



Cruise Details

Name:	Essence of Burgundy & Provence (Smithsonian Journeys)
Reference:	AMAF280907FDJ
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaCello
Regions:	Rhone and Saone
Departs On:	07 Sep 28
Departs From:	Dijon
Arrives On:	14 Sep 28
Arrives At:	Arles
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	7

Itinerary

Day 1: Dijon (France)

<p>PORT OF DIJON - EMBARKATION. Settle aboard your elegant ship in Dijon, a city that blends historic grace with modern French life. The adventure begins with the soft glow of evening light and the promise of vineyards, villages, and Provençal charm ahead.</p>

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Day 2: Chalon-sur-Saône (France)

<p>CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE – TOURNUS, FRANCE. Explore the heart of southern Burgundy with visits to medieval Chalon-sur-Saône, the wine town of Beaune, or ancient Autun. As a Smithsonian Journeys Exclusive, wander cobblestone streets, admire the famed Hôtel-Dieu’s mosaic roof, and stand before Roman and Romanesque masterpieces like Autun’s grand theater and the Cathedral of Saint-Lazare. Later, enjoy a scenic sail to Tournus or taste the celebrated white wines of the Mâconnais region.</p>

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Day 2: Tournus (France)

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Day 3: Tournus (France)

<p>TOURNUS – MÂCON, FRANCE. Discover Tournus and Mâcon with guided tours of the Abbey of Saint Philibert, the moated Château de Cormatin, or the medieval village of Brancion. Choose a scenic cruise, a guided bike ride between the towns, or a local wine tasting before rejoining the ship in Mâcon.</p>

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Day 3: Mâcon (France)

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Day 4: Mâcon (France)

<p>MÂCON, FRANCE. Explore Mâcon's vineyards, museums, and historic sites, or visit Cluny Abbey, a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture. Alternatively, as a Smithsonian Journeys Exclusive, discover the 17th-century Château de Fléchères with its grand salons, Italian frescoes, and beautiful gardens. End your day with scenic cruising and an exclusive Beaujolais wine tasting experience. </p>

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Day 5: Lyon (France)

<p>LYON – VIENNE, FRANCE. Discover dynamic Lyon, starting 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." Or get active a guided bike tour through the city designed with cyclists in mind. If you're a self-described foodie, our Vieux Lyon tasting tour is for you, during which you'll have a chance to taste some of Lyon's local delights. There you can enjoy a guided walking tour around the city. For those wishing to be more active, you can either take a guided bike tour along a portion of the ViaRhôna bike route or a guided hike from the ship to the Monastery at Mount Pipet. (B,L,D)</p>

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Day 5: Vienne (France)

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Day 6: Vienne (France)

Vienne - Viviers, France. Cruise to Viviers and explore its medieval streets by foot or bike, or visit the hilltop village of Grignan. Enjoy a truffle hunt with a local farmer and his dog, then stroll the town with guides in Renaissance costume bringing history and legends to life.

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Day 6: Viviers (France)

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Day 7: Avignon (France)

Avignon - Arles, France. Explore Avignon, the “City of Popes,” with a guided tour of the Papal Palace and medieval walls, or savor regional specialties like macarons, cheese, and wine. Continue to Arles to see Roman ruins, a Romanesque cathedral, or follow Van Gogh’s footsteps on a guided art tour, with optional biking through the city.

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Day 7: Arles (France)

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Day 8: Arles (France)

Arles – Disembarkation. Bid farewell to Arles and prepare for your return flight home. (B)

B,L,D – Indicates Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner are included on this day.

Arrives On: 14 Sep 28

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