



FRANCE CRUISES



LUCIOLE

14 Passengers / Burgundy

Constructed in 1926 as a mule-drawn vessel

Converted into a hotel barge in 1966

Measures 100 ft. long by 17 ft. wide

Eight (8) onboard cabin accommodations

Onboard climate control

Luciole began her life in 1926 at Dunquerque as a mule-drawn vessel, the 'Ponctuel'. In 1966 she was converted as the first 'hotel-barge' the 'Palinurus', for 22 passengers. Acquired by current owner John Liley in 1985 and renamed **Luciole** (Firefly) she had her saloon roof raised and the interior completely rebuilt with larger and fewer cabins and private bathrooms throughout. Today **Luciole** is

welcoming her guests with comfort and elegance and invite everyone to join on a magical cruise to explore up-country waterways of central France.

PERSONNEL

Six (6) crew members consisting of Tour Guide, Chef, two (2) Housekeepers, Matelot (Sailor), and Captain. 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

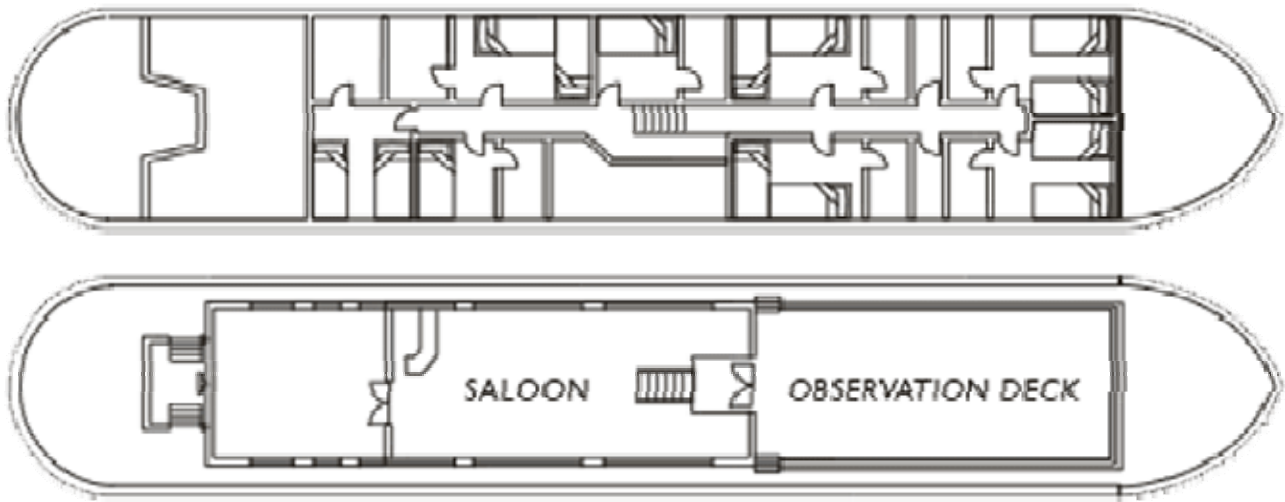
HI FI system with CD player • Eight (8) touring bikes • Board games • Extensive library of books

MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS

Luciole has **no wheelchair access**. There are several stairs joining the Lower Deck, Main Deck, and Sun Deck and narrow passageways which may be difficult to navigate for those with extremely limited mobility.

DECK PLAN

With warm-spirited, expert crew of six, Luciole offers her guests wonderful local gourmet cuisine and comfort with thoughtful personal service throughout each cruise.



CABINS

There are eight (8) cabins on board **Luciole** which occupy the entire Lower Deck. The cabins offer a variety of bedding configurations and all come with private en suite bathrooms.

CABIN SIZE

All cabins are very similar in size and are equally comfortable. On average, the cabins are approximately 107 sq. ft.

BEDDING CONFIGURATION & SIZE

There are three (3) double-bedded cabins available, each of which can be converted into two (2) twin beds. There are also three (3) twin-bedded and two single cabins on board.

BATHROOMS

Each cabin has its own private en suite bath facilities complete with shower, basin, and toilet. The bathrooms are well-stocked with towels and Molton Brown bath products.



AMENITIES

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

SALON/DINING ROOM

In the air-conditioned **Salon**, big picture windows allow uninterrupted views of the passing scene. The **Salon/Dining Room** combine different mixes of beautiful woods, complemented by traditional and regional fabrics with ever-present bouquets of fresh flowers. The comfortable furniture consists of:

- Sofa & armchair
- Well-stocked bar
- Dining table with seating for fourteen (14)

The **Salon/Dining Room** makes an excellent area to relax indoors whether engaging in fascinating conversation, playing board games, listening to music, or enjoying a good book.

ON DECK

The spacious **Sun Deck** on board **Luciole** has huge umbrellas for those who wish to be in the shade. Lined with fresh flowers, the deck provides a premium vantage point to view the gorgeous scenery as the barge cruises along the waterway. It is also the perfect setting for "al fresco" dining. The deck furniture consists of:

- Reclining chairs
- Table with seating for fourteen (14)
- 2 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, 14-seater minibus is also available for transfers and shore excursions.

ITINERARY

Reaching into the very heart of France, **Luciole** explores a magical part of the land. The route chosen by the barge is described as 'the most beautiful and varied water route of them all', the Nivernais offers all the attractions of an up-county waterway in combination with the elegant city of Auxerre, where voyages begin or end.

Along the way, Charolais cows graze by the water's edge, while periodic stone built villages stand invitingly, the painted shutters and doorways framed in roses. Embracing both river and man-made canal, this entrancing waterway preserves the character of 150 years ago. Too shallow now for larger barges, it has a number of locks that are also short - hence the dimensions of the **Luciole**, which can just pass through.

Itinerary Highlights:

Passage through picturesque villages of **St Bris** and **Irancy**

Visiting wine caves in the vicinity of **Chablis**

Vezeley, where the spectacular 12 th Century Basilica dominates the town

Chateau of Bazoches , the 17 th century home of the Marquis de Vauban, France 's great military engineer

Visiting delightful Medieval town of **Clamecy**

FOOD & WINE

Meals on board the **Luciole** are treasured times, opportunities to sit and relax and share with friends, old or new, a summer luncheon or dinner by candlelight. The chef is encouraged to be innovative and imaginative, marrying French cuisine with a contemporary twist while using fresh local ingredients to inspire and spoil. Day commences with the arrival of freshly baked bread and pastries. Lunch is a feast of salads and savory dishes, followed by a selection of fresh fruit and cheeses. The four-course evening meal is the gastronomic highlight of each day, to be concluded on the starlit nights for which Burgundy is noted with coffee on our observation deck. With Chablis on our doorstep, local vineyards are well-represented; but wines from far and near - Bordeaux and the Côte D'Or amongst them - are chosen and introduced to complement the menu.

2010 SCHEDULE & PRICING

Date	Direction	Season	Date	Direction	Season
April 4, 2010	Auxerre-Clamecy	Value	July 25, 2010	Auxerre-Clamecy	Value
April 11, 2010	Clamecy-Auxerre	Value	August 1, 2010	Clamecy-Auxerre	Value
April 18, 2010	Auxerre-Clamecy	Value	August 8, 2010	Auxerre-Clamecy	Value
April 25, 2010	Clamecy-Auxerre	Value	August 15, 2010	Clamecy-Auxerre	Value
May 2, 2010	Auxerre-Clamecy	Mid	August 22, 2010	Auxerre-Clamecy	Value
May 9, 2010	Clamecy-Auxerre	Mid	August 29, 2010	Clamecy-Auxerre	High
May 16, 2010	Auxerre-Clamecy	Mid	September 5, 2010	Auxerre-Clamecy	High
May 23, 2010	Clamecy-Auxerre	Mid	September 12, 2010	Clamecy-Auxerre	High
May 30, 2010	Auxerre-Clamecy	Mid	September 19, 2010	Auxerre-Clamecy	High
June 6, 2010	Clamecy-Auxerre	Mid	September 26, 2010	Clamecy-Auxerre	High
June 13, 2010	Auxerre-Clamecy	Mid	October 3, 2010	Auxerre-Clamecy	High
June 20, 2010	Clamecy-Auxerre	Mid	October 10, 2010	Clamecy-Auxerre	High
June 27, 2010	Auxerre-Clamecy	Mid	October 17, 2010	Auxerre-Clamecy	Regular
July 4, 2010	Clamecy-Auxerre	Mid	October 24, 2010	Clamecy-Auxerre	Regular
July 11, 2010	Auxerre-Clamecy	Mid	October 31, 2010	Auxerre-Clamecy	Regular
July 18, 2010	Clamecy-Auxerre	Mid			

Individual Cabin Bookings	Value	Mid	Regular	High
Per Person (2 sharing)	\$3,450	\$3,750	\$3,450	\$3,750
Single Cabin (when available)	\$3,550	\$3,850	\$3,550	\$3,850
Full Boat Private Charter	Value	Mid	Regular	High
For up to 14 guests	\$38,000	\$40,000	\$42,000	\$44,000