



RIVERSIDE RAVEL

ROUTES & EXPERIENCES 2025



ONE OF YOUR BEST MEMORIES
IS JUST AHEAD.



RIVERSIDE RAVEL PASSING VIVIERS

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THE RHÔNE

THE RESOLUTE SAÔNE

Flowing 300 miles from the Vosges mountains, the Saône is the quintessential French waterway. Both gentle and genteel, it ambles past poplar forests, moors, and vineyards, grazing Charolais cattle, and colorful villages where residents sip café au lait in centuries-old squares. Also dotting the Saône's environs are countless churches, both august and humble, giving the river an almost biblical feel. Christianity was – and is – still very present here. One of its strongest bastions was in pretty Cluny in the 10th century, when the village's Benedictine abbey was granted rare freedom from local authority. It became the most prestigious monastic institution in Europe and the world's largest church (until completion of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, but that's another story). Yet even with a grand credential such as this, the Saône today remains a smaller, quieter river. Not quite a fleuve, according to the French, but a rivière ...

ELEGANT AND GRACEFUL.



BENEDICTINE ABBEY IN CLUNY

THE ALLURING RHÔNE

From its glacial source in the Swiss Alps to its final rush into the Mediterranean Sea, the Rhône courses over 500 miles, finally dividing in the South of France and creating the Camargue, Western Europe's largest river delta. Its landscape is a dream, flowing through some of France's most beautiful regions – Burgundy, Rhône-Alpes, and into Provence. Enchanting cities such as Arles and Avignon line its banks, beavers and river otters reside in its wetlands, and its arms cradle its delta, where flamingos strut through salt lakes and wild horses roam freely. As important as majestic, over the centuries the Rhône has served as a waterway where wine was transported in the Middle Ages as well as olive oil and marble from Italy. In 2003, the river's ancient past revealed itself just a little more as six small, 1st-century ships were discovered during construction work in Lyon. Today, the Rhône has become a special place for epicures and those who appreciate fresh breezes with hints of lavender and herbs ...

TRUE SAVOIR VIVRE.



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENTS

INCLUSIVE IN YOUR PACKAGE



DOMAINE DE PANÉRY

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Escape into the magnificent Rhône Valley and experience an unrivaled world of flavors and peaceful, South-of-France ambiance. Atmospheric live music welcomes you to the Domaine de Panéry winery, where a fascinating visit of the breathtaking estate includes the wine cave and details about the award-winning products created here: organic reds, whites, and rosés, and cold-pressed, organic Arbequina, Picholine, Arbosana, and Koroneiki olive oils. Enjoy a tasting of the wines surrounded by the delightful gardens, vineyards, and olive orchards, then dine al fresco on an exquisite multi-course dinner featuring dishes composed from the freshest seasonal ingredients – Aveyron cheeses, Provençal garden vegetables, tender meats from the Luberon region, fish right from the Mediterranean, and heavenly desserts.



WINE TASTING AT DOMAINE DE PANÉRY WINERY

WINE TASTING AT CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

When traversing the South of France, an encounter in legendary Châteauneuf-du-Pape is a must – and a tasting of the region's impeccable wines in an authentic wine cellar makes the experience truly unforgettable! Travel into the heart of the Rhône Valley, where the world-famous appellation's connection to the papacy began in the 14th century. Here, amidst the original château and its surrounding vineyards, you'll visit an esteemed domaine and learn about the stony terroir that produces the wines' distinguished flavors. Then, join a knowledgeable sommelier in the barrel-filled aging room for a tasting of four red and white Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines, expertly paired with an assortment of traditional French breads and cheeses.



CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE



VINEYARDS NEAR CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE



RIVERSIDE RAVEL

CRUISE DEPARTURES

SCENES OF SOUTHERN FRANCE WITH RHÔNE DELTA
AVIGNON TO AVIGNON – 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS
10 Apr, 24 Apr, 8 May, 22 May, 8 Jun, 22 Jun*, 6 Jul, 20 Jul, 3 Aug, 17 Aug, 31 Aug, 14 Sep, 28 Sep, 23 Oct, 6 Nov

BURGUNDY BLISS: LYON TO LYON
LYON TO LYON – 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS
1 Jun, 15 Jun, 29 Jun, 13 Jul, 27 Jul, 10 Aug, 24 Aug, 7 Sep, 21 Sep, 5 Oct

SNAPSHOT OF THE RHÔNE WITH CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE
LYON TO AVIGNON – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS
6 Apr, 20 Apr, 4 May, 18 May, 4 Jun, 18 Jun, 2 Jul*, 16 Jul, 30 Jul, 13 Aug, 27 Aug, 10 Sep, 24 Sep, 8 Oct, 19 Oct, 2 Nov

RHÔNE SAMPLER WITH AVIGNON & LYON
AVIGNON TO LYON – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS
11 Jun, 25 Jun*, 9 Jul, 23 Jul, 6 Aug, 20 Aug, 3 Sep, 17 Sep, 1 Oct

RHÔNE RHAPSODY WITH RHÔNE DELTA & CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE
AVIGNON TO LYON – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS
13 Apr, 27 Apr, 11 May, 25 May, 12 Oct, 26 Oct, 9 Nov

SOUTH OF FRANCE SOIRÉE WITH PONT DU GARD & RHÔNE DELTA
AVIGNON TO LYON – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS
8 Jun, 22 Jun*, 6 Jul, 20 Jul, 3 Aug, 17 Aug, 31 Aug, 14 Sep, 28 Sep

FRENCH SALUT: AVIGNON TO LYON
AVIGNON TO LYON – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS
11 Jun, 25 Jun*, 9 Jul, 23 Jul, 6 Aug, 20 Aug, 3 Sep, 17 Sep, 1 Oct

SOUTHERN FRANCE SOJOURN: LYON TO AVIGNON
LYON TO AVIGNON – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS
1 Jun, 15 Jun, 29 Jun*, 13 Jul, 27 Jul, 10 Aug, 24 Aug, 7 Sep, 21 Sep, 5 Oct

RHÔNE RIVER ROAMING WITH RHÔNE DELTA & PONT DU GARD
LYON TO AVIGNON – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS
6 Apr, 20 Apr, 4 May, 18 May, 4 Jun, 18 Jun, 2 Jul*, 16 Jul, 30 Jul, 13 Aug, 27 Aug, 10 Sep, 24 Sep, 19 Oct, 2 Nov

FRENCH FÊTE ON THE RHÔNE & SAÔNE
AVIGNON TO LYON – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS
25 May

RESPLENDENT RHÔNE & SAÔNE WITH RHÔNE DELTA AND PONT DU GARD
AVIGNON TO LYON – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS
8 Jun, 22 Jun*, 6 Jul, 20 Jul, 3 Aug, 17 Aug, 31 Aug, 14 Sep, 28 Sep

SOUTH OF FRANCE SAFARI WITH CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE
LYON TO AVIGNON – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS
1 Jun, 15 Jun, 29 Jun, 13 Jul, 27 Jul, 10 Aug, 24 Aug, 7 Sep, 21 Sep

* departure during lavender season

SCENES OF SOUTHERN FRANCE WITH RHÔNE DELTA

AVIGNON TO AVIGNON – 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



SAINT-BÉNÉZET BRIDGE, AVIGNON

From its glacial source in the Swiss Alps to its final rush into the sea, the Rhône River courses over 500 miles, finally dividing and creating Western Europe's largest river delta. On this fantastic 4-day luxury cruise, you'll come to appreciate just how majestic the ancient river truly is. Spend time in Van Gogh's beloved Arles, where you can visit a Roman amphitheater dating back to the 1st century AD, as well as the dramatic walled city of Avignon with its 14th-century castle fortress. Highlights include Tarascon Castle, the monumental Palace of the Popes in Avignon, and a delicious al fresco dinner on your ship's Vista Deck as you cruise through the breathtaking Rhône Delta. You'll also have loads of excursion choices with both active and leisurely ways to explore the fascinating Pont du Gard.

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Avignon	Day 3 – Tarascon/Avignon
Day 2 – Arles/Port-Saint-Louis/Rhône-Delta	Day 4 – Avignon

FRANCE

Rhône

Tarascon

Arles

Avignon

Camargue

Port-Saint-Louis

Rhône-Delta

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RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Escape into an unrivaled world of flavors and South-of-France ambiance at Domaine de Panéry winery. As atmospheric music welcomes you, tour the estate's wine cave to learn about the process behind its award-winning organic reds, whites, and rosés. Then, enjoy a tasting surrounded by the delightful gardens, vineyards, and olive groves, followed by a multi course Dinner.

DAY 1 – AVIGNON

Welcome to Avignon, one-time home to Europe's powerful 14th-century pontiffs. Embark the luxurious Riverside Ravel and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a short orientation of this fascinating city. The ship departs this evening – be sure to watch for the medieval arches of Saint-Bénézet Bridge, inspiration for the 16th-century song “Sur le pont d'Avignon”. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner.

DAY 2 – ARLES / RHÔNE DELTA SCENIC CRUISING

Today is dedicated to Arles' warm embrace – the very place where Vincent van Gogh spent more than a year capturing the beauty of the area on canvas. Your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions includes a guided walk that follows in the artist's footsteps, a tasting of the area's amazing wines, or a spectacular sound and light show. Outings are also available to Aix-en-Provence or the Camargue with its pink flamingos and wild horses. This evening, head up to the Vista Deck for unhindered views of the scenic Rhône Delta and a delicious al fresco dinner aboard one of the only river vessels that prepares and serves UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE AL Fresco Dinner on the top deck while cruising. Ship cruises overnight.

DAY 3 – TARASCON / AVIGNON

The pleasant Provençal town of Tarascon greets you early this morning. How about a guided tour of its medieval castle, whose dungeons once held prisoners doomed during the French Revolution? Or, maybe a walking tour with wine tasting or



FLAMINGOS IN THE CAMARGUE

eBiking to Avignon with a picnic en route! After lunch on the ship, return to Avignon for some wonderful RIVERSIDE CHOICE options at the 1st-century Roman aqueduct, Pont du Gard, including kayaking along the Gardon River below the monument. You can also remain in Avignon for an enjoyable eBiking tour – or head out on your own for some shopping. Tonight, your ship remains in port for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE cellar tour and tasting event followed by a multi course dinner at the beautiful Domaine de Panéry winery.

DAY 4 – AVIGNON

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Ravel and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



PONT DU GARD

BURGUNDY BLISS: LYON TO LYON

LYON TO LYON – 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



LYON

World-class wines, stylish châteaux, Roman architecture, unmatched gastronomy – the best of Burgundy is yours on this excitement-packed, 4-day escape. Begin and end in 2,000-year-old Lyon with its secret traboules (passageways) zig-zagging around the city and its hot, hot, hot reputation among foodies. While you’re here, treat your tastebuds to authentic Dijon mustard and beef Burgundy! Then, travel the Saône in Riverside luxury, encountering the stunning scenery of vineyard- and châteaux-dotted Mâcon; medieval Tournus; Chalon-sur-Saône with its half-timbered Old Town, where Saint-Vincent Square is a must-see highlight; and more. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you’ll also have the chance to personalize your cruise with excursions that introduce you to France’s amazing scenery in a fun and active way!

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Lyon

Day 2 – Mâcon/
Tournus

Day 3 – Chalon-sur-Saône

Day 4 – Lyon

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1 Jun, 15 Jun, 29 Jun, 13 Jul, 27 Jul,
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UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Uniquely Riverside features an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression – like an exclusive musical performance at a beautiful venue in Tournus, where the history and heart of southern France are revealed through the music.



CHÂTEAU DE CORMATIN

DAY 1 – LYON

Welcome to 2,000-year-old Lyon, France’s exciting gastronomic capital. Embark the luxurious Riverside Ravel and settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a guided stroll in the historical district. Later, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions at an onboard welcome dinner. Ship departs late and cruises through the night.

DAY 2 – MÂCON / TOURNUS

Relax with breakfast as you admire the beauty during your ship’s arrival into Mâcon. RIVERSIDE CHOICE lets you join the excursion you prefer – and you’ll find a full menu of options here: a guided walk through Old Town Mâcon or the quaint Burgundian village of Brancion; a visit to moated Château de Cormatin, one of Burgundy’s prettiest castles; the chance to hunt for (and then taste) genuine French truffles; or an active hike to Pouilly-Fuissé’s Rock of Solutrè or guided biking tour. This afternoon, arrive in Tournus in southern Burgundy for a guided stroll through its medieval Old Town filled with narrow alleyways, ancient stone houses, and the 10th-century Benedictine Abbey of Saint-Philibert. Along the way, stop and enjoy a special UNIQUELY RIVER-

SIDE event as local musicians treat you to a wonderful private performance. Back on your ship, an UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE Al Fresco Dinner is prepared and served up on the Vista Deck. Ship departs late and cruises overnight.

DAY 3 – CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

Rise and shine! Begin with breakfast and then it’s an exciting day in Chalon-sur-Saône, birthplace of photography and a place you’ll definitely want to have your camera! With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, a guided walk explores Chalon’s Old Town and regal cathedral – some parts of the structure date back to the 8th century! Other choices include an outing to Beaune along the Burgundy Wine Road for an exclusive tour, meal, and tasting of the region’s celebrated wines, or a bike ride into the Côte de Beaune for a beautiful afternoon wine tasting. Ship departs in the afternoon and cruises overnight.

DAY 4 – LYON

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Ravel and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

SNAPSHOT OF THE RHÔNE WITH CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

LYON TO AVIGNON – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



VIENNE

This exceptional 5-day luxury cruise is short, sweet, and utterly magnifique – the perfect introduction to the unforgettable South of France! Embark in Lyon with its secret passages and best-in-the-world foodie culture, and then cruise the river in total luxury aboard your Riverside ship. Experience ancient Vienne; Viviers, a tiny city with a big offering of wonderful excursions; the fine wines and chocolates of Tain l'Hermitage; and exquisite Châteauneuf-du-Pape with – what else? A wine tasting beyond compare! Enjoy special features galore as well as daily opportunities to personalize your cruise with the activities of your choice! With history, culture, fine French wines and cuisine, active pursuits, and nature at its stunning best, this popular getaway packs a mighty punch!

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Lyon

Day 2 – Vienne

Day 3 – Tain l'Hermitage

Day 4 – Viviers/ Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Day 5 – Avignon

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RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like an exclusive outing into the legendary Châteauneuf-du-Pape wine region. Travel into the heart of the scenic Rhône Valley for a VIP tour of a celebrated wine estate and the chance to learn about the stony terroir that produces the wines’ distinguished flavors. Then, join a sommelier for a curated tasting of several splendid Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines, expertly paired with traditional French cheeses and breads.

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DAY 2 – VIENNE

Your day begins with breakfast as you cruise toward Vienne, a city with a long history as a colony of the Roman Empire. With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can join a guided walk through the Old Town, featuring the 1st-century Gallo-Roman Temple, cathedral, and 13,000-spectator amphitheater, one of the largest in Gaul. Time at the Gallo-Roman Museum might also be interesting or the chance to see the sights from the seat of an eBike!

DAY 3 – TAIN L'HERMITAGE

Spend time today in Tain l'Hermitage, with a RIVERSIDE CHOICE of excursions. You might join a guided walk through neighboring Tournon to see its striking hilltop castle; visit whimsical Cheval Palace, the 19th-century creation of a simple postman who stumbled on a stone; or attend a tasting of rich French chocolate at

Valrhona. The ship departs by early afternoon, with many great ways to make the most of your time on board. You can take advantage of the Riverside Ravel's wonderful amenities, socialize with new friends, or maybe attend an enriching talk or mixology event!

DAY 4 – VIVIERS / CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Arrive early in tiny Viviers for some big RIVERSIDE CHOICE experiences! How about a truffle-hunting lesson and visit of 17th-century Château Grignon; a guided hike through the Ardèche Gorge; or a prehistoric cave art encounter at Chauvet Cave 2, the world's largest cave replica? Later, reboard your ship for a fun onboard food and wine tasting with an informative and entertaining local expert. Then, arrive in Châteauneuf-du-Pape for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE tasting of the region's famous wines. Hear how historical popes were associated with the famous appellation, and how the wines are created with notes of berries, plums, and earthy spices. Ship remains in port overnight.

DAY 5 – AVIGNON

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Ravel and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel. Flights must depart Marseille after 10 am.



CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

RHÔNE SAMPLER WITH AVIGNON & LYON

AVIGNON TO LYON – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



AERIAL VIEW OF CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Sublime scenery, riveting history, superb wines in the very environments where they were crafted – this 5-day luxury cruise is an outstanding foray into the South of France. Embark in the dramatic walled city of Avignon with its 14th-century castle fortress, and end in the foodie paradise of Lyon, where the Saône and Rhône Rivers converge. Along the way are incomparable Châteauneuf-du-Pape; Viviers for truffle-hunting lessons and a prehistoric cave art encounter; the decadent chocolates of Tain l'Hermitage; an unforgettable wine experience that takes you right into the heart of the Beaujolais wine region; and countless other activities and sights. You can also select active sightseeing, like eBiking around Lyon or hiking in the Ardèche Gorge, Europe's Grand Canyon!

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Avignon/
Châteauneuf-
du-Pape

Day 2 – Viviers

Day 3 – Tain
l'Hermitage

Day 4 – Lyon

Day 5 – Lyon

FRANCE

Lyon

Rhône

Tain l'Hermitage

Viviers

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Avignon

Provence

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ARDÈCHE

DAY 1 – AVIGNON / CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Welcome to Avignon, one-time home to Europe's powerful 14th-century pontiffs. Embark the luxurious Riverside Ravel and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Discover Avignon walking tour. As your ship pulls out of port this afternoon, see the medieval arches of Saint-Bénézet Bridge, inspiration for the 16th-century song “Sur le pont d'Avignon”. This evening, arrive in stunning Châteauneuf-du-Pape, where you can join a wine tasting in this legendary region. Ship cruises overnight.

DAY 2 – VIVIERS

Viviers greets you with a friendly “Bonjour” and a lot to see! Your RIVERSIDE CHOICE menu of excursions offers an incredible lineup of options, where you can visit an authentic French truffle farm and Château de Grignan; join a brisk hike through the lovely Ardèche Gorge, Europe's Grand Canyon; encounter prehistoric Europe and an exceptional collection of cave art at Chauvet Cave 2; or maybe take a relaxing guided stroll through Viviers with music and an introduction to Pétanque (lawn bowling). Crowning the day are this evening's gourmet dinner up on the Vista Deck and the UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE evening stroll. See Old Town Viviers in its prettiest light as the sun dips down over the horizon, accented by an outstanding performance by a brilliant local artist. Ship departs late and cruises overnight.

DAY 3 – TAIN L'HERMITAGE

Get to know charming Tain l'Hermitage today with RIVERSIDE CHOICE. How about a tasting of local wines or decadent Valrhona chocolate? You might also enjoy a walk through neighboring Tournon to see its photogenic hilltop castle, or a visit to whimsical Cheval Palace, the 19th-century creation of a simple postman who stumbled on a stone. Back on board, enjoy a relaxing afternoon and evening of socializing, dining, and scenic cruising.

DAY 4 – LYON

The options are endless today, so what's your pleasure? RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a guided walk through the Old Town and visit to the Roman amphitheater; time to investigate Lyon's traboules (secret passageways), followed by a funicular ride up Fourvière Hill; wine tastings in the Beaujolais or Chardonnay regions; a trip back in time in medieval Pérouges; or even guided eBiking through Lyon. Your ship remains in port this evening, so you're free to check out Lyon's dazzling nightlife!

DAY 5 – LYON

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Ravel and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

RHÔNE RHAPSODY WITH RHÔNE DELTA & CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

AVIGNON TO LYON – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



VIENNE

If the South of France is calling with its warm sunshine, exquisite food and wine, and unforgettable sights, then this is the luxury cruise for you! For a whole week, the irrepressible Rhône will be your host, introducing you to the wonders of dramatic Avignon, ancient Arles with its special lighting that captivated Van Gogh, Provençal Tarascon, 2,000-year-old Lyon with its unrivaled commitment to world-class cuisine, and more. Dine al fresco on the Vista Deck while passing through the lovely Rhône Delta; explore the Palace of the Popes; taste the brilliant wines of Châteauneuf-du-Pape during an unforgettable cellar tour; and take an active approach to your sightseeing if the mood strikes you. Other possibilities? How about tasting the decadent chocolates or wines of Tain l'Hermitage?

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Avignon	Day 5 – Viviers
Day 2 – Avignon	Day 6 – Tain l'Hermitage
Day 3 – Arles/Port-Saint-Louis/Rhône-Delta	Day 7 – Lyon
Day 4 – Tarascon/Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Day 8 – Lyon

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DAY 2 – AVIGNON

You may have gotten glimpses of Avignon on the way to your ship yesterday, but today you get to fully engage this historic wonder through a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions. To get oriented, you might appreciate a guided stroll through the Old Town. Other options are a tour through the awe-inspiring Palace of the Popes; an invigorating eBiking tour; or the chance to explore Pont du Gard, the 1st-century Roman aqueduct – including kayaking along the Gardon River below the monument! Later, as your ship departs Avignon, admire the medieval arches of Saint-Bénézet Bridge, inspiration for the 16th-century song “Sur le pont d’Avignon”. Ship departs before dinner.

DAY 3 – ARLES / RHÔNE DELTA SCENIC CRUISING

Spend today enveloped by Arles, where Vincent van Gogh spent more than a year capturing the beauty of the area on canvas. A full program of RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions is on offer, like a guided walk that follows in the artist’s footsteps, a tasting of the area’s amazing wines, or a spectacular sound and light show. Another outing whisks you off to Aix-en-Provence or the Camargue with its pink flamingos and wild horses. This evening, UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE AL Fresco Dinner is prepared and served on the Vista Deck as your ship passes through the scenic Rhône Delta. Ship cruises overnight.

DAY 4 – TARASCON / CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Rise and shine! Begin the day with breakfast before heading into the Provençal town of Tarascon. How about a guided tour of its medieval castle, whose dungeons once held prisoners executed during the French Revolution? Or, maybe a walking tour or a refreshing guided bike ride is more your style. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, see the sights the way you like! After lunch on the ship and time to admire the passing scenery, arrive in Châteauneuf-du-Pape for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT at a featured wine estate. Surrounded by an unforgettable atmosphere,

you’ll be treated to an exclusive tour to learn how the aromas of berries, plums, and earthy spices are achieved. Along the way, sample free-flowing Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines and hear how historical popes were associated with the famous appellation. Ship remains in port until late.

DAY 5 – VIVIERS

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DAY 6 – TAIN L'HERMITAGE

Your time today in Tain l'Hermitage is an absolute treat. You might enjoy a guided walk through neighboring Tournon to see its striking hilltop castle; or visit Cheval Palace, the whimsical 19th-century creation of a simple postman who stumbled on a stone. Or, for a more sensory experience, attend the tasting of your choice: rich French chocolate at Valrhona, or an unforgettable wine tasting. The afternoon is ideal for relaxing as your ship makes its way to Lyon.

DAY 7 – LYON

The options are endless today, so what’s your pleasure? RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a guided walk through the Old Town; time to investigate Lyon’s traboules (secret passageways), followed by a funicular ride up Fourvière Hill; wine tastings in the Beaujolais or Chardonnay regions; a trip back in time in medieval Pérouges; or even guided eBiking through Lyon. Your ship remains in port this evening, so you’re free to check out Lyon’s dazzling nightlife!

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AVIGNON TO LYON – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

The South of France – the embodiment of style and sophistication. This luxury Rhône River cruise features stately Avignon, Van Gogh’s beloved Arles, Tarascon, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Viviers, and the foodie paradise of Lyon. Highlights include the Palace of the Popes, a medieval château tour, chocolate tasting, and al fresco dining on the Vista Deck. You can also select excursions meaningful to you with RIVERSIDE CHOICE, like Pont du Gard, Aix-en-Provence, the Camargue, or Ardèche Gorge (Europe’s Grand Canyon) – or stay active with kayaking, cycling, or hiking. Scenic cruising through the Rhône Delta is the crowning glory of a perfect week!

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Avignon	Day 5 – Viviers
Day 2 – Arles/Port-Saint-Louis/Rhône-Delta	Day 6 – Tain l’Hermitage
Day 3 – Tarascon/Avignon	Day 7 – Lyon
Day 4 – Avignon/Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Day 8 – Lyon

FRANCE

Lyon

Rhône

Tain l’Hermitage

Viviers

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Avignon

Tarascon

Arles

Camargue

Provence

Rhone-Delta

Port-Saint-Louis

DATES IN 2025

8 Jun, 22 Jun*, 6 Jul, 20 Jul, 3 Aug, 17 Aug, 31 Aug, 14 Sep, 28 Sep

*departure during lavender season

DAY 1 – AVIGNON

Welcome to Avignon, one-time home to Europe’s powerful 14th-century pontiffs. Embark the luxurious Riverside Ravel and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a short orientation of this fascinating city. The ship departs this evening – be sure to watch for the medieval arches of Saint-Bénézet Bridge, inspiration for the 16th-century song “Sur le pont d’Avignon”. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner.

DAY 2 – ARLES / RHÔNE DELTA SCENIC CRUISING

Today is dedicated to Arles’ warm embrace – the very place where Vincent van Gogh spent more than a year capturing the beauty of the area on canvas. Your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions includes a guided walk that follows in the artist’s footsteps, a tasting of the area’s amazing wines, or a spectacular sound and light show. Outings are also available to Aix-en-Provence or the Camargue with its pink flamingos and wild horses. This evening, head up to the Vista Deck for unhindered views of the scenic Rhône Delta and a delicious al fresco dinner aboard one of the only river vessels that prepares and serves an UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE Al Fresco Dinner on the top deck while cruising. Ship cruises overnight.

DAY 3 – TARASCON / AVIGNON

The pleasant Provençal town of Tarascon greets you early this morning. How about a guided tour of its medieval castle, whose dungeons once held prisoners doomed during the French Revolution? Or, maybe a walking tour with wine tasting or eBiking to Avignon with a picnic en route! After lunch on the ship, return to Avignon for more wonderful RIVERSIDE CHOICE options at the 1st-century Roman aqueduct, Pont du Gard, including kayaking along the Gardon River below the monument. You can also remain in Avignon for an enjoyable eBiking tour – or head out on your own for some shopping. Tonight, your ship remains in port for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE cellar tour and tasting event followed by a multi course dinner at the beautiful Domaine de Panéry winery.

DAY 4 – AVIGNON / CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Enjoy more time to explore Avignon on your own, or join another enriching RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion. The ship departs this afternoon for

evening arrival in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the perfect setting for a memorable dinner up on the Vista Deck. Ship cruises overnight.

DAY 5 – VIVIERS

Viviers greets you with a friendly “Bonjour” and a lot to see! RIVERSIDE CHOICE has an incredible lineup of options: visit an authentic French truffle farm and Château de Grignan; hike through the lovely Ardèche Gorge, Europe’s Grand Canyon; encounter prehistoric Europe through an exceptional collection of cave art at Chauvet Cave 2; or take a relaxing guided stroll through Viviers with music and an introduction to Pétanque (lawn bowling). Crowning the day are dinner up on the Vista Deck and the UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE evening stroll. See Old Town Viviers in its prettiest light as the sun dips down over the horizon, accented by an outstanding performance by a brilliant local artist. Ship departs late and cruises overnight.

DAY 6 – TAIN L’HERMITAGE

Get to know charming Tain l’Hermitage today with RIVERSIDE CHOICE. How about a tasting of local wines or decadent Valrhona chocolate? You might also enjoy a walk through neighboring Tournon to see its photogenic hilltop castle, or a visit to whimsical Cheval Palace, the 19th-century creation of a simple postman who stumbled on a stone. Back on board, enjoy a relaxing afternoon and evening of socializing, dining, and scenic cruising.

DAY 7 – LYON

The options are endless today, so what’s your pleasure? RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a guided walk through the Old Town and visit to the Roman amphitheater; time to investigate Lyon’s traboules (secret passageways), followed by a funicular ride up Fourvière Hill; wine tastings in the Beaujolais or Chardonnay regions; a trip back in time in medieval Pérouges; or even guided eBiking through Lyon. Your ship remains in port this evening, so you’re free to check out Lyon’s dazzling nightlife!

DAY 8 – LYON

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Ravel and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

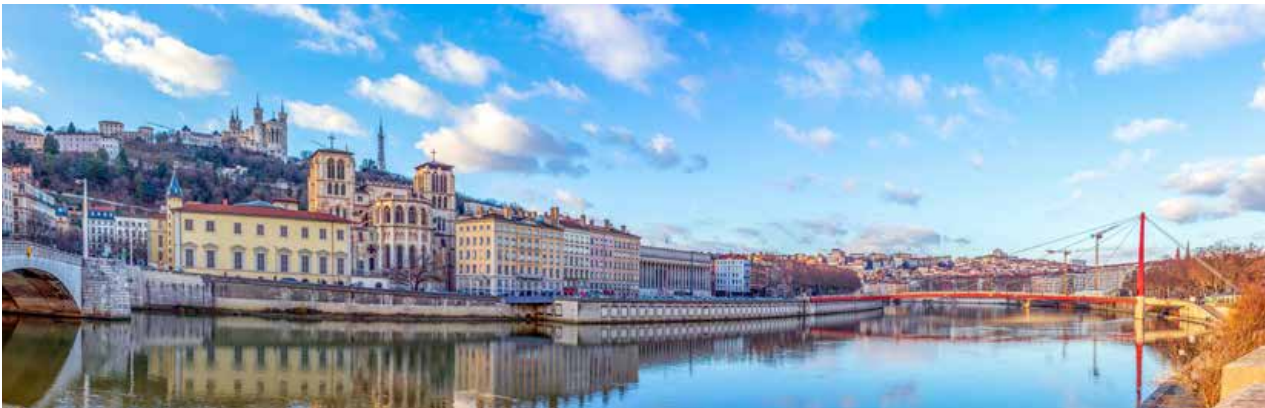


RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Escape into an unrivaled world of flavors and South-of-France ambiance at Domaine de Panéry winery. As atmospheric music welcomes you, tour the estate’s wine cave to learn about the process behind its award-winning organic reds, whites, and rosés. Then, enjoy a tasting surrounded by the delightful gardens, vineyards, and olive groves, followed by a multi course Dinner.

FRENCH SALUT: AVIGNON TO LYON

AVIGNON TO LYON – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Fall in love with the fine wines, sublime scenery, and riveting history of southern France! Begin in majestic Avignon; dine al fresco up on your ship's Vista Deck; stop in tiny Viviers for a truffle or prehistoric cave art encounter; and spend time in Lyon with its remarkable cuisine. Chocolate or wine tasting awaits in Tain l'Hermitage, while Chalon-sur-Saône attracts attention with its Art Nouveau style and Mâcon's Louis XV-era apothecary offers a peek at 18th-century medicine. You can also personalize your cruise daily with RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions – including activities designed to get up and go!

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Avignon/ Châteauneuf- du-Pape	Day 5 – Lyon
Day 2 – Viviers	Day 6 – Mâcon/ Tournus
Day 3 – Tain l'Hermitage	Day 7 – Chalon-sur- Saône
Day 4 – Lyon	Day 8 – Lyon

DATES IN 2025

11 Jun, 25 Jun*, 9 Jul, 23 Jul, 6 Aug,
20 Aug, 3 Sep, 17 Sep, 1 Oct

*departure during lavender season

UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Uniquely Riverside features an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression – like a relaxed evening stroll to experience the lovely lighting of day's end in Old Town Viviers, along with a special, scene-setting performance by a masterful local artist.

DAY 1 – AVIGNON / CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Welcome to Avignon, one-time home to Europe's powerful 14th-century pontiffs. Embark the luxurious Riverside Ravel and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a Discover Avignon walking tour. As your ship pulls out of port this afternoon, see the medieval arches of Saint-Bénézet Bridge, inspiration for the 16th-century song “Sur le pont d'Avignon”. This evening, arrive in stunning Châteauneuf-du-Pape, where you can join a wine tasting in this legendary region. Ship cruises overnight.

DAY 2 – VIVIERS

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DAY 4 – LYON

The options are endless today, so what's your pleasure? Join a RIVERSIDE CHOICE guided walk through the Old Town and visit the Roman amphitheater; investigate the traboules (secret passageways), followed by a funicular ride up Fourvière Hill; or enjoy wine tastings in the Beaujolais or Chardonnay regions. Other options are a trip back in time in medieval Pérouges, or eBiking through Lyon. Your ship remains in port this evening.

DAY 5 – LYON

Another day in Lyon gives you the chance to really get to know this amazing city. You can join another RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion, or head out to shop or explore a bit on your own. Ship departs late and cruises through the night.

DAY 6 – MÂCON / TOURNUS

Relax with breakfast as you admire the beauty during your ship's arrival into Mâcon. RIVERSIDE CHOICE has a full menu of options: a guided walk through Old Town Mâcon or the quaint Burgundian village of Brancion; a visit to moated Château de Cormatin, one of Burgundy's prettiest castles; the chance to hunt for (and then taste) genuine French truffles; or an active hike to Pouilly-Fuissé's Rock of Solutrè or guided biking tour. This afternoon, arrive in Tournus in southern Burgundy for a guided stroll through its medieval Old Town filled with narrow alleyways, ancient stone houses, and the 10th-century Benedictine Abbey of Saint-Philibert. Along the way, stop and enjoy a special UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE event as local musicians treat you to a wonderful private performance. Back on your ship, an UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE Al Fresco Dinner is prepared and served up on the Vista Deck. Ship cruises overnight.

DAY 7 – CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

Rise and shine! Begin with breakfast and then it's an exciting day in Chalon-sur-Saône, birthplace of photography and a place you'll definitely want to have your camera! With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, a guided walk explores Chalon's Old Town and regal cathedral – some parts of the structure date back to the 8th century! Other choices include an outing to Beaune along the Burgundy Wine Road for an exclusive tour, meal, and tasting of the region's celebrated wines, or a bike ride into the Côte de Beaune for a beautiful afternoon wine tasting. Ship departs in the afternoon and cruises overnight.

DAY 8 – LYON

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Ravel and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.

SOUTHERN FRANCE SOJOURN: LYON TO AVIGNON

LYON TO AVIGNON – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



TAIN L'HERMITAGE

Just mention the South of France and colorful images flood the imagination. Those images become reality on this week-long luxury cruise! Begin in 2,000-year-old Lyon with its world-class cuisine, then stop at Mâcon for a peek at a Louis XV-era apothecary; visit historic Hôtel-Dieu in Tournus; Chalon-sur-Saône; and Viviers for truffle hunting or prehistoric cave art encounters. Dine al fresco on the Vista Deck; join an outing to Aix-en-Provence, Western Europe’s largest river delta; or see the sights in an active way. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions has you covered!

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Lyon	Day 6 – Tain l'Hermitage
Day 2 – Mâcon/ Tournus	Day 7 – Viviers/ Châteauneuf-du-Pape
Day 3 – Chalon-sur-Saône	Day 8 – Avignon
Day 4 – Lyon	
Day 5 – Vienne	

DATES IN 2025

1 Jun, 15 Jun, 29 Jun*, 13 Jul, 27 Jul, 10 Aug, 24 Aug, 7 Sep, 21 Sep, 5 Oct

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RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like an exclusive outing into the legendary Châteauneuf-du-Pape wine region. Travel into the heart of the scenic Rhône Valley for a VIP tour of a celebrated wine estate and the chance to learn about the stony terroir that produces the wines’ distinguished flavors. Then, join a sommelier for a curated tasting of several splendid Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines, expertly paired with traditional French cheeses and breads.

DAY 1 – LYON

Welcome to 2,000-year-old Lyon, France’s exciting gastronomic capital. Embark the luxurious Riverside Ravel and settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a guided stroll in the historical district. Later, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions at an onboard welcome dinner. Ship departs late and cruises through the night.

DAY 2 – MÂCON / TOURNUS

Relax with breakfast as you admire the beauty during your ship’s arrival into Mâcon. RIVERSIDE CHOICE lets you join the excursion you prefer – and you’ll find a full menu of options here: a guided walk through Old Town Mâcon or the quaint Burgundian village of Brancion; a visit to moated Château de Cormatin, one of Burgundy’s prettiest castles; the chance to hunt for (and then taste) genuine French truffles; or an active hike to Pouilly-Fuissé’s Rock of Solutrè or guided biking tour. This afternoon, arrive in Tournus in southern Burgundy for a guided stroll through its medieval Old Town filled with narrow alleyways, ancient stone houses, and the 10th-century Benedictine Abbey of Saint-Philibert. Along the way, stop and enjoy a special UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE event as local musicians treat you to a wonderful private performance. Back on your ship, an UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE Al Fresco Dinner is prepared and served up on the Vista Deck. Ship departs late and cruises overnight.

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DAY 4 – LYON

Today is all about Lyon! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a guided walk through the Old Town and visit to the Roman amphitheater; time to investigate the traboules (secret passageways) and ride the funicular up Fourvière Hill; or wine tastings in the Beaujolais or Chardonnay regions. You can also take a trip back in time in medieval Pérouges, or see Lyon’s sights by eBike.

DAY 5 – VIENNE

Your day begins with breakfast as you cruise toward Vienne, a city with a long history as a colony of the Roman Empire. With your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions you can join a guided walk through the Old Town, featuring the 1st-century Gallo-Roman Temple, cathedral, and 13,000-spectator amphitheater, one of the largest in Gaul. Time at the Gallo-Roman Museum might also be interesting or the chance to see the sights from the seat of an eBike!

DAY 6 – TAIN L'HERMITAGE

Spend time today in Tain l'Hermitage, with a RIVERSIDE CHOICE of excursions. You might join a guided walk through neighboring Tournon to see its striking hilltop castle; visit whimsical Cheval Palace, the 19th-century creation of a simple postman who stumbled on a stone; or attend a tasting of rich French chocolate at Valrhona. The ship departs by early afternoon, with many great ways to make the most of your time on board. You can take advantage of the Riverside Ravel’s wonderful amenities, socialize with new friends, or maybe attend an enriching talk or mixology event!

DAY 7 – VIVIERS / CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Arrive early in tiny Viviers for some big RIVERSIDE CHOICE experiences! How about a truffle-hunting lesson and visit of 17th-century Château Grignon; a guided hike through the Ardèche Gorge; or a prehistoric cave art encounter at Chauvet Cave 2, the world’s largest cave replica? Later, reboard your ship for a lively onboard food and wine tasting with an informative and entertaining local expert. Then, arrive in Châteauneuf-du-Pape for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE tasting of the region’s famous wines. Hear how historical popes were associated with the famous appellation, and how the wines are created with notes of berries, plums, and earthy spices. Ship remains in port overnight.

DAY 8 – AVIGNON

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Ravel and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel. Flights must depart Marseille after 10 am.

RHÔNE RIVER ROAMING WITH RHÔNE DELTA & PONT DU GARD

LYON TO AVIGNON – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



TAIN L'HERMITAGE

Experience the best of southern France, known by the locals as le Midi! Visit Vienne, Viviers, Tarascon, Van Gogh's beloved Arles, and other inviting Rhône River ports. Highlights include Lyon's 2,000-year-old Old Town; Tarascon's medieval castle; Avignon's grand Palace of the Popes; and Châteauneuf-du-Pape for a wine tasting beyond compare! Personalize your cruise daily with RIVERSIDE CHOICE. Options include outings to Beaujolais, Aix-en-Provence, or the Camargue with its pink flamingos; or even active pursuits such as kayaking or eBiking. Al fresco dining atop the Vista Deck as you cruise through the lovely Rhône Delta is the pièce de résistance of your journey!

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Lyon	Day 5 – Avignon
Day 2 – Vienne	Day 6 – Arles/Port-Saint-Louis/ Rhône-Delta
Day 3 – Tain l'Hermitage	Day 7 – Tarascon/ Avignon
Day 4 – Viviers/ Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Day 8 – Avignon

DATES IN 2025

6 Apr, 20 Apr, 4 May, 18 May, 4 Jun, 18 Jun, 2 Jul*, 16 Jul, 30 Jul, 13 Aug, 27 Aug, 10 Sep, 24 Sep, 19 Oct, 2 Nov

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RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

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DAY 5 – AVIGNON

Welcome to Avignon, one-time home to Europe's powerful 14th-century pontiffs. Some wonderful RIVERSIDE CHOICE options are in store today, including a highlights of Provence tour featuring the water wheels of L'Isle sur la Sorgue, picture-perfect Sénanque Abbey, Luberon Natural Regional Park, a delightful lunch, and more!

DAY 6 – ARLES / RHÔNE DELTA SCENIC CRUISING

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DAY 8 – AVIGNON

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FRENCH FÊTE ON THE RHÔNE & SAÔNE

AVIGNON TO LYON – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



LYON

This grand journey includes two of France’s greatest rivers, plus Burgundy, Provence, and the Camargue wetlands. Embark in dramatic Avignon and end in the foodie paradise of Lyon, where the Saône and Rhône majestically converge. Along the way are Arles with its 1st-century AD Roman amphitheater; Viviers for truffle and prehistoric cave art encounters; the fine wines and chocolates of Tain l’Hermitage; unforgettable Mâcon; and other ports. You can also personalize your cruise through RIVERSIDE CHOICE with the ultimate treat – scenic cruising through the Rhône Delta – très magnifique!

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Avignon	Day 6 – Tain l’Hermitage
Day 2 – Avignon	Day 7 – Lyon
Day 3 – Arles/Port-Saint-Louis/Rhône-Delta	Day 8 – Lyon
Day 4 – Tarascon/Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Day 9 – Mâcon/Tournus
Day 5 – Viviers	Day 10 – Chalon-sur-Saône
	Day 11 – Lyon

DATES IN 2025

25 May



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like an exclusive outing into the legendary Châteauneuf-du-Pape wine region. Travel into the heart of the scenic Rhône Valley for a VIP tour of a celebrated wine estate and the chance to learn about the stony terroir that produces the wines’ distinguished flavors. Then, join a sommelier for a curated tasting of several splendid Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines, expertly paired with traditional French cheeses and breads.

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DAY 2 – AVIGNON

You may have gotten glimpses of Avignon on the way to your ship yesterday, but today you get to fully engage this historic wonder through a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions. To get oriented, you might appreciate a guided stroll through the Old Town. Other options are a tour through the awe-inspiring Palace of the Popes; an invigorating eBiking tour; or the chance to explore Pont du Gard, the 1st-century Roman aqueduct – including kayaking along the Gardon River below the monument! Later, as your ship departs Avignon, admire the medieval arches of Saint-Bénézet Bridge, inspiration for the 16th-century song “Sur le pont d’Avignon”. Ship departs before dinner.

DAY 3 – ARLES / RHÔNE DELTA SCENIC CRUISING

Spend today enveloped by Arles, where Vincent van Gogh spent more than a year capturing the beauty of the area on canvas. A full program of RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions is on offer, like a guided walk that follows in the artist’s footsteps, a tasting of the area’s amazing wines, or a spectacular sound and light show. Another outing whisks you off to Aix-en-Provence or the Camargue with its pink flamingos and wild horses. This evening, an UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE Al Fresco Dinner is prepared and served on the Vista Deck as your ship passes through the scenic Rhône Delta. Ship cruises overnight.

DAY 4 – TARASCON / CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Rise and shine! Begin the day with breakfast before heading into the Provençal town of Tarascon. How about a guided tour of its medieval castle, whose dungeons once held prisoners executed during the French Revolution? Or, maybe a walking tour or a refreshing guided bike ride is more your style. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, see the sights the way you like! After lunch on the ship and time to admire the passing scenery, arrive in Châteauneuf-du-Pape for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT at a featured wine estate. Surrounded by an unforgettable atmosphere,

you’ll be treated to an exclusive tour to learn how the aromas of berries, plums, and earthy spices are achieved. Along the way, enjoy free-flowing Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines and hear how historical popes were associated with the famous appellation. Ship remains in port until late.

DAY 5 – VIVIERS

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VINEYARD AT CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

DAY 6 – TAIN L'HERMITAGE

Your time today in Tain l'Hermitage is an absolute treat. You might enjoy a guided walk through neighboring Tournon to see its striking hilltop castle; or visit Cheval Palace, the whimsical 19th-century creation of a simple postman who stumbled on a stone. Or, for a more sensory experience, attend the tasting of your choice: rich French chocolate at Valrhona, or an unforgettable wine tasting. The afternoon is ideal for relaxing as your ship makes its way to Lyon.

DAY 7 – LYON

The options are endless today, so what's your pleasure? RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a guided walk through the Old Town; or time to investigate Lyon's traboules (secret passageways), followed by a funicular ride up Fourvière Hill. Alternatively, wine tastings are available in the Beaujolais or Chardonnay regions, as well as a trip back in time in medieval Pérouges, or even guided eBiking through Lyon. Your ship remains in port this evening, so you're free to check out Lyon's dazzling nightlife!

DAY 8 – LYON

Another day in Lyon gives you the chance to really get to know this amazing city. You can join another RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion, or head out to shop or explore a bit on your own. Ship departs late and cruises through the night.

DAY 9 – MÂCON / TOURNUS

Relax with breakfast as you admire the beauty during your ship's arrival into Mâcon. RIVERSIDE CHOICE lets you join the excursion you prefer – and you'll find a full menu of options here: a

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DAY 10 – CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

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CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE



ROCK OF SOLUTRÈ

RESPLENDENT RHÔNE & SAÔNE WITH RHÔNE DELTA AND PONT DU GARD

AVIGNON TO LYON – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



AVIGNON

When the South of France calls, this luxury cruise answers with gusto! Embark in stately Avignon, then stop in Arles to bask in the special lighting that captivated Van Gogh; Viviers, France's tiny city that packs a lot of surprises; and Tain l'Hermitage, where chocolate or wine tasting awaits. Additional visits include Lyon with its secret passageways and world-class cuisine; popular Mâcon; and Art Nouveau Chalon-sur-Saône. Among the highlights are the colossal Palace of the Popes, unforgettable Châteauneuf-du-Pape, a truffle-hunting lesson, and a special al fresco dinner as you pass through the mesmerizing Rhône Delta.



TARASCON CASTLE

DAY 1 – AVIGNON

Welcome to Avignon, one-time home to Europe's powerful 14th-century pontiffs. Embark the luxurious Riverside Ravel and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a short orientation of this fascinating city. The ship departs this evening – be sure to watch for the medieval arches of Saint-Bénézet Bridge, inspiration for the 16th-century song “Sur le pont d'Avignon”. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner.

DAY 2 – ARLES / RHÔNE DELTA SCENIC CRUISING

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DAY 3 – TARASCON / AVIGNON

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DAY 4 – AVIGNON / CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Additional time in Avignon allows you to further explore this amazing city. Take advantage of another RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion, or you can head out to shop or explore a bit on your own. The ship departs this afternoon for an evening arrival in stunning Châteauneuf-du-Pape – the perfect setting for dining al fresco up on the Vista Deck! Ship cruises overnight.

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Avignon	Day 6 – Tain
Day 2 – Arles/Port-Saint-Louis/ Rhône-Delta	Day 7 – Lyon
Day 3 – Tarascon Avignon	Day 8 – Lyon
Day 4 – Avignon/ Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Day 9 – Mâcon/ Tournus
Day 5 – Viviers	Day 10 – Chalon-sur-Saône/ Tournus
	Day 11 – Lyon



DATES IN 2025

8 Jun, 22 Jun*, 6 Jul, 20 Jul, 3 Aug, 17 Aug,
31 Aug, 14 Sep, 28 Sep

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RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

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RIVERSIDE RAVEL

DAY 5 – VIVIERS

Viviers greets you with a friendly “Bonjour” and a lot to see! RIVERSIDE CHOICE has an incredible lineup of options: visit an authentic French truffle farm and Château de Grignan; hike through the lovely Ardèche Gorge, Europe’s Grand Canyon; encounter prehistoric Europe through an exceptional collection of cave art at Chauvet Cave 2; or take a relaxing guided stroll through Viviers with music and an introduction to Pétanque (lawn bowling). Crowning the day? The chance to dine al fresco up on the Vista Deck, followed by our UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE evening stroll. See Old Town Viviers in its prettiest light as the sun dips down over the horizon, accented by an outstanding performance by a brilliant local artist. Ship departs late and cruises overnight.

DAY 6 – TAIN L'HERMITAGE

Get to know charming Tain l'Hermitage today with RIVERSIDE CHOICE. How about a tasting of local wines or decadent Valrhona chocolate? You might also enjoy a walk through neighboring Tournon to see its photogenic hilltop castle, or a visit to whimsical Cheval Palace, the 19th-century creation of a simple postman who stumbled on a stone. Back on board, enjoy a relaxing afternoon and evening of socializing, dining, and scenic cruising.

DAY 7 – LYON

The options are endless today, so what's your pleasure? RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a guided walk through the Old Town and visit to the Roman amphitheater; or time to investigate Lyon's traboules (secret passageways), followed by a funicular ride up Fourvière Hill. Alternatively, wine tastings are available in the Beaujolais or Chardonnay regions, as well as a trip back in time in medieval Pérouges, or even guided eBiking through Lyon. Your ship remains in port this evening, so you're free to check out Lyon's dazzling nightlife!

DAY 8 – LYON

Another day in Lyon gives you the chance to really get to know this amazing city. You can join another RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion, or head out to investigate Lyon's well-deserved foodie reputation yourself. Ship departs late and cruises through the night.

DAY 9 – MÂCON / TOURNAIS

Relax with breakfast as you admire the beauty during your ship's arrival into Mâcon. RIVERSIDE CHOICE has a full menu of options: a guided walk

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LYON

SOUTH OF FRANCE SAFARI WITH CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

LYON TO AVIGNON – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



LYON

Eleven days in the South of France – more than enough to fall hopelessly in love with this special place. Embark in Lyon with its 2,000-year history and commitment to world-class cuisine. Then, see the ancient wonders of Mâcon and Tournus, of Hôtel-Dieu fame; Chalon-sur-Saône; tiny Viviers for truffle and prehistoric cave art encounters; stately Avignon; and Van Gogh’s beloved Arles. Gourmet dining atop the Vista Deck will be an evening to remember as your ship passes through the spellbinding Rhône Delta. Other highlights are the monumental Palace of the Popes, wine tasting in Châteauneuf-du Pape, and active excursions for a different perspective!

ITINERARY

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Day 2 – Mâcon/ Tournus	Day 8 – Avignon
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DAY 1 – LYON

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DAY 2 – MÂCON / TOURNUS

Relax with breakfast as you admire the beauty during your ship’s arrival into Mâcon. RIVERSIDE CHOICE lets you join the excursion you prefer – and you’ll find a full menu of options here: a guided walk through Old Town Mâcon or the quaint Burgundian village of Brancion; a visit to moated Château de Cormatin, one of Burgundy’s prettiest castles; the chance to hunt for (and then taste) genuine French truffles; or an active hike to Pouilly-Fuissé’s Rock of Solutrè or guided biking tour. This afternoon, arrive in Tournus in southern Burgundy for a guided stroll through its medieval Old Town filled with narrow alleyways, ancient stone houses, and the 10th-century Benedictine Abbey of Saint-Philibert. Along the way, stop and enjoy a special UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE event as local musicians treat you to a wonderful private performance. Back on your ship, UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE Al Fresco Dinner is prepared and served up on the Vista Deck! Ship departs late and cruises overnight.



TRUFFLE HUNTING



BURGUNDY VINEYARDS

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Spend time today in Tain l'Hermitage, with a RIVERSIDE CHOICE of excursions. You might join a guided walk through neighboring Tournon to see its striking hilltop castle; visit whimsical Cheval Palace, the 19th-century creation of a simple postman who stumbled on a stone; or attend a tasting of rich French chocolate at Valrhona. The ship departs by early afternoon, with many great ways to make the most of your time on board. You can take advantage of the Riverside Ravel's wonderful amenities, socialize with new friends, or maybe attend an enriching talk or mixology event!

DAY 7 – VIVIERS / CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Arrive early in tiny Viviers for some big RIVERSIDE CHOICE experiences! How about a truffle-hunting lesson and visit of 17th-century Château Grignon; a guided hike through the Ardèche Gorge; or a prehistoric cave art encounter at Chauvet Cave 2, the world's largest cave replica? Later, reboard your ship for a lively on-board food and wine tasting with an informative and entertaining local expert. Then, arrive in Châteauneuf-du-Pape for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE



WILD HORSE IN THE CAMARGUE

tasting of the region's famous wines. Hear how historical popes were associated with the famous appellation, and how the wines are created with notes of berries, plums, and earthy spices. Ship remains in port overnight.

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LANDSCAPE IN THE CAMARGUE



PROVENCE LAVENDER FIELDS

RIVERSIDE CHOICE EXCURSIONS

Our excursions are something special – an enriching collection of experiences that are both unexpected and unforgettable. Whether you’re a subject matter expert or a casual enthusiast, Riverside Choice helps you create incredible memories about some of France’s finest art, architecture, history, music, nature, food, and wine.

In the following pages you’ll find a sample of our excursions by city, categorized by topic and degree of physical exertion or difficulty. However, we’re continually expanding our offerings, so visit our website for all the latest information, general terms and conditions, prices, and additional details about Riverside Luxury Cruises.

LOOK FOR INSPIRATION.

CATEGORIES

SEE

City sightseeing tours with professional guides, sometimes by coach. We organize some full-day excursions, and include visits to the important points of interest.

LEARN

Visits to attractions such as palaces, monuments, and abbeys of special cultural importance related to our destinations.

TASTE

These excursions dive into the destination’s culinary specialties and traditions. We call on select producers, sometimes including tastings of wines, spirits, or other regional products.

ACTIVE

During these excursions, hiking, biking, or other exhilarating activities will challenge your body and make your spirit soar.

CULTURE

Look and marvel as you visit museums or exhibits featuring works by historic masters and contemporary artists alike.

MUSIC

Enjoy music in concert halls, opera houses, and theaters – as well as in unexpected places and unconventional venues!

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY

easy

Appropriate for almost any guest, with short distances and no inclines or stairs.

moderate

Suitable for most guests, with moderate distances on mostly level terrains and only a few stairs.

vigorous

Perfect for guests seeking a more physically challenging experience that covers a longer distance on potentially uneven terrain and possible ascents/descents or stair-climbing.

Please note: A full listing of excursions will be confirmed and available for booking on our website 90 days prior to your cruise departure.

ARLES FRANCE

This “Pearl of Provence” is surrounded by the most beautiful natural park in Europe. Today, Arles represents the embodiment of important art and is witness to an eventful history, from its amphitheater to its proud patrician houses. And what would Arles be without Van Gogh? Rambling through the town in the footsteps of the artist is truly unforgettable.

VAN GOGH'S ARLES

Vincent van Gogh paid tribute to the beauty of Arles in some 200 paintings, and you'll discover its allure for yourself on this memorable guided walking tour.

SEE LEARN Duration: 3h Difficulty: easy

CAMARGUE & SAINTES-MARIES-DE-LA-MER DISCOVERY

Experience the wild and wonderful world of the Camargue, Western Europe's largest river delta, followed by a visit to Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer with a history dating back to Biblical times.

SEE LEARN CULTURE Duration: 5h Difficulty: easy

A TASTE OF AIX-EN-PROVENCE

This fascinating guided walk introduces you to the rich heritage of artist Paul Cezanne's hometown – as well as its opulent mansions, fascinating history, and culinary delights.

SEE LEARN TASTE Duration: 4h Difficulty: easy

ARLES IN THE AFTERNOON WITH PRE-DINNER APERITIF

Vincent van Gogh understood and celebrated that every hour reveals a different Arles. This wonderful guided walk introduces you to Arles in the afternoon, when the lighting is exquisite – and the timing is perfect to relax with a refreshing pre-dinner aperitif!

SEE LEARN TASTE Duration: 2h Difficulty: easy

LES BAUX-DE-PROVENCE WITH SOUND & LIGHT SHOW

Travel into the stunning Alpilles mountains landscape for an unforgettable visit to ancient Les Baux-de-Provence, followed by a remarkable sound and light show in an old unused quarry.

SEE LEARN CULTURE

Duration: 4h Difficulty: moderate

TARASCON FRANCE

Tarascon is dominated by its 15th-century fortress, which stands as an imposing symbol of the town's medieval heritage. It served as a first line of defense on the border territories of the Rhône River and as a residence of René, the King of Naples, Duke of Anjou, and Count of Provence. This formidable fortress has been exceptionally well-preserved and now houses a museum showcasing historic artifacts. Tarascon's rich history extends to its annual Fête de la Tarasque, celebrating the mythical Tarasque monster, a unique local legend.

ST. RÉMY: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF NOSTRADAMUS & VAN GOGH

This fantastic half-day outing visits nearby Saint-Rémy-de-Provence with its fascinating Nostradamus and Van Gogh associations and sweeping Old World charm!

SEE LEARN CULTURE

Duration: 4h Difficulty: moderate

TARASCON & ITS MIGHTY CASTLE

Embark on an enriching guided walk through Tarascon and its impressive castle on this memorable 3-hour tour.

SEE LEARN CULTURE

Duration: 3h Difficulty: moderate



BRIDGE OF ST. BÉNÉZET

AVIGNON FRANCE

Symbol of the city and known through the old song “Sur le pont d’Avignon”, the Bridge of St. Bénézet has spanned the Rhône for 840 years. Those who cross it arrive immediately in front of the papal palace, one of the largest and most important medieval buildings in Europe. Ironically, the Palace of the Popes may have been built from sheer laziness! The Archbishop of Bordeaux couldn't be bothered to make the journey to Rome for his investiture as pope, so he had himself crowned in Lyon and built himself an impressive palace right in Avignon!

DISCOVER AVIGNON WALKING TOUR

Explore the historical center of Avignon on this mesmerizing, guided walking tour.

SEE LEARN Duration: 2h Difficulty: easy

PONT DU GARD

Encounter the ancient Romans' impressive architectural and construction skills during this visit to the awe-inspiring Pont du Gard.

SEE LEARN CULTURE Duration: 4h Difficulty: easy

EBIKING TO PONT DU GARD

Both natural and manmade wonders take center stage during this enjoyable guided electric bicycle tour through the area surrounding Avignon.

SEE LEARN ACTIVE Duration: 4h Difficulty: vigorous

GARDON RIVER KAYAK ADVENTURE

Encounter the monumental Pont du Gard Roman-era aqueduct from the water during this fun kayaking trip along the Gardon River!

SEE LEARN ACTIVE Duration: 4h Difficulty: vigorous

WINE TASTING IN CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

No trip to France is complete without a personal encounter with the wines of Châteauneuf-du-Pape – and this tour and tasting at a prestigious wine estate delivers the experience beautifully!

LEARN TASTE Duration: 2.5h Difficulty: easy

DISCOVER AVIGNON WALKING TOUR WITH PALACE OF THE POPES

Join an expert guide for a stroll through Avignon's remarkable Old Town, featuring an inside visit to the formidable Palace of the Popes!

SEE LEARN CULTURE

Duration: 3h Difficulty: moderate



KAYAKING IN ARDÈCHE GORGE

VIVIERS FRANCE

At night, the stories seem to emanate from the walls of the nearby houses. With narrow, cobblestone alleys, this small town is a true gem. Yes, a walk through Viviers is a journey back to the Middle Ages, because the former bishop's town was spared the destruction of wars. Besides small shops, there are also big things to see. For example, the cathedral with special works of art, such as the five tapestries – three of which were given to the bishop by Napoléon III. A highlight in the truest sense of the word is the viewpoint in the upper town. What a view of this enchanting place!

DISCOVER VIVIERS WITH CONCERT & PÉTANQUE

Join an expert guide to see the sights of Old Town Viviers, followed by a musical treat and an introduction to Pétanque (lawn bowling)!

SEE **LEARN** **MUSIC**
Duration: 3h Difficulty: moderate

THE FAMOUS CAVE PAINTINGS OF CHAUVET 2

Put on your favorite “Indiana Jones” hat and prepare for adventure in the astonishing recreation of Chauvet Cave, including the amazing collection of cave art from 36,000 years ago.

SEE **LEARN** **CULTURE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: easy

ARDÈCHE TRUFFLE FARM AND CHÂTEAU GRIGNAN

Truffles are the focus of this fun visit to a French farm that harvests the exclusive product!

SEE **LEARN** **TASTE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: easy

HIT THE TRAIL: HIKE IN ARDÈCHE GORGE

Enjoy an active hike through the Ardèche Gorge nature reserve, one of France's most spectacular natural sites.

ACTIVE **SEE** **LEARN** Duration: 4h Difficulty: vigorous

THE LAVENDER & NOUGAT OF PROVENCE

This half-day excursion takes you into France's Drôme Provençale for a beguiling experience focused on lavender and nougat! (Seasonal)

SEE **LEARN** **TASTE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: easy

A WALK IN VIVIERS WITH CONCERT

This guided stroll up to Viviers' cathedral will take you back in time – and even includes a musical treat at the end!

SEE **LEARN** **MUSIC**
Duration: 3h Difficulty: moderate

KAYAKING IN ARDÈCHE GORGE

Discover one of France's most remarkable natural sites from water level during a kayaking adventure through Ardèche Gorge.

SEE **LEARN** **ACTIVE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: vigorous

TOURNON / TAIN L'HERMITAGE FRANCE

Marc Seguin's most beautiful suspension bridge spans the Rhône between Tournon and the village of Tain l'Hermitage. This is France “in miniature” with a castle, a stunning museum dedicated to the history of the Counts of Tournon, maritime navigation, and the works of Seguin. Don't miss the exhibition at the historic chocolate factory in Tain l'Hermitage, or a taste of the local wine – very delicious!

A WALK IN ANCIENT TOURNON

Standing sentry high above the Rhône is the grand village of Tournon, home to a castle, monuments, terraced vineyards, and some of the region's most spectacular views.

SEE **LEARN** Duration: 2h Difficulty: easy

VALRHONA CHOCOLATE WORKSHOP

Discover Valrhona, a powerhouse of exceptional chocolatiers, where you can create (and taste) a classic French pastry before visiting the illuminating Valrhona chocolate museum.

SEE **LEARN** **TASTE** Duration: 4h Difficulty: easy

THE UNLIKELY PALACE OF FERDINAND CHEVAL

See the fulfillment of one man's fantasy on this unusual half-day excursion to a palace like no other.

SEE **LEARN** **CULTURE**
Duration: 4h Difficulty: moderate

TAIN L'HERMITAGE WINERY VISIT & TASTING

This enjoyable guided vineyard visit has the ultimate payoff – a tasting of excellent local wines.

LEARN **TASTE** **ACTIVE**
Duration: 4h Difficulty: vigorous

VIENNE FRANCE

This city is a jewel for people interested in both yesterday and today. Vienne is a small town, but already boasted 30,000 inhabitants in the 2nd century. Trade and steam navigation brought an upswing in the 19th century. And what can you expect to see? Definitely the Archaeological Museum, the Saint-Romain-en-Gal museum complex with the “House of the Ocean Gods,” and the remains of the former thermal baths. And afterward, relax and enjoy the present at one of the many quaint cafés.

VIENNE DISCOVERY WALK

Step into one of southeastern France's most intriguing former Roman colonies on this guided walk through Vienne.

SEE **LEARN** Duration: 2h Difficulty: moderate

VIENNE GALLO-ROMAN MUSEUM

See how 1st-century AD Vienne residents lived on this interesting tour to the Vienne Gallo-Roman Museum archaeological site!

SEE **LEARN** **CULTURE**
Duration: 3h Difficulty: moderate

RHÔNE VALLEY EBIKE ADVENTURE & WINE TASTING

Hop on the seat of an electric bike and join an expert guide for a relaxing ride through the vineyards of the Rhône Valley – complete with winery tours, snacks, and tastings of the locally produced wines!

SEE **ACTIVE** **TASTE**
Duration: 3h Difficulty: vigorous



CHEVAL PALACE IN TAIN L'HERMITAGE

LYON FRANCE

With more than 2,000 years of rich history, Lyon is the destination for Francophiles and foodies alike. Take in the magnificent view of the city and the countryside from atop the Basilica Notre Dame, and enjoy independent artists’ silk paintings in the district of La Croix-Rousse, or art masterworks in the Musée des Beaux Arts. Don’t forget to savor the region’s famous Bouchon-style cuisine, and visit the gourmet’s temple of Les Halles de Lyon of Chef Paul Bocuse. Lyon’s sensuality and beauty will enthall you!

VISIT OF FOURVIÈRE BASILICA WITH ROOFTOP ASCENT

Marvel at the many treasures of Fourvière Basilica during an inside visit, then climb to the rooftop for a wonderful bird's-eye view of Lyon!

SEE LEARN ACTIVE Duration: 3h Difficulty: vigorous

LYON WALK WITH FOURVIÈRE BASILICA & THE ROMAN AMPHITHEATER

Enjoy an encounter with the treasures of ancient Lyon, including visits to Fourvière Basilica and the well-preserved Roman amphitheater.

SEE LEARN CULTURE Duration: 4h Difficulty: moderate

PANORAMIC LYON & OLD TOWN WALKING TOUR

Get a true taste of Lyon during this panoramic city tour and Old Town guided stroll that concludes with a local sweet treat!

SEE LEARN TASTE Duration: 4h Difficulty: moderate



PÉROUGES

SIGHTS OF LYON BY EBIKE

Enjoy Lyon from a different perspective as you join an expert guide for an electric bicycle tour past the city's many famous sights!

SEE LEARN ACTIVE Duration: 3h Difficulty: moderate

INTO BEAUJOLAIS WITH WINE TASTING

Visit a family winery dating back to 1758 and taste the wonderful wines produced there, on an enchanting trip into the unforgettable Beaujolais.

SEE LEARN TASTE Duration: 5h Difficulty: moderate

MARVELOUS MEDIEVAL PÉROUGES

Step back into the Middle Ages on this riveting, guided walking tour through timeless Pérouges.

SEE LEARN TASTE Duration: 4h Difficulty: moderate

MÂCON FRANCE

With colorful Old Town houses, the old Church of St. Vincent, and its vineyards and meadows, Mâcon is thoroughly charming. If you walk through the city and come to Place aux Herbes, you should stop in front of the Maison de Bois wooden house. While looking at the façade, you will discover magical grotesques and mythical creatures. Incidentally, the French international footballer Antoine Griezmann was born in Mâcon.

A WALK THROUGH MÂCON

Perched on the Saône River on an important trade route, 2,000-year-old Mâcon is a showcase of colorful façades and round-tile roofs that simply beg to be explored.

SEE LEARN Duration: 2h Difficulty: easy

HIKE TO SOLUTRÉ ROCK

Grab your hiking shoes and hit the trail on this fun guided hike through the heart of the Pouilly-Fuissé wine region.

SEE LEARN ACTIVE Duration: 3h Difficulty: vigorous

CHARDONNAY BIKE TOUR & WINE TASTING

Hop on a bike and join an expert guide for a scenic ride through the side roads and vineyards of Chardonnay – complete with hand-crafted local snacks and wine tasting!

SEE TASTE ACTIVE Duration: 3h Difficulty: moderate

MÂCON TRUFFLE EXPERIENCE

Discover the mystery of truffle-hunting as you visit a traditional French truffle farm and enjoy a tasting of the exclusive product!

SEE LEARN TASTE Duration: 3.5h Difficulty: moderate

TOURNUS FRANCE

So beautiful. So tranquil. Yes, the town of Tournus is idyllic. The Old Town is quaint, and you should see the former abbey with the façade of massive Saint Philibert church – the oldest preserved large Romanesque building in France. The wide variety of vault shapes makes it particularly fascinating. Another exciting detail is the Hôtel-Dieu – a former hospital with fully preserved historical furnishings and a hospital pharmacy from the 17th century.

TOURNUS EVENING WALK WITH SPECIAL MUSIC

Join an expert guide for an evening stroll through medieval Old Town Tourus, followed by a special musical treat at a remarkable local venue!

SEE CULTURE TASTE Duration: 1.5h Difficulty: easy

A STROLL THROUGH BRANCION

Spend a half-day investigating the quaint Burgundian village of Brancion, home to a beautiful, historic city center.

SEE LEARN Duration: 4h Difficulty: easy



VINEYARDS OF BURGUNDY

CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE FRANCE

Quelle surprise! The beauty of Chalon-sur-Saône begins right at Quai Gambetta, where the ship docks. Walk upstream and discover this pretty town, where Julius Caesar left his mark, and its museum, with focuses on the invention of photography. In Chalon-sur-Saône, you can see pretty, timbered houses and façades in an Art Nouveau style. The Théâtre Piccolo was modeled on the royal opera in Versailles.

A TASTE OF CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

Get a proper introduction to the rich culinary heritage of Chalon during this wonderful guided tour featuring tastings of local favorites and specialties – and wines at a charming cellar!

SEE LEARN TASTE Duration: 3h Difficulty: easy

BEAUNE & THE BURGUNDY WINE ROAD

Dive headfirst into France's renowned Burgundy wine region on this excellent journey along the Burgundy Wine Road to Beaune.

SEE LEARN TASTE Duration: 4h Difficulty: easy

CHALON BY EBIKE WITH WINE TASTING

Hop on the seat of an electric bicycle for a scenic ride out of Chalon-sur-Saône and into the countryside, then stop at an area winery for a tasting paired with a delightful lunch!

SEE ACTIVE TASTE Duration: 4h Difficulty: vigorous



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