# TASTE OF SOUTHERN FRANCE

# LYON TO AVIGNON - 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS



STATUE OF SAINT MICHAEL IN THE RHÔNE VALLEY

This petite luxury cruise is ideal as a quick getaway – or if you want to begin or end any South of France adventure with a cruise along its magnificent rivers! Embark in 2,000-year-old Lyon, France's exciting gastronomic capital, then cruise to Tournon, where wine and chocolate take center stage. On to tiny Viviers for some big experiences and Châteauneuf-du-Pape for an amazing RIVERSIDE SIGNATURE EVENT featuring – what else? A wine tasting beyond compare! Enjoy countless special features, plus the chance to personalize your time daily with the excursions of your choice! Between the history, culture, French wines and cuisine, active pursuits, and splendors of nature, you'll quickly understand why this cruise is so popular!





## 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 vine-yards; 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.



STONY TERROIR OF CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

#### DAY 1 - LYON

Welcome to 2,000-year-old Lyon, France's exciting gastronomic capital. Embark, settle into your luxurious Suite, and explore your ship's many amenities. If you arrive early, join us for a guided stroll highlighting Lyon's Old Town, its Roman-era Fourvière Hill, and Presqu'île. Then, at your first onboard dinner, get to know your fellow traveling companions and raise a glass to toast your grand adventure in the South of France.

#### DAY 2 - TOURNON

Spend time today exploring the area with a RIVERSIDE CHOICE of excursions. You might join a guided walk to see Tournon's striking hilltop castle; visit Le Palais Ideal (the "Ideal Palace"), the 19th-century creation of a simple postman who stumbled on a stone; or attend a tasting of rich French chocolate at Valrhona. Your ship remains in port until late.

# DAY 3 – 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 if you can discern the notes of berries, plums, and spices.

## DAY 4 - 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.



TOURNON