

Chocolate Cruises

The Elisabeth La Chocolate Cruise for Wine lovers and Chocoholics

The theme for spring this year is wines and chocolate.
From our visits to tastings and demonstrations we
hope to surprise you.

April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2008

Saturday, Day 1 TANLEY Pick up in Paris at 2pm. Drive to the Elisabeth moored in the delightful chateau village of Tanlay. Settle in after a champagne reception and maybe take a stroll around the village. **We start our chocolate week with tonight's dessert.**

Sunday, Day 2 TANLEY / ANCY LE FRANC This morning we will cruise to Ancy le Franc where we will visit the chateau, beautifully restored and a real delight to visit. **Back on board a wine tasting of the local tonneroise wines is in order.**

Monday, Day 3 ANCY LE FRANC / RAVIERRE Today's cruise is to Ravierres and here we will depart for a **pleasant drive through the villages to Chablis for our wine tasting and a visit to the chocolaterie to hear the history of and taste the chocolate Pillars of Chablis.** Back to the barge via medieval Noyer, one of the top five prettiest villages of France.

Tuesday, Day 4 RAVIERRE / MONTBARD Today starts with a leisurely cruise to Montbard. **From here we will go to Eppoisse for a cheese visit and a wine tasting. For those that are interested we can arrange a cooking demonstration today.** Back to Elisabeth for dinner and our **second chocolate dessert.**

Wednesday, Day 5 MONTBARD / VENERAY LES LAUMES This morning we will start to notice the climb up the valley to Veneray les Laumes. The cruising just gets prettier as we go. Our visit this afternoon is to The Abbay de Fontenay, a Unesco world heritage site. This wonderful abbey is the last complete cistercian monastery left in France. Tranquility and beauty describe it perfectly. **Back at Elisabeth our chef will give a demonstration on the making of tiny chocolate petit fours.**

Thursday, Day 6 VENERAY LES LAUMES / POUILLENAY Our last cruise takes us to Pouillenay, a climb up and fabulous views over the countryside. We finish our week with a lunch in the village of Flavigny (**WHERE THE CHOCOLAT was made**) and a walking tour of the village. From here we will drive the short distance to Alesia to see the site of the last great battle between the Romans and the Gauls. The roman ruins and amphitheatre date back to 345bc. Returning to Elisabeth in time for a rest before Captains dinner and our last chocolate fest.

Friday, Day 7 POUILLENAY / PARIS This morning we drive you back to Paris after breakfast. We hope you have enjoyed your cruise aboard the Elisabeth.

\$4100 per person or \$21,000 for 6 passenger charter

Rate includes: 6 night cruise, all meals, wine with meals, open bar and all sightseeing and activities as described above.

Chocolate & Tulips on the 5* Peter Deilmann Casanova

May 3 - 10, 2008

May 3, Saturday, Arrival AMSTERDAM / ROTTERDAM
Arrival at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport where you will be met and start your tour from Schiphol airport to Palace Het Loo. Your tour will include lunch, as well as a **visit to the Puccini chocolate shop in Amsterdam.**

May 4, Sunday, ROTTERDAM / DORDRECHT
Enjoy a morning excursion to Rotterdam and Delft. Return back to the ship for lunch and the departure of the ship toward Dordrecht where you will enjoy a tour of 19 windmills in Kinderdijk.

May 5, Monday, DORDRECHT / MIDDELBURG / GHENT
Morning cruising to Middleburg. **Morning chocolate and wine tasting.** Arrive Middleburg at 12 noon. Afternoon free time or **OPTIONAL Afternoon Tour.**

May 6, Tuesday, GHENT / ANTWERP
Full day tour of Bruges' culinary delights. **BRUGES, A GOURMET WALK IN THE MEDIEVAL CITY**
You will discover a Bruges that few visitors take the time to discover: From the chapels to the busy docks, from the mansions to the great churches, we will follow the trace of those who made Bruges great. **Tour will include lunch, chocolate making demonstration and tasting as well as sampling of "Lace Cookies."**

May 7, Wednesday, ANTWERP / MAASTRICHT
SPECIAL FULL DAY TOUR OF THE DELIGHTS OF BRUSSELS.
Enjoy the unique experience: of a very special "**hot chocolate**" made at the XVIIIth century way with spices and several kind of sugar. Visit the original old-fashioned **Neuhaus** shop in the glass-domed XIXth century 'Galeries St. Hubert', Europe's first shopping arcade. On and on, the chocolate shops beckon: royal suppliers **Galler** and **Mary**; avant-garde **Planete Chocolat**; truffle-specialist **Elisabeth**; and best-value-per-price **Leonidas.**

Walking in the historical heart, the "speculoss" Dandoy, the "sea food market" and our popular "caricole", the Brussels prouids and Belgium waffles will be also part of your experience. So let's enter our chocolate world! **Tour includes lunch, chocolate tasting as well as cookies.**

May 8, Thursday, MAASTRICHT / AMSTERDAM
Arrive in Maastricht in the morning. Take a stroll through the historic part of town, where you see the central market, the city hall ("Stadthuis"), the thermal spa, and other regionally typical historical buildings. **During the afternoon on board enjoy a cooking demonstration from the ship's chef.**

May 9, Friday, AMSTERDAM
Morning tour of Amsterdam on a circular boat tour of the canals, to see the intriguing spots of this city from a new perspective. The tour is by public boat. Afternoon tour to Keukenhof Gardens.

May 10, Saturday, AMSTERDAM
Transfer to Amsterdam airport for flights home.

Upper Deck cabin \$3184 double / \$3984 single

Lower Deck cabin \$2754 double / \$3394 single

Rate includes: 7 night cruise, On board cooking lesson, On board chocolate and wine tasting, All meals including wine with dinner, Full day culinary tour of Bruges including lunch, Full day culinary tour of Brussels including lunch, All activities and regional excursions (see detailed itinerary)