CROISIEUROPE EXPANDS ITS HOTEL BARGE PROGRAMME WITH A BRAND NEW SEVEN-DAY CRUISE FROM PARIS TO THE PETITE SEINE

Europe’s largest river cruise operator, CroisiEurope, is expanding its popular hotel barge programme with the addition of a brand new cruise from Paris to the Petite Seine which takes guests through stunning landscapes to impressive man-made wonders.

Guests will board the hotel barge Raymonde in Paris before enjoying a romantic night cruise. The next morning they’ll set off on a foot tour of Paris taking in some of the most important sites such as the Place de la Republique, the grand boulevards, the Palais Garnier, the Madeleine Church, the Place Vendôme and the Louvre.

The cruise then departs for Evry where it will overnight before moving on to Melun from where guests will enjoy a tour of the Palace of Fontainebleau and its magnificent gardens as well as a visit to the cosmopolitan town that sprung up around the château.

The following day guests will set of by coach for Troyes, one of the most beautiful medieval towns in France, boasting charming half-timbered houses adorned with lovely colours dating from the 16th century. After lunch, guests will set off for the tourist Champagne route, travelling through fascinating landscapes where vines, forests and plateaus combine with picturesque villages. The highlight of this tour is a visit to a wine cellar where guests will indulge in a Champagne tasting before heading back to the hotel barge.

Next day there’s a visit to the splendid Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte which was commissioned by Nicolas Fouquet and designed by a number of renowned artists who were also behind the design of the legendary Palace of Versailles. The afternoon will be spent sailing towards Paris and the hotel barge will remain at the Orsay wharf overnight.

The following morning, the Raymonde will cruise the Canal Saint-Martin which flows through the former working-class district of Paris, which has kept all its romantic charm of yesteryear. In the afternoon, guests will discover the Saint-Germain-des-Prés district on a guided tour before returning onboard for a gala dinner and evening. Guests will disembark the next day.

The small and elegant Raymonde exudes warmth and style. It carries 22 guests in 11 outward facing en-suite cabins and features a cosy living area, bar, restaurant and sun deck with lounge chairs and a Jacuzzi. There are also bikes for guests’ use and a crew of six.

The seven-day cruise starts in Paris and visits Evry, Melun and Saint Mammes before returning to Paris. There are four departures in 2018 on 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th October with cruise only prices from £1,954 per person for seven days on the Raymonde in an outward facing cabin with all meals and drinks, excursions, the use of bicycles and port fees.

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