



**LES BATEAUX BELMOND**  
**COQUELICOT AFLOAT IN FRANCE**

**Private Charter**  
**Epernay to Sillery**

**7 - Day Voyage, 21-27 April 2024**

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**Price for Private Charter EURO 82,000**  
**(for maximum 6 persons)**

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DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
April 21, 2024 Sunday	EPERNEY		5 PM
April 22, 2024 Monday	MAREUIL-SUR-AY		
April 23, 2024 Tuesday	CHALONS-EN-CHAMPAGNE		
April 24, 2024 Wednesday	CONDE-SUR-MARNE		
April 25, 2024 Thursday	VAUDEMANGE		
April 26, 2024 Friday	SILLERY		
April 27, 2024 Saturday	SILLERY	9 AM	

The price includes:

- Bespoke itinerary to taste the very best of the region
- Top-deck dining to feast in style
- Private tour of ruinart vineyards and exclusive lunch on board prepared by Ruinart's chef, Accompanied by their sommelier's premier selection of labels
- Table D'hote meals and complimentary beverages
- All excursions including exclusive use of the onboard bicycles alongside the river
- Private Guide
- Return transfer from Paris



## **EPERNEY**



Board Coquelicot, our fabulous new barge, in Épernay and prepare to float into a fresh vision of Champagne excellence. Your effervescent cruise begins with a champagne reception, the perfect chance to meet your dedicated captain and crew. As you unpack and explore your elegant sanctuary, Chef is preparing your first gourmet dinner of the week.

## **MAREUIL-SUR-AY**



Your first morning begins with a leisurely cruise towards Mareuil in the heart of the Champagne region. Relax into the rhythm of the water and perhaps alight from Coquelicot to walk along the towpath. The barge is equipped with bikes should you wish to opt for a gentle cycle ride. A delicious lunch is served on board, after which it's time for a wondrous visit to Hautvillers Abbey. It was here that the monk Dom Pérignon accidentally discovered how to make champagne through the process of secondary fermentation. His tomb can be seen in the abbey, which also boasts spellbinding views over the vineyards. Enjoy a private tasting at a local champagne house, before exploring Épernay, the jewel of Champagne. Discover its elegant avenue, stretching nearly a kilometre and lined on both sides with magnificent mansions and prestigious champagne houses. Return to the barge and unwind over an aperitif before dinner is served on board.

After breakfast, your guide will take you to explore Sète, whose intricate network of streets, canals and bridges has led to the town being called the 'Venice of Languedoc'. Board an oyster boat to glide across the Étang de Thau lagoon, a vast saltwater lake renowned for its oysters and mussels, delicacies that you will be invited to sample. Lunch is served on board, setting you up for a relaxing afternoon of cruising towards tonight's mooring. Dinner is served on board.

## **CHALONS-EN-CHAMPAGNE**





This morning brings a unique highlight. Visit Taissy, the home of Ruinart champagne, for a rare, one-off experience curated between Belmond and Ruinart. The oldest established champagne house, dating from 1729, Ruinart embodies the French spirit of savoir faire and art de vivre. Accompanied by your guide, enjoy an exclusive tour of the vineyard and sample some exquisite champagnes. Then return to the barge for a spectacular five-course lunch created by Ruinart's private chef and paired with specially selected vintages. Continue cruising to our evening mooring at Châlons-en-Champagne. Tonight, dinner is served on board.

## **CONDE-SUR-MARNE**



The day starts with a tour of Châlons-en-Champagne, whose rich heritage is evident in beautiful timber-framed buildings and splendid churches. Saint-Etienne Cathedral, a Gothic masterpiece, houses stunning stained-glass windows while the Cloister of Notre-Dame-en-Vaux is remarkable for its statuary. Head to the colourful market with your chef, who will talk you through the luscious produce. Choose some ingredients that catch your eye and Chef will transform them into a feast back on board. Continue cruising along the River Marne and admire the picturesque scenery before disembarking for an enchanting champagne tasting at a small local producer. Return to the barge for dinner and perhaps a digestif beneath the stars before you retire for the night.

## **VAUDEMANGE**



Linger over breakfast as Coquelicot heads for Vaudemange, a quiet mooring at the junction between the Marne's Lateral Canal and the Marne-to-Aisne Canal. Alight for lunch at the elegant Brasserie Le Jardin bistro, where Chef Philippe Mille's renowned cuisine is inspired by the seasons and the Champagne region. Afterwards, continue to Reims (pronounced "ranse"), famous as a centre of champagne production but equally renowned for its soaring Gothic cathedral. It was here that, between 816 and 1825, some 34 French sovereigns were crowned. Immaculate, leafy boulevards, Roman remains and art deco cafés await exploration. The Musée des Beaux-Arts is a further fascinating highlight. Dinner tonight is served on board.



## SILLERY



After a relaxed morning cruise, with ample time to absorb the tranquil scenery from on deck, and lunch on board, alight for a thrilling visit to Veuve Clicquot. One of the most celebrated champagne houses in the world, it was named after the widow ("veuve") who took over her husband's wine business at the tender age of 27 and rescued it from the brink of failure. She was to become one of the world's first international businesswomen. Plunge into the atmospheric underground cellars that stretch deep into the crayères, or chalk pits, for over 24km and glean fascinating facts about this most hallowed of marques. Back on board, Chef is busy preparing a sumptuous farewell gala dinner for you.

## LES BATEAUX BELMOND COQUELICOT

### 3 Bedrooms

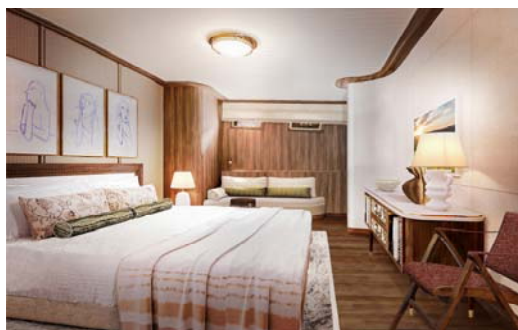
### Dining Room, Living Room and Terrace

#### DECK PLANS



*Illustrations not to scale*





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