



Barge Specifics



Former purpose:	Ex French cargo carrier
Year of construction:	1930
Dimensions:	128ft (39m) x 16ft 6" (5.1m)
Year converted into a hotel barge:	1976
Barge completely refurbished:	2023
Generators:	2 x 220 volt generators
Main engine:	DAF 185 HP
Maximum speed:	10 knots
Water & fuel capacity:	8.8 tons of water & 5 tons of fuel

Your crew on board

Crew of 5:	Captain/Pilot, Tour Guide/ Deckhand, Chef, Housekeeper & Host/ess.
Nationality of crew:	Mainly British, speaking both English & French.

Accommodation on board

Maximum 8 passengers / 4 suites

All suites can be configured with either 2 single beds or 1 king-size bed.

Each Suite has a large & stylish en-suite bathroom with shower, his and her wash basins and WC. The bathrooms have fully tiled floors and walls. All are supplied with washing gel, hand soap, shampoo, towels, bathrobes, slippers and hair dryer.

There are portholes in each of the suites. They can be opened, but not while cruising.

Guest washroom on saloon level.

Cabin Sizes

Jeroboam Suite (stern) precise measurements to follow but equating to approx. 230 ft² including ensuite. Jeroboam has 3 portholes in the cabin and no porthole in the bathroom.

Methuselah Suite (mid) equating to approx. 190 ft² including ensuite.

Methuselah has 1 porthole in the cabin and 1 porthole in the bathroom.

Salmanazar Suite (mid) equating to approx. 200 ft² including ensuite.

Salmanazar has 1 porthole in the cabin and 1 porthole in the bathroom.

Balthazar Suite (bow) equating to approx. 220 ft² including ensuite.

Balthazar has 2 portholes in the cabin and 1 porthole in the bathroom.

Bathrooms: are en-suite. The bathroom measurements are included in the suite sizes detailed above.

Ceiling height: 1.95-1.98m

All sizes are approximate.

Size of the beds:

As singles the beds are 0.9m x 2m

As king beds 1.8m x 2m

Climate Control

Each Suite has individually controlled Air Conditioning and Central Heating.

Computer and Telephone

Complimentary Wi-Fi is available on board for guests bringing their own appliances. Connectivity can be limited in remote locations.

There is no passenger telephone on Kir Royale.

Currency

The local currency in France is the Euro.

We are unable to accept credit or debit cards on board.

Cycling & Walking

You are welcome to walk or cycle using the on-board bicycles as often as you wish. Most guests choose to disembark the barge at a lock and visit local villages, returning to the canal and meeting the barge a little further along. The barge travels at a slow speed therefore catching up is not a problem. Our Biking Plus program offers circular routes to follow.

Dining Room & Saloon

The Saloon is a wonderful place to relax. It is very spacious, light & airy, and has been the subject of a complete refit with bespoke furniture. There is a fully stocked bar which is open 24/7, a piano and a separate dining area with table seating 8 guests.

There are 11 steps from the saloon down to the cabin level.

Electricity

The barge is wired for 220 and 240 volts but not 110 volts. We suggest you bring an adapter for your particular

appliance, which corresponds to the standard French two-pin plugs. If you wish to use your electrical appliance on board, please speak to a crew member on arrival to ensure it is suitable for the barge's electrical system.

European Waterways cannot be held responsible for unforeseen voltage fluctuations which sometimes occur when swapping from one voltage system to another.

Excursions

The Kir Royale barge minibus is a 9-seater (including driver) air-conditioned long wheelbase Mercedes Sprinter. It is used for transfers and excursions during your cruise.

For charter bookings, the itinerary can be adapted to suit your group's particular needs. If a destination or excursion is within a reasonable distance of the barge, we will do everything we can to arrange it. Please speak with our Reservations team in advance of your cruise and we can pre-arrange with the Captain.

Any guests not wishing to participate in an excursion are welcome to remain on the barge.

Facilities on board

- 5 person spa pool (hot tub)
- 8 Bicycles (See Cycling & Walking)
- A small library of books and maps
- A collection of board games
- Fishing rods
- Nordic walking sticks (on request)
- Bose Hi-fi system with an iPod docking station and radio. There is a selection of CDs.
- Guest devices can be connected to the Hi-Fi system
- TV/DVD player in the saloon

Food & Drink

All meals on board are freshly prepared by your chef and most meals are a set-menu (there is no choice available). International & regional French cuisine is served

We are able to arrange special meals, e.g. vegetarian / no fish / vegan etc, and we are able to cater for any preferences or allergies. However, it is most important that we are notified of any specific requirements at least 8 weeks prior to your departure date. Failure to notify European Waterways in advance of your cruise may result in disappointment on board.

There is no assigned seating for meals and the dining room on board Kir Royale accommodates all guests at a single sitting.

Breakfast: Your day on Kir Royale starts with a wholesome and balanced variety of breakfast foods, along with fresh breads & pastries, freshly-squeezed orange juice and hot beverages.

Lunch: is usually a casual meal, bistro style, with refreshing salads or soups depending on the season, followed by local specialities and a selection of cheese or dessert, and accompanied by a selection of quality wines. Occasionally a buffet meal or a picnic will be proposed as an alternative.

Dinner: Always a gastronomic adventure created by your talented chef. A taste of regional cuisine by candlelight, complemented by fine wines, followed by a selection of regional cheeses, coffee and liqueurs.

Captain's farewell dinner is held on the last night of your cruise. Guests may choose to dress slightly more formal.

Drinks included in the cruise price: Non-alcoholic beverages and regular or decaffeinated tea and coffee, whole or low fat milk, are offered with all meals. The well-stocked bar is open 24 hours, which includes wines, spirits, beers & soft drinks. All wines are provided with meals and there is a Champagne welcome on arrival.

Drinks not included in the cruise price: Some Champagnes (with the exception of the Captain's reception) and special vintage wines, however these can be purchased in advance of your cruise at cost price – please speak to our reservation team. We do not recommend specific beverage orders unless you are chartering the whole barge.

Hot Air Ballooning

Please contact our reservations team well in advance of your cruise if you wish to book, this is a popular activity and it is often too late to book during the week of your cruise.

Flights usually last between 1 and 1½ hours and are weather dependent. The cost is approximately 250 Euros per person. You will need to contract and pay the balloon company directly on the day of the flight (they do accept credit cards).

Laundry

We recommend you bring sufficient clean clothing for your cruise as there are no laundry facilities on board. However, the crew may be able to assist in an emergency on a request basis.

Luggage / What to pack

Please try and fit everything for your cruise into one reasonably sized suitcase per person. Soft bags are preferable. There is only enough space on the barge transfer bus for up to 8 suitcases and 8 pieces of hand luggage.

Practical comfort and casual clothing is the norm aboard Kir Royale and for most excursions. The dress code for dinner is relaxed and informal. For the Captain's Farewell Dinner on the final evening, guests often dress-up, which is optional.

The weather in Champagne is generally warm. The weather is hottest in June, July, and August when temperatures

often reach the mid 30's°C / upper 80's°F.

Suggested things to pack:

- Light clothing including shorts and T-shirts. A sweater or lightweight jacket is recommended for evenings and the air-conditioned interiors.
- During spring and autumn, you may need medium weight clothing. A lightweight raincoat for showery times would be advisable.
- In summer, a sun hat can be useful.
- Comfortable walking shoes with textured non-slip soles are recommended.
- Kir Royale has a spa pool so don't forget your swimwear. Towels are provided.

Medical

Please let us know in advance of your cruise if you require frequent or ongoing medical attention.

The crew are unable to administer medicines but can accompany you to a chemist for you to purchase any necessary medicines. Due to your cruise often being in a rural location, we recommend you bring all necessary medication with you.

Doctors are usually not far away for an urgent consultation and the Emergency Services can be called if required.

Problem during your Cruise

If you have a problem during your cruise, please give us the immediate opportunity to make things right. Please bring any concern to the private attention of your Captain who will often be able to solve any issue immediately.

Restricted Mobility

Please let us know in advance of your cruise if you have a physical disability and require any assistance. Our barges are generally not suitable for passengers with significant mobility problems or disabilities. If in doubt, please consult our Customer Service team.

Kir Royale has a gangplank to the deck level from the bank of the canal with handrails. There are no steps from the deck to the saloon but there are 12 steps between the saloon & the lower deck and the cabins.

Wheelchairs cannot be used on-board and can only be used to help get round on excursions where the ground is suitable. If you would like to hire a wheelchair to be available for your arrival, please notify our Reservations team at least 8 weeks before departure. The small hire charge should be paid directly to the barge Captain on arrival and is approximately 100 Euros.

Safety and Security

Once you are on board, your Captain will talk you through the Cruise Safety Procedures. Safety Instructions are detailed on the last page of this document.

Please note that European Waterways cannot be responsible for any valuables that you bring on board. We strongly recommend that you do not bring valuables with you unless required and that you ensure that all valuables are covered by your travel insurance.

Safes are provided in each cabin on board but cabin doors are not usually locked for safety reasons.

Smoking

We have a strict non-smoking policy for safety reasons and for the comfort of your fellow passengers.

If you would like to smoke, we request that you do so outside or on the deck away from fellow passengers.

Sundeck

There are 3 outdoor sundecks - the forward deck with heated spa pool; the aft deck which is partially covered for outdoor dining; and the upper sundeck accessible via an outside staircase. There are also 8 reclining chairs. Exact dimensions to be confirmed.

Themed Cruises

Please contact our Reservations team for more details. Special interest cruises often incur a supplement

Tipping

A service charge is not included in the cruise fare. Tipping is entirely discretionary but is greatly appreciated by the crew if you would like to acknowledge the standard of service provided. As a guideline, the recommended industry standard is between 5 and 10% of the cruise fare if you are fully satisfied with the service you have received.

The usual way to tip is to give the amount as one lump sum in cash to the Captain / Cruise Director on the last day of the cruise. He/she will distribute the amount equally amongst the crew.

Euros or Dollars are equally appreciated. ATMs are accessible for cash withdrawal on most itineraries during the cruise and the crew can advise where these are located.

If you have any questions on the above, please speak to the Captain.

Transfers

For details of the Kir Royale vehicle, please see "Excursions". The approximate transfer duration between Paris & Kir Royale is 2 or 2.5 hours depending on the cruise direction.

Water

Tap water in France and on board Kir Royale is potable and bottled water is available.

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