Cruise Details

Name:	Grand France Holiday
Reference:	UNIWORLD62520
Operator:	Uniworld
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	S.S. Joie de Vivre
Regions:	Rhone
Departs On:	28 Nov 28
Departs From:	Paris
Arrives On:	12 Dec 28
Arrives At:	Arles
Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: Paris (France)

Arrive at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. If you have arranged a Uniworld arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship.

Arrives On: 28 Nov 28

Day 2: Mantes-la-Jolie (France)

How did France's rulers live over the centuries? Step into the private rooms of the Palace of Versailles, the lavish palace built by the Sun King, to find out.

Arrives On: 29 Nov 28

Day 3: Rouen (France)

Walk in the footsteps of greatness in Normandy's medieval capital, a city with a historic quarter that remains amazingly intact. From the cathedral Monet painted dozens of times to the cross marking the spot where Joan of Arc was martyred, Rouen is a treasure trove for the culturally curious.

Arrives On: 30 Nov 28

Day 4: Caudebec-en-Caux (France)

The Seine-Maritime is a breath of fresh air. An idyllic department tucked away between the Seine and France's northwestern coastline, this area is replete with historic towns, seaports, and locals who are passionate about keeping the traditions of France alive.

Arrives On: 01 Dec 28

Day 5: Vernon (France)

Fall even deeper in love with the Normandy countryside today. In addition to a visit Château de La Roche-Guyon, you can spend your day sipping on farm-fresh Normandy cider.

Arrives On: 02 Dec 28

Day 6: Paris (France)

Embrace the holiday spirit as we ferry you around the best Christmas markets of Paris, where you'll find delicious seasonal goodies and some excellent gifting opportunities waiting for you. Later, you're in for a real treat: a private welcome to a beautiful château.

Arrives On: 03 Dec 28

Day 7: Paris (France)

Today is all about the glamor that makes Paris Paris, as we honor Parisian shopping culture with a walking tour of the city's famous seasonal window displays, complete with a visit to the opera house.

Arrives On: 04 Dec 28

Day 8: Lyon (France)

You'll transfer from the magical S.S. Joie de Vivre cruise ship in Paris to the striking S.S. Catherine in Lyon via high-speed TGV train for the second half of this fabulous grand tour. Once you've settled into your new home, you'll have some time to explore delightful Lyon, which is nestled alongside the Saône River.

Arrives On: 05 Dec 28

Day 9: Lyon (France)

A bastion of French culinary traditions, historic architecture, and culture, Lyon reigns as one of the greatest cities in all of France. It should come as no surprise, therefore, that its holiday traditions are so spectacular, with thousands of twinkling lights wrapping the city for a distinctive Christmas season display.

Arrives On: 06 Dec 28

Day 10: Valence (France)

The capital of the Drôme, Valence invites you to enjoy a festive holiday visit in an attractive town wrapped in twinkling lights. You'll be delighted to discover that Valence is a town with a strong culinary tradition, and the market vendors are prepared to prove it. Keep an eye out for local specialties: orange-blossom infused Suisse breads shaped to resemble Pope Pius VI's Swiss guards and sheets of tiny ravioli made with parsley and cheese known as Ravioles du Dauphiné.

Arrives On: 07 Dec 28

Day 11: Viviers (France)

Drive from our dock in Viviers to the deeply Provençal city of Grignan, passing by eye-catching Renaissance-era estates and scenic countryside on the way. A sunny, almost Mediterranean destination during the summer, Grignan in the winter is often wrapped in an atmospheric fog, heightening the feeling that you've stepped back in time to a medieval village.

Arrives On: 08 Dec 28

Day 12: Avignon (France)

The walled city of Avignon is one of the most fascinating towns in southern France, with a host of historic gems to explore—including the fortress residence of rebellious popes who broke from Rome and once lived and ruled here. Visitors during the holiday season are treated to the cozy sight of festive decorations, shops overflowing with seasonal treats, and local vendors selling handmade wares that make excellent Christmas presents.

Arrives On: 09 Dec 28

Day 13: Tarascon (France)

Tarascon is an arresting sight. The white stone buildings that proliferate throughout the town—including an eye-catching castle that sits right on the banks of the Rhône—catch the colors of the rising and setting sun beautifully.

Arrives On: 10 Dec 28

Day 14: Arles (France)

Today, you'll enjoy a full-day outing to one of the most festive winter destinations in the region: elegant Aix-en-Provence, where you'll find beautifully decorated public squares and unique seasonal traditions.

Arrives On: 11 Dec 28

Day 15: Arles (France)

Check out and disembark the ship this morning. If you have arranged a Uniworld departure transfer, you will be transferred to Marseille Provence Airport for your flight home.

Arrives On: 12 Dec 28

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