

UNIWORLD  
BOUTIQUE RIVER CRUISES



## BURGUNDY & PROVENCE

8 DAYS FROM AVIGNON TO LYON

### A journey of exquisite pleasures.

Follow in the footsteps of Van Gogh, Cézanne and Gauguin on this exquisite journey through southern France; the same beautiful countryside and culture that inspired the masters will now inspire you.

Cruise the Rhône and Saône rivers, enjoying the region's incomparable wine and cuisine and discovering its many treasures—from the medieval wonders of UNESCO-designated Avignon to Lyon's lively river banks. Stroll the very streets of Arles made famous by Van Gogh. Visit Avignon's majestic Palace of the Popes. Experience "Village Day" in enchanting Viviers, including a recital of music composed by Bach and Handel. And for those who wish for a more active exploration of the area, you can kayak on the tranquil Gardon River under the

UNESCO-designated Pont du Gard; hike the steepest vineyards on the Rhône; and pedal through the city designed with bike riders in mind while in Lyon. Explore unforgettable "Burgundy & Provence" where tradition is as deeply rooted as the historic grapevines on the hills.

### Who will enjoy this cruise

Travelers wishing to walk through the lands that inspired Van Gogh, Cézanne and Gauguin. History buffs, gastronomes and wine connoisseurs.

### Connoisseur Collection (select sailings)

Enjoy a culinary-focused French cruise that will take you to famous restaurants, truffle farms, quaint villages and other culinary hot spots, including a tasting of premium Valrhona French chocolate and wine.



## INCLUSIONS



### DINING

- All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions
- Welcome and Farewell Gala Dinners
- Unlimited beverages onboard, including fine wine, beer, spirits, soft drinks, specialty coffee and tea, and mineral water



### EXCURSIONS

- 6 days of excursions, including "Choice Is Yours" options, all fully hosted by English-speaking local experts
- Guided "Let's Go" and "Village Day" programs
- State-of-the-art Quietvox portable audio-headset system on all excursions
- Use of bicycles and Nordic walking sticks



## ACCOMMODATIONS

- 7-night cruise in a riverview stateroom on the striking S.S. Catherine
- Lavishly appointed riverview staterooms and suites have handcrafted Savoir® Beds of England, high thread count 100% Egyptian cotton sheets and European duvets, and a menu of pillow options
- Free Internet and Wi-Fi access

## EXPERIENCES

- 1 country: France
- 4 UNESCO World Heritage sites
- Captivating onboard local entertainment
- Cultural enrichment, including a Signature Lecture
- Services of an experienced Uniworld Cruise Manager
- All transfers on arrival and departure days
- Gratuities for onboard personnel (ship staff, crew, Cruise/Tour Manager) are included during the cruise/tour
- Exclusive Connoisseur Collection on select summer departures

# DAY TO DAY

## AVIGNON TO LYON

*Note: The itineraries presented are subject to modification due to water levels, closures because of public holidays or other uncontrollable factors. Every effort will be made to operate programs as planned, but changes may still be necessary throughout the cruise. This day-to-day schedule is subject to change. Your final day-to-day schedule will be provided onboard on the first day of your cruise.*

### DAY 1: Avignon (Embark)

Arrive at Marseille International Airport. If your cruise package includes a group arrival transfer or if you have purchased a private arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship docked in Avignon.

Note: For Arrival, Departure and Transfer details, please visit [Uniworld.com/transfers](http://Uniworld.com/transfers). For Port Location details, please visit [Uniworld.com/ports](http://Uniworld.com/ports).

### DAY 2: Tarascon (Arles)

Explore a sun-drenched Provençal town today with an allure all its own. Known for its remarkable Roman ruins, Arles so inspired Van Gogh that he painted some 200 paintings there. Arles has existed since the sixth century BC, when the ancient Greeks founded it and named it Theline. It was here that the Romans built their first bridge across the Rhône River, creating a vital overland route between Italy and Spain.

### Featured Excursion:

Arles walking tour

### DAY 3: Avignon

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. You'll see the Palace of the Popes and much more today, and also have a chance to kayak under a 2,000-year-old Roman aqueduct.

Choice of Avignon walking tour with Palace of the Popes or Pont du Gard Roman aqueduct visit or "Let's Go" kayak ride on the Gardon River

A special Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.

### DAY 4: Viviers

An enchanting village where time seems to have stopped centuries ago, Viviers has a long and storied past that goes back more than 1,600 years—and a splendid architectural heritage to match. At one time, Viviers was divided along religious lines—the clergy lived in the upper part of the town, the laity in the lower part. Your exploration of the town will take you through both parts, as you begin at the crest and make your way to the riverbank.

### Featured Excursion:

Truffle hunting & village of Grignan (Connoisseur Collection)\*

Intimate Viviers "Village Day"

\*Only available on sailings that belong to the Connoisseur Collection program.



#### DAY 5: Tournon (Tain-l'Hermitage)

If you love fine wine, you'll love the twin villages of Tournon and Tain-l'Hermitage. Tournon may be a small town, but stirring events took place here: A castle was raised on the hilltop in the 10th century to protect the region, and new fortifications were added over the centuries, including two "new" towers built to defend against Protestant attacks in the 16th century. You'll see the handsome houses constructed by wealthy merchants and garrison officers when you walk through the Rue de Doux area, and you'll pass the 14th-century church and the oldest secondary school in France.

#### Featured Excursion:

Wine brotherhood ceremony at Château des Seigneurs de Tournon (Connoisseur Collection)\*

Chocolate and wine pairing (Connoisseur Collection)\*

Choice of Tournon and Tain-l'Hermitage twin villages stroll with wine tasting or "Let's Go" Hermitage terrace vineyards hike with wine tasting

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#### DAY 6: Lyon

As the epicenter of French gastronomy, Lyon is a city of tantalizing contrasts. There's much to explore here, from the work of culinary visionaries to silk weavers' secret passageways. After your choice of excursions, embrace the locals' favorite mode of transportation with a bike ride—a great way to see the sights.

Choice of Lyon Capital of Gastronomy tour or Silk weavers walking tour or "Let's Go" Lyon peninsula bike tour

#### DAY 7: Mâcon (Beaune)

The pace of life is decidedly more relaxed in Burgundy, where endless rows of grapes hang heavy on the vine. The capital of the region's wine trade, Beaune is renowned for its history, beauty and highly prized wine, as well as its medieval-era hospital—the Hospices de Beaune.

#### Featured Excursion:

Wine tasting at Burgundy Estate (Connoisseur Collection)\*

Choice of Burgundy landscapes, Beaune and the hospices or Mâcon walking tour

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A special Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.

#### DAY 8: Lyon (Disembark)

Disembark the ship. If your cruise package includes a group departure transfer or if you have purchased a private departure transfer, you will be transferred to Lyon-Saint Exupéry Airport for your flight home. Alternatively, you can continue your adventure with an extension to Paris.



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