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RIVERS & VINES OF SOUTHERN FRANCE

A cruise of wine discovery
aboard the Amadeus Provence

29th August to 7th September 2019



NOBLE CALEDONIA



Viviers and the Rhone Valley



Roman amphitheatre in Arles



Chateau de la Chaize and the gardens



A relaxing river cruise awaits at a delightful time of year in Southern France as the Amadeus Provence takes us on a journey through beautiful rolling countryside, savouring 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 la 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 Arles and spend time in Lyon, the gastronomic capital of France. Our days will be full of interest and enchanting scenery all made easily accessible by our wonderfully comfortable floating hotel.



Chateau de Grignan

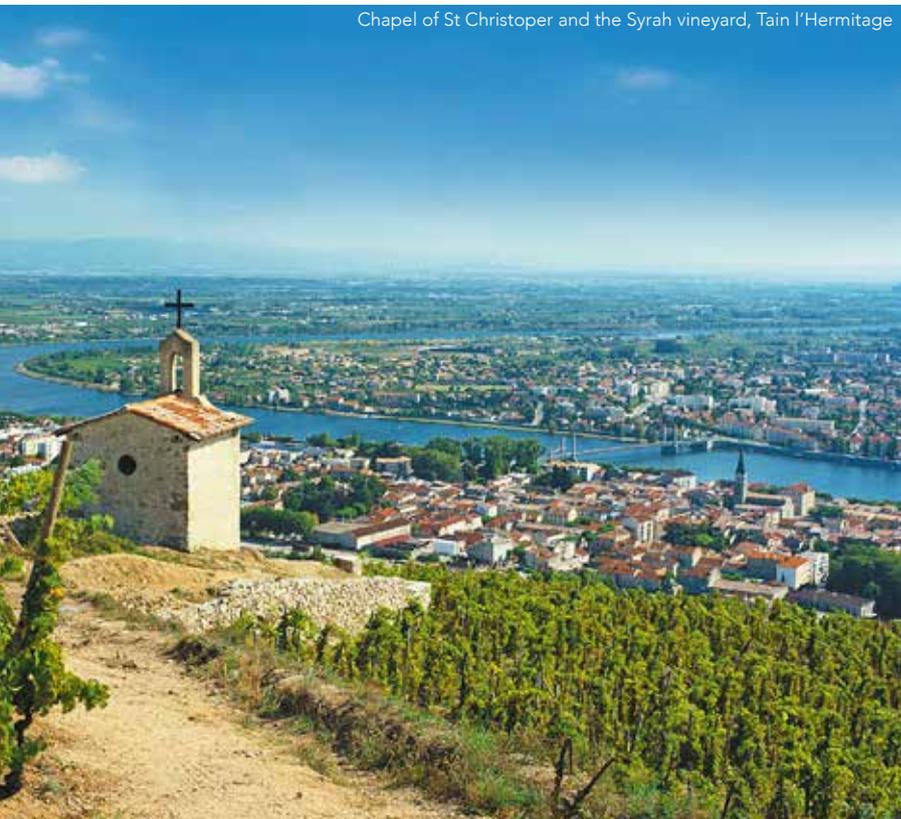
THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Lyon, France. Fly by scheduled flight to Lyon, or travel by train from London St Pancras. Upon arrival transfer to the Amadeus Provence and embark. Meet your fellow travellers this evening during Welcome Drinks and Dinner on board. Set sail this evening to Macon.

Day 2 Beaujolais. 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 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 & Cote Chalonnaise. This morning we will 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.

Chapel of St Christopher and the Syrah vineyard, Tain l'Hermitage



Palais des Papes and Pont Saint Benezet, Avignon



Hospices de Beaune

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. 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 an afternoon at leisure. Wander past the shops and cafes on the banks of the Saone or perhaps visit one of the city's fascinating museums. Sail south this evening during dinner.

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 will 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.

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 the afternoon sailing and enjoy some wine tasting on board.

Day 7 Chateauneuf du Pape & Grignan. The rich ruby red wine of Chateauneuf du Pape is one of France's most renowned, but the white, too, is exquisite. Today we will enjoy a wine tasting before continuing to Grignan. A charming hillside village, Grignan was made famous by Madame de Sevigne in her letters. Here we will visit a truffle farm where we will have the chance to taste some of these local delicacies. Continue to Chateau de Grignan which, originally built in the 11th century, was transformed into a luxurious residence during the Renaissance.

Day 8 Avignon. 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



Place de Terreaux, Lyon

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 enjoy an afternoon at leisure in this charming location.

Day 9 Arles. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Arles sits on a low hill where the Rhone river branches in two parts to the sea. The town dates back to the 7th century BC, and was a major Gallo-Roman city. The major Roman sites are unique in that they are integrated into the houses and buildings of the town. On this morning's guided walking tour we will see the huge amphitheatre and the former Cathedral of St Trophime, a Romanesque Basilica constructed in the 12th century. Return to the ship for lunch and sail upstream to Avignon. This evening join your fellow travellers for Farewell Drinks and Dinner.

Day 10 Avignon to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to Marseille or Nice airport for your return scheduled flight to London, or travel by train to London St Pancras.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Launch Offer Price
C	Haydn Deck Twin	£2695	£2495
B	Strauss Deck Twin	£2795	£2595
A	Mozart Deck Twin	£2995	£2795
S	Mozart Deck Suite	£3195	£2995
C	Haydn Deck Twin for sole use	£3195	£2995

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air or train travel

- Nine nights aboard the Amadeus Provence on full board basis
- House wine, draught beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board
- Shore excursions with use of Quietvox headphones
- Cruise Director
- Tour Manager
- Guest Speaker
- Gratuities
- Transfers
- Port taxes
- Airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

NB. The inbound transfer from Avignon to Marseille airport is 1 hour and 15 minutes and from Avignon to Nice airport is 2 hours and 45 minutes.

POST-CRUISE EXTENSION



La Rotonde Fountain, Aix-en-Provence

AIX-EN-PROVENCE POST-CRUISE EXTENSION

7th to 10th September 2019

After disembarking the Amadeus Provence in Avignon, we are offering the opportunity to join our three night post-cruise extension in Aix-en-Provence.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 St Remy-de-Provence & Le Jardin de l'Alchimiste. Disembark this morning and enjoy a tour of St Remy de Provence. Nestled in the hills of Les Alpilles, the town centre is full of narrow Medieval alleyways, fountains and squares. We will visit Saint Paul de Mausole where Vincent Van Gogh was interned for a year. It was here where he painted 150 canvasses, including "Olive Grove" and "Starry Night". After lunch in a local restaurant we will visit Le Jardin de l'Alchimiste. Later transfer to our hotel in Aix-en-Provence. The evening is free to dine independently.

Day 2 Aix-en-Provence & Sainte Victoire Mountain. During a guided walking tour this morning we will discover Aix-en-Provence with its leafy boulevards and public squares lined with 17th and 18th century mansions. Fountains hold an important place in the architecture here and the city is also known as the 'city of a thousand fountains', a name which it more than lives up to with its many beautiful and intricate marble sculpted

fountains than can be found in nearly every square. After a visit to the Granet art museum and some free time for lunch, we will drive to Sainte Victoire Mountain, the subject of many of Paul Cezanne's paintings.

Day 3 Cassis. We depart this morning for Cassis where we will enjoy a boat trip through the Calanques National Park. Here, long narrow deep fjord like inlets have cut into the limestone cliffs. Return to Aix-en-Provence for an afternoon and evening at leisure.

Day 4 Aix-en-Provence to London. Transfer to Marseille or Nice for our scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£695** Single: **£975**

Price includes: Three nights accommodation in Aix-en-Provence on bed and breakfast basis, transfer from ship to hotel and hotel to airport, tours as described, Tour Manager, lunch on day 1.

Not Included: Travel insurance, lunch on days 2 and 3, dinners.

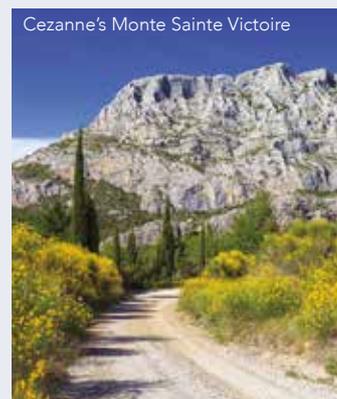
NB. The transfer from Aix-en-Provence to Marseille airport is 30 minutes and from Aix-en-Provence to Nice airport is 2 hours. Please also note that train travel is not available for those taking the post-cruise extension.



Calanques National Park



Monastery of St Paul de Mausole



Cezanne's Monte Sainte Victoire



AMADEUS PROVENCE

For our French river cruises in 2019 we are delighted to have chartered the elegant Amadeus Provence. Newly built and launched in April 2017, she accommodates a maximum of 140 passengers and offers modern and spacious public areas and comfortable, 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 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 plunge pool.



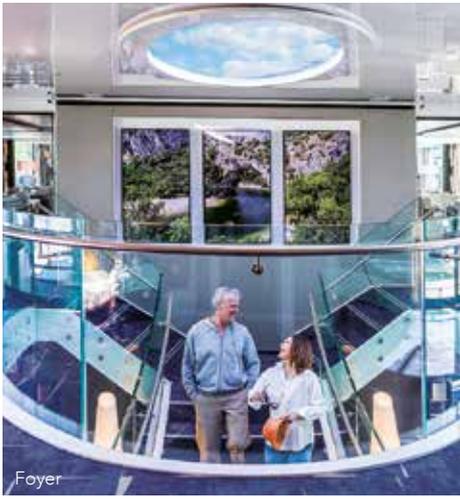
Amadeus Club



Restaurant



Category B Cabin



Foyer



Plunge Pool



Suite

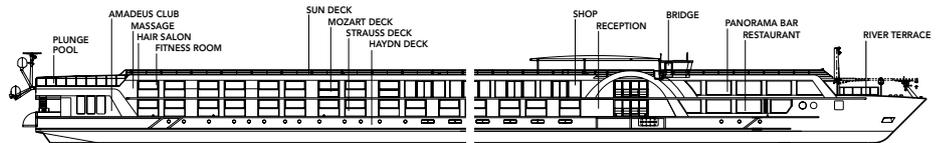
Your Dining

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, draught beer 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.

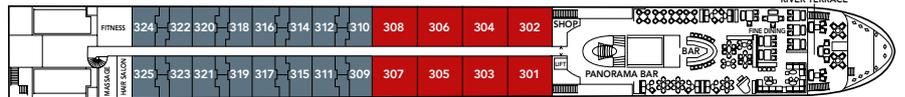
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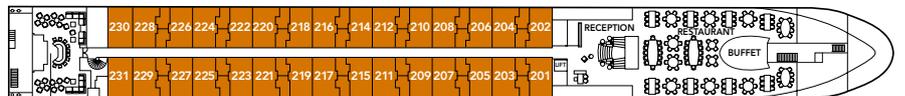
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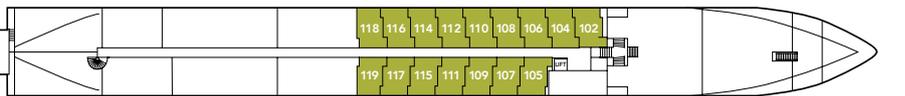
MOZART DECK



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