

# FLAVORS OF PROVENCE

## BY LUXURY RIVER SHIP



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**CRUISE THE RHÔNE ABOARD THE EXCLUSIVELY  
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Dear Trojans,

Set sail along the tranquil waters of the Rhône for seven captivating nights aboard the luxurious *Amadeus Provence*, navigating through the heart of southern France. Along the way discover the region's rich history and cultural heritage as you explore vibrant cities, charming villages and celebrated wine regions.

From notable landmarks that echo with stories of the past to intimate wine tastings that showcase the flavors of the countryside, each day offers a rewarding blend of relaxation, connection and discovery.

Staterooms aboard the *Amadeus Provence*, our home base for this journey, are the perfect place to unwind after immersive shore excursions. Broad windows, stylish furnishings and attentive service complement the vessel's five-course evening menus and spacious public areas for an enriching experience.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly.

For information or to make your reservation, please reserve online at [ustrojantravel.orbridge.com](http://ustrojantravel.orbridge.com) or call Orbridge at (866) 639-0079.

Fight On!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda J. Ball".

Linda J. Ball, '83  
Associate Director, Trojan Travel  
USC Alumni Association

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# Flavors of Provence by Luxury River Ship | Itinerary Highlights (subject to change)

Day 1 EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

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Day 2 ARRIVE IN LYON, FRANCE – EMBARKATION (R,D)

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Upon arrival an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the river ship. Take time to unpack and become familiar with your accommodations. This evening gather with fellow travel companions for a welcome reception and dinner.

Day 3 LYON (B,L,D) Become acquainted with this beautiful city during a half-day tour. Descend into the heart of Vieux Lyon (Old Lyon), a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its well-preserved Renaissance buildings and *traboules*—hidden passageways linking buildings by vaulted corridors and courtyards. A gentle ascent to Fourvière Hill provides breathtaking panoramic views of Lyon and the convergence of the Rhône and Saône rivers. Continue to Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse, a Mecca of culinary excellence. This afternoon embrace leisure time on board.

3

Day 4 AVIGNON | CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE (B,L,D)

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Following lunch join the included guided panoramic city tour through Avignon. The lavish Palais des Papes (Palace of the Popes) is a fortress, church and palace all in one and was considered the center of the Christian world during the 14th century. Alternatively, join an excursion (*additional fee*) to Châteauneuf-du-Pape for a vineyard tour and tasting. Meet the esteemed vintners to learn about the winemaking process, the grape varietals used and the artistry that goes into producing these highly distinguished wines.

Day 5 ORANGE | ARLES | LES BAUX-DE-PROVENCE (B,L,D) See one of Europe's best-preserved Roman amphitheaters—an imposing monument and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to the remarkable Pont du Gard, a three-tiered aqueduct bridge spanning the river Gardon built in the 1st century AD. Reboard the ship in Arles for lunch. This afternoon visit the olive oil mill at the foot of the Château des Baux. The owners have combined centuries of experience with passion, rigor, technique and respect for the olive trees. Gain insight into their traditional methods of cultivation while sampling the artisan-crafted oils.

5



Day 6 AIX-EN-PROVENCE (B,L,D) Today offers a full-day excursion to Aix-en-Provence, a city featuring graceful boulevards, lavender fields and welcoming locals. Walk in the footsteps of Cézanne as you explore this elegant town's bustling markets, tree-lined plazas, museums and wine shops. Enjoy a leisurely lunch, browse the Provençal boutiques and perhaps savor a French café crème under a shade tree.

Day 6

Day 7 GRIGNAN (B,L,D) Following breakfast disembark for a scenic drive through mountain vistas and lavender fields, arriving at a truffle farm near Grignan where the treasures referred to as "black diamonds" are abundant. During a tour learn about the canines specially bred to sniff out these black and white delicacies, and watch a demonstration of the seeking and retrieval methods. Conclude the visit with a truffle oil tasting. Continue to the stately Château de Grignan—a Renaissance castle—for a guided tour.

Day 7

Day 8 VALENCE (B,L,D) Valence is a serene haven for food lovers—especially celebrated for its goat cheeses, most notably picodon (which means *spicy little cheese*). Journey into the countryside to tour a goat farm where you'll meet the animals and sample a selection of fresh cheeses. This evening while cruising to Lyon, gather together for a special Captain's Gala Dinner to commemorate your time exploring this beautiful region of France.

Day 8

Day 9 LYON – DISEMBARKATION | DEPART FOR U.S. (B) After breakfast guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home.

Day 9

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)

## What's Included

- 7 nights aboard the stylish and modern *Amadeus Provence*
- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners served with locally produced vintages plus a special welcome reception
- All lessons, private tours, tastings and unique small-group excursions noted in the 9-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



**Activity Level:** Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down stairs without assistance. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for those with mobility issues may be limited.



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## Orbridge Standard of Excellence

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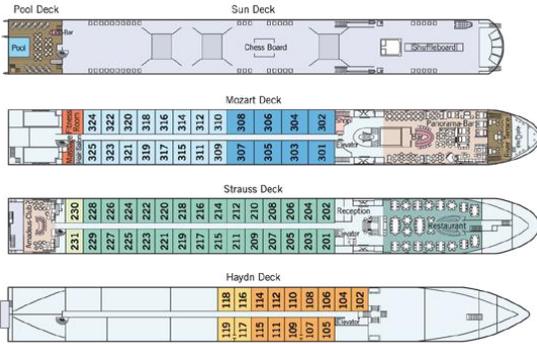
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Beautifully designed and stocked with stellar amenities—*Amadeus Provence* is the perfectly relaxing stage for exploration.



**C4 C1 (172 sq.ft.)**

Individual climate control, small panoramic window (cannot be opened), choice of bed configuration (double or twin bed), spacious wardrobe, flat screen television, direct dial telephone, safe, and spacious en suite bathroom with shower and hair dryer. Staterooms with connecting doors are available on request.

**B4 B1 A1 (188 sq.ft.)**

Individual climate control, drop-down panoramic window, choice of bed configuration (double or twin bed), walk-in wardrobe, flat screen television, direct dial telephone, safe, and spacious en suite bathroom with shower and hair dryer.



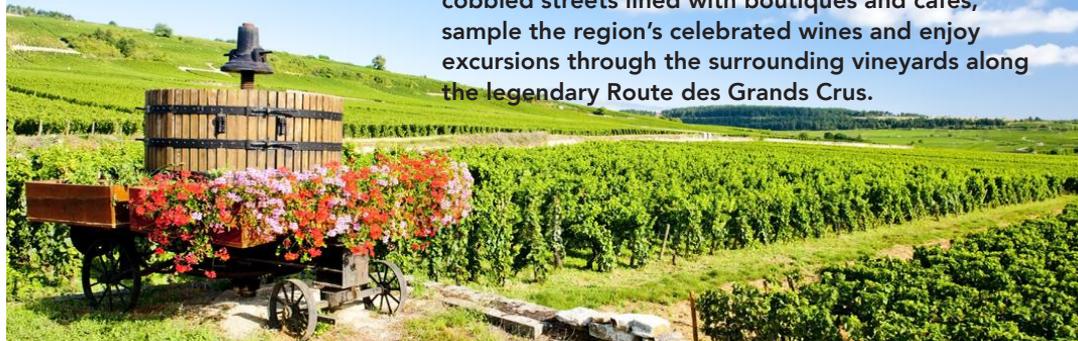
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Individual climate control, walk-out exterior balcony, choice of bed configuration (double or twin bed), walk-in wardrobe, comfortable corner sofa, flat screen television, direct dial telephone, safe, and luxurious en suite bathroom with shower, bathrobes and hair dryer.



# Optional Pre-Tour Burgundy

Begin your journey in France's most storied wine region during this relaxing prelude in Dijon. Stroll cobbled streets lined with boutiques and cafés, sample the region's celebrated wines and enjoy excursions through the surrounding vineyards along the legendary Route des Grands Crus.



Day  
+1 EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

Day  
+2 ARRIVE IN LYON, FRANCE | DIJON Upon arrival an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your group transfer to Dijon. En route see the beautifully preserved medieval village of Pérouges. After checking into your hotel in Dijon take advantage of leisure time to explore the town center and enjoy a lovely dinner at one of the many inviting brasseries.

Day  
+3 VOUGEOT | VOSNE-ROMANÉE (B) After breakfast join a local guide for a panoramic walking tour of Dijon. Next visit the historic Château du Clos de Vougeot along the Route des Grands Crus for a guided tour and tasting. Originally founded in the 12th century by Cistercian monks, this storied estate became a center for viticulture, excelling in innovative winemaking methods that helped shape Burgundy's global reputation. Before returning to Dijon, stop in the village of Vosne-Romanée for another wine experience that highlights the artistry and tradition of this region.

Day  
+4 DIJON | BEAUNE | LYON | MAIN PROGRAM BEGINS (B,L) Following breakfast and check-out depart for Beaune for a guided panoramic tour and lunch. Visit Beaune's medieval ramparts and see the famed Hospices de Beaune—a Gothic masterpiece founded in the 15th century. Continue to Lyon to join guests arriving for the main program.

## What's Included

- 2 nights hotel accommodations at Grand Hôtel La Cloche - MGallery Dijon
- 2 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- Guided panoramic touring of Dijon and Beaune
- 2 vineyard tours and tastings
- Guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director
- Transportation for included tours
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times





## OCTOBER 6-14, 2026

Burgundy Pre-Tour: October 4-7, 2026

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Optional Excursion	Rate Per Person
Châteauneuf-du-Pape Wine Tasting	\$95

**DEPOSIT AMOUNT PER PERSON**  
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