

RHÔNE SAMPLER WITH AVIGNON & LYON

AVIGNON TO LYON – 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



AERIAL VIEW OF CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Sublime scenery, riveting history, superb wines in the very environments where they were crafted – this 5-day luxury cruise is an outstanding foray into the South of France. Embark in the dramatic walled city of Avignon with its 14th-century castle fortress, and end in the foodie paradise of Lyon, where the Saône and Rhône Rivers converge. Along the way are incomparable Châteauneuf-du-Pape; Viviers for truffle-hunting lessons and a prehistoric cave art encounter; the decadent chocolates of Tain l'Hermitage; an unforgettable wine experience that takes you right into the heart of the Beaujolais wine region; and countless other activities and sights. You can also select active sightseeing, like eBiking around Lyon or hiking in the Ardèche Gorge, Europe's Grand Canyon!

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Day 1 – Avignon/ Châteauneuf- du-Pape	Day 3 – Tain l'Hermitage
Day 2 – Viviers	Day 4 – Lyon
	Day 5 – Lyon

FRANCE



DATES IN 2025

11 Jun, 25 Jun*, 9 Jul, 23 Jul, 6 Aug,
20 Aug, 3 Sep, 17 Sep, 1 Oct

* 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.



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DAY 1 – AVIGNON / CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

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 Discover Avignon walking tour. As your ship pulls out of port this afternoon, see the medieval arches of Saint-Bénézet Bridge, inspiration for the 16th-century song “Sur le pont d'Avignon”. This evening, arrive in stunning Châteauneuf-du-Pape, where you can join a wine tasting in this legendary region. Ship cruises overnight.

DAY 2 – VIVIERS

Viviers greets you with a friendly “Bonjour” and a lot to see! Your RIVERSIDE CHOICE menu of excursions offers an incredible lineup of options, where you can visit an authentic French truffle farm and Château de Grignan; join a brisk hike through the lovely Ardèche Gorge, Europe's Grand Canyon; encounter prehistoric Europe and an exceptional collection of cave art at Chauvet Cave 2; or maybe take a relaxing guided stroll through Viviers with music and an introduction to Pétanque (lawn bowling). Crowning the day are this evening's gourmet dinner up on the Vista Deck and the 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 brilliant local artist. Ship departs late and cruises overnight.

DAY 3 – TAIN L'HERMITAGE

Get to know charming Tain l'Hermitage today with RIVERSIDE CHOICE. How about a tasting of local wines or decadent Valrhona chocolate? You might also enjoy a walk through neighboring Tournon to see its photogenic hilltop castle, or a visit to whimsical Cheval Palace, the 19th-century creation of a simple postman who stumbled on a stone. Back on board, enjoy a relaxing afternoon and evening of socializing, dining, and scenic cruising.

DAY 4 – LYON

The options are endless today, so what's your pleasure? RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a guided walk through the Old Town and visit to the Roman amphitheater; time to investigate Lyon's traboules (secret passageways), followed by a funicular ride up Fourvière Hill; wine tastings in the Beaujolais or Chardonnay regions; a trip back in time in medieval Pérouges; or even guided eBiking through Lyon. Your ship remains in port this evening, so you're free to check out Lyon's dazzling nightlife!

DAY 5 – LYON

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