



## Cruise Details

Name:	Lavender Sensations of Lyon & Provence
Reference:	EMERALDEFRC110726-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Liberte
Regions:	Rhone
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Departs On:	11 Jul 26
Departs From:	Nice
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Arrives On:	18 Jul 26
Arrives At:	Lyon
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Nice (France)

Welcome to France and the beginning of your cruise. You'll be met by a member of our team at the airport and transferred to Arles, where your friendly captain and crew will be waiting to welcome you on board your contemporary Emerald Cruises Star-Ship. This evening, enjoy a welcome reception and dine with your fellow guests.

Please book your flight to arrive into Nice prior to 12:00 PM.

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### Day 1: Arles (France)

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### Day 2: Arles (France)

<p><p>Revel in the glory of the Roman Empire today during an insightful visit to Arles, including its UNESCO World Heritage-listed Roman and Romanesque monuments. Visit Arles Amphitheatre, a 2,000-year-old structure where thousands of spectators once gathered to watch heart-pounding chariot races.<br />Enjoy learning about the time spent by Vincent van Gogh in the city, taking inspiration from his surroundings and using them to create many of his most iconic pieces of art, including 'Starry Night Over the Rhône'. Then, enjoy some time to explore the beauty of Arles at your leisure.</p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Guided tour of Arles with arena visit</span></p><p><strong>EmeraldPLUS</strong><br /><span>A Provençal dinner hosted by chef Fabien Morreale</span></p><p><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>In the footsteps of Van Gogh: painting workshop (extra expense)</span></p><p><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>Excursion to Les Baux de Provence (extra expense)</span></p><p><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>Provençal Soap Making Workshop (extra expense)</span></p>

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### Day 3: Avignon (France)

<p><p>The words Provence & lavender fields have become so synonymous with each other over the decades that we can hardly mention one without the other.</p><p>The dusky purple shades and delicate fragrances that decorate its fields every summer are now so emblematic of the region that the Provence lavender fields have very much become a tourist attraction in their own right.</p><p>Avignon has a long and storied history. This fortified town is the former residence of seven consecutive Popes in the 1300s who fled Rome to escape from the political pressures of the Roman Empire. The city went on to become an important location during the French Revolution.<br />This evening you are invited to join the unique experience of a classical concert in Avignon as part of our EmeraldPLUS program.</p></p><p><strong>EmeraldPLUS</strong><br /><span>Tour to Lavender Fields</span></p><p><strong>EmeraldPLUS</strong><br /><span>Classical concert in Avignon</span></p><p><strong>EmeraldACTIVE</strong><br /><span>Canoeing excursion in Avignon</span></p><p><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>Guided tour of the Pont du Gard (extra expense)</span></p><p><strong>DiscoverMORE</strong><br /><span>Visit to Chateauneuf du Pape with wine tasting (extra expense)</span></p>

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### Day 4: Viviers (France)

<p><p>A snapshot of quintessential France awaits your arrival in Viviers, a town that perfectly encapsulates the medieval days of the region. Pastel coloured buildings gently faded by the sun line narrow cobblestone streets, and the heart of the Old Town is yours to explore today during a guided walking tour.</p></p><p><strong>EmeraldPLUS</strong><br /><span>CD lecture Art & Culture in the South of France</span></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br

[Guided tour of Viviers](#)

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[Visit to Chauvet Pont D'Arc \(extra expense\)](#)

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#### Day 5: Tournon-sur-Rhône (France)

As we sail down the gently twisting Rhône River into Tournon, you'll be treated to an extraordinary view of a 16th-century castle overlooking the village and a pair of ancient watchtowers adorning the surrounding rural landscape.

Today, embark on a guided tour of Tournon and learn about its illustrious history and the culture of the people who call it home. If you would like to explore more of the region's natural beauty, then you may instead choose to embark on an EmeraldACTIVE hike through some of the local vineyards.

[Included Excursion](#)

[Guided tour of Tournon](#)

[EmeraldACTIVE](#)

[Guided hike through the vineyards](#)

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#### Day 6: Mâcon (France)

Today we enjoy a relaxed morning sailing on the Saone river until we reach the lovely town of Macon. Here we will discover the Beaujolais wine region, renowned for its vibrant, fruity wines with Gamay grape variety. The extensive planting of the Gamay grape makes Beaujolais wine region one of the several regions on the planet to focus on a single grape variety. Red wine accounts for 99% of the total wine production of the region.

[Included Excursion](#)

[Beaujolais wine tasting](#)

Arrives On: 16 Jul 26

#### Day 7: Lyon (France)

As one of the largest cities in France and a former Roman capital, many of the most important moments in French history have taken place in Lyon. But it's Lyonnaise cuisine that has really put this city on the map, delighting gastronomists from around the world.

Join your local guide for a walking tour of the city, including the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Basilica Notre-Dame de Fourvière. If you're feeling more active, then you may instead choose to embark on a guided bike tour, touching on its most prominent architectural wonders and moments from history.

[Included Excursion](#)

[Guided tour of Lyon with cheese tasting](#)

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[Guided bike tour of Lyon](#)

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[Excursion to Pérouges \(extra expense\)](#)

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[Lyon by Night \(extra expense\)](#)

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#### Day 8: Lyon (France)

After breakfast, it's time to bid farewell to your fellow guests and disembark the Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport, taking memories of French architecture and sun-kissed vineyards with you.

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Arrives On: 18 Jul 26

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