



## FRANCE CRUISES



### **SAVOIR FAIRE**

*12 Passengers / Upper Loire & Western Burgundy / Champagne / Burgundy*

*Constructed in 1932 as a Belgian transport barge  
Converted into a hotel barge in 1979  
Measures 130 ft. long by 17 ft. wide  
Six (6) onboard cabin accommodations  
Onboard climate control*

The **Savoir Faire** (formerly "Etoile de Champagne") dates back to 1932 when she was built as a transport barge in the Belgian estuaries. In 1979, the barge was brought to Holland where she underwent a total metamorphosis and was converted into the elegant three-decked hotel barge that she is today. Carrying just 12 passengers and built on the largest hull that can cruise the waterways, the "**Savoir Faire**" was substantially refurbished at the

beginning of the 2005 season, offering very high standards of excellence in cuisine, accommodations and service. As an owner-operated luxury barges, the **Savoir Faire** prides itself in customizing your cruise week to your desires.

### **PERSONNEL**

Six (6) crew members who speak both English and French (some may speak other languages, as well).

### **PUBLIC ROOMS**

- **Salon**
- **Dining Room**
- **Cocktail Lounge**
- **Observation Deck**
- **Sun Deck**

### **ONBOARD LEISURE AND ENTERTAINMENT**

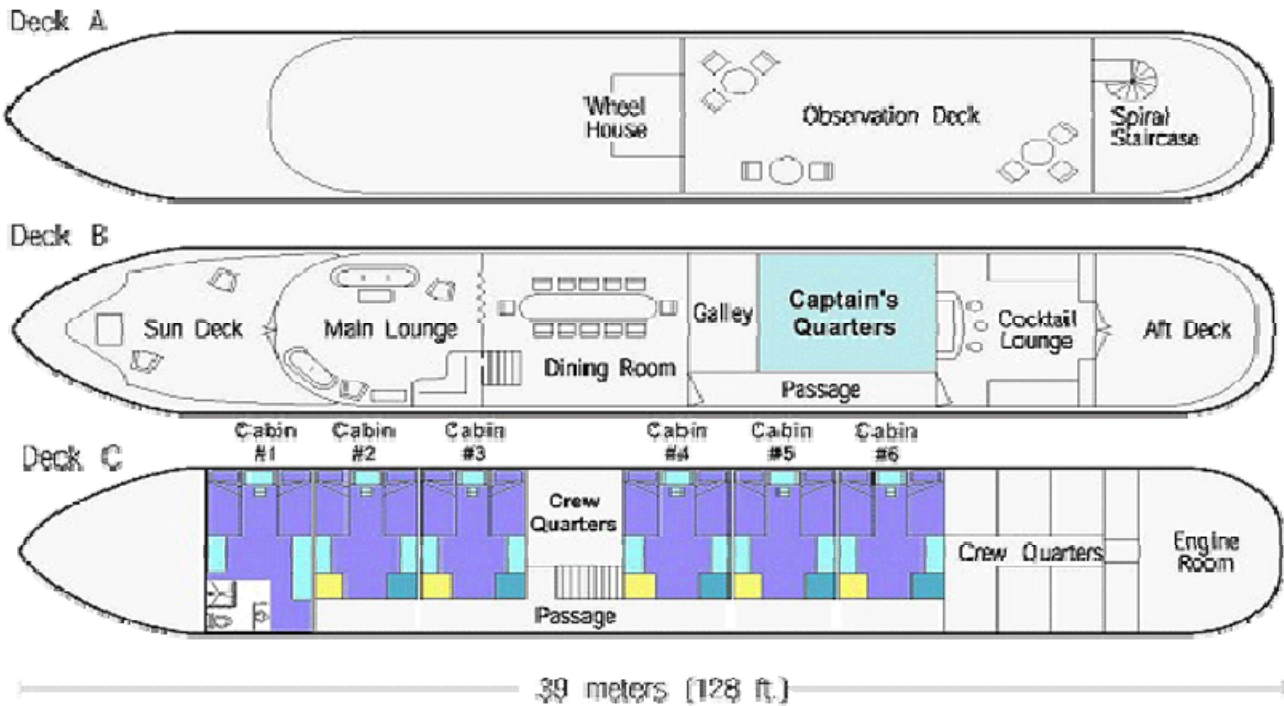
HI FI system with CD player • Twelve (12) touring bikes • Upright piano • Flat screen TV with DVD player • Board games • Small library of books

### **MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS**

Savoir Faire has **no wheelchair access**. There are several decks with steps leading to and from each as well as narrow passageways which may be difficult to navigate for those with extremely limited mobility.

### **DECK PLAN**

The **Savoir Faire** has truly set the standard of excellence in European canal barging. The sleek vessel welcomes its guests with warm interiors, elegant furnishings, spacious public areas and comfortable staterooms.



## CABINS

The **Savoie Faire** features six (6) staterooms, all on the lower deck (Deck C). Stateroom 1 has a large bathroom with shower. Staterooms 2 through 6 each have a separate toilet and shower. All cabins offer good lighting, a large number of electrical outlets, and include 220v European standard and 110v U.S. standard power outlets. They also feature a full height wardrobe cabinet, with shelves on the right and a full height space on the left for hanging longer clothing and a half-height wardrobe cabinet, with shelves on the right and space on the left for hanging coats and shorter items of clothing. In each stateroom you will find a flat screen TV with DVD player, large movie selection, remote control and earphones (2 sets). In the interest of guest privacy, sound is only available via headsets.

## CABIN SIZE

All cabins are similarly furnished, equally comfortable, and adequately sized.

## BEDDING CONFIGURATION & SIZE

All cabins can be configured either as two (2) twin beds or one (1) queen bed. When the cabins are in twin configuration, the beds will be parallel to each other with a space in between.

## BATHROOMS

Cabin 1 has a combined shower/toilet area while Cabins 2 through 6 have a shower stall separate from the toilet compartment. All are well-stocked with towels and bath products.

## AMENITIES

Climate Control • Hairdryer • Storage Space • Flat Screen TV with DVD Player • Electricity (220V, French two pin plugs)

## SALON

The **Salon**, like the **Dining Room** and **Cocktail Lounge**, is finished in mahogany, teak, and brass. The height of leisurely entertainment on board **Savoie Faire**, the **Salon** offers guests plenty of seating and a multitude of activities with which to pass the time. The relaxing **Salon** features:



- 2 Sofas & coffee tables
- 2 Armchairs
- Wrap-around bench seating
- Upright piano
- Game table

Encapsulated by several large windows, the **Salon** is bright, spacious, and airy.

## DINING ROOM

The **Dining Room** is elegantly decorated, its main focus a long banquet-style dining table with seating for all guests at once. There is also a beautiful wine bureau featuring the best of the region to accompany all meals.



## COCKTAIL LOUNGE

The **Cocktail Lounge** has a large well-stocked bar with barstools and additional seating for guests who wish to enjoy a refreshing beverage while on board. Guests here may wish to share a moment with friends, or reflect thoughtfully on the day's experiences.

## OBSERVATION DECK

The **Observation Deck**, located on the vessel's uppermost deck, is a great place to watch sweeping views indoors should weather not permit pleasant outdoor seating. Just behind the Wheelhouse, this lounge area has plenty of seating and tables for guests.

## ON DECK

With two (2) outdoor areas on board **Savoir Faire**, guests are certain to enjoy fresh air and sunlight without overcrowding. The

Foredeck, just beyond the **Salon**, hosts an "al fresco" table with a handful of seating. The Aft Deck, onto which the **Cocktail Lounge** opens, has more open-air space for guests to step outside and share a romantic moment, or watch France melt into beautiful memories.

## 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 transfers and on shore excursions.

## ITINERARY

Privately owned and excellently managed, the **Savoir Faire** merits her fine reputation established over a number of years. In the respected Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report, this much loved ship was rated 'Best European Barge- the luxurious ultra spacious Savoir Faire plying the inland waterways of Holland and France'. Leave your worries behind for a while and step aboard for a week of sheer bliss. Captain/owners Chris and Fran Bennett and their attentive crew are dedicated to ensuring that this cruise will be among the best that you can hope to experience. Diverse cruise routes are offered aboard -- Please contact us for current availability and cruise route possible on a specific date.

### Itinerary Highlights:

**"The Best of Upper Loire & Burgundy" Cruise** - From the sun kissed slopes of Chablis to the inner sanctuaries of French kings and noble knights, this cruise promises golden memories with every turn you take

**Champagne Cruise** - Paris to the cathedral at Reims . A favorite for landscapes and champagne; Includes ' Paris by Night' cruise

**Holland Tulip Cruise** - Holland at it's best- windmills, Delft porcelain, tulips at Keukenhof plus a cruise through the heart of Amsterdam

**Three Countries Cruise** - A "once-in-a-lifetime" 14 day voyage from Paris to Amsterdam via France , Belgium and Holland

## FOOD & WINE

Each day, the chef combines fresh ingredients drawn from local markets to create the most incredible cuisine you have ever experienced. The menus you will experience aboard will always be unique, and tailored to your specific needs. The following menu selections are typical, but cuisine aboard will be different - and is sure to surprise and delight you!

## 2010 SCHEDULE & PRICING

Date	Cruise Route	Season	Date	Cruise Route	Season
March 28, 2010	Holland	Value	July 18, 2010	Loire-Paris	Value
April 4, 2010	Holland	Value	July 25, 2010	Loire-Paris	Value
April 11, 2010	Holland	Value	August 1, 2010	Loire-Paris	Value
April 18, 2010	Holland	Value	August 8, 2010	Loire-Paris	Value
April 25, 2010	Holland	Value	August 15, 2010	Loire-Paris	Value
May 2, 2010	Harlem-Ghent	3 Country	August 22, 2010	Champagne	Value
May 9, 2010	Ghent-Paris	3 Country	August 29, 2010	Champagne	Regular
May 16, 2010	Loire-Paris	Value	September 5, 2010	Champagne	Regular
May 23, 2010	Loire-Paris	Value	September 12, 2010	Champagne	Regular
May 30, 2010	Loire-Paris	Value	September 19, 2010	Loire-Paris	Regular
June 6, 2010	Loire-Paris	Value	September 26, 2010	Loire-Paris	Regular
June 13, 2010	Loire-Paris	Value	October 3, 2010	Loire-Paris	Regular
June 20, 2010	Loire-Paris	Value	October 10, 2010	Loire-Paris	Regular
June 27, 2010	Loire-Paris	Value	October 17, 2010	Paris-Ghent	3 Country
July 4, 2010	Loire-Paris	Value	October 24, 2010	Ghent-Haarlem	3 Country
July 11, 2010	Loire-Paris	Value			

<b>Individual Cabin Bookings</b>	<b>Value 7 Days / 6 Nights Sunday - Saturday</b>	<b>Regular 7 Days / 6 Nights Sunday - Saturday</b>	<b>3 Country Cruise 13 Nights Sunday - Saturday</b>
Per Person (2 sharing)	\$3,800	\$4,100	\$7,600
Single Supplement	\$1,900	\$2,050	\$3,600
<b>Full Boat Private Charter</b>	<b>Value 7 Days / 6 Nights Sunday - Saturday</b>	<b>Regular 7 Days / 6 Nights Sunday - Saturday</b>	<b>3 Country Cruise 13 Nights Sunday - Saturday</b>
For 12 guests	\$41,750	\$45,400	\$70,000
For 10 guests	\$38,000	\$41,000	N/A