



## Boat and bike Paris-Montargis | MS Fleur

### Französisches Savoir-Vivre

This 8 day bike & barge tour starts in Paris, where the barge Fleur is docked in the center of the city, not far from the Notre Dame Cathedral. Unlike other river cruise ships, you will follow the Seine upstream, in southern direction. This region has a rich, royal history and the castle of Fontainebleau is a magnificent example of this past. The castle was much in favor among the French kings, because of the extensive possibilities to hunt in the surrounding forests. Just as impressive are the royal gardens, which the French kings had their royal architects lay out for them. You will cycle through the wonderful forests to the painters village of Barbizon, where since the first half of the 19th century many painters (Barbizon School) have lived and worked. Next stop is Moret-sur-Loing, a charming medieval fortified town, strategically situated on the banks of the Loing river, where painter Sisley found inspiration for his beautiful impressionist paintings. From there you will follow the Canal du Centre to the beautiful medieval towns of Ferrières with its splendid monastery and Château-Landon with the Abbey of St. Severin. Your final destination is Montargis, a picturesque town with beautiful little canals. The canals are decorated with many flowers and give the town a lot of charm. The bicycle tours go mainly over quiet country roads, off the beaten track.

France



Easy to moderate



8 Days / 7 Nights



Guided group tour

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# Itinerary

## Day 1 Paris - Evry

Embarkation and check-in at 1 p.m. at the mooring in the center of Paris. After a welcome by the captain, crew and tour leader the ship will leave the harbor in Paris and sail along the river Seine to Evry, where you will spend the night.

We advise you to come to Paris one or more days earlier, so that you will have plenty of time to discover the city.

## Day 2 Evry - Melun | approx. 35 km

After breakfast, the bicycle tour starts from the lock of Evry. You will stay along the banks of the Seine river for a while. The first stop is the typical French market of Corbeil-Essonnes. Destination of your first bicycle tour is Melun, a town which is known as "le domaine des reines blanches", because in former years it used to be the domain of the widows of the French kings.

## Day 3 Melun – Moret-sur-Loing | approx. 40 km

Today you will cycle through the wonderful forests of Fontainebleau. First destination is the artistic village of Barbizon, where since the first half of the 19th century many painters have found inspiration. At the time, a group of landscape painters formed the "Barbizon School". You can visit the local museum. After this, you continue your tour to the palace of Fontainebleau, much in favor among the French kings, because of the extensive possibilities to hunt in the surrounding forests. The castle itself houses a museum of Napoleon, among other things. Fontainebleau is also a pleasant town to walk around or to shop. You will find the Fleur again in Moret-sur-Loing, a charming medieval fortified town, strategically situated on the banks of the Loing river, where painter Sisley found inspiration for his beautiful impressionist paintings.

## Day 4 Moret-sur-Loing – Nemours | approx. 38-51 km

You will stay in the valley of the Loing and visit Grez-sur-Loing, where many artist used to live in the early years of the 20th century. In the charming town hall of Bourron-Marlotte you can admire a few magnificent impressionist paintings. You will meet the Fleur again in Nemours. Nemours is supposed to derive its name from the woods (nemora) in the midst of which it formerly stood and relicts of Gallo-Roman remains indicate its early origin. The castle, erected around 1120, now is a prehistoric museum of the Ile-de-France region.

**Day 5****Nemours – Néronville**

approx. 35-45 km

Breakfast during sailing. Today you will cycle through a wooded area with rugged rocks. Before lunch you will visit the sculpture garden "Jardin Bourdelle". In this garden you can admire some 57 bronze monumental sculptures by the artist Antoine Bourdelle. Around lunchtime you will reach Egréville. This village has been an important commercial crossroads for hundreds of years. Its markets and fairs enjoyed great renown. Final destination of today is rural Néronville.

**Day 6****Néronville – Montargis**

approx. 30 - 40 km

Today you will first cycle to Chateau-Landon, a beautifully situated town, with the Abbey of St. Séverin from the 13th century. Your bicycle tour goes to the medieval town of Ferrières with its old town center, which has been preserved beautifully. And in the middle of the narrow streets you find a splendid monastery. Today's destination is Montargis, even with 15000 inhabitants the biggest town of the Loiret, after Orléans. Unfortunately this former royal residence was destroyed by a fire in the 16th century. But the canals are still there. They are decorated with many flowers and give the town a lot of charm. Today there is no dinner on board. You can select one of the local restaurants of Montargis.

**Day 7****Montargis**

approx. 45 km

From Montargis you will cycle to Château-Renard, where you can visit the ruins of a castle from the 10th century. You will also visit an Apiculture's Living Museum. There you can see beekeepers and their bees at work, and you'll be able to sample their delicious honey. Along the river Ouanne you will return to Montargis.

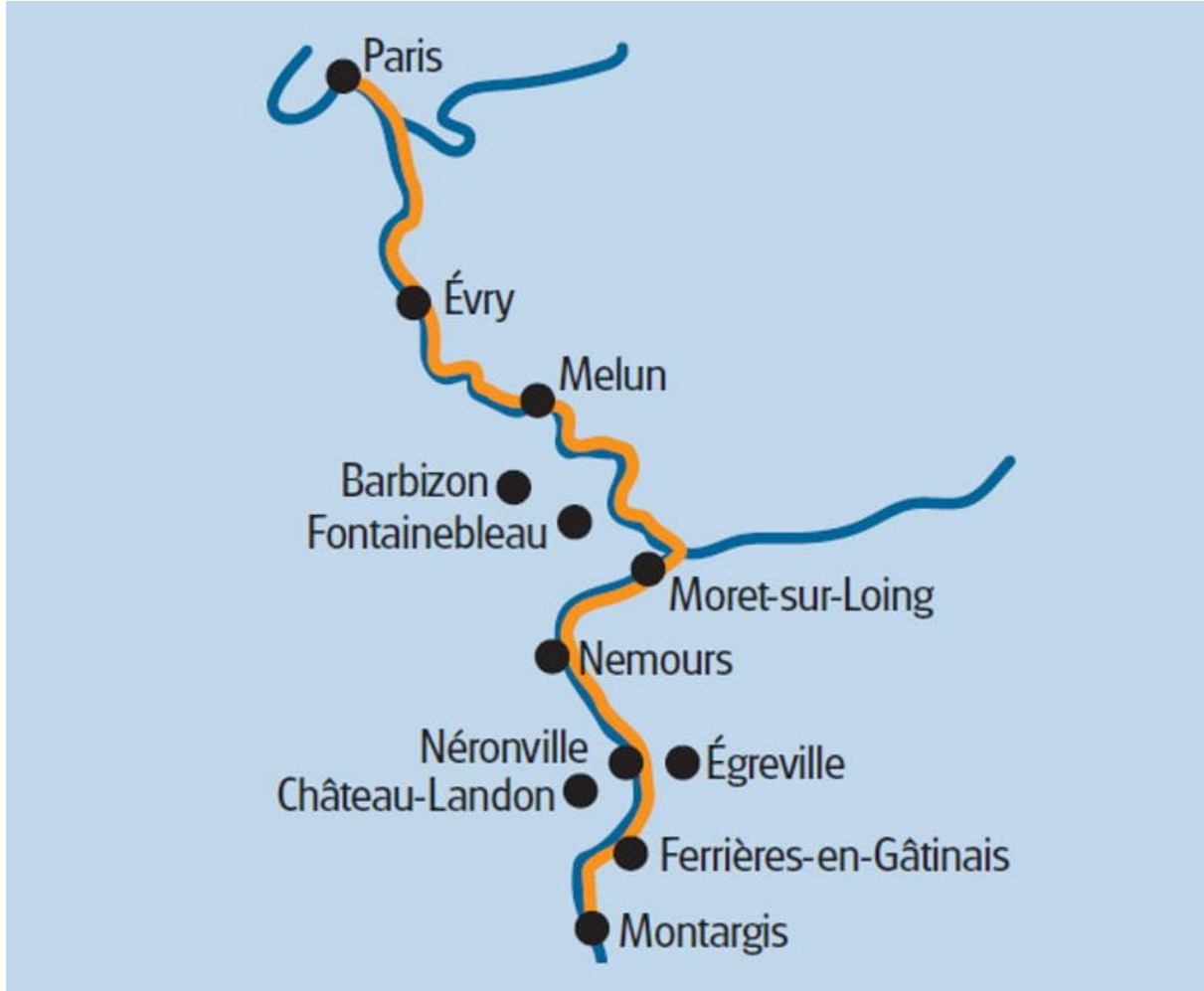
**Day 8****Departure Montargis**

End of your tour: Disembarkation after breakfast until 9.30 a.m.

# Tour character

The route is mainly on side roads – well suited for pleasure bikers.

> [Explore the area on Google Maps](#)



# Prices and events

Place of arrival: Évry (Embarkation Paris)

**Season 1**

29.07.2023 |

Saturday

**Bike and boat, Paris - Montargis MS Fleur, 8 days, guided, FR-SESPM-08G**

Base price 1,569.00

Surcharge 2-bed-cabin single use 749.50

You cannot bring you own bikes.

## Our bookable bikes

|                               | <b>Filter</b> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Electric bike                 | 220.00        |
| 11-gear unixex with freewheel | 100.00        |

Prices per person in EUR

# Services and extras

## Services

- 8 days on board MS Fleur in the booked category
- 7 x breakfast, Packed lunches, 6 x 3-course dinner, Coffee and tea on board, Welcome drink
- Use of bed linen and towels
- Daily cleaning of the cabin
- Climate-controlled cabin
- Daily briefings
- Fully guided cycling tours (from 18 guests: 2 tour leaders, 2 groups)
- Some short walking tours
- GPS tracks
- Use of a helmet
- Use of a waterproof pannier bag
- Water bottle
- Fees for ferries
- Entrance garden Bourdelle
- Entrance Apiculture's Living Museum
- Visit town hall Bourron-Marlotte
- Guided visit Chateau-Landon
- Wi-Fi

## Services not included

- Arrival and departure
- Parking fee
- Transfers
- Entrance fee
- Journey insurance

## Infos

**Parking own bicycle/E-Bike:** it is not possible to bring your own bicycle/E-Bike on this ship, due to a lack of space on deck.

Transfer between Paris and Montargis: There is a continuous train service between Paris (Gare de Lyon) and Montargis. Trains depart regularly and the trip takes approx. 1 hour and costs approx. 21€. If you wish we can reserve a taxi for you to take you from the station in Montargis to the barge or from the barge to the station in Montargis. For arrivals, please notify us by e-mail; for departures, please inform the skipper of the Fleur. From the Gare de Lyon in Paris, a bus service is available every 30 minutes, Le Bus Direct nr. 4 (shuttle) to the airport Charles de Gaulle, which will bring you there in approx. 50 minutes.

## Notes

- Timetables and programmes are subject to change without notice. If a route cannot be sailed due to low or high water, the skipper reserves the right to change the route for your safety (this is not a free reason for cancellation).
- Please note that cabin storage space is very limited. Your holiday luggage must include good rainwear (jacket and trousers), a cycle helmet, sun hat and sunscreen, and sports shoes.
- Special requests for food such as dietary or vegetarian food will be considered after consultation and possibility. The extra charge for this is approx. € 25,- per person/week (to be paid directly).

- Please inform us when booking. Parking space for own bike: Due to the lack of space on deck it is not possible to bring your own bike on this ship

## Important notes

Further important information according to the package travel law can be found [here!](#)

# Ship



## MS Fleur

The Fleur was launched in 2002. The tastefully converted passenger ship with beautiful lines was built especially for the small French canals and locks and has been sailing all over France since 2002.

**Beds:** 20

**Cabinsize:** 8 m<sup>2</sup>

## Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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**Book now**

