



# European WATERWAYS

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Alsace-Lorraine and Holland.  
Cruises aboard 'Panache'

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# FRANCE & HOLLAND

ALSACE-LORRAINE'S UNIQUE BLEND OF CULTURES & THE COLOURFUL TULIP FIELDS OF HOLLAND



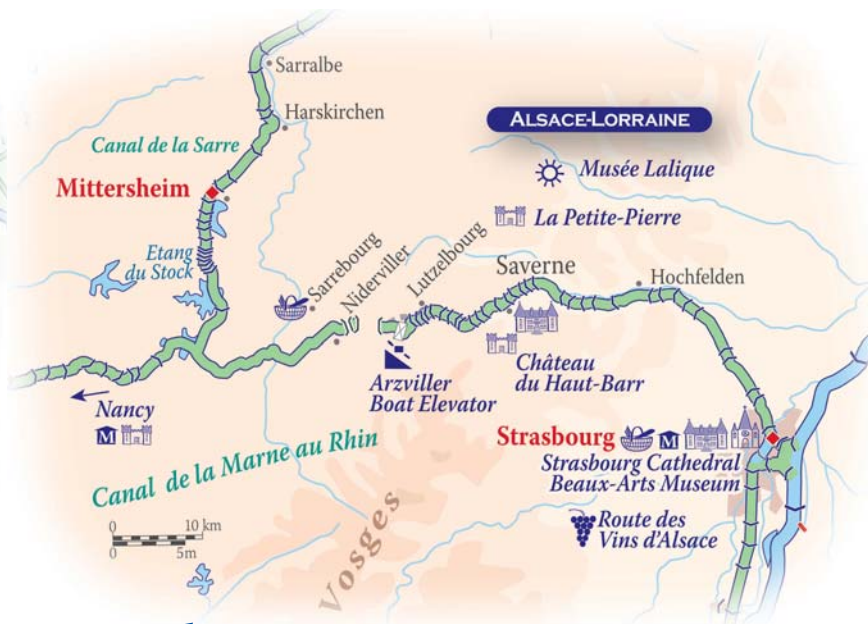
Colourful Alsace © C.Fleith

## CRUISE FRANCE & HOLLAND

Aboard the 12 passenger Panache

The season begins with Spring "Tulip Cruises" in Holland where you will experience a full kaleidoscope of colours as Panache cruises through the tulip fields. There will also be visits to the spectacular Keukenhof Gardens, the world famous porcelain pottery at Delft, the cheese centre of Gouda and in 2012 the Floriade. Then in the summer, the barge moves to the beautiful waterways of Alsace-Lorraine, a region in Eastern France with a unique mix of French and German cultures, Baroque and Romanesque architecture, storybook hamlets and wonderful white wines.

Panache is a stylish twelve passenger hotel barge, with spacious public areas and six comfortable double or twin en suite cabins. All the bathrooms have twin sinks and oversized showers with massage jets. There are panoramic windows in the saloon and the barge has been fitted out in traditional yacht style with brass and mahogany fittings. A large sundeck and spa pool complete the picture.



*The Best of Both Worlds...in Style*



# PANACHE

## ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

SIX NIGHTS

### Holland Tulip Cruise - Spring Haarlem to Haarlem

- Visit the fascinating Aalsmeer flower auction
- Walk through spectacular Keukenhof Gardens with the largest display of flowers in the world
- Cruise past bulb fields at their glorious best
- Explore the pretty town of Delft and visit the world famous pottery to see the porcelain being hand-made and painted
- Visit the Ketel One distillery in Schiedam, founded over 300 years ago and renowned for its exclusive pot-stilled vodka
- Tour of Holland's cheese centre, Gouda and enjoy a private cheese tasting
- Visit historic Haarlem, home to the Frans Hals Museum and its collection of Old Masters
- Visit the unique Floriade World Horticultural Expo in Venlo (optional excursion in 2012)

### Alsace-Lorraine Cruise - Summer Strasbourg to Mittersheim

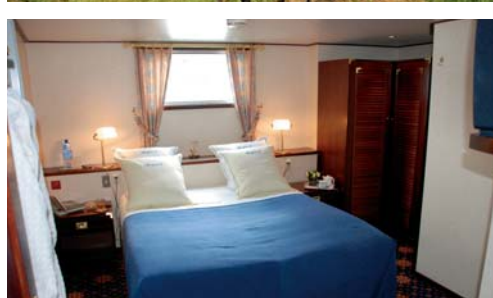
- Tour the beautiful city of Strasbourg, including the 12thC Gothic cathedral and Beaux Arts Museum
- Explore the narrow streets of Saverne with its picturesque half-timbered houses
- Enjoy a scenic drive into the rolling Vosges hills on the Route des Vins, with a private tasting of some fine Alsace wines
- Visit the 11thC Château du Haut Barr, one of the finest castles in Alsace and enjoy a gourmet lunch overlooking the Valley of the Zorn
- Experience an ascent of the hillside aboard Panache in the unique Arzvillers boat elevator
- Enjoy a candlelit meal as you cruise through a mountain tunnel
- Visit the mountaintop village of La Petite Pierre and its medieval castle fortified by the personal engineer of Louis XIV, Marechal Vauban
- Discover the artistry of René Lalique in a collection of over 500 exquisite pieces of jewellery and glassware
- Visit Nancy, ancient capital of Lorraine and tour the Baroque Place Stanislas, one of the grandest in all of France, and the Musee de l'Ecole

### Other 'one-off' cruises also available in late Spring / early Summer:

Belgium and Picardy; Picardy and Paris, Paris and Champagne. Full details on request or visit our website.



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## TYPICAL CUISINE ABOARD REGIONAL SPECIALITIES

Braised Veal in Red Wine Sauce; Poached Trout au Bleu; Sea Bass with Cucumber and Smoked Eel; Roasted Duck à l'Alsacienne

### CHEESE BOARD

Gouda; Leyden; Maasdam; Brokkel Ould; Brie de Meaux; Munster; Tomme Fermier d'Alsace

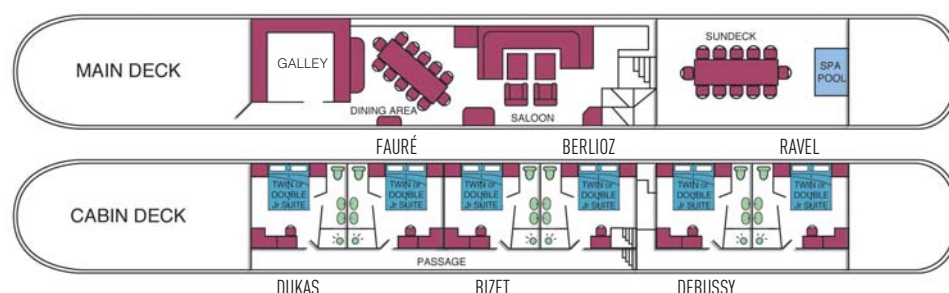
## A SMALL SELECTION OF THE WINES SERVED ABOARD

- Florimont Riesling
- Sylvaner Cuvée Réserve
- Château Gaillard
- Gewurztraminer Reboltz, Fraz
- Domaines Schlumberger Pinot Gris
- Muscat d'Alsace
- Chablis Premier Cru

## WHAT IS INCLUDED

A 6 night cruise aboard Panache includes accommodation in air-conditioned, en suite cabins, all gourmet meals aboard and ashore, fine wines, a champagne welcome, an all day open bar, all excursions and admittance fees, local transfers and, of course, the services of the experienced crew.

### DECK PLAN



- 128 FEET LONG
- 12 PASSENGERS
- 6 CREW
- 6 TWIN/DOUBLE JUNIOR SUITES
- OVERSIZE SHOWERS/TWIN SINKS
- AIR-CONDITIONED
- CENTRALLY HEATED
- SUN DECK
- SPA POOL
- SATELLITE TV/DVD IN EACH CABIN
- PIANO
- WiFi (subject to local reception)
- 12 TOURING BIKES, 1 TANDEM
- 2 AIR-CONDITIONED MINIBUSES
- TELESCOPE





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