

*The Who Knows*



## **The Who Knows barge cruises**

### **"Recipe for the perfect Vacation"**

*"Start with the beautifully tailored Burgundian landscape with its tranquile rolling pastures, copious forests and Historic beauties. Add the companionship of two of the nicest hosts one could wish for, Dawn and Jason. Toss in fine food, great wine and excellent accomodation. Mix well in a sleek barge floating gracefully down a quiet canal, mercifully detached from the outside world. Serve graciously to all those lucky enough to come aboard the WHO KNOWS."*

Dan Hurwitz (passenger from July 18th 2008)



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## Discover the barge & crew



The Who Knows' name is a literal translation of the Dutch "Wie Zalt Weten". Built in 1930 in Holland, she was used for ferrying grain, stone, wood and other dry cargo all over Europe.

The barge was laid up in the centre of Paris for 17 years, where she was owned and lived on by the famous American actor/writer [Sterling Hayden](#).

The **Who Knows** later returned to Holland where she was bought by Paul Taneyhill and then totally refitted in a reputable Dutch shipping town. Decorated in traditional dark wood paneling and brass finishings, she is one of the finest examples of classic yachts on the French waterways.

In August of 2004 the Who Knows was purchased by Jason Ashcroft and Dawn Coles. Dawn is a graduate of the prestigious Concord Hotel and Restaurant Management Scheme. Following in her mother's footsteps as a professional chef she applies her skills to delight customers everyday. Dawn's attention to detail ensures that the barge runs as smooth as clockwork. Jason graduated from the famous "Ecole du Hotelier" on the shores of Lac Lemman, Switzerland. After running hotels, restaurants, night clubs and bars in Switzerland, England and East Africa, he finally settled down in France where his skills as a wine enthusiast, gourmand and professional bilingual tour guide have come into their own and as Barge Captain, Jason is one half of a highly successful and professional team. Jason and Dawn are perfect hosts for you to experience...



## France as it should be seen !

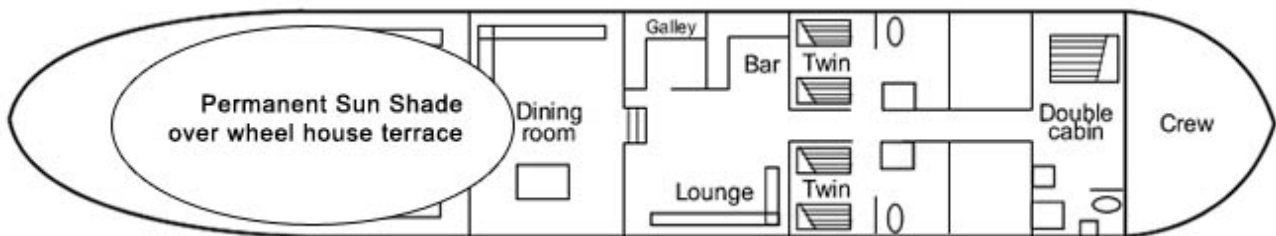
We invite you to come and experience the unique joy of cruising the historic canals of France. Being Owner operated ensures the client has full control of their vacation. For example due to customer feedback our cruise starts outside of Dijon. Doing this misses out on the industrial areas and gets you into the peace and quiet of the French countryside. It also means that we pass through the Pouilly tunnel, a truly memorable experience and one of the only hotel barges to do this due to her sleek shape and classic lines. Dawn and I have worked extensively on the Who Knows since we bought her. She now has three comfortable en-suite cabins. Each en-suite has a hand basin with vanity unit, toilet and large showers.

With the inclusion of air conditioning in the cabins they are the perfect accommodation for your week aboard. In addition to this we have also renovated the living room, putting in comfortable seating, library and music. Outside, we have transformed the barge with the inclusion of a 30m2 stainless steel canopy as a permanent sun shade over the wheel house sun terrace. We have done this without losing the charm of the old yacht style teak and hardwood interior. Together with the well stocked bar and second outside sun terrace for enjoying the summer sun and amazing scenery, the Who Knows is the perfect way to see unspoilt France.

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## Layout of the barge



The cabins provide the comfort and charm for your cruise



A view of an en-suite bathroom

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The inside of the barge has a real nautical atmosphere with dark hardwoods and brass

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## Culinary delights of Burgundy and the Who Knows



Burgundy is world renowned for gourmet French cuisine and grand wines. A vacation aboard the Who Knows will allow you to experience the very best offered by Burgundy and France.

A highlight of each day will be the lavish meals you will indulge in both on board and ashore, allowing you to taste France first hand. We have refined our itinerary based upon 10 years of experience and customer feedback, resulting in our half-board and full-board options.

During our full-board weeks we will take you out to various restaurants along the route, ranging from a traditional workman's lunch through to the gastronomic excellence of French haute cuisine.



However Dawn will cater to your every need whilst aboard and you will be truly stunned at the food she produces from her small but adequate galley kitchen.

Those who choose the half board option will enjoy the adventure of dining ashore once a day, either lunch or dinner depending on where we are, in carefully chosen restaurants along the route. Jason, Dawn and many of their previous guests have put together a collection of unique restaurants that will not break the bank but will truly be memorable for their cuisine surrounding and French style. Jason is at your disposal for your transportation to and from the restaurant leaving you to be immersed in real France.

With food must come wine... Drawing from France's varied selection of wines, your cruise will offer you the perfect opportunity to sample, compare and enjoy the excellent wines that represent Burgundy and many of France's wine producing

regions. As a wine enthusiast and trained sommelier, Jason loves to show his guests the vineyards and has met quite a few characters in his time in Burgundy. Jason has also found the best vineyards and wine houses where there is no obligation to buy, so you can relax in the knowledge that if you just want to taste, that's all you have to do.



## Sample cruise itinerary on the Burgundy canal

### From Gisse sur Ouche to Pont Royal



#### **Sunday**

Meet at Dijon train station arrivals hall at 4pm. Transfer to the Who Knows for Champagne welcome. Time to settle in before dinner on board.

#### **Monday**

After breakfast you set sail and head upstream towards Pont d'Ouche. Today is all about cruising with plenty of opportunity to cycle and walk along the tow-path, exploring the small villages along the route or just sitting on the deck and watching Burgundy glide by. The Ouche valley is noted for its steep sided tree lined dense deciduous forest, wild boar, deer and birds of prey.

The sedate pace continues through the afternoon and we climb through several locks to our destination of Pont d'Ouche our mooring for the night. Its name comes from the canals aqua duct that crosses over the river Ouche and the valley opens out into a wide pastoral scene that France is so famous for.



#### **Tuesday**

This Morning Jason will drive you into the wine district of the cotes du Nuits. First Jason will do a guided visit of the famous Cistercian winery of the Clos du Vougeot, home to the "Knights of the round table of wine tasting". We then venture into the vineyards for a discussion on the vine, grape and strict growing conditions of Burgundy's AOC, before doing a wine tasting.

In the afternoon Jason and Dawn cast off and you set sail for Vandanesse en Auxoise this relaxing cruise takes the barge through several locks, giving you plenty of opportunity to walk or cycle along the tow-path. Our mooring at Vandanesse is in the shadow of Chateauneuf-en-Auxoise, classified as one of the prettiest villages in France. You can not help but be impressed by the view, truly memorable.

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## Wednesday

After breakfast Jason will drive you to Beaune, the capital of wine production in Burgundy. Jason will do a guided visit of the world famous Hospice du Beaune built in 1443.

In the afternoon Jason takes you to Patriarche Pere et Fils, the famous wine cellars in Beaune where his extensive knowledge of wines comes into play to guide you through the cellars and tastings. With over 4 million bottles at any one time in their underground caves that cover over 4 acres you will not go short for a drop or two, this is an extensive tasting ranging from the simple to the illustrious.

A leisurely drive back through the countryside returns you to the barge.



## Thursday

This morning Jason drives you the short distance up to Châteauneuf to do a guided visit of this impressive fortified castle with its commanding views of the canal and surrounding area. Behind the château is a fantastic village, surprisingly small considering the obvious importance of the château.

In the afternoon we set sail and head for the summit pound, where we prepare the barge to travel through the Pouilly tunnel, a hugely impressive feat of engineering, built by British prisoner of war during the Napoleonic wars. Our transit takes us around 45 minutes and brings us out at Pouilly en Auxois our mooring for the night.



## Friday

On your final day aboard we revert back to the utter sublime joy of pure barging. From the summit pound at Pouilly, we descend 12 locks in quick succession as we once again head into the Burgundian countryside, with ample opportunities to walk and cycle by the barge.

In the afternoon we spend several relaxing hours lazily gliding through the valley floor to our destination of Pont Royal where the Who Knows moors up and the reflection of a wonderful week can begin.

## Saturday

After breakfast Jason will drive you back to Dijon train station, for your onward journey. With memories and pictures that will last a lifetime.

*Depending on starting point the itinerary may run in the opposite way*



## 2010 cruise dates on the Burgundy Canal from Gissesey to Pont Royal

April 18 – April 24	June 27 - July 3	September 5 - September 11
April 25 - May 1	July 4 - July 10	September 12 - September 18
May 2 - May 8	June 11 - July 17	September 19 - September 25
May 9 - May 15	June 18 - July 24	September 26 - October 2
May 16 - May 22	July 25 - July 31	October 3 - October 9
May 23 - May 29	August 1 - August 7	October 10 - October 16
May 30 - June 5	August 8 - August 14	October 17 - October 23
June 6 - June 12	August 15 - August 21	October 24 - October 30
June 13 - June 19	August 22 - August 28	
June 20 - June 26	August 29 - September 4	

All prices quoted are in Euro  
(the rates can be converted into other currencies at the time of booking).

If you have any special dietary concerns, special occasions to celebrate or requests, simply let us know at the time of reservation.

For a reservation, a 20% non-refundable deposit is required, with the balance being paid at least 90 days prior to the cruise date. No refunds unless the reservation is resold. Clients are strongly recommended to take out Insurance (including cruise cancellation insurance at the time of booking) for themselves and their belongings.



## Full board cruise

Number of people	Price in Euro
2	7,000 €
3	8,500 €
4	9,600 €
5	12,000 €
6	14,000 €

### Included in the cruise

Seven days and six nights on the barge with use of 3 cabins and private bathrooms from 1600hrs Sunday until 0930hrs on the following Saturday.

Pick up and drop of is at Dijon train station or at a pre-arranged hotel in or around Dijon.  
 All meals with wines during the week.  
 All wines and open bar aboard the barge.  
 All escorted excursions included in the program.  
 Use of six bicycles (helmets not included)

### Not included :

Travel costs to and from the agreed meeting point before and after the cruise.

Travel and cancellation insurance.

## Half board cruise

Number of people	Price in Euro
2	6000 €
3	6,500 €
4	7,000 €
5	8,000 €
6	10,000 €

### Included in the cruise

Seven days and six nights on the barge with use of 3 cabins and private bathrooms from 1600hrs Sunday until 0930hrs on the following Saturday.

Pick up and drop of is at Dijon train station or at a pre-arranged hotel in or around Dijon.  
 Dinner on the barge on the 1st evening.  
 All breakfasts and one other meal each day.  
 All transport to and from restaurants where needed.  
 All wines and open bar aboard the barge.  
 All escorted excursions included in the program.  
 Use of six bicycles (helmets not included)

### Not included:

One meal each day (lunch or dinner) taken ashore at customers expense.

Travel costs to and from the agreed meeting point before and after the cruise.

Travel and cancellation insurance.



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## Terms and Conditions of Booking

### The Contract

The contract is between the client and Who Knows Limited, known hereafter as 'the Company'. The 'client' includes any person included or designated in any booking whether named or not. Any dispute arising from the booking agreement is to be settled in the English Courts of Law.

### Payment Schedule

Reservations will be confirmed upon receipt of the completed and signed booking form and a non-refundable deposit of 20% of the cruise price. This will be confirmed by a Confirmation Invoice. The balance then falls due 90 days pre-cruise. Your booking will then be confirmed by a Final Statement. Where deposits or funds are held by a Travel or Barge Agent these monies are held by the Agent for the Company. If any payment is not received from an Agent when due, the Company may cancel the booking and the following cancellation terms will apply.

### Cancellation by Client

If a booking is cancelled more than 90 days pre-cruise the deposit will be forfeited. If a booking is cancelled WITHIN 90 days of the cruise, the cancellation fees shown below will apply. However, if space is resold this may be refundable if, and only at the rate, the cancelled accommodation is resold.

Days prior to cruise when written confirmation of cancellation received	Percentage of Cruise Price Payable	
	Charter Booking	Individual Cabins
Up to 90 days	Deposit Forfeit	Deposit Forfeit
After 90 days	100%	100%

### Cancellation by the Company

If the Company does not receive the balance of the cruise price by 90 days before the cruise date, the Company reserves the right to treat the booking as cancelled and to retain the full deposit. The Company reserves the right to cancel any booking, if through circumstances beyond its control it is impossible to provide the cruise, in which case an alternative may be offered or any sums received will be returned in full, but the client shall have no further claim against the Company.

### Insurance

Insurance against death, personal accident, injury or illness and loss, damage or theft of personal effects is not included in the holiday price and no responsibility will be accepted by the company for such accidents or losses unless, and to the extent that, loss or damage is proved to have been caused by the negligence of the company, in which case the liability of the company shall be limited to the price paid for the holiday.

### Responsibilities of the Company

The company shall not be liable for any loss damage, injury or delay, including travel delays due to bad weather, industrial action or any other reason beyond its control, incurred by the client before the start of, or during the cruise.

The company cannot accept responsibility for delays caused by water way repairs, flood, drought or untoward events and reserves the right to vary or restrict a cruise. In such an event every effort will be made to re-route the craft and alert the client to any such alterations but the client shall have no claim upon the company. The client shall have no claim upon the company as a result of any breakdown or failure of the barge engine or other equipment or any delays caused by repairs to the barge. If a cruise is curtailed, payments received, of amounts proportional to the un-expired portion of a cruise, will be refunded, but no further claim can be made.

The Company reserves the right to cancel any cruise or portion thereof at any time, on refund of the appropriate amount paid by any cruise participant and to change any cruise route due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control without any liability to any cruise participant.

### Release

Each cruise participant (including any person designated in any booking, whether named or not) declares that he/she is of good general health. Each such cruise participant, in consideration of the Company or its Agent booking him/her on a cruise and the common carriers or providers of transportation or other services by contract or otherwise, with, through, or for the Company (collectively, the 'Contractors') or their agents accepting him/her on that cruise, on behalf of himself/herself and his/her heirs, legal representatives executors and assigns, hereby releases the Company, the Contractors, and their respective agents from, and agrees to indemnify and hold each of them harmless against, any and all liabilities, costs and expenses (including attorney's fees and costs of litigation) which they may jointly or severally incur to such participant his heirs, legal representatives and assigns, in respect of any claim, suit or cause of action on account of any injury or damage to or in respect of person or property alleged to have been sustained by him/her directly or indirectly, as result of his/her participation in the cruise, including without limitation damage in connection with (i) any transportation, accommodation or other services; (ii) any loss caused by any act or omission of any employee, servant or agent of any of them providing goods or services to any cruise participant; and (iii) any additional expenses or damages sustained by any cruise participant as a result of the foregoing causes.

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I have read and understand the Who Knows Limited - Terms and Conditions of Booking. These booking terms and conditions, which form an integral part of this contract, have been accepted. I confirm that I accept the prices quoted, and that I am authorised to accept these and the Terms and Conditions of Booking on behalf of all persons named in this booking.