

RHÔNE RHAPSODY WITH RHÔNE DELTA & CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

AVIGNON TO LYON – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



AERIAL VIEW OF CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

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/ Rhône Delta	Day 7 – Lyon
Day 4 – Tarascon/ Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Day 8 – Lyon



DATES IN 2027

11 Apr, 25 Apr, 9 May, 23 May, 9 Jun,
26 Jun*, 13 Jul*, 30 Jul, 16 Aug, 2 Sep,
19 Sep, 6 Oct, 23 Oct, 6 Nov

* departure during lavender season



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Immerse yourself in the legendary aromas and flavors of Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines during an exclusive visit to a celebrated wine estate. Travel into the heart of the Rhône Valley for a VIP wine tasting. Hear about the stony terroir that produces the wines' distinct characteristics; and join a sommelier for a tasting, expertly paired with an assortment of traditional French breads and cheeses.

DAY 1 – AVIGNON

Welcome to the spectacular walled city of Avignon, whose UNESCO World Heritage ramparts were built in the 14th century to protect the city from mercenaries. Embark the Riverside Ravel and at your first onboard dinner, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions. The ship remains in port overnight.

DAY 2 – AVIGNON

Today you can fully engage Avignon's Provençal charm and see just what inspired Europe's powerful 14th-century pontiffs, Florentine poet Petrarch, and countless merrymakers beneath a certain bridge in the Middle Ages! With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you can explore the awe-inspiring Palace of the Popes, the world's most important Gothic palace; kayak below the 1st-century Pont du Gard Roman aqueduct; and other fantastic options. For a complete list of offerings, see the Riverside website. Your ship departs Avignon 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. Morning and afternoon RIVERSIDE CHOICE options include a Taste of Aix-en-Provence, along with the chance to visit a traditional olive oil mill for a tour and tasting of the product. This evening, dinner is prepared and served al fresco-style on the Vista Deck as your ship passes through the mesmerizing Rhône Delta.

DAY 4 – TARASCON / CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Rise and shine! Begin the day with a delicious breakfast before heading into the Provençal town of Tarascon. How about a guided tour that follows in the footsteps of Nostradamus and Van Gogh in St. Rémy – or wine tasting the Roman way? After lunch on the ship enjoy time and 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 wine tasting to learn how the aromas of berries, plums, and earthy spices are achieved. Sample free-flowing Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines as you hear how historical popes were associated with the famous appellation.

DAY 5 – VIVIERS

Viviers greets you with a friendly "Bonjour" and a lot to see! With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, learn the fine art of truffle hunting at an authentic French truffle farm; trek through the lovely Ardèche Gorge, Europe's Grand Canyon; and other tempting activities. Crowning the day is an al fresco dinner, prepared and served up on the Vista Deck, followed by an 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 talented local artist.

DAY 6 – TAIN-L'HERMITAGE

Your time today in Tain-l'Hermitage is an absolute treat. You might enjoy a visit to 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 socializing in the lounge or maybe scheduling a massage or spa treatment as your ship makes its way to Lyon.

DAY 7 – LYON

The options are endless today, so what's your pleasure? You could investigate Lyon's traboules (secret passageways) with an expert guide, followed by an ascent up Fourvière Hill; or join a wine tasting in the atmospheric Beaujolais or Chardonnay regions. Your ship remains in port, so feel free to celebrate the final night of your cruise surrounded by Lyon's dazzling nightlife!

DAY 8 – LYON

After breakfast, disembark your ship. For Riverside transfer details, see page 46 or our website.



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