

LYON & PROVENCE – Detailed Itinerary

Avignon to Lyon x 8-day cruise with 7 guided tours



Tap into your inner van Gogh at an Arles painting class. Discover Roman Provence at Les Arènes amphitheater and the Pont du Gard. Explore Avignon's Palace of the Popes. Excite your palate in Lyon, capital of French gastronomy. Savor Beaujolais wines. Hunt for truffles and see how chèvre cheese is made. Come witness the beauty that inspired artists like Cézanne and Chagall on this 8-day Rhône cruise.

Day 1 — Avignon, France -- Fly to Marseille. Transfer from the airport to your ship, docked in Avignon.* After boarding, take free time to explore this quaint town on the scenic Rhône River, or join our “welcome walk” to stretch your legs and get oriented. (D)

Day 2 — Arles, France -- Disembark after breakfast and take a walking tour of Arles with its diverse architectural highlights. Experience the city's vibrant colors and striking quality of light that have inspired artists. Arles is also the site of some impressive Roman ruins, including Les Arènes, an arena that seats 20,000 and is still in use, as well as Romanesque monuments such as the Church of Saint-Trôphime, completed in the 15th century. Return aboard for lunch followed by an afternoon on your own to explore or shop for handcrafted gifts. As always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time. Dinner is served as you depart. (B, L, D)

Day 3 — Avignon, France -- This morning, set out on a guided walk of Avignon, nicknamed “City of Popes” because it was home to seven popes from 1309 to 1377. Stroll through the historic center, stop at the picturesque Pont d'Avignon and walk the Place de l'Horloge. Continue to the renowned Palace of the Popes for a guided tour through this rambling maze of Gothic architecture that served as papal residence, fortress, church and palace. After the tour, enjoy an afternoon at leisure exploring Avignon. You can join the optional tour to Châteauneuf-du-Pape, visiting the vineyards and tasting the famous wine. Lunch and dinner are served on board your ship. We depart for Viviers this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 4 — Viviers, France -- This morning join a walking tour of Viviers' Old Town with its medieval and Renaissance buildings. Once a 5th-century Roman settlement, today the cobbled streets are dominated by the 12th-century St. Vincent Cathedral. This afternoon, we set sail to Tournon. (B, L, D)

Day 5 — Tournon, France -- All aboard the Train de l'Ardèche this morning for a locomotive ride through the deep gorges of the Ardèche plateau, cut by the Doux River. You'll return to your ship and enjoy lunch aboard as we cruise past dramatic landscapes. Arrive in Vienne this afternoon, a beautiful town with an ancient Roman past. Visit the Temple of Augustus and Livia, the Roman amphitheater and the Gothic Cathedral of St. Maurice on a walking tour before dinner aboard the ship. We remain docked in Vienne this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 6 — Lyon, France -- After breakfast, disembark in Lyon for a tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Begin with a drive to the top of Fourvière Hill for amazing views of the city. Continue with a guided visit to the Basilica of Notre Dame and drive through town past the magnificent St. Jean Cathedral and the Palace of Justice. Then take a walking tour through the cobbled streets of Vieux Lyon (Old Town), with free time to shop for souvenirs or sample some of the fine French cuisine for which Lyon is world famous. Your ship remains docked overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 7 — Lyon, France -- After breakfast, take a scenic drive through the rolling hills of Beaujolais, where viticultural tradition runs deep. See the legendary Moulin-à-Vent, the windmill that gives its name to one of the most prestigious wines of the region, learn about the art of winemaking in a small museum and enjoy a tasting in one of the Beaujolais's famous cellars. Return to your ship for lunch. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. As always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time. (B, L, D)

Day 8 — Lyon, France -- After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the Lyon airport for your return flight.* Or, extend your time in France with three exciting nights in Paris, one of the world's most romantic cities. (B)

The following meals are included: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner

* Airport meet & greet transfers included when air is purchased from Viking River Cruises

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STATEROOM CHOICES (prices below include 2 for 1 discount, group discount, taxes and fees for the cruise only)

Category ES -- \$8374 per person - Explorer Suite 445 sf w/ separate sleeping & sitting qtrs and wraparound verandah (limited)

Category AA -- \$5274 per person -- Veranda Suite 275 sf w/ separate sleeping & sitting qtrs and full veranda & balcony (limited)

Category A -- \$3674 per person -- Veranda Suite 205 sf w/ full veranda

Category B -- \$3474 per person -- Veranda Suite 205 sf w/ full veranda

Category C -- \$3274 per person -- French Balcony 135 sf w/french balcony (limited availability)

Category D -- \$3074 per person -- French Balcony 135 sf w/french balcony

Category E -- \$2874 per person -- Standard 150 sf w/large ocean view window

Category F -- \$2774 per person -- Standard 150 sf w/large ocean view window

DEPOSIT NEEDED -- \$550 person deposit to hold your stateroom. Final payment due 02/02/2018 and payments may be made.

AIR ADD-ON - Currently \$745 person (will change at first of month) Includes roundtrip transoceanic air travel directly from Viking in conjunction with your river cruise or cruisetour. Viking's air packages are a great value because they include your transfers between airport and ship or hotel. You will be able to choose your flight times beginning October 5, 2017. Select from more than 150 different gateways including Denver, Colorado Springs, Wichita & Kansas City (additional gateways available).

SILVER SPIRITS BEVERAGE PACKAGE UPGRADE -- \$150 person

TRAVEL INSURANCE -- Available from Viking starting at \$379 a person or packages also available from Allianz

PRE/POST CRUISE ADD-ONS—Several options are available including 3 ni Paris for \$849 person and 3 ni Nice for \$799 person

Viking Inclusive Value Your included features and services:

- 7 included shore excursions with local guide & headset
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Complimentary beer, wine & soft drinks with onboard lunch & dinner
- Multiple dining venues with open seating
- 24/7 specialty coffees, teas & bottled water
- Aquavit Terrace® and the most al fresco dining on Europe's Rivers
- All port taxes and fees
- Airport transfers on date of embarkation/disembarkation with Viking Air program

Your stateroom:

- Riverview stateroom
- Room steward & twice daily housekeeping service
- Hotel-style bed with optional twin-bed configuration; luxury linens & pillows
- 40" flat-screen LCD TV & complimentary Movies on Demand
- Refrigerator, security safe, hair dryer
- 110/220 volt outlets & USB port
- Heated bathroom floor & anti-fog mirrors
- Glass-enclosed shower
- Premium Freyja® toiletries, bathrobe & slippers (upon request)

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