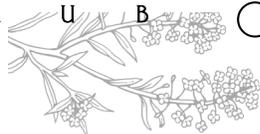




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October 21-31, 2019

COLORS OF PROVENCE

Cruising the Rhône with AmaWaterways

JOIN Mary Gaffney-Ward and fellow Madison Club members on a magical French culinary and wine adventure. Our cruise begins in Arles, Provence, a city of Roman treasures, in one of the world's great wine regions. We travel the Rhône River in luxury aboard the AmaCello for on our journey to the French culinary capital, the UNESCO Heritage city of Lyon.



A JOURNEY OF FRENCH WINE & CULINARY DELIGHTS

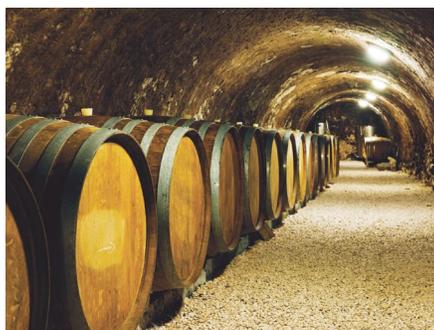
From romantic cities to foodie havens and artistic epicenters, our itinerary features will enliven the senses. We'll trace the steps of Van Gogh in Arles, discover the Carrières de Lumières, savor the beauty of legendary vineyards and enjoy local vintages Beaujolais and Côtes du Rhône. We'll go in search of the highly prized "Black Diamond" truffles, learn to pair chocolate with wines and discover how olives became the Mediterranean's nectar, olive oil. We'll cap our adventure in France's culinary capital, Lyon.

\$3497* Madison Club member price
per participant double occupancy stateroom

PUBLISHED PRICE \$4798

*Pre-cruise, port charges & airfare additional

*Early bird pricing--must book before February 20 2019



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Your \$700 deposit per person secures one of our fourteen staterooms.

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THE RHÔNE RIVER



Besides providing captivating views of medieval towns and colorful landscapes, the Rhône River connects the dots between thousands of vineyards from Lyon to Avignon. Our Colors of Provence itinerary takes you through this prized wine-producing region in southeastern France, known across the globe as the Rhône Valley. You'll also get to savor some delightful wines from the Beaujolais region just to the north, where the Rhône meets the Saône. The valley traces the path of the river for almost 150 miles, hypnotizing travelers with grape-covered vines gripping its steep sides. With a large region the climate varies greatly from north to south as does the soil and wind quality. Thus, the Rhône is divided at the town of Valence into two world of wine: the Northern Rhône and the Southern Rhône.

ITINERARY

DEPART USA: Arrive, transfer to Arles, our embarkation point. Optional pre-cruise: three nights Barcelona, Spain

ARLES

For art lovers, visit Saint Paul de Mausole Asylum, where Vincent van Gogh once lived and painted such well-known works as "The Irises" and "Starry Night." Afterwards, go to the Carrières de Lumières, to be treated to a spectacular presentation of art, sound and history projected on cave walls. Alternatively, venture to the medieval hilltop village, Les Baux de Provence, followed by a visit to an olive farm where you'll learn about age-old Provençal traditions. During the afternoon, join a walking tour of Arles highlighting top sights, including the Romanesque cathedral and Roman Amphitheatre. After dinner, enjoy a special scenic Illuminations Cruise toward the renowned Avignon Bridge.

AVIGNON

Depending on your interests, you have four choices of excursions. Discover the history of Avignon on a guided walking tour that includes the Papal Palace and the well-preserved medieval walls surrounding the historic center of town. Alternatively, you can go to the Pont du Gard, a Roman aqueduct that is a masterpiece of ancient engineering. Or if you prefer, visit three venues around Avignon where you can taste regional specialties. Or pedal your way along the Rhône to the island of Barthelasse, Europe's largest river island, and stop at an authentic farm.

VIVIERS

Head to a truffle farm and go in search of the highly prized "Black Diamond" truffle with a farmer and his trustworthy canine companion. Afterward, visit the magnificent medieval hilltop village, Grignan, where you'll visit a Renaissance chateau perched on a hill surrounded by lavender fields. This enchanting Provençal town offers unique panoramic views to the north, south, east and west. Enjoy some free time to explore before heading back to the ship.

TOURNON

Enjoy the views from a panoramic train car as you ride past magnificent landscape carved along the Gorge du Doux stopping at the charming little station of Colombier le Vieux-Saint Barthélemy le Plain. Alternatively, lovers of wine and chocolate will want to visit Le Château de Tournon for a presentation and tasting. For a more active adventure, take a walking tour of Tain l'Hermitage, followed by a visit to a local winery to sample some of the region's Hermitage appellation. Or bike along the ViaRhôna cycling route, winding through forest and looping back through dense orchards with hills of vineyards in the distance before returning to Tournon for a short tour of the town center.

VIENNE - LYON

Take a walking tour to see the amazingly well-preserved Augustus and Livia Temple, the Saint-Maurice Cathedral, and St. Pierre Abbey. For those wishing to be more active, either take a guided bike tour along a portion of the ViaRhôna bike route or a guided hike from the ship to the Monastery at Mount Pipet. Later in the day, set sail to Lyon. Discover dynamic Lyon, home to the 19th-century basilica Notre-Dame de Fourvière. Continue on a guided walk through the St. Jean district, where you will be introduced to the city's unique covered walkways, known as "traboules." Or for those more interested in France's culinary capital, visit the city's famed indoor food market, with nearly five-dozen stalls. Or take a guided bike ride to the modern urban area of La Confluence along the Saone River.

LYON

Enjoy morning free time in Lyon and then travel to the Beaujolais wine region—known as the Pays d'Or or "land of the golden stones." While there, indulge in a wine tasting at a traditional winery and learn about their vineyard.

LYON - DISEMBARKATION

Disembark the ship and begin travel home.