

RHÔNE RIVER ROAMING WITH RHÔNE DELTA & PONT DU GARD

LYON TO AVIGNON – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



AVIGNON

Experience the best of southern France, known by the locals as le Midi! Visit 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 rugged ranch culture of the Camargue; or even active pursuits such as kayaking or e-biking. 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 – Tain-l'Hermitage	Day 6 – Arles/ Rhône Delta
Day 3 – Viviers/ Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Day 7 – Tarascon/ Avignon
Day 4 – Avignon	Day 8 – Avignon



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.



LYON

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. For a complete list of offerings, see the Riverside website.

DAY 3 – VIVIERS / CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

In tiny Viviers, get ready for some big 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 a Discover Avignon walking tour to see the highlights or a visit to the awe-inspiring Palace of the Popes, the world's most important Gothic palace.

DAY 5 – AVIGNON

A second day in Avignon lets you engage its 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. How about a kayaking adventure below the 1st-century Pont du Gard Roman aqueduct? Later, your ship pushes farther south into the spectacular Provence/Alpes/Côte d'Azur region.

DAY 6 – ARLES / RHÔNE DELTA SCENIC CRUISING

Today is dedicated to Arles' warm embrace. A magnet for artists, this was the very place where Vincent van Gogh spent more than a year capturing the beauty of the area on canvas. RIVERSIDE CHOICE options include a Taste of Aix-en-Provence with a curated selection of local specialties; a visit to a farmhouse in the heart of Provence for an organic perfume-making experience; and more. This evening, the Vista Deck is the place to be for unhindered views of the scenic Rhône Delta as you dine al fresco aboard one of the only river vessels that prepares and serves outside while cruising.

DAY 7 – TARASCON / AVIGNON

The pleasant Provençal town of Tarascon greets you early this morning. How about a guided tour through St. Rémy that follows in the footsteps of Nostradamus and Van Gogh—or wine tasting the Roman way? After lunch on the ship and time to admire the passing scenery, return to Avignon for the final night of your memorable cruise.

DAY 8 – AVIGNON

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