



Burgundy & Provence – Southbound 11 Day River Cruise from Paris to Cote d'Azur

Itinerary

Day 1 Arrive in Paris, France

Welcome to Paris, France's capital on the River Seine and the "City of Light," where romance fills the air!

Day 2 Paris

Known as one of the world's most passionate and lively cities, Paris delights the senses. Your included CITY SIGHTSEEING shows you magnificent must-see sights, such as Notre Dame Cathedral, the unique Louvre Museum with its glass pyramid as a contrast to its ancient architecture, the commemorative Arc de Triomphe, and the Eiffel Tower. In your free time, stroll down the Champs-Élysées with its lavish cafés, or perhaps visit the world-famous Louvre museum or Montmartre with its gleaming white Sacré Coeur Basilica and bevy of artists on Place du Tertre.

 Breakfast

Day 3 Paris–Dijon–Beaune–St. Jean de Losne (Embarkation)–Seurre

This morning, board the TGV train to Dijon and from there, drive to Beaune, the unofficial capital of the Côte d'Or area. Beaune owes its wealth to the production, aging, and selling of fine wines. Although life here centers around wine, Beaune offers much more. Visit the HÔTEL-DIEU charity hospital, built in 1443 and paid for by the chancellor of Burgundy after the Hundred Years' War left many of the town's population destitute. Today it houses Van der Weyden's painting of The

Last Judgment and is one of France's architectural highlights. Then, continue to St. Jean de Losne, where you'll board your river cruise vessel. Before dinner, meet your crew at a welcome reception as your ship departs for Seurre.

 Breakfast  Dinner

Day 4 **Seurre–Macon**

Enjoy some leisurely cruising this morning. In the afternoon, you might choose to participate in an optional excursion, such as to a Chardonnay wine cellar, before your ship arrives in Mâcon. In the late afternoon, enjoy an ONBOARD CHEESE TASTING.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 5 **Lyon**

Lyon, France's third-largest city and its gastronomic capital, was founded by the Romans in 43 BC. The city's prosperity dates back to the 16th century and is due to commercial, industrial, and banking activities. Roman remains, excellent museums, and renaissance architecture delight visitors. A LOCAL GUIDE joins you as you survey the city from Fourvière Hill and explore the Old Town with its maze of medieval alleyways, and Place des Terreaux, a popular area with lively cafés, monuments, and the famous fountain often depicted on postcards.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 6 **Lyon**

Enjoy a free day in this fascinating city to explore at leisure. Early risers might like to visit the local produce market. Perhaps wander through one of Lyon's parks, discover some of the murals (there are over 100), or select one of the available optional excursions. Be sure to taste the gastronomic delights and sample Beaujolais, the wine of the region; wine connoisseurs know that the grapes must be hand picked. Your Cruise Director will have plenty of suggestions for things to do.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 7 **Tournon/Tain l'Hermitage–Viviers**

The twin cities of Tournon and Tain l'Hermitage lie nestled among vineyards between the Rhône River and the granite slopes of the Hermitage. A LOCAL GUIDE will show you Tournon, one of France's oldest medieval cities, with its imposing 16th-century castle and Roman ruins. Arriving in Viviers in the afternoon, a GUIDED WALK shows you this charming town that developed around its ROMANESQUE CATHEDRAL. The OLD TOWN has an appealing mix of Christian, Roman, and medieval influences.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 8 **Avignon**

The fortified city of Avignon is the capital of the Vaucluse region, the most picturesque part of Provence with its intact ramparts encircling the entire city, cobblestone streets and squares, and private mansions built in the 18th and 19th centuries. Known as the "City of Popes," it was the center of the Catholic Church in the 14th century. During your GUIDED TOUR you may choose to join an included visit of the PALACE OF THE POPES, built in the 14th century as the sovereign popes' residence. A photo of the famous Pont Saint Bénézet (Saint Bénézet Bridge), of the popular song Sur le Pont d'Avignon, is a must. Optional outings to Pont du Gard or to the famed wine cellars of Châteauneuf-du-Pape are available.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 9 **Arles**

This morning, wake up early to the tranquil vistas of Camargue National Park (daylight permitting) before arriving in Arles after breakfast. Located on the northern tip of the Camargue, Arles is capital of the Provence region. Your LOCAL GUIDE will show you highlights of the city and you'll visit the ROMAN AMPHITHEATER. Still used today, it dates to the 1st century and was constructed to hold more than 20,000 spectators.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

Day 10 **Arles (Disembarkation)–Côte d'Azur**

After breakfast, a comfortable motorcoach ride takes you to the Côte d'Azur for a last night in France. Also known as the French Riviera, the Côte d'Azur stretches along France's Mediterranean coast from Toulon to the Italian border, and is synonymous with prestige and beauty.



Breakfast

Day 11 **Côte d'Azur**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.



Breakfast

Book your next glam vacay today!



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