

Idyllic France (September)

18 DAYS | 2ND TO 18TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Early Bird Price: £2150 per unit (includes two people)

Full Price: £2250 (for bookings made after 31/12/2021)

Loyalty Discount: £50 off | Deposit: £350 | Additional passengers: £350

This is a brand new tour focusing on the quieter, more unspoilt regions of France passing through the Loire, Dordogne and Burgundy regions. Our journey takes us to the vineyards and chateaux on the Loire with the chance to visit Tours and Angers. We then enjoy a small stretch of the Atlantic coast en route to the historic port of Bordeaux. From here we follow the entire length of the peaceful, meandering Dordogne River. We then head a little further east through the Auvergne-Rhone Alpes region and onto the Saone River into the heart of Burgundy, famed for its food and wine. This tour is ideal for those who love rural France and want to immerse themselves in the country and culture.

ON OR NEAR OUR ROUTE:

- The Loire, Dordogne, Burgundy, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes and Champagne regions of France.
- Multiple vineyards, rivers, valleys, abbeys, monasteries and chateaux.
- The natural beauty of several national parks including the volcanic Chaîne des Puys mountain range.
- The small cities of Bordeaux, Tours, Angers and Auxerre plus many of the smaller, medieval towns in each region.
- The Atlantic Coast.

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ITINERARY:

NIGHT BEFORE: We stay on a campsite in Kent where we provide a full briefing for the tour and advice on motorhoming on the continent in general. We offer a free night if you stay with us on our designated campsite. Please let us know if you wish to join us.

DAY 1: We embark on our scheduled morning ferry from Calais from where we drive deep into Normandy with an overnight stop in the countryside near Rouen.

DAYS 2 - 4: We head to the Loire Valley with three nights in Tours, considered to be the gateway to visiting many of the chateaux and vineyards that typify the Loire region. Tours boasts a magnificent cathedral and basilica and is well-known for its half-timbered houses. Many of the region's most famous chateaux are along this stretch including Villandry, Chenonceau and Angers.

DAYS 5 - 7: We head south today with the chance to follow a stretch of the Atlantic coast en route to Bordeaux. The city itself is a lively port sitting on wide stretch of the River Garonne. We spend three nights in this area famed for its architecture, wine and cuisine.

DAYS 8 - 10: Over the next three days we will be following the meandering path of the Dordogne

River with the opportunity to visit many of the smaller towns, chateaux, valleys and gardens that the Dordogne is famous for. We will be staying in the picturesque Sarlat/Domme area.

DAYS 11 - 13: We continue inland to the volcanic Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region. We will be staying close to Clermont-Ferrand, one of the oldest cities in France, famed for its art and architecture dating back to Roman times. You can also visit the Chaîne des Puys mountain range, home to 150+ volcanoes.

DAYS 14 - 16: We head into Burgundy today where we will spend three nights in the heart of the region close to Auxerre. In addition to its food and wine, Burgundy is home to rivers, medieval towns, a couple of interesting smaller cities and large swathes of national parks.

DAY 17: We head north to our overnight stop in the Champagne region.

DAY 18: We head for the port for our scheduled crossing. You may choose to take a last-minute stop off at the hypermarkets and wine warehouses, or maybe extend your stay to take advantage of your fully flexible ferry ticket.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/COSTS:

- There are toll charges on French motorways.
- We recommend a low emission zone sticker for France.



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