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BURGUNDY & PROVENCE

Tour: WJL • CHALON → ARLES

8

DAYS

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COUNTRY

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Take a delightful river cruise through France along the Rhône and Saône Rivers with guided sightseeing in known French treasures and some hidden gems too! Take in the beautiful countryside, quaint villages and towns, as you sail through the most captivating views of France. Lyon, France's gastronomic capital, founded by the Romans in 43 BC, sits at the junction of the Rhône and Saône Rivers and is a showcase of medieval and Renaissance architecture. Visit the popular Place des Terreaux with its lively cafés and monuments and stand in front of the famous fountain you've seen on postcards. You'll have plenty of time to explore this historical city further and be sure to sample Beaujolais, the famous wine of the region.

Beautifully nestled among vineyards, you'll find the city of Tournon, a medieval treasure with plenty of Roman ruins and a fascinating 16th-century castle, where you'll go on a guided walk. Continue your river 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, France—famous for inspiring the paintings of Van Gogh and its 1st-century Roman Amphitheatre, which hosts plays and concerts to this day.





Meals

Breakfast: 7 Lunch: 6 Dinner: 7

Transport

State-of-the-art, luxurious river cruise vessels with modern services and amenities

Accommodation

Deluxe outside accommodations with Avalon's exclusive Comfort Collection Beds

ITINERARY

DAY 1: CHALON-SUR-SAONE, FRANCE (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to France. Your Suite Ship is Ready for Boarding. Flights into Lyon must arrive by Noon. Guests must be on board ship by 2 pm. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN TOURNUS (D)

DAY 2: TOURNUS

Pearl of Southern Burgundy Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host. CLASSIC - Tucked away in the southeast corner of Burgundy, Tournus is one of the oldest and most important monastic centers in the region, Our Local Guide will show the highlights of this delightful town. Consider a Guided Optional Excursion to a Chardonnay wine cellar or to the Castle of Cormatin. DISCOVERY - Later, enjoy a delicious Cheese Tasting on board your ship. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN TRÉVOUX (B,L,D)

DAY 3: LYON

La Vie En Rose in Lyon Sail for lovely Lyon this morning. ACTIVE - Discover Lyon's architectural district by bike with your Adventure Host, over bridges, and along the banks where the Rhone and Saone rivers meet, OR: CLASSIC - Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour to survey Lyon from Fourviere Hill with its numerous churches. You'll also explore the Old Town with its maze of medieval alleyways, and the lively cafes, monuments, and famed fountain of Place des Terreaux. DISCOVERY - Be our guest for a WWII & French Resistance your lecture on board your ship. Later enjoy live entertainment after dinner. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LYON (B,L,D)

DAY 4: LYON

Adventures in Food and Wine 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. EVENING CRUISE TO TOURNON (B,L,D)



DAY 5: TOURNON

A Rendezvous with Castle Views and Vineyards 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 Rhone 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 - 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. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO AVIGNON (B,L,D)

DAY 6: AVIGNON

The City of Popes in Picturesque Provence Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities. 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 Chateauneuf-du-Pape for a true taste of the Rhone 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-Benezet. Later, enjoy onboard live entertainment. EVENING CRUISE TO ARLES (B,L,D)

DAY 7: ARLES

Inspiring Sights and Avant-Garde Lights ACTIVE - Get your daily dose of exercise through Nordic walking in Arles with your Adventure Host, OR: DISCOVERY - Attend a Painting Workshop to learn techniques of Vincent van Gogh. You'll create your own painting in the style of the legendary artist, OR: 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. Consider a Guided Optional Excursion to the Carrieres de Lumieres (Cathedral of Images) a unique experience of art, sound, and light in the old quarries of Val d'Enfer. Take free time to stop in Le Cafe Van Gogh for a glass of wine. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN ARLES (B,L,D)

DAY 8: ARLES (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning. Flights should not leave Marseille airport before 10 am. (B)



DATES & PRICING

TOUR CODE WJL - BURGUNDY & PROVENCE : CHALON to ARLES

Date	Vessels	Cabin / USD / (Cruise Only) / pax				
		E	D	B	A	P
09 - 16 Apr 2024	Poetry II	-	4,098	5,348	5,448	5,498
Promotion USD 1,000		-	3,098	4,348	4,448	4,498
23 - 30 Apr 2024	Poetry II	-	4,298	5,548	5,648	5,698
Promotion USD 750		-	3,548	4,798	4,898	4,948
07 - 14 May 2024	Poetry II	4,299	4,498	5,748	5,848	5,898
Promotion USD 500		3,799	3,998	5,248	5,348	5,398
18 - 25 Jun 2024	Poetry II	4,299	4,498	5,748	5,848	5,898
Promotion USD 750		3,549	3,748	4,998	5,098	5,148
16 - 23 Jul 2024	Poetry II	-	4,398	-	5,748	5,798
Promotion USD 1,000		-	3,398	-	4,748	4,798
10 - 17 Sep 2024	Poetry II	4,399	4,598	5,848	5,948	5,998
Promotion USD 500		3,899	4,098	5,348	5,448	5,498
24 Sep - 01 Oct 2024	Poetry II	4,399	4,598	5,848	5,948	5,998
Promotion USD 750		3,649	3,848	5,098	5,198	5,248
08 - 15 Oct 2024	Poetry II	4,199	4,398	5,648	5,748	5,798
Promotion USD 750		3,449	3,648	4,898	4,998	5,048
Excluded Port Charges USD 210 /Pax						
Excluded Gratuity USD 128 /Pax						