

# SCENES OF SOUTHERN FRANCE WITH RHÔNE DELTA

## AVIGNON TO AVIGNON – 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



SAINT-BÉNÉZET BRIDGE, AVIGNON

From its glacial source in the Swiss Alps to its final rush into the sea, the Rhône River courses over 500 miles, finally dividing and creating Western Europe's largest river delta. On this fantastic 4-day luxury cruise, you'll come to appreciate just how majestic the ancient river truly is. Spend time in Van Gogh's beloved Arles, where you can visit a Roman amphitheater dating back to the 1st century AD, as well as the dramatic walled city of Avignon with its 14th-century castle fortress. Highlights include Tarascon Castle, the monumental Palace of the Popes in Avignon, and a delicious al fresco dinner on your ship's Vista Deck as you cruise through the breathtaking Rhône Delta. You'll also have loads of excursion choices with both active and leisurely ways to explore the fascinating Pont du Gard.

### ITINERARY

Day 1 – Avignon	Day 3 – Tarascon/ Avignon
Day 2 – Arles/Port- Saint-Louis/ Rhône-Delta	Day 4 – Avignon



### DATES IN 2025

10 Apr, 24 Apr, 8 May, 22 May, 8 Jun,  
22 Jun\*, 6 Jul, 20 Jul, 3 Aug, 17 Aug,  
31 Aug, 14 Sep, 28 Sep, 23 Oct, 6 Nov

\* departure during lavender season



### RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Escape into an unrivaled world of flavors and South-of-France ambiance at Domaine de Panéry winery. As atmospheric music welcomes you, tour the estate's wine cave to learn about the process behind its award-winning organic reds, whites, and rosés. Then, enjoy a tasting surrounded by the delightful gardens, vineyards, and olive groves, followed by a multi course Dinner.

## DAY 1 – AVIGNON

Welcome to Avignon, one-time home to Europe's powerful 14th-century pontiffs. Embark the luxurious Riverside Ravel and relax as you settle in – or, if you arrive early, join us for a short orientation of this fascinating city. The ship departs this evening – be sure to watch for the medieval arches of Saint-Bénézet Bridge, inspiration for the 16th-century song “Sur le pont d’Avignon”. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner.

## DAY 2 – ARLES / RHÔNE DELTA SCENIC CRUISING

Today is dedicated to Arles' warm embrace – the very place where Vincent van Gogh spent more than a year capturing the beauty of the area on canvas. Your RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions includes a guided walk that follows in the artist's footsteps, a tasting of the area's amazing wines, or a spectacular sound and light show. Outings are also available to Aix-en-Provence or the Camargue with its pink flamingos and wild horses. This evening, head up to the Vista Deck for unhindered views of the scenic Rhône Delta and a delicious al fresco dinner aboard one of the only river vessels that prepares and serves UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE AL Fresco Dinner on the top deck while cruising. Ship cruises overnight.

## DAY 3 – TARASCON / AVIGNON

The pleasant Provençal town of Tarascon greets you early this morning. How about a guided tour of its medieval castle, whose dungeons once held prisoners doomed during the French Revolution? Or, maybe a walking tour with wine tasting or



FLAMINGOS IN THE CAMARGUE

eBiking to Avignon with a picnic en route! After lunch on the ship, return to Avignon for some wonderful RIVERSIDE CHOICE options at the 1st-century Roman aqueduct, Pont du Gard, including kayaking along the Gardon River below the monument. You can also remain in Avignon for an enjoyable eBiking tour – or head out on your own for some shopping. Tonight, your ship remains in port for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE cellar tour and tasting event followed by a multi course dinner at the beautiful Domaine de Panéry winery.

## DAY 4 – AVIGNON

After breakfast, disembark the Riverside Ravel and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



PONT DU GARD