Cruise Details

Name:	Colors of Provence (Wine Cruise)
Reference:	AMAFG270812FBW
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaKristina
Regions:	Rhone and Saone
Departs On:	12 Aug 27
Departs From:	Lyon
Arrives On:	19 Aug 27
Arrives At:	Arles
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	7

Itinerary

Day 1: Lyon (France)

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

Arrives On: 12 Aug 27

Day 2: 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." Alternatively, indulge in rich cheeses, fresh breads and charcuterie in Les Halles Market or join a guided bike tour through the city designed with cyclists in mind. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 13 Aug 27

Day 3: Lyon (France)

LYON – VIENNE. On your second day in Lyon, set out on a culinary journey that will linger on your palate for years to come. Travel to the Beaujolais wine region—known as the Pays d'Or or "land of the golden stones" – to experience France's finest vintages firsthand. Indulge in a wine tasting at a traditional winery in Trevoux and learn about the history and techniques of their vineyard. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 14 Aug 27

Day 4: Vienne (France)

VIENNE – TOURNON. 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. Take 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. During the evening, be treated to a delicious pairing of red wine and chocolate at the beautiful Villa Caroube. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 15 Aug 27

Day 4: Tournon-sur-Rhône (France)

Arrives On: 15 Aug 27

Day 5: Tournon-sur-Rhône (France)

TOURNON - VIVIERS. Walk through the steep vineyards as you learn about the history and techniques of winemaking in this area. Following the guided tour, join your host for a tasting of the Hermitage wines for which this region is celebrated. Alternatively, take a steam 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. 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. Later, stroll through Viviers accompanied by a guide in Renaissance attire as former "residents" in period costumes reenact events and legends of centuries gone by. This special historical tour is sure to bring a smile to your lips – or perhaps send shivers down your spine! (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 16 Aug 27

Day 5: Viviers (France)

Arrives On: 16 Aug 27

Day 6: 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 and the well-preserved medieval walls surrounding the historic center of town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You can visit three venues around Avignon to taste regional specialties including macarons, cheese and wine, and tapenades or you can enjoy a bike tour. During 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. Alternately, you can go to the magnificent hilltop village, Grignan. After visiting this enchanting Provençal town, go in search of the highly prized “Black Diamond” truffles with a farmer and his trustworthy canine companion. Or, visit a winery in the famed Châteauneuf-du-Pape wine region, where viticulture has been promoted since the 14th century. The unique soil composition here has earned the area a reputation for producing distinctive wines that are now popular the world over. Join a specialist from the winery on a private tour of the wine cellars and vineyards, an exclusive opportunity to learn about centuries-old winemaking methods. Following your tour, enjoy a tasting of the vineyard’s specialty wines. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 17 Aug 27

Day 7: 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. 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. 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. During 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. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 18 Aug 27

Day 8: Arles (France)

ARLES – DISEMBARKATION. Bid farewell to Arles and prepare for your flight home. (B) B,L,D – Indicates Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner are included on this day. Please note: the port of Arles may be changed to Avignon on select early season departures in 2023; guests will be notified of this potential change prior to departure.

Arrival airport will not need to be changed.</p>

Arrives On: 19 Aug 27

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