# Lyon & Provence Land of Fine Wine & Lavender

**June 25 – July 3, 2024** 

Tap into your inner van Gogh at an Arles painting class. Discover Roman Provence at Les Arènes amphitheater and the Pont du Gard. Explore Avignon's Palace of the Popes. Excite your palate in Lyon, capital of French gastronomy. Savor Beaujolais wines. Hunt for truffles and see how chèvre cheese is made. Come witness the beauty that inspired artists like Cézanne and Chagall on this 8-day Rhône cruise.

# **Itinerary:**

- June 25 Departure from the U.S. today for your overnight flight to Lyon.
- June 26 Lyon

  Fly to Lyon. Transfer from the airport to your ship.\* After boarding, take free time to explore this vibrant city,

or join our "welcome walk" to stretch your legs and get oriented.



After breakfast, tour the city of Lyon, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Begin with a drive to the top of Fourvière Hill for amazing views of the city. Continue with a guided visit to the Basilica of Notre Dame and drive through town past the magnificent St. Jean Cathedral and the Palace of Justice. Then take a walking tour through the cobblestone streets of Vieux Lyon (Old Town), and use your free time to shop for souvenirs or sample some of the fine French cuisine for which Lyon is world-famous.

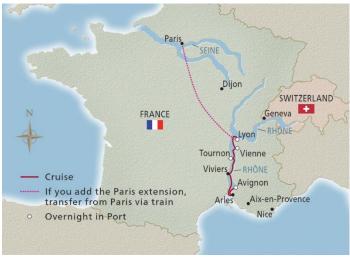
June 28 Lyon

After breakfast, take a scenic drive through the rolling hills of Beaujolais, where viticultural tradition runs deep and enjoy a tasting in one of Beaujolais's famous cellars. Return to your ship for lunch and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. As always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time.

June 29 Vienne & Tournon

This morning take a walking tour of Vienne, a beautiful town with an ancient Roman past. Visit the Temple of Augustus and Livia, the Roman amphitheater and the Gothic Cathedral of St. Maurice; then spend some time discovering more of this engaging riverside town on your own. In the afternoon, enjoy the rolling vine-clad banks of the river as you sail through its wide meanders to Tournon. After dinner, enjoy a stroll along the riverbanks under the plane trees.





#### June 30 Tournon, France

Board the Train de l'Ardèche this morning for a locomotive ride through the deep gorges of the Ardèche plateau, cut by the Doux River. Return to your ship and enjoy lunch on board as we cruise to Viviers, an engaging little town in a mountainous setting. After dinner, enjoy an evening stroll



through Old Town with its medieval and Renaissance buildings.

#### July 01 Arles, France

Disembark after breakfast and take a walking tour of Arles with its diverse architectural highlights. Experience the city's vibrant colors and striking quality of light that have inspired artists. Arles is also the site of some impressive Roman ruins, including Les Arènes, an arena that seats 20,000 and is still in use, as well as Romanesque monuments such as the Church of Saint-Trôphime, completed in the 15th century. Return on board for lunch followed by an afternoon on your own to explore or shop for handcrafted gifts. As always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time. Dinner is served as you depart.

### July 02 Avignon, France

This morning, set out on a guided walk of Avignon, nicknamed "City of Popes" because it was home to seven popes from 1309 to 1377. Stroll through the historic center, stop at the picturesque Pont d'Avignon and walk the Place de l'Horloge. Continue to the renowned Palace of the Popes for a guided tour through this rambling maze of Gothic architecture that served as papal residence, fortress, church and palace. You can join the optional tour to Châteauneuf-du-Pape, visiting the vineyards and tasting the famous wine. Lunch and dinner are served on board. Your ship remains docked overnight.

## July 03 Avignon, France

After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the Marseille airport for your return flight.

**Price:** Prices listed are per person based on two people sharing a room.

Category F – Window	150 sq. ft.	\$2874.00
Category E – Window	150 sq. ft.	\$2974.00
Category D – French Balcony	135 sq. ft.	\$3874.00
Category C – French Balcony	135 sq. ft.	\$4074.00
Category B – Balcony	205 sq. ft.	\$4374.00
Category A – Balcony	205 sq. ft.	\$4574.00
Category AA – Veranda Suite	275 sq. ft.	\$6374.00
Category ES – Explorer Suite	445 sp. Ft.	\$7874.00

#### **Attention Viking Past Passengers:**

Past passenger discounts may be available on this cruise. Please ask for details.

**Special Viking air offer:** 

From \$799.00

Ask for details on special air offer

**<u>DEPOSIT:</u>** Limited time offer: Deposit of only \$25 per person is required to confirm your reservation.

COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL INSURANCE will be available for this cruise and is highly recommended. Insurance premiums must be paid with deposit.

#### **INCLUDED FEATURES & SERVICES:**

One complimentary shore excursion in every port of call

Free Wi-Fi (connection speed may vary)

Visits to UNESCO Sites

Enrichment lectures & Destination Performances Beer, wine & soft drinks with onboard lunch & dinner 24-hour specialty coffees, teas & bottled water

Port taxes & fees

Ground transfers with Viking Air purchase

#### YOUR STATEROOM INCLUDES:

**River-view stateroom** 

Hotel-style bed with optional twin-bed configuration; luxury linens & pillows

40" flat-screen LCD TV with complimentary Movies on Demand

110/220 volt outlets & USB ports

Refrigerator; security safe; hair dryer

Spacious glass-enclosed shower

Heated bathroom floor & anti-fog mirror

Premium Freyja® toiletries; plush robes & slippers Stateroom steward & twice-daily housekeeping

## OPTIONAL PRE-CRUISE PARIS

3 hotel nights in Paris (as shown or similar)

3 meals: 3 breakfasts

1 guided tour: Paris City Tour Services of a Viking Host TGV train from Paris to Lyon

All transfers

PRICE: \$999.00 per person

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#### **OPTIONAL**

#### POST-CRUISE AIX-EN-PROVENCE

2 nights in Aix-en-Provence

2 meals: 2 breakfasts (B)

1 guided tour: Aix-en-Provence by Foot

Services of a Viking Host

All transfers

PRICE: \$799.00 per person

### OR

#### POST-CRUISE FRENCH RIVIERA

3 hotel nights in Nice (as shown or similar)

3 meals: 3 breakfasts

1 guided tour: Nice City Tour Services of a Viking Host

All transfers

PRICE: \$999.00 per person

For Reservations Contact:

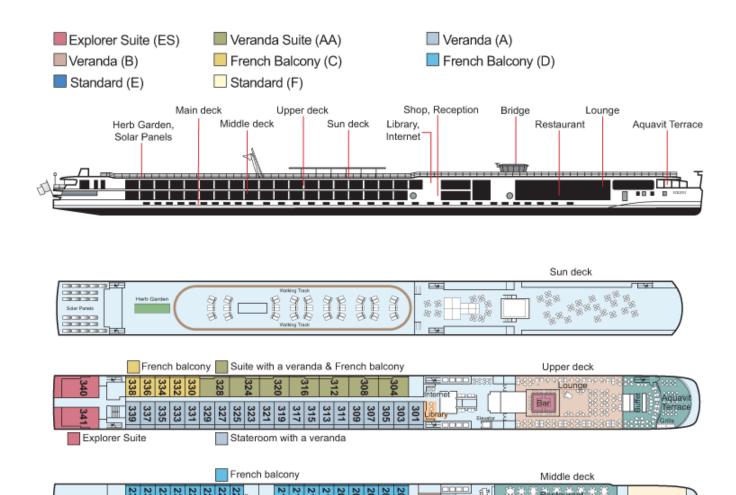
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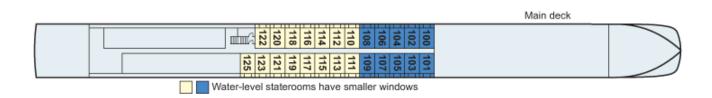
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Kitchen