



Young at Heart

Burgundy & Provence Rhone River Cruise with 2 Nights in Paris Avalon River Cruise and Land April 18 – 27, 2021

8 day Rhone River cruise + 2 nights Paris - \$3,980.00pp – double occupancy Cat. E
Includes high-speed train transfer from Paris to Dijon, to drive to Beaune with additional touring before boarding the ship, and transfer to Marseille
Paris to Marseille

Burgundy & Provence Southbound April 20 – 27, 2021

8 day Rhone River Cruise Only - \$3,188.00pp – double occupancy Cat. E
Round trip transfer from Lyon to St. Jean de Losne and Port Saint Louis to Marseille - \$235.00
Lyon to Marseille

Choose from 2 itineraries: river cruise only or extend your stay in Paris for 2 nights. Travel the Rhone River in the south of France through Burgundy and Provence. Sightseeing, wine tasting, tours, Palace of the Popes and so much more await you.



With only 128 passengers (64 staterooms) now is the time to reserve your space for our next European adventure. Space is very limited. \$250.00 land/cruise deposit is due immediately; final payment is due 90 days prior to travel. Brochures are available in St. Mary's Narthex and in the Parish office.

For additional information and to book your cruise and/or Paris extension, contact Jan Crawford at 281-852-3508 or jan17403@gmail.com

Enjoy wondrous views on your Avalon YourWay river cruise through beautiful France along the Rhône and Saône Rivers. Take in guided sightseeing in the well-known French treasures and some hidden gems too!

This French river cruise adventure begins your way with two overnights in Paris—the “City of Light.” Enjoy superior hotel accommodations with complimentary breakfast, guided sightseeing with an expert Local Guide, and courtesy hotel-to-ship transfer. See the landmarks of Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower, and the Louvre Museum with its elegant glass pyramid contrasting its ancient architecture. A guided city tour will show you all the must-see sights before you travel via high-speed train from Paris to Dijon. You'll tour one of France's architectural and home of Van der Weyden's “The Last Judgement” gracing Beaune's Hotel-Dieu Charity Hospital—built in 1443. You'll sail to the Chardonnay wine region of Mâcon, enjoying cheese tasting on board. You'll visit Lyon, a showcase of medieval and Renaissance architecture, as well as France's gastronomic capital. Lyon offers wonderful sights, including the popular Place des Terreaux with its famous fountain seen on postcards, and world-famous cuisine to discover on a guided culinary walk.

Beautifully nestled among vineyards, you'll find the twin cities of Tournon and Tain l'Hermitage, where you'll go on a guided walk of Tournon, a medieval treasure with plenty of Roman ruins and fascinating 16th-century castle. Continue to Viviers for a guided walk through this charming village. Cruise to historical Avignon and see the 14th-century Palace of the Popes—the largest gothic fortress in the world. On the Rhône River sits Arles, with its 1st-century Roman amphitheater still used today. Attend a painting workshop in the style of Van Gogh whose work was inspired by the setting here. You'll conclude your delightful French river cruise in Port-Saint-Louis

This is southbound tour schedule including Paris extension

Day 1 Paris: Welcome to France

Day 2 Paris: Guided sightseeing

Day 3 Dijon—Beaune—St. Jean de Losne (Embarkation): High-speed train to Dijon; motor coach transfer to Beaune, visit the Hôtel-Dieu; onboard welcome reception

Day 4 Mâcon: Leisurely cruising; onboard cheese tasting

Day 5 Lyon: Guided sightseeing; picture stop on Fourvière Hill; lecture on board

Day 6 Lyon: Culinary tour

Day 7 Tournon—Viviers: Guided walk in Tournon; guided walk in Viviers, visit the Old Town and the cathedral

Day 8 Avignon: Guided sightseeing, visit Palace of the Popes

Day 9 Arles: Choice of guided sightseeing in Arles, visit the Roman Amphitheatre, or painting workshop

Day 10 Port St. Louis (Disembarkation): Your vacation ends this morning

Day-By-Day Itinerary

(B) = Breakfast **(L)** = Lunch **(D)** = Dinner

Day 1 - PARIS, FRANCE

Take free time today to fall in love with the world's most romantic city. Get inspired by its architectural icons, exquisite cuisine, chic boutiques, and priceless artistic treasures.

Day 2 - PARIS

Cafés, Cathedrals, and Canvases—The City of Light Truly Shines

CLASSIC Join a Guided City Tour that shows the iconic sites of Paris, such as the Louvre Museum, the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Opéra Garnier, and the famous Champs-Élysées. Spend your free time strolling through the Champs-Élysées for café au lait and croissants, see the exhibits at the Louvre, or visit Montmartre's Basilica of the Sacré Cœur.

Consider browsing Paris' classic shopping avenues and literary cafés for a true Parisian experience, or have your portrait sketched by a Parisian artist in the square at Place du Tertre. - **(B)**

Day 3 - DIJON—BEAUNE—ST. JEAN DE LOSNE (EMBARKATION)

Take a High-Speed Train from Paris to Dijon, to drive on to Beaune.

Classic

CLASSIC Visit the Hôtel-Dieu Charity Hospital in Beaune, built in 1443, today home of the Van der Weyden's painting of the Last Judgment and one of France's architectural highlights.

This afternoon, travel to St. Jean de Losne to board your Suite Ship®.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO MÂCON

(B, D)

Day 4 - MÂCON

Wine and Cheese on the Stunning Saône

Enjoy leisurely cruising en route to Mâcon along the majestic Saône River. Consider a Guided Optional Excursion to a Chardonnay wine cellar, or to the Castle of Cormatin.

Discovery

DISCOVERY Later, enjoy a delicious Cheese Tasting on board your ship.

Enjoy live entertainment while sailing for Trévoux this evening.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN TRÉVOUX

(B, L, D)

Day 5 - LYON

Adventures in Food and Wine in the Gastronomy Capital of France

Sail for lovely Lyon this morning.

Classic

CLASSIC Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour to survey Lyon from Fourvière Hill with its numerous churches. You'll also explore the Old Town with its maze of medieval alleyways, and the lively cafés, monuments, and famed fountain of Place des Terreaux.

Spend free time riding a bike through Lyon's town squares, over bridges, and along the banks where the Rhône and Saône rivers meet.

Discovery

DISCOVERY- Be our guest for a WWII & French Resistance lecture on board your ship.

Later enjoy live entertainment after dinner.

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OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LYON

Day 6 - Lyon

Discovery

DISCOVERY - Join a Culinary Walk through the city to discover why Lyon is known as the gastronomic capital of France.

The rest of your day is free to explore, relax, or shop in France's third largest city. Take a bike from the ship and explore local produce markets and parks, or take a leisurely tour of the city's more than 100 murals.

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

(B, L, D)

EVENING CRUISE TO TOURNON

Day 7 - Tournon

Classic

CLASSIC - Take a morning Guided Walking Tour to explore Tournon—one of France's oldest medieval cities. See its 16th-century castle, and Roman ruins between the Rhône River and the granite slopes of the Hermitage. Enjoy a leisurely sail to Viviers after lunch.

VIVIERS

World History in a Charming French Country Village

Classic

CLASSIC - Explore the pale-stone buildings of Viviers on a late afternoon Guided Walking Tour of this charming village. You'll see its Romanesque cathedral and Old Town with a mix of historical Christian, Roman, and medieval influences. **(B, L, D)**

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO AVIGNON

Day 8 - Avignon

The City of Popes in Picturesque Provence

Classic

CLASSIC - Take a Guided Sightseeing Tour of the fortress city of Avignon—with its ramparts encircling the city—and a visit to the amazing Palace of the Popes.

Guided Optional Excursions include a visit to the ancient Roman aqueduct of Pont du Gard, or a trip to the famed wine cellars of Châteauneuf-du-Pape for a true taste of the Rhône wine region.

Explore Avignon on your own for the city's art and culture, theatre, and museums. Be sure to snap photos of the captivating countryside, historic monuments, and the medieval Pont Saint-Bénézet.

Later, enjoy onboard live entertainment.

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EVENING CRUISE TO ARLES

Day 9 – Arles

Active

ACTIVE Join your Avalon Adventure Host for a Morning Walk.

Classic

CLASSIC Enjoy a Guided Walking Tour of Arles—the captivating city of the Provence region. You'll visit the Roman Amphitheater in this visually stunning city, OR:

Discovery

DISCOVERY Attend a Painting Workshop to learn the style and techniques of Vincent van Gogh. You'll create your own painting in the style of the classic master who took inspiration from the Provence light and landscape in Arles.

Consider a **Guided Optional Excursion to the Carrières de Lumières** (Cathedral of Images) to immerse yourself in a truly unique experience of art, sound, and light in the old quarries of Val d'Enfer.

Take advantage of any free time remaining with a stop in Le Café van Gogh for a glass of wine, to relax and watch the world go by. **(B, L, D)**

EVENING CRUISE TO PORT ST. LOUIS

Day 10 - PORT ST. LOUIS (DISEMBARKATION)

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

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Flights should not leave Marseille airport before 10 am.

CABIN UPGRADES available. Price based on Cat E.