

# Enjoy a cruise of French rivers and gardens

28 June 2018, 8-night River Cruise from £1,199pp



Join **David Hurrión**, *Gardeners' World* Associate Editor, on this exclusive tour of some of the most beautiful gardens in France

ALL  
INCLUSIVE  
DRINKS  
PACKAGE\*

Bordeaux

## INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- ✦ 8-night cruise aboard Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' MS Braemar
- ✦ En-suite accommodation with television, safe and air-conditioning
- ✦ All-inclusive drinks package\*
- ✦ Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, five-course à la carte dinner, late-night buffet and self-service tea and coffee, in-cabin sandwiches and snacks
- ✦ Varied daytime activities
- ✦ Swimming pools, jacuzzi and gym
- ✦ Choice of live evening entertainment, including dancing and cabaret shows
- ✦ Overnight stays on board Braemar in Rouen and Bordeaux
- ✦ Two formal dinners
- ✦ Drinks get-together
- ✦ Baggage portorage to your cabin



Monet's house and garden, Giverny



Parc botanique de Cornouaille

## YOUR ITINERARY

- ✦ **Thursday 28 June Southampton** Join Braemar in Southampton, settle in to your quarters and get ready for your evening dinner and entertainment.
- ✦ **Friday 29 June Rouen and exclusive garden visit** Join your fellow gardeners today for the guided tour of **Claude Monet's House and Gardens, Giverny**.
- ✦ **Saturday 30 June Seine River** Make sure you're on deck in the morning as the Braemar

leaves Rouen behind and cruises for more than 60 nautical miles along the winding, picturesque Seine River. This beautiful waterway showcases close-up views of the landscapes of rural France.

**Exclusive drinks party** Join your host, David Hurrión, for drinks before dinner.

✦ **Sunday 1 July Cruising and exclusive talk** Join David for an illustrated talk followed by a Q&A session.

- ✦ **Monday 2 July Bordeaux and exclusive garden visit** Admire the view as you sail in to the heart of Bordeaux this morning. Today's visit is to the **Jardin botanique de Bordeaux** and there is also time to explore this beautiful city.
- ✦ **Tuesday 3 July Gironde and Garonne Rivers** Late morning we say farewell to Bordeaux and cruise along the Gironde and Garonne rivers
- ✦ **Exclusive gardeners' get-together** with David Hurrión.
- ✦ **Wednesday 4 July Lorient, France** Exclusive garden visit. From the port of Lorient we will journey to the charming city of Quimper and visit the **Parc botanique de Cornouaille**.
- ✦ **Thursday 5 July Cruising and David Hurrión's Masterclass** David gives a gardening masterclass, showing you how to get creative with your containers.
- ✦ **Friday 6 July** Set off for home and arrive at Southampton.



Jardin botanique de Bordeaux

## GARDEN HIGHLIGHTS

### Join us on...

a **delightful cruise** along the Gironde, Garonne and Seine rivers that are only accessible to smaller ships such as Braemar. Enjoy relaxing journeys along meandering waterways, offering scenic cruising through beautiful French countryside, as you head to charming ports such as Bordeaux, Rouen and Lorient.

- Monet's house and garden
- Exclusive visits to the botanical gardens of Bordeaux and Cornouaille
- Exclusive on board programme including David Hurrión's 'Masterclass'
- Exclusive Gardeners' Question Time
- All-inclusive drinks package

### MONET'S HOUSE AND GARDEN

In 1883, Claude Monet moved into his house in Giverny and created a beautiful flower garden, with rare varieties, flowering climbers and colourful beds. In 1893 he bought neighbouring meadowland and, inspired by landscapes on Japanese prints, he diverted the River Ru into the meadow to form the Water Garden – one of the most famous gardens in the world.

### JARDIN BOTANIQUE DE BORDEAUX

Offering striking views of the old city, this garden has six different sections, including a well-designed water garden and an arboretum.

### PARC BOTANIQUE DE CORNOUAILLE

Also known as the Cornwall Botanical Park, this features an arboretum with an abundance of rare trees and shrubs. Summer highlights include hydrangeas and a water garden.

### YOUR HOST DAVID HURRIÓN



*BBC Gardeners' World Magazine's* Associate Editor, David Hurrión, has more than 30 years' experience as a professional horticulturist and teacher. Join him for his talk on *How to make the most of your garden's microclimate* and his practical Masterclass.

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