Springtime in Provence

Burgundy · Beaujolais

Cruising the Rhône and Saône Rivers aboard the Deluxe Small River Ship Amadeus Provence

May 15 to 23, 2019

RESERVE BY SEPTEMBER 27, 2018
SAVE $2,000 PER COUPLE
Howdy, Ags!

We welcome all former students, friends and family on this nine-day French sojourn. Visit Provence and the wine regions of Burgundy and Beaujolais en printemps (in springtime), a radiant time of year, when woodland hillsides are awash with the delicately mottled hues of an impressionist’s palette and the region’s famous flora is vibrant throughout the enchanting French countryside. Cruise for seven nights from Provençal Arles to historic Lyon along the fabled Rivers Rhône and Saône aboard the deluxe AMADEUS PROVENCE.

During your intimate small ship cruise, dock in the heart of each port town and visit six UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the Roman city of Orange, the medieval papal palace of Avignon and the wonderfully preserved Roman amphitheater in Arles. Tour the legendary 15th-century Hôtel-Dieu in Beaune, famous for its intricate and colorful tiled roof, and picturesque Lyon, France’s gastronomique gateway. Enjoy an excursion to the Beaujolais vineyards for a private tour, world-class piano concert and wine tasting at the Château Montmelas, guided by the châtelaine, and visit the Burgundy region for an exclusive tour of Château de Rully, a medieval fortress that has belonged to the family of your guide, Count de Ternay, since the 12th century.

A perennial favorite, this exclusive travel program is the quintessential Provençal experience and an excellent value featuring a comprehensive itinerary through the south of France in full bloom with springtime splendor. I encourage you to book now while Early Booking Savings and space are still available.

Gig ’em!

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**A Toutes Les Gloires De La France**

The inscription “A Toutes les Gloires de la France,” engraved on the façade of the royal Palace of Versailles, celebrates France’s extraordinary cultural contributions and outstanding artistic, scientific and political minds. In the Provence du printemps (of springtime), these glories are gracefully steeped into the scenery. The inherent artistry woven into France’s pastoral spring—the effervescent bloom of mid-May and the French spirit—transforms each object into one of beauty. Here, abundant flowers form the backdrop for a living canvas, where a quaint streetside café once served as Van Gogh’s muse and a medieval fortress has evolved into a renowned wine estate.

The wonders of Provence await your discovery during this idyllic sojourn—in the bountiful vineyards of Burgundy with stately châteaux, in the enchanting quarters of Lyon and in the preservation of Provence’s extraordinary Roman ruins, where great history and beauty have been intertwined for centuries. Experience firsthand the remarkable achievements in fine art, cuisine, fashion, architecture, literature, cinema and joie de vivre that have made France so influential across the globe. C’est la belle vie!

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**Exclusive Itinerary**

**Day**

**Provence Pre-Cruise Option**

1 Depart the U.S.

2 Marseille, France/Arles
   Embark Amadeus Provence

3 Arles®/Avignon®

4 Avignon

5 Avignon/Châteauneuf-du-Pape for Pont du Gard® and Orange®/Saint-Étienne-des-Sorts

6 Vienne

7 Lyon® for Beaujolais/Trevoux

8 Chalon-sur-Saône for Beaune®/Mâcon

9 Lyon/Disembark ship/Return to the U.S.

**Geneva Post-Cruise Option**

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**Arles**

This archetypal Provençal city is unmatched in its *joie de vivre* and is home to one of the most majestic collections of UNESCO World Heritage-designated Roman monuments. Visit the magnificently restored amphitheater, built in the first-century B.C. for 20,000 spectators and the 12th-century Église Saint-Trophime, a former cathedral known for its Last Judgment-themed portal, a fascinating example of Romanesque sculpture. Nearby on the Place du Forum, the restaurant in Van Gogh’s 1888 painting, *The Café Terrace at Night*, is still open to the public.

**Avignon**

Built on the banks of the Rhône, the ancient city of Avignon is a UNESCO World Heritage site and was the center of Western Christendom from 1309, when Pope Clement V moved the papal capital here until the Great Schism with Rome in 1378. Tour the grandiose Palais des Papes (papal palace), the largest château-fort built in Europe during the
Mediterranean Sea
Saône River
Rhône River

Gothic era and the primary testament to Avignon’s golden age.
At the river’s edge, see the remaining four arches of the Pont Saint-Bénézet (Pont d’Avignon), the only bridge built across the Rhône during the Middle Ages and an exceptional example of medieval fortifications.

Pont du Gard
Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Pont du Gard, an exquisitely built 2000-year-old Roman aqueduct that once supplied over nine million gallons of water daily to the city of Nîmes. This masterpiece of engineering was constructed of limestone cut to fit together seamlessly without mortar, using arches to support the weight.

Orange
Traverse the pastoral French countryside, passing lavender champs (fields) and stucco maisons (houses). Admire the Roman city’s UNESCO World Heritage sites—visit the well-preserved ancient Roman Theater, still hosting performances today, and see the Triumphal Arch, built in the late first century in testimony to Augustus Caesar and Roman imperial glory.

Vienne
Located at a scenic bend in the Rhône River, Vienne features a trove of architectural treasures. The Romans highly valued this strategically located town and endowed it with some of the finest Classical antiquities in France; amongst these are the nearly perfectly preserved Temple d’Auguste et de Livie, built in 25 B.C. in honor of Rome’s greatest emperor, and the Théâtre Romain, a beautifully restored amphitheater at the foot of Mont Pipet, seating up to 13,000 spectators, and still in use today. The town’s most notable medieval landmark, constructed between the 12th and 16th centuries, is the Romanesque-Gothic Cathédrale de Saint-Maurice. This evening, enjoy a specially arranged wine and Valrhona chocolate tasting with a well-known French sommelier on board the ship.

Lyon
A UNESCO World Heritage site, Lyon is a captivating city at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône Rivers, flowering with cherry blossoms and hyacinth and illuminated by the gleaming city lumières, which cast the riverfront incandescent. From lofty Fourvière Colline (Praying Hill), enjoy

Known to the ancient Romans as Arar, the Saône River meanders through inviting medieval villages and the French countryside.
The Rhône Valley vineyards thrive on both sides of the river, producing some of the world’s most famous wines from the region.

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views of the ornate 19th-century Basilique Notre-Dame-de-Fourvière. Walk the tree-lined streets of the restored Vieux (Old) Lyon, where well-preserved Gothic and Renaissance mansions attest to the wealth of Lyon’s long-standing silk industry.

The 12th-century Saint Bénezet was said to have been endowed with the strength to lay the stones of the Pont d’Avignon in the Rhône River with his own hands.

The first-century Pont du Gard aqueduct was built with 55,550 tons of soft limestone blocks.

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this internationally acclaimed wine region has been known to produce more red wine than the Burgundy vineyards of Chablis, Côte d’Or, Côte Chalonnaise and Mâconnais combined.

In the fertile heart of Beaujolais, visit the 10th-century Château de Montmelas. Châtelaine Delphine d’Harcourt will greet you upon arrival and guide your exclusive tour through her home.

Enjoy a private, specially arranged performance of fortepiano music by an internationally recognized pianist living in Burgundy, accompanied by a wine tasting and local canapés.

**Beaune (Burgundy)**

Amidst the idyllic Burgundy countryside, visit the picturesque medieval fortress Château de Rully, nestled among Chardonnay vineyards. Count Raoul de Ternay will guide your private tour of the estate, his family’s ancestral home since the 12th century.

Beaune, founded in the fifth century B.C., is the longtime capital of Burgundy wines, located in the famous Côte d’Or département.

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Stroll through the ancient quarter of Saint-Jean and its unique traboules—narrow, covered pedestrian passageways.

**Beaujolais**

From the lovely vineyards of Beaujolais, the “land of the golden stones,” France’s youthful, fruity nouveau wines are cultivated. Located along the banks of the Saône River,
The meticulous crafting of the deluxe AMADEUS PROVENCE sets new standards in design and technology and features the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel.

The 70 stylish Staterooms and Suites are among the most spacious of any European river ship (172 to 284 square feet). Suites include a private balcony, and select Staterooms feature a unique floor-to-ceiling window that lowers to French-balcony height at the touch of a button. Accommodations have two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, sitting area and private bathroom with shower.

The delightful restaurant offers scenic views through panoramic windows as well as continental cuisine featuring fresh, local ingredients. Daily meals include early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner with complimentary wine and beer, and late-evening snack.

For your leisure time on board there is complimentary Wi-Fi, two bars, an open-air lounge, beauty salon, boutique, massage room, fitness studio, outdoor pool and Sun Deck. An elevator serves all passenger decks except the Sun Deck. There is no doctor on board.

The Amadeus Fleet has been awarded the “Green Certificate” of environmental preservation.

This historic city and its surrounding Burgundy terroirs, vineyards and cultural landscape comprise a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Tour the Renaissance-style Hôtel-Dieu, one of the best examples of 15th-century French architecture, famous for its colorful glazed-tile roof and once a charitable hospital.

Famous for its colorful, intricate glazed-tile roof, the Hôtel-Dieu in Beaune once functioned as a hospital and today operates as a museum.
Included Features

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Deluxe AMADEUS PROVENCE
◆ Seven-night cruise from Arles to Lyon.
◆ Deluxe, river-view Suite or Stateroom.
◆ All meals aboard ship.
◆ Complimentary wine and beer served with lunch and dinner.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.

On the Rhône and Saône Rivers
◆ Walking tour of Vienne, featuring its impressive architectural treasures, including the ornate, medieval Cathédrale de Saint-Maurice.
◆ Specially arranged tasting of Valrhona chocolate and wine with a well-known French sommelier.
◆ Excursion to the vineyards of Beaujolais for a private tour, exclusive fortepiano concert and wine tasting hosted by the châtelaine, Madame d’Harcourt, in her personal residence, the Château de Montmelas.
◆ Private, specially arranged tour of the medieval Château de Rully amidst the Burgundy vineyards, hosted by Count de Ternay, ancestral owner of the estate.

UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights
◆ Walking tour of Arles, highlighted by visits to the Roman amphitheater and Église Saint-Trophime.
◆ Walking tour of Avignon, featuring the papal palace and the famous Pont d’Avignon.
◆ Visit to the famous Pont du Gard aqueduct and the Roman city of Orange, featuring the ancient Roman Theater.
◆ Visit to historic Lyon featuring a walking tour of Old Lyon.
◆ Excursion to the town of Beaune, known for its Burgundy wines and the iconic Hôtel-Dieu, including lunch.

Always Included
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.
◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Breathtaking Mont Blanc is the backdrop of the French village of Chamonix along the banks of the Alpine River Arve.

Geneva and the French Alps
Delight in the mountainous beauty of the Savoie Mont-Blanc region at the convergence of France, Switzerland and Italy during this Post-Cruise Option. Visit the world-class city of Geneva, ideally located on the crystalline shores of the largest lake on the course of the Rhône, fed by the waters flowing through the valleys of the Swiss Alps. Enjoy a specially arranged tour of the interior chambers of the Palais des Nations, a United Nations headquarters; and explore the picturesque French village of Chamonix, the historic capital of alpine skiing and host of the first Winter Olympic Games in 1924. Accommodations are for three nights in the deluxe, centrally located Hotel Bristol Geneve.

Palette of Provence
On the Pre-Cruise Option, discover the beautiful, medieval city of Aix-en-Provence, located in the heart of France’s golden Provençal region and which perhaps captures best the quintessential élan of all that is Provence. Walk in the footsteps of Paul Cézanne and discover the rich history, renowned cuisine and vibrant culture of Aix. Visit one of the colorful daily markets, stroll through the Mazarin district and old Aix. Enjoy lunch in the city’s oldest café on the famous Cours Mirabeau, a classic, grand boulevard lined with plane trees, cafés, fountains and elegant 17th- and 18th-century townhouses. Accommodations for two nights are in the ideally located, deluxe Grand Hôtel Roi René.

The Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

Aix’s colorful market brings the sights, aromas and flavors from Provence’s fields and orchards to the community.
**MS Amadeus Provence**

**LAND/CRUISE TARIFF excluding taxes**

*Per person, based on double occupancy*

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Singles are available in category 2 at $8,795* and in category 1 at $9,895* on or before September 27, 2018. Add $1,000 for reservations made after September 27, 2018.

*Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.†

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Tour No. 122-05/15/19-104

Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Palette of Provence Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person Geneva and the French Alps Post-Cruise Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.
- Make checks payable to 2019 Springtime in Provence.
- Visa
- MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card
All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by February 8, 2019.

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:
1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.

- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):
Palette of Provence Pre-Cruise Option
- Double at $845 per person.
- Single at $1,245 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Geneva and the French Alps Post-Cruise Option
- Double at $1,595 per person.
- Single at $2,295 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

1/We want you to book my/our air, at additional cost to be advised,* from:

- Economy Class
- Upgraded Economy
- Business Class
- First Class

*Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

1/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
Tour Chateau de Rully, a medieval fortress in the wine region of Burgundy.

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