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AN EXCLUSIVE PERFORMANCE TODAY MUSIC, FOOD, WINE AND ART LOVERS JOURNEY **PARIS BURGUNDY PROVENCE**

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Please join me, Fred Child, as I host a special Performance Today arts voyage to France. Also joining us will be Earthbound Expeditions founders, Matthew and Danna Brumley. In addition, you'll be traveling with fellow enthusiasts of music and the arts on a ten day celebration of "L'Art de Vivre in France"!

Our in-depth adventure starts when we board our exclusively chartered first class small ship, the *MS van Gogh*. We will cruise north on the historic Rhône river among picturesque villages, ancient archaeological sites and esteemed wine estates. Along the way we will enjoy exclusive Perf Chats with PT Young Artists in Residence who will perform a curated chamber music repertoire that will be the perfect accompaniment to our daily pursuit of beauty.

After we disembark, we'll stop in Burgundy to sample some of the region's outstanding Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays before we arrive in the City of Light. In Paris, we'll walk in the footsteps of Picasso, Rodin and Hemingway, and have free time to explore the many museums, bookstores, colorful markets and cafés of Paris. Foodies will enjoy

a complementary cooking demonstration at the world-famous **Cordon Bleu**. To cap off the perfect day: a tour of the spectacular **Garnier Opera House**.

This adventure is a perfect composition of breathtaking natural splendor, exceptional music, and unforgettable art. Whatever your passion, be it classical music, wine tasting, food, art, or simply pursuing the French "joie de vivre," do join us. We look forward to exploring the treasures of France with you in 2024!

Fred Child

Fred Child
Performance Today Host



Arc de Triomphe

TOUR THE HISTORIC PARIS PALAIS OPERA GARNIER

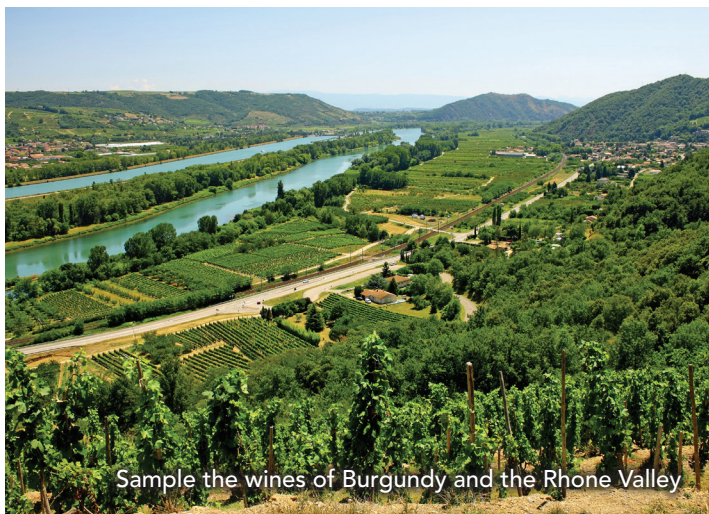


Enjoy a special tour of the Palais Opera Garnier! A 19th-century architectural masterpiece, the Palais Garnier Opera House, built by Charles Garnier and opened in 1875, is the 13th opera house in Paris since the introduction of French opera by Louis XIV in 1669. Napoleon III commissioned it as part of the renovation works in the capital carried out under his command by Baron Haussmann.



*Detail of the Palais Garnier ceiling
painted by Marc Chagall*

The ceiling in the main auditorium, painted by Marc Chagall, took a year to successfully complete. This imposing work stands out for its luminous colors and myriad details including winged characters, quintessential Parisian buildings and monuments like the Arc de Triomphe, and musical instruments. The especially keen-eyed may find Chagall himself or André Malraux, who commissioned this monumental fresco.



YOUR CLASSICAL JOURNEY BEGINS

DAY 0 APRIL 10, 2024: DEPART NORTH AMERICA FOR THE SOUTH OF FRANCE

In order to arrive in time, you'll need to depart North America no later than April 10. You may also wish to arrive a few days early and relax and explore the beautiful coastal city of Nice.

DAY 1 APRIL 11: ARRIVE IN NICE OR MARSEILLE

Passengers are welcome to board our ship, the *MS Van Gogh* at 6 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. We'll enjoy dinner on board. The rest of the evening is yours to do as you please. Our ship will cruise towards Port-Saint-Louis. (D)

DAY 2 APRIL 12: PORT-SAINT-LOUIS / PONT DU GARD / VAN GOGH'S ARLES



Join the excursion to the spectacular 2,000 year old aqueduct of the Pont du Gard. Considered one of the best preserved antiquities in Europe, it is a stunning feat of Roman engineering. Built without mortar, the massive stones were perfectly carved and placed and have staunchly survived for centuries.

We'll also tour a town that is an example of Provence at its quintessential best; Arles is filled with Roman ruins still used today and shops displaying traditional Provençal fabrics, herbes de Provence, honey, lavender and soap. The Musée Réattu contains many of Picasso's sketches and there are year-round photography expositions and

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Pont du Gard, France



galleries including the Van Gogh Foundation, which feature rotating exhibits of contemporary works. Enjoy a late walking tour of Arles' highlights and return on board for dinner. Sleep on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 APRIL 13: ST REMY / VAN GOGH / OLIVE OIL TASTING

Head into the scenic Provençal countryside to the delightful town of St Rémy. Stroll the villages, and enjoy a walk around the grounds of the peaceful St Paul Mausole, a veritable masterpiece of Provençal Romanesque art, built in the neighborhood of the Gallo-Roman site of Glanum. This is the famous asylum where Vincent Van Gogh spent time resting and painting. Finally, stop to taste some of the wonderfully aromatic olive oil of this region before heading back to Arles to board the ship. Sleep on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 APRIL 14: AVIGNON / THE PAPAL PALACE



Enjoy the lively atmosphere of the medieval walled city of Avignon where we will have a walking tour of the city and the Popes' Palace.

Stay in town for lunch in a local café or walk back to the ship to dine. We'll have dinner onboard and dance on the deck "sous le Pont d'Avignon." Classical concert this evening. Sleep on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 APRIL 15: VIVIERS / TRUFFLE FARMS

When arriving in Viviers, you have the impression of entering a village where time has stood still. Join an excursion to an enchanting village and some local truffle

farms, where the adorable working dogs will obligingly demonstrate their truffle-digging skills. Sleep on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 APRIL 16: EXPLORE LYON



Spend a day exploring this spellbinding city. Tour the opera house, the Roman theater and explore the city's charming neighborhoods.

Winding their way through buildings, courtyards, and up and down staircases, Lyon's secret covered passageways, or "traboules," are an ideal way of visiting the city's hidden and colorful past. Every traboules is different though. Each has a unique pastel color, a particular curve or spiral staircase, vaulted ceilings or Renaissance arches. Classical concert this evening. Sleep on board. (B,L,D)

TRIP FACTS

- 10 Days/9 Nights
- Depart USA on April 10, 2024
- Trip begins in Martigues, France April 11, 2024
- Return to USA on April 20, 2024
- All ship cabins with outside view



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DAY 7 APRIL 17: LYON TO PARIS VIA BURGUNDY

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning before disembarking at 9:00 a.m.

Travel north to Paris today. Enjoy lunch at a winery in Burgundy en-route. Sleep in Paris (B,L)

DAY 8 APRIL 18: OPERA GARNIER / TOUR OF PARIS

You'll be treated to a walking tour of Paris today and an included lunch, after which we'll tour the spectacular Opera Garnier. (B,L)

DAY 9 APRIL 19: A DAY IN PARIS: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE LOST GENERATION

Enjoy some free time in Paris today to shop and visit any museums that tickle your fancy. (Be sure and make reservations ahead of time!) We'll also offer a fun cooking demonstration at the famous Cordon Bleu. (Space will be limited). We'll gather tonight for a farewell dinner and toast to our "tres beau voyage!" (B,D)

DAY 10 APRIL 20: DEPART PARIS FOR THE USA

Your journey culminates after breakfast today. Have extra time? Why not spend a few additional nights in Paris and visit Monet's springtime gardens in Giverny. Paris is a feast for the senses! *Bon Voyage!*



**INCLUDED
IN YOUR
JOURNEY**

- With Performance Today host Fred Child
- Guided by Earthbound Co-founders, Danna and Matthew Brumley
- 3 fabulous post-cruise nights in Paris
- A special tour of the Paris Opera Garnier
- Cooking demonstration at the renowned Le Cordon Bleu
- 6 nights on board the newly refurbished first-class, *MS Van Gogh*
- On-board concerts
- Special wine tastings in the Rhône Valley and Burgundy
- Outings to colorful local markets, a truffle farm and Provençal villages
- In-depth city walking tours of Avignon and Arles with local experts
- Entrances to all activities listed in itinerary



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YOUR PERFORMANCE TODAY HOSTS



Fred Child
Performance Today Host

Fred Child is the host of American Public Media's Performance Today, the most-listened-to

classical music radio show in America. Fred is also the commentator and announcer for Live from Lincoln Center, the only live performing arts series on television. In recent years, Fred has hosted a series of unique live national concert broadcasts. He has given concert talks for Lincoln Center, the Aspen Festival, and Summerfest La Jolla. His CD reviews have appeared on NPR's All Things Considered and his music reports have appeared on NPR's Morning Edition and Weekend Edition. He's been a contributor to Billboard magazine, and a commentator for BBC Radio 3. This will be Fred's seventh hosted adventure with Performance Today guests.



Amy Hyatt
Classical MPR

Amy Hyatt is a dynamic event and travel manager with over 25 years' experience, currently working at American Public Media and Minnesota Public Radio. Her global success includes managing events, initiatives and group trips in over 40 countries, including as a member of two Olympic committees. Amy believes in the power of public media, travel, hospitality and empathy to transform the world. Her values and home are deeply rooted in Minnesota.



Matthew Brumley
Earthbound Expeditions

Matthew is the co-founder of Earthbound Expeditions and has been leading and

creating public radio and museum adventures worldwide for 25 plus years. After completing his undergraduate studies at the universities of Copenhagen and Moscow, he went on to attend the graduate program at the London School of Economics. He has lived in Copenhagen, Paris, London, Tel Aviv and San Jose, Costa Rica. Matthew resides on la Isla Bonita (Bainbridge Island) off the coast of Seattle, with his globetrotting wife Danna, son Liam and daughter Aiyana.

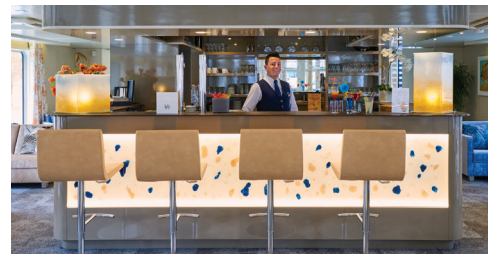


Danna Brumley
Earthbound Expeditions

Danna Brumley is the co-founder of Earthbound Expeditions. She studied French language and Civilization at the Université d'Aix-Marseille and Sociolinguistics at La Sorbonne Nouvelle in Paris. After completing her studies, she lived in Paris for several years, after which she began guiding tour groups throughout Europe. Thanks to Earthbound, Danna has worked in Western and Eastern Europe, Central and South America, Africa, Asia and the Caribbean.

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YOUR CLASSICAL PERFORMANCE TODAY HOME: **MS VAN GOGH**

Completely renovated in 2018, the *MS Van Gogh* has been redesigned and refitted according to the new standards of the company and offers larger, bright and comfortable spaces. In terms of decoration, the colour combination of gray blue and orange creates a lot of style and elegance. In a nod to the artist whose name it takes, the ship showcases some of his famous paintings, including those from the Sunflowers series. The patterns of the fabrics as well as the dressing of the bar follow the techniques developed by Van Gogh: impressionism and pointillism.

The two main common areas are located on the upper deck. At the front, the lounge / bar and at the back, the restaurant where all meals will be served during the cruise. The 20 cabins on the upper deck have French balconies and the 34 cabins on the main deck have windows. On the sun deck, an ideal place to relax and admire the landscapes, passengers can enjoy comfortable sun loungers, as well as a large shaded area.

"The ship was beautiful – very clean with a great captain and crew. The food was excellent. We had plenty of room in our cabin and never felt cramped. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

We would definitely sail on this ship again!"

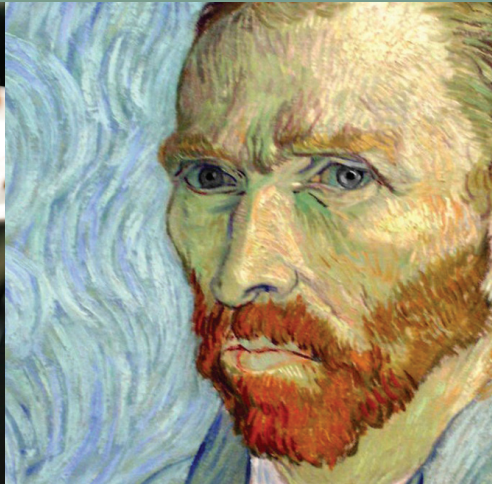
—Bonnie and Tom, USA



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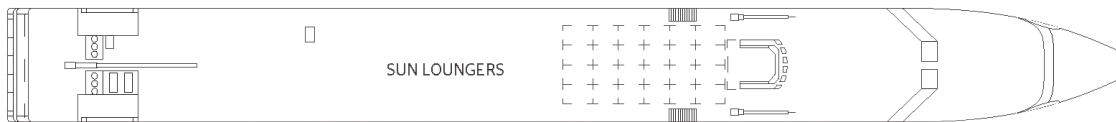
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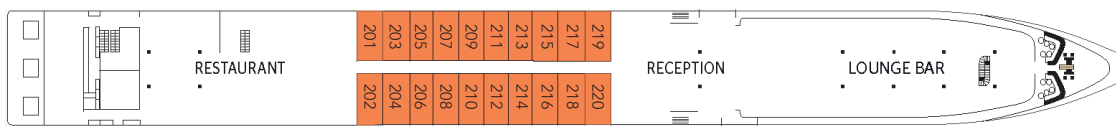


MS VAN GOGH DECK PLAN & PRICING

Sun Deck



Upper Deck – Ravel



Main Deck – Debussy



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Double Cabin Category	Per Person Before Discount	Deposit by Nov. 1, 2023 & Each Save	Price After Discount Each
Main Deck – Debussy	\$5,799	-\$300	\$5,499
Upper Deck – Ravel	\$6,499	-\$300	\$6,199

EXTRA \$100 SAVINGS
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Single Travelers: Upper or Main Deck add \$1,599. Space is limited.

Not included: Gratuities for ship staff, travel insurance and any items not mentioned in your itinerary. Port taxes, charges & fees are currently estimated at \$199 and are additional.

Savings: \$100 discount applies for all PERFORMANCE TODAY or Earthbound Expeditions travel alumni. If your deposit is made by Nov. 1, 2023 and/or you make your final payment by check, you will receive the additional discounts.

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Exclusive air rate is in economy class and allows for no deviations or upgrades. Seat assignments are subject to the discretion of the airline, specific requests cannot be guaranteed.



Avignon Bridge

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