



A WINE LOVERS JOURNEY TO PARIS, CHAMPAGNE AND BURGUNDY!

October 23- November 1, 2008

Hosted by guitarist
and founder of the Wine Seller
Joe Euro!



DESIGNED WITH THE FOOD AND WINE LOVER IN MIND, this leisurely 10-day culinary adventure is best suited for the traveler who knows how to savor the moment. Spend 3 nights in Paris, a feast for the eyes and senses! Enjoy a full day in Reims sipping Champagne. Then devote a week to barging the Burgundy canal, where you'll travel through a land whose rich soil produces some of Europe's premier wines. Come savor Burgundy's celebrated Pinot Noirs, Chardonnays and Beaujolais!

YOUR JOURNEY...

2 Nights Paris
6 Nights barging the Burgundy canal
1 Night Paris

CRUISE & EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

Three nights in Paris ♦ Six nights cruising the Burgundy canal aboard the "Litote" ♦ Beaune, Burgundy's wine capital and home of the fabled 15C Hospice ♦ Chateau of Commarin ♦ Medieval village of Chateauneuf-en-Auxois ♦ The vineyards of Meursault & Clos de Vougeot ♦ Burgundian village market ♦ picturesque village of Pont d'Ouche ♦ An outing to the vineyards of Champagne ♦ A small fun group of soon-to-be-friends.

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*“Wine makes every meal an occasion,
every table more elegant, every day more civilized.”*
-Andre Simon, Commonsense of Wine

IT'S INCLUDED!

- › Hosted by Joe Euro of the Wine Seller
- › Guided by an expert Earthbound Expeditions program director
- › Six nights cruising the heart of Burgundy aboard the 20 passenger barge, *La Litote!*
- › Three evenings in Paris
- › Roundtrip train tickets from Paris to Burgundy
- › A full day excursion to Reims with Champagne tastings
- › Excursions to monasteries, Chateaux and museums in Burgundy
- › Private wine tastings in Burgundy
- › Outings to Burgundian markets
- › Museum entrances as listed
- › All breakfasts, seven lunches plus eight multi course dinners
- › Local walks with interesting local guides

Not Included: International Airfare ♦ Gratuities aboard the barge (suggested \$200 per cabin) ♦ Alcoholic beverages are not included, although wine is provided during meals while on board the barge only, not while on land.

TRIP FACTS

9 Nights/ 10 Days (not incl. air)

*\$3,795- based on 18+ passenger's dbl. occupancy LAND

\$4,195- based on 15+ passenger's dbl. Occupancy LAND

Single Supplement: Call us at 206 842 9775 for details

Trip starts: October 23, 2008 in Paris at 6:00pm-

Trip ends: On the morning of November 1, in Paris-

Deposits and Payment Schedule: A \$500- deposit per person is required to reserve your space. It is refundable in full for three weeks. A final non refundable payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

*Prices are based on current dollar/ euro exchange rates as of March 20, 2008.

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*"To take wine into our mouths is to savor a droplet
of the river of human history."*

Clifton Paul Fadiman

Here is how your journey will unfold...

Day 1, October 23, 2008: Médames, messieurs, bonsoir!

Arrive in Paris and transfer to your centrally located hotel. The afternoon is yours to stroll through the quaint alleyways of this city, or perhaps a nap is in order. Let's meet this evening for a welcome dinner hosted by Joe Euro. *Sleep in Paris*

Day 2: An outing to Champagne!

Round 1700 near the city of Reims, Dom Pérignon, a Benedictine monk at the Hautviller, discovered the unique double fermentation process, *méthode champenoise*, that gives white wine its characteristic effervescence. Today, three varieties of grapes are used to produce Champagne: Chardonnay, a white grape, and the red grapes, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier. Most Champagnes are made with a blend of juices from all three varieties, but those made exclusively from Chardonnay grapes are known as *blanc de blancs*.

We'll sample the celebrated champagne today as we travel to Reims for a visit and tasting in a renowned champagne cellar. You will also enjoy a tour of the famous Gothic cathedral of France, known as one of the most beautiful in France. *Sleep in Paris*

Day 3: Train south into Burgundy and board the Litote

This morning you will be escorted to the Gare de Lyon to take high-speed train to Vandenesse-en-Auxois. You will then be transferred to your barge home, the *Litote*. You'll be welcomed with champagne, presented to the crew, and then have time to settle into your comfortable cabins. You'll be treated to your first delicious dinner on board this evening.

Sleep on board La Litote.

Day 4: A day in Chateauneuf-en-Auxois

Begin the day with a morning excursion to the 15th-century Château de Commarin, still privately owned and operated by the same family, the chateau is notable for its beautiful furnishings and a unique collection of Renaissance heraldic tapestries. Continue the short distance to Chateauneuf-en-Auxois, a medieval village with majestic views of the valley and canal below. A sumptuous lunch is followed by a peaceful cruise along the Burgundy Canal to the picturesque village of Pont d'Ouche. This is an excellent day for pleasant walking and cycling along the towpath. *Sleep on board La Litote.*

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“If rich food can kill people live dangerously here.”

Alice Furland

Day 5: Wine Tasting in Meursault & the Abbey of La Bussière

This morning, drive to Meursault, one of Burgundy’s many famous wine growing areas, for a private cellar visit and a chance to sample some of the most prestigious wines of this area. We return to Litote in time for a delicious gourmet lunch and begin cruising through one of the most attractive stretches of the Burgundy Canal to La Bussière. We moor a short distance from the Abbey which is well worth a visit. *Sleep on board La Litote.*

Day 6: Market Day

Tuesday is market day in Dijon, and after a guided visit of the city’s historic center, we set you loose to explore the delights of this typical, picturesque, covered French market. Return to *Litote* for a late lunch and lazy afternoon with cruising to Gisse sur Ouche. *Sleep on board La Litote.*

Day 7: City and Hospice of Beaune

This morning, we cruise through some delightful villages with lots of opportunities to walk or cycle along the towpaths which will bring us to Pont de Pany. After another wonderful lunch, we take off for a visit to Beaune, wine capital of Burgundy and home to the magnificent Hôtel-Dieu, a charity hospital founded in 1443. This monument boasts the finest Burgundian-Flemish architecture in the world. Afterward, we return to *Litote*, moored in the small village of Fleurey sur Ouche. *Sleep on board La Litote.*

Day 8: Cruise to Dijon & wine taste in Clos de Vougeot

This morning we cruise towards Dijon, passing alongside Lake Kir as we approach the port of Dijon. In the afternoon, a visit to Clos de Vougeot is in order. Wine was produced here as early as the 12th century—by none other than the local monks. A private wine tasting follows before we return to *Litote* for our farewell gala dinner. *Sleep on board La Litote.*

Day 9: Depart for Paris

We’ll make our way back to Paris today and arrive in time to do any required last-minute shopping or sight-seeing. We’ll have a farewell feast this evening and toast to an unforgettable journey through France. *Sleep in Paris*

Day 10: November 1, Tour over after breakfast. Bon Voyage!

For those of you who have to head straight home, this is the departure day for which you should make your flight arrangements. Some of you may plan to spend extra time in Paris to see the sights; others may opt to spend more time in other regions of France. Whatever you decide, we wish you happy travels!

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RAVES & REVIEWS

"One of the finest travel experiences of my life. Bravo!"

Brad Eaton, morning host- CLASICAL KING FM 98.1, Seattle

"Darrell and I can not sing praises enough about our guide and all the great locations, times, meals, comforts that were enjoyed by all. Especially memorable were the first two weeks of warmth, Mediterranean Sea, small villages, good food and wine."

Former guest, Darlene DeGross

Most Memorable Moment? "Too many to choose from. This was a 100% perfectly delightful journey!"

Former guest, Dr. Francis Spreitzer

"I was very impressed with the organization for all aspects. It was all fantastic!"

Former guests, Holly & Gerald Wilson

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