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# Yale Classes of '63 & '64 - Tour de France Paris, Normandy, Loire Valley, Burgundy Canal Barges

September 2-28, 2015

Dear Yale63 and Yale64 Classmates and fellow travelers,

We have completed planning for our "Yale 1963/64 Tour de France 2015". We have filled 36 of the 42 available places on the Canal Barges. We have 32 touring the Loire Valley, 37 joining us for Normandy, and 40 gathering in Paris. Other than six berths on the Barge, we are taking backup reservations and we welcome classmates to join us for any of the associated side tours of Normandy, Loire Valley and Paris itself including the Yale 1963/64 Euro-Reunion on the 17<sup>th</sup> at the exclusive Cercle de l'Union Interalliée.

Our objectives for this trip include:

- 1) Provide the opportunity for a large group of us to spend close personal time together for up to ten days in France on tours to Normandy, Loire Valley and Paris.
- 2) Provide the opportunity to enjoy additional relaxed quality time together on more intimate canal barges for seven days in southern Burgundy before and after the group time together.
- 3) Take advantage of the opportunity to have classmate and world class military historian Wick Murray lead us on a very personalized tour of Normandy.
- 4) Share a Yale 1963/64 Euro-centric mini-reunion in Paris

After research including assistance from AYA's Yale Educational Travel group, other classmates with expertise and barge specialist SpecialPlacesTravel.com, and using our detailed responses to two Surveys, we are pleased to finalize the entire Tour de France 2015. All hotels are secure with advance deposits, the transportation is finalized, and Le Cercle is reserved for our Yale 1963/64 Euro-Reunion. The trip is available in any combination of up to four separate legs (sections), each priced separately. The full four legs together over 17 days are priced at close to \$7,000 per person double occupancy (excluding airfare). By arranging this trip ourselves, we believe we have reduced the cost of this unique trip by 40% under the typical rate that would be offered by a tour operator.

Deposits are required by the following dates: Deposits are generally non-refundable.

August 2014 | 20% | February 2015 | 20% | May 2015 | 60%

You can choose from any of up to six separate components, each priced separately.

Component:	# of nights	Dates
1. Loire Valley #1 & Versailles	2	9/3-4
2. Burgundy canal barge #1	6	9/5-11
3. Normandy	3	9/12-14
4. Paris	6	9/15-18
5. Burgundy canal barge #2 -	6	9/19-25
6. Loire Valley #2 and Versailles	2	9/25-26

Please call Jon at 415-435-3222 with any questions. Or email jon\_larson@hotmail.com Thank you for your consideration and support.

Best regards,

Ja H Larson

Jon Larson, Jim Thompson, and Jere Johnston "the Barge Guys" (trip co-sponsors)

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Paris





Burgundy via Canal Barge "Caprice"



Normandy



Loire Valley



Loire and Burgundy wine fields



Old Harbor at Honfleur on the Seine

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# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Estimated costs: Per person, sharing twin accommodations, (single occupancy add 30%) The costs for transportation, tours, guides and related expenses are included in each leg.

Burgundy Canal Barge (seven days) 21 passenger First Class "Caprice"	\$4,000
Normandy (three days)	\$ 600
Paris (four days)	\$ 1,400
Loire Valley (three days)	
Total	

This trip is offered in five separate segments, each priced separately:

1) Paris 2) Normandy 3) Loire Valley/Versailles, 4-5) Burgundy Canal Barges

The above *Caprice* barge price is currently limited to 42 total (21 on each of two separate cruises). One Additional passenger can be accommodated on the Barge 2 leg.

Limited additional space is available to classmates on the thee other (non-barge) legs.

Backup reservations are being taken to be filled in the event any confirmed can't make the trip.

#### **Fees Include:**

All accommodations as specified in the itinerary (in top 3 and 4-star hotels) • Breakfasts at hotels
• All Excursions • Transportation as specified in the itinerary with private motorcoaches • Baggage handling • Guides and drivers • Entrance fees • Two welcome champagne receptions • Bottled water on motor coaches • Up to \$200 allowance for incidentals, inflation, exchange rate • Travel cancellation refund insurance • A Yale military professor expert will guide us through Normandy.

## **Fees Do Not Include:**

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport • Medical expenses and immunizations

- Arrival/departure airport transfers Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour
- Excess baggage charges Laundry or dry cleaning Gratuities to porters and waitstaff
- Telephone, email and fax charges Room service Meals Lunch and Dinner (except on the Barges) Other items of a personal nature.

## **Terms and Conditions:**

- Deposits: 20% due 8-1-2014 20% due 2-1-2015 balance due 5-1-2015
  In the unlikely event of our cancellation of our booked Y63 barge tour, up to six months prior to departure, barge deposits may be applied to individual bookings on the same barge, same date, but in no event shall American Dream Vacations reimburse any charter deposits that are not so applied to individual bookings.
- Yale classmates will arrange and pay for their own airfare to/from Paris.
- We will manage our own trip deposits and expenses ourselves.
- Baggage is limited to one standard suitcase plus one flexible hand carry per person.





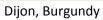




# Confirmed Yale '63 Passengers

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Travel mate	CdG	Loire #1	Barge #1	CdG	Normandy	Paris	Barge #2	Loire #2	CdG
			9/2	9/3-4	9/5-11	9/11	9/12-14	9/15-18	9/19-25	9/25-26	9/27
Group 1											
Carlson	Ed	Shirley	2	2	2	2	2	2			
Dennis	Ed	Martha			2	2	2				
Johnston	Jere	Pat	2	2	2	2	2	2			
Larson	Jon	Karen	2	2	2	2	2	2			
Sheronas	Victor	Elisa	2	2	2	2					
Struve	Guy	Marcia Hill			2	2	2	2			
Thompson	Jim	Mayda Tsaknis	2	2	2	2	2	2			
Wilder	Mike	Dan Koenigsberg	2	2	2	2	2	2			
	Tour 1 totals		14	14	16	21	19	17			
Group 2											
Arnold	Phil	Allison				2	2	2	2	2	2
Allison	Ron	Cynthia				2	2	2	2	2	2
Campbell	Alex	LaForrest				2	2	2	0	2	2
Cooper	Richard	Barbara Sheridan				2	2	2	2	2	2
Dilks	Charlie	Gene				2	2	2	2	2	2
Hanser	Fred	Katherine				2	2	2	2	2	2
Holloway	Richard	Patricia						2	2		
Martin	Geoff	Gwendolyn Hope				2	2	2	2	2	2
Sweeney	Brian	Janice				2	2	2	2	2	2
Worley	Richard	Marilyn Sue						2	2	2	2
	Tour 2 totals					16	16	20	18	18	18







Fontevraud-l'Abbaye, Loire Valley









le Petit Belloy St Germain - Paris



Marriott CdG Airport - Paris

## **HOTELS:**

Three 3 and one 4-star, French, non-chain hotels have been selected based upon many factors, including: location, historic interest, room quality, amenities, reviews, and availability. We invite Class members to look at the websites and check guest reviews for each. September is the absolute peak season so we have advance reserved all of our hotels with 30% advance deposits. We will use the Marriott-Charles de Gaulle for staging.

Paris: Le Petit Belloy St. Germain 3 star

1, rue Racine - 75006 Paris http://www.hotel-petit-belloy-saint-germain.com/en

Le Petit Belloy Saint Germain is a hotel with 21 rooms located in the heart of the Latin Quarter between Boulevard Saint-Michel and Boulevard Saint-Germain. Le Petit Belloy combines traditional and modern with its "Ligne Roset" décor and simple and cheerful tones. Thanks to the ideal location of the Hôtel Le Petit Belloy Saint Germain in the heart of Saint Germain, you can explore the *quartier* on foot, seeing many famous landmarks including Notre Dame Cathedral, Jardin du Luxembourg, and île Saint-Louis.

# Loire Valley: Chenonceau

Auberge du Bon Laboureur 4 star

6, rue du Docteur-Bretonneau · 37150 Chenonceau http://www.bonlaboureur.com/en/

A former postal relay stop, the 4-Star Bon Laboureur has been a country inn since 1786. It has kept the charm and authenticity of an old stagecoach stop over in the Loire Valley. Located at the heart of the little village of Chenonceau, the hotel is surrounded by vineyards and gardens and is a 5-minute walk from the Chateau of Chenonceau. The Auberge du Bon Laboureur is the ideal place for a relaxing stay in the midst of nature, and guests can easily stroll in the small village to explore shops and restaurants at their leisure. The rooms are very comfortable with individualized decors, the lounge areas are welcoming, and the hotel has a reputable restaurant where we will dine one night as a group. We will visit the Centre Culturel de l'Ouest in the village of Fontevraud-l'Abbaye near Chinon, The first permanent structures were built between 1110 and 1119.

# **Bayeux**, Normandy:

Hotel D'Argouges <a href="http://www.hotel-dargouges.com/en/">http://www.hotel-dargouges.com/en/</a> 3 star 21 rue Saint Patrice - 14400 Bayeux - France

Hotel Churchill 3 star 14 Rue St Jean, 14400 Bayeux

This elegant 18th century townhouse is located in the town centre. It has spacious classic lounges, guest rooms adorned with antique furniture and a lovely garden and friendly service. In this harmonious and enchanting setting, enjoy the good life and set out on foot to experience Normandy and Bayeux. Nearby: restaurants, shops and the thousand and one treasures of the town, including the Queen Matilda Tapestry, Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Battle of Normandy Memorial and more, Between Mont Saint-Michel and the landing beaches, Bayeux Normandy offers nothing but the finest outings.



D'Argouges – Normandy



Churchill – Normandy

# **ITINERARY:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Overnight</u> <u>location</u>	Activity	<u>Description</u>
Sept				
2	Wed	Paris-CdG	Travel day	Flights to Paris. Check-into CdG hotel. Cocktail party welcome
3	Thu	Chenonceau	Loire Valley tours	Motorcoach am departure, Paris to Loire Valley, lunch at winery enroute, walking tours of the old town.
4	Fri	Chenonceau	Loire Valley tours	Tours of Fontevraud-l'Abbaye and Chateau Chenonceau
5	Sat	Barge 1	Travel day.	Paris hotel to Auxerre rendezvous
5	Sat	Barge 1	Travel day. Loire Valley to Dijon	Motorcoach to Dijon from Chenonceau. Lunch in Auxerre. Board the Caprice. Evening welcome dinner
6	Sun	Barge 1	Burgundy Canal day 2	Canal barge Caprice
7	Mon	Barge 1	Burgundy Canal day 3	Canal barge Caprice
8	Tues	Barge 1	Burgundy Canal day 4	Canal barge Caprice
9	Wed	Barge 1	Burgundy Canal day 5	Canal barge Caprice
10	Thur	Barge 1	Burgundy Canal day 6	Canal barge Caprice
11	Fri	Paris-CdG	Burgundy Canal day 7	Group 1 Motorcoach Dijon to Versailles to Paris (CdG Airport)
11	Fri	Paris-CdG	Travel day group 2	Group 2 travel day to Paris. Welcome reception in the evening.
12	Sat	Normandy	Normandy day 1	Motorcoach Paris to Bayeux. Honfleur, lunch at Old Harbor.
13	Sun	Normandy	Normandy day 2	Beaches, drop zones, museums
14	Mon	Normandy	Normandy day 3	Beaches, drop zones, museums
15	Tues	Paris	Normandy to Paris	Motorcoach am Normandy to Paris. Walking tour of Left Bank.
16	Wed	Paris	Paris day 2	Tours/Museums; Louvre. Opera House, Eiffel, Notre Dame
17	Thur	Paris	Paris day 3	U.S. Embassy tour and Yale 1963 Euro-Paris Reunion 2015
18	Fri	Paris	Paris day 4	Tours/Museums; Musee D'Orsay, Seine River dinner Cruise
19	Sat		Travel day	Barge 1 group flies home.
19	Sat	Barge 2	Burgundy Canal day 1	Barge Group 2, Motorcoach Paris to Dijon, four hours, board the Caprice Barge, evening welcome dinner onboard.
20	Sun	Barge 2	Burgundy Canal day 2	Canal barge Caprice
21	Mon	Barge 2	Burgundy Canal day 3	Canal barge Caprice
22	Tues	Barge 2	Burgundy Canal day 4	Canal barge Caprice
23	Wed	Barge 2	Burgundy Canal day 5	Canal barge Caprice
24	Thur	Barge 2	Burgundy Canal day 6	Canal barge Caprice
25	Fri	Chenonceau	Loire Valley	Motorcoach am departure, Dijon to Loire Valley, lunch at winery enroute, walking tours of old town.
26	Sat	Chenonceau	Loire Valley	Tours of Fontevraud-l'Abbaye and Chenonceau
27	Sun	Paris-CdG		Motorcoach - Loire Valley to Versailles to Paris CdG Airport
28	Mon		Travel day group 2	Flights home from Paris



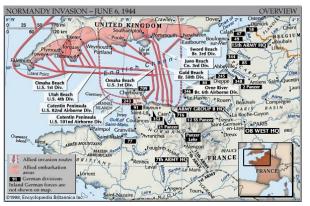














# NORMANDY









LOIRE VALLEY





# Yale Classes of '63 & '64

# **Euro-Reunion - Paris France - September, 2015**Vous êtes invités

What: European Reunion of the Yale Classes of 1963 & 1964

When: Thursday September 17th, 2015

Time: 4:30pm to 6:30pm Reception and tour at the U.S. Embassy

6:30-7pm two block stroll (past Lanvin, Hermes and Cartier Paris anchor stores)

7:00pm – 11:30pm Reunion Cercle de l'Union Interalliée 33 rue Fbg St Honoré

Sponsored by: The Yale 1963 Class Council co-host: Yale Club of NYC

# Program:

- Aperitifs 7pm-8pm
- Welcome 8pm
- 8:05pm-10pm 3 course Dinner
- Photo collage of the Y63/Y64 Tour so far: Loire, Burgundy Barges, Normandy
- Class film: "In Our Own Words" premiered at the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2013 and a speaker to be announced.

# **Invitees:**

- Euro resident classmates (16) and partners/spouses
- Yale '63/'64 Tour de France 2015 group (42)
- Classmates traveling in Europe

Dress: Coat and tie for men. Town clothes for women.

Cost: Included for the Yale '63-'64 Tour de France. For others, \$150 per person

Hotels: a limited # of rooms are available at *Le Petit Belloy St. Germain*, first come first served. Others will make their own arrangements.

RSVP: Guy Struve guy.struve@davispolk.com - Jim Thompson and Chuck Lubar



# THE YALE CLUB 😿 NEW YORK CITY

Cercle de l'Union Interalliée 33 rue Fbg St Honoré 75008 Paris, France

The Cercle de l'Union Interalliée, also known as the Cercle Interallié, is a social and dining club established in 1917 at No. 33 Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré in Paris, France It adjoins the embassies of Britain and Japan. The club includes royalty and political figures as its international members. It was established as a place of welcome providing moral and material resources to the officers and personalities of the Allied nations in order to develop the allied life that had just begun. The war having ended, the need for the Union Interalliée was apparent to everybody, as it was more necessary than ever to maintain harmony between the people who had fought together. The club has reciprocal exchange privileges with a number of private clubs around the world including the Yale Club of New York City whose 1963 members initiated the invitation on our behalf.

















# Yale Classes of '63 & '64 - Tour de France Paris Tours - Septembre 15-18<sup>th</sup>

- Cathédral Notre Dame de Paris
- Centre Pompidou
- U.S. Embassy and Cercle de l'Union Interalliée
- Eiffel Tower
- Louvre
- Musée National d'Art Moderne
- Musée d'Orsay
- "Night in Paris" walking tour of the Left Bank
- Palais Garnier Paris Opera House
- Musee Nissim de Camondo
- Paris City Tour
- Seine River Cruise dinner
- Versailles



Cathédral Notre Dame



Centre Pompidou



Cercle de l'Union Interalliée



Eiffel Tower





The Louvre



Musee Nissim de Camondo



Musée National d'Art Moderne



Musée d'Orsay



Palais Garnier – Paris Opera House



**Paris City Tour** 



Seine River Cruise



U.S. Embassy



Versailles

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## **CAPRICE ITINERARY**

Burgundy: Canal de Bourgogne, Saone River, Canal du Centre Dijon to St Leger sur Dheune

Our Heart of Burgundy cruise on the Caprice begins in Dijon where the cruise group is delivered to the barge. From Dijon you will cruise the Burgundy Canal, one of the oldest in France. From there you will join the Saone River for a one day cruise to the Canal du Centre where you will enter the vineyards of Burgundy. Whether your mooring is in a vineyard or a quaint village, your heart of Burgundy Cruise offers a true taste of the treasures of Burgundy. This cruise offers an abundance of interesting shore excursions by coach, on foot, by balloon, or by bicycle. This incomparable region is world-renowned for its exquisite cuisine and fine wine.

#### Saturday

Late afternoon - Board the Caprice in Dijon where a welcome aboard Kir Royale awaits you. We will introduce you to the crew and to Caprice while your luggage is quietly taken to your cabin. You will have a chance to unpack and we will place your empty luggage in the baggage compartment of our bus. Before and after dinner there will be time to use the internet cafe at the Port, have a quiet drink at the Barge Lounge across the street, stroll along the towpath, or walk uptown. Dijon center is but 10 minutes away. Tonight you will enjoy your first gourmet dinner on board Caprice and before dinner we will offer you a happy hour with open bar.

# Sunday

After your buffet breakfast we begin our cruise on the Canal de Bourgogne. Later our motor coach will whisk us off for a guided tour of Dijon, the capital of Burgundy. After we return to Caprice we will continue our cruise on the Canal de Bourgogne. There are many opportunities for guests to walk along the towpath or cycle into nearby villages. This evening we will moor in Longecourt, a quiet canalside town. Our mooring spot allows a magnificent view of the Chateau Longecourt from the forward deck. There is time to explore the village after dinner, stroll along the tow path, or sit on the deck and get to know your fellow passengers.

# Monday

This morning your guide will take you to visit to Clos de Vougeot. Wine was produced here as early as the 12th century, by none other than the local monks. A private wine tasting follows in Nuits St Georges before we return to Caprice. We continue our cruise to St Jean de Losne where the Canal de Bourgogne merges with the river Saône. There are hundreds of barges moored here in addition to major barge manufacturers. Live-aboard barge owners are abundant. We will continue our cruise on the Saône to Seurre, a lovely riverside town with a 16th century church and beautiful brick houses from the 17th century.

# **Tuesday**

This morning we will visit the Museum of Seurre before setting out on a beautiful river cruise to Chalon sur Saône where we arrive in mid afternoon. A guided walking tour of the old town begins shortly after we arrive. There will be time for shopping in the town's elegant shopping district. Chalon sur Saône was built alongside the Saône about 3000 years ago. The town was a naval base during Antiquity, the place of big fairs during the Middle Ages, and a trading centre in modern and contemporary times. The old town is magnificent.

# Wednesday

Today we enter the Canal du Centre from the Saône through a lock with a 50-foot rise. Our shore excursion today will be to beautiful Beaune. Beaune is the wine capital of Burgundy and home to the magnificent Hôtel-Dieu, a charity hospital founded in 1443. This monument boasts the finest Burgundian-Flemish architecture in the world. Wednesday is market day in Beaune. We will spend some time at the market before returning to Caprice and setting off for the canal side town of Chagny. Your cruise today is in the midst of the Chalonaise and Santenay vineyards. There is ample time to walk and cycle the towpath.

#### **Thursday**

Our shore excursion will be to the village of Rully for a private guided tour of the 12th century Chateau Rully. Chateau Rully has been in the same family for 900 years. This Medieval fortress is built around a 12th century keep and reveals some interesting features of medieval military architecture with its parapet walk, battlements, machicoulis and loopholes. The main building dates back to the Renaissance. The vaulted kitchen in the keep has a monumental fireplace and an extensive range of copper utensils. An 18th Century building boasts Burgundy's largest stone roof. The Rully vineyards surround the Chateau. There is ample time for walking or cycling today. Later we cruise to the picturesque village of St Léger-sur-Dheune for a farewell gala dinner.

# **Friday**

After breakfast, passengers on Barge1 board our bus for a tour of Versailles enroute to the CdG Marriott in Paris to meet up with the Barge2 group arriving that day from the U.S. and we depart together to Normandy the next morning. After breakfast, passengers on Barge2 board our bus for Chenonceau in the Loire Valley and enroute back from Chenonceau, will visit Versailles and then return to Paris to the CDG Airport Marriott for the return lights home the next day. *Note: This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change if necessary due to waterway or venue closures. On alternating cruise weeks, this itinerary operates in the reverse.* 



BURGUNDY CANALS ON "Caprice"









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Official Trip Brochure

# **Barge details:**

The First Class *Caprice* is currently limited to 21 on each of two separate cruises. The route: St. Leger to Dijon (or reverse), Canal du Centre & Canal de Bourgogne (Burgundy)

The 21-passenger Caprice is a classic Dutch Luxemotor hotel barge that returned to service in 2010, and cruises between Dijon and St Leger sur Dheune in Southern Burgundy. Caprice has a cozy salon, bar and dining area with comfortable furnishings, and a two-level forward sundeck at the bow, wreathed in flowers. There are chairs, parasols and even a barbecue on the sundeck for an outdoor lunch, weather permitting.

The lower deck offers 11 comfortable cabins (two double bed cabins, 8 twin cabins, and one single cabin) with ample closet storage and additional room beneath the beds. Each cabin has a private bath that includes a shower. The Caprice offers a laptop computer for passenger use, two French cell phones for rent while on board and hot air ballooning where available (fee to be paid on board).

Caprice follows a popular itinerary along the Burgundy Canal, Saone River and the Canal du Centre. This is one of the most beloved areas of France and the itinerary provides an abundance of interesting shore excursions by coach, on foot, by balloon or by bicycle. This incomparable region is world-renowned for its exquisite cuisine and fine wine. The cruise route affords plenty of opportunity for walking or biking along the canal.

# Highlights include:

- Dijon, the capital of Burgundy
- The barging capital of Europe, St Jean de Losne
- The 12th century monks winery of Clos de Vougeot
- Wine Tasting at Nuits St George
- Walking tour of Seurre
- Medieval town of Chalon-sur-Saone
- The picturesque village of Chagny
- The 12th Century Chateau of Rully with a wine tasting and guided tour of the property
- A tour of historic Beaune, the capital of the vineyards
- Market day in Beaune
- The world famous Hotel Dieu, the first charity hospital of Europe founded in 1443

## **Features:**

- **Size of barge**: 128 ft by 17 ft
- Number of Passengers: 21
- Number of Cabins (all with private bath): 11 Crew: 7
- Air Conditioning and Central Heating: Yes
- Salon: Salon with banquette seating, bar area and separate dining area, all with large picture windows
- Bar: Wine included with lunch and dinner; bar drinks included during cocktail hour; otherwise cash bar
- **Deck**: Bi-level sundeck at bow with small tables and chairs
- Spa Tub: No
- Cabin Features: Two doubles, 8 twins, 1 single, from 80 to 110 sq ft each, including ensuite bathroom with shower
- Vehicle for Transfers/Excursions: Motorcoach Accessibility: Not wheelchair accessible
- Cancellation: In the unlikely event we cancel our booked barge tour, up to 6 months prior to departure, barge deposits may be applied to individual bookings on the same barge, same date, but in no event shall American Dream Vacations reimburse any charter deposits that are not so applied to individual bookings.
- **Bicycles**: 10 bicycles provided more available at extra cost **Wi-Fi**: Yes limited in some areas

# DINING ABOARD THE CAPRICE

## SAMPLER MENU OF SELECTIONS FROM PAST CRUISES

Actual menu items during our cruise week will be chef's choice based on local markets.





## **BREAKFAST**

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST INCLUDES:

- FRESH BREADS
- ASSORTED SLICED MEATS
  - FRESH BUTTER
    - PASTRIES
    - CEREALS
- FRESH FRUITS AND YOGURT

# **LUNCH**

- BACON AND CHEESE QUICHE TART
- ASSORTED COLD MEAT PLATTER
- SUN DRIED TOMATOES AND GOAT CHEESE IN PASTRY
  - SALMON BAKED IN A SALT CRUST
  - LENTIL SALAD WITH ORANGE JUICE DRESSING
    - POTATO SALAD WITH CHERVIL
      - CRAYFISH & PASTA SALAD
        - CHOCOLATE MOUSSE
          - LEMON TART
      - PISTACHIO CREME BRULEE

# **DINNER**

- SNAILS SERVED WITH A GARLIC SAUCE
  - CHEESE SOUFFLÉ
- FOIE GRAS IN FILO PASTRY, BLACKCURRANT SAUCE
- Breast of Guinea fowl served with a honey and saffron sauce,
  - BABY VEGETABLES
  - BEEF BOURGUIGNON AND TAGLIATELLE PASTA
- BLACK COD SERVED WITH A WHITE WINE AND PINK PEPPERCORN BUTTER SAUCE
  - DUCK BREAST SERVED WITH A WHOLE GRAIN MUSTARD SAUCE
- SCALLOPS PAN FRIED WITH CARDAMOM ACCOMPANIED BY A CHERVIL AND WHISKY CREAM SAUCE
  - RACK OF LAMB WITH THYME, VEGETABLES PROVENCALE AND WILD MUSHROOM FLAN

# WINE CELLAR:

- SAINT VÉRAN
- SAINT EMILLION
- ENTRE DEUX MERS
- CÔTES DE CASTILLON
  - CHABLIS
- Bourgogne Pinot Noir
  - RIESLING
  - SAUMUR CHAMPIGNY
    - SANCERRE
      - IRANCY
    - CHARDONNAY
      - BROUILLY
- Touraine Sauvignon
  - TOURAINE GAMAY
- Muscadet Coteaux du Lyonnais
  - BOURGOGNE ALIGOTE
  - CÔTES DE PROVENCE
    - PICPOUL DE PINET
    - CÔTES DU RHONE

# CHEESE BOARD:

- ROQUEFORT
- Brie de Meaux
- Bresse Bleu
  - CHAOURCE
  - LIVAROT
- MACON VILLAGES
  - CAMEMBERT
    - GAPERO
    - Comté
  - EPOISSES
- FOURME D'AMBERT
  - CHINON

# LES DESSERTS:

- BLACKCURRANT CLAFOUTIS
- MARC DE BOURGOGNE SORBET
- STRAWBERRY AND RASPBERRY NAPOLEON
- FRESH FRUIT GRATIN WITH A SABAYON SAUCE
- ALMOND CAKE WITH A LEMON TEA MOUSSE, EXOTIC FRUITS AND LIME SORBET





ENSUITE BATH



DOUBLE BED CABIN



Twin bed cabin



DINING ROOM



SUN DECK



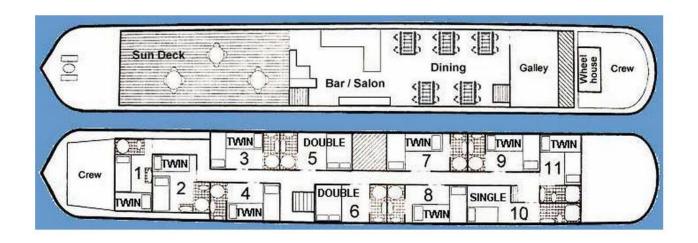
SALON













SNAP BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR THE THREE WEEKS.



#### **GENERAL EXPECTATIONS:**

Address all potential concerns and problems.

- Dress codes.
- Luggage requirements and limitations
- Prepare for small hotel rooms in Europe. 3 star vs 4 star hotels
- Slow, small lifts take patience.
- Splitting up into small groups for lunches and dinners, rotating amongst all as a great way to get to know our classmates and spouses/partners.
- Twin/double bed requests will be honored where available
- Leave room for serendipity and the unexpected.
- Meals and tips paid by each except for the two receptions. Breakfast is included at the hotels outside Paris.
- Properly positive but worded to avoid confrontation, dashed expectations, and any liability for the 3 co-sponsors.
- Avoid conversations involving politics and religion. At our ages none of us are going to change and we are not going to change anyone else's opinions either.
- Do not injure yourself carrying your luggage, let others lift whenever possible.
- Tipping customs in France.
- Restaurant protocols; reservations, size of groups, ordering, tips.
- Cell phone communications
- Credit card fees

This section to be expanded into a full Travel Brochure being prepared...

**Weather** in France during the Yale 63/64 Tour de France will be warm and cold and everywhere in between, with a lot of variation within each day, and from one day to the next, with variations of 30 or more degrees within any given 24 hour period quite common. Early in September is just as likely to be cold or warm as days in late September. Most days will include sunny to partly-sunny periods, and some precipitation can generally be expected four out of ten days, on the average. Our suggestion is to dress in layers to be prepared for all of these variations, adding or shedding clothing as you see fit to maintain comfort. A small portable umbrella is always a good idea.

