



GRAND AMERICAN TOURS PRESENTS
TREASURES OF BURGUNDY & PROVENCE
(ROUNDTRIP LYON)
WITH AMADEUS RIVER CRUISES ON THE MS AMADEUS PROVENCE
8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS ~ OCTOBER 6 – 13, 2022
Air departs US on October 5th in order to arrive in Lyon on October 6th.

Enjoy this uniquely beautiful cruise along the French rivers Rhône and Saône. Experience picturesque villages, world famous wine regions such as the Côte d'Or, unforgettable stretches of land in the regions of Provence and Burgundy, and impressive views of historic cities and monuments. Food, wine, art, architecture, scenery and history - it all comes together in glorious harmony in the South of France. Traveling in comfort and style the Roman emperors would have envied, you'll find yourself falling under the timeless spell of southern France on a journey that is nothing less than "magnifique"!

DAY 1 | LYON

Departure at 10:00pm

This afternoon, embark the vessel and get settled into your cabin. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Cocktail, followed by a specially-prepared Welcome Dinner.

DAY 2 | MACON

6:00am – 7:00pm

In the morning, your ship arrives in Mâcon in southern Burgundy. This historic wine region produces some of the finest and most expensive wines in the world. Enjoy a morning tour through peaceful vineyards and be enchanted by the Mediterranean charm of the Beaujolais and Mâconnais wine regions. Alternatively, the city of Macon with its southern character and colorful facades can be explored during a city walk. After returning to your vessel for lunch, you can visit the historic Château de Pierreclos with its romantic cellars, vineyards and wine museum. Or join the afternoon excursion to Cluny Abbey, which was founded in 910 and was home to over 10,000 monks at its height. Enjoy a sumptuous dinner on board in the evening. **Maconnais & Beaujolais OR City Walk Macon | Chateau de Pierreclos & Wine Tasting OR Visit to Cluny Abbey**

DAY 3 | CHALON-SUR-SAONE (1:00am to 2:30pm) > TOURNUS (5:30pm to 7:30pm)

Continue exploring the Burgundy wine region in Chalon-sur-Saône, where half-timbered houses overlook a square teeming with art galleries and specialty shops. Enjoy a scenic drive through the Burgundy wine route on the morning tour. Your bus will stop in Beaune, the wine capital of Burgundy, where you will see the beautiful Hôtel-Dieu and enjoy a wine tasting at one of Beaune's famous cellars. You will then return to your cruise ship for lunch. Unwind and admire the scenery as the vessel continues along the Saône or, alternatively, join the afternoon excursion which departs from Chalon-sur-Saône and takes you either to the medieval towns of Brancion and Cormatin in a comfortable bus or to the center of Tournus and its abbey St. Philibert. In the late afternoon, rejoin your cruise ship in Tournus. **Beaune & Burgund | Excursion to Brancion und Cormatin**

DAY 4 | LYON

7:00am to 12:00pm

Today your AMADEUS vessel returns to Lyon, which is known not only for its architectural beauty but also for its gastronomic excellence. This photogenic city has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage site and its most famous landmarks include the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière and the charming Renaissance Vieux Lyon (Old Lyon) area along the bank of the Saône. Always worth a visit: Lyon's gourmet market hall by Paul Bocuse. You can explore these unmissable sights on the guided tour or on your own. At midday, the cruise ship leaves Lyon and glides past picturesque countryside vistas, heading south. **City tour of Lyon OR Visit of Les Halles du Paul Bocuse with tasting**

DAY 5 | AVIGNON overnight

Spend the day exploring the Provençal city of Avignon and discovering its momentous history. In the morning, take part in a guided walking tour of Avignon, the seat of the Catholic popes from 1309 to 1377. You will be able to admire the Papal Palace, one of the world's most fascinating examples of Gothic architecture. Another must-see is the Pont d'Avignon, a ruined 12th-century bridge that once spanned the Rhône. If you wish to see more of this unique historic area, join the afternoon excursion to the Pont du Gard, a Roman aqueduct which is a masterpiece of engineering, and the town of Uzès with its many medieval towers.

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Alternatively, you can visit the city of Nîmes, which served as an important outpost of the Roman Empire. In the evening, enjoy a well-deserved rest and a delicious dinner while your cruise ship remains in Avignon overnight. **Avignon walking tour incl. Papal Palace | Excursion to Pond du Gard and Uzès OR In the footsteps of the Romans in Nîmes**

DAY 6 | AVIGNON depart 5:00am > ARLES 8:00am – 6:30pm

Your ship will leave Avignon early in the morning and make its way to Arles. After breakfast, admire the Roman legacy in Arles, one of the oldest cities in France. Follow in the footsteps of the past, either on your own or on our guided city tour with a visit to the arena. Alternatively, we would be happy to take you on a trip to Tarascon, which lies exactly between Avignon and Arles and nestles picturesquely on the left bank of the Rhône - and has done so for around 2000 years. In the afternoon explore more of Arles, which once captured the imagination of the brilliant Impressionist painter, Vincent van Gogh. Learn more about the rich history of Arles during the morning tour and take a break at the café that served as the model for Vincent van Gogh’s “Café Terrace at Night.” Indeed, walking through the town might induce a sense of déjà vu, since many of the settings may be familiar from some of van Gogh’s best known pieces. Or recharge in the tranquility of nature by joining the excursion to the Camargue Nature Park, home to the renowned Camargue bulls and white Camargue horses. You will also pay a visit to the historic coastal village of Saintes Maries de la Mer. In the evening, while you are at dinner, the cruise ship will continue on its way to Châteauneuf-du-Rhône. **City Walk Arles with Arena OR Tarascon – in the middle of the Provence | Arles & Vincent van Gogh OR Excursion to the Camargue Nature Park**

DAY 7 | CHATEAUNEUF-DU-RHONE (4:30am – 8:30am) > LE POUZIN (12:00pm to 2:00pm)

You can choose to spend a tranquil day on board or disembark for a final excursion to the Ardèche Gorge, another natural wonder of this area. Visit the “Grand Canyon of Europe,” where spectacular limestone cliffs tower over the meandering river below. For gourmet lovers we recommend an alternative excursion to Grignan with a visit to an authentic French truffle farm. You will rejoin the vessel in time for lunch in the charming small town of Le Pouzin. In the afternoon, your ship will make its way back up the beautiful waterways of the Provence. In the evening, celebrate your unforgettable cruise experience at the Captain’s Gala Dinner. **Excursion to the Ardeche Gorge OR Excursion to Grignan with truffle farm and tasting**

DAY 8 | LYON

Arrive 2:00am

Indulge in one more breakfast on board before disembarking. The crew of the AMADEUS Provence bids you farewell and hopes to welcome you again soon!

Inclusions:

- Large, outside river-view staterooms, most with French balconies or walk-out balconies
- Free-flowing red & white wines from Europe’s famous wine regions, beer & soft drinks with every lunch and dinner onboard
- Gourmet dining onboard
- Cocktail Reception, Welcome Dinner and Captain’s Gala Dinner
- Services of an experienced English-speaking onboard Cruise Director
- 24 hour coffee and tea station
- All onboard entertainment including talks, cooking demonstrations, musical performances and nightly piano music
- Fitness room (open 24 hours)
- Bottled water in every stateroom
- In-stateroom infotainment center
- Complimentary Wi-Fi onboard
- Complimentary use of onboard bicycles
- Complimentary state-of-the-art audio headsets for optional excursions
- All shore excursions as mentioned in above itinerary
- All local taxes & port charges included

Small Panoramic Window	Haydn C-1	\$3,767
Large Panoramic Window	Strauss B-1	\$4,581
Large Panoramic Window	Mozart A-1	\$5,360

*****1 FREE FOR EVERY 9 PAYING PASSENGERS, 10TH GOES FREE!!!*****

Rates are per person double occupancy.
(Airfare is additional. Please call for rates from your area.)

PASSPORT REQUIRED

DEPOSIT POLICY: An initial deposit of \$600 per person double occupancy or \$1200 per person single occupancy is required in order to secure reservations and assign cabins. Final payment is due by May 6, 2022. *\$100 of your deposit is non-refundable up until time of final payment. Then normal cancellation penalties apply. **Those who book early get the best prices and the best cabin locations.**

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