

RHÔNE RHAPSODY WITH RHÔNE DELTA & CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

AVIGNON TO LYON – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

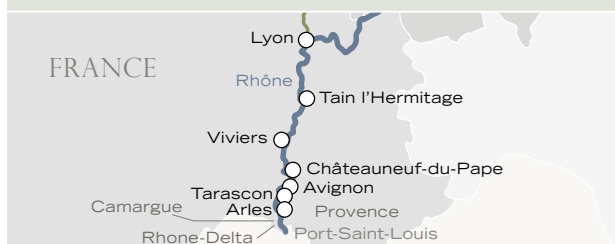


Vienne

If the South of France is calling with its warm sunshine, exquisite food and wine, and unforgettable sights, then this is the luxury cruise for you! For a whole week, the irrepressible Rhône will be your host, introducing you to the wonders of dramatic Avignon, ancient Arles with its special lighting that captivated Van Gogh, Provençal Tarascon, 2,000-year-old Lyon with its unrivaled commitment to world-class cuisine, and more. Dine al fresco on the Vista Deck while passing through the lovely Rhône Delta; explore the Palace of the Popes; taste the brilliant wines of Châteauneuf-du-Pape during an unforgettable cellar tour; and take an active approach to your sightseeing if the mood strikes you. Other possibilities? How about tasting the decadent chocolates or wines of Tain l'Hermitage?

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Day 1 – Avignon	Day 5 – Viviers
Day 2 – Avignon	Day 6 – Tain l'Hermitage
Day 3 – Arles/Port-Saint-Louis/Rhône-Delta	Day 7 – Lyon
Day 4 – Tarascon/Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Day 8 – Lyon



DATES IN 2025

13 Apr, 27 Apr, 11 May, 25 May, 12 Oct, 26 Oct, 9 Nov



RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT

Further enhance your cruise with unforgettable experiences – like an exclusive outing into the legendary Châteauneuf-du-Pape wine region. Travel into the heart of the scenic Rhône Valley for a VIP tour of a celebrated wine estate and the chance to learn about the stony terroir that produces the wines' distinguished flavors. Then, join a sommelier for a curated tasting of several splendid Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines, expertly paired with traditional French cheeses and breads.

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 Discover Avignon walking tour. Tonight, meet your crew and fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner. Ship remains in port overnight.

DAY 2 – AVIGNON

You may have gotten glimpses of Avignon on the way to your ship yesterday, but today you get to fully engage this historic wonder through a RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions. To get oriented, you might appreciate a guided stroll through the Old Town. Other options are a tour through the awe-inspiring Palace of the Popes; an invigorating eBiking tour; or the chance to explore Pont du Gard, the 1st-century Roman aqueduct – including kayaking along the Gardon River below the monument! Later, as your ship departs Avignon, admire the medieval arches of Saint-Bénézet Bridge, inspiration for the 16th-century song “Sur le pont d'Avignon”. Ship departs before dinner.

DAY 3 – ARLES / RHÔNE DELTA SCENIC CRUISING

Spend today enveloped by Arles, where Vincent van Gogh spent more than a year capturing the beauty of the area on canvas. A full program of RIVERSIDE CHOICE excursions is on offer, like 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. Another outing whisks you off to Aix-en-Provence or the Camargue with its pink flamingos and wild horses. This evening, UNIQUELY RIVERSIDE AL Fresco Dinner is prepared and served on the Vista Deck as your ship passes through the scenic Rhône Delta. Ship cruises overnight.

DAY 4 – TARASCON / CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Rise and shine! Begin the day with breakfast before heading into the Provençal town of Tarascon. How about a guided tour of its medieval castle, whose dungeons once held prisoners executed during the French Revolution? Or, maybe a walking tour or a refreshing guided bike ride is more your style. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, see the sights the way you like! After lunch on the ship and time to admire the passing scenery, arrive in Châteauneuf-du-Pape for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT at a featured wine estate. Surrounded by an unforgettable atmosphere,

you'll be treated to an exclusive tour to learn how the aromas of berries, plums, and earthy spices are achieved. Along the way, sample free-flowing Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines and hear how historical popes were associated with the famous appellation. Ship remains in port until late.

DAY 5 – 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 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 6 – TAIN L'HERMITAGE

Your time today in Tain l'Hermitage is an absolute treat. You might enjoy a guided walk through neighboring Tournon to see its striking hilltop castle; or visit Cheval Palace, the whimsical 19th-century creation of a simple postman who stumbled on a stone. Or, for a more sensory experience, attend the tasting of your choice: rich French chocolate at Valrhona, or an unforgettable wine tasting. The afternoon is ideal for relaxing as your ship makes its way to Lyon.

DAY 7 – LYON

The options are endless today, so what's your pleasure? RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a guided walk through the Old Town; 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 8 – LYON

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