



FRANCE CRUISES



HIRONDELLE

8 Passengers / Upper Loire & Western Burgundy / Burgundy

*Constructed in 1928 as a cargo barge
Converted into a hotel barge in 1992
Measures 128 ft. long by 17 ft. wide
Four (4) onboard cabin accommodations
Onboard climate control*

On board the deluxe Hotel Barge **Hirondelle**, part of the Orient-Express collection, the large windows, well above the water line, and the sun-deck on the top deck of the boat make it easy for you to enjoy the passing scenery of the picturesque upper Loire Valley.

PERSONNEL

Five (5) crew members who speak both English and French (some may speak other languages, as well).

PUBLIC ROOMS

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

ONBOARD LEISURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

Hi Fi system with CD player • Touring bikes • Board games • Small library of books • Writing desk • Guest computer with internet access

MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS

Hirondelle has **no wheelchair access**. There are steps that lead down to the Main Deck and some narrow passageways that may be difficult to navigate for those with extremely limited mobility.

DECK PLAN

Hirondelle's exquisite interior will make you feel right at home as you experience the French countryside.



CABINS

There are four (4) cabins on board **Hirondelle** averaging 137 sq. ft. in size and come with either twin or queen beds. All have private en suite bathrooms.

CABIN SIZE

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

- **Cabin 1** - Approx. 143 sq. ft.
- **Cabin 2** - Approx. 144 sq. ft.
- **Cabin 3** - Approx. 126 sq. ft.
- **Cabin 4** - Approx. 126 sq. ft.

BEDDING CONFIGURATION & SIZE

All cabins comes fitted with two (2) twin beds except for **Cabin 1** which comes with one (1) queen bed.

BATHROOMS

All cabins have private bath facilities, complete with shower, toilet, and basin.

AMENITIES

Climate Control • Hairdryer • Storage Space • Electricity (220V, French two pin plugs)

SALON

The **Salon/Dining Room** provides ample space and features:

- Sofas
- Chairs
- Coffee table
- Guest computer with internet access
- Dining table with seating for up to eight (8) people

The breathtaking, spacious **Salon/Dining Room** has large picture windows, well above the water line, through which to view the passing landscapes.



ON DECK

The **Sun Deck** is a spacious open-air gathering area with plenty of shade. Here, guests are welcomed to relax, or enjoy a memorable "al fresco" meal with friends or loved ones. The beautiful deck furniture consists of:

- 1 table
- 8 chairs
- 1 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 minibus is also available for excursions by vehicle.

ITINERARY

The **Hirondelle** cruises some of the most tranquil and beautiful waterways in all of Europe. It cruises primarily in the Upper Loire on the Canal Lateral a la Loire except for a few selected cruise dates in April and October in Southern Burgundy on the Canal de Bourgogne, the Canal du Centre, and the River Saône. One of the highlights of this very scenic cruise route is the opportunity to cruise onto the impressive Briare Aqueduct built by Mr. Eiffel of Parisian Eiffel Tower fame. The barge traverses the river Loire via this canal bridge, the longest in Europe, connecting the Canal Lateral a la Loire to the Canal du Briare.

Itinerary Highlights:

The impressive hilltop town of **Sancerre**

Private wine tasting at the fabulous 15th century **Chateau Tracy**

The famous **Gien** pottery (faience) factory

The **Chateau of La Bussiere** with its imposing setting and medicinal gardens

FOOD & WINE

Cuisine on board **Hirondelle** is French and made using the freshest ingredients the region has to offer.

2010 SCHEDULE & PRICING

Date	Direction	Date	Direction
April 4, 2010	Dijon - St. Leger	July 18, 2010	Guetin - Rogny
April 11, 2010	St. Leger - Digoin	July 25, 2010	Rogny - Guetin
April 18, 2010	Digoin - Guetin	August 1, 2010	Guetin - Rogny
April 25, 2010	Guetin - Rogny	August 8, 2010	Rogny - Guetin
May 2, 2010	Rogny - Guetin	August 15, 2010	Guetin - Rogny
May 9, 2010	Guetin - Rogny	August 22, 2010	Rogny - Guetin
May 16, 2010	Rogny - Guetin	August 29, 2010	Guetin - Rogny
May 23, 2010	Guetin - Rogny	September 5, 2010	Rogny - Guetin
May 30, 2010	Rogny - Guetin	September 12, 2010	Guetin - Rogny
June 6, 2010	Guetin - Rogny	September 19, 2010	Rogny - Guetin
June 13, 2010	Rogny - Guetin	September 26, 2010	Guetin - Digoin
June 20, 2010	Guetin - Rogny	October 3, 2010	Digoin - St. Leger
June 27, 2010	Rogny - Guetin	October 10, 2010	St. Leger - Dijon
July 4, 2010	Guetin - Rogny	October 17, 2010	Dijon - Lyon
July 11, 2010	Rogny - Guetin	October 24, 2010	Lyon - St. Jean

Individual Cabin Bookings	7 Days / 6 Nights Sunday - Saturday
Per Person (2 sharing)	\$4,900
Full Boat Private Charter	7 Days / 6 Nights Sunday - Saturday
For 8 guests	\$39,200
For 7 guests	\$36,800
For 6 guests	\$34,400