



## Treasures of Burgundy and Provence: Rhône & Saône

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8 Days

Enjoy this uniquely beautiful cruise along the French rivers Rhône and Saône. Experience picturesque villages, world famous wine regions such as the Côte d'Or, unforgettable stretches of land in the regions of Provence and Burgundy, and impressive views of historic cities and monuments.

Food, wine, art, architecture, scenery and history - it all comes together in glorious harmony in the South of France.

Traveling in comfort and style the Roman emperors would have envied, you'll find yourself falling under the timeless spell of southern France on a journey that is nothing less than "magnifique"!



# Itinerary

## DAY 1 LYON

### WELCOME DINNER

Embark this afternoon and make yourself comfortable in your cabin, which will be your luxurious home for the coming week. In the evening, join fellow travelers for a Welcome Cocktail and delectable Welcome Dinner.

Stay Lyon

Departure at 10:00pm



## DAY 2

### MACON

#### WINEGROWING REGION MACONNAIS & BEAUJOLAIS

In the morning, your ship arrives in Mâcon, located in southern Burgundy. With a history stretching back more than 2,000 years, Mâcon is an architectural treasure trove and a gateway to the vineyards of the Côte Mâconnais. This historic wine region produces some of the finest and most expensive wines in the world. Enjoy a guided tour and admire the peaceful vineyards of the Beaujolais and Mâconnais wine regions. Enjoy dinner on board in the evening.

Stay Macon

6:00am - 6:00pm

Excursions

Tour the Village of Fleure and wine tasting at Chateau Portier in Domaine du Moulin-a-Vent



## DAY 3

### CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

### TOURNUS

#### TASTING OF THE FAMOUS BURGUNDY WINES

Continue exploring the Burgundy wine region in Chalon-sur-Saône, where half-timbered houses overlook a square teeming with art galleries and specialty shops. Enjoy a scenic drive through the Burgundy wine route on the morning tour. Your bus will stop in Beaune, the wine capital of Burgundy, where you will see the beautiful Hôtel-Dieu and enjoy a wine tasting at one of Beaune's famous cellars. After lunch on board, unwind and admire the scenery as the vessel continues along the Saône or, alternatively, join the afternoon excursion, which departs from Chalon-sur-Saône overland for the medieval towns of Brançon and Cormatin. The Château de Cormatin is a beautiful castle with magnificent French gardens. It was built in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century with the aim to impress; it still succeeds today. Rejoin your vessel in time for dinner on board.

#### Stay Chalon-sur-Saône

1:00am - 2:30pm

#### Excursions

#### Beaune and the Burgundy

Excursion to Hotel Dier Beaune & Caves Patriarches for wine tasting in the morning

Excursion to Cormatin Castle and Tour of Goat Farm in the afternnon

#### Stay Tournus

5:30pm - 6:30pm



## DAY 4

### LYON

#### OLD TOWN VIEUX LYON, PART OF THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE

Today your AMADEUS vessel returns to Lyon, which is known not only for its architectural beauty but also for its gastronomic excellence. On the guided tour, discover this UNESCO World Heritage site with its most famous landmarks including the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière and the charming Renaissance Vieux Lyon (Old Lyon), or join the excursion to the covered food market of Paul Bocuse and sample the local delicacies. At midday, the ship leaves Lyon and glides past picturesque countryside vistas, heading southward.

#### Stay Lyon

7:00am - 12:00pm

#### Excursions

Lyon - France's Culinary Capital





## DAY 5

### AVIGNON

#### PAPAL PALACE & AQUEDUCT OF PONT DU GARD

Spend the day exploring the Provençal city of Avignon and discovering its momentous history. In the morning, take part in a guided walking tour of Avignon, the seat of the Catholic popes from 1309 to 1377. Admire the grand Palace of the Popes, one of the world's most fascinating examples of Gothic architecture and the Pont d'Avignon. After lunch, join the excursion to the hilltop town of Uzès and to the Pont du Gard, a Roman aqueduct and great masterpiece of engineering. In the evening, dinner is followed by entertainment by a gypsy band. Your cruise ship remains in Avignon overnight.

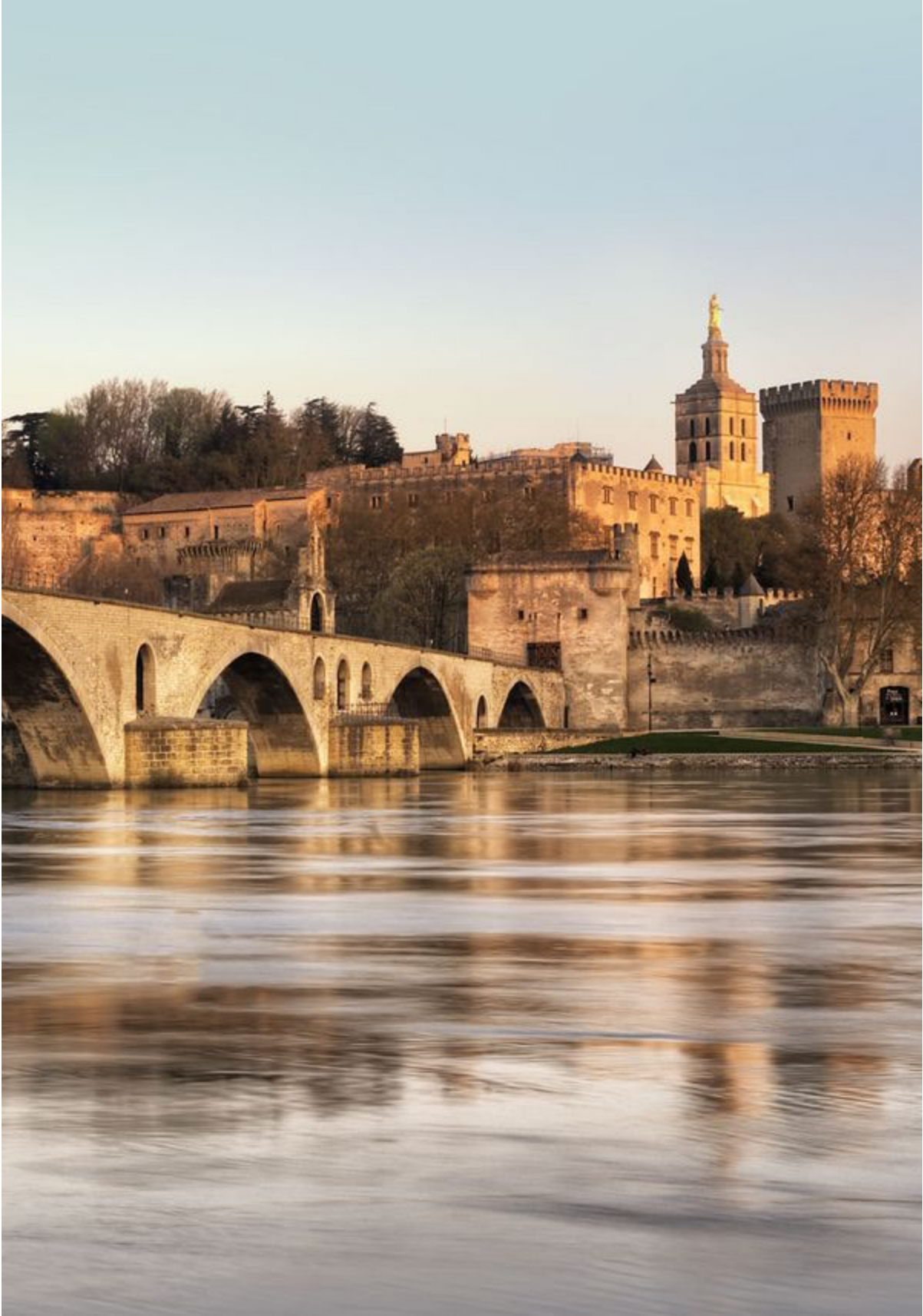
#### Stay Avignon

9:00am - 7:00pm

#### Excursions

Baguette making class and Avignon Centre tour in the morning

Heart of the Vineyards bike ride through Chateauneuf-du-Pape and wine tasting in the afternoon.



## DAY 6

### ARLES

#### CAMARGUE NATURE PARK WITH FAMOUS HORSES

The ship will leave Avignon early in the morning and make its way to Arles, which once captured the imagination of the brilliant Impressionist painter, Vincent van Gogh. Old Arles is a delight to wander in and explore. Learn more about its rich history during the morning tour including a visit to the Arena.

After a full day in Arles, your vessel will continue cruising the Rhône River.

#### Stay Arles

12:01am - 6:30pm



## DAY 7

### CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-RHÔNE

#### LE POUZIN

#### VISIT TO THE ARDECHE GORGE, THE 'GRAND CANYON OF EUROPE'

You can choose to spend a day on board or join a morning guided tour the Ardèche Gorge, another natural wonder of this area. Visit the “Grand Canyon of Europe,” where spectacular limestone cliffs tower over the meandering river below. France is a leading producer of black truffles, so the alternative is an exploration of the world of truffles with a visit and tasting to a local truffle farm. Rejoin the vessel in the small town of Le Pouzin in time for lunch.

This afternoon, relax on board as your ship makes its way back up the waterways of the Provence. This evening, celebrate your cruise experience at the Captain's Gala Dinner.

#### Stay Châteauneuf-du-Rhône

4:00am - 8:30am

#### Excursions

Excursion to Village of Grignan and Truffle Farm Experience (by bus from Châteauneuf-du-Rhône to Le Pouzin) in the morning

#### Stay Le Pouzin

12:30pm - 2:00pm



DAY 8

LYON

FAREWELL

After breakfast, your AMADEUS crew bids you “adieu” and we hope to see you again soon!

Stay Lyon

Arrival at 2:00am



We reserve the right to make amendments to the timetable and program