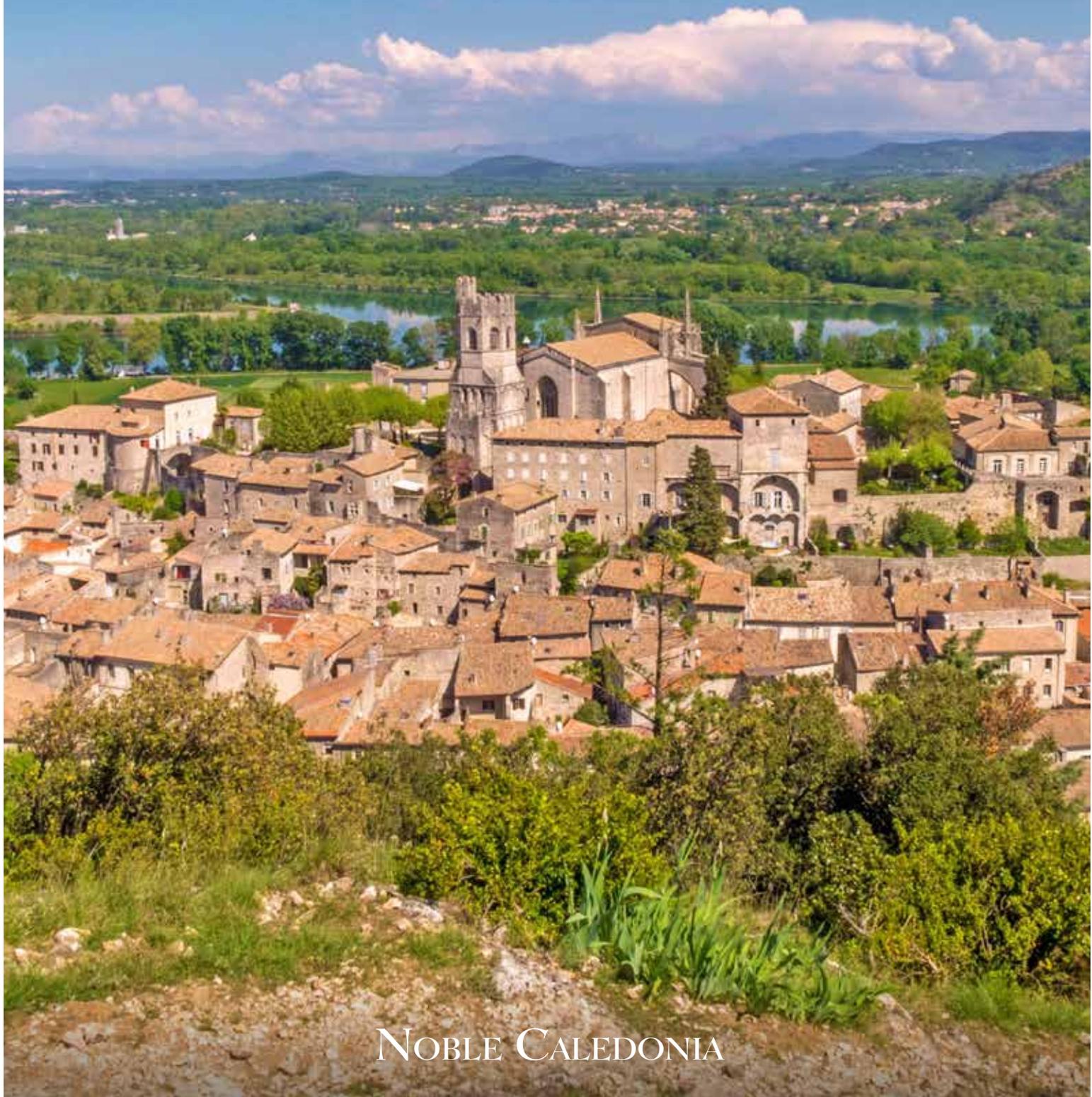


A WEEK IN PROVENCE

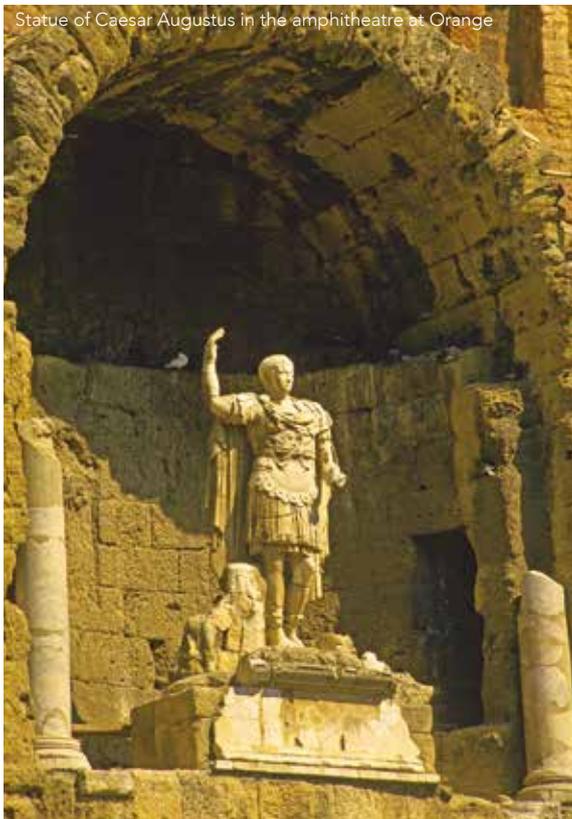
Discover the cultural & natural splendours of the Rhone
aboard the Amadeus Provence

7th to 14th September 2019

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£300
PER PERSON



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Statue of Caesar Augustus in the amphitheatre at Orange



The fortified town of Aigues Mortes



Flamingos in the Camargue



Fly south for late 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 and our programme combines excursions ashore as well as time at leisure, so you can truly relax and experience all that this wonderful region has to offer.

On our week long river journey there will be the opportunity to visit the exquisite town of Avignon, the historic city of Nimes 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 surrounding countryside and we will visit Aigues Mortes and take in the wild and beautiful landscape of the Camargue. In considerable comfort and style we will explore the River Rhone and take excursions to nearby towns and sights and sail through an ever-changing countryside dotted with cypress, umbrella pine and vines.



Monastery of St Paul de Mausole

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Avignon, France. Fly by scheduled flight to Marseille or Nice, or travel by train from London St Pancras. Upon arrival transfer to the MS Amadeus Provence in Avignon and embark. Meet your fellow travellers this evening during Welcome Drinks and Dinner on board. Sail tonight to Arles.

Day 2 Aigues Mortes. Today we will enjoy a morning excursion to explore 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. Take a scenic drive back through the Camargue to the ship — the region is best known for its incredibly varied wildlife and white horses. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon on board sailing upstream.

Day 3 Avignon, Pont du Gard & Uzès. Our walking tour this morning 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. Sail during lunch and this afternoon drive to the nearby Pont du Gard, the impressive Roman aqueduct built in the first century as part of a system to bring water to Uzès and Nimes. Later, 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.



Pont du Gard



Pont d'Arc, Ardeche Gorges



Roman amphitheatre in Arles

Day 4 Orange & Viviers. This morning we have a half day tour to visit Orange, site of the greatest of all Roman theatres to survive in the West. The magnificent, semicircular Theatre Antique, situated in the centre of town, was built just before the birth of Christ. Accommodating 7000 spectators, its acoustics are superb. This is also the only Roman theatre still possessing its original Imperial statue of Caesar Augustus, which, at 12 feet in height, is one of the tallest in existence. Sail this evening for Viviers. Perhaps enjoy an evening stroll in this charming village.

Day 5 Ardeche Gorges. From our mooring at 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. Enjoy a lecture on board as we sail to Avignon.

Day 6 St Remy de Provence & Les Baux de Provence. This morning enjoy a half day tour to St Remy de Provence, proud possessor of one of the truly great funerary memorials of the Roman world, the cenotaph erected in honour of the grandsons of Augustus, Gaius and Lucius – also the Romanesque cloister of St-Paul-de-Mausole at Egalieres. Return to the ship for lunch before enjoying an afternoon excursion to Les Baux de Provence. 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 architectural heritage consisting of 22 listed buildings.

Day 7 Nimes & Arles. This morning there will be a tour to the city of Nimes, one of the finest examples of prosperous Gallo-Roman settlements in southern France. Originally named Nemausus (for the local god of spring), the city served as a regional Celtic capital. Though succumbing to Roman control in 121 BC, the city's continued importance was assured by its location on the Via Domitia, the main Roman road between northern Italy and Spain. The best-known monument of Nimes is the Maison Carree, a remarkably well-preserved oblong Roman temple built during the 1st century AD, featuring exquisite carvings along the cornice and on the Corinthian capitals. Today, the building is a museum and contains an imposing statue of Apollo. Return to the ship, which will have sailed to Arles to meet us, for lunch on board. Our final afternoon will be spent exploring Arles. See the huge amphitheatre and the former Cathedral of St Trophime, a Romanesque Basilica constructed in the 12th century. Join your fellow travellers for the Farewell Dinner this evening as we moor overnight.

Day 8 Arles to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to Marseille or Nice airport for our return scheduled flight to London, or travel by train to London St Pancras.



Palais des Papes and Pont Saint Benezet, Avignon

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

LAUNCH OFFER – SAVE £300 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Launch Offer Price
C	Haydn Deck Twin	£2295	£1995
B	Strauss Deck Twin	£2395	£2095
A	Mozart Deck Twin	£2495	£2195
S	Mozart Deck Suite	£2695	£2395
C	Haydn Deck Twin for sole use	£2895	£2595

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Economy class scheduled air or train travel
- Seven nights aboard the MS Amadeus Provence on full board basis
- House wine, draught beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board
- Shore excursions as described with use of Quietvox headphones
- Cruise Director
- Tour Manager
- Guest Speaker
- Gratuities
- Transfers
- Port taxes
- Airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

NB. The outbound transfer time from Marseille airport to Avignon is 1 hour 15 minutes and from Nice airport to Avignon is 2 hours and 45 minutes. The inbound transfer from Arles to Marseille airport is 1 hour and from Arles to Nice airport is 2 hours 30 minutes.

POST-CRUISE EXTENSION



Local market, Aix-en-Provence

AIX-EN-PROVENCE POST CRUISE EXTENSION

14th to 17th September 2019

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

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Marseille. Disembark this morning and drive to Marseille where we will visit the Mucem Museum. This unique museum, dedicated to European and Mediterranean civilisations, opened in June 2013 and houses more than 350,000 objects, as well as a large assortment of documents and works of art. This afternoon we will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and later we will transfer to our hotel in Aix-en-Provence. The evening is free to dine independently.

Day 2 Aix-en-Provence & Sainte Victoire Mountain. On 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.

Fountain, Aix-en-Provence



Cezanne's Monte Sainte Victoire



Calanques National Park

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 a 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 inbound 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 on offer for those taking the post-cruise extension.



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.



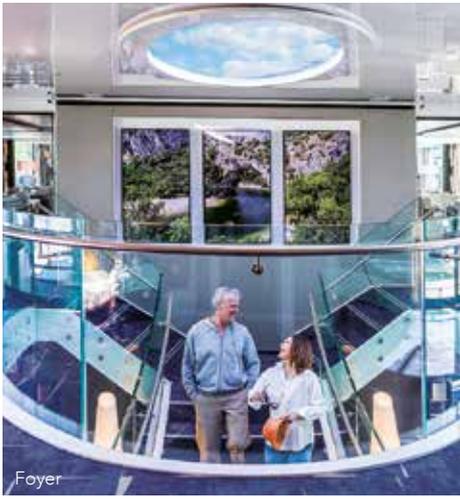
Amadeus Club



Restaurant



Category B Cabin



Foyer



Plunge Pool



Suite

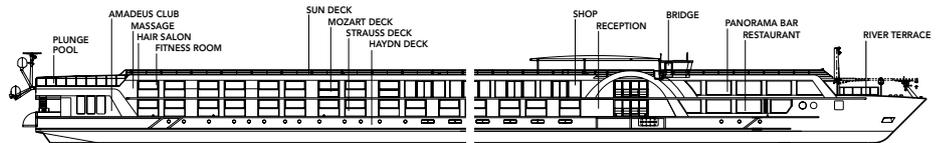
Your Dining

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.

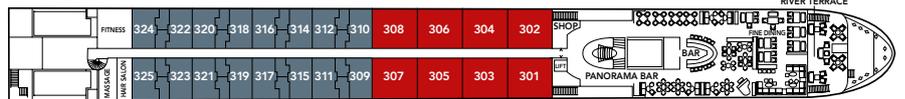
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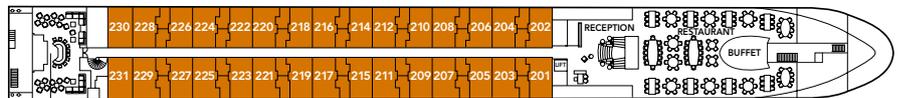
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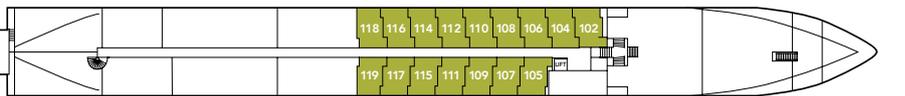
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