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DAY 1 ARRIVAL LYON

Welcome to Lyon. You will be met at the airport and transferred to the ship where you will be welcomed by your Captain and crew. Tonight, enjoy a welcome reception and dinner on board.

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE - BEAUNE

Chalon-Sur-Saône is best known as the birthplace of photography and the center of Burgundy's wine region. Travel by road to the quaint village of Beaune, where we visit the Hospices de Beaune, one of the finest examples of French fifteenth-century architecture. Marvel at the multi-colored roofs of this former hospital, now a museum, which has become one of the symbols of Burgundy.

Included Excursion: A visit to the village of Beaune and Hospices

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 3 LYON

Lyon is France's third largest city, a former Roman capital positioned at the conference of the Rhone and Saone rivers, which is steeped in history. Today be part of the guided tour of Lyon, which starts with a drive to the Basilique Notre Dame de Fourvière, Lyon's hilltop church, with stunning views over the town. Then, pass by the recently rediscovered Roman amphitheatre and walk through the cobbled streets of the gastronomic old town including the secret laneways. Alternatively, join a guided bike tour of Lyon.

EmeraldACTIVE: Guided Bike Tour Included Excursion: A guided tour of Lyon Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Optional Tour

DiscoverMORE: Tour to Perouges

DAY 4 TOURNON

Join your local guide for a walking tour of Tournon, which is dominated by the 16th century castle and roman ruins, and is nestled in the valley near the steep slopes of le Massif Central, France's 3rd largest mountain range. The area has a long tradition in wine making, including the renowned wine growing centre of Tain l'Hermitage across the river.

EmeraldACTIVE: Guided active walk through vineyards

EmeraldPLUS: Regional wine lecture on board EmeraldACTIVE: Guided bike tour to Glun Included Excursion: A guided tour of Tournon

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 5 VIVIERS

Arrive in Viviers, a town which still has a lot of flare. Viviers is also the home of one of France's oldest cathedrals, join an included city tour exploring all the architectural heritage of this quaint town.

EmeraldPLUS: Cheese and olive tasting on board

Included Excursion: A guided tour of Viviers **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Optional Tour

Discover MORE: Tour to Grignan

DAY 6 AVIGNON

Avignon has a rich history from Celtic beginnings to being the residence of the Popes and later central to the French Revolution. Although a fortified town, it is the Papal Palace which stands more secure on a hill in the centre of town; its walls are 17–18 feet thick. Your guided walk with a local guide takes you through this historic centre with its cobbled laneways and shops, overlooking the famous 'Pont d'Avignon'. The rest of the day is at leisure.

EmeraldACTIVE: Guided active hike in Avignon EmeraldACTIVE: Yoga Lesson on Board

EmeraldPLUS: Provençale dinner hosted by local celebrity Chef Fabien Morreale

EmeraldPLUS: Cocktail party hosted by Opera performer Marc Hervieux followed by an exclusive performance ina local Avignon church.

Included Excursion: A guided tour of Avignon **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Optional Tour

DiscoverMORE: Excursion to Pont du Gard

DAY 7 ARLES

Sail into Arles where you will join your local guide for a walking tour showcasing the highlights of the city in particular the 2000-year-old Roman Amphitheatre still in use today, which was originally built to hold 20,000 spectators in the style of the Colosseum in Rome. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax on board and explore Arles further.

Included Excursion: A guided tour of Arles **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Optional Tour

DiscoverMORE: Excursion to Les Baux de Provence

DAY 8 ARLES DISEMBARKATION - NICE

After breakfast disembark your river cruise ship in Arles, transfer to Nice airport for your onward or homebound flight.

Meals: Breakfast