

Barge Meanderer

Golfing in France

Cruising in the Upper Loire

Canal de Briare – Montargis to Sancerre (Montbouy to Léré)

Our GOLF program is designed to allow as much flexibility as possible. The following is an example of the golf tour itinerary and options and we shall always try to accommodate any specific group and individual preferences. There is a choice of 8 courses. The program can range from 1 to 5 rounds (1 to 5 days) and allows for mixed activities – some guests can play golf while others may select any other activities, such as visits to markets, chateaux, wineries, antique shopping, cycling or just relaxing on board.



Reservations for all play should be made as far in advance as possible to secure first choice tee-times.

There is NO surcharge for any of the golf programs and green fees are included – the guests are responsible for clubs, cart and push carts rentals (if needed) payable directly at the clubhouses. Guests simply pay for days and courses they play. There are often special promotions available and we shall always pass this information to our guests. This is a unique approach to golf programs and identical to our biking program policies.

Guests can select courses that are in the vicinity of non-golfers visits (should the guests desire to get together after their activities prior to returning to the barge), but will always use two vehicles to allow for maximum comfort and shortest possible transportation time (except, of course, when all members of the group choose to golf, in which case one nine-passenger mini-bus will suffice.



Since we have selected eight courses, guests will have the option to mix and match considering the layout, degree of difficulty, travel time to the course, etc. Our desire is to offer as custom-designed program as possible (even 72 holes in a day on different courses are OK).

Should golf tee times make lunch on board impossible, a luncheon at the golf club house will be provided.

A typical itinerary includes (5 days):

Sunday – Paris to Montbouy

We collect you from your Paris hotel after lunch for transfer by private mini-coach to Meanderer moored in the quiet and picturesque village of Montbouy (just a few miles from the regional capital of Montargis). After a champagne reception we take an early evening cruise to the village of Montcresson and back. Relax on deck and watch the town and people pass by. Your first dinner on board. GOLF: Introduction and discussion of different courses and other activities. Changes and adjustments, subject to availability.

Monday – Montbouy to Rogny-Les-Sept-Écluses

During the morning we cruise to Rogny-Les-Sept-Écluses, a historical home of an ancient seven-stage staircase lock, considered to this day a marvel of engineering. After lunch, the excursion program begins with a visit to the magnificent Château de Sully-sur-Loire or to the busy town and spectacular palace of Fontainebleau, home to generations of French royalty or to the Château Vaux le Vicomte with its extensive and pristinely preserved formal gardens.



Golf:

Golf de Fontainebleau (48 min)

Tuesday – Rogny-Les-Sept-Écluses to La Gazonne

This morning we visit the regional capital town of Montargis, the week's best opportunity to explore a busy market town. People-watch or shop for souvenirs and exquisitely packaged confectionary from the famous Mazet Praline shop. On return to the barge, our afternoon cruise through six locks, which replaced the historical seven staircase lock of Rogny, brings us to the overnight remote mooring at La Gazonne, in the middle of a magnificent nature preserve.

Golf:

Chateau d'Augerville (1 hrs)

Wednesday – La Gazonne to Briare

We start with a morning visit to the splendid 16th century Château of St. Fargeau, offering a surprising and unique discovery of the rich history of this castle. An alternative excursion is available to the Medieval Village of Guedelon, an extraordinary and unique experience to observe this 25 year project recreating a defensive medieval castle, which is being built with materials, tools and techniques of this ancient period. Our afternoon cruise takes us through some of the most beautiful and rural parts of the canal to the spectacular town of Briare on the bank of the Loire River and the entrance to the extraordinary

Golf:

Cely Golf & Country Club (1 hrs 14 min) or

Golf Club de Sully sur Loire (59 min)



Thursday – Briare to Beaulieu-sur-Loire

We shall cruise in the morning over the Pont Canal. The daily excursion program continues with a visit the town of Gien. Set on the banks of the River Loire, the pretty town holds many attractions including the famous Faïence Boutique, the Hunting Museum and the Château de Gien. We then take a short drive to the beautiful private Château de La Bussière, with its incredible 18th Century gardens. An optional visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site

Village of Vézelay is highly recommended as is a private visit (by appointment) to Château de Buranlure.

Golf:

Roncemay Golf and Country club (1 hrs 3 min) or

Domaine et Golf de Vaugouard a Montargis (45 min)

Friday – Beaulieu to Léré

This morning we continue along the Canal Lateral de la Loire on the way to the charming town of Léré, our final mooring port. The scenery of flat fields and pastures slowly changes to the hills of the vineyards. Afternoon excursion takes us to the world famous wine region of Sancerre with the opportunity to sample the local wines and explore the charming hill-top village. A visit to the extraordinary town of La Charité sur Loire, surrounded on all sides by the Loire River is a special treat. For early risers the best market visit of the region at Cosne-sur-Loire with our chef is an option. The real wine aficionados have the option to visit 2 wineries that afternoon; Sancerre as well as Pouilly Fume.

Golf:

Golf de Sancerre, Sancerrois (38 min)

Saturday – Léré to Paris

This morning after breakfast we depart for the return transfer to Paris.

NOTE: Cruises run in reverse direction alternate weeks. It may be necessary to vary the itinerary from day to day according to local conditions.



Golf Courses – Selection and Information

Chateau d'Augerville

The 110 hectare (272 acres) estate was transformed in 1995 into a superb 18 hole golf course and its historic chateau is now home to a comfortable and welcoming clubhouse. Designed by architect Olivier Dongradi, the Augerville golf course blends beautifully into the rolling landscape that provides an enchanting, natural backdrop.

Men Tees – 5748M / 6286 Yards – Slope Rating 137

Ladies tees – 4809M / 5259 Yards – Slope Rating 131

www.chateau-augerville.com/uk/index.php

Les Aisses

The course occupies a splendidly natural setting of heathland and forest and was remodeled by Martin Hawtree to great acclaim. It has many similarities with the great heathland courses in England.

Choice of 27 holes – Les Aisses (18) and La Canne Course (9)

Tee	Par	Length	Slope	Rating
Black	72	6334m	144	76.2
White	72	5947m	147	74.2
Gold	72	5480m	141	71.6
Gold (W)	72	5480m	144	77.3
Blue	72	5084m	137	69.8
Blue (W)	72	5084m	139	74.9
Red	72	4671m	132	67.6
Red (W)	72	4671m	134	72.2

Meters to Yards conversion 1M=1.09361Y

www.aissesgolf.com

Cely Golf & Country Club.

Each hole is carved to give a different perspective, allowing multiple attacks game in the style of American golf. Roughs as fairways, fairways like greens, greens like pure wool carpet give these 18 holes sophistication of a Japanese garden that will delight casual and low handicap golfers.

Tee	Par	Length	Slope	Rating
White	72	5874m	133	0
Yellow	72	5424m	131	0
Blue(W)	72	5010m	132	0
Red(W)	72	4686m	131	0

Meters to Yards conversion 1M=1.09361

golfinfrance.net/golf-course/cely

Golf Club de Sully sur Loire

Golf de Sully sur Loire has 27 holes allowing golfers of all abilities to choose 18 that will suit them best. The three nine hole layouts are the easily accessible Sarcelles course along with the Faisans and Chevreuils courses which are more challenging.

See all ratings, length and slope for different combinations of 9-holes courses on the websites below.

www.golfdesully.com/en

www.golfdesully.com/en/scorecard

Golf de Fontainebleau

Regarded by many as the best golf course within the southern Paris region, this all-weather course is deep in the private forest of the Fontainebleau estate.

Tee	Par	Length	Slope
Men	72	5667m	124
Ladies	72	4822m	124

Meters to Yards conversion 1M=1.09361Y

www.golfdefontainebleau.org/EngPages/engindex.php

Roncemay Golf and Country Club

This international standard course, designed by Jean GARAIALDE in 1991 has hosted many of France's famous competitions. Overlooked by the Chateau in whose grounds the course has been developed, the length and technical nature of the course offer a challenge to even the most advanced player.

Tee	Par	Length	Slope
Black	72	6270m	140
White	72	5121m	132

Meters to Yards conversion 1M=1.09361Y

www.roncemay.com/uk/index.php

Domaine et Golf de Vaugouard a Montargis

The "Golfe de Montargis" championship course is described as an "American" style course. Situated in a wooded valley, the course includes small manmade water features and natural lakes.

Tee	Par	Length	Slope
Men	72	5548m	123
Ladies	72	4949m	126

Meters to Yards conversion 1M=1.09361Y

www.vaugouard.com/uk/golf-sport-passion.php

Golf de Sancerre, Sancerrois

With the hill of Sancerre in the background, this plot surrounded by trees, decorated with natural water hazards, is recognized as one of the most attractive center of France route. The quality of the greens, the warm welcome, the close proximity of the famous vineyards of Sancerre make it a preferred golfing destination.

Tees	Par	Length	Slope	Rating
Men (4)	71	5820m	123 - 112	70.1 - 64.3
Ladies (4)	71	5820m	128 - 117	73.9 - 68.9

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www.golf-sancerre.com/

Additional Golf Courses within the region

Golf de Limere 1411 Allee de la Pomme de Pin F-45160 Ardon Phone: 02 38 63 89 40 www.1golf.eu/en/club/golf-de-limere/	Golf de Sologne Route de Jouy Le Potier (D18) La Ferté Saint Aubin Phone: +33 1 40 73 72 61c www.golfdesologne.fr/index.php?page=103
Orléans-Donnery Domaine de la Touche Phone: 02 38 59 25 15 Fax: 02 38 57 01 98 info.donnerygolf@wanadoo.fr www.golf-orleans-donnery.fr	Marcilly-Orléans Adresse : Route de Saint-Cyr-en-Val Phone: 02 38 76 11 73 Fax: 02 38 76 18 73 golf@marcilly.co www.marcilly.com
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