

FRENCH SALUT: AVIGNON TO LYON

AVIGNON TO LYON – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



LYON

Fall in love with the fine wines, sublime scenery, and riveting history of southern France! Begin in majestic Avignon, stop in tiny Viviers for a truffle or prehistoric cave art encounter, and spend time in Lyon with its remarkable cuisine. You might enjoy chocolate or wine tasting in Tain-l'Hermitage, Chalon-sur-Saône's Art Nouveau style, and Mâcon's Louis XV-era apothecary for a peek at 18th-century medicine. You can also personalize your cruise daily with RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions – including activities designed to get up and go!

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Avignon	Day 6 – Mâcon/ Tournus
Day 2 – Viviers	
Day 3 – Tain- l'Hermitage	Day 7 – Chalon-sur- Saône
Day 4 – Lyon	Day 8 – Lyon
Day 5 – Lyon	



DATES IN 2026

10 Jun, 24 Jun*, 8 Jul, 22 Jul, 5 Aug,
19 Aug, 2 Sep, 16 Sep, 30 Sep

* departure during lavender season



UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE

Uniquely Riverside features an authentic destination experience that leaves an unforgettable impression – like a relaxed evening stroll to experience the lovely lighting of day's end in Old Town Viviers, along with a special, scene-setting performance by a masterful local artist.

DAY 1 – AVIGNON

Welcome to Avignon, a city bursting with heritage sites, famous palaces and bridges, and colorful markets. Embark your ship, the luxurious Riverside Ravel, and relax as your personal Butler helps you get settled into your Suite. If you arrive early, be sure to join us for a Discover Avignon walking tour. Later, your first gourmet dinner on the ship is a great place to meet fellow guests and raise a glass to your exciting river journey. The ship remains in port until late and cruises overnight.

DAY 2 – VIVIERS

Viviers greets you today with a friendly “Bonjour” and so much to see! Your RIVERSIDE CHOICE menu of excursions offers a morning visit to an authentic French truffle farm, and afternoon hiking, kayaking, or the chance to see prehistoric cave art at Chauvet Cave. You can find a complete list of available excursions on our website. Crowning the day later is a gourmet dinner up on the Vista Deck, followed by a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE evening stroll. See Old Town Viviers in its prettiest light as the sun dips down over the horizon, accented by an outstanding performance by a talented local artist.

DAY 3 – TAIN-L'HERMITAGE

Today you find yourself in one of the Rhône's popular wine and chocolate destinations: Tain-l'Hermitage! With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, attend wine or chocolate tastings; investigate whimsical Cheval Palace, the 19th-century creation of a simple postman who stumbled on a stone; or cross the river to discover the ancient wonders of neighboring Tournon. Back on board later, enjoy your ship's amenities before a wonderful gourmet dinner.

DAY 4 – LYON

Bienvenue – welcome to Lyon, one of Europe's true treasure troves of history, culture, and cuisine! The options are endless, so what's your pleasure? See the sights from the seat of an electric bicycle, taste the wines of Chardonnay, or take an exclusive boat tour to Barbe Island. Regardless of what you do, RIVERSIDE CHOICE will help make your time here exceptional.

DAY 5 – LYON

Another day in Lyon gives you the chance to really get to know this amazing city. RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions include private wine tasting in Beaujolais or a unique tour focused on the colorful street art of Lyon. You could also head

out on your own to shop or try the city's many unique flavors and dishes. The ship departs late and cruises through the night.

DAY 6 – MÂCON / TOURNUS

A delicious breakfast starts your day right – how about made-to-order eggs, a lox bagel, or fresh croissants? Afterward, step off the ship in Mâcon for a day to remember! Morning and afternoon RIVERSIDE CHOICE options abound, like an invigorating hike up to the Rock of Solutré, an authentic French truffle-hunting lesson (and tasting) experience, or the chance to visit a real French château. Return to the ship for lunch and scenic cruising to Tournus in southern Burgundy. There, you'll discover a charming, medieval Old Town filled with narrow alleyways, ancient stone houses, and the 10th-century Benedictine Abbey of Saint-Philibert. Begin your evening with an elegant al fresco dinner on the Vista Deck. Afterwards a special treat also awaits: a UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE private performance by talented local musicians.

DAY 7 – CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

A thrilling day awaits in Chalon-sur-Saône, birthplace of photography and a place definitely worth snapping a few photos! With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, consider an excursion focusing on the city's rich culinary heritage, with tastings of specialties like Crème de Cassis, baked goods, chocolate, wine, and more. Your ship departs in the afternoon, providing the perfect opportunity for a massage or spa treatment on board.

DAY 8 – LYON

Disembark after breakfast and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel.



OLD TOWN VIVIERS