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RIVER CRUISING ALONG THE RHONE & SAONE

Aboard the **Amadeus Provence**
April, May & September 2017

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AMADEUS PROVENCE

For our French river cruises in 2017 we are delighted to have chartered the elegant Amadeus Provence. Due to be launched in April 2017, she accommodates a maximum of 140 passengers and offers modern and spacious public areas and comfortable and well-appointed cabins. Joining you on board will be a Noble Caledonia team including a Cruise Director, Tour Manager and Guest Speaker.

Your Cabin/Suite

The accommodation on board is arranged over three of the vessel's four decks and all cabins are outside facing. Cabins all feature an en-suite bathroom and are fitted with individual climate control, flat screen television, direct dial telephone, safe, generous closet space and a choice of bed configuration. Cabins measure 17.5m² and those on the Mozart and Strauss Deck feature floor to ceiling glass doors which have an automatic drop-down system that can be opened half way. Cabins on the Haydn Deck have smaller panoramic windows that cannot be opened. The eight suites measure 26.4m² and feature a mini-bar and walk out exterior balcony.

Your Space

Full of elegance and charm, the vessel offers plenty of space to unwind and watch the world go by. Spread over four decks, the ship's public spaces include the stylish restaurant which accommodates all guests in one sitting. The Panorama Bar and Lounge is an excellent area for relaxation and socialising with your fellow travellers. The vessel also features a gift shop, massage room, hair salon, fitness room and a lift services the Haydn, Strauss and Mozart Decks. There is a spacious Sun Deck with comfortable deck furniture and an outdoor swimming pool which is the perfect place to relax and appreciate the passing scenery.



Double Cabin



Please note that the images shown are of the Amadeus Silver II, sister vessel to the Amadeus Provence. Whilst the décor may differ slightly the overall look and design of the vessel once launched will be very similar to the images shown.

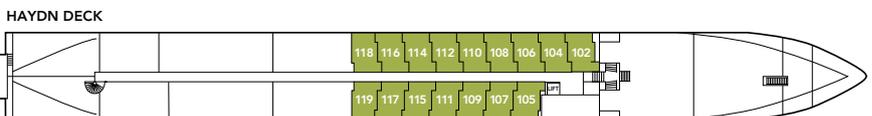
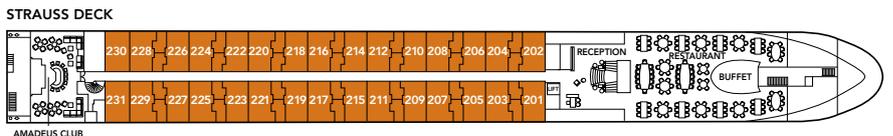
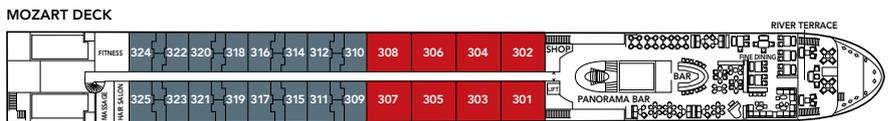
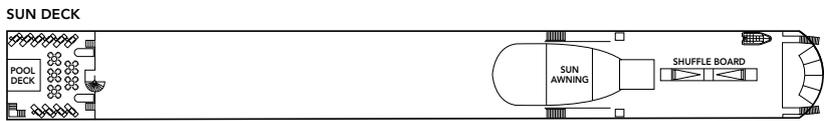
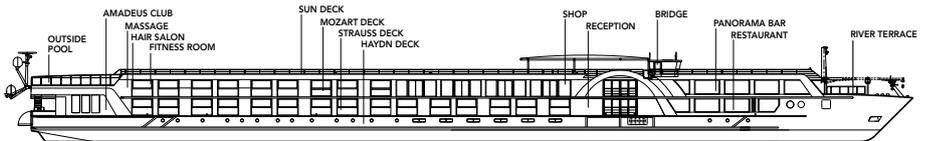
Your Dining

Meals are taken in the restaurant which seats all passengers in one sitting in an open seating arrangement. Experienced chefs will serve fresh, local ingredients, focusing on both international and local specialties. Mornings feature a full buffet breakfast, including a good choice of continental and hot and cold options. Lunches are a selection of buffet and served items and dinners are a waiter service affair which will include a choice of fresh fish and meats. Vegetarian dishes are of course available and special dietary needs can be met with advance notice. Complimentary wine, beers and soft drinks are included at lunch and dinner.

Life On Board

The ship is bright, airy and comfortable and the friendly crew will do their utmost to ensure your stay is enjoyable, informative and agreeable throughout. You will find yourself amongst like-minded people in an English speaking environment and the atmosphere on board is relaxed and informal with a comfortable and casual dress code. A daily briefing by the Cruise Director will provide you with information on the next day's activities and expert English speaking guides will accompany you on the included excursions. In addition you will be accompanied by a Guest Speaker who will provide entertaining and informative talks.

DECK PLAN



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GARDENS OF THE RHONE

A horticultural journey along the Rhone
27th April to 4th May 2017

France, and Provence in particular offers fascinating old buildings and picturesque landscapes and gardens which are a joy to behold. Stifling summers and harsh winters present challenges to the Provencal gardener, and yet this region produces some of the most stunning botanical gems in Europe. Join us for a leisurely springtime cruise as we meander along the scenic Rhone river aboard the delightful Amadeus Provence and visit some of the most romantic and attractive horticultural delights of this beautiful region. Our programme combines excursions ashore as well as time at leisure, so you can truly relax and experience all that Provence has to offer.

Our week is perfectly timed to enjoy colourful displays and unique examples of Provencal garden design including Le Jardin Medieval with more than 400 plants used domestically during the Middle Ages, Chateau Val Joanis, a charming setting devoted to fruit trees, flowers, ornamental plants, vegetable gardens and mixed flowers and the private garden La Bambouseraie featuring Victorian greenhouses. In addition we spend time in Avignon, enclosed by Medieval walls this great City of the Popes boasts a number of splendid museums, churches and palaces and from Viviers we will visit the dramatic Ardeche Gorges.

Throughout your voyage you will be joined by a Guest Speaker who will add to your enjoyment by giving a series of talks and informal discussions on board.



GUEST SPEAKER



Michael Thurlow

Michael has had an extensive career in horticulture, embracing various branches of growing during his 30 years as a professional gardener. He began his career at Dyffryn Gardens in the Vale of Glamorgan, rising to the position of Head Gardener. Enjoying the teaching of gardening courses at Dyffryn, he left there to become a lecturer in horticulture at Pencoed College. His next position was as

Viviers

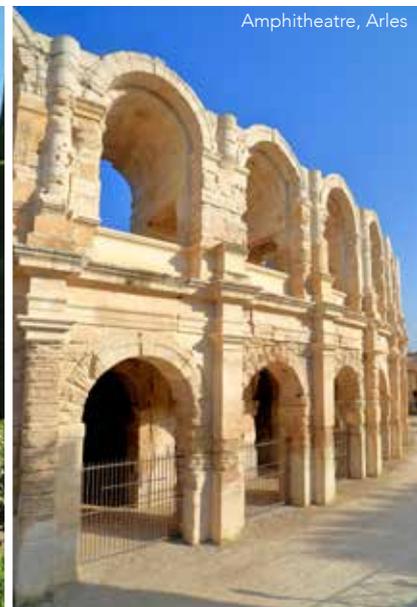


Uzès

Chateau Val Joanis gardens



Amphitheatre, Arles



Director of Aberglasney Gardens in Carmarthenshire, overseeing the start of the restoration project. As Head Gardener of the Victorian Kitchen Garden at Audley End House near Saffron Walden, Mike was responsible for the restoration of the garden from scratch, using organic methods to produce heritage varieties of fruit and vegetables from the Victorian period (1837-1901), and built up a collection of 150 apple cultivars pertaining to East Anglia, all of which were formally trained. During his time there as Head Gardener the ten vines in the beautiful Vinery were brought back into full production. While at Audley End Mike appeared on various television programmes, including an hour-long 'Gardeners' World' special about the restoration and began contributing articles to

gardening magazines. Passionate about gardening, with a particular interest in garden history, he now offers his services as a horticultural consultant, designing and restoring old gardens, as well as planning the creation of new. He is also adviser to the National Allotment Society, providing practical advice to their members through their magazine and website. Mike enjoys passing on his wealth of knowledge to others and has made time during his career to give talks to all kinds of gardening societies.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Lyon, France.

Fly by scheduled flight. Upon arrival, transfer to the Amadeus Provence and embark. Meet your fellow travellers this evening during

Welcome Drinks and Dinner. Set sail this evening for Avignon.

Day 2 Lyon to Avignon.

Enjoy a leisurely morning on board as we continue sailing to Avignon. After lunch we will spend the afternoon in Avignon. Enclosed by Medieval walls, this great City of the Popes boasts a number of splendid museums, churches and palaces. Our guided tour will include the Palais des Papes, one of the wonders of Provence and the largest and most important Medieval Gothic buildings in Europe. We also visit the Cathedral and famous Pont Benezet, a bridge that spans the Rhone between Villeneuve les Avignon and Avignon. There will be some time at leisure in Avignon before returning back to the Amadeus Provence.

Day 3 Avignon to Arles and Chateau Val Joanis.

From our mooring in Arles we will drive to Chateau Val Joanis this morning, situated north of Aix-en-Provence and set in the southern part of the Rhone valley. Enjoy an introduction to the winery followed by a tour around the beautiful gardens which are built on three terraces and cut into a hillside overlooking the vineyards. The lower terrace is devoted to fruit trees, middle terrace to flowers and ornamental plants and the upper terrace is the vegetable garden, mixing flowers to vegetables. The three terraces are linked under the long arbour which is covered with roses and trumpet vines. After lunch which we will enjoy under the shade of the plane trees, there will be a guided walking tour of Arles to see the huge amphitheatre and the



Saint-Andre Abbey

former cathedral of St Trophime, a Romanesque Basilica constructed in the 12th century.

Day 4 Uzès, Le Jardin Medieval & La Bambouseraie. This morning we visit 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. Visit the intimate Medieval Castle Garden set within its walls. This garden focuses on plants used during the Middle Ages for feeding, healing and many other uses in domestic life. We will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before continuing to La Bambouseraie, a private botanical garden featuring exotic and rare plants, hundred-year old trees, giant bamboos and Victorian greenhouses.

Day 5 Gardens of Abbaye Saint-Andre. This morning we take a leisurely visit to Saint-Andre

Abbey's beautiful gardens with its Florentine inspiration and excellent views of Avignon and the Rhone Valley. The Abbey is located atop the hill known as Mont Andeon and now lies within the impressive Saint Andre fortress. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a relaxing afternoon on board as we sail to Viviers.

Day 6 Ardeche Gorges. From our mooring in the sleepy town of Viviers, we will visit the Ardeche Gorges with its magnificent scenery, most notably the spectacular limestone cliffs and the Pont d'Arc, the largest natural arch in Europe. Return to the ship for lunch and spend a relaxing afternoon on board sailing to Vienne.

Day 7 Vienne. Spend the morning in the fine Roman town of Vienne, beautifully located in the Rhone Valley and surrounded by hills.

On a guided walking tour, learn about its Roman era with a visit to the Temple of Augustus & Livia and the Roman theatre located in the centre of town. Also visit the Romanesque-Gothic Cathedral St Maurice. This afternoon we cruise to the imposing city of Lyon where

the Rhone and Saone meet. This evening join your fellow travellers for Farewell Drinks and Dinner.

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

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WONDERS OF BURGUNDY & PROVENCE

Discover the cultural and natural splendours of the Rhone & Saone
4th to 11th May 2017

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 vineyards of Burgundy to the beautiful landscapes of Provence. Our cruise along the Rhone, dubbed the 'River of Angels' by Robert Louis Stevenson and the narrow Saone offers a passage through history past great architectural treasures, through some truly wonderful scenery with time to appreciate the villages and towns and absorb the subtle changes in landscapes and lifestyles.

Our journey begins in Lyon from where we sail north through the rolling and beautiful hills of Burgundy for a visit to 17th century Chateau de la Chaize in Brouilly. We also explore Beaune with its cobbled streets, the gastronomic capital of France, Lyon, and the Medieval town of Avignon. For natural world wonders we visit the Camargue Nature Park area, located south of Arles between the Mediterranean and the two arms of the Rhone river delta, where we can experience wildlife at its best and the spectacular limestone cliffs of the Ardeche Gorges. All this will be accomplished with ease from the comfort of the elegant Amadeus Provence.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Lyon, France. Fly by scheduled flight. Upon arrival, transfer to the Amadeus Provence and embark. Meet your fellow travellers this evening for Welcome Drinks and Dinner. Set sail this evening to Macon.

Day 2 Macon, Beaujolais and Cluny Abbey. Today we will drive into the charming, rolling countryside of Beaujolais and visit the family owned 17th century Chateau de la Chaize in Brouilly. The historic chateau is set in splendid gardens. There will be a chance to wander around before tasting a few Brouilly cuvees including a rare Brouilly rose in the Chateau's magnificent cellars. After lunch on board we will visit Cluny Abbey, once the most powerful Benedictine Abbey of the West. Built in the Romanesque style, it

was founded by William I, Duke of Aquitaine in 910. The Abbey was renowned for its strict adherence to the Rule of St Benedict and the place where the Benedictine Order was formed. Although most of the great Abbey of Cluny stands in ruins, the ruins still suggest the size and glory of the abbey at its zenith, and imagining it as it once was is part of the attraction.

Day 3 Beaune and Medieval Brancion and Cormatin. After breakfast, enjoy a scenic drive to Beaune where we 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 will return to the vessel for lunch and this afternoon drive to Brancion, a tiny Medieval village where we stop for a photo, before continuing to the heart of southern Burgundy to the Chateau de Cormatin. Set in beautiful French gardens, the castle is undoubtedly one of the most sumptuous castles in Burgundy and, in addition, a Renaissance garden has been added to complete the picture.

Day 4 Lyon. This morning will be spent exploring the gastronomic capital of France. During our guided 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. St. Jean, with its beautiful houses of the Gothic, Renaissance and late 16th century period, is a splendid example of the glorious era which saw the city become one of the most important centres of trade and banking. Also included in our travels is Les Halles de Lyon, a fabulous gastronomic market. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a relaxing afternoon on board sailing to Avignon.



Pont du Gard

Day 5 Avignon, Pont du Gard and Le Jardin Medieval. Enclosed by Medieval walls, Avignon, the great City of the Popes boasts a number of splendid museums, churches and palaces. Our guided walking tour will include the Palais des Papes, one of the wonders of Provence and the largest and most important Medieval Gothic buildings in Europe, built in the 14th century as a fortified palace for the pontifical court. We also visit the cathedral and famous Pont Benezet, a bridge that spans the Rhone between Villeneuve les Avignon and Avignon. After lunch on board we will visit the Pont du Gard, one of the wonders of antiquity, built by Agrippa in 19B.C. This imposing aqueduct-bridge was built by the Romans in order to provide the city of Nimes with fresh water from the Uzes area. The Memoires De Garrigue is situated on site at the Pont Du Gard, an

open air display designed to take the visitor into a journey through the history of Mediterranean agriculture and landscapes. Here we will find a great variety of plant life such as rock roses, honeysuckle, sarsaparilla and thyme. We continue our tour with a visit to the intimate Medieval Castle Garden set within its walls, the focus on which are the plants used during the Middle Ages for feeding, healing and many other uses in domestic life.

Day 6 The Camargue, Les Saintes Maries de la Mer and Arles.

This morning we will drive to the Camargue, located south of Arles between the Mediterranean and the two arms of the Rhone river delta. The Camargue is home to more than 400 species of birds and its brine ponds provide one of the few European habitats for the greater flamingo. After our panoramic drive we will stop in the nearby picturesque fishing village of Les Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer to visit the local church famous for its gipsy pilgrimages. This afternoon enjoy a guided walking tour of Arles to see the huge amphitheatre and the former cathedral of St Trophime, a Romanesque Basilica constructed in the 12th century.

Day 7 Ardeche Gorges . From our mooring, we will visit the Ardeche Gorges with its magnificent scenery, most notably the spectacular limestone cliffs and the Pont d'Arc, the largest natural arch in Europe. Return to the ship for lunch and spend a relaxing afternoon sailing to Lyon before the Farewell Drinks and Dinner this evening.

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Ardeche Gorges



Cluny Abbey



Flamingos, Camargue

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Syrah vineyard, Hermitage Hill



RIVERS & VINES OF SOUTHERN FRANCE

A cruise of wine discovery
14th to 21st September 2017

A relaxing river cruise awaits at a delightful time of year in Southern France as the Amadeus Provence takes you on a journey through the beautiful Burgundian countryside, enjoying fine wine and delicious cuisine along the way. Enjoy wine tastings in some of the region's most popular wine-growing areas including Beaujolais where we visit the magnificent cellars of Chateau de le Chaize and in Cote Chalonnaise we will taste some wines at Chateau de Chamirey, one of the finest producers of Mercurey. We will also visit the famous Cave de Tain whose growers dominate the Hermitage appellation. Our onboard wine expert will be on hand to help us fully appreciate the flavours and history of France's glorious wines.

There is of course plenty more to enjoy than just wine including the 15th century Hospices de Beaune and the wonderfully preserved walled town of Viviers first established by the Romans. We will see further evidence of the region's Roman past in Vienne and spend time in the gastronomic capital of France, Lyon where we will enjoy lunch in one of the city's finest restaurants. Our days will be full of interest and enchanting scenery all made easily accessible by the River Rhone and our wonderfully comfortable floating hotel.



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Day 2 Beaujolais. Today we drive into the charming rolling countryside of Beaujolais and visit the family owned 17th century Chateau de la Chaize in Brouilly, an historic chateau is set in splendid gardens. There will be a chance to wander around before tasting a few Brouilly cuvees including a rare Brouilly rose in the Chateau's magnificent cellars. Arrive back to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon sailing north to Chalon-sur-Saone.

Day 3 Beaune and Cote Chalonnaise. We visit the world famous, 15th century Hospices de Beaune today 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



Hermitage vineyard



Lyon



Temple of Augustus & Livia, Vienne

Beaune is a blend of cobbled streets, Medieval half-timbered houses, flowered squares and gardens. After lunch on board we continue to Cote Chalonnaise where some of today's best value wine in Burgundy can be found. We will taste some wines at Chateau de Chamirey, probably the finest Mercurey producer. Sail this evening to Lyon.

Day 4 Lyon. Today begins with a guided tour of the old part of the city, including the amazingly decorated 19th century hilltop Basilica of Notre Dame. We will enjoy lunch in one of Lyon's finest restaurants followed by an afternoon at leisure to explore independently. Wander past the shops and cafes on the banks of the Saone or perhaps visit the marvellous fabric museum (Musee Historique des Tissus) or the equally fascinating Musee des Beaux- Arts housed in a 17th century Benedictine Abbey.

Day 5 Tournon and Hermitage. This morning we will be moored opposite the imposing hill of Hermitage covered with Syrah vines making some of the finest and most expensive red wines in the entire Rhone Valley. We visit the famous Cave de Tain whose growers dominate the Hermitage appellation. In addition to Hermitage itself, we will also taste fine Crozes Hermitage and St. Joseph. After lunch enjoy a relaxing afternoon on board sailing to Viviers.

Day 6 Viviers. Spend the morning in the southern Ardeche town of Viviers, a wonderfully preserved walled town first established by the Romans. Visit 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 the town. Spend an afternoon sailing to Vienne and enjoy some wine tasting on board.

Day 7 Vienne. Spend the day in the fine Roman town of Vienne, beautifully located in the Rhone Valley and surrounded by hills. On a guided morning walking tour, learn about its Roman era with a visit to the Temple of Augustus & Livia and the Roman theatre located in the centre of town. Also visit the Romanesque-Gothic Cathedral St

Maurice. This afternoon we cruise to the imposing city of Lyon and moor overnight. This evening join your fellow travellers for Farewell Drinks and Dinner.

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