

# REDISCOVER THE LOIRE, THE LONGEST RIVER IN FRANCE



## HIGHLIGHTS

**Unlimited complimentary onboard beverages**, including beer, fine wine, spirits, mineral bottled water, soft drinks specialty coffees and tea.  
All meals onboard for Superb French Cuisine  
**Farewell Gala dinner**

**Free WiFi with Complimentary Samsung Galaxy Tablet** for guests' use

Captain Welcome and Farewell cocktail Reception

Assistance from our onboard multi-lingual host/hostess

Entertainment: on board professional entertainment

**All port fees**

**Ship innovative design**

**First time cruises on the Loire**

**CroisiEurope is leader in Loire river cruising**

**Rediscover the Loire, the longest river in France**

- The landscapes and castles of the Loire
- Saumur and the Cadre Noir
- Nantes - a real journey through time
- Saint Nazaire, a town on the sea
- Angers, capital of the Anjou region
- The wines of the Loire (the Muscadet wine route)

NANTES - SAINT-NAZAIRE - ANCENIS - Angers - The Châteaux of the Loire Valley - SAUMUR - BOUCHEMAINE - ANCENIS - NANTES

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**7 nights/8 days from \*\$2912.00 p.p.**

### DAY 1: NANTES

Board in **Nantes** between 6 pm and 7 pm. Check into cabins. Welcome cocktail in the lounge bar and introduction to the crew. Dinner this evening is followed by a welcome party on board. **Cruise excursion along the Erdre**, "the prettiest river in France" according to Francis I. Discover the history of this river and its many castles as you cruise along.

### DAY 2: NANTES - ST NAZAIRE

After buffet breakfast on board, set off on a **guided visit of Nantes**. You will walk along the little streets in Bouffay (the medieval quarter), through to the beautiful and flamboyant Gothic Cathedral of St Peter and St Paul. Next you will visit Feydeau Island. Then you will have a discovery tour of the new shopping areas which began to appear in the 19th century around the Graslin Theatre and the famous "Passage Pommeraye" shopping mall. The tour then continues to the **Castle of the Dukes of Brittany**. Return on board for lunch. The afternoon is spent cruising to St Nazaire, where we arrive during the evening. Dinner on board is followed by an evening of music and dancing. Overnight stop.

### DAY 3: SAINT NAZAIRE - ANCENIS

After buffet breakfast on board, set off by coach from Nantes for a tour of **Saint Nazaire**, a town on the sea. We begin with a visit of **Escal'Atlantic**, which retraces the story of the two great liners (the Normandie and the France) in a quite ingenious way, using real film footage and actual artefacts, mixed with some special effects. The afternoon is spent cruising to Ancenis. Entertainment on board. Overnight stop in Ancenis.

### DAY 4: ANCENIS - BOUCHEMAINE

After buffet breakfast on board, set off on an **excursion along the Muscadet Wine Route**, passing through several villages where there is much evidence of the importance of wine production in this region.

Continue the tour to **La Chapelle Heulin** and stop at the Chateau Cassemichère (or similar). Return on board for lunch and the cruise continues to Bouchemaine where we arrive during the evening. After dinner on board, there is an evening of entertainment provided by the crew. Overnight stop.

### DAY 5: Angers

After buffet breakfast on board, set off for a **tour of the town of Angers**. Capital of the Anjou region. The afternoon will be spent on a visit to the **Cadre Noir**<sup>(1)</sup> and the town of Saumur. Dinner on board is followed by an evening of music and dancing. Overnight stop.

### DAY 6: BOUCHEMAINE - CASTLES OF THE LOIRE

After buffet breakfast on board, the entire day is spent on an **excursion to visit the Castles of the Loire Valley**. Return on board for dinner. Entertainment on board. Overnight stop.

### DAY 7: BOUCHEMAINE - ANCENIS - NANTES

Buffet breakfast on board. **Excursion along the Angevine Corniche**. Set off by coach towards the **Loire Angevine** levee road. Along this route there are many wonderful views of the great river and it is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A tasting of Anjou wines follows. We rejoin the ship at **ANCENIS** in time for lunch. This afternoon is spent cruising the Loire: along its banks you can see a wonderful natural garden which has been shaped by the river over the centuries. Arrival in **Nantes** during the evening. Gala dinner on board followed by an evening of music and dancing. Overnight stop.

### DAY 8: NANTES

Buffet breakfast on board. Disembark at 10.00 am. End of our services.



MS Loire Princesse



## RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION:

Ref.: NHH\_PP - \*2017 pricing on select sailings per person based on double occupancy, capacity controlled.

(1) Guided tours do not guarantee the presence of the eucyres or the horses in training, especially when the Cadre Noir riders are away or at competitions.