

Provence

Begin your journey in Mediterranean Arles, the city Vincent Van Gogh captured in many of his master pieces. Explore marvelous Avignon and cruise through beautiful wine growing regions where such famous wines as Beaujolais, Côte du Rhône and Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape are being produced. Then conclude your holiday in historic Lyon, which is situated at confluence of the Sône and Rhône rivers.

Daily Programme

Day	Destination	Activities
1	Arles	EMBARKATION Welcome Cocktail & Dinner
2	Arles	Les Baux; Olive Farm visit
	Arles	Walking tour
3	Avignon	Walking tour & Papal Palace OR Pont du Gard excursion
	Viviers	Grignan excursion
4	Viviers	Ghost walk
	Tournon	Winery visit & tasting
5	Tournon	Wine tasting & free time
	Vienne	City tour
6	Trévoux	Beaujolais excursion
7	Trévoux	Walking tour
	Lyon	City tour
8	Lyon	DISEMBARKATION

Includes:

- Escorted throughout by Sue Weir
- Return Travel by rail - Eurostar & TGV via Lille
- All shore excursions as listed in itinerary
- Unlimited quality wines with every evening meal
- Prepaid gratuities
- Port charges
- English speaking cruise director

FROM **£1995** pp

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Your Itinerary

DAY 1, ARRIVE IN ARLES
Arrive in Arles, where your ship awaits you. Tonight, gather together for the Cocktail Reception. (D)

DAY 2, ARLES – AVIGNON
This morning, travel by motor coach to the village of Les Baux. Enjoy the rich floral colors and amazing views from this village perched on the hill. You will also visit an olive farm. This afternoon bathe in the Provencal light as you imagine how Vincent Van Gogh worked to capture the richness of every hue on your walking tour of Arles. While Van Gogh's homes are no longer standing, you may glimpse the locales and vistas that inspired "Starry Night" or "Terrace de Café le Soir" as you pass Constantine's Baths, the Romanesque cathedral and the Roman amphitheater, which is still in use today. This evening cruise to nearby Avignon. (B,L,D)

DAY 3, AVIGNON-VIVIERS
Your morning tour of the "City of Popes" will take you through the narrow streets and elegant squares to the Papal Palace, which served as a fortress, a church and a residence to the Popes that once governed the Christian world. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy some scenic cruising to Viviers, arriving late this evening. After dinner, enjoy an evening "ghost walk" through the largely abandoned Medieval town that had once more than 30,000 inhabitants. The ship moors overnight in Viviers. (B,L,D)

DAY 4, VIVIERS - TOURNON
After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to Grignan, a charming hilltop village, dominated by a majestic castle. Grignan is a provincial gem and a tourist secret. The ship sails for Tournon during lunch and arrives in the early evening. You will enjoy a wine tasting in Tournon, where the ship moors overnight. (B,L,D)

DAY 5, TOURNON- BOUCIEU LE ROI - VIENNE
On this morning's adventure, you will get a personal look at a working farm located in the midst of the Ardèche Mountains, and then take a scenic tour of the valley's beautiful landscape. Enjoy a visit to Boucieu-le-Roi and its local market of handmade crafts, musical entertainment and wine tasting. Enjoy lunch back onboard the ship as we cruise to Vienne this afternoon. Situated between the wine regions of Burgundy and Beaujolais, Vienne, like Lyon has a significant Roman history, which is highlighted by its marvelously preserved ruins and remains. (B,L,D)

DAY 6, VIENNE- TREVOUX
During this morning, take a mini train ride and see the 1st-century Roman Temple of Augustus, and the Medieval churches of St. Andre-Le-Bas and Abbey St. Pierre, before we cruise on to Trévoux, passing through Lyon to the Saône River. This evening, stroll along the sidewalk cafés of this rural walking town. (B,L,D)

DAY 7, TREVOUX - LYON
After breakfast, your city tour takes you behind the village walls of Trévoux and through Beaujolais, the Pays D'Or, or "land of the golden stones" so named for the ochre limestone of its homes and castles. Enjoy a visit with a local wine maker along "la route du vin" and sample the world renowned Beaujolais Nouveau. Return to the ship for lunch as you sail to Lyon. Lyon not only marks the meeting of the Saône and Rhône rivers, but it is also the gastronomic capital of France. Its rich ancient history includes Roman ruins and early Christian sites. For those not continuing on to Paris, you will disembark for a city tour of Lyon, while others have the evening at leisure. (B,L,D)

DAY 8, DEPART LYON
Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

