

## Paris to Montargis – Seine Valley by Bike and Boat

This region has a rich, royal history and the castle of Fontainebleau is a magnificent example of this past. Just as impressive are the royal gardens, which the French kings had their royal architects lay out for them. You will cycle through the wonderful forests to the painters village of Barbizon. Moret-sur-Loing, is a charming medieval fortified town, strategically situated on the banks of the Loing river, where painter Sisley found inspiration for his beautiful impressionist paintings. From there you will follow the Canal du Centre to the beautiful medieval towns of Ferrières with its splendid monastery and Château-Landon with the Abbey of St. Severin. Your final destination is Montargis, a picturesque town with beautiful little canals.

### 1. Day Embarkation Paris

Embarkation and check-in at 2 p.m. at the Quai de Bercy on the Seine river in Paris. After a welcome by the captain, crew and tour leader there is time for a walking tour through **Paris**. After dinner on board there is a first briefing about the barge, bicycles and tour program.

### 2. Day Paris – Evry - Melun (30 Km)

You will spend the morning on board to enjoy Paris from the river. The bicycle tour starts from the lock of Evry. You will stay along the banks of the Seine river for a while. Destination of your first bicycle tour is Melun, a town which is known as "le domaine des reines blanches", because in former years it used to be the domain of the widows of the French kings.

### 3. Day Melun - Moret-sur-Loing (40 Km)

You will cycle through the wonderful forests of Fontainebleau. First destination is the artistic village of Barbizon. After this, you continue your tour to the palace of Fontainebleau. The castle itself houses a museum of Napoleon, among other things. Fontainebleau is also a pleasant town to walk around or to shop. Cycling to Moret-sur-Loing, a charming medieval fortified town, strategically situated on the banks of the Loing river, where painter Sisley found inspiration for his beautiful impressionist paintings.

### 4. Day Moret-sur-Loing – Nemours (24 or 51 Km)

You will stay in the valley of the Loing and visit Grez-sur-Loing, where many artists used to live in the early years of the 20th century. In the charming town hall of Bourron-Marlotte you can admire a few magnificent impressionist paintings. You will meet the Fleur again in Nemours.



### 5. Day Nemours – Néronville (35 Km)

Breakfast during sailing. Today you will cycle through a wooded area with rugged rocks. Before lunch you will visit the sculpture garden "Jardin Bourdelle". In this garden you can admire some 57 bronze monumental sculptures by the artist Antoine Bourdelle. Around lunchtime you will reach Egréville. This village has been an important commercial crossroads for hundreds of years. Its markets and fairs enjoyed great renown. Final destination of today is rural Néronville.

### 6. Day Néronville – Montargis (30 or 45 Km)

Today you will first cycle to Château-Landon, a beautifully situated town, with the Abbey of St. Séverin from the 13th century. Your bicycle tour goes to the medieval town of Ferrières with its old town center, which has been preserved beautifully. And in the middle of the narrow streets you find a splendid monastery. Today's destination is Montargis, It is decorated with many flowers and give the town a lot of charm. Today there is no dinner on board. You can select one of the local restaurants of Montargis.



### 7. Day Montargis (45 Km)

From Montargis you will cycle to Château-Renard, where you can visit the ruins of a castle from the 10th century. You will also visit an Apiculture's Living Museum. There you can see beekeepers and their bees at work, and you'll be able to sample their delicious honey. Along the river Ouanne you will return to Montargis.

### 8. Day Montargis

It is time to say goodbye, your **cycling** holiday is over. A bientôt !

### Self-Guided Cycling Trip 8 Days/7 Nights

**Grade:** ●●

The bicycle tours go mainly over quiet country roads, off the beaten track.

**Arrival :** 25.07.20 Montargis to Paris  
 08.08.20 Montargis to Paris  
 29.08.20 Paris to Montargis

Price per Person	Euro
Twin Cabine	1289,00
Single Cabine	1935,00
Bike Rental	
21-Gear -Tourbike	94,00
E-Bike (250 € Deposit)	193,00

### Service Included:

- ✓ 7 Nights on Board of MS Fleur
- ✓ Daily Breakfast
- ✓ 6 x -Course Dinner
- ✓ Coffee and Tea on Board
- ✓ Welcome Drink
- ✓ Climate-controlled cabin
- ✓ Daily cleaning of the cabin
- ✓ Fully guided cycling tours
- ✓ Some short walking tours
- ✓ Maps for cycling tours
- ✓ GPS tracks
- ✓ Fees for ferries
- ✓ Entrance garden Bourdelle
- ✓ Entrance Apiculture's Living Museum
- ✓ Visit town hall Bourron-Marlotte
- ✓ Guided visit Château-Landon
- ✓ Wi-Fi

### Not included Service:

- ✓ Drinks
- ✓ 1 x Dinner in Montargis
- ✓ Entrance fees and excursions (not mentioned under included)
- ✓ Transfers to/from the docking place

