

AmaWaterways Colors of Provence AmaKristina

May 28 – June 4, 2026 Cruise from Arles to Lyon through France's Beautiful Wine Region

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Join your friends for a wonderful adventure! Cruise through France's legendary wine growing regions, home to such famous vintages as Beaujolais and Côte du Rhône. Enjoy wine tastings at local vintners, marvel at ancient Roman ruins, stroll through medieval villages and shop for Provencal crafts. Your itinerary includes the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Avignon as well as Arles, the city where Vincent Van Gogh spent much of his life.

7-Night AmaKristina River Cruise

CA French Balcony Cabin \$5654.00 per person Cello Deck Double Occupancy BB Twin Balcony Cabin \$6164.00 per person Cello Deck Double Occupancy AB Twin Balcony Cabin \$6564.00 per person Cello Deck Double Occupancy

Cruise rates reflect a special CTA Travel group pricing reflecting a 15% discount off the cruise price! Port Charges of \$250 & CTA Travel Management Fee of \$50 included in above per person rates.

Optional AmaWaterways 3-Night pre-cruise in Barcelona and 3-Night post- cruise in Paris Pre and Post cruise packages are hosted by your AmaWaterways Cruise Manager.

Additional Cabin Categories available upon request and subject to availability. CTA Travel can customize pre-and/or post trips. Specific cabin availability will be at time of request. Air, Insurance & Airport transfers will be an additional cost.

AmaWaterways Provence journey has limited availability! The deposit is \$450.00 per person. Payments are non-refundable.

Do not miss this fabulous River Cruise Adventure ... Contact Brad today! 217-892-2526 <u>brad@AnywhereAnytimeJourneys.com</u>

Colors of Provence Day by Day 7-night Rhone River Itinerary

Day 1 ARLES – EMBARKATION Board the ship for your Colors of Provence cruise. (D)

Day 2 ARLES



Considered one of the most beautiful cities in France, Arles enchants all with its tantalizing history, formerly a Roman center of trade. Join a guided walking tour where you will visit the Roman ruins of Arles such as its Roman Amphitheater and the Church of Saint Trophime, famous for its Romanesque architecture. Alternatively, you can enjoy a bike ride along the Rhône, through town to the Langlois Bridge, a famous subject from several Vincent Van Gogh paintings. And for those who wish to delve further into Van Gogh's Arles, join a special walking tour along with a visit to the Vincent van Gogh Foundation, showcasing his legacy. During the afternoon, venture to Les Baux de Provence, a hilltop village and ruined castle. Time in the "old village," its shops, art galleries, and cafes interspersed among the historic ruins. Enjoy a

unique experience at the Carrières de Lumières, enjoy a presentation of art, sound, and history projected on the walls of a former limestone quarry set to music. Next, visit an olive farm to learn about this age-old Provençal tradition and enjoy a tasting. Finally, experience the beauty of Saint Rémy de Provence, the location where Van Gogh painted some of his most famous paintings, including *Starry Night*. (B,L,D)

Day 3 AVIGNON



Avignon, aptly named the "City of Popes," was the center of the Catholic Church in the 14th century when its "Palais des Papes" was the equivalent of today's Vatican. Depending on your interests, you have three choices of excursions in the morning. Discover the history of Avignon on a guided walking tour that includes the Papal Palace and the well-preserved medieval walls surrounding the historic center of town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Or you can visit three venues around Avignon to taste regional specialties including macarons, cheese and wine, and tapenades. Alternatively, you can enjoy a bike tour through the city. During the afternoon, you can go to another UNESCO World Heritage Site, the impressive Pont du Gard, a Roman aqueduct that is a masterpiece of ancient engineering. (B,L,D)

Day 4 VIVIERS



Take in the quaint surroundings of Viviers, a charming commune that sidles up to the right bank of the Rhone. From Viviers, travel to the magnificent hilltop village, Grignan, and go in search of the highly prized "Black Diamond" truffles with a farmer and his trustworthy canine companion. You can also explore Viviers on a guided walking tour, where you will see iconic sights such as Saint-Vincent Cathedral. Or stretch your muscles on a hike to Viviers' St. Vincent Cathedral, taking in beautiful views of the Châteauneuf du Pape dam, the Donzère Gorge, and the town of Montelimar with its magnificent château. You can also set off on a guided bike tour, exploring the beauty of Southern France as you ride along the Rhône River. (B,L,D)

Day 5 TOURNON



Take a steam train ride past magnificent landscape carved along the Gorge du Doux, stopping at the charming little station of Colombier le Vieux-Saint Barthélemy le Plain, where the train maneuvers in preparation for its return journey. Alternatively, lovers of wine and chocolate will want to visit Le Château de Tournon for a presentation and tasting on the pairing of red wine and chocolate. For a more active adventure, take a hike through the vineyards of Tain l'Hermitage, followed by a visit to a local winery where you will sample some of the wines. (B,L,D)

Day 6 VIENNE



Situated between the wine regions of Beaujolais and Côte's du Rhône lies Vienne with a Roman past that can be seen in its marvelously preserved ruins. Follow the footsteps of the ancient Romans on a walking tour to see the amazingly well-preserved Augustus and Livia Temple, the Saint Maurice Cathedral, a Gothic church that took more than 500 years to build, and St. Pierre Abbey—one of the oldest surviving churches in France, and now an Archaeological Museum. For those wishing to be more active, you can either take a guided hike from the ship to the Monastery at Mount Pipet or a guided bike tour along a portion of the ViaRhôna bike route. (B,L,D)

Day 7 LYON



Take a walking tour that starts in Fourvière Hill, part of the city's historic region that is now a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the 19th-century basilica Notre-Dame de Fourvière. Continue on to the old town of Lyon, followed by a guided walk through the St. Jean district, where you will be introduced to the city's unique covered walkways, known as "traboules." You can also visit the famous indoor market hall Les Halles de Lyon – Paul Bocuse, named after the late chef renowned for his Michelin-starred l'Auberge du Pont de Collonges restaurant. Sample of the delicacies offered by butchers, bakers, chocolatiers, and cheese mongers while taking in the colorful sights and enticing aromas around you. Alternately, join a guided bike tour through the city designed with cyclists in mind. (B,L,D)

Disembarkation

BARCELONA, SPAIN



Check into your Barcelona hotel for the beginning of your Colors of Provence pre-cruise land package.

BARCELONA

Barcelona, the bustling capital of Catalonia, is an artist's, architect's, foodie's, historian's, and culturist's dream. Tour the cobblestoned lanes of the Gothic Quarter in the medieval city center and Las Ramblas. See some imaginative architectural creations, highlights of the UNESCO World Heritage Site "Works of Antoni Gaudi," including La Sagrada Familia. (B)

BARCELONA



Join an excursion to Mount Montserrat, which is home to the Benedictine monastery of Santa Maria de Montserrat, located about 30 miles from Barcelona. Once there, you will ride a scenic funicular to the top of the mountain and experience an indescribable view of the Catalonia landscape. The monastery, officially founded in 1025, soon began to receive pilgrims and visitors who contributed to the spread of stories of miracles and wonders performed by the Virgin Mary. The whole of Montserrat is built around facilitating the worship of the Black Madonna in the Basilica. While here, you will see the famous Black Madonna sculpture, which sits at the back of the church, above the altar area. The stairway leading to the statue, plus the room and altar in which the

statue sits are ornate, golden and pay tribute to the wonder that is the Virgin herself. (B)



BARCELONA – ARLES, FRANCE – EMBARKATION

Check out of the hotel and board the TGV high-speed train to Nimes. Then you will transfer via bus to Arles where you will board your luxury ship. (B,D)

3-night Optional Post Cruise June 4 – June 7, 2026 Paris \$1590 p/p double



LYON – DISEMBARKATION – PARIS

Disembark the ship and enjoy some free time for lunch on your own before witnessing an included cooking demonstration of regional cuisine and culinary techniques. Afterwards, you will board the TGV high-speed train to Paris. Once you arrive in the famous "City of Lights," check into your hotel. (B)



PARIS

Enjoy taking in the signature sites of Paris in your guided city tour, including the awe-inspiring Arc de Triomphe and iconic Eiffel Tower. You will see Champs Élysées with its cinemas, sidewalk cafes and luxury specialty shops. (B)



PARIS

Enjoy a full day at your leisure to discover more of this romantic city, such as the world-renowned Louvre Museum or Musée d'Orsay. Perhaps go shopping in the Faubourg Saint-Honoré district or simply relax and spend the day like a local - by scoping out a local café for a café au lait, toasted baguette, or croissant. In the evening, visit Montmartre, long known as the city's premier artist's enclave. During the mid to late 1800s, artists also began calling Montmartre home. Pissarro and Jongkind were two of the first to live there, followed by other notable artists, including Edgar Degas, Henri Matisse, Toulouse-Lautrec, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, and Pablo Picasso. You will be taken on an evening illumination tour, discovering why Paris is renowned as the "City of Light." (B)