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Essence of Burgundy & Provence River Cruise (12 days)

Join your host, Richard Arnold, and embark on an unforgettable journey through the South of France with our **Essence of Burgundy & Provence River Cruise**, beginning April 4, 2027. Your adventure starts in the coastal elegance of Nice, where you'll explore the French Riviera's glittering shoreline, stroll through historic Old Town, and visit hilltop villages like Èze and glamorous Monte Carlo. From there, travel inland through Provence, stopping in Aix-en-Provence before boarding your luxurious river cruise in Arles. Over the next several days, sail through some of France's most picturesque towns and cities—Arles, Avignon, Viviers, Vienne, Lyon, Mâcon, Tournus, and Chalon-sur-Saône—each rich with Roman history, medieval charm, world-class cuisine, and stunning landscapes. Enjoy expertly guided tours, wine tastings, local delicacies, and active excursions like biking and hiking. This cruise blends cultural discovery with relaxed luxury for an experience that truly captures the spirit of southern France. Your journey concludes in Dijon, where you'll bid farewell to this unforgettable corner of Europe.

Dates

April 4 - April 15, 2027

Highlights

SPACIOUS STATEROOMS

- 7 nights luxury accommodation in an outside stateroom (most with French balconies)
- Entertainment on Demand system featuring, movies, TV shows, news and music
- Desk and sitting area
- Bottled water replenished daily

AN ARRAY OF AMENITIES

- Wellness Program with a dedicated Wellness Host leading various exercise classes as well as discussions on healthy eating and relaxation techniques, both on board and on shore.
- Personalized service from a highly trained Cruise Manager during both cruise and land programs
- Internet and Wi-Fi access
- Sun deck whirlpool and walking track

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- Fitness room, massage services and hair salon
- Main Lounge with panoramic views and bar
- Daily entertainment including cultural performances

AWARD-WINNING DINING

- All onboard dining in a variety of venues
- Regionally inspired cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients
- The Chef's Table specialty restaurant
- Captain's Welcome Cocktail and Dinner
- La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs exclusive dining experience
- Unlimited fine wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Unlimited sparkling wine and fresh juice with breakfast
- Tapas, sandwiches, snacks and refreshments served daily in the Main Lounge

A WORLD OF EXPLORATION

- Immersive tours in every destination
- Gentle, regular, active and late-riser tour options
- Bike tours and hikes
- Special Interest Tours
- Knowledgeable guides
- Personal headset for easy exploration
- Airport transfers with purchase of air from AmaWaterways

Itinerary

Day 1, April 4, 2027: Fly to NICE (flight not included).

Day 2, April 5, 2027: NICE. Check into your Nice hotel for the beginning of your Essence of Burgundy & Provence precruise land package.

Day 3, April 6, 2027: NICE. Tour the scenic capital of the French Riviera, where tourism has been alive for three centuries. Founded by the Greeks and named after the Greekgoddess of victory, Nice was once the premier spot for English aristocrats to spend their winter holidays—and is now a world-renowned, topoftherange holiday destination. Gaze at the azure waters of the Mediterranean and take in such sites as the distinctive Saint Reparate cathedral, the opera house and the Prefecture Palace. **(B)**

Day 4, April 7, 2027: NICE. Head to the hilltop town of Eze where you'll enjoy a scenic walking tour along its charming cobblestone streets, as well as free time to sample the local fare for lunch. Later, explore intimate MonacoVille, known locally as "The Rock," a sleepy yet picturesque medieval village with phenomenal views of the sea. Thentake in the luxury and beauty of Monte Carlo, famous for its opulent casino and as the host of the annual Formula One Monaco Grand Prix. (B)

Day 5, April 8, 2027 : NICE AIXENPROVENCE ARLES EMBARKATION. Check out of your Nice hotel and head to AixenProvence, a charming commune just north of Marseille. Enjoy a tour of the city with its sidewalk cafes, many fountains and Old Town before embarking your ship in Arles for the

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beginning of your river cruise. **(B, D)**

Day 6, April 9, 2027: ARLES AVIGNON. Arles is considered one of the most beautiful cities in France. Let your experienced guide lead you to the top sights, including the Romanesque cathedral and Roman amphitheater. Or, if you wish to delve further into Van Gogh's Arles, join a special walking tour along with a visit to the Vincent van Gogh Foundation, showcasing his legacy. Alternatively, you may take a guided bike tour through town. Later in the day, enjoy a walking tour in Avignon, aptly named the "City of Popes," that includes the Papal Palace and the wellpreserved medieval walls surrounding the historic center of town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For a more flavorful experience, visit three venues around Avignon to taste regional specialties including macarons, cheese and wine, and tapenades. **(B, L, D)**

Day 7, April 10, 2027: VIVIERS. Viviers is a charming medieval city with picturesque 16th and 18th century monuments which you can explore on a guided tour. For a more active adventure, pedal through this bicyclefriendly city or join an active walk and enjoy a memorable view of Viviers. Alternately, you can go to the magnificent hilltop village, Grignan. After visiting this enchanting Provençal town, go in search of the highly prized "Black Diamond" truffles with a farmer and his trustworthy canine companion. **(B, L, D)**

Day 8, April 11, 2027: VIENNE LYON. Vienne boasts a Roman past that can be seen in its marvelously preserved ruins. There you can enjoy a guided walking tour around the city. For those wishing to be more active, you can either take a guided bike tour along a portion of the ViaRhôna bike route or a guided hike from the ship to the Monastery at Mount Pipet. Later in the day, discover dynamic Lyon, starting in Fourvière Hill, part of the city's historic region that is now a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the 19thcentury basilica NotreDame de Fourvière. Continue on to the old town of Lyon, followed by a guided walk through the St. Jean district, where you will be introduced to the city's unique covered walkways, known as "traboules." Or get active on a guided bike tour through the city designed with cyclists in mind. If you're a selfdescribed foodie, our Vieux Lyon tasting tour is for you, during which you'll have a chance to taste some of Lyon's local delights. **(B, L, D)**

Day 9, April 12, 2027: MACON. Join a guided tour through the "South Burgundy City" of Mâcon, learning about its local vineyards, museums, historical sites and perhaps its famous son, the poet and minister Alphonse de Lamartine. Or venture somewhat off the beaten path to Cluny, known for its large abbey. Built between the 4th and 12th centuries, Cluny Abbey was formerly the world's largest church and stands as a captivating example of early Romanesque architecture. Alternatively, explore the architecture and history behind the Royal Monastery of Brou, a Gothic masterpiece dating back to the 16th century. Later in the day, enjoy a panoramic view from the Sun Deck as you sail to Tournus, or opt for a bike ride from Mâcon to Tournus. Or, enjoy a delicious tasting of the region's famous white Mâconnais wines. **(B, L, D)**

Day 10, April 13, 2027: TOURNUS. Today you have a choice of a number of excursions as you explore Tournus. Let your knowledgeable guide lead you through Tournus and to its magnificent Benedictine Abbey of Saint Philibert. Or choose instead to visit the moated Château de Cormatin, which dates back to the early 17th century and features ornate apartments as well as a beautifully manicured garden. As an alternative, venture to the medieval village of Brancion with its preserved gateway, church and market hall. Later in the day, enjoy scenic cruising as you sail toward Chalon-SurSaône, or opt for a bike tour if you're feeling adventurous. **(B, L, D)**

Day 11, April 14, 2027: CHALONSURSAÔNE. Located in southern Burgundy at the heart of the Côte Chalonnaise wine region, ChalonSurSaône whispers the secrets of its medieval past which you

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will discover on your historic city tour. You'll also stop at a local market where you can see and taste some of the local fare. Alternatively, choose an excursion in Beaune, a walled town nestled in the heart of Cote d'Or vineyards where you'll stroll the cobblestone streets and take in such sights as the mosaictiled roof of the HôtelDieu de Beaune, founded in the 15th century as a hospital for the less fortunate. Later in the day, treat your palate to a tasting of Chalonnaise wines. **(B, L, D)**

Day 12, April 15, 2027: DIJON DISEMBARKATION.
Bid farewell to Dijon and prepare for your return flight home (flights not included).

Accommodations

Hotel in Nice TBA
River Cruise AMACELLO

Rates (CAD)

Rates 2027

Category	Deck	Stateroom	Price
E	Piano	Fixed Windows	$10,215
D	Piano	Fixed Windows	$10,285
C	Violin & Cello	French Balcony	$12,454
B	Violin & Cello	French Balcony	$12,735
A	Violin	French Balcony	$12,875
S	Violin	French Balcony	$14,976

Prices are Per Person based on double occupancy
Prices are tax inclusive and in CAD

Prices do not include airfare

Payment & Deposits:
$500 per person deposit due at the time of booking.
Second Deposit after Airfare is secured - TBA
Full payment due at 121 Days Prior to Departure

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Rates (USD)

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Category	Deck	Stateroom	Price
E	Piano	Fixed Windows	$7330
D	Piano	Fixed Windows	$7380
C	Violin & Cello	French Balcony	$8929
B	Violin & Cello	French & Outdoor Balcony	$9129
A	Violin	French & Outdoor Balcony	$9229
S	Violin	French & Outdoor Balcony	$10,729

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