



## Cruise Details

Name:	Sensations of Lyon & Provence with Chef Michael Bonacini
Reference:	EMERALDEFRM050425-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Liberte
Regions:	Rhone and Saone
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Departs On:	05 Apr 25
Departs From:	Marseille
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Arrives On:	12 Apr 25
Arrives At:	Lyon
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Marseille (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 Marseille prior to 04:30 PM.

Arrives On: 05 Apr 25

### Day 1: Arles (France)

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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 arena visit

**EmeraldPLUS**  
A Provençal dinner hosted by chef Fabien Morreale

**DiscoverMORE**  
Excursion to Les Baux de Provence (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Visit to L'Occitane Factory (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 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 decades. This evening you are invited to join the unique experience of a classical concert in Avignon.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Avignon

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Classical concert in Avignon

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Canoeing excursion in Avignon

**DiscoverMORE**  
Guided tour of the Pont du Gard (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Private hidden Gems tours of Avignon (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.

Join your culinary hosts, Chef Michael Bonacini and his son, Oscar Bonacini for a cocktail reception on board in the afternoon.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Viviers

**DiscoverMORE**  
Visit to Chauvet Pont D'Arc

(extra expense)

Arrives On: 08 Apr 25

#### 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. In the afternoon, join celebrity Chef Michael Bonacini and his son, Oscar in the lounge for an interactive Q&A session.

**Included Excursion** Guided tour of Tournon

**EmeraldACTIVE** Guided hike through the vineyards

Arrives On: 09 Apr 25

#### Day 6: 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.

**Exclusive Chefs Bonacini Experience:** Join Chef Michael Bonacini and Oscar on a visit to Lyon's culinary paradise at Les Halles Paul Bocuse – an indoor food market where you'll tour and taste the city's best-known delicacies.

**Included Excursion** Guided tour of Lyon

**EmeraldACTIVE** Guided bike tour of Lyon

**DiscoverMORE** Excursion to Pérouges (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE** Private Culinary Charms of Lyon (extra expense)

Arrives On: 10 Apr 25

#### Day 7: Chalon-sur-Saône (France)

The birthplace of photography and the centre of Burgundy's wine region is yours to discover today as you travel by road to the quaint village of Beaune. Stop to visit the Hospices de Beaune, one of the best-preserved examples of 15th-century French architecture and home to one of the

most popular wine auctions in the country. </p></p><p><strong>Exclusive Chefs Bonacini Experience:</strong> Celebrity Chef Michael Bonacini and his son Oscar will prepare a special French inspired dinner. </p></p><p><strong>Included Excursion</strong><br /><span>Visit to the Hospices de Beaune</span></p><p><strong>EmeraldPLUS</strong><br /><span>Cheese and olive tasting on board</span></p>

Arrives On: 11 Apr 25

#### Day 7: Beaune (France)

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#### Day 8: Lyon (France)

<p><p>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. </p></p><p><span>Please book your flight to depart out of Lyon after 10:00 AM.</span></p><p><p>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.</p></p>

Arrives On: 12 Apr 25

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