



Cruise Details

Name:	Sensations of Lyon & Provence
Reference:	EMERALDEFRM230825-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Liberte
Regions:	Rhone and Saone
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Departs On:	23 Aug 25
Departs From:	Arles
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Arrives On:	30 Aug 25
Arrives At:	Lyon
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Arles (France)

Fly from the UK to Marseille. 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. 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 arena visit

EmeraldPLUS
A Provençal dinner hosted by chef Fabien Morreale

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Excursion to Les Baux de Provence (extra expense)

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Provençal Cosmetics workshop (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

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Guided tour of the Pont du Gard (extra expense)

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Private hidden Gems tours of Avignon (extra expense)

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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

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Visit to Chauvet Pont D'Arc (extra expense)

Arrives On: 26 Aug 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.

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Tournon

EmeraldACTIVE
Guided hike through the vineyards

Arrives On: 27 Aug 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.

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Lyon

EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour of Lyon

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Excursion to Pérouges (extra expense)

DiscoverMORE
Private Culinary Charms of Lyon (extra expense)

Arrives On: 28 Aug 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.

Included Excursion
Visit to the Hospices de Beaune

EmeraldPLUS
Cheese and olive tasting on board

Arrives On: 29 Aug 25

Day 7: Beaune (France)

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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.

Flight to depart out of Lyon after 10:00 AM.

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Arrives On: 30 Aug 25

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