

SOUTH OF FRANCE SAFARI WITH CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

LYON TO AVIGNON – 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS



LYON

Eleven days in the South of France – more than enough to fall hopelessly in love with this special place. Embark in Lyon with its 2,000-year history and commitment to world-class cuisine. Then, see the ancient wonders of Mâcon and Tournus, of Hôtel-Dieu fame; Chalon-sur-Saône; tiny Viviers for truffle and prehistoric cave art encounters; stately Avignon; and Van Gogh's beloved Arles. Gourmet dining atop the Vista Deck will be an evening to remember as your ship passes through the spellbinding Rhône Delta. Other highlights are Avignon's monumental Palace of the Popes, wine tasting in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, a look at the rugged, Camargue ranch culture, and active excursions for a different perspective!

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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.



LEARN THE ART OF TRUFFLE HUNTING

DAY 1 – LYON

Welcome to 2,000-year-old Lyon, France's exciting mecca of all things food! 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 with hot and hearty, made-to-order dishes as well as lighter fare and regional favorites. Afterward, step off the ship in Mâcon for a day to remember! RIVERSIDE CHOICE options feature eBiking through Chardonnay with wine tasting, and a hunting lesson for "black diamonds" during a tour and tasting at a French truffle farm. You'll find a full menu of excursions for the entire cruise on our website. Return to the ship for lunch as you cruise 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. Your ship departs late and cruises overnight.

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. Your ship departs in the afternoon, so how about a refreshing dip in the pool?

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.

DAY 5 – VIENNE

Your day begins with breakfast as you arrive in Vienne, a city with a 2,000-year history as a colony of the Roman Empire. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a great selection of excursions. How about hopping on an electric bicycle 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 take advantage of your onboard spa or fitness center.

DAY 6 – TAIN-L'HERMITAGE

Today is all about 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 free time to enjoy as you please.



VIENNE



WILD HORSE GRAZING IN THE RHÔNE DELTA

DAY 7 – VIVIERS / CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Prepare 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

Welcome to Avignon, one-time home to Europe's powerful 14th-century pontiffs. Some wonderful RIVERSIDE CHOICE options are in store today, including a Discover Avignon walking tour and a visit to the incomparable Palace of the Popes.

DAY 9 – ARLES / RHÔNE DELTA SCENIC CRUISING

Today showcases Arles, a magnet for artists throughout the centuries. This was the very place where Vincent van Gogh spent more than a year capturing the beauty of the area on canvas. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, select the excursions that

are most meaningful to you! How about experiencing the rugged ranch culture of the Camargue, an afternoon call to Les Baux-de-Provence for a fabulous Sound & Light Show, or other possibilities? This evening, the Vista Deck is the place to be for unhindered views of the scenic Rhône Delta as you dine al fresco aboard one of the only river vessels that prepares and serves outside while cruising.

DAY 10 – TARASCON / AVIGNON

The pleasant Provençal town of Tarascon greets you early this morning. You might enjoy a guided tour of its medieval castle or eBiking along the famous ViaRhôna 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. Tonight, your ship remains in port for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE cellar tour and tasting event at the beautiful Château de Panéry winery.

DAY 11 – 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.