



Cruise Details

Name: Colors of Provence (Smithsonian Journeys)
Reference: AMAFG261008FBJ
Operator: Ama Waterways
Cruise Type: River
Cruise Rating: Luxury
Ship: AmaKristina
Regions: Rhone and Saone

Departs On: 08 Oct 26

Departs From: Lyon

Arrives On: 15 Oct 26

Arrives At: Arles

Cruise Nights: 7

Total Vacation Days: 7

Itinerary

Day 1: Lyon (France)

Lyon, France. Arrive in Lyon and settle into your stateroom. From the ship's berth on the Rhône in the city center, discover Lyon on your own before tonight's welcome reception on board. (Meals: D)

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Day 2: Lyon (France)

Lyon. Set where the Rhône and Saône Rivers meet, Lyon was established in the first century as a Roman military outpost. Start your tour of this World Heritage site amid the medieval lanes of Fourvière Hill, visiting its 19th-century basilica as well as the Roman ruins of Lugdunum. Then venture into Vieux Lyon on a guided walk in the Saint Jean district, known for its traboules, hidden passageways used by silk workers to transport their wares and later by Resistance fighters during World War II. Alternatively, indulge in a variety of cheeses, breads, and charcuterie on a visit to

historic Les Halles market, or a take guided bike tour. The afternoon is yours to explore the city as you wish. (Meals: B,L,D)</p>

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Day 3: Lyon (France)

<p>Lyon and Beaujolais. Get a glimpse into Lyon's past as an important silk manufacturing center on a visit to a workshop where artisans produce silks using traditional methods "à la lyonnaise." See how pigments are prepared and prints are created and fixed, and learn about the lives of the canuts, Lyon's silk workers, who famously revolted in the mid-1800s. Alternatively, you can choose to travel to the vineyards of Beaujolais for a wine tasting and learn about the history and techniques of wine production in the region. This evening, learn about Vienne's renowned jazz festival and the evolution of French jazz as you listen to a live performance. (Meals: B,L,D)</p>

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Day 4: Vienne (France)

<p>Vienne. Situated between the wine regions of Beaujolais and Côtes du Rhône lies Vienne, a city with a Roman past that can be seen in its marvelously preserved ruins. On a walking tour, view the Roman Temple of Augustus and Livia and visit the Gothic cathedral and the Romanesque St. Pierre Abbey, one of the oldest surviving churches in France. If you prefer a more active outing, hike to a chapel atop Mount Pipet or go biking on a scenic stretch of the ViaRhôna cycling route. (Meals: B,L,D)</p>

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Day 5: Tournon-sur-Rhône (France)

<p>Tournon/Viviers. Ride a vintage steam train through the magnificent scenery of the Gorge du Doux in the mountains of Ardèche, stopping in the charming town of Colombier-le-Vieux-. Or visit the Château de Tournon for a presentation and sampling of wine and chocolate. For a more active adventure, hike through the vineyards of Tain l'Hermitage and stop in at a local winery for a tasting. Sail on to Viviers arriving this evening and stroll through the city on an entertaining history tour that might send shivers down your spine! (Meals: B,L,D)</p>

Arrives On: 12 Oct 26

Day 6: Avignon (France)

<p>Avignon. Dock in delightful Avignon, the seat of the papacy for nearly 70 years in the 14th century. Choose to explore the extraordinary Papal Palace, originally built by Pope Clement V when he fled Rome and now a World Heritage site. Or head to the fabled Luberon to visit the artists' hub

of Bonnieux and the acclaimed Fondation Blachère, which showcases contemporary African art. Alternatively, set out on a gastronomic tour of Avignon, visiting producers and epicurean shops to sample specialties. In the afternoon, visit the impressive Pont du Gard aqueduct, a masterpiece of ancient Roman engineering, or opt for a guided bike ride through Avignon. (Meals: B,L,D)</p>

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Day 7: Arles (France)

<p>Arles. Delight in a guided walking tour of the city's World Heritage-listed Roman ruins, a visit to the Vincent van Gogh Foundation and a walk to the artist's haunts, or bike along the riverfront. In the afternoon, tour Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, where Vincent van Gogh produced some of his most famous paintings while confined to an asylum. Alternatively, venture to Les Baux de Provence, a village built high among the crags of a rocky outcropping. Meander among the ruins of its fortress and the galleries and boutiques that now line the storied lanes. Stop at the Carrières de Lumières for a multisensory experience of art, music, and history, and visit an olive farm. (Meals: B,L,D)</p>

Arrives On: 14 Oct 26

Day 8: Arles (France)

<p>Arles. Bid farewell to Arles and transfer to the airport for your flight home. (Meals: B)</p>

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