

FRENCH SALUT: LYON, AVIGNON & CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

LYON TO AVIGNON – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



LYON

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 passageways and best-in-the-world foodie culture, then cruise the river in total luxury aboard your Riverside ship. Experience 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 4 – Avignon
Day 2 – Tain-l'Hermitage	Day 5 – Avignon
Day 3 – Viviers/ Châteauneuf-du-Pape	



DATES IN 2027

4 Apr, 18 Apr, 2 May, 16 May, 2 Jun,
19 Jun, 6 Jul*, 23 Jul, 9 Aug, 26 Aug,
12 Sep, 29 Sep, 16 Oct, 30 Oct

* 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.



KAYAKING BELOW PONT DU GARD

DAY 1 – LYON

Welcome to 2,000-year-old Lyon, France's exciting gastronomic capital. Embark the Riverside Ravel and settle into your luxurious Suite. Get to know your fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner and raise a glass to toast your adventure as your ship departs and cruises overnight.

DAY 2 – TAIN-L'HERMITAGE

Today is all about the wonders of Tain-l'Hermitage! With a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions, you have so many possibilities—from a striking hilltop castle to a whimsical “palace” and from tastings of the famous Hermitage and Crozes Hermitage AOP wines to heavenly chocolate at Valrhona's amazing City of Chocolate. The ship departs after some free time this afternoon.

DAY 3 – VIVIERS / CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

In tiny Viviers, get ready for some big RIVERSIDE CHOICE experiences. How about a truffle-hunting lesson or a prehistoric cave art encounter at Chauvet Cave, the world's largest prehistoric cave experience? Later, reboard your ship for a fun onboard food and wine tasting with an 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 Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation, and see if you can discern the notes of berries, plums, and spices.

DAY 4 – AVIGNON

Welcome to Avignon, gateway to Provence and renowned for its medieval architecture, papal history, and annual summer arts festival. Some wonderful RIVERSIDE CHOICE options include kayaking on the Gardon River below the 1st-century Roman aqueduct, Pont du Gard; a Discover Avignon walking tour to see the highlights; or a visit to the impressive Palace of the Popes!

DAY 5 – AVIGNON

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



CHAUVET CAVE, VIVIERS