RHÔNE RIVER ROAMING WITH RHÔNE DELTA & PONT DU GARD

LYON TO AVIGNON - 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



AVIGNON

Experience the best of southern France, known by the locals as le Midi! Visit Vienne, Viviers, Tarascon, Van Gogh's beloved Arles, and other inviting Rhône River ports. Highlights include Lyon's 2,000-year-old Old Town; Tarascon's medieval castle; Avignon's grand Palace of the Popes; and Châteauneuf-du-Pape for a wine tasting beyond compare! Personalize your cruise daily with RIVERSIDE CHOICE. Options include outings to Beaujolais, Aix-en-Provence, or the rugged ranch culture of the Camargue; or even active pursuits such as kayaking or eBiking. Al fresco dining atop the Vista Deck as you cruise through the lovely Rhône Delta is the pièce de résistance of your journey!

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Lyon Day 5 – Avignon

Day 2 - Vienne Day 6 - Arles/

Day 3 – Tain- Rhône Delta

l'Hermitage Day 7 - Tarascon/ Viviers/ Avignon

Day 4 - Viviers/ Avignon Châteauneuf- Day 8 - Avignon

du-Pape



DATES IN 2026

17 May, 3 Jun, 17 Jun, 1 Jul*, 15 Jul, 29 Jul, 12 Aug, 26 Aug, 9 Sep, 23 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.



TARASCON CASTLE

DAY 1 - LYON

Welcome to 2,000-year-old Lyon, where food and flavors are always the talk of the town! Embark the Riverside Ravel and settle into your luxurious Suite. If you arrive early, join us for a guided stroll highlighting Lyon's Old Town, its Roman-era Four-vière Hill, and Presqu'île. Get to know your fellow traveling companions during your first onboard dinner, and raise a glass to toast your adventure as your ship departs.

DAY 2 - VIENNE

Your day begins with breakfast as you cruise to Vienne, a city with a long history as a colony of the Roman Empire. RIVERSIDE CHOICE offers a great selection of excursions, including an active bike tour! Just hop on the seat of an electric bicycle and take a spin through the Rhône Valley with included wine tasting. A full list of options and descriptions is available on our website. 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 3 – 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 many ways to make the most of your time on board. You can socialize with new friends or maybe attend an enriching talk or mixology event.

DAY 4 – 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 5 - AVIGNON

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

DAY 6 – ARLES / RHÔNE DELTA SCENIC CRUISING

Today is dedicated to Arles' warm embrace. A magnet for artists, Vincent van Gogh spent more than a year here, capturing the beauty of the area on canvas. With RIVERSIDE CHOICE, you could experience the rugged ranch culture of the Camargue wetlands, enjoy a fantastic Sound & Light show at Les Baux-de-Provence, and other exciting options. 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 7 - 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. You could also enjoy an eBike tour – or explore Avignon on your own. Tonight, your ship remains in port for a RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE cellar tour and tasting event at the beautiful Château de Panéry winery.

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.