

EXCLUSIVE ESCORTED TOUR & CANAL CRUISE



THE
COMPASS
SOCIETY
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AUTHENTIC FRANCE & BELGIUM

Mont Saint-Michel, Normandy, France

Canal Barge Ms Deborah



Bruges, Belgium



Villa Tri Men, Sainte-Marine
(Bettany, France)

It is with great pride that I present an unrivalled opportunity to embrace the romantic idylls of the French countryside like never before. We'll journey together through this inimitably charming part of Europe, taking the time to stop and smell the roses as well as enjoying local appellations as we go.

Our elevated and considered accommodations have been carefully chosen to amplify our journey, entwining panache with that indefinable *je-ne-sais-quoi*. From a *très chic* boutique hotel in Paris to a breathtaking Chateau in Normandy, these unique properties will surprise and delight us in every destination.

In addition, we will meander along the Marne Canal as we cruise from Paris to Épernay. This is aboard a superb canal barge which provides both an authentic and timeless experience.

Our itinerary has been created with a view to providing an unparalleled experience. We'll sip and savour our way through the fabled cuisine of France. We will visit the iconic attractions, experience the unfamiliar in all their splendour, as we waltz together through picturesque villages.

Every element of this small group journey has been thoughtfully designed to provide you with something magical. I very much hope you'll join me.

PREMIUM
ESCORTED
TOUR &
CRUISE

WITH EXPERIENCED TOUR ESCORT

Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove

25 Days • Departing **26th April 2025**



Andrew Jones
TRAVEL

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TOUR OVERVIEW

- Depart Australia on Saturday 26th April 2025 and fly to Brussels, Belgium
- 3 nights within the walls of historic Bruges, Belgium
- 1 night pre-cruise in Paris, France
- 6 night cruise on the majestic Marne canal aboard the MS Déborah Canal Barge, from Paris to Épernay, including all meals, drinks with meals and at the bar and refined French cuisine
- 3 nights post-cruise in Paris, France
- 4 nights in the Bretagne region, France
- 4 nights in the Normandy region, France
- Depart Paris, France on Sunday 18th May, arriving home in Hobart on Tuesday, 20th May 2025



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit to Monet's House and Gardens
- Be amazed at the Bayeaux Tapestry
- Taste local foods
- Discover the village of Hautvilliers, birthplace of Champagne
- Explore the less visited areas of Bretagne and Normandy
- See the unexpected Paris
- Witness the majesty of Mont St Michel
- and much more



MS DÉBORAH

11 cabins • French canals

SHIP CODE: DEB_V1



MS DÉBORAH

A canal barge cruise is an authentic and timeless experience. A privileged moment where you take the time to discover “la douce France” in a different way.



LOUNGE / BAR



RESTAURANT



SUN DECK

The MS Deborah is a superb Premium canal barge, measuring 38,50 meters long and 5,07 meters wide. It can accommodate 22 passengers, in 11 cabins offering amenities and providing guests with all the comforts they need during their stay. On board, everything has been taken care of down to the smallest detail with 6 crew members to guarantee a personalized service.

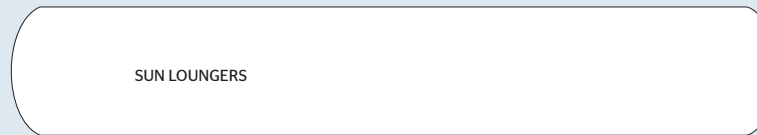
The decoration creates a particularly soft and welcoming atmosphere.

Located on the upper deck are the restaurant, which offers delicate cuisine in a refined setting, the lounge bar and a relaxation area with a jacuzzi. Comfortable sun loungers are provided on the sun deck, the ideal place to relax and admire the surrounding landscapes.

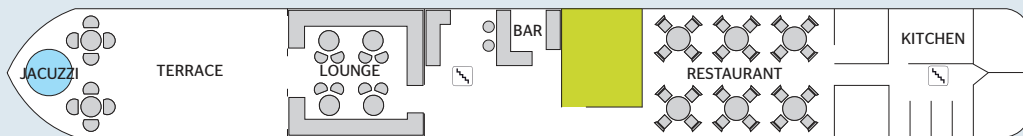
MS DÉBORAH

DECKS AND TECHNICAL DETAILS

SUN DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



PRM cabin⁽¹⁾, 11 m²

Double cabin, 9 m²

SUN DECK:

- Sun loungers

UPPER DECK:

- Restaurant
- Lounge / bar
- Terrace
- Jacuzzi
- PRM cabin⁽¹⁾ with outside view

MAIN DECK:

- Cabins with outside view

Year of construction: 2016

Number of decks: 2

Crew members: 6

Length: 38,5 meters

Width: 5,07 meters

Number of cabins: 11

Number of passengers: 22

PRM cabin⁽¹⁾: 1



MS DÉBORAH CABINS

UPPER DECK - 1 CABIN with high windows

- 1 PRM cabin⁽¹⁾ - 1 large bed - 11 m²

MAIN DECK - 10 CABINS with high windows

- 10 double cabins - 2 single beds - 9 m²

AMENITIES

- TV
- Bathroom with shower and toilet
- Towels
- Hair dryer
- Telephone (for internal calls only)
- Safe
- Independent air-conditioning
- Electricity 220V
- Wi-Fi

Please note that there is no laundry service on board the ship.

3D PLAN DOUBLE CABIN

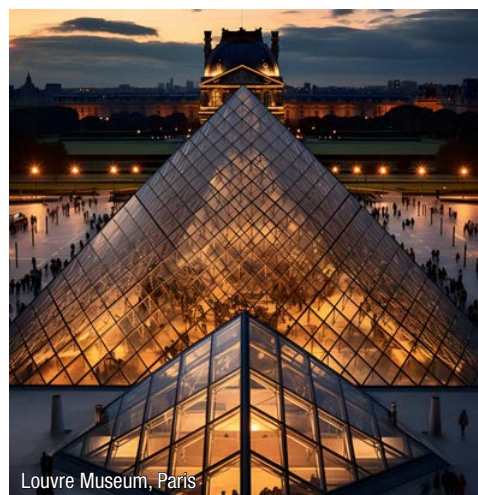


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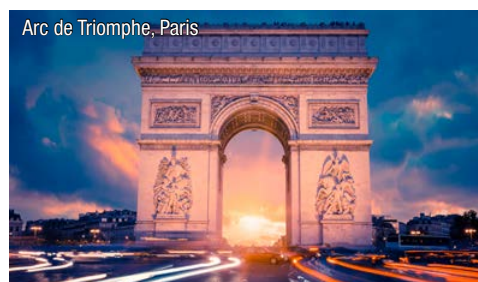
(1) PRM: Person with Reduced Mobility



Bruges, Belgium



Louvre Museum, Paris



Arc de Triomphe, Paris

DISCOVER what others say about their experience on tours with The Compass Society and Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove...



The *Tasmania at its Finest* Tour reminded this group of seasoned travellers what we value as Tasmanians... a unique opportunity to reconnect with the things we love – beauty, quality and connectedness. **Organised by the best** in the business, **it was an outstanding experience.**

– Barbara Lypka

“The Planning. The Places. The People. **Pure Perfection.**”

– Glenn and Wendy

“P.S.: And the Pub!”

“So many thanks for a wonderfully crafted tour. What a magnificent mix of history and scenery plus stunning food and wine stops. **So many memorable experiences** and you even managed the weather gods for our surprise helicopter ride over the NE vineyards, what a day that was. **Cathi, you are such a fabulous facilitator**, leaving us with amazing memories and fantastic friendships, thank you!”

– Rob Pryce-Jones

“Thank you Travel Goddess for a great trip. **Loved Ireland! St Kilda in Scotland was special** and you even managed a wonderful weather!”

– Robert & Jan

“Cathi, **what a great trip!** Really appreciate all your planning **and surprises.**”

– Sincere thanks, Sally

“Thankyou for **another wonderful adventure, lots of fun and good people.** Looking forward to more.”

– Wendy

“My first and, hopefully not my last trip with the indomitable Cathi.

Thank you for **all your hard work prior to travel and special care.**
Thank you for all the **delightful surprises.**”

– Robyn N

“To our very dear friend Cathi, thank you so much for putting together such an amazing trip. **We couldn't think of a nicer person to spend a month with exploring some of the most beautiful places on earth.** Looking forward to many more travels with you.”

– Love and best wishes, Lyn & Laurie

“Thank you Cathi for a wonderful tour through the ages in Ireland, the Scottish Isles and Iceland. **Amazing places, fantastic experiences and great company.** This trip has **exceeded our expectations once again.**”

– Gen and Robert

“Dearest Cathi, many, many thanks for **another wonderful trip.** It was really enjoyable and **such good company.**”

– Phil & Sue

“So full of contrasts – **am loving this next adventure/magical tour.**”

– Rosie

“Many thanks for another wonderful trip. You have a **unique ability to find the most interesting places to visit.** Loved the trip & the company.”

– Helen & Doug

“Thank you Cathi for organising this amazing trip – we have done **so many different things and seen so much.**”

– David & Christine

“This week long tour **certainly lived up to its name.**

Our group was so fortunate to visit scenic sensations. Places we saw in a new light due to our assiduous, inventive leader, Cathi. We shared gastronomic delights, often in totally unique venues... gourmet heaven!

Each day brought **super, superior surprises** yet we always had our restful, contemplatory times. It was a wonderful experience. **We were SO lucky.**

We were safe & spoilt. Next trip... hopefully soon!!”

– Gae

“A typical of a tour organised by Cathi – **a thoughtful and well-planned itinerary which goes beyond the superficial**, but still leaves room for spontaneity, like finding a good cup of coffee, having a drink with the locals at a country pub or checking out the Little Blue Lake!

As is always the case with Cathi's tours, the emphasis was on enjoying local produce and the quality of the included meals was exceptional.

The tour included **a number of unique offerings which could not otherwise be experienced.**”

– Wendy



BENEFITS OF AN ESCORTED GROUP

Being part of our premium, escorted group means you leave home with an experienced, personal tour escort. Not only this but you will be with someone who understands the travel industry, as Cathi has worked in retail travel for more than 35 years. You will travel with a local group of like-minded people (who you meet before we go, at our pre-tour get together(s)), who are great company and

understandably excited about the adventure ahead. Along the way you will meet new friends and enjoy the peace of mind of travelling in a professionally organised group.

Best of all, you will want to come back for more! Your holiday memories will last a lifetime and you will benefit from Cathi's expertise in crafting a unique experience that avoids the obvious and goes “above and beyond”.

“You connect us, giving us extraordinary experiences which remain as special friendships & unique memories.”

TOUR INFORMATION

TOUR PRICE

TWIN SHARE

\$25,980* per person

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

\$5800* per person (very limited availability).

While this pricing is current as of August 2024, fluctuating fuel surcharges, fees and/or taxes may result in an increased cost.

Your Tour Escort: **Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove** at Andrew Jones Travel in Hobart

Phone: (03) 6215 8704 or email: cathi@ajtravel.com.au

BOOKINGS

For bookings, contact **Cathi (details above)** or your favourite consultant at **Andrew Jones Travel in Hobart or Launceston:**

HOBART Level 1, 61 Salamanca Place, Hobart 7000

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LAUNCESTON 44 Charles Street, Launceston 7250

Phone: (03) 6215 8798 • Email: launceston@ajtravel.com.au

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TOUR PAYMENTS A non-refundable deposit of \$2,000 is due within 7 days of booking. An interim payment of \$3,500 is due no later than Friday 20 September 2024. Full payment is due no later than Wednesday 22 January 2025.

In the event of cancellation, all monies are non-refundable. Should the tour be cancelled for any reason associated to Covid-19 it is important to note the operators involved will not generally offer refunds. Andrew Jones Travel is committed to securing travel credits and therefore the tour will be postponed to a future date. Travel Insurance is compulsory and will cover some Covid-19 related scenarios. Please request a copy of the Product Disclosure Statement provided by the insurer from your consultant.

CANCELLATIONS Tour payments are strictly non-refundable. Cancellation fees may also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the tour. Notice of all cancellations must be made in writing to Andrew Jones Travel on or before final payment due date. Loss of payment: After final payment due date: 100% of total price. Cancellation fees also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the holiday.

Andrew Jones Travel and the carriers, accommodations, and other suppliers providing tour services shall all be known as the 'Operators' and reserve the right to cancel or re-schedule any vacation departure. If cancellation is made prior to departure of the tour, the only responsibility of the Operators will be to refund to the passenger the amount we have received for the reservation. We will try to re-book the same holiday with a different departure date, or a similar tour. Where the Operators have confirmed flights, we will try to confirm air seats for the selected new dates, subject to availability. The Operators cannot assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements.

REVISION FEES A fee of \$150 per transaction will be charged for any alteration or revision made to a reservation, plus any additional costs from Operators. Airline penalties may also apply. A change to traveller name, holiday date or tour itinerary at any time will be treated as a cancellation and new reservation; standard cancellation fees apply.

PARTICIPATION For the benefit of everyone on your holiday, the Operators reserve the right to accept or reject any person as a holiday participant, and to remove from the tour any participant whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interests of the other participants.

TRAVEL FITNESS All tour participants must be able to walk a minimum of 2km over uneven ground, handle their own luggage including carrying up and down flights of stairs if necessary, and be in a position to board and alight transportation without assistance. If guests are unable to fulfill these requirements individually, an accompanying travelling companion must accompany travellers to provide direct assistance with these requirements throughout the trip.

TRAVELLERS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE You must report any disability requiring special attention to Andrew Jones

INCLUSIONS

- Tour Escort: Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove;
- Breakfast daily along with another meal on most days
- All admissions
- All transfers in a private vehicle
- Gratuities included
- Economy airfares ex Hobart
- Local Guides where applicable

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Meals other than mentioned;
- Drinks with meals (tea, coffee and juice included with breakfast only);
- Laundry, telephone calls, WiFi usage, beverages not specified, and other expenditure of a personal nature;
- Portage of luggage and any services other than mentioned;
- Travel insurance;
- Tips for any service instigated by you.



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Travel at the time the reservation is made. The Operators will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled travellers, but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so, nor is it responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers. Most transportation services, including the touring motor coach, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour participant for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers who need such assistance, and must assume total responsibility for the disabled participant's well-being. Motorised scooters are unsuitable for the tour described in this brochure.

SMOKING Smoking is not allowed on transportation or accommodations.

PRICE GUARANTEE Air tickets booked via Andrew Jones Travel are guaranteed when we receive full payment. This does not include any Government/airport tax increases and currency fluctuations. Prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a room. Single room supplements are listed where applicable.

ACCOMMODATIONS The accommodations listed in this brochure are intended to be used on this departure; however, if a change becomes necessary for any reason, the accommodations substituted will be equivalent in standard to those shown. Every effort is made to reserve your preferred room request. It may occasionally happen that an accommodation provides some double-bedded or twin-bedded rooms, as room configuration is at the discretion of individual hotels. Please note that accommodation check-in times vary worldwide. Paying for a single supplement ensures own room, not necessarily a twin bedded room.

Accommodation throughout this tour will be variable in style and standards, however we have secured the best options available in the areas we will visit.

The Tour Escort's decision is final, and check-in to all hotels will be the responsibility of your Tour Escort.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE Portage including airport portage at beginning and end of the vacation is not included. Due to limited coach capacity, this single bag should have dimensions not exceeding 76x53x28cm (30x21x11"). We regret we are unable to accept a second suitcase, or any luggage exceeding these limits. Please talk to your agent for baggage weight restrictions. We recommend you consult your air carrier as size and weight limitations vary from airline to airline and even according to destination, and are becoming more restrictive. The Operators are not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers. Regulations within most airports require that travellers handle their own luggage through customs.

Your carry-on bag should not exceed the dimensions of 30x28x14cm (12x11x6"). For safety reasons wheeled carry-on bags are not suitable as hand luggage on motor coaches and mini-buses.

No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the tour participant's belongings. Baggage insurance is recommended.

DINING A restaurant or date of a dinner may be substituted at any time due to reasons beyond the Operators' control.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE Any airport taxes payable directly at an airport; items mentioned in these conditions and the "What's Not Included" Tour Information section.

This tour includes a Tour Escort subject to minimum numbers but not guided by a Tour Director. We will meet with local guides wherever possible.

HOLIDAYS AND RESTRICTIONS During local or national holidays, or due to mandated restrictions (such as Covid-19), certain itinerary features and facilities such as museums and restaurants, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered whenever possible.

SAFETY Please be aware that during your participation in vacations operated by the Operators, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including, but not limited to, the hazards of travelling in undeveloped areas; travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of transportation; the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. The Operators will not have liability regarding provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. It is understood that the Operators will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken.

TRAVEL INSURANCE is compulsory and passengers must take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise (including, but not limited to cancellation fees, loss of luggage, early return following death of a relative as defined in the respective proposal forms). The Operators will not be held liable for any act of government, terrorism, revolution or other act. The Operators reserve the right to cancel the tour at any stage due to an act of government or terrorism.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS All passengers must have a valid passport with at least 6 months validity from return date. It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure any applicable visas for all countries visited have been obtained prior to departure. Failure to obtain correct documentation will mean the passenger will be unable to participate in particular shore excursions and may be denied boarding and/or entry into certain countries. Meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and costs, including vaccinations, is the sole responsibility of passengers.

* Conditions apply. Price is per person, twin share or as stated. Price is correct at time of publication (August 2024) but may fluctuate due to changes in taxes, charges, airfare, surcharges and currency. Price is ex Hobart and does not include airfares except as shown. Price does not include taxes imposed directly by third parties. Tour is subject to availability and terms and conditions as listed. Minimum tour numbers apply. A service fee and credit card surcharge will apply. Images used throughout this brochure are representative of the destinations only, and may not depict your precise tour experience. Base map artwork provided by vemaps.com.