

SOUTHERN FRANCE SOJOURN: LYON TO AVIGNON

LYON TO AVIGNON – 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



TAIN-L'HERMITAGE

Just mention the South of France and colorful images flood the imagination. Those images become reality on this week-long luxury cruise! Begin in 2,000-year-old Lyon with its world-class cuisine, then stop at Mâcon for a peek at a Louis XV-era apothecary; historic Tournus; Chalon-sur-Saône; and Viviers for truffle hunting or prehistoric cave art encounters. Dine al fresco on the Vista Deck and see the sights in an active way, if that's your preference. A RIVERSIDE CHOICE selection of excursions has you covered!

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



DATES IN 2026

31 May, 14 Jun, 28 Jun*, 12 Jul, 26 Jul,
9 Aug, 23 Aug, 6 Sep, 20 Sep

* 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 tour of the vineyards; 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.

DAY 1 – LYON

Welcome to 2,000-year-old Lyon, France's exciting gastronomic capital. Embark the Riverside Ravel and explore your ship's many amenities and get settled into your luxury Suite. Later, meet fellow guests at your first onboard dinner and raise a glass to toast your adventure.

DAY 2 – MÂCON / TOURNUS

A delicious breakfast starts your day right – how about a made-to-order omelette and fresh artisan bread with jam or with honey right off the comb? Afterward, step off the ship in Mâcon for a day to remember! Morning and afternoon RIVERSIDE CHOICE options abound, like an invigorating eBike tour through Chardonnay with wine tasting, and an authentic French truffle-hunting lesson (and tasting) experience. You'll find a full menu of excursions for the entire cruise on our website. Return to the ship for lunch and scenic cruising onward 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 3 – CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

A thrilling day is on tap in Chalon-sur-Saône, birthplace of photography. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, consider an outing along the Burgundy Wine Road to Beaune, or a mouthwatering foodie tour with tastings of regional specialties and wine.



CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

Your ship departs in the afternoon, providing the perfect opportunity for a pampering massage or spa treatment on board.

DAY 4 – LYON

Today is all about Lyon! RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a private wine tasting in Beaujolais, or the chance to see and learn more about the colorful street art of Lyon. The ship departs late and cruises overnight.

DAY 5 – VIENNE

Your day begins with breakfast as you arrive in Vienne, a city with a long history as a colony of the Roman Empire. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a great selection of excursions, like an electric bicycle adventure. Join an expert guide for a spin through the Rhône Valley with included wine tasting. Return to the ship in the late afternoon for scenic cruising and the chance to relax in the onboard pool or get in a workout in the fitness center.

DAY 6 – TAIN-L'HERMITAGE

Today is dedicated to 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. You can socialize with new friends in the lounge or maybe attend an enriching talk or mixology event.

DAY 7 – VIVIERS / CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

In tiny Viviers, get ready for some big RIVERSIDE CHOICE experiences! How about a truffle-hunting lesson or a prehistoric cave art encounter at Chauvet Cave, the world's largest cave replica? 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 8 – AVIGNON

After breakfast, disembark and enjoy complimentary transfers to the airport, train station, or central hotel. Flights should not depart prior to 11.30 am.