

'Meanderer'

UPPER LOIRE

6 nights | Sunday departures | Charter and limited hotel sailings | Minimum of two booked cabins required to operate hotel sailings | Children over 12 on charters; children over 16 on hotel sailings
Departs from the Paris hotel chosen by the charter group: Sunday, 2:00 pm



Stylish 'Meanderer' cruises the enchanting Loire Valley with its magical châteaux, renowned vineyards and pastoral landscapes. Savor this historic countryside slowly from the barge's teak sun deck with its heated spa pool, enjoying fine food and local wines all along the way. Cabins, with their flat-screened televisions, are ideal places to retire at the end of wonderful days spent cruising aboard this inviting barge.

SUNDAY

Meet at the Paris hotel chosen by the chartering party and transfer to 'Meanderer,' moored at Montargis, for a champagne welcome.



MONDAY

Cruise to Montcresson this morning with an afternoon excursion to the magnificent royal residence at Fontainebleau, one of the largest royal châteaux in France and home to French kings since the 12th century.

TUESDAY

Return to Montargis today for the week's best opportunity to explore this busy market town, known as the "Venice of Gâtinais" for its many canals and bridges. Be sure to visit Mazet, a famous confectionery shop, for a delectable treat. In the afternoon, cruise to the charming village of Châtillon Coligny.

WEDNESDAY

Today, visit the 16th-century Château de St-Fargeau. This castle site includes beautifully restored interiors, a park with a tree-lined lake, and a collection of vintage steam locomotives. Afterward, return to 'Meanderer' for a cruise to Rogny-les-Sept-

Écluses where a staircase of seven locks stands as a monument to 16th-century canal engineering.

THURSDAY

A morning excursion takes you to the pretty town of Gien, set on the banks of the River Loire and famous for its fine earthenware. The town's château dates from the 15th century and now houses a Museum of Hunting and Falconry. Then, cruise to Ouzouer-sur-Trézée.

FRIDAY

Visit a family-run vineyard in the heart of the world-famous region of Sancerre today to sample the fabulous wines and cheeses. Cruise to Châtillon-sur-Loire via the Briare Canal, a remarkable aqueduct over the River Loire completed by Gustave Eiffel in the late 19th century. This evening, enjoy a delectable farewell dinner on board.

SATURDAY

After breakfast, return to Paris where your tour ends at the hotel chosen by the chartering party.

Note: This route is run in reverse on alternate weeks.

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

Extend your stay with pre- and post-cruise hotel nights. Contact A&K for details and pricing.

ALTERNATE ROUTES

Upon request, 'Meanderer' can cruise between Rogny-les-Sept-Écluses and Samois-sur-Seine — or between Montargis and Melun. Contact A&K for details.



An inviting 'Meanderer' cabin



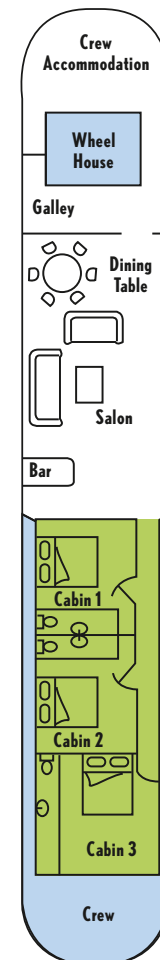
Relax in the sunny lounge



Flowers add a spray of color in Châtillon

'MEANDERER'
Length: 123 feet | Width: 17 feet
Passengers: 6 | Crew: 4

CABINS
3 queen/twin suites, each with en suite bathroom | All outside facing



PRICE PER CHARTER

Cruise arrangements

Apr 19 - May 02; Aug 02 - 29; Oct 18 - 31

Six-night charter* \$ 25,290

May 03 - Aug 01; Aug 30 - Oct 17

Six-night charter* \$ 29,900

*Please ask about special prices for charters with 4 or 5 passengers.

Individual cabins can be booked on selected hotel sailings at the following prices:

Apr 19 - May 02; Aug 02 - 29; Oct 18 - 31

Double occupancy, per person \$ 4,400

Single supplement \$ 4,400

May 03 - Aug 01; Aug 30 - Oct 17

Double occupancy, per person \$ 5,175

Single supplement \$ 5,175

Theme charters are available. Contact A&K for details.

Please check with A&K for our special international airfares.