



# Paris to Montargis – Boat and Bike

‘See the heart of Paris from your barge ... and historical sights on a fascinating cycle route.’



Paris

Fleur at leisurely pace



Twin beds (not bunks)



Comfortable lounge

- Accommodation on comfortable, air-conditioned, well-appointed canal barge – **FLEUR**
- All meals included
- Fascinating itinerary along River Seine and canals to the south of Paris
- Cycling on quiet, minor roads
- Flexibility – cycle with or without tour guide, or even stay on board!
- Friendly, experienced, English speaking captain, tour guide and crew
- Extend your holiday with extra nights in Paris

This holiday is a great opportunity to combine so much. The attractive barge *Fleur* has just 10 cabins with twin beds and private facilities, and a spacious saloon, bar, and sun deck. You cycle through the rich, historical area to the south of Paris, with beautiful forests and royal houses such as Fontainebleau, enjoying the route on the River Seine and along the Canal du Loing, passing beautiful medieval towns like Ferrières and Château-Landon. Montargis is a delight with its many small streets and boutiques.

The *Fleur* offers top quality, stylish accommodation and is fully air-conditioned. Breakfast and a 3 course dinner are taken on board and a packed lunch can be made up each morning. There is an English-speaking tour guide on board. He or she will lead the daily cycling rides (19-28m; 30-45km), but you can choose to stay on board any day if you wish, or cycle independently. Flexibility is the key!

Finally there is Paris! You start or end this holiday right in the centre at the Port d’Arsenal where the *Fleur* moors. Notre Dame and the Place de la Bastille are just up the road. Perhaps you would like to combine this holiday with one or two extra nights in the capital? Let us know and we can suggest suitable hotels.

## ITINERARY

7 nights: Paris to Montargis | Arr ✈ Paris

The itinerary below relates to a tour starting in Paris. Please read in reverse for a Montargis start date where the first two nights are spent in Montargis and the final night in Paris.

- Day 1 Paris**  
Arrive in Paris, Port d’Arsenal at 16.00. Welcome drink and dinner followed by evening walk along the banks of the Seine.
- Day 2 Paris – Melun ■ Cycling 19m; 30km**  
Enjoy the views of Paris from the Seine as we cruise down to Evry. Cycle after lunch to Melun. Dinner is followed by an evening walk around the town.
- Day 3 Melun – Moret-sur-Loing ■ Cycling 22m; 35km**  
After breakfast we cycle through the forest of Fontainebleau, first to the artists’ village of Barbizon, where so many 19th century painters found inspiration, and then to the dramatic Palace of Fontainebleau, a favourite amongst French Kings. The town of Fontainebleau is a pleasant place to wander around or to shop. Continue to Moret-sur-Loing, a charming fortified, medieval town where the Canal du Loing meets the Seine, and where Alfred Sisley was inspired to paint many of his impressionist works.
- Day 4 Moret-sur-Loing – Nemours ■ Cycling 28m; 45km**  
Cycle the picturesque valleys of the Orvanne and the Lunain, passing old farmhouses and castle ruins, to the small town of Nemours with its 11th century castle and fine wooden-steeped church.
- Day 5 Nemours-Néronville ■ Cycling 25m; 40km**  
We cycle through an attractive wooded area towards the beautifully situated town of Château-Landon, where we visit the 13th century Abbey of St.Séverin with a local guide.
- Day 6 Néronville – Montargis ■ Cycling 22m; 35km**  
Today we head for the beautifully preserved medieval town of Ferrières with its narrow streets and monastery, founded in the 7th century. Our final destination is the splendid town of Montargis which is bisected by flower-decorated canals running through its medieval heart.
- Day 7 Montargis ■ Cycling 25m; 40km**  
From Montargis we head east along the River Ouanne to Château-Renard with its ruined 10th century castle. We will also visit a museum dedicated to bee-keeping. You can see the beekeepers and bees at work and sample their honey.
- Day 8 Return**  
After breakfast make your way back to Paris. The train service from Montargis is frequent and the journey takes one hour.



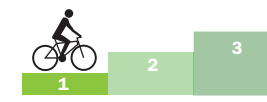
Canalside cycling

## TOUR & TRAVEL INFORMATION

**Terrain**  
The terrain is reasonably flat with some gentle hills in parts. The itinerary uses mainly small country roads with little traffic.

**Daily Mileage**  
19-28m (30-45km)

**Climate**  
As this tour is in northern France weather patterns are similar to those of the UK, with slightly warmer temperatures in summer.



**Travel Information**  
Flights to Paris: Available from a wide variety of carriers.  
Train to Paris: Eurostar from London St.Pancras, Ebbsfleet, or Ashford

**Transfer Information**  
For holidays starting in Paris: transfer from Paris airport or the Gare du Nord to the Port d’Arsenal in south east Paris. Transfer by train from Montargis back to Paris, Gare de Bercy, 1 hour.  
For holidays starting in Montargis: transfer by rail from the Gare de Bercy in Paris to Montargis – approx 1 hour and 18 euros.



Welcome drink on board

## PRICES

Prices are per person and exclude flights. Included are bed & breakfast, packed lunches, and evening meal for 7 nights, bike hire, and the services of a tour leader. Prices are based on two adults sharing a twin cabin.

	MAY – AUG	OCT
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7 nights	£ 859	£ 799

Single room supplement: £52 per night

## DEPARTURE DATES 2010

- May: Sat 1 Paris-Montargis
- Jun: Sat 12 Paris-Montargis  
Sat 19 Montargis-Paris
- Jul: Sat 17 Montargis-Paris  
Sat 24 Paris-Montargis
- Aug: Sat 7 Paris-Montargis  
Sat 14 Montargis-Paris
- Oct: Sat 2 Paris-Montargis



Notre Dame, Paris