TOUR ITINERARY

Europe / France / Burgundy

Burgundy River Cruise + Bike Tour
The Grand Cru Experience with Belmond
TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

• Unpack once and enjoy an incredible week on board a private Belmond river barge, outfitted with the luxurious comforts of home and a dedicated crew
• Cycle le Route des Grands Crus, lined with Burgundy’s most esteemed vineyards
• Join a local truffle hunter in pursuit of the Burgundy “black diamond” followed by a truffle tasting lunch
• Sip sparkling Crémant with a local winemaker and be treated to a memorable Michelin dinner at Abbaye de la Bussière
**Arrival Details**

Airport City: Paris or Dijon
Pick-Up Location: Dijon
Pick-Up Time: 2:00 pm

**Departure Details**

Airport City: Paris, Lyon, or Dijon
Drop-Off Location: Dijon
Drop-Off Time: 10:00 am

**NOTE:** DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

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**Emergency Assistance**

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or emergency@duvine.com.

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**Travelers Take Note**

Because the Belmond *Fleur de Lys* must moor in the Burgundy Canal, some transfers will be required to reach the starting points of daily rides. Cabins on the Belmond *Fleur de Lys* vary in size and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The maximum number of travelers on this tour is 6.
Tour By Day

**DAY 1**  
**Bonjour, Burgundy**

Your guides will greet you at the train station in Dijon. We’ll get acquainted with our bikes during a fitting and safety talk, then set off on our first ride along the dreamy Burgundy Canal—a waterway surrounded by sweet villages and the forested hills of the Ouche Valley. Pedal to where the Belmond *Fleur de Lys* awaits us, and step aboard our luxurious charter for the week. Meet the crew, settle into your airy cabin, or dip your feet in the on-deck pool before we all raise a glass and toast to the week ahead. Tonight, we’ll dine on deck as we continue drifting down the Canal de Bourgogne.

**Meals:** Dinner  
**Destinations:** Dijon, Velars-sur-Ouche, Pasques, Lantenay, Fleurey-sur-Ouche  
**Accomplished:** 18 miles / 29 km, elevation gain: 391 meters  
**Shorter Option:** 10 miles / 16 km, elevation gain: 77 meters  
**Accommodations:** *Fleur de Lys*

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**DAY 2**  
**Grand Crus of the Côte de Nuits**

After a restful night’s sleep between Parisian linens, sip a steaming coffee on the sun deck and get ready for a day of cycling the Côte de Nuits. We’ll shuttle to this part of Burgundy’s Côte d’Or (known for its Pinot Noirs) and begin our ride to the 125-acre Clos de Vougeot vineyards: the birthplace of Burgundy’s Grand Cru wines. Discover what made Cistercian monks the ultimate *vignerons* and how they advanced the art of winemaking, then continue biking to Gevrey-Chambertin. We’ll taste the town’s powerful reds (rumored to be Napoleon’s favorite) and join our friend and winemaker Christine Drouhin for a wine-paired lunch at her *domaine* in the center of town. After lunch, challenge yourself with an extra ride through the wheat fields and pastures populated with Burgundy’s Charolais cows—or shuttle straight back to the barge for an apéritif by the riverbanks. Tonight, we’ll be the sous-chefs in the kitchen of the *Amaryllis*, learning from the chef as he prepares this evening’s meal.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner  
**Destinations:** Vosne-Romanée, Vougeot, Chambolle-Musigny, Gevrey-Chambertin, Urcy, Sainte-Marie-sur-Ouche, Gissey-sur-Ouche  
**Accomplished:** 25 miles / 40 km, elevation gain: 498 meters  
**Longer Option:** 40 miles / 64 km, elevation gain: 890 meters  
**Accommodations:** *Fleur de Lys*

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**DAY 3**

**Truffle Traditions**

Today we’ll depart our mooring and ride through shady forests toward the Côte d’Or. In Marey-lès-Fussey, meet Thierry and his dog Elfe, an expert truffle hunter. We’ll join them for a favorite Burgundy pastime—the truffle hunt—as Elfe excitedly unearths precious morsels from beneath the soil. Following the hunt, taste the Burgundy black truffle in all its forms during a truffle-themed lunch. Bike back to the barge and spend the afternoon sipping wine in the heated pool, or spend some time in the charming town of Gissey-sur-Ouche. Enjoy dinner alfresco—the chef of the *Amaryllis* has even more locally sourced ingredients on the dinner menu.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner  
**Destinations:** Saint-Jean-de-Bœuf, Détain-et-Bruant, Arcenant, Marey-lès-Fussey  
**Accomplished:** 17 miles / 26 km, elevation gain: 446 meters  
**Longer Option:** 34 miles / 54 km, elevation gain: 977 meters  
**Accommodations:** *Fleur de Lys*

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**DAY 4**

**Beaune: Burgundy’s Wine Capital**

As we glide down the Burgundy Canal this morning, you may wish to rise late, read a book on deck, or observe the *tranche de vie* along the canal—fisherman lazily tending their lines, chateaux drifting by, or leaves whispering on trees. Once we reach La Bussière-sur-Ouche, choose to bike (or catch a lift in the van) to Savigny-lès-Beaune where we’re treated to an extravagant Crémant tasting. Our next stop is Beaune: the medieval town and wine capital of Burgundy. Find a casual bistro for lunch and explore the wine shops and boutiques housed within its 14th-century ramparts. Together, we’ll visit the Hôtel-Dieu, a hospital established by the chancellor of Burgundy in 1443. Today, it’s one of the finest examples of 15th-century French architecture and the site of a world-famous wine auction each November. After our visit to Beaune, return to the barge and freshen up for a Michelin dinner at Abbaye de la Bussière—sure to please with its sophisticated gastronomy and standout environs.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Dinner  
**Destinations:** Veuvey-sur-Ouche, Savigny-lès-Beaune, Beaune  
**Optional Ride:** 20 miles / 32 km, elevation gain: 365 meters  
**Accommodations:** *Fleur de Lys*
**DAY 5**

**Chardonnay of the Côte de Beaune**

This morning, we'll ride the countryside of the Côte de Beaune, revealing its ancient villages and vine-clad hills. Greet a few more Charolais cows as we pedal into the hamlet of Orches, home to the 12th-century Château La Rochepot. This place is perfect for a picnic: we'll indulge in some local delicacies while sipping wine al fresco, then ride a leisurely downhill into Saint-Aubin, noted for its Romanesque church. In vinous Chassagne-Montrachet, pause at a winemaking château for a guided tasting of some of the best vintages and save some time for wine shopping in town. Shuttle back to our river cruiser for a delightful moonlit dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner  
**Destinations:** Aubaine, Bessey-en-Chaume, Saint-Romain, Orches, La Rochepot, Saint-Aubin, Chassagne-Montrachet, Puligny-Montrachet, Meursault, Volnay, Pommard, Pont d'Ouche  
**Accomplished:** 32 miles / 51 km, elevation gain: 910 meters  
**Accommodations:** Fleur de Lys

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**DAY 6**

**Highs and Lows: Hilltop Villages and Canal-side Cruising**

While the *Amaryllis* parts the Burgundy Canal this morning, have a buttery croissant for breakfast and consider how to spend your final day: choose to lounge about the barge with an ice-cold glass of Chardonnay, or get some extra miles biking to the perched medieval village of Commarin and its tidy Château. For those who opt to cycle, we'll stop for lunch at an *auberge* in well-known Châteauneuf, check out a different perspective of the canal from the panoramic 15th-century fortress. Bike back to the *Amaryllis* via a canal-side bike path, and celebrate our time together with a memorable evening on board.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner  
**Destinations:** La Bussière-sur-Ouche, Commarin, Châteauneuf, Pont-d'Ouche  
**Accomplished:** 21 miles / 34 km, elevation gain: 431 meters  
**Longer Option:** 30 miles / 48 km, elevation gain: 575 meters  
**Accommodations:** Fleur de Lys

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It’s our final morning amidst the French finesse of our river barge—take one last look around and store the sense of calm as you prepare for the journey home. Our guides will see you off at the Dijon train station.

**Meals:** Breakfast  
**Destinations:** Dijon