Cruise Provence & Burgundy
Featuring Avignon, Lyon and Beaune

Inspiring Moments

» Savor the romance of river cruising through a landscape of bucolic countryside, flourishing vineyards and lavender-scented foothills.

» Delight in Lyon, a metropolis replete with scenic parks, riverside paths and a beautiful, historic old town.

» Sip world-class Burgundian wines in Beaune, the capital of Burgundy's celebrated wine industry.

» Follow in the footsteps of ancient Romans and brave gladiators in the historic monuments of Arles.

» Witness medieval Avignon, a city that served as the center of the Roman Catholic world from 1309 to 1377.

» Experience five UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Accommodations
(with baggage handling)
– Unpack once and cruise for 7 nights aboard the exclusively chartered, first-class MS Van Gogh.

Extensive Meal Program
– 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; all drinks included on board except special wines and spirits.
– Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey
– Discovery excursions, including a choice of PERSONALIZE YOUR JOURNEY options, highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
– Expert-led Enrichment programs enhance your insight into the region.
– Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
– Free time to pursue your own interests.
– A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
– Tipping of guides and drivers.
– Complimentary travel mementos.

Itinerary

Day 1  Depart gateway city+
Day 2  Arrive in Lyon | Transfer+ to Chalon-sur-Saône | Embark ship
Day 3  Beaune
Day 4  Macon | Cluny
Day 5  Lyon
Day 6  Lyon | Viviers
Day 7  Avignon
Day 8  Arles
Day 9  Disembark ship | Transfer to Marseille airport and depart for gateway city+

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations
Extensive Meal Program
Your One-of-a-Kind Journey
Itinerary
**Discovery**

**Beaune.** Experience the captivating ambience of Beaune during a walking tour. Stroll the town’s cobbled streets, passing ramparts, inviting squares and intimate cafes. Visit the 15th-century Hôtel-Dieu, or the Hospices de Beaune, a Gothic-style building recognized for its extravagant, colorful roof. The hotel is now the headquarters for Burgundy’s charity wine auction, hosted in Beaune since 1859. Cap off your excursion with a delicious tasting of Beaune wines.

**Benedictine Abbey of Cluny.** These exceptional ruins are all that remain of one of the greatest religious buildings in the Christian world. Founded in 910 by William I the Pious, construction was completed in the mid-12th century and today the ruins stand tribute to the inimitable grandeur of the settlement.

**Avignon.** Indulge in the historic sights of this walled city nestled on the banks of the Rhône River. Witness the Place de l’Horloge, the 19th-century theater and the Town Hall. Visit the impressive Palais des Papes, a fortress-like medieval masterpiece that bristles with ramparts, towers and turrets.

**Arles.** Indulge in the extraordinary monuments and Roman ruins of Arles. Visit the ancient amphitheater, which once held 21,000 people, and step into the Middle Ages at the Cathedral of St. Trôphime. Then marvel at the Place du Forum and the Thermae of Constantine.

**Lyon Cruise.** Discover Lyon and its historic monuments during a nighttime cruise on the Saône and Rhône rivers.

**Enrichment**

**Avignon’s Popes.** Learn how Avignon was transformed in the 14th century from a sleepy community to the capital of Roman Catholicism as the residence of seven French popes.

**The History of Provence and the Rhône River.** Gain insight into the region while discussing the important events and people who helped shape the area.

**Elective Experiences**

We have designed optional activities to allow you to craft your individual trip.

**Lyon.** Extend your exploration of Lyon during a two-night extension while staying in the heart of the city. Enjoy a food tour through Vieux Lyon, a UNESCO World Heritage site and learn about the local food culture.

**Camargue Safari.** Discover the river delta of the Camargue Natural Park, a UNESCO designated biosphere home to pink flamingos, white egrets, herons and more. Along the way, guides share their knowledge about this extraordinary area.

**UNESCO World Heritage**

1. Arles, Roman and Romanesque Monuments
2. Roman Theatre and its Surroundings and the “Triumphant Arch” of Orange
3. Historic Site of Lyon
4. Historic Centre of Avignon: Papal Palace
5. Pont du Gard

**AHI Travel Expertise**

**Passenger Service Representative** | Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

**Travel Director** | Manages all details to ensure a memorable trip.

**Travel information** | Prepares you fully for your journey.

**Expert local guides** | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service.

**Lecturers** | Share their knowledge of and passion for their country.

**Accommodations**

**MS Van Gogh**


**PRICE**

**Sept. 26 – Oct. 4, 2020**

From Price $3,945

Special Savings $250

Special From Price $3,695

Port charges are an additional $395 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

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