

SPECIAL OFFER PRICES FROM ONLY £849 PER PERSON

Autumn in Provence

A river journey through Provence aboard the MS Rembrandt



The Pont d'Avignon and Palais des Papes

If you are looking for an October break, our journey along the Rhône may be of interest, offering as it does a relaxing cruise through the lovely countryside of Provence. Most travellers through France miss the timeless beauty of its countryside as they trundle the impressive motorways at great speed. For those looking for a more gentle journey, a river cruise is the ideal solution. Few places in France stir the emotions as much as Provence. This corner of Mediterranean France has so much to offer. The light, lifestyle and beauty of the region has attracted some of the greatest artists, indeed it is difficult to think of Provence without the names of Cezanne, Van Gogh, Picasso and many more springing to mind.

Join us aboard the 80-passenger MS Rembrandt and enjoy a week in an area of France well known for the good things in life. Delicious food, idyllic scenery, historic towns and villages all make for an appealing and rewarding journey. Once you have unpacked, you can take life at your own pace as your floating hotel sails along the Rhône. If you prefer to be in control of your own sightseeing and exploring, this voyage could be ideal for you. This week long



cruise along the River Rhone will sail through a countryside dotted with cypress, umbrella pine and vines. There will be the opportunity to view some of the great Roman sights for which Provence is justly famous and where possible, the vessel will moor centrally allowing easy access to the historic towns along the Rhone. In some places the moorings are not as central and transport will be arranged to take you to the heart of town. There will be optional excursions on offer, or you can explore under your own steam. The schedule has been planned to include sufficient time in each place to explore the area in some depth.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London Gatwick to Arles. Fly by scheduled flight to Marseille. Transfer to the MS Rembrandt which will be moored in Arles and embark. Welcome drinks and dinner. Moor overnight.

Day 2 Arles. This great Roman city is full of architectural wonders such as the vast amphitheatre, the Roman necropolis, les Alyscamps and the cloisters of St Trophime. Sail to Port St Louis this evening.

Day 3 Port St Louis. This morning there will be the opportunity to take an optional tour to Aix en Provence, a bustling university town of great charm. There will be time to explore its avenues and squares, graced by lovely 17th and 18th century Provencal yellow-stoned buildings. Home to Paul

Cezanne, the town has a rich history of art and culture.

Day 4 Avignon. Enjoy a leisurely morning sailing upriver to Avignon, arriving at lunchtime. Enclosed by medieval walls, this great City of the Popes boasts a number of splendid museums, churches and palaces. The Palais des Papes is one of the wonders of Provence. We will be moored here overnight, allowing those who wish to take an after dinner walk to see the floodlit Palais des Papes, an extraordinarily impressive sight.

Day 5 Avignon. We will spend a further full day in Avignon. There will be an optional morning excursion to the Pont du Gard and Uzes. The Pont du Gard is one of the wonders of antiquity, built by Agrippa in 19 B.C. Uzes is a gem of a town with a captivating history and some imposing and very beautiful buildings including the castle of the Ducs d Uzes.

Day 6 Chateaufort du Pape. We will slip our moorings and spend the morning sailing north to Chateaufort du Pape, a onetime Papal summer residence. From the ancient castle there are marvellous views over the Rhone Valley. Sail in the late afternoon for Viviers for an overnight mooring.

Day 7 Viviers. Spend the morning in the sleepy southern Ardeche town of Viviers which has retained its old world charm. Sights here include the Bishop's Palace, Cathedral and Knight Residence.

Day 8 Arles to London Gatwick. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Marseille for the return scheduled flight to London.



Viviers



Market, Aix en Provence

MS Rembrandt

Built in the Netherlands in 2003, this attractive four star vessel has been associated with us since her launch. Very much of the new generation of river vessels, the *MS Rembrandt* is however smaller than most. With a maximum of just 80 guests rather than the customary 160-200, she is able to offer a yacht-like atmosphere which is enhanced by the stylish décor of beautiful woods and luxurious fabrics. The main lounge is located forward on the Upper deck and the views from both the side and forward windows are marvellous. Likewise the dining room, which offers a single sitting, also has large windows on both sides of the room, so wherever you are you can watch the riverside pass slowly by.

The day to day programme will be co-ordinated by the Noble Caledonia cruise director who will provide daily briefings on the forthcoming events. Also on board will be a guest speaker who will provide informal informative talks and accompany us ashore.

Passenger cabins are located over two decks. The cabins on the Main deck have a good size window, whilst those on the Upper deck have a larger window. These cabins have twin beds which convert during the day to a comfortable sofa. In addition there are four suites on the Upper deck each with a double bed and French balcony. All suites and cabins have well designed private bathrooms with shower and toilet. Other facilities in the cabins include satellite television, telephone, hairdryer and individually controlled heating and air-conditioning.



The *MS Rembrandt* is proud of its excellent reputation for its cuisine. Enjoy international and local dishes in the stylish and welcoming dining room and later relax in the lounge and bar. Coffee and tea is available free of charge in the lounge during the day. The vessel is

also famous for its service and hospitality offered by the crew of 24. When sailing and also in port, one of the best places to be is on the Sun and Observation deck where the views can be appreciated from the comfortable deck furniture.

2010 departure dates and prices per person

Based on double occupancy Tour Code: RCREAUTUMN

24TH, 31ST OCTOBER

CAT	CABIN DESCRIPTION	PRICE
1	Main deck aft twin	£849
2	Main deck twin	£949
3	Upper deck twin	£999
4	Upper deck suite	£1099
1	For sole use	£1395
2	For sole use	£1695

Price includes: Economy class return scheduled air travel, 7 nights aboard the *MS Rembrandt* on full board inclusive of wine with lunch and dinner, services of a cruise director, tour manager, guest speaker, transfers, airport taxes, port taxes.

Not included: Travel insurance, shore excursions, gratuities.

SHORE EXCURSION PACKAGE

For those who wish to take guided excursions, we are offering a package of six half day excursions for £195 per person. The excursions are: Arles, Aix en Provence, Avignon, Pont du Gard, Chateaufort du Pape and Viviers. The package must be booked at the time of making your cruise booking. Shore excursions can be booked on board but will be at a higher price and subject to availability.

FLIGHTS

Flights included in the holiday are price are with Easyjet. It is also possible to fly with British Airways for a supplement of £69 per person.

NB. Ports subject to change. Water levels may affect itineraries. All special offers are subject to availability.



Standard cabin (made up for night)



Restaurant



Lounge



Suite

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