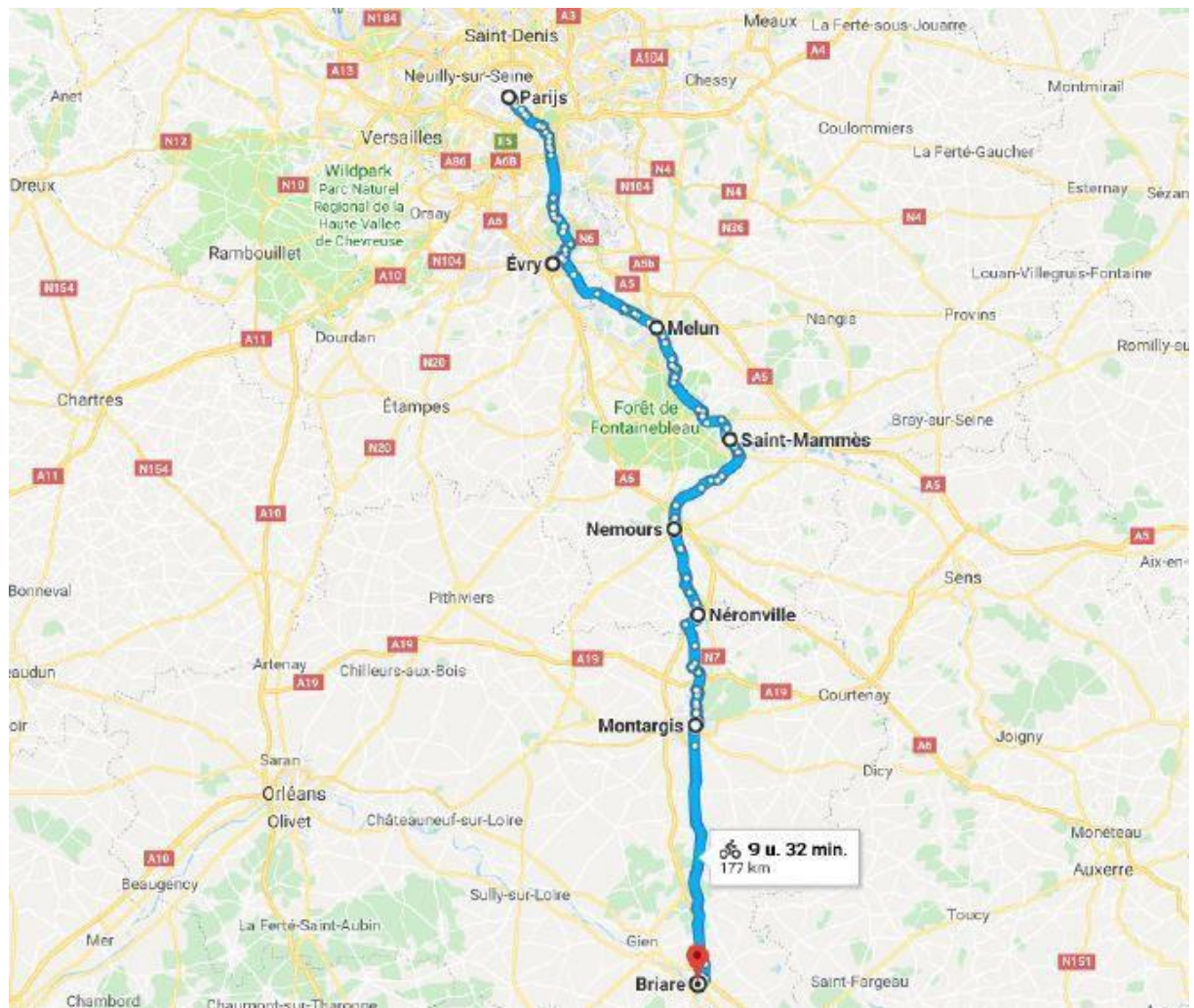


From Paris to the Loire



Tour information 2020





This one-week bike and barge tour starts in thriving Paris and ends in Briare on the Loire River. It offers a combination of history, culture, nature and agreeable rides in a varied countryside. You will bike in a historically very interesting part of France and will visit the palace Fontainebleau and its vast forest. The tour is not only historically, but also culturally interesting.

It leads you along famous painters' villages like Barbizon and Moret-sur-Loing where Alfred Sisley lived and painted. Most of the time you ride through slightly sloping countryside with occasionally some steeper hills. Daily average distance of 40 – 45 Km. This is a one week tour and can easily be fitted into your other holiday plans like for instance staying on the Clair de Lune and riding further along the Loire River to Nevers. Briare has good train connections to Paris.

The route from day to day Paris to Briare

Saturday	Paris, embarkation at 2 p.m.
Sunday	Evry – Melun, 40 km
Monday	Melun – St. Mammès, 45 km
Tuesday	St. Mammès – Nemours, 40 km
Wednesday	Nemours – Néronville, 42 km
Thursday	Néronville – Montargis, 40 km
Friday	Montargis – Briare, 55 km
Saturday	Briare, debarkation before 10 AM

1 km = 0.62 miles / All distances are approximate. The above planned itinerary is subject to change due to changing wind and weather conditions and other unforeseen circumstances having to do with mooring requirements, etc.

Day 1 Saturday: Paris, sailing to Evry

Arrival between 12 and 2 pm. The Clair de Lune will be moored near the Seine river in central Paris. Departure at 3 pm for a river cruise to and on the Seine, around the Isle de la Cité (Notre Dame) and then to Evry.



Day 2 Sunday: Evry – Melun, 40 km

Near Melun are Château Vaux-le-Vicomte, a nice example of a 17th century castle with gardens in French style and the impressive medieval castle of Blandy-les-Tours. Because of the distance today only one castle can be visited, but you can choose which one. They are near each other. We follow our way along the river, with some villages, pass patches of forest and arrive in Melun later in the afternoon.

Day 3 Monday: Melun – St. Mammès, 45 km

This region has an impressive history. Many places witnessed historic events. Many castles near Paris were used by French kings and nobility. You will pay a visit to the 19th-century artists village of Barbizon, and make a nice ride through the forest of Fontainebleau to visit the immense castle. By many considered to be the most beautiful of all castles.



Day 4 Tuesday: St. Mammès – Nemours, 40 km

The Clair de Lune sails from St. Mammès, where the Loing and the Seine rivers meet to Nemours. The Loing is a narrow stream parallel to the canal which is called after the river. Heading for Nemours we'll meet a number of famous rock formations in a forest region. We also visit Moret-sur-Loing which is famous for the painter Alfred Sisley who lived and painted there at the end of the 19th century.

Day 5 Wednesday: Nemours – Néronville, 42 km

This day leads us on country roads from Nemours to Néronville, a small village along the Loing. Highlights are the covered market of Egreville and the museum on prehistoric times in Nemours.

Day 6 Thursday: Néronville – Montargis, 40 km

We leave Néronville via the small town of Château- Landon on a hilltop, and bike via Dordives (glass museum) and Ferrières (abbey) to the charming old town of Montargis.

**Day 7 Friday: Montargis – Briare, 55 km**

Your last bike ride this week will lead you to the village Rogny-les-Sept-Écluses, known for its historical seven locks. Via the 16th-century castle near Bléneau you will cycle through a region of lakes to Ouzouer-sur-Trézée and eventually to Briare. A long riding day and a worthy ending of your bike adventure in the heart of France.

Day 8 Saturday: Briare, end of tour after breakfast

Disembarkation before 10 AM.

Clair de Lune – Category ComfortPlus

Capacity: 17 persons

Length/width: 35 x 5 m

Electricity: 220 V

Wifi on board (free up to 100Mb) limited available in lounge and on deck



Cabins

Nine cabins with private shower, wash basin, toilet and central heating.
The beds can not be placed together

- 3x double cabin for 2 passengers (1 double bed)
 - 5x double cabin for 2 passengers (1 split level bed)
 - 1x single cabin for 1 passenger (1 single bed)
- Hairdryers are available on board.



The chef prepares nice meals, which are served in the dining saloon.

Our motorised passenger vessels, about 35 - 45 metres in length, are former river vessels especially converted for this kind of holiday. The barges all comply with the strict safety regulations laid down by the Dutch Shipping Inspection Authorities. On board you find a cosy dining room, a sun deck/a deck for the bicycles. All cabins are provided with running water (hot and cold), private shower and toilet, 220 voltage and central heating. There is limited storage space in the cabin. We recommend 1 suitcase per person. You can slide the suitcase under the bed.

Do not expect a cruise ship with its passive luxury. The Bike & Barge Holidays are for people who really enjoy the physical activity of cycling and who value sociability more than wholesale luxury.

Bicycle

After arrival on board you will be allocated a cycle suitable to your height. This cycle (a so-called Hybrid), is at your disposal during your trip until Friday at 4 PM. Your bike has 24 speeds, hand brakes, pannier bags, bike helmet, a good lock, water bottle and you can get a repair-kit. Before you make your first tour, the guide will give you instructions about the bike. We draw your attention to the fact that you will be held responsible for damage to or theft of the bike, as long as the bike is not on board. (the bike has a value of more than € 600,-). Never leave it unattended. Always lock it and fasten it to a fixed object.

You can insure this bike with Cycletours for € 20,- per bicycle! If you didn't arrange cycle insurance when booking you can do this on board (the first day). Payment in cash is required. Should you use your own bike, please bring a good lock with you!



Electric bike

It is also possible to book an electric bike. Your bike has 24 gears, a detachable lithium-Ion battery, hand brakes, pannier bags, bike helmet, a good lock, water bottle and you can get a repair kit. We draw your attention to the fact that you will be held responsible for damage to or theft of the bike, as long as the bike is not on board. (the E-bike has a value of more than € 2000,-). Never leave it unattended. Always lock it and fasten it to a fixed object, and don't forget to remove the information panel from your steering wheel. You can insure this bike with Cycletours for € 40,- per bicycle! If you didn't arrange cycle insurance when booking you can do this on board (the first day). Payment in cash is required.

Arrival

You are expected at the barge on Saturday afternoon, between 12 noon and 2 PM. You can bring your luggage earlier to the barge, but not before 11 AM. We are busy cleaning the barge, but we can provide you with suggestions to have a nice walk into town.

The **mooring place** of the barge in Paris: Bassin La Vilette or Bassin de l' Arsenal near the Seine in the center of Paris.

Airport

The nearest airport to the embarkation point of the barge is Paris Charles de Gaulle (CDG). From the airport you can take a train to Paris Gare du Nord. The train runs on a very regular basis and the travel time is about 35 minutes.

Train

The nearest train stations to the embarkation point of the barge are the Gare du Nord or Gare de l' Est. From there you can take a metro to very near the embarkation points. If you take a taxi that will take you between 10 and 20 minutes and cost between 25 en 40 euro, depending on where the barge will be moored.

Car

Should you arrive by car, we strongly advise to arrive earlier to unload your luggage. Finding a parking place in Paris is not easy and is expensive. More information on parking in Paris:

<https://en.parisinfo.com/practical-paris/how-to-get-to-and-around-paris/getting-around-by-car-car-parks-and-parking-paris>.

End of the tour

The tour ends one week later in Briare on Saturday morning after breakfast at 10 AM. You will spend the night from Friday to Saturday on board in Briare. The mooring place of the barge in Briare: on the Canal Lateral á la Loire at Rue du Pont Canal.

Travel dates 2020 (US Prices add approx. 12%)

2020	Barge Clair de Lune	Season
August	08/08/2020	Low

Prices per person in 2020_ Barge Clair de Lune (ComfortPlus)	€ 1029,-
Cabin double bed	
Cabin split level bed	€ 1029,-
Cabin Single bed	€ 1190,-

Reduction children:

0-2 *: free of charge

3-11*: 30%

*If child is travelling together with at least 1 one full-paying person

Please note that the tour prices are based on the current fuel price. Should the fuel price increase more than 5% (reference date Oct. 2018), then we need to ask a supplement. Even for reservations that already have been made.

Included

- All nights on board (incl. bedding, towels, soap)
- Breakfast and dinner on board
- Lunch packages when on the road
- Coffee and tea on board
- Tour guide, cycles with the group
- Min. 3 city walks with tour guide
- Free WiFi (limited available in lounge and on deck)
- Route information, 1x per cabin
- Ferry fares on the route
- GPS tracks (on request)

Not included

- Bicycle rent (see below)
- Bicycle insurance Hybrid bike (optional) € 20,- per bicycle
- Bicycle insurance E-bike (optional) € 40,- per bicycle
- Entrance fees to museums; approx. € 15,- per tour
- Personal insurance

Extra

- Rental bike incl. bike helmet: € 92,50
(Hybrid bike with 24 gears, pannier bags, lock, water bottle)
- Rental E-bike incl. bike helmet: € 175,- (with 21 gears)
- Child's bike: € 60,- (incl. helmet; with 21 gears; for children from approx. 9 years and older)
- Bike seat: € 15,- (incl. helmet; suitable for children from approx. 11 months until 5 years; max. weight 25 kg)
- Trailer bike: € 55,- (incl. helmet; bike attached to adult's bike; suitable for children from approx. 5 until 9 years; max. weight 35 kg)
- Bike trailer: € 90,- (suitable for babies who can not sit by themselves; a car seat/baby seat not included)

Special details

Please take good notice of our [Terms & Conditions](#) on our web site.

If you have special meal requirements (vegetarian meals, or if you are on a diet), we ask you to mention this when booking.

In case of **gluten free/Celiac/vegan diet** there is an additional charge of **€ 50,-** per week.

Cycletours Holidays reserves the right to cancel tours with fewer than 12 participants up to 21 days prior to the date of departure.