



LA BELLE EPOQUE

13 Passengers / Burgundy

*Constructed in 1930 as a freight barge
Converted into a hotel barge in 1995
Measures 126 ft. long by 16.5 ft. wide
Five (5) onboard cabin accommodations
Individually Controlled Air Conditioning and
Central Heating*

The 13-passenger La Belle Epoque in Burgundy has been designed with both elegance and passenger comfort in mind. All fully climate-controlled, La Belle Epoque offers a sun-deck spa pool, wood paneled saloon and dining room, and other luxury facilities.

PERSONNEL

Five (5) to six (6) crew members consisting of Tour Guide/Deckhand, Chef, Housekeeper(s), Stewardess, and Captain. Generally British, this crew speaks both English and French (some may speak other languages, as well).

PUBLIC ROOMS

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

ONBOARD LEISURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

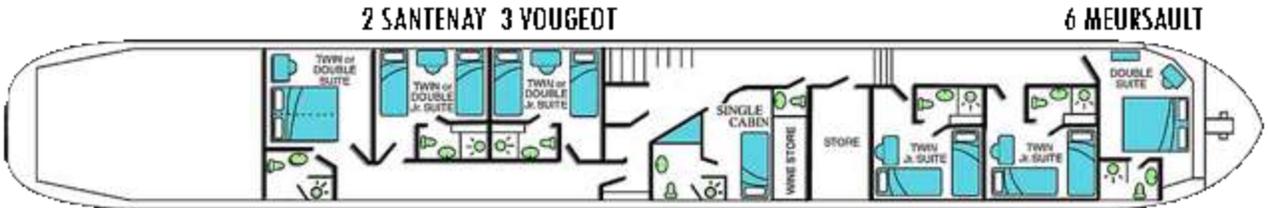
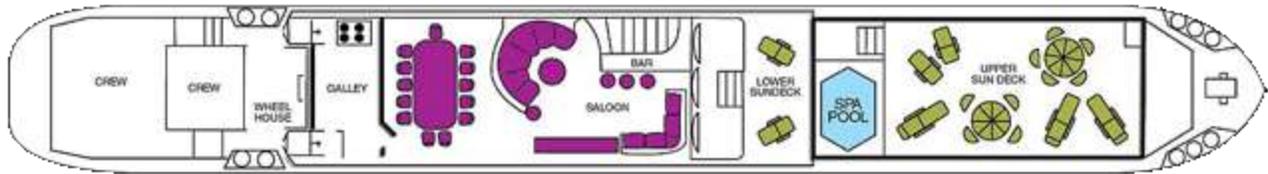
Jacuzzi • HI FI system with CD player • Boules • Ten (10) touring bikes (21 speed) • Board games • Small library of books • Binoculars for birdwatching

MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS

La Belle Epoque has a gangplank from the bank to the deck with two (2) handrails and two (2) wide steps from the deck to the salon. There are twelve (12) steps from the salon to the cabins. These steps have a handrail and are wide enough for one (1) person to walk besides another to assist. **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 La Belle Epoque offers a choice of seven air-conditioned twin/double staterooms with full en-suite facilities.



2 SANTENAY 3 VOUGEOT

6 MEURSAULT

1 NUITS ST-GEORGES

7 IRANCY

4 SANCERRE 5 CHABLIS

CABINS

There are six (2) suites, four (4) junior suites, and one (1) single cabin on board **La Belle Epoque**, named **Nuits St. Georges, Meursault, Santenay, Vougeot, Chablis, Sancerre, and Irancy** respectively.

CABIN SIZE

Cabin sizes vary based on the type of accommodation. The sizes listed below for each cabin include bathroom area.

- **Nuit St. Georges** (Stern Suite) - Approx. 165 sq. ft.
- **Meursault** (Bow Suite)- Approx. 150 sq. ft.
- **Santenay** (Stern Junior Suite) - Approx. 130 sq. ft.
- **Vougeot** (Stern Junior Suite) - Approx. 130 sq. ft.
- **Chablis** (Bow Junior Suite) - Approx. 125 sq. ft.
- **Sancerre** (Bow Junior Suite) - Approx. 125 sq. ft.
- **Irancy** - Approx. 90 sq. ft.

BEDDING CONFIGURATION & SIZE

Each stateroom has specific bedding configurations as outlined below:

- **Nuits St. Georges** - twin or double
- **Meursault** - double
- **Santenay** - twin or double
- **Vougeot** - twin or double
- **Sancerre** - twin
- **Chablis** - twin
- **Irancy** - single



When the suites are in twin bed configuration, the beds are parallel with a gap between them. Bed sizes are:

- Twin - 3 ft. X 6 ft.
- Double - 6 ft. X 6 ft. (Meursault's double measures 6 ft. X 5 ft.)

BATHROOMS

All staterooms have showers in a shower cubicle with marble tiled floors and walls and a household flush toilet and basin. All bathrooms are stocked with towels, washing gel, hand soap, and shampoo.

AMENITIES

Individually Controlled Air Conditioning and Central Heating • Hairdryer • Built-in Closets • Safe • Electricity (220V, French two pin plugs)

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SALON/DINING ROOM

The **Salon/Dining Room** provides a comfortable 325 sq. ft. and features:

- 2 built-in sofa areas
- Coffee table
- Fully-stocked mahogany bar with bar stools
- Antique drinks cabinet
- Mahogany dining table with seating for fourteen (14) people

The salon is home to an antique barograph and gramophone as well as an antique interlock telephone exchange board dating from 1913 which stands in the passageway to the cabins. The salon is dressed in teak wood paneling and wallpaper, hardwood ceiling, carpeting throughout, and Art Nouveau painting of **La Belle Epoque** adorning its walls.



ON DECK

There are two (2) **Sun Decks** on board **La Belle Epoque**, one of which is a shaded Iroko hardwood deck that houses the sunken Jacuzzi. The shaded deck is approximately 118 sq. ft. while the other is a spacious 437 sq. ft. open-air gathering area. 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
- 10 reclining chairs
- 1 large table
- 4 parasols

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 and an air-conditioned, 6-seater VW Sharan minibus are also available for excursions by vehicle.

ITINERARY

Burgundy, the culturally-rich center of French waterways, spans some of France's more interesting regions. Reflecting the endless Burgundian sky, the Burgundy Canal's seemingly endless passageways take travelers through regions that suggest the past's imminence and the present's frailty. The princely castles of Tanlay and Ancy-le-Franc await in the medieval town of Tonnerre, **La Belle Epoque's** destination on this cruise. Before arriving there, you will drift slowly through the Auxois region, home of one of the oldest Cistercian abbeys, Abbaye de Fontenay; here, history clings reverently to the Romanesque walls of the abbey. Savor the aroma and taste of magnificent Chablis wines along the way, and get lost in charming villages that will make you long for a return to Burgundy.

Itinerary Highlights:

Visit the **Abbaye de Fontenay**, a UNESCO World Heritage site
Wine tasting of Chablis wines at **Saint Bris de Vineaux** in the Bersan cellars
Visit the village of **Flavigny sur Ozerain**, location of the film 'Chocolat'
Visit to **Noyers-sur-Serein**, one of the most beautiful villages in **Burgundy**
Visit to the 18th century **Forges de Buffon**

FOOD & WINE

Cuisine on board **La Belle Epoque** 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.