

TravelManagers take the Back-Roads

BACK-ROADS Touring recently hosted six personal travel managers (PTMs) from TravelManagers Australia on their Burgundy Cruise barge tour travelling from Paris to Besancon and stopping at Dijon, Petit Ouges, Saint Jean De Losne, Dole and Renchot.

The trip was escorted by Back-Roads Touring business development manager Karen Nelson, who took great pleasure in educating her guests on the Back-Roads difference and immersing them in the beauty of France and Le Canal de Bourgogne.

Guests were transported around the canals in the purpose-built hotel boat *Jeanine*, which boasts one of the most modern interior fit outs on the waterways, despite its traditional-looking exterior. The leisurely paced itinerary provided the perfect amount of time to relax and explore, and the group even had time to do a surprise excursion to the walled town of Beaune – a real highlight for the PTMs. The pièce de résistance of the tour was a culinary experience provided on board *Jeanine*, which the group described as a floating French restaurant. Free flowing champagne, three course lunches and dinners and daily presentations on French cheeses kept the group in the highest of spirits.

Voted the Best Small Coach Holiday provider in the 2015 and 2016 British Travel Awards, Back-Roads Touring specialises in small group touring across the UK and Europe. Offering a maximum group size of 18 on coach tours, and 20 on barge tours, Back-Roads explores the scenic back roads, with charming local accommodation and authentic local experiences. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.



TAKING time out while exploring Longecourt-en-Plaine, back from left, Jason Smith, Peter Carmichael, and Michelle Michael-Pecora, and front, Maria Miller, Karen Nelson, Francis Lee and Kristina Acevski.



THE TravelManagers team strikes a pose in Besancon, along with some Back-Roads Touring passengers.



ENJOYING a dip in the spa on board *Jeanine*, Jason Smith, Kristina Acevski & Michelle Michael-Pecora.



OUTSIDE the fortified wall in the city of Besancon, Peter Carmichael, Karen Nelson, Maria Miller, Kristina Acevski, Jason Smith, Michelle Michael-Pecora and Janice Lee.



THE group's home for the tour - the *Jeanine*.



JANICE Lee heads out cycling along the canal at Foucherans.



AT AN old Roman-French well near Dijon, Janice Lee, Jason Smith, Michelle Michael-Pecora, Karen Nelson, Kristina Acevski, Maria Miller and Peter Carmichael.