Cruise Details

Name:	Colors of Provence (Taste of Christmas)
Reference:	AMAFG261210FCX
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaKristina
Regions:	Rhone and Saone
Departs On:	10 Dec 26
Departs From:	Arles
Arrives On:	17 Dec 26
Arrives At:	Lyon
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	7

Itinerary

Day 1: Arles (France)

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

Arrives On: 10 Dec 26

Day 2: Arles (France)

ARLES. Considered one of the most beautiful cities in France, Arles enchants all with its tantalizing history, formerly a Roman center of trade. In the morning, join a guided walking tour where you'll visit the Roman ruins of Arles such as its Roman Amphitheater and the Church of Saint Trophime, famous for its Romanesque architecture. Enjoy free time to wander its quaint Christmas Markets. 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. In the afternoon, venture to Les Baux de Provence, a

hilltop village and ruined castle. Enjoy time in the “old village,” its shops, art galleries, and cafes interspersed among the historic ruins. You will also have a unique experience at the Carrières de Lumières, where you will be treated to a spectacular 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)

Arrives On: 11 Dec 26

Day 3: Avignon (France)

AVIGNON. Depending on your interests, you have three choices of excursions for the morning. 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. You will also have time to enjoy the lively Christmas markets with their cheerful atmosphere and delicious regional specialties. Those looking to indulge in local cuisine can visit three venues around Avignon to taste regional specialties including macarons, cheese and wine, and tapenades, along with a visit to the Christmas Markets. More active guests can enjoy a bike tour through the city. In 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)

Arrives On: 12 Dec 26

Day 4: Viviers (France)

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 a magnificent hilltop village, 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’ll see iconic sights such as Saint-Vincent Cathedral. Alternatively, see the sights on an active walk through town and up towards a belvedere with a panoramic view of the Rhône Valley below. You may also set off on a guided bike tour, exploring the beauty of Southern France as you ride along the Rhône River. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 13 Dec 26

Day 5: Tournon-sur-Rhône (France)

TOURNON. Embark on an exciting and nostalgic steam train ride through the magnificent landscape carved along the Gorge du Doux. Lovers of wine and chocolate will instead wish 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'll sample some of the wines. You'll also have many opportunities to taste Provence's regional specialties, including its traditional 13 desserts of Christmas throughout your journey. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 14 Dec 26

Day 6: Vienne (France)

VIENNE. Situated between the wine regions of Beaujolais and Côtes 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)

Arrives On: 15 Dec 26

Day 7: Lyon (France)

LYON. 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." Your time in Lyon also includes time to browse the Lyon Christmas Markets and watch the city sparkle in festivities and tradition. 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. There you'll have a chance to sample of the delicacies offered by butchers, bakers, chocolatiers and cheesemongers while taking in the colorful sights and enticing aromas around you. In the afternoon, join a guided bike tour through the city designed with cyclists in mind. Or spend your afternoon traveling to the Beaujolais wine region—known as the Pays d'Or or "land of the golden stones." While there, indulge in a wine tasting at a traditional winery. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 16 Dec 26

Day 8: Lyon (France)

LYON – DISEMBARKATION. Disembark the ship and bid farewell to Lyon as you prepare for your flight home. (B) B,L,D – Indicates Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner are included on this day.

Arrives On: 17 Dec 26

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