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We are happy to present SAROCHE, a deluxe 6-passenger barge cruise in
Provence and the Burgundy wine region of France

2010 Saroche



A unique experience

Saroche is undoubtedly one of the most attractive barges cruising the waterways of France, with classic hull, arched windows and sleek lines.



Saroche is owned by Kevin Tickell who has cruised extensively on board in the inland waterways of Europe and has spent several years on board a luxury motor yacht based in the Mediterranean. He has a deep love of the waterways, especially throughout France, which he has made his home - spending winters in the Camargue and summers in Burgundy. He also has a passion for good food and fine wines and has designed Saroche around this concept so that passengers can experience the true flavours of France whilst travelling on board.

The specially selected crew of four, comprising captain, chef de cuisine, guide and hostess, have years of experience in hotel barging and catering and combine this experience to ensure that cruising on board Saroche is a relaxing, comfortable, informative and gourmet experience. Passengers, who are made to feel at home and rapidly become friends, appreciate their friendly, cheerful personalities and sense of humour. Kevin is committed to offering guests not only quality in terms of the barge and its amenities, but also flexibility with regard to cruising, excursions and

the food and beverages on board. Cruising routes allow for 3 to 4 hours cruising per day, stopping each evening either in one of the towns mentioned in the itineraries or in a country village, depending on guests' preferences. Wherever possible cruises can be tailored to fit in with passengers' requirements. It is the Saroche Barge Company's aim to provide a cruise tailored for you. Guests are warmly welcomed on board and during the Champagne reception are encouraged to regard Saroche as their home.



A luxury venue for any occasion

Saroche was designed to offer a homey atmosphere without sacrificing any of the luxury to be expected from a high class hotel.



Saroche offers 3 en suite staterooms for 6 passengers. The vessel has a split level lounge/dining room (25' x 16'), a quiet library and writing room featuring a foliage surrounded fish pond with goldfish and a large sun deck and parasol-covered dining deck - for meals 'al fresco'.

The lounge/dining area was designed to reflect the colours of Provence, its subtle peach and cream decor highlighted with accents of amber and turquoise. The cool mosaic tiled dining area and white oak floored salon are complemented by wrought iron and hardwood balustrades and a profusion of leafy indoor plants. Eight large opening windows and a hexagonal skylight flood the room with sunshine and fresh air, as rippling reflections from the water dance across the wood timbered ceiling, flashing across brass ceiling fans - all reflecting and absorbing the atmosphere, bright colours and sunshine of the French countryside.

The comfortable armchairs, wood burning fire, hardwood fully stocked bar, stereo/CD player, satellite TV with CNN and CNBC, news, video and DVD player and library complete the cosy atmosphere - where passengers quickly feel at home.

SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION

Saroche's staterooms reflect the high standard to which the vessel was designed. The largest six-passenger barge currently cruising in France, the staterooms are bright, luxurious and spacious - more closely resembling a hotel room than a ship's cabin. All the beds can be converted into either twin beds or queen sized double beds.

Rooms have large wardrobes with ample hanging drawer and shelf space and alcoves with make-up/shaving mirrors above tiled washbasins. Bathrooms contain extra large fully tiled shower cubicles with high ceilings, easy access glass doors and adjustable speed shower nozzles. Hot water is abundant, hair dryers are provided in all cabins and large fluffy bath sheets add to the feeling of luxury. All cabins have opening windows, central heating and individually controlled air conditioning systems.



2010 Prices

Prices are in US dollars. Cruises are 6 nights, Sunday to Saturday

| Departure Dates | Charter price | Individual Tariff Double Occupancy | Single Supplement |
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| <u>Main Season Tariff</u> June 6 through September 26 (No cruises July 25 and August 1) | 28,000 | 5,000 | 2,000 |
| <u>Value Season Tariff</u> May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 26,000 | 4,500 | 1,500 |
| <u>Special Season Tariff</u> April 4, 11, 18, 25 | 22,000 | 4,000 | 1,000 |

The Cruise Includes:

- Six nights accommodation in twin or queen cabin with ensuite bath
- All meals with wine and open bar
- A choice of dishes each evening with a 5-course menu
- Daily excursions in minibus with tour guide
- Pickup and return to designated meeting place depending on itinerary
- All amenities of the barge including bicycles, hot tub on deck, satellite TV, CD, DVD, wood burning fireplace and more

The Cruise does not include:

- Air transportation to and from France
- Travel insurance which is highly recommended
- Crew gratuity which is typically 5-10% of the cruise price
- Items of a personal nature

For more information, availability and bookings on this and many other barges, please contact:

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TWO ITINERARIES

Saroche offers two distinct cruise routes, through the most beautiful, interesting and relaxing French waterways: Burgundy and the Camargue in Provence

For people seeking gourmet cuisine, quality wines, historical interest and beautiful countryside, Saroche offers the best choices.



Saroche Provence Itinerary **April 4 to July 18 Departures, 2010**

Beaucaire to Sète - Provence

Cruise Duration : Six Nights / Seven Days

Sunday Afternoon - Beaucaire

Guests are greeted at the pre-designated meeting point and escorted to **Saroche** in Beaucaire. After settling in you are invited to join the captain for a Champagne Reception and cruise safety briefing. Enjoy your pre-dinner aperitifs during an early evening cruise from Beaucaire port into the countryside.

Monday - Cruising : Beaucaire to Saint Gilles

A morning excursion to Avignon for a guided tour of the Palace of the Popes and the famous Pont d'Avignon followed by some free time to explore the town before returning to **Saroche** for lunch. The afternoon cruise begins by passing through the only lock on the canal and then continues through the lush vegetation of the Rhône valley to overnight mooring spot in the country where frogs and nightingales sing the night away.

Excursion : The magnificent city of Avignon.

Tuesday - Cruising : Saint Gilles to Aigues-Mortes

Your morning excursion is to the Provençal city of Arles before returning to **Saroche** for lunch and relax on the tranquil afternoon cruise through the reed beds of the Camargue where reed cutters work, black bulls and white horses graze, and birds of prey soar over Europe's largest wetland wilderness.

Excursion : Visit Arles and the Roman arena and theatre - walk in the footsteps of Van Gogh and maybe take a drink in the Starry Nights Café made famous by his painting.

Wednesday - Aigues-Mortes

Aigues-Mortes, 'the jewel of the Camargue' built by Louis IV as a departure port for his Crusades, stands boldly on the salt flats guarding the entrance to the Mediterranean. Visit the colourful morning street market and enjoy the shopping, galleries and sightseeing, or walk the ramparts of this medieval town.

Excursion : Village and vineyards of Châteauneuf du Pape. Lunch at a selected Restaurant, followed by a tasting of the world famous red wine. The return trip to **Saroche** takes in the 2000 year old Roman aqueduct at Pont du Gard, one of the treasures of the Roman Empire.

Thursday - Cruising : Aigues-Mortes to Maguelone

After your morning excursion time to relax on an afternoon cruise through the inland lakes teeming with bird life, to Maguelone, an ancient settlement on a pine clad hill by the sea - its cathedral dating back to the sixth Century. Watch the nesting colonies of bee-eaters and white egrets along the canal banks and the flocks of hundreds of flamingoes gracefully wading through the etangs.

Excursion : Today's excursion is a visit to Saintes Maries-de-la-Mer with its fortified church and magical stories or visit the world famous Perrier source and bottling plant.

Friday - Cruising : Maguelone to Sète

The last day's cruising takes you to the medieval Port of Sète, France's second largest sea port. The picturesque town is crisscrossed by small canals which link the Mediterranean with the inland lake 'Etang de Thau. The captain's farewell dinner this evening is on a canal front restaurant where fish comes directly into the kitchen from the fishing boats moored at the quay. Local Mediterranean dishes are a specialty.

Excursion : The afternoon excursion of Sète includes a trip to the hilltop for breath-taking panoramic views of the town and surrounding waters, followed by a stroll through the streets of the old town.

Saturday - Sète

Time after breakfast for one last chance to sit on deck before your departure from **Saroche**.

The cruise is from Sète to Beaucaire on alternate weeks

This itinerary details the cruise route and gives examples of the visits which may be made from the vessel. It is our aim to provide a cruise tailored for you, wherever possible we will adjust the cruise to fit in with your requirements.

Activities such as riding, tennis, hot air ballooning and golf can be organized on request. Bicycles and boules are available on board.

Saroché Burgundy Itinerary

Departures August 8 to October 31, 2010

Dijon to Vandenesse - Burgundy Canal

Cruise Duration : Six Nights / Seven Days

Sunday Afternoon - Dijon

Guests are greeted at the pre-designated meeting point and escorted to **Saroché** in Dijon. After settling in you are invited to join the Captain for a Champagne Reception and cruise safety briefing. Plenty of time for a stroll around Dijon or merely relax on board and enjoy the view.

Monday - Cruising : Dijon to Fleurey sur Ouche

Our first day cruising leaves behind the bustling centre of Dijon as we journey upwards to our evening halt in the village of Fleurey sur Ouche nestling in the Ouche valley. Climb to the top of the church of Notre Dame to view the marvellous panoramic view over the surrounding countryside.

Excursion :Tour the Côte de Nuits vineyards known as the Champs Elysées of Burgundy. Visit the Château of Clos de Vougeot, established by the Cistercian monks and famous for its wines. The Chevaliers du Tastevin meet here to sample the wines and confer their medals on selected vintages.

Tuesday - Cruising : Fleurey sur Ouche to Gissesey sur Ouche

This morning we continue upwards in the tranquility of the countryside and the lush scenery of the Ouche valley through Pont de Pany and Saint Marie sur Ouche to this evening's halt at Gissesey sur Ouche. Plenty of opportunities to stroll or cycle alongside the vessel as it slowly meanders along between locks to work up an appetite for this evening's meal ashore at a typical country restaurant.

Excursion :This morning is set aside for a tour of Dijon which has many places of interest such as the Palace of the Dukes of Burgundy housing the Fine Arts Museum with its paintings from the 14th Century to the present day. Climb the 316 steps of Philip the Good's Tower to get a wonderful view of the region.

Wednesday - Cruising : Gissesey sur Ouche to La Bussière

Today's cruise takes us through sloping tree laden reaches and the picturesque village of Saint Victor to La Bussière where you can visit the buildings and the grounds of the medieval abbey.

Excursion : Visit the abbey of Fontenay which was founded in 1118 by Saint Bernard and built in the Romanesque style by the Cistercian monks in the 12th Century to the 15th Century. In 1906 it was turned into a paper mill by the Montgolfier brothers but was reinstated by their descendants in 1820.

Thursday - Cruising : La Bussière to Pont d'Ouche

Cruising along the tree lined valley we pass through the canalside villages of La Forge and Veuvev sur Ouche en route to Pont d'Ouche where

Charollais cattle graze peacefully in the pastures alongside the canal.

Excursion : Beaune, Burgundy's wine capital - tour the Hôtel Dieu with its honeycombed, coloured tiled roof, built in 1443 as a Hospice for the sick and needy it is now famous for its collection of pottery jars and its annual wine auctions. Visit the cellars of Patriarche Pere et Fils, the largest cellars in Burgundy, for a tasting of some of its fine wines.

Friday - Cruising : Pont d'Ouche to Vandenesse

Our final morning's cruise takes us ever upwards towards the summit level as the canal winds round past the hillside villages of Bouhey and Châteauneuf. The cruise culminates in the Captain's Farewell Dinner ashore at a Burgundian restaurant.

Excursion : Visit the magnificent Château of Commarin with its forbidding stone walls and towers, and the romantic 12th Century village of Châteauneuf, former seat of the Duke of Burgundy, prominent upon its hilltop overlooking the Canal.

Saturday - Vandenesse

Time after breakfast for one last chance to sit on deck before your departure from **Saroche**.

***The cruise is from Vandenesse to Dijon on alternate weeks**

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Food and Wine on Board



The true flavour of France

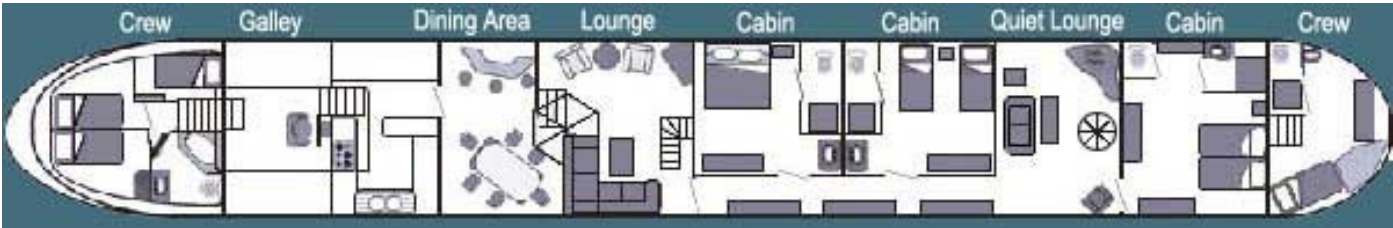
France revolves around exquisite food and fine wines - whilst other nations eat to live, France lives to eat!

Every cruise on board Saroche is a gourmet experience. Whilst the majority of other passenger barges have a set menu each evening, Saroche offers a choice of dishes each evening on its 5- course menu. The chef will discuss your personal preferences with you and tailor the week's menus to reflect these. We also cater for special dietary needs. Buffet lunch spreads include mouthwatering home made quiches, patés and terrines, cold cuts and crisp salads - rounded off with dessert or a selection of cheeses and all accompanied by excellent wines. Saroche carries a 'cellar' of some 200 bottles of wine and champagne - specially selected fine wines from Burgundy and Bordeaux are complimented with prize-winning



vintages from lesser known regions, vineyards and châteaux. Many of these wines are virtually unknown outside their own region of production, however their excellence will speak for itself. Guests are invited to visit the "cave" and select their own wines each evening, although crew are always enthusiastic to give assistance in the choice and to recommend wines to accompany the menu selections.

During your cruise and for the Captain's farewell dinner guests are invited to dine on shore to sample the regional cuisine and ambiance at specially selected country auberges and local Michelin rated restaurants.





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Availability & Booking Procedures

Once you have selected the barge you like, it's easy to book your cruise:

1. Call us tollfree at **1-888-264-3983** or email **bargecruises@yahoo.com** with your questions and to check availability on the barge and week you want.
2. We'll place an option on the barge cruise you want which gives you 7 days to return your Booking Forms and deposit.
3. You return your completed Booking Forms and deposit prior to the expiration date of the option.
4. We confirm your reservation in writing and provide you with trip preparation information.

That's it! You've taken the first step toward your barge cruise.

Why book your barge cruise through us?

- Your interests, comfort, enjoyment and budget are important to us. We want you to have the best barge vacation possible.
- We have specialized in barge cruises and France since 1988. We only book barge cruise vacations, and are committed to providing you with our best service.
- We know the barges, canals and sights. My husband, Jack, and I owned and operated two charter barges for 8 years and have cruised the canals and rivers many times. Another 7 years was spent organizing and leading tours throughout France.
- We love France and barging and want you to benefit from our knowledge and experience.
- The cost to you is the same if you book directly with the barge or through an agent. With an agent, you receive independent advice as to which barge works best for you.
- We can help with your pre and post cruise activities too.

As a valued client, you will receive:

- Trip Preparation Kit with travel tips
- Recommended Paris hotels & restaurants
- Suggested Packing List
- Resources for airlines, car rentals, airport shuttles, hotels, etc.
- Assistance with travel insurance claims when you purchase your travel insurance through us.
- Want help reserving hotels, trains and car rentals? We can do that too. We are affiliated with Rail Europe, Auto Europe, Travel Guard insurance and many other resources for your trip planning.

Thank you for your interest in barge cruising.

We look forward to working with you to select and book the right barge cruise for you.

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