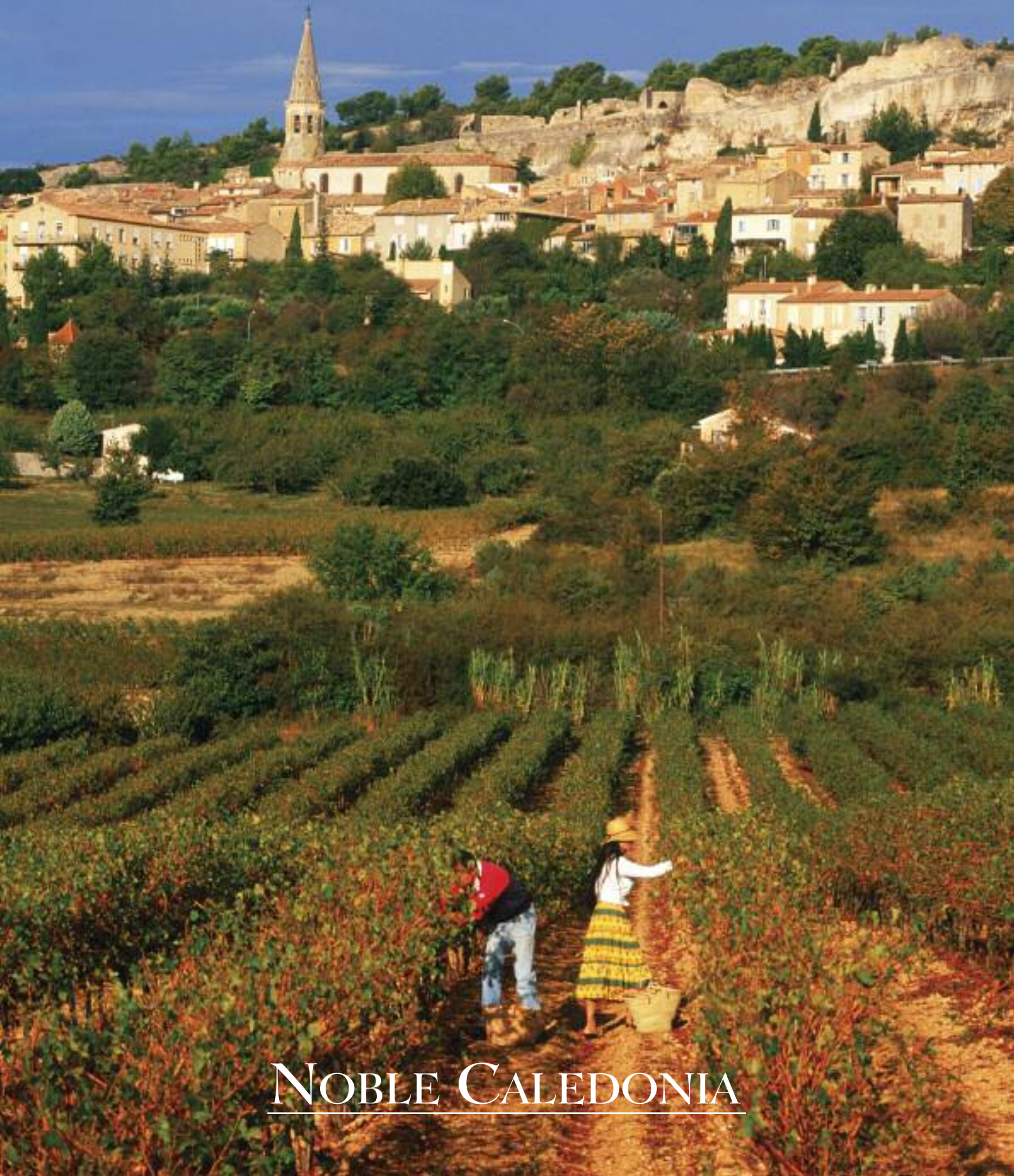


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INSIDE

MS REMBRANDT

River cruises through Burgundy & Provence
2012



NOBLE CALEDONIA



RIVER CRUISING IN SOUTHERN FRANCE WITH NOBLE CALEDONIA



There is something rather special about river cruising. Sitting on deck or in a comfortable lounge watching the world pass by is a relaxing yet fascinating experience, the gentle speed of the vessel allowing you to

catch the essence and atmosphere of the region. Such vistas cannot be appreciated from any other means of transport; in a world where places seem to be becoming ever more crowded, the river offers a respite and the opportunity to enjoy the landscape without the constant noise of traffic. It also allows you the opportunity to moor in the heart of cities and towns and stroll from the vessel to nearby places of interest. Unpack once, relax into your comfortable cabin and join us on our explorations through Burgundy and 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 78 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.

Public Areas

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. 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.



Lounge

"Reception staff always greeted us when we passed, helpful and cheerful. Not having set tables was a good touch and the service in the dining room was excellent. A most delightful holiday".

B FLASHMAN



Sun Deck



Restaurant

Dining

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. Breakfast is provided buffet style, with a choice of breads, pastries, cereals, yoghurts together with the Full English selection. For early risers, tea, coffee and pastries are available from 6.30 am. Lunch is a mix of buffet and served dishes. Afternoon tea is also provided daily with a choice of cakes. Dinner is a four course affair with a varied selection of starters, main dishes, cheese plate and desserts. To finish the day, snacks are available in the bar in the late evening.

"The food was excellent – a good selection, well prepared and beautifully presented".

P SMITH

Atmosphere onboard

There is a friendly and informal atmosphere onboard and although there are no elaborate shows; a musician will play each evening whilst you relax in the lounge and guest speakers will provide a series of interesting talks. The day to day programme will be co-ordinated by the Noble Caledonia cruise director who will provide daily briefings on the forthcoming events.



Breakfast selection

Friendly crew



Bar

<i>Dinner Menu</i>	
Capuccino de Champignons de Foret	Capuccino of Forest Mushrooms
	or
Consomme de Boeuf	Beef Consomme with Butter Dumplings
	❖
Orange Sorbet with Campari	
	❖
Poitre de Poulet	Truffled Stuffed Chicken Breat on Red Bell Pepper Sauce with Noodles and Spinach
	or
Rigatoni Arrabiatta with Parmesan Cheese	
	or
La Sandre Peche	Pan Fried Pike Peach on Light Pommery Mustard Sauce with Potato Rosti and Leek
	❖
Assiette de Fromage Francais	Cheese Plate from the Buffet with Crackers, Nuts and Grapes
	or
Crepe Suzette	Pancake with Caramelized Orange Wedges
	or
Fresh sliced fruit	
	❖
Tea or Coffee	

Sample menu



Standard Cabin (night time)



Suite



■ Category 1
 ■ Category 2
 ■ Category 3
 ■ Category 4



Standard Cabin (day time)

Accommodation

Passenger cabins are located over two decks. The cabins on the Main deck have a good size window, whilst those on the Upper deck feature 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. Films are played each day and in addition there is a DVD library onboard. Complimentary bottles of water are placed in your cabin and each evening you will receive a copy of the daily programme for the day ahead.

"We found the entire crew to be excellent and nothing was too much trouble. Meals were fine and the menu choice was good and balanced. The tours were varied and interesting".

D BATES

Exploring Ashore

Our itineraries are planned from our London office and our shore programmes are designed to have

particular appeal for our travellers based on past feedback, offering an in-depth and relevant perspective, which would not be possible with a vast mix of nationalities that can be found on other river vessels. With a maximum of 78 passengers, our explorations ashore are in small groups with knowledgeable, English-speaking local guides and for 2012 we have introduced the use of "Quietvox" earphones.

In many of the towns we visit, such as Avignon, Arles, Vienne and Lyon we will be moored centrally, allowing those who wish to explore independently to simply walk off the vessel without the need to arrange transport.



Relaxing in the lounge

All this is included in your cruise:

- ❖ Reservations handled by an experienced, professional Travel Consultant with first-hand knowledge of the vessel
- ❖ Economy class return scheduled air travel from London
- ❖ Airport assistance at check-in
- ❖ Option to travel by train for a supplement
- ❖ Accommodation aboard the first-class *MS Rembrandt* in a comfortable cabin with outside views and en-suite facilities
- ❖ All meals aboard the vessel including:
 - Early riser pastries
 - English buffet breakfast
 - Lunch consisting of buffet and served dishes
 - Afternoon tea
 - Four course dinner with house wine, beer or soft drinks
- ❖ Complimentary tea or coffee throughout the day
- ❖ Welcome and Farewell Gala Dinner
- ❖ Shore excursions including entrance fees
- ❖ English-speaking local guides
- ❖ The use of "Quietvox" earphones on shore excursions
- ❖ Guest speaker
- ❖ Services of a Cruise Director and Tour Manager
- ❖ Detailed pre-departure information
- ❖ Transfers
- ❖ All gratuities (onboard and ashore)
- ❖ Port & airport taxes

OUR CRUISE DIRECTORS:



CAROLYN OWEN

Carolyn has been overseeing cruises on the *Rembrandt* for four years now and always proves extremely popular with guests. Her enthusiasm and lively nature is infectious and she makes every effort to ensure all her cruises are enjoyed to the full.

"I absolutely love working on and sharing the Rembrandt with our passengers. I believe that the friendly atmosphere on board really helps our passengers to quickly relax, adding enormously to their holiday experience. Happy, satisfied smiles when passengers return from discovering the enchanting and fascinating places that we visit makes my job truly satisfying."

Carolyn will be onboard from 10th to 23rd August, 8th to 13th November and 23rd December 2012 to 6th January 2013



RAINER SUDHOELTER

Rainer has a real passion for Provence, so much so that he decided to make it his home some years ago. He has worked on many Noble Caledonia tours worldwide but has a particular fondness for the *MS Rembrandt* and its friendly atmosphere. He loves sharing his local knowledge to enable you to make the most of this

beautiful area.

"What I love about the Rembrandt is the size, it is ideal for an intimate cruising experience allowing everyone to get to know each other. I'm looking forward to showing passengers my chosen home: peaceful landscape, captivating historic sites and the lovely colours and light."

Rainer will be onboard from 20th to 30th March and from 29th July to 10th August 2012



Visiting St Trophime Church, Arles

ONBOARD EXPERTS

Accompanying each cruise will be a carefully selected guest speaker who will provide an insight into the history and culture of southern France. They will be available for informal chats and share their expertise and knowledge.



STEPHEN DANDO-COLLINS

Join Stephen Dando-Collins, award-winning author of 26 books and an authority on the legions of ancient Rome as he shares the Roman secrets of Arles, which was settled by veterans of Julius Caesar's Sixth Legion, of Orange, settled by the Second Legion, and of the Pont du Gard and its association with famed Roman general Agrippa. Stephen will fascinate you with true stories of the everyday lives and battles of legionaries, and titillate you with the mystery of Caligula, the triumphal arch of Orange, and one of Roman history's most famous and far-reaching murders.

"I'm so looking forward to returning to Provence. There is nowhere like it, and no time like summer to visit it. No wonder it was such a lure to Van Gogh, Cezanne and Picasso. To me, lazily cruising along the Rhone, treading narrow, cobblestoned Provencal streets, and visiting sites that so vividly reflect the golden age of Roman Gaul is an idyllic way to escape the pace and hubbub of modern life."

Cruises: Summer in Provence (29th July & 4th August); Provence – Rome to the Middle Ages (10th August)



STEPHEN PHILLIPS

Stephen is a writer and broadcaster who frequently lectures on historical and archaeological subjects. He studied ancient history and classical archaeology at London and Cambridge and has taught those subjects at universities and made television programmes on a wide range of cultural subjects. Stephen has written for most of Britain's national papers as well as specialist arts magazines and the *New Statesman* amongst others.

He made numerous programmes for the BBC for whom he also worked as a news reporter, presented the Radio 4 arts series *Kaleidoscope* and reviewed for the World Service. He was a founder member of Channel 4, organising and producing its arts coverage and series editing its first arts series. He was head of arts at Meridian Broadcasting, sat on the Arts Council during its peak lottery giving days and is Vice chair of the Royal Institute of British Architects Trust.

Cruises: 'Exploring Provence & Burgundy' (20th March); 'Provence – Rome to the Middle Ages (20th March)'; Passage Along the Rhone & Saone (25th March)

The Pont d'Avignon and Palais des Papes

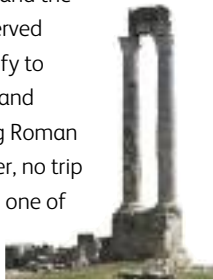


PROVENCE - ROME TO THE MIDDLE AGES

20th to 25th March; 10th to 15th August & 8th to 13th November 2012

Provence, perhaps more than any other region of France has experienced a truly diverse and turbulent history. Nomadic tribes and settlements can be traced back over 300,000 years. On our visit to Provence we will concentrate on the important era of the Roman Empire to the feuding war lords of the Middle Ages.

Provence, was Rome's first major territory outside of Italy, and few regions of the extensive Roman Empire have retained such impressive buildings. The great arena of Arles built in the 1st and 2nd centuries AD when Arles was the capital of Roman Provence was used for combat by gladiators and could hold twelve thousand spectators; the magnificent Pont du Gard built during the time of Emperor Claudius is the highest existing Roman aqueduct and is one of the most impressive examples of Roman civil engineering and the great Roman Theatre in Orange is the best-preserved Roman theatre in Europe. Such monuments testify to Rome's great power and with our guest speaker and excellent local guides, we will visit these imposing Roman relics, learning more of Roman antiquity. However, no trip to Provence would be complete without a visit to one of the most dramatic of all medieval buildings, the Pope's Palace in Avignon.



Our trip maybe short, but is long on interest and travelling on our wonderfully comfortable 78-passenger *MS Rembrandt* our days will be packed with historic places of interest and enchanting scenery all made easily accessible by the River Rhone.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Marseille. 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. Arles in the evening is wonderfully romantic and atmospheric with its narrow streets and enchanting squares.

Day 2 Arles. Explore this great Roman city on foot with a local guide and learn more of the wonders as we walk through the vast amphitheatre and visit the Roman necropolis and the cloisters of St Trophime. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 3 Avignon. Sail this morning to Avignon where our walking tour will concentrate on the Palais des Papes, the huge Gothic Palace of the Popes which was built in the 14th century as a fortified palace for the pontifical court. Afternoon free for individual sightseeing in Avignon. Perhaps explore the enchanting old quarter with its excellent shops and cafes or cross over the river to historic Villeneuve-les-Avignon, which was founded in the 13th century and became known as the City of Cardinals.



Viviers



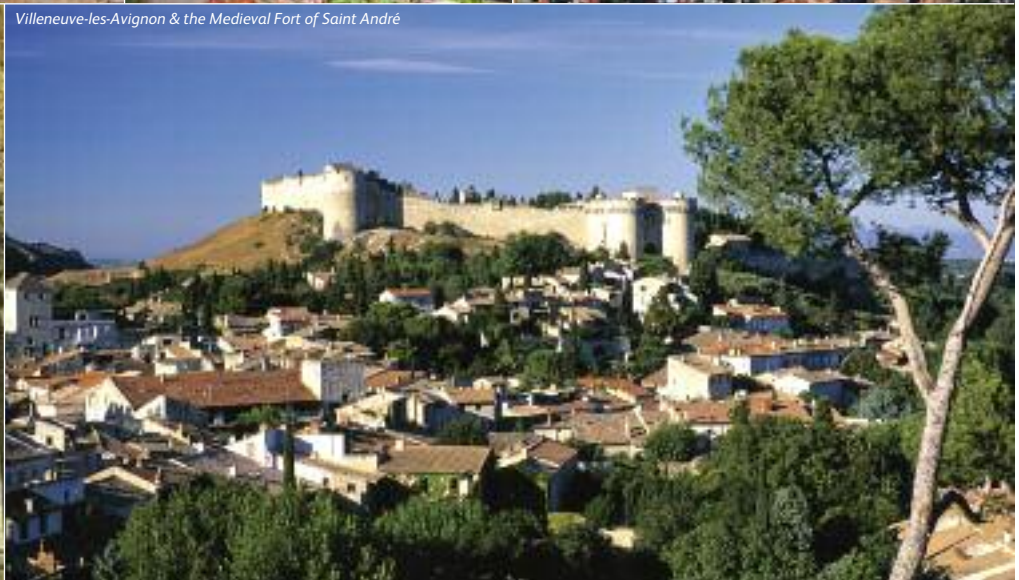
Uzès market



The Roman amphitheatre at Arles



statue of Augustus in the Amphitheatre at Orange



Villeneuve-les-Avignon & the Medieval Fort of Saint André



Day 4 Pont du Gard & Uzès. Morning excursion to the Pont du Gard, one of the wonders of antiquity, built by Agrippa in 19 B.C. This imposing aqueduct-bridge was built by the Romans in order to provide the city of Nîmes with fresh water from the Uzès area and carried water a distance of fifty kilometers. Continue to historic Uzès, a gem of a town with a captivating history and some imposing and very beautiful buildings including the castle of the Ducs d'Uzès. After lunch set sail for Viviers and enjoy a relaxing afternoon on board and attend a lecture.

Day 5 Viviers & Orange. Enjoy a morning stroll in the sleepy

southern Ardeche town of Viviers which has retained its old world charm. Later this morning we set sail to visit arguably France's most impressive Roman sight in Orange, an important Roman settlement dating back to 100 B.C. See the remarkable classical theatre, one of the most impressive monuments of antiquity in France. Sail south for Arles and enjoy the farewell dinner tonight.

Day 6 Marseille to London.

Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Marseille airport for the return scheduled flight to London.



Avignon

SPECIAL OFFER ON LIMITED NUMBER OF CABINS - SAVE £500 PER PERSON

PRICES PER PERSON Based on double occupancy Tour Code: RCREROME/RCREROMET

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		BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
1	Main deck aft twin	£1495	£995	£1595	£1095
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3	Upper deck twin	£1695	£1195	£1845	£1345
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1	For sole use	£1795	£1295	£1995	£1495
2	For sole use	£1995	£1495	£2195	£1695

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Price includes: Economy class return scheduled air travel, 5 nights aboard the MS Rembrandt on full board, shore excursions, wine, beer and soft drinks with dinner, entrance fees, local guides, services of a cruise director, tour manager, guest speaker, transfers, airport taxes, port taxes, gratuities.
Not included: Travel insurance.

It is possible to combine the March departure of this cruise with 'Passage Along the Rhone & Saone' shown on pages 10 and 11. The full voyage is shown on the following pages.

TRAVEL BY TRAIN

Travel by Eurostar and TGV for the following supplements per person:

Standard class £129 Standard Premier class £245

EXPLORING PROVENCE & BURGUNDY

20th to 30th March 2012

Exploring any country by river provides the traveller with an extra insight, understanding and lasting memory. This is particularly true of France where Mother Nature has provided the most perfect means of observing a great swathe of the country, from the lavender covered landscapes of Provence to the vineyards of Burgundy.

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 with time to appreciate the countryside, villages and towns and slowly absorb the subtle changes in landscapes and lifestyles, a river journey is the ideal solution.

Our itinerary aboard the *MS Rembrandt* is a considered and sedate trip, taking some eleven days from Arles in the south of Provence to Chalon sur Saone, deep in the countryside of Burgundy. The Rhone, dubbed the 'River of Angels' by Robert Louis Stevenson, is France's longest river and the narrow Saone its largest tributary. Together they wind their way from Burgundy to the Mediterranean, offering a passage through history, past great architectural treasures as well as some of France's most beautiful scenery.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London Gatwick to Marseille.

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Day 2 Arles. Explore this great Roman city on foot with a local guide and

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View across the Saone in Burgundy



Cluny Abbey



Uzes market



Arles



The Camargue



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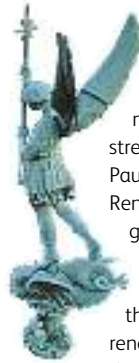
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Day 6 The Camargue & Aigues Mortes. Today we will enjoy a drive through the Camargue. The area is best known for its incredibly varied birdlife and white horses. We will continue to the charming village of Aigues Mortes. Encircled by walls, it was built in the mid 13th century by Louis IX to give the French crown a Mediterranean port under its direct control. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and some free time here before returning to the ship.

Day 7 Arles & Avignon. This morning you have the chance to visit Les Baux de Provence on an optional excursion. Located on a rocky plateau in the hilly Alpilles, the town provides a breathtaking panoramic view over Arles and the Camargue. It has been patiently restored and now boasts a historical and architecture heritage consisting of 22 listed buildings. The Castle is a unique reminder of medieval history, and the Romanesque and Renaissance Saint Vincent's Church has beautiful stained-glass windows. Alternatively, relax on board or explore Arles further. Enjoy a leisurely lunch whilst we sail to Avignon.

Day 8 Cruising the Rhone. A relaxing day onboard as we cruise north to Vienne. Attend a lecture by our guest speaker or relax on deck with a book and enjoy the passing scenery.

Day 9 Vienne & Lyon. Spend the morning in the fine Roman town of Vienne, beautifully located in the Rhone Valley and surrounded by hills. We will visit the temple of Augustus and Livia, the Roman theatre, and the



Romanesque-Gothic Cathedral of St Maurice. Return to the ship for lunch as we continue cruising to the imposing city of Lyon, known as the gastronomic capital of France. This is where the Rhone and Saone meet. We will travel up Fourviere Hill where we will see Vieux Lyon stretching along the right bank of the Saone. The districts of St. Jean, St. Paul and St. Georges. St. Jean, with their beautiful houses of the Gothic, Renaissance and late 16th century period, are a splendid example of the glorious epoch of Lyon during the development of the city into one of the most important centres of trade and banking.

Day 10 Macon & Cluny. This morning we will drive to Cluny and see the famous monastery which was the centre for the reform and spiritual renewal of Western monasticism in the tenth and eleventh centuries. Sail this evening to Chalon sur Saone and enjoy the farewell dinner.

Day 11 Chalon sur Saone to London Heathrow. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Lyon or Geneva airport for the return scheduled flight to London.

SPECIAL OFFER PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy Tour Code: RCRE200312

CAT	CABIN DESCRIPTION	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	SOLE OCCUPANCY
1	Main deck aft twin	£1695	£2495
2	Main deck twin	£2095	£2945
3	Upper deck twin	£2295	-
4	Upper deck suite	£2745	-

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Price includes: Economy class return scheduled air travel, 10 nights aboard the MS Rembrandt on full board, shore excursions as described, wine, beer and soft drinks with dinner, entrance fees, local guides, services of a cruise director, tour manager, guest speaker, transfers, airport taxes, port taxes, gratuities.
Not included: Travel insurance, optional excursion to Les Baux de Provence on day 7 (£50 per person).

Please note this is a combination of two cruises and you may need to change cabins on day 6. This will be advised at the time of booking. The shorter voyages are shown on the previous and following pages.



Roman amphitheatre, Arles



Cluny Abbey



Lyon

A SPRING RIVER CRUISE FROM ARLES TO CHALON SUR SAONE

PASSAGE ALONG THE RHONE & SAONE

25th to 30th March 2012

Leave the crowded roads behind and relax onboard our first class river vessel as she cruises through Provence and Burgundy on a five night river journey along the Rhone and Saone Rivers. A problem with being one of the loveliest places on earth is that you will not be alone in your wish to explore this magical area of France. However, travelling by river offers the opportunity to forget the traffic jams and experience the countryside in a marvellously peaceful way. The subtle changes of landscape, lifestyles and architecture can be appreciated fully and nowhere is this more relevant than on these two French rivers.

We start our journey in historic Arles, forever associated with some of the greatest impressionist artists. From here there will be the opportunity to visit some of the great Roman sites for which Provence is justly famous. Sailing north, the Provencal countryside gives way to the metropolis and gourmet capital of Lyon. Here the Rhone meets the Saone as we pass through the rolling and vine covered hills of Burgundy.

In the short space of six days we will have seen so much, yet the ease of our journey and the considerable comfort of the *MS Rembrandt* will leave us refreshed and relaxed.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London Gatwick to Marseille. 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 & Avignon. Explore Arles this morning with a local guide, the vast amphitheatre, the Roman necropolis, les Alyscamps and the cloisters of St Trophime. Sail during lunch to Avignon where our afternoon walking tour will concentrate on the Palais des Papes, the huge Gothic Palace of the Popes, one of the most individual and grandiose pieces of Gothic architecture in the world. We will moor overnight in Avignon in the heart of the city allowing for the opportunity for an after dinner stroll.

Day 3 Cruising the Rhone. A relaxing day on board as we cruise north to Vienne. Attend a lecture by our guest speaker or relax on deck with a book



The Pont d'Avignon

and enjoy the passing scenery.
Day 4 Vienne & Lyon. Spend the morning in the fine Roman town of Vienne, beautifully located in the Rhone Valley and surrounded by hills. We will visit the temple of Augustus and Livia, the Roman theatre, and the Romanesque-Gothic Cathedral of St Maurice. Return to the ship for lunch as we continue cruising to the imposing city of Lyon and gastronomic capital of France where the Rhone and Saone meet. Here we will travel up Fourviere Hill where we will see Vieux Lyon

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Day 6 Chalon sur Saone to London Heathrow. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Lyon airport for the return scheduled flight to London.



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PRICES PER PERSON Based on double occupancy Tour Code: RCREPASS/REREPASST

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3	Upper deck twin	£1695	£1195
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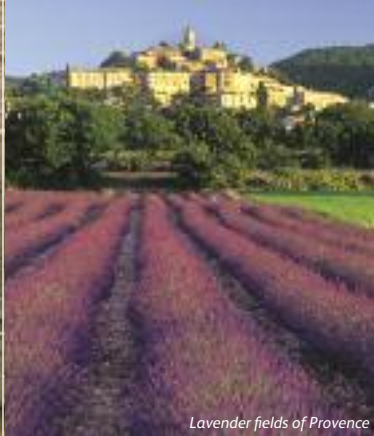
It is possible to combine the March departure of this cruise with 'Provence - Rome to the Middle Ages' shown on pages 6 and 7. The full voyage is shown on pages 8 and 9.

TRAVEL BY TRAIN

Travel by Eurostar and TGV for the following supplements per person:
Standard class £129 Standard Premier class £245



Colourful Provence



Lavender fields of Provence



The Pont du Gard

A CRUISE ALONG THE RHONE

SUMMER IN PROVENCE

29th July to 4th August & 4th to 10th August 2012

Fly south for summer in Provence, one of the loveliest corners of France. The light is magical, the colours vibrant and the landscape as beautiful and mesmerising as it appeared to the great impressionist artists. 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.

On our week long river journey there will be the opportunity to visit the exquisite town of Avignon and discover some of the impressive Roman sites in Arles and Orange. But, no trip to Provence would be complete without some time spent in the villages and surrounding landscapes that are as beautiful and mesmerising as they appeared to the great impressionist artists.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Marseille. 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.

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Day 3 Avignon. This morning's guided walking tour will concentrate on the Palais des Papes, the huge Gothic Palace of the Popes which was built in the 14th century as a fortified palace for the pontifical court. The Palace is one of the wonders of Provence and one of the most individual and grandiose pieces of Gothic architecture in the world. Afternoon free for individual sightseeing and shopping in Avignon. Enclosed by Medieval walls, this great City of the Popes boasts a number of splendid museums, churches and palaces.



The Camargue

Day 4 Pont du Gard & Uzès.

Morning excursion to the Pont du Gard, one of the wonders of antiquity, built by Agrippa in 19 B.C. This imposing aqueduct-bridge was built by the Romans in order to provide the city of Nimes with fresh water from the Uzès area. Continue to historic Uzès, a gem of a town with a captivating history and some imposing and very beautiful buildings including the castle of the Ducs d'Uzès. After lunch onboard we spend the afternoon sailing to charming town of Viviers where we will moor overnight allowing for the opportunity for an after dinner stroll.

Day 5 Viviers & Orange. Spend the morning in the sleepy southern Ardeche town of Viviers which has retained its old world charm. A guided tour will include the Bishop's Palace, Cathedral and La Maison des Chevaliers. Sail during lunch to Orange, an important Roman settlement dating back to 100 B.C. See the remarkable classical theatre, one of the most impressive monuments of antiquity in France. Sail south for Arles where we will moor overnight.

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4	Upper deck suite	£2395	£1895
1	For sole use	£2295	£1795
2	For sole use	£2495	£1995

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TRAVEL BY TRAIN

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Standard class £129 Standard Premier class £245

A SUMMER CRUISE BLENDING WINE, FOOD AND CULTURAL DISCOVERY THROUGH THE CAMARGUE, PROVENCE, THE RHONE VALLEY AND BURGUNDY

LA VIE EN ROSE

15th to 23rd August 2012

Not only do the Rhone and Saone run through some of the most beautiful countryside, they also lie close to some of France's outstanding wines and during this river cruise we will be visiting and tasting some of the finest examples. Join us as we explore Burgundy, the Rhone and the Camargue while enjoying the best local food along the way. Take in the grandeur of the Pont du Gard, the medieval village of Viviers, the magnificent 14th century Palais des Papes, the walled Camargue crusader town of Aigues Mortes and enjoy free time to explore Lyon and Beaune.



For this specially arranged exploration we have enlisted the help of wine expert, Roger Preece. Roger's interest in wine dates from when, whilst working for Stowells of Chelsea, he helped in broadening the company's portfolio. This led to extensive travel throughout wine-growing Europe and an ever-increasing love affair with wines. He opened a wine bar in South Kensington which was so successful that the venture grew into an impressive 17 more bars. Roger still has an interest in 2 bars and acts as a wine consultant to several companies. He holds a Diploma from the Wines & Spirits Education Trust and his hobbies include golf and attempting to maintain a healthy liver function.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London Gatwick to Marseille. Fly by scheduled flight. Transfer to Arles where you will embark the *MS Rembrandt*. Welcome drinks and dinner on board.

Day 2 The Camargue. This morning we drive through the heart of the Camargue to the historic beautifully-preserved walled town of Aigues Mortes established in the 13th century by Louis IX. The Camargue is western

Europe's largest river delta, with exceptional biological diversity and home to unique breeds of Camargue Bulls and Horses. We will take a cruise through the delta, visiting a bull farm and enjoying lunch onboard. In the late afternoon enjoy a guided tour of the town, including a visit to the Church of Notre Dame des Sablons built to witness Louis IXth's seventh and eighth crusades.

Day 3 Avignon, Pont du Gard & Chateaufeu du Pape.

Our day begins with a guided tour of the Palais des Papes, the huge Gothic palace which was built in the 14th century as a fortified palace for the pontifical court. After an early lunch we then take a short drive to the UNESCO World Heritage site, the Pont du Gard. This impressive Roman aqueduct was built in the first century as part of an extraordinary system to bring water to Uzès and Nîmes. We continue to Domaine Grand Veneur on the outskirts of the sleepy village of Chateaufeu du Pape where we'll taste a benchmark Lirac, award-winning Rhone reds and whites as well as classic Chateaufeu du Pape.

Day 4 Viviers. Spend the morning in the southern Ardeche town of Viviers, a wonderfully preserved walled town first established by the Romans. We will see the Bishop's Palace, Cathedral and La Maison des Chevaliers as well as enjoying the sweeping views over the Rhone valley at the top of this remarkable town. This afternoon relax onboard as we cruise up-river to Tournon for an overnight mooring.

Day 5 Hermitage. This morning we are moored opposite the imposing hill of Hermitage covered in Syrah vines making some of the finest and most expensive wines in the entire Rhone valley. Our tasting today is at the Caves



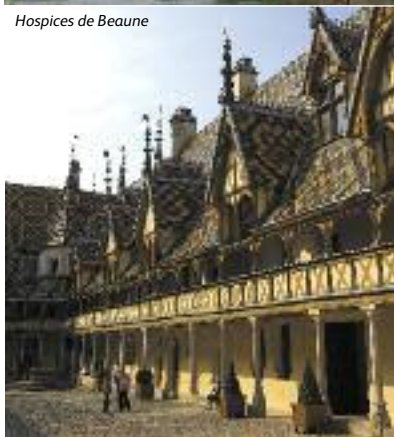
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Vineyards on the Rhone



Chateau de la Chaize



Chateaufeu du Pape



Palais des Papes, Avignon



de Tain whose top quality growers dominate the Hermitage and Crozes Hermitage appellation. This afternoon relax onboard as we cruise to Lyon.

Day 6 Lyon. Today begins with a guided tour of the old part of the city, including the amazingly decorated 19th century hilltop Basilica de Notre Dame. Lyon has more than its fair share of wonderful restaurants and our lunch ashore today shows how its fine food reputation is amply deserved. After lunch the afternoon is free. Wander past the shops and cafes on the banks of the Saone or take in one of the many fine museums.



Day 7 Beaujolais. Today drive into the charming rolling countryside of Beaujolais and visit the family-owned 17th century Chateau de la Chaize, one of the finest Brouilly producers. The historic chateau is set in splendid gardens. After a look around we will taste several Brouilly cuvees, including a rare Brouilly rose in the Chateau's magnificent cellars. This afternoon we cruise to Chalon sur Saone.

Day 8 Beaune. Today visit the world-famous 15th century Hospices de Beaune, with its remarkably decorated roof, gallery, kitchen and a well-preserved idea of how the beds would have looked in the Grand Salle des Malades. Beaune is a blend of cobbled streets, medieval half-timbered

houses, flowered squares and gardens. We then travel a few miles, passing through the villages of Pommard and Volnay before arriving at Domaine Olivier Leflaive in Puligny-Montrachet where we will enjoy lunch. Return to the ship and enjoy our farewell dinner.

Day 9 Chalon sur Saone to London Heathrow. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Geneva or Lyon for the return scheduled flight to London.

POST-CRUISE EXTENSION

THE JURA - secrets of a beautiful, less-travelled corner of France.

Join us on a 3 night tour through beautiful, dramatic countryside of limestone gorges, caves, crystal-clear lakes, cascading waterfalls and historic villages. We will enjoy unique wines and cheeses matched with imaginative regional cuisine.

Day 1 Lons le Saunier. Transfer from *MS Rembrandt* in Chalon sur Saone to the peaceful Hotel Parenthese in a hamlet near Lons le Saunier.

Day 2 Herrison Waterfalls & Baume les Messieurs. This morning visit a small scale cheese producer who hand-makes his cheeses mirroring methods used a hundred years ago. We then visit the dramatic Herisson waterfalls tumbling 65 metres in a series of leaps and bounds. Later we move on to the medieval village of Baume les Messieurs set at the stunning convergence of three valleys, one of which is the magnificent blind valley of the Baume amphitheatre. Our tour will include the abbey which dates back to the 9th Century.

Day 3 Chateau d'Arlay, Arbois & Salin les Bains. This morning we visit Chateau d'Arlay – an 18th century chateau set in splendid grounds which we will explore before tasting some of the very best of Jura wines. Our next visit is to the picturesque town of Arbois where we will have some free time to explore and shop. This afternoon we visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Salin les Bains, which illustrates the importance of salt production in the early economic development of the area.

Day 4 Lons le Saunier to London Heathrow. After breakfast transfer to Geneva or Lyon for the return scheduled flight to London.

Twin: £695 per person based on double occupancy Single: £945

Price includes: Three nights accommodation at the Hotel Parenthese on half board, excursions as described, services of a tour manager.

SPECIAL OFFER ON LIMITED NUMBER OF CABINS - SAVE £500 PER PERSON

PRICES PER PERSON Based on double occupancy Tour Code: RCREROSE

CAT	CABIN DESCRIPTION	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
1	Main deck aft twin	£2695	£2195
2	Main deck twin	£2995	£2495
3	Upper deck twin	£3095	£2595
4	Upper deck suite	£3495	£2995
1	For sole use	£3195	£2695
2	For sole use	£3795	£3295

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Roman amphitheatre, Arles



Provence street



Hospices de Beaune

A FESTIVE RIVER CRUISE ALONG THE RHONE AND SAONE

CHRISTMAS IN PROVENCE & BURGUNDY

23rd to 30th December 2012

If you are looking for a seasonal break to end your year, our cruise through Provence and Burgundy may be of interest. It offers a relaxing journey along the Rhone and Saone through the lovely Provençal and Burgundian countryside. Our Christmas cruise is a delightful mix of interesting excursions to Roman sites, charming towns, fascinating cities in addition to time spent at leisure, relaxing onboard and enjoying the passing vistas along the banks of the rivers.

Come with us and enjoy a week in an area of France well known for the good things in life, delicious food, idyllic scenery and historic towns and villages that all make for an appealing and rewarding journey.

The Itinerary

- Day 1 London to Marseille.** 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.** Explore this great Roman city on foot with a local guide and learn more of the wonders as we walk through the vast amphitheatre and visit the Roman necropolis and the cloisters of St Trophime. Afternoon at leisure. Sail north this evening for Avignon.
- Day 3 Pont du Gard & Uzès.** Enjoy a leisurely morning on board. After our festive lunch we will have an excursion to the Pont du Gard, one of the wonders of antiquity, built by Agrippa in 19 B.C. This imposing aqueduct-bridge was built by the Romans in order to provide the city of Nimes with fresh water from the Uzès area. Continue to historic Uzès, a gem of a town with a captivating history and some imposing and very beautiful buildings including the castle of the Ducs d'Uzès. Moor overnight in Avignon.
- Day 4 Avignon.** This morning we will visit the Palais des Papes, the huge Gothic Palace of the Popes which was built in the 14th century as a fortified palace for the pontifical court. Relax this afternoon as we sail north to Vienne.
- Day 5 Vienne & Lyon.** A restful morning cruising to the fine Roman town of Vienne, beautifully located in the Rhone Valley and surrounded by hills. This



Palais des Papes, Avignon

afternoon we will visit the temple of Augustus and Livia, the Roman theatre, and the Romanesque-Gothic Cathedral of St Maurice. Return to the ship as we continue to the imposing city and gastronomic capital of Lyon where the Rhone and Saone meet.

Day 6 Lyon & Macon. This morning we explore Lyon, a 2000 year old city and UNESCO World Heritage Site. During our tour we will travel up Fourviere Hill where we will see Vieux Lyon stretching along the right bank of the Saone, with its districts of St. Jean, St. Paul and St. Georges. Cruise north this afternoon for Macon.

Day 7 Cluny & Beaune. Today we will drive to Cluny and see the famous monastery which was the centre for the reform and spiritual renewal of Western monasticism in the tenth and eleventh centuries. Rejoin the ship in Tournus before sailing to Chalon sur Saone during lunch. From our mooring we will take a tour to Beaune and visit the world-famous 15th century Hospices de Beaune, with its remarkably decorated roof, gallery, kitchen and a well-preserved idea of how the beds would have looked in the Grand Salle des Malades. Beaune is a blend of cobbled streets, medieval half-timbered houses, flowered squares and gardens. Return to the ship for farewell dinner and drinks.

Day 8 Chalon sur Saone to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Lyon or Geneva airport for the return scheduled flight to London.



SPECIAL OFFER ON LIMITED NUMBER OF CABINS - SAVE £500 PER PERSON

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1	Main deck aft twin	£1695	£1195
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A RIVER JOURNEY ALONG THE RHONE AND SAONE

NEW YEAR IN BURGUNDY & PROVENCE

30th December 2012 to 6th January 2013

Celebrate the New Year with us aboard the 78-passenger *MS Rembrandt* in an area of France known for the good things in life, delicious food, idyllic scenery and historic towns and villages. Join us for seven nights, unpack once and take life at your own pace as your floating hotel sails along the Saone and Rhone. Join the excursions that are all included or perhaps on some days choose to explore under your own steam.

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 with time to appreciate the countryside, villages and towns and slowly absorb the subtle changes in landscapes and lifestyles, a river journey is the ideal solution.

During our festive cruise we will explore some fascinating Roman sites and celebrate the arrival of New Year while moored in the gastronomic capital of France, Lyon, a marvellous place to see in 2013.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Chalon sur Saone. Fly by scheduled flight to Lyon or Geneva. Transfer to the *MS Rembrandt* which will be moored in Chalon sur Saone and embark. Welcome drinks and dinner. Sail south this evening for Macon.

Day 2 Cluny. Today we will drive to Cluny and see the famous monastery which was the centre for the reform and spiritual renewal of Western monasticism in the tenth and eleventh centuries. Enjoy a festive evening on board as we cruise to imposing city of Lyon where the Rhone and Saone meet. We will moor in Lyon overnight.

Day 3 Lyon. After a relaxing morning on board, enjoy a city tour of Lyon this afternoon. We will travel up Fourviere Hill where we will see Vieux Lyon stretching along the right bank of the Saone, with its districts of St. Jean, St. Paul and St. Georges. St. Jean, with its beautiful houses of the Gothic, Renaissance and late 16th century period, is a splendid example of the glorious epoch of Lyon during the development of the city into one of the most important centres of trade and banking.



Day 4 Vienne. Sail this morning to the fine Roman town of Vienne, beautifully located in the Rhone Valley and surrounded by hills. Here we will visit the temple of Augustus and Livia, the Roman theatre and the Romanesque-Gothic Cathedral of St Maurice. Afternoon cruising.

Day 5 Pont du Gard & Uzès. Today we have an excursion to the Pont du Gard, one of the wonders of antiquity, built by Agrippa in 19 B.C. This imposing aqueduct-bridge was built by

Romans in order to provide the city of Nimes with fresh water from the Uzès area. Continue to historic Uzès, a gem of a town with a captivating history and some imposing and very beautiful buildings including the castle of the Ducs d'Uzès.

Day 6 Avignon. Our walking tour will concentrate on the Palais des Papes, the huge Gothic Palace of the Popes which was built in the 14th century. This afternoon is free for individual sightseeing in Avignon. Sail during dinner for Arles.

Day 7 Arles. Explore this great Roman city on foot with a local guide and learn more of the wonders as we walk through the vast amphitheatre and visit the Roman necropolis and the cloisters of St Trophime. Afternoon at leisure. Enjoy farewell dinner and drinks tonight.

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



SPECIAL OFFER ON LIMITED NUMBER OF CABINS - SAVE £500 PER PERSON OFF THE PRICES SHOWN

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