

SOUTHERN FRANCE MOSAIC

LYON TO AVIGNON – 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS



RHÔNE RIVER

Architectural style, famous wine regions, unmatched culture – discover the best of France's southern region on this grand, week-long cruise. Begin in 2,000-year-old Lyon with its secret traboules (passageways) zig-zagging through town and its impressive monuments forever connecting the city to the Roman Empire. Then, cruise past vineyards and châteaux on the way to Mâcon; medieval Tournus; Chalon-sur-Saône with its half-timbered Old Town; Tournon, where wine and chocolate take center stage; tiny Viviers; and Châteauneuf-du-Pape for an amazing RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE wine-tasting event. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you'll also get to personalize your cruise with excursions that introduce you to the ports in a fun and active way!

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Day 1 – Lyon	Day 5 – Tournon
Day 2 – Mâcon/ Tournus	Day 6 – Viviers/ Châteauneuf- du-Pape
Day 3 – Chalon-sur- Saône	Day 7 – Avignon
Day 4 – Lyon	



DATES IN 2026

4 Oct



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 toast 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 on the way 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 fun foodie tour with tastings of regional specialties and wine. Your ship departs in the afternoon, so maybe head to the Atelier for a decadent bowl of ice cream!

DAY 4 – LYON

A return to Lyon gives you the chance to really get to know this amazing city. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a private wine tasting in Beaujolais, or the chance to see and learn more about the colorful street art of Lyon. Alternatively, head out on your own to shop or explore more independently. The ship cruises overnight.

DAY 5 – TOURNON

Dive into the quaint atmosphere of Tournon with RIVERSIDE CHOICE. You might join a guided tour featuring the wine and wonders of medieval Tournon Castle; visit Le Palais Ideal (the "Ideal Palace"), the fantastical creation of a 19th-century postman who stumbled on a stone; or attend a tasting of rich Valrhona chocolate. Your ship remains in port until late.



RIDE AN EBIKE IN CHARDONNAY

DAY 6 – 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? Reboard your ship for lunch and 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 which delectable notes you can detect with each sip.

DAY 7 – 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.