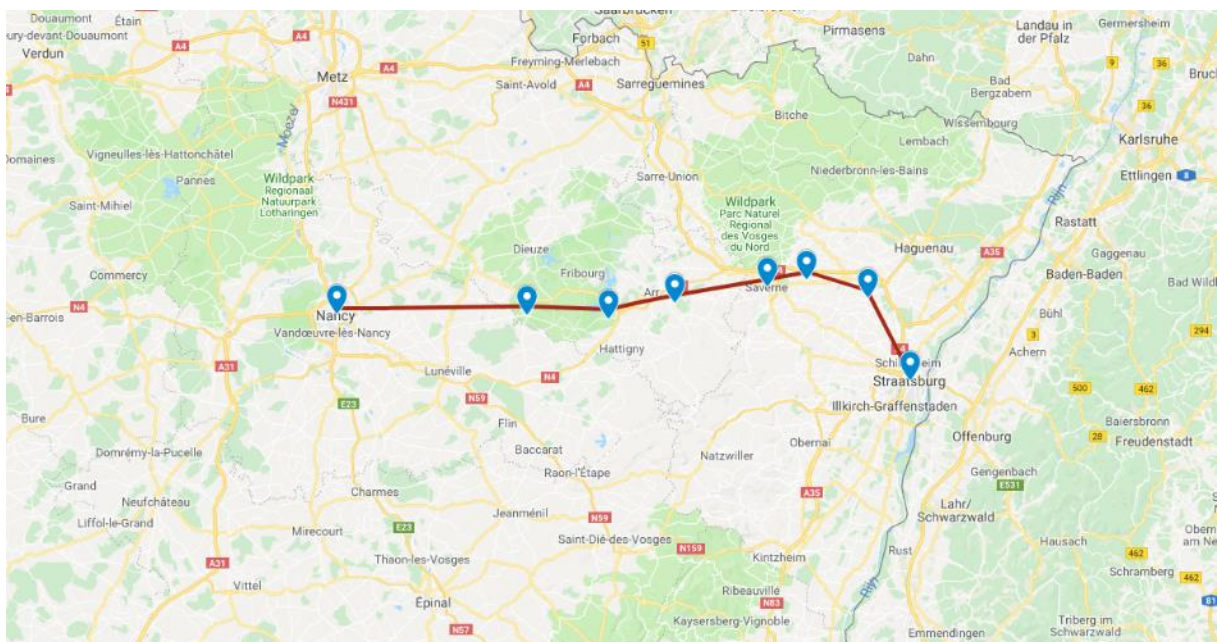
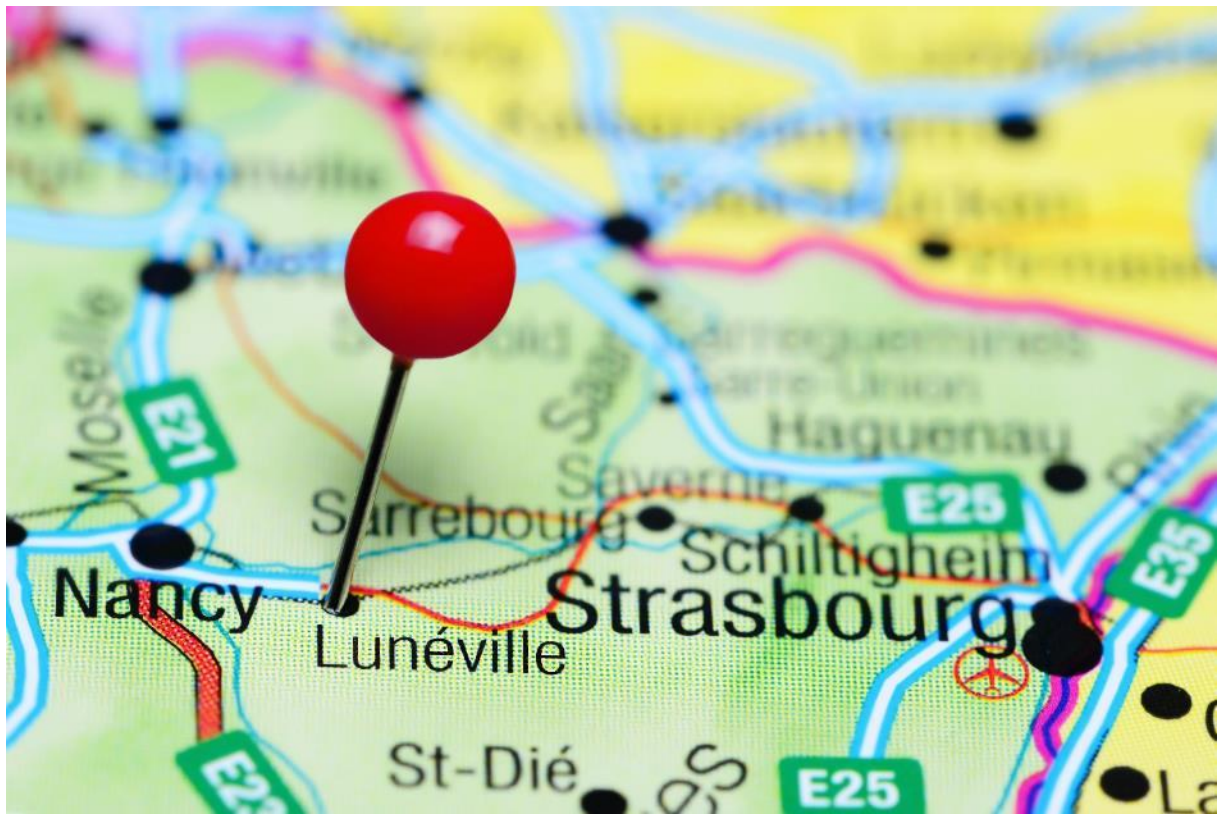




Tour information 2020



Along the Marne – Rhine Canal



A totally new Bike & Barge tour in a very interesting part of France. You ride through the Alsace and Lorraine region from the old city of Nancy to the second seat of the European Parliament in Strasbourg. This is a region with a mixed French/German history and culture. The region was fought over heavily in many wars but is now a beacon for European reconciliation and unification. As a result of a mix of cultures you can enjoy both good wines and good beers on the way during this Bike & Barge tour Alsace Nancy to Strasbourg!

The beautiful city of Nancy in the Lorraine region is our starting point. We follow the impressive Rhine-Marne Canal all the way to Strasbourg. On the first day you pass the old Great War front line with many monuments and graveyards. Between Lagarde and Gondrexange you will ride through an interesting wetland area. Near Niderviller you will see the ships elevator that is used to replace a series of locks. We pass the Parc Regional de Vosges, a wooded and natural area with many castles. Bouxwiller has a center with Tudor style buildings, centuries old churches and a synagogue. Wingersheim is the self-proclaimed capital of hops. The final destination Strasbourg on the Rhine river is a typical border town with good example of the mixed heritage of the region.

The route from day to day Nancy to Strasbourg

Saturday	Nancy, embarkation around 2 pm. Short cycle route
Sunday	Nancy – Hénaménil- Lagarde, 50 km
Monday	Lagarde – Gondrexange – Niderviller, 40 km
Tuesday	Niderviller – Saverne, 30 km
Wednesday	Saverne – Dettwiller, 45 km
Thursday	Dettwiller – Wingersheim, 40 km
Friday	Wingersheim – Strasbourg, 35 km
Saturday:	Strasbourg, 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: Nancy embarkation around 2 PM

Arrival and welcome at the barge on the mooring place. Tryout bike ride in the surrounding countryside. (Guided) walk in town in the evening. Nancy is situated on the left bank of the river Meurthe, about 10 km upstream from its confluence with the Moselle. The Marne–Rhine Canal runs through the city, parallel to the Meurthe. The oldest part of Nancy is the quarter Vieille Ville – Léopold, which contains the 14th century Porte de la Craffe, the Palace of the Dukes of Lorraine, the Porte Désilles and the 19th century St-Epvre basilica. Adjacent to its south is the quarter Charles III – Centre Ville, which is the 16th–18th century “new town”. This quarter contains the famous Place Stanislas, the Nancy Cathedral and the Opéra national de Lorraine. Place Stanislas, a large square built between March 1752 and November 1755 by Stanislaus I of Poland to link the medieval old town of Nancy and the new town built under Charles III in the 17th century, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Day 2 Sunday: Nancy – Hénaménil – Lagarde, 50 km

We ride along the Meurthe river to St-Nicolas-Port where the cathedral is worth a visit. You ride on to the city of Lunéville with its castle. At Lunéville we pass the front line of the Great War. This city was heavily fought over in 1914 and has an impressive French cemetery and necropolis. We can also visit the local museum on the Battle of Leomont Hill nearby. After a leisurely ride we arrive in Hénaménil where the Clair de Lune is waiting for us and on board we sail to Lagarde.



Day 3 Monday: Lagarde – Gondrexage – Niderviller , 40 km

You start the day with a ride along the canal on the traffic free bike path to Bataville. Bata is a well-known brand of shoes. The industrial complex in Bataville is built in the Bauhaus style of the Twenties. The factory closed in 2001 and is now a historical monument for industrial architecture and can be visited. After Bataville we make tranquil and easy flat ride through the nearby wetlands. Time for an afternoon cruise along the Rhine-Marne Canal. In about 4 hours the Clair de Lune sails from Gondrexage to Niderviller.



Day 4 Tuesday: Niderviller – Saverne , 30 km

Niderviller was very famous for its porcelain pottery. Although the factory is no longer there the village still has a Niderviller porcelain shop. In Arzviller you can see the incline/elevator for ships that transports ships to the next level. Before a series of locks was needed for this. After this magnificent piece of engineering we ride mainly through the woods and through the Vallée des Eclusiers on the bike path along the canal to Saverne. An afternoon visit to the Haut Barr castle near Saverne is a must. This can be done by bike, on foot (1,5 hours) or you can get a taxi.

Day 5 Wednesday: Saverne – Dettwiller, 40 km

The mooring place is in the middle of town in Saverne. From the ship there is a great view of the Vosges hills. Today we ride through the hilly area of Parc Regional Vosges du Nord. On the way up from Saverne we pass by Graufthal with its mediaeval cave houses. Along nice quiet roads you ride on towards la-Petite-Pierre, a picture perfect village with beautiful castle. From this pearl in the Alsace you ride down to Dettwiller. If you do not want to ride in the hills with a total altitude gain of about 600 meters today there is always the possibility to ride the shorter flat road along the canal.

Day 6 Thursday: Dettwiller – Wingersheim, 40 km

We ride through typical countryside to Bouxwiller, once of the nicest villages in the North Alsace. It boasts a centre with Tudor style buildings, museums churches and a synagogue. Later we visit the old Jewish cemetery in Ettendorf en after that Hochfelden where the famous Meteor brewery (since 1640!) can be found and visited. To top it off there is a ride along the canal to the village of Wingersheim where the barge will wait for you.

**Day 7 Friday: Wingersheim - Strasbourg, 35 km**

The last day of the week we visit villages like La Wantzenau and Hoerdt where you can see your last Tudor style buildings. We end the week with a leisurely and flat ride through the Parc Pourtalés and find the mooring place of the Clair de Lune near Strasbourg. In the afternoon there should be plenty of time to visit the town on the border with Germany. You might cross over the Rhine for a short moment in Germany. Strasbourg's historic city centre, the Grande Île (Grand Island), was classified a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1988, the first time such an honour was placed on an entire city centre. Strasbourg is immersed in Franco-German culture and although violently disputed throughout history, has been a cultural bridge between France and Germany for centuries.

Day 8 Saturday: Strasbourg, 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 € 700,-). 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 € 2500,-). 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 Nancy is on the Marne-Rhin canal near the city center.

Airport

The nearest airport to the embarkation point of the barge is Paris Charles de Gaulle (CDG). By train and bus it is about 2,5 hours to the railway station in the center of Nancy via high speed train station Lorraine TGV. A taxi from the airport of Paris to the mooring place will take about 3,5 to 4 hours.

Train

The nearest train station to the embarkation point of the barge is the Nancy railway station. Walking distance to the barge is about 30 minutes. By taxi it takes 10-15 minutes and will cost around 30 euros

Car

Should you arrive by car, we strongly advise to arrive earlier to unload your luggage. More information on parking your car in Nancy can be found on www.nancy.fr/nancy-in-english/making-the-city-simple-1067.html

End of the tour

The tour ends one week later in Strasbourg on Saturday morning after breakfast at 10 AM. You will spend the night from Friday to Saturday on board in Strasbourg. The mooring place of the barge in Strasbourg is to the north of the city center

Travel dates 2020

2020	Barge Clair de Lune	Season
May	30/5/2020	Standard
June	13/6/2020	
	27/6/2020	Low
July	11/7/2020	

Prices per person in 2020

Barge Clair de Lune (ComfortPlus)

	Low	Standard season
Cabin double bed	€ 1029,-	€ 1125,-
Cabin split level bed	€ 1029,-	€ 1125
Cabin single bed	€ 1190,-	€ 1275,-

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.