



L'ART DE VIVRE

8 Passengers / Burgundy

Constructed in 1917 as a munitions carrier

Last refit in 2009

Measures 100 ft. long by 16.5 ft. wide

Four (4) onboard cabin accommodations

*Individually Controlled Air Conditioning and
Central Heating*

The 8 passenger **L'Art de Vivre** started life as a Scottish munitions carrier and survived long enough to be transformed by a team of skilled craftsmen into a floating celebration of the Burgundian "good life".

PERSONNEL

Four (4) crew members consisting of Tour Guide/Deckhand, Chef, Housekeeper, and Captain. Generally British, this crew of four speaks both English and French (some may speak other languages, as well).

PUBLIC ROOMS

- **Salon/Dining Room**
- **Sun Deck**

ONBOARD LEISURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

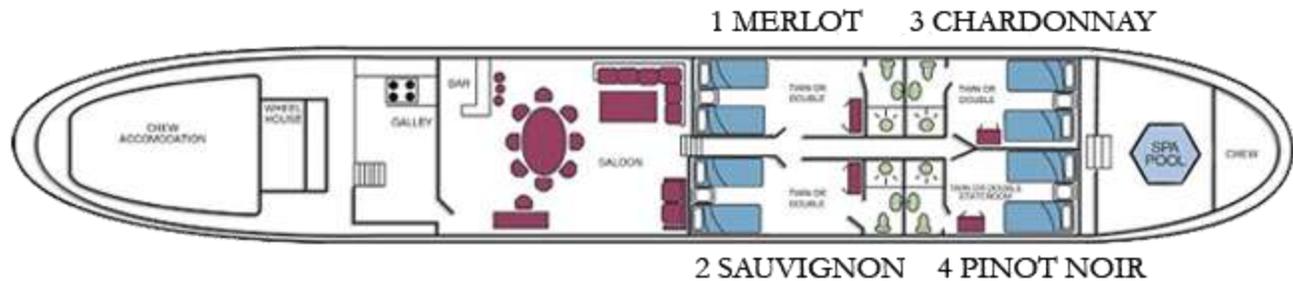
Jacuzzi • HI FI system with CD player • Eight (8) touring bikes (18 speed) • Board games • Small library of books & maps • Binoculars for bird watching

MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS

L'Art de Vivre has a gangway to deck level from the bank of the canal with two (2) handrails. There are then four (4) steps from the deck to the salon without handrails that may be slightly hazardous, and another four (4) steps down to the cabins; crew members will also assist in any way they can. **If you would like to hire a wheelchair so that it is available on your arrival**, please specify at the time of booking. The nominal hire charge should be paid directly to the Captain on arrival.

DECK PLAN

The well-planned accommodation of L'Art de Vivre offers a choice of four air-conditioned twin/double staterooms with full en-suite facilities.



CABINS

There are four (4) staterooms on board **L'Art de Vivre**, named **Merlot**, **Sauvignon**, **Chardonnay**, and **Pinot Noir**.

CABIN SIZE

All cabins are very similar in size and are equally comfortable. The size listed below for each cabin includes bathroom area.

- **Merlot** - Approx. 100 sq. ft.
- **Sauvignon** - Approx. 100 sq. ft.
- **Chardonnay** - Approx. 100 sq. ft.
- **Pinot Noir** - Approx. 100 sq. ft.

BEDDING CONFIGURATION & SIZE

Each stateroom comes with the choice of two (2) single beds, or one (1) double bed except for the **Pinot Noir** which is set up as a double only. When the suites are in twin bed configuration, the beds are parallel with a gap between them. Bed sizes are:

- Twin - 2 ft. X 6 ft.
- Double - 5 ft. X 6 ft.



BATHROOMS

All cabins have fully-tiled private bath facilities, complete with shower cubicle, toilet, and basin. They are stocked with towels, washing gel, hand soap, and shampoo.

AMENITIES

Individually Controlled Air Conditioning and Central Heating • Electricity (220V, French two pin plugs)

SALON

The **Salon/Dining Room** provides a comfortable 273 sq. ft. and features:

- 2 sofas
- Coffee table
- Fully-stocked mahogany bar with bar stools
- Iroko dining table with seating for up to nine (9) people

The breathtaking, spacious **Salon/Dining Room** is dressed with teak paneling and wallpaper with a formica ceiling and brass light fittings. It has carpeting throughout and paintings on the walls.

ON DECK

The **Sun Deck** is a spacious 275 sq. ft. open-air gathering area with plenty of shade and boasts a heated Jacuzzi for six (6) people. The **Sun Deck** is perfect for sun bathing and enjoying the beautiful scenery as you slowly wind through the canals of France. The beautiful deck furniture consists of:

- 2 steamer chairs
- 8 reclining chairs
- 1 large table
- 2 parasols

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OFF BOAT

Passengers are welcome to walk or cycle using the onboard bicycles as often as they like. Most People choose to disembark the barge at a lock to visit local villages, then return to the canal and meet the barge further along (the barge travels slowly; therefore, this is not a problem). An air-conditioned, 9-seater (including driver) VW Caravelle minibus is also available for excursions by vehicle.

ITINERARY

The Upper Nivernais remains an undiscovered region, well off the beaten track on the edge of the Morvan hills. The sleepy hamlets, white grazing Charolais cattle, woods and forrests are typical of the scenery we cruise through. The region simply oozes charm and the cruise is a journey back in time along a magical waterway. During the summer months **L'Art De Vivre** visits the Valley of Sardy, a

canal section with smaller locks, where time seems to have stood still for over two hundred years. The hand-swung bridges are a delight and we pass old logging sites which are now almost forgotten memory for the local people. This is the original home of luxury hotel barging and yet today, a barge is a rarity, welcomed by all, and every journey is a great event.

Itinerary Highlights:

Explore enchanting **Auxerre** and its magnificent cathedral
Wine tasting of fine **Chablis** wines in a 12th century cellar
Visit **Chateau de Bazoches**, home of Maréchal Vauban
Tour **Noyers**, one of the most beautiful villages in **Burgundy**
Visit picturesque **Vézelay** and its hilltop basilica
Explore the medieval town of **Clamecy**

FOOD & WINE

Cuisine on board **L'Art de Vivre** is French. All meals are composed of fresh ingredients and typically feature a different selection of regional cheeses and wines daily. Non-alcoholic beverages, regular or decaffeinated tea & coffee, and whole or low-fat milk are offered with all meals. There are no assigned seats for meals in the dining room and dress is casual. The Captain's Dinner on the last night of the cruise requires slightly formal attire.