Cruise Details

Name:	Colors of Provence (Christmas & New Year's Celebration)
Reference:	AMAFG261224HFC
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaKristina
Regions:	Rhone and Saone
Departs On:	24 Dec 26
Departs From:	Arles
Arrives On:	31 Dec 26
Arrives At:	Lyon
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	7

Itinerary

Day 1: Arles (France)

EMBARKATION - ARLES, FRANCE. Board your cruise in Arles. This evening, meet your fellow passengers for a Welcome Dinner. (D)

Arrives On: 24 Dec 26

Day 2: Avignon (France)

ARLES. Considered one of the most beautiful cities in France, Arles enchants. Join a walking tour of Arles highlighting top sights, including the Romanesque cathedral and Roman amphitheater. For art lovers, you'll wish to visit Saint Paul de Mausole Asylum, where Vincent van Gogh once lived and painted. Afterwards, go to the Carrières de Lumières, where you'll be treated to a spectacular presentation of art, sound and history projected on the walls of caves. Or venture to the medieval hilltop village, Les Baux de Provence, followed by a visit to an olive farm where you'll learn about age-old Provençal traditions from a master olive miller as well as sample the olive

oil. In the evening, enjoy a short cruise to Pont d’Avignon bridge, illuminated against the night sky. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 25 Dec 26

Day 2: Arles (France)

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Day 3: Avignon (France)

AVIGNON. 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. Depending on your interests, you have three choices of excursions. 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. Alternatively, you can go to another UNESCO World Heritage Site, the impressive Pont du Gard, a Roman aqueduct that is a masterpiece of ancient engineering. Or if you prefer, visit three venues around Avignon to taste regional specialties including macarons, cheese and wine, and tapenades. During the afternoon, you can enjoy free time in Avignon, go on a bike tour through the city. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 26 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 the magnificent hilltop village, Grignan, 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. Or stretch your muscles on a hike to Viviers’ St. Vincent Cathedral, taking in beautiful views of the Châteauneuf du Pape dam, the Donzère Gorge and the town of Montelimar with its magnificent château. You can 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: 27 Dec 26

Day 5: Tournon-sur-Rhône (France)

TOURNON. Admire the hilltop village of Tournon with its imposing castle. You have a choice of three excursions. Take an exclusive private train ride past magnificent landscape carved along the Gorge du Doux, stopping at the charming little station of Colombier le Vieux-Saint Barthélemy le Plain, where the train maneuvers in preparation for its return journey. Alternatively, lovers of wine and chocolate will want 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. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 28 Dec 26

Day 6: Vienne (France)

VIENNE – LYON. 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 bike tour along a portion of the ViaRhôna bike route or a guided hike from the ship to the Monastery at Mount Pipet. Later in the day travel to Lyon, considered the "Food Capital of France." Take a walking tour that starts 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." 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. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 29 Dec 26

Day 6: Lyon (France)

Arrives On: 29 Dec 26

Day 7: Villefranche-sur-Saône (France)

VILLEFRANCHE. Visit a traditional Beaujolais winery and learn the history and techniques of their vineyard. Plus, enjoy a tasting of their specialty. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 30 Dec 26

Day 8: Lyon (France)

LYON - DISEMBARKATION. Disembark the ship and bid farewell to Lyon as you prepare for your flight home. (B)

Arrives On: 31 Dec 26

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