



## **RENAISSANCE**

*8 Passengers / Upper Loire & Western Burgundy*

*Constructed in 1960 as a French cargo carrier*

*Converted into a hotel barge in 1997*

*Measures 128 ft. long by 17.5 ft. wide*

*Four (4) onboard cabin accommodations*

*Onboard climate control*

**Renaissance** is a luxuriously spacious and stylishly appointed floating hotel for eight guests, and one of the largest craft that can navigate the French canal locks. With a stunning salon and four spacious staterooms comprising most of the lower deck, comfort and complete relaxation are assured aboard **Renaissance**. Newest amenities include a new

galley, a re-floored forward deck with roof extension for dining al fresco, an expanded, "guest-friendly" wheelhouse, upgraded staterooms, and an additional silent generator.

## **PERSONNEL**

Five (5) crew members consisting of Tour Guide/Deckhand, Chef, Housekeeper, Pilot/Engineer, 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**

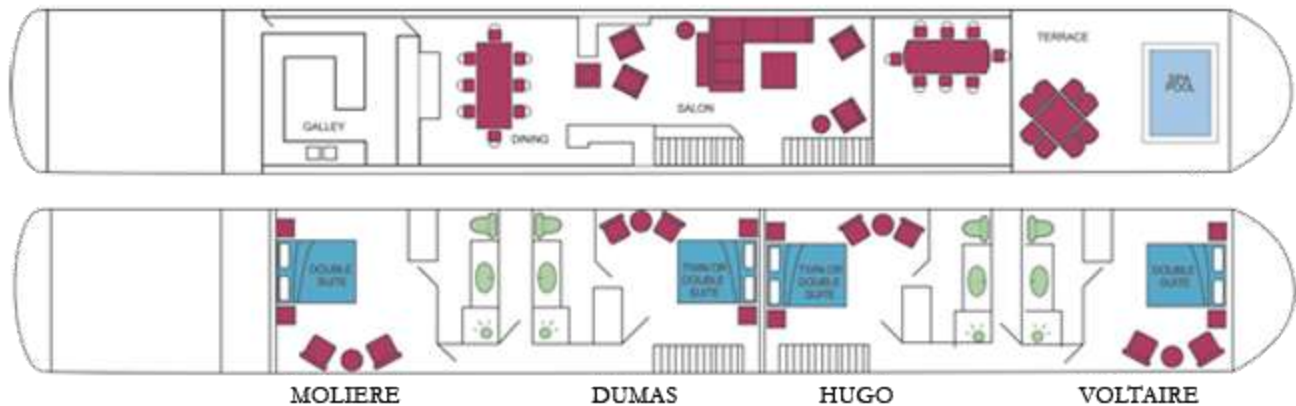
Spa pool for eight (8) people • Bose HI FI system with CD player • Eight (8) mountain bikes • Board games • Small library of books & maps • Binoculars for birdwatching

## **MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS**

Renaissance has a gangway to deck level from the bank of the canal with one (1) handrail. There are no steps from the deck to the salon, but there are fourteen (14) steps down to the cabins. **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 Renaissance offers a choice of four air-conditioned twin/double staterooms with full en-suite facilities.



## CABINS

There are four (4) suites on board **Renaissance**, named **Voltaire**, **Hugo**, **Dumas**, and **Moliere**.

## CABIN SIZE

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

- **Voltaire** - Approx. 270 sq. ft.
- **Hugo** - Approx. 260 sq. ft.
- **Dumas**- Approx. 260 sq. ft.
- **Moliere** - Approx. 270 sq. ft.

## BEDDING CONFIGURATION & SIZE

**Hugo** and **Dumas** can be configured as a twin or a king while **Voltaire** and **Moliere** can be configured as king only. The bed sizes are:

- Twin - 3 ft. X 6 ft.
- King - 6 ft. X 6 ft.

## BATHROOMS

All bathrooms have tiled/teak wood floors and walls, and come with shower, toilet, and wash basin. Each bathroom is stocked with towels, washing gel, hand soap, shampoo, and face cloths.

## AMENITIES

Climate Control • Hairdryer • Built-in Closets • Electricity (220V, French two pin plugs)

## SALON/DINING ROOM

The **Salon/Dining Room** provides a spacious 714 sq. ft. and features:

- Sofas & coffee table
- Fully-stocked bar
- Oak dining table seating eight (8) people

The **Salon/Dining Room** is dressed in antiqued wood paneling and brass light fittings, all covered by a beamed ceiling. The floor is tiled throughout and the walls of the room are adorned with paintings.

## ON DECK

The **Sun Deck** is a spacious 385 sq. ft. open-air gathering area with a relaxing 8-person spa pool. The beautiful deck furniture which consists of:

- 8 reclining chairs
- 1 large table (shaded)





The **Sun Deck** is perfect for sun bathing and enjoying the beautiful scenery as you slowly wind through the canals of France.

### **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 minibus is also available for excursions by vehicle.

### **ITINERARY**

**Renaissance's** itinerary covers the entire length of the Canal de Loing (a canal built specifically to join the Loire river to the River Seine and Paris) as well as some of the most picturesque parts of the Canal de Briare – one of France's first canals, built in the early

16th. Additionally, the route covers a short section of the River Seine between St Mammes and Samois-sur-Seine, a part of the river, which even today, plays a major part in the thriving river barge transportation system in France. The river section (limited to around 2 hours cruising only per week) passes some of the prettiest villages on the entire River Seine, where wealthy Parisian professionals have made their homes for centuries. At St Mammes (the junction of the river and the Canal de Loing) we see a wide variety of river craft carrying produce towards the capital. Once onto the canal, the countryside changes as we pass open fields, classic French villages and towns and still see the occasional barge loading with grain or aggregate at a loading dock - a testimony to the continuing importance of the canal in this region. As **Renaissance** progress deeper into this little known region (referred to by the French as the "Gatinais" and often called affectionately the "Garden of Paris") we see changing architectural styles reflecting the use of local materials in the buildings and pass some of the oldest villages and towns in the region – many of which owe their heritage to the history of the canal.

#### **Itinerary Highlights:**

Guided tour of ancient **Moret-sur-Loing**, home of Impressionist Alfred Sisley

Visit to the magnificent **Chateau de Vaux-le-Vicomte**

Visit to a fascinating traditional glass-blowing factory at **Issey-sur-Ecole**

Explore the hill-top town of **Chateau Landon** by horse and carriage

Private visit to the **Chateau de la Bussière**; a 16th century estate with spectacular kitchen garden

Accompany the chef to the farmers' market at **Ferrières** to buy fresh produce

### **FOOD & WINE**

Cuisine on board **Renaissance** 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.

## 2010 SCHEDULE & PRICING

Date	Direction	Season	Date	Direction	Season
March 28, 2010	Montargis - Chatillon	Value	July 25, 2010	Chatillon - Montargis	Value
April 4, 2010	Chatillon - Montargis	Value	August 1, 2010	Montargis - Chatillon	Value
April 11, 2010	Montargis - Chatillon	Value	August 8, 2010	Chatillon - Montargis	Value
April 18, 2010	Chatillon - Montargis	Value	August 15, 2010	Montargis - Chatillon	Value
April 25, 2010	Montargis - Chatillon	Value	August 22, 2010	Chatillon - Montargis	Value
May 2, 2010	Chatillon - Montargis	Value	August 29, 2010	Montargis - Chatillon	Value
May 9, 2010	Montargis - Chatillon	Value	September 5, 2010	Chatillon - Montargis	Regular
May 16, 2010	Chatillon - Montargis	Regular	September 12, 2010	Montargis - Chatillon	Regular
May 23, 2010	Montargis - Chatillon	Regular	September 19, 2010	Chatillon - Montargis	Regular
May 30, 2010	Chatillon - Montargis	Regular	September 26, 2010	Montargis - Chatillon	Regular
June 6, 2010	Montargis - Chatillon	Regular	October 3, 2010	Chatillon - Montargis	Regular
June 13, 2010	Chatillon - Montargis	Regular	October 10, 2010	Montargis - Chatillon	Regular
June 20, 2010	Montargis - Chatillon	Regular	October 17, 2010	Chatillon - Montargis	Value
June 27, 2010	Chatillon - Montargis	Regular	October 24, 2010	Montargis - Chatillon	Value
July 4, 2010	Montargis - Chatillon	Regular	October 31, 2010	Chatillon - Montargis	Value
July 11, 2010	Chatillon - Montargis	Regular	November 7, 2010	Montargis - Chatillon	Value
July 18, 2010	Montargis - Chatillon	Regular			

Individual Cabin Bookings	Value Weeks	Regular Weeks
Per Person (2 sharing)	\$5,450	\$6,490
Single Supplement	\$2,000	\$2,400
Full Boat Private Charter	Value Weeks	Regular Weeks
For 8 guests	\$41,500	\$49,000
For 7 guests	\$40,000	\$47,000
For 6 guests	\$38,500	\$45,000