

SOUTHERN FRANCE SOJOURN

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 the Gothic towers of Old Saint-Vincent Cathedral and the Hôtel-Dieu's Louis XV-era apothecary shop; Chalon-sur-Saône; and Viviers for truffle hunting or a prehistoric cave art encounter. And, of course, in every port RIVERSIDE CHOICE provides wonderful excursion options, including the chance to see the sights in an active way.

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Lyon	Day 6 – Viviers/ Châteauneuf- du-Pape
Day 2 – Mâcon	
Day 3 – Chalon-sur- Saône	Day 7 – Avignon
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DATES IN 2027

30 May, 16 Jun, 3 Jul*, 20 Jul, 6 Aug,
23 Aug, 9 Sep, 26 Sep, 13 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.

DAY 1 – LYON

Welcome to 2,000-year-old Lyon, France's exciting gastronomic capital. Embark the Riverside Ravel, get settled into your luxury Suite, and explore your ship's many amenities. Later, meet fellow cruisemates at your first onboard dinner and raise a glass to toast your adventure. The ship departs late and cruises overnight.

DAY 2 – MÂCON

A delicious breakfast starts your day right, then step off the ship in Mâcon for a day to remember! Morning and afternoon RIVERSIDE CHOICE options abound, like an invigorating e-bike tour through Chardonnay with wine tasting, and an authentic French truffle-hunting (and tasting) experience! You'll find a full menu of excursions for the cruise on our website. Back on your ship this evening, your day concludes with a very special UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE dining experience! From atop the Vista Deck, let us indulge you with a delectable al fresco barbecue dinner, prepared and served with the scenery and ambiance of Mâcon as the backdrop!

DAY 3 – CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

A thrilling day is on tap in Chalon-sur-Saône, birthplace of photography. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, consider an excursion focusing on the rich culinary heritage of Chalon, with tastings of regional specialties that may include Crème de Cassis, French baked goods, artisanal chocolate, wine, or other temptations. Your ship departs in the afternoon, with free time for a pampering onboard massage or spa treatment—your personal Butler can assist with scheduling one!



CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

DAY 4 – LYON

Time today to really get to know Lyon. Situated where the Rhône and Saône Rivers meet, the city is famous for its rich Roman history, culinary excellence, and the major role it played in the silk industry. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a guided walk through the Old Town and visit to the Roman amphitheater; time to investigate the traboules (secret passageways) and an ascent 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 e-bike.

DAY 5 – TAIN-L'HERMITAGE

Today is all about the wonders of Tain-l'Hermitage. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, 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 Valrhona chocolate. The ship departs by early afternoon, with many ways to make the most of your time on board.

DAY 6 – 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? 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 7 – 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 8 – AVIGNON

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