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## Burgundy Hotel Barge Cruise ~ Montargis to Chatillon on Renaissance

6 Nights | 3 Rounds | Parties of 8 or Less

PerryGolf is delighted to welcome the delightful 8 passenger hotel barge **Renaissance** to our golf cruising portfolio. This 130 ft long vessel accommodates just eight guests in some of the finest and most spacious hotel barge accommodations available, and cruises along the canals of the beautiful and historic Burgundy region of France, slightly southwest of Paris. The area is renowned for its vineyards, Gothic churches, Renaissance châteaux and picturesque villages, with gastronomic delights and the art of living having reigned supreme here since Roman times.

### Detailed Itinerary

#### DAY 1 (SUNDAY): PARIS - MONTARGIS

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Guests are met at a selected hotel in **Paris** in the early afternoon and transferred to the spacious Renaissance moored in **Montargis**, where a champagne welcome awaits you. An opportunity to settle into your new home, or to explore the pretty village of Montargis either on foot or bicycle.

Dinner on board.

**Overnight:** Renaissance at **Montargis**.

#### DAY 2 (MONDAY): MONTARGIS - MONTBOUY

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This morning, we cruise through the Loire countryside, with great towpath walking and cycling opportunities, to Montbouy. After an early lunch, we transfer to **Château Cely Golf Club**, set in the grounds of a former private château this recently refurbished golf course has gained a reputation as one of the best courses in the Parisian region.

**NON-GOLFERS:** This afternoon, we visit the splendid **Château de Fontainebleau**, a national museum and UNESCO World Heritage Site. To walk through this magnificent palace is to walk through the history of France and every French royal family added its own architectural style and features when in residence.

Dinner on board.

**Overnight:** Renaissance at **Montbouy**.

#### DAY 3 (TUESDAY): MONTBOUY - ROGNY-LES-SEPT-ECLUSES

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This morning we visit **Château de Sully-sur-Loire**. The castle originally belonged to Georges de la Trémoïlle, who infuriated Joan of Arc by encouraging the Dauphin to devote himself to idle hunting in the forests around

Sully. After Joan's failure to liberate Paris in 1430, de la Trémoille imprisoned her in the castle. In the 18th century Voltaire, exiled from Paris, also spent time at the château.

Following lunch back on board, we enjoy an afternoon cruise to our mooring at the pretty and historic village of **Rogny-les-Sept-Ecluses**, with its 350-year-old 7 lock-flight, built during the reign of Henry IV of France and well worth visiting on foot.

Dinner on board.

**Overnight:** Renaissance at **Rogny-les-Sept-Ecluses**.

#### DAY 4 (WEDNESDAY): ROGNY-LES-SEPT-ECLUSES - LA GAZONNE

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This morning, we enjoy an afternoon cruise to **La Gazonne** a beautiful mooring surrounded by lakes and ponds that provide water for the workings of the Canal de Briare.

Following lunch golf is arranged at **Roncemay Golf & Country Club**. This international standard course, designed by Jean Garaialde in 1991 has hosted many of France's famous competitions. It is overlooked by the Chateau in whose grounds the course has been developed.

NON-GOLFERS: This afternoon, our excursion is to the medieval town of **Auxerre**. Originally the capital of Lower Burgundy, the town prides itself on its lavish Renaissance houses, fine churches and particularly its magnificent Cathedral St Etienne situated close to the river. enjoy a visit to Auxerre. Plenty of time to walk through the steep narrow cobbled streets and enjoy some shopping.

This evening dinner is ashore at **Auberge des Templiers in Les Bezards**. This Michelin-starred restaurant serves gourmet cuisine where traditional dishes are given a modern twist.

**Overnight:** Renaissance at **La Gazonne**.

#### DAY 5 (THURSDAY): LA GAZONNE - BRIARE

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This morning we cruise from La Gazonne to the little town of **Briare**, again with excellent walking and bicycling opportunities along the way. We preview Friday's crossing of Gustav Eiffel's magical Pont Canal, a 10,000 ton, 662 metre aqueduct over the River Loire that was completed in 1896.

Following lunch, we visit a renowned, family-run winery in the hilltop village of **Sancerre** for a tour and private tasting. This medieval hilltop village overlooks a vibrant region which has known viticulture since Roman times.

**Overnight:** Renaissance at **Briare**.

#### DAY 6 (FRIDAY): BRIARE - CHATILLON-SUR-LOIRE

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This morning, we take a morning visit to the local Friday market in Briare and wander round the many stalls of fruit, vegetable, seafood, cheese and fashion. Then, there is a short cruise across the aqueduct to reach the final mooring at **Chatillon-sur-Loire**.

After an earlier lunch, we drive west to play **Les Aisses**. The course occupies a splendidly natural setting of heathland and forest and was remodelled by Martin Hawtree to great acclaim. It has many similarities with the great heathland courses in England.

NON-GOLFERS: This afternoon, there is time for a visit to **Gien**, home of the Faience pottery, renowned for its beautifully decorated and vibrant dinnerware, or perhaps to explore the towpath on foot or bicycle.

Upon the golfers' return, this evening enjoy the Captain's Farewell Dinner onboard.

**Overnight:** Renaissance at **Chatillon-sur-Loire**.

## DAY 7 (SATURDAY): CHATILLON-SUR-LOIRE - PARIS

After breakfast we return you to the meeting point in **Paris**.

*On alternate weeks the cruise sails in the reverse direction. This is a Sample Itinerary and is subject to change.*

## Golf Schedule

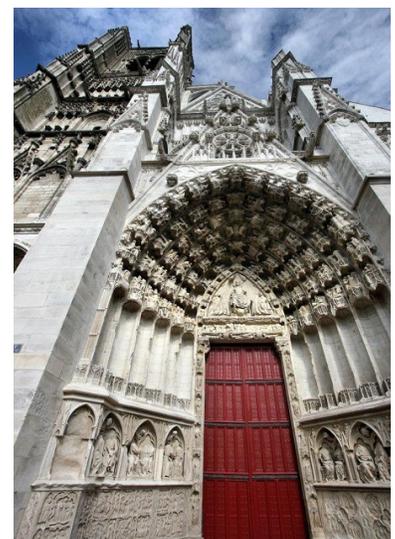
### CHÂTEAU CELY GOLF CLUB: MONTARGIS, FRANCE



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### RONCEMAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB: AUXERRE, FRANCE

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## LES AISSES: BRIARE, FRANCE

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