

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; Chalon-sur-Saône; tiny Viviers for truffle hunting and a prehistoric cave art encounter; 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 Avignon's monumental Palace of the Popes, wine tasting in Châteauneuf-du Pape, and active excursions for a different perspective!

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



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.



NOTRE DAME DE FOURVIERE BASILICA, LYON

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 your shipmates 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 hot-or-not breakfast starts your day right. Then, step off the ship in Mâcon, gateway to southern Burgundy. Morning and afternoon RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursion options feature 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, a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE dining experience takes you up to the Vista Deck. We'll 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. Consider an excursion focusing on the rich culinary heritage of Chalon—naturally, tastings of regional specialties are included! Your ship departs in the afternoon, with free time for a massage or spa treatment. Your personal Butler can assist with scheduling one.

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 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 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 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 8 – AVIGNON

Another day to fully engage Avignon's Provençal charm and see just what inspired Europe's powerful 14th-century pontiffs, Florentine poet Petrarch, and countless merry-makers beneath a certain bridge in the Middle Ages. For an active option, consider 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 9 – 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. Morning and afternoon RIVERSIDE CHOICE options include a Taste of Aix-en-Provence with a curated selection of local specialties; a visit to a real Camargue manade (ranch) to experience its cowboy culture; and more. This evening, head up to the Vista Deck for endless views of the stunning Rhône Delta as you savor a special al fresco barbecue dinner.



WILD HORSE GRAZING IN THE RHÔNE DELTA



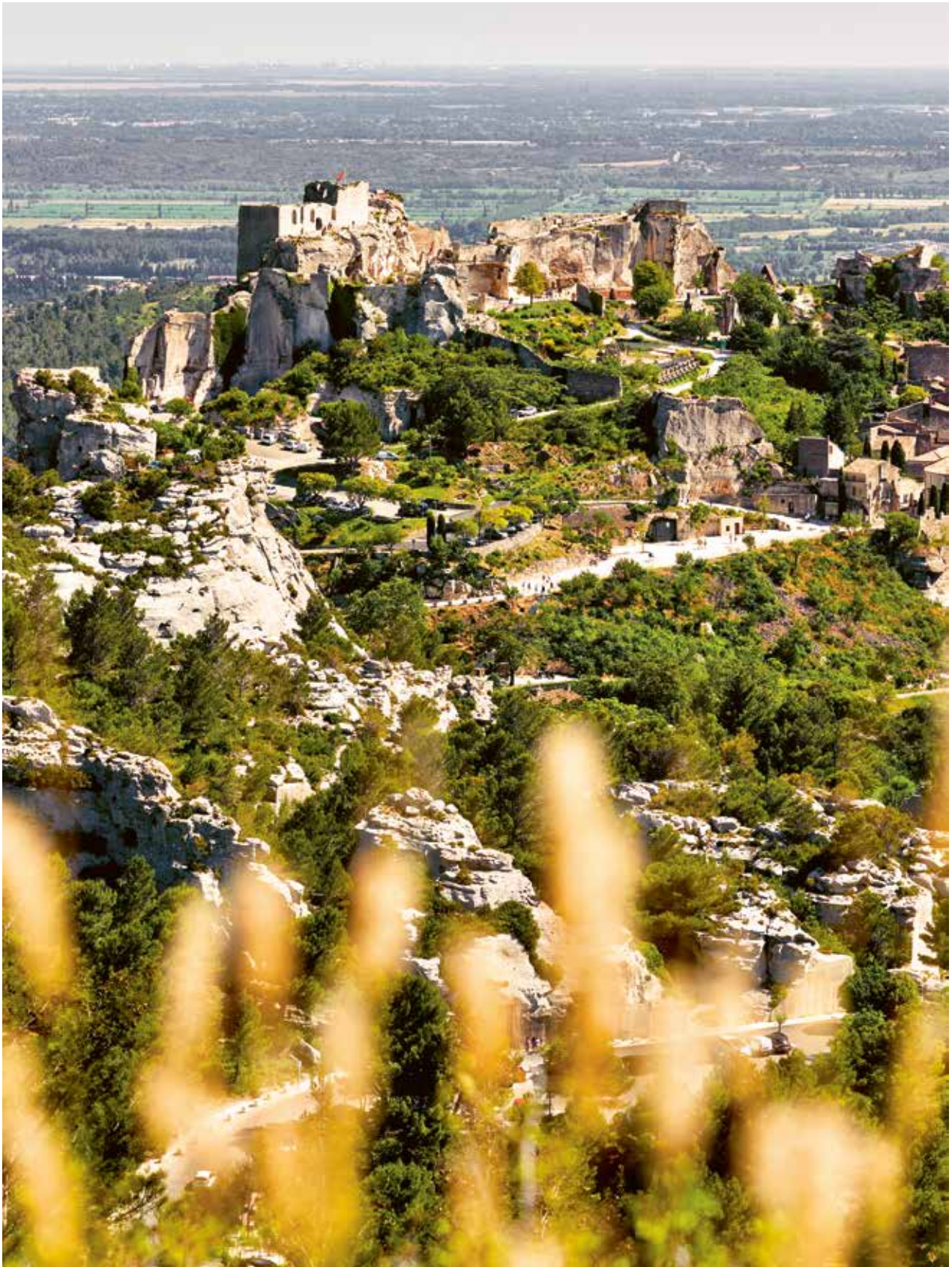
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DAY 10 – TARASCON / AVIGNON

Pretty Provençal Tarascon greets you this morning with 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, return to Avignon for the final night of your memorable cruise.

DAY 11 – AVIGNON

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



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