



Cruise Details

Name:	Aix-en-Provence with Sensations of Lyon & Provence
Reference:	EMERALDEFRA121024-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Liberte
Regions:	Rhone and Saone
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Departs On:	12 Oct 24
Departs From:	Lyon
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Arrives On:	21 Oct 24
Arrives At:	Nice
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Cruise Nights:	9
Total Vacation Days:	10

Itinerary

Day 1: Lyon (France)

Fly from the UK to Lyon on the confluence of the Rhône and Saône rivers. On arrival at the airport, you'll be met by a member of our friendly greetings team and transferred to the contemporary surrounds of your Emerald Cruises Star-Ship.

Flight to arrive into Lyon prior to 04:30 PM.

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Day 2: Chalon-sur-Saône (France)

Chalon-sur-Saône is known for its art and history. Today, you'll have the opportunity to observe the area's architectural heritage and peaceful surrounds as you travel to the quaint village of Beaune and visit the Hospices de Beaune. Originally a hospital for the poor, the Hospices de Beaune is now home to one of Burgundy's most popular wine auctions.

EmeraldPLUS Cheese and olive tasting on

board

Included Excursion

Visit to the Hospices de Beaune

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Day 3: Lyon (France)

France's third-largest city, Lyon is a former Roman capital, steeped in history and considered to be the gastronomic heartbeat of the country. Home to traditional Lyonnaise cuisine, you'll enjoy an array of exemplary culinary delights.

Today, a guided city tour awaits you, including a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Basilica Notre-Dame de Fourvière, part of the inscribed historic site of Lyon. Wander through the city and soak in its vividly illustrated history, as buildings from all time periods can be seen adorning narrow cobblestone streets. Alternatively, explore the highlights of the city on two wheels as part of a guided bike tour of Lyon.

EmeraldACTIVE

Guided bike tour of Lyon

Included Excursion

Guided tour of Lyon

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Excursion to Pérouges (extra expense)

Arrives On: 14 Oct 24

Day 4: Tournon-sur-Rhône (France)

The picturesque village of Tournon borders the gently meandering Rhône, dominated by a 16th century castle that overlooks the village and a number of iconic landmarks, including a set of ancient watchtowers.

Your guided tour of the village will showcase its intangible cultural heritage, granting every opportunity for you to immerse yourself in your surroundings. Alternatively, embark on an EmeraldACTIVE hike through the local vineyards and marvel at the rows upon rows of grapes used to make some of the finest wines in Europe.

Later, a guided bike tour to Glun will showcase rural life in the French countryside.

EmeraldPLUS

Regional wine tasting on board

EmeraldACTIVE

Guided bike tour to Glun

EmeraldACTIVE

Guided hike through the vineyards

Included Excursion

Guided tour of Tournon

Arrives On: 15 Oct 24

Day 5: Viviers (France)

Arrive in Viviers, a town with much Middle Age flair and home to one of France's oldest cathedrals. Your included walking tour will highlight many of the city's numerous spectacular monuments, along with their ornate windows and lavish façades.

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Viviers

Arrives On: 16 Oct 24

Day 6: Avignon (France)

Avignon has a rich history, from Celtic beginnings to being the residence of seven successive Popes between 1309 and 1377. The city also played a major part central to the French Revolution.

Your included walking tour will take you past the ornate beauty of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Palais des Papes, as well as Pont d'Avignon, an ancient stone bridge crossing the Rhône. In the afternoon, the beauty of Avignon is yours to leisurely explore. This evening, you'll enjoy a delightful Provençal dining experience on board, expertly prepared by France's *Top Chef* finalist, Fabien Morreale.

EmeraldPLUS
Provençal dinner hosted by local chef Fabien Morreale

EmeraldACTIVE
Canoeing excursion in Avignon

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Guided tour of the Pont du Gard (extra expense)

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Classical concert in Avignon (extra expense)

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Avignon

Arrives On: 17 Oct 24

Day 7: Arles (France)

The past is yours to uncover in Arles, a once-important Phoenician trading port that was captured by the Romans, who peppered the city with iconic monuments. Today, your included tour of the city will showcase some of its UNESCO World Heritage-listed Roman and Romanesque monuments, illustrating how the city has evolved over the centuries.

Visit the 2,000-year-old Arles Amphitheatre and follow in the footsteps of world-renowned artist, Vincent van Gogh. The rest of the day is yours to explore at leisure, where a stop at a local and quintessential café is a must before returning to relax on board your Star-Ship.

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Arles with arena visit

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Excursion to Les Baux de Provence (extra expense)

Arrives On: 18 Oct 24

Day 8: Arles (France)

<p><p>Transfer to your centrally located hotel in Aix-en-Provence. Enjoy a guided tour of Aix-en-Provence, as you stroll down leafy green boulevards and admire the 17th & 18th century mansions that adorn the city's many public squares. The rest of the afternoon is yours to spend exploring Aix-en-Provence at leisure, perhaps sitting in one of its delightful café terraces and soaking in sights of manicured gardens and ornate fountains.</p></p><p>Included Excursion
A guided tour of Aix-en-Provence</p>

Arrives On: 19 Oct 24

Day 8: Aix-en-Provence (France)

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Day 9: Aix-en-Provence (France)

<p><p>Today is yours to explore Aix-en-Provence at leisure. Your hospitality representative will be available to help you.</p></p>

Arrives On: 20 Oct 24

Day 10: Nice (France)

<p><p>After breakfast, it's time to bid farewell to your fellow guests and transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, taking memories of Lyonnais cuisine and open leafy boulevards with you.</p></p>

Arrives On: 21 Oct 24

For more information on this cruise, please call +44 (0)1202 767926.

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