

BURGUNDY, ANNECY & MONT BLANCOH MY!

Great Escape France 2017

June 8th - 22nd



Blend together a deluxe barge with a touch of cycling in beautiful Burgundy, add in a stay in picturesque Annecy in the Savoie and top it off with Chamonix - Mont Blanc in the Alps and you have a very unique Great Escape in la belle France in June 2017.

There'll be sight-seeing, cycling, touring, dining & sipping in some of the prettiest regions of France. We'll fly to Lyon and return home from Geneva (Air Canada). You'll spend 6 nights on a brand new barge made for the Burgundy region and then stay in two beautiful cities that offer so much to see and do.

Our Great Escape is limited to just 22 enthusiastic travelers and I hope you will be one of them....This tour has been customized just for us combining the first week with a G Adventures barging tour in Burgundy with an added six nights in south east France.....very unique!

\$6325 per person based on double occupancy

Deposit before November 25th 2016 \$1800 (to cover air and all deposits)

Balance due February 8th 2017.

Cancellation insurance is highly recommended (no refunds are available)

Your Great Escape includes:

- Flight with Air Canada (to Lyon with one stop in Montreal and home from Geneva non stop)
- 1 night hotel in Dijon on arrival day at 4 star hotel
- 6 nights on Daniele deluxe barge in Burgundy
- 3 nights in Annecy, France 4 star hotel with complimentary wifi (hotel TBA)
- 3 nights in Chamonix, France 4 star Hotel Heliopic with complimentary wifi
- all breakfasts, 3 lunches, 9 dinners
- wine and beer on the barge
- all transfers within France
- bikes on board the barge with three days of guided cycling (Velo Scott Sportsters)
- guided walking tours of Annecy and Chamonix
- a spectacular gondola ride on the Aiguille du Midi cable car
- a mountain experience on the Montanvers - Mer de Glace tourist train in Chamonix

Not included: any other meals, gratuities for barge guide & crew; transfer to Toronto airport and return (will be arranged at later date once final numbers are determined at an extra cost)

Day by Day on Your Great Escape

- June 8th Our adventure begins with our flight from Toronto to Lyon (with a stop in Montreal)
- June 9th Once at Lyon Airport we'll be transported to our hotel in Dijon. We are here for one night. Rest up, tour a little and tomorrow we are off to our barge.
- June 10th Enjoy the morning in Dijon and then in the afternoon we travel by coach to Fragne and board the barge "Daniele". A delicious dinner will be prepared for us tonight on our boat.
- June 11th Today you have the chance to cycle along the Cote de Beaune stopping at villages and vineyards along the way. This mostly flat ride is the ideal way to experience quintessential Burgundy
We meet the barge in Verdun-sur-le-Doubs. You are always welcome to stay on board and watch the world go by instead of cycling.
- June 12th Spend the morning discovering the area around Verdun by foot then continue towards Seurre with free time to explore.
- June 13th Arrive in St-Jean and visit the town in the morning...St Jean is filled with local cafes...a perfect place to lunch with the locals. Later we continue cruising to Auxonne....ahhhh so pretty.
- June 14th Explore Auxonne...walk along the canal or opt to take your bike and cycle to Longecourt while the barge catches up. Longecourt -en-Plaine is a charming little town right on the canal. Be sure to practice your French with the locals
- June 15th Enjoy a full day of cycling through vineyards and villages to reach Dijon. Depart Longecourt and bike to Gevrey Chambertin...a small Burgundy village. Enjoy wine tasting at the Chateau de Marsannay and continue to Cote du Nuit before meeting the barge in Dijon. The ride is mostly flat. Tonight we are back on board for our last night on our barge.
- June 16th After breakfast we bid adieu to our guide and crew on the barge and are transferred by coach to the lovely lakeside town of Annecy. We will enjoy a guided walking tour this afternoon....so much to see! Annecy sits on the shore of Lac Annecy fringed by mountains...a picture perfect setting. Tonight we will enjoy dinner together at a local spot. Our hotel is a short walk to the town centre.
- June 17th Explore Annecy on your own or if anyone is up to it, we can rent bikes and ride along the lake.....FLAT! Sounds perfect. Annecy is known as "Little Venice" with its pretty canals.
- June 18th Our last day in Annecy....explore, relax, shop, dineour group will have no trouble filling in the day. One option is to take the train to Geneva....just an hour away!
- June 19th Today we leave Annecy and drive one hour to the alpine town of Chamonix....set majestically under Europe's highest peak, Mont Blanc. We are here for three nights. Enjoy a walking tour today as our guide shows us the highlights of Chamonix. All dinners in Chamonix are at our hotel.
- June 20th Ready for an adventure? This morning we take the Montanvers Mer de Glace tour train to the glacier and ice caves....a wonderful mountain experience. Exciting! The rest of the day is ours to explore.
- June 21st Another adventure....today we take the famous Aiguille de Midi cable car for a spectacular gondola ride to the gateway to the Alps at a height of 3,842 meters! Wow....not for the faint hearted. Tonight we enjoy our farewell dinner and bid adieu to France.
- June 22nd We are transferred to Geneva Airport for our flight home after a magnificent experience in beautiful France.



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Photos (left to right) starting at the top: Cabin on Daniele, Burgundy wine, Quintessential Bugundy, landscapes, Heliopic Hotel in Chamonix lounge and pool) , Cable Car, “Where is Annecy “ on map