara"

Everyday your chef delights you from morning to evening. The day begins with a hearty French breakfast in the wheel-house salon, then a traditional Burgundy lunch, accompanied with selected wines. During the calm afternoon coffee, tea and pastries are served. Every detail of your cruise is affectionately prepared by your first class crew.

The barge cruises into the late afternoon, taking you through the heart Burgundy's countryside and picturesque villages, famous for their cultural history and art. Everyday hectic life will rapidly disappear and is replaced by the rhythm of the canal locks. That's the French way of life.

The staff will always be attending to your needs and pampering you in a first class friendly style with genuine hospitality.

At the end of each day's cruise, your travel guide will escort you in the air-conditioned bus on sightseeing tours to discover the country and people of France. Learn the "savoir vivre" of Burgundy, with its famous wines, Roman art, feudal castles and abbeys.

When returning to your barge, happy and content the day's events, there is plenty of time for cocktails before your evening's candle light dinner. Beside delicious dishes and noble wines you also get to learn every evening several sorts of cheese. A wonderful opportunity to become not only a connoisseur of French specialties and grand Burgundy wines. but also an adept in French cheese art. The delightful evening can then close with drinks by the bar together with fellow passengers and new friends.



*enchanted mooring area*



*wheel house salon*



*bathroom imperial suite*



*imperial suite*

# Cruise program

## The Relaxing-Dream-Cruise

### *Day 1, Friday :*

Check in at Dijon

At the meeting point of [Château la Chassagne](#) near Dijon, an air-conditioned bus will drive you to the barge at 5 pm. You are welcomed in grand style with a glass of the famous Kir Royal champagne. Your unforgettable cruise in Burgundy is about to begin. Once shown to your cabin and settled on board, you will discover the city of Dijon, ancient throne to the Dukes of Burgundy and birth town of Gustave Eiffel. The city is also known as the town of a "hundred bells", is famous for Cassis and the tradition of making Mustard. At your first evening on board you will be invited to our traditional welcome-dinner where you will learn all details about your cruise. Afterward you can enjoy drinks on the sundeck and beside the pool. Naturally all drinks on board are inclusive around the clock.

### *Day 2, Saturday :*

Cruise from Dijon to Fleurey sur Ouche

While having breakfast, the boat leaves the port of Dijon and begins to pass through the locks on the canal; there will be a total of 45 during the cruise. Ever midday a splendid lunch menu or brunch is prepared and served by the crew, who will also be looking after you throughout the cruise. The barge passes by Lake Kir, then Plombières les Dijon and Velars sur Ouche. If you're not a connoisseur of grand Burgundy wines and specialties, as the barge continues to advance, you will soon become one. The barge has a snail like pace and the tempo is set by the canal locks, in the late afternoon the barge moors in the village of Fleurey sur Ouche. From there, late in the afternoon, your travel guide will take on an excursion in the surroundings. Back on board you will enjoy again a typical French dinner and the conversation with the other passengers.

### *Day 3, Sunday :*

Cruise from Fleurey to Gissey sur Ouche

The voyage takes you into the heart of Burgundy and the magnificent Ouche valley. From the sun deck you can savour the real Burgundy while passing through traditional villages such as Pont-de-Pany, where [Chateau la Chassagne](#) is situated, then on to Saint Marie sur Ouche. The scenery and life along side the canal will seduce you. Tonight the barge is moored in a hidden romantic spot, beside the river Ouche and a Gallo Romain bridge, one of the most photographed and painted views in the village of Gissey sur Ouche. This is also the starting point of your daily sight seeing tour to get to know this wonderful region and its inhabitants. At the evening the traditional farewell party -which sometimes develops into a real midnight champagne pool party- is an ideal opportunity to say good bye to the passengers who only booked a Mini-Cruise from Friday to Monday.

### *Day 4, Monday :*

Private excursion to Beaune for the 6 night cruise passengers

Check out / check in 4-days / 3-nights Mini cruise passengers

Today, you will make an excursion into the vine yards of Burgundy and the wine capital town of Beaune. Wine tasting with experts to guide you and answer all your questions, visits to some of the most important names in Burgundy such as Corton, Volnay and Mersault. For Lunch you will be invited in a highly reputed village restaurant surrounded by Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vines. In the afternoon there is plenty of time to visit the famous Hospice de Beaune, visit the charming

boutiques lining the cobbled streets of the historic market town. Return to the barge is via the "Hautes Côtes" along the country roads and past the source of the river Ouche. With a drink at the bar you will get to know the new passengers who have booked the 4-days/3-nights Mini cruise and got on board in the meantime. For dinner you chef will surprise you with something very special...

**Day 5, Tuesday :**

Cruise from Gissey sur Ouche to Pont d'Ouche

The barge leaves Gissey sur Ouche in the morning and heads on to Saint Victor sur Ouche and La Bussière. After a delicious lunch buffet the cruise goes on along Veuvev to reach today's destination Pont d'Ouche. When your hotel barge is moored, you will be invited to visit Chateauneuf en Auxois which you will pass tomorrow with the boat. Walk into this medieval village with its cafes, antique and curiosity shops along the picturesque streets and it's bistro bars which invite to settle in a drink in the hand. There is also a fantastic view over the Auxois plains, with lakes and the distant Morvan hills. Back on board enjoy the typical French dinner.

**Day 6, Wednesday :**

Cruise from Pont d'Ouche to Vandenesse en Auxois

Your captain will work even harder today, passing all the locks between Pont d'Ouche and the final destination of Vandenesse. A wonderful opportunity to enjoy the countryside, relax on the sun-deck, walk or cycle ahead. In the surroundings of Crugey you will have a Burgundy Menu for lunch break. After the barge has arrived in the port of Vandenesse, it is up to you to decide the destination of today's excursion: the water château of Commarin, the tunnel entrance in Pouilly-en-Auxois or a nearby cheese dairy. However, sometimes we organize the 'petanque' championship between the passengers and the crew. Beginning with cocktails on board, you can learn the art of "Sabrage", where you slash open a Champagne bottle with a sword, like the Dukes of Burgundy did hundreds of years ago. Then everybody will be in the right mood for the great farewell diner and the remittance of your "Lock Diploma" as well as a selection of several Dijon mustard.

**Day 7, Thursday :**

Check-Out

After a grand breakfast, disembarkation is generally at 10:30 am. Depending on your personal plans we can drive you to the meeting point hotel [Château la Chassagne](#), to the railway station or local airport.

*As this is a one-way cruise, the itinerary is also operated  
in the opposite direction according to starting date.  
We reserve the right to alter the cruise program.*

# Prices and Services

Starting and Finishing at [Château la Chassagne](#) near Dijon.  
Boarding on arrival day at 5 pm - Disembarkation by 10.30 am on departure day.

## Individual Cruise Rates 2010

| Description of cabins   | 4 days / 3 nights<br>Friday - Monday<br>Monday-Thursday<br>Price USD | 7 days / 6 nights<br>Friday - Thursday<br>Price USD |
|-------------------------|--|---|
| Suite Commodore         | 2,250  | 4,300   |
| Suite Royale            | 2,400  | 4,600   |
| Suite Impériale         | 2,550  | 4,900   |
| Single cabin supplement | 1,100  | 2,200   |

## Charter Rates 2010

The entire boat is at your exclusive disposal

Mini private charter cruise 4 days / 3 nights

| Passengers | Boat       | Price USD |
|------------|------------|-----------|
| up to 4    | MS Niagara | 14,700    |
| 5          | MS Niagara | 15,645    |
| 6          | MS Niagara | 16,380    |

Grand private charter cruise 7 days / 6 nights

| Passagers | Boat       | Price USD |
|-----------|------------|-----------|
| up to 4   | MS Niagara | 28,875    |
| 5         | MS Niagara | 31,080    |
| 6         | MS Niagara | 33,285    |

# Prices and Services

| Included in the cruise price   |
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| Cruise in the chosen cabin category  |
| All Inclusive: Full board and all drinks on board<br>All your meals, breakfast, lunch and diner served on board or in the programmed restaurants |
| All excursions and events listed in the program with guided visits   |
| Transfers between Château la Chassagne, Dijon railway station and the boat in air-conditioned minibus  |
| All port, boarding and landing taxes, lock tolls   |

The Price does not include

- Your journey to and from Château la Chassagne
- Insurance in the event of cancellation
- Personal expenses
- Crew gratuities

## Cancellation Fees

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|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| More than 120 days before arrival  | = 15% of the price |
| From 120 to 91 days before arrival | = 35% of the price |
| From 90 to 61 days before arrival  | = 55% of the price |
| From 60 to 31 days before arrival  | = 75% of the price |
| From 30 to 15 days before arrival  | = 80% of the price |
| Less than 14 days before arrival   | = 85% of the price |
| Minimum 30 USD per person          |                    |

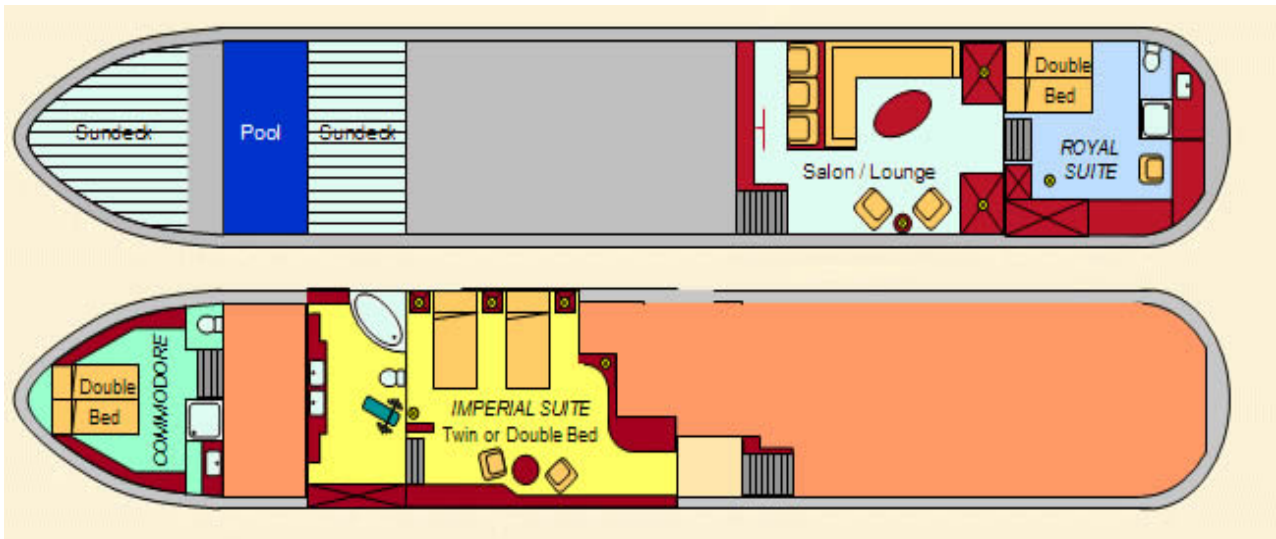
*We recommend our clients to cover these cancellation fees by acquiring a suitable travel insurance.  
All reservations are subject to our Terms and Conditions.*

# Cabin plan and boat layout

*The barge is with “easy access” for people with mobility restrictions.*

*Lift provides access to the lower deck.*

*All portholes can be opened.*



*The tour buses are also equipped for wheelchair access*

## *Technical Characteristics*

| <i>Technical Characteristics</i> | <i>La Reine Pédaque</i> | <i>M.S. Niagara</i> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Built                            | Germany, 1922           | Belgium, 1926       |
| Length                           | 38,5 m (126 feet)       | 30,5 m (100 feet)   |
| Beam                             | 5,05 m (16 feet)        | 5,05 m (16 feet)    |
| Draft                            | 1,45 m (5 feet)         | 1,20 m (4 feet)     |
| Engine                           | approx 100 hp           | approx 165 hp       |
| Tonnage                          | 250 t                   | 150 t               |
| Crew                             | 5-6 persons             | 4-5 persons         |
| Flag                             | French LY 1873          | French BX 1585      |
| Electrical Current               | 220 Volt                | 220 Volt            |
| Number of cabins                 | 4 suites                | 3 suites            |
| Number of Passengers             | 8 persons               | 6 persons           |
| Opening portholes                | All cabins              | All cabins          |

### **Additional Information**

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Identity papers    | Valid passport  |
| Currency on board  | EURO / US\$   |
| Languages on board | English, German, French (international clients)   |
| Languages on board | Day time : Casual<br>Dinner : formal or informal dress - as you please  |
| Medical Assistance | There is no doctor on board but the boat is never far from the shore so a doctor can easily be contacted in an emergency. |



*Equipped with Internet access*

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**The reservation team and barge crew speak English**