Cruise Details

Name:	Emerald Culturas: Sensations of Lyon & Provence for Spanish & Portuguese Speaking Guests
Reference:	EMERALDEFRM030427-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Liberte
Regions:	Rhone
Departs On:	03 Apr 27
Departs From:	Marseille
Arrives On:	10 Apr 27
Arrives At:	Lyon
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Marseille (France)

Fly from a choice of up to 7 UK airports for the start of your cruise.

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 Marseille prior to 04:30 PM.

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Day 2: Arles (France)

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.
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. Included Excursion
Guided tour of Arles with Olive farm visit EmeraldPLUS
A Provençal dinner hosted by chef Fabien Morreale DiscoverMORE
In the footsteps of Van Gogh: painting workshop (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Excursion to Les Baux de Provence (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Lavender Distillery – from Field to Perfume (extra expense)

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Day 3: Avignon (France)

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.
Embark on a guided walking tour this morning to witness its illustrious past, including the ornate Gothic exterior of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Palais des Papes, built by the Popes over two decad es. This evening you are invited to join the unique experience of a classical concert in Avignon as part of our EmeraldPLUS program. Included Excursion
Guided tour of Avignon with market visit EmeraldPLUS
Classical concert in Avignon EmeraldACTIVE
Canoeing excursion in Avignon DiscoverMORE
Guided tour of the Pont du Gard (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Visit to Chateauneuf du Pape with wine tasting (extra expense)

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Day 4: Viviers (France)

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. Included Excursion
Guided tour of Viviers DiscoverMORE
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 with wine tasting EmeraldACTIVE
Guided hike through the vineyards

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Day 6: Vienne (France)

Today we take you on a walking tour of Vienne, an important town in the Rhone-Alpes region, in the Isere department south of Lyon. The town has a long and prestigious history dating back to the Allobroges, a tribe of Gauls, and by Roman times Vienne was an important regional city. Although it started to lose importance to Lyon after the middle ages the town has several important monuments from both the roman and medieval eras. Included Excursion
Walking tour of Vienne EmeraldPLUS
Cheese and olive tasting on board

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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
Tastes of Lyon EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour of Lyon DiscoverMORE
Excursion to Pérouges (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 for your return flight to the UK, taking memories of French architecture and sun-kissed vineyards with you. This departure has been thoughtfully curated for guests who speak Spanish or Portuguese with select crew members fluent in Portuguese and/or Spanish. This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons such as high and low water. As such, the cruise may operate altered from that stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information. Please note: Preview itinerary subject to change.

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