



Cruise Details

Name:	Essence of Burgundy & Provence (Taste of Christmas)
Reference:	AMAF281214FDX
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaCello
Regions:	Rhone and Saone
Departs On:	14 Dec 28
Departs From:	Dijon
Arrives On:	21 Dec 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. Enjoy the cozy ambiance of your ship as you prepare to toast the season with scenic landscapes, charming towns, and festive cheer. </p>

Arrives On: 14 Dec 28

Day 2: Chalon-sur-Saône (France)

<p>CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE – TOURNUS, FRANCE. Wander the cobblestone streets of Chalon-sur-Saône or the festive walled town of Beaune, where history and holiday spirit mingle. Explore local markets brimming with seasonal treats, then cruise or cycle along the Saône to Tournus, sipping the region’s crisp Mâconnais wines and soaking in the charming winter scenery.</p>

Arrives On: 15 Dec 28

Day 2: Tournus (France)

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Day 3: Tournus (France)

<p>TOURNUS – MÂCON, FRANCE. Delight in Tournus' Benedictine Abbey of Saint Philibert or the elegant Château de Cormatin, or visit the quaint medieval village of Brancion. Cruise or bike to Mâcon while enjoying tastings of local wines, and let the season's cozy ambiance enhance your exploration of Burgundy's storied towns.</p>

Arrives On: 16 Dec 28

Day 3: Mâcon (France)

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Day 4: Mâcon (France)

<p>MÂCON, FRANCE. Discover the vineyards, museums, and historical landmarks of Mâcon, or explore the Romanesque Cluny Abbey or Gothic Royal Monastery of Brou. Relax on deck with a light lunch and enjoy Beaujolais wine tasting as the winter landscapes of Burgundy glide by, adding seasonal cheer to every sip and view.</p>

Arrives On: 17 Dec 28

Day 5: Lyon (France)

<p>LYON – VIENNE, FRANCE. Explore Lyon's UNESCO-listed old town, Fourvière Hill, and hidden traboules, or join a festive foodie tour sampling local delights. Continue to Vienne, where Roman ruins, Gothic cathedrals, and picturesque streets shimmer with holiday spirit, perfect for a stroll or an invigorating bike ride.</p>

Arrives On: 18 Dec 28

Day 5: Vienne (France)

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Day 6: Vienne (France)

<p>VIENNE - VIVIERS, FRANCE. Cruise to Viviers and enjoy a stroll or bike ride through its charming streets lined with historic monuments. Visit the hilltop village of Grignan for a holiday truffle hunt, then join a playful historical walking tour with guides in Renaissance costume, bringing seasonal

stories and traditions to life.</p>

Arrives On: 19 Dec 28

Day 6: Viviers (France)

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Day 7: Avignon (France)

<p>AVIGNON - ARLES, FRANCE. 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. 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. Alternately, you can visit three venues around Avignon to taste regional specialties including macarons, cheese and wine, and tapenades. Later in the day, rejoin the ship in Arles, considered one of the most beautiful cities in France. Let your experienced guide lead you to the top sights, including the Romanesque cathedral and Roman amphitheater; or take a guided bike tour to the Roman ruins. If you 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. Or take some time to focus on wellness with a guided bike tour through town. (B,L,D)</p>

Arrives On: 20 Dec 28

Day 7: Arles (France)

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Day 8: Arles (France)

<p>ARLES – DISEMBARKATION. Bid farewell to France and prepare for your journey home</p>

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