



# Autumn in Provence Burgundy and Beaujolais

**9-day/7-night voyage featuring a cruise round-trip Lyon, France**

*Departure: September 6 to 14, 2023*

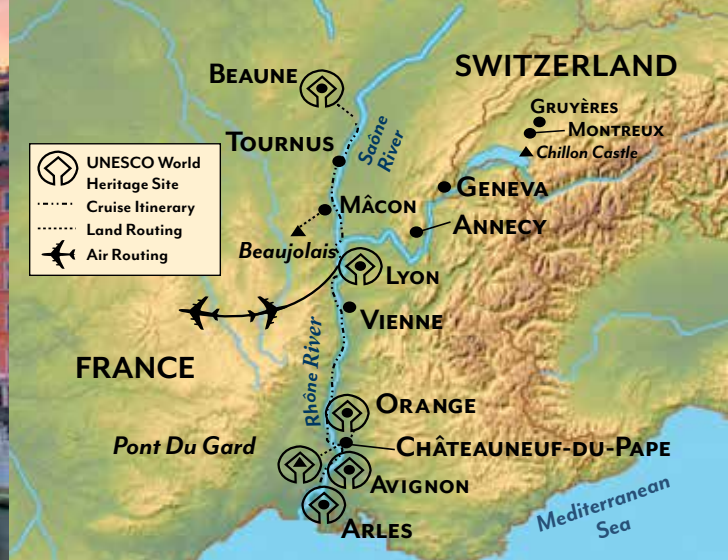
Pont d'Avignon



**D**iscover the world-famous Burgundy and Beaujolais wine regions of Provence at the height of the harvest season **with fellow Virginia Museum of Fine Arts patrons.** Cruise round-trip from historic Lyon, France, along the storied Rhône and Saône rivers. Dock in the heart of each port and visit the historical HOTEL-DIEU in Beaune; the medieval Papal Palace of Avignon; the Roman Amphitheater in Arles; the Roman city of Orange; and the ancient Roman Pont du Gard aqueduct. Enjoy an exclusive tour of the Beaujolais wine region's Château Montmelas, guided by a member of the family, with a specially arranged fortepiano concert and wine tasting. Enhance your experience with the Geneva Pre-Program Option.



Lyon at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône Rivers



## 9-Day/7-Night Itinerary

### 1 Depart the U.S. or Canada

**2 Lyon, France/Embark the river boat**—Arrive in the captivating city of Lyon, a UNESCO World Heritage site located at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône Rivers, and embark the boat. Enjoy the Captain's Welcome Reception on board this evening.

### 3 Tournus for Beaune/Mâcon for Beaujolais

Visit enchanting Beaune, founded in the fifth century B.C. and the longtime capital of Burgundy wines. See the magnificent 15<sup>th</sup>-century HÔTEL-DIEU and then take an excursion to the vineyards of Beaujolais to tour the 10<sup>th</sup>-century Château de Montmelas, where a member of the resident family will greet you. Enjoy a private, specially arranged performance of fortepiano music, accompanied by a wine tasting and local canapés.

**4 Lyon**—From Lyon's lofty Fourvière Hill, enjoy views of the neo-Byzantine Basilique Notre-Dame de Fourvière. Walk the tree-lined streets of restored Old Lyon, where well-preserved Gothic and Renaissance mansions attest to the wealth of Lyon's long-standing silk industry. Stroll through the ancient quarter of Saint-Jean and its narrow, covered pedestrian passageways, called *traboules*.

**5 Avignon**—Visit the ancient, UNESCO-inscribed city of Avignon to tour the grand papal palace, the largest château-fort built in Europe during the Gothic era and

a testament to Avignon's golden age. At the river's edge, see the remaining four arches of the Pont d'Avignon (also known as Pont Saint-Bénézet), the only bridge built across the Rhône during the Middle Ages.

**6 Arles**—Tour the magnificently restored amphitheater in the Provençal city of Arles, built in the first century B.C. for 20,000 spectators, and the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Église Saint-Trophime, a former cathedral known for its Last Judgment-themed portal. The city's colorful houses inspired Vincent van Gogh, who produced over 200 works during his 14-month stay in 1888, including *The Sunflowers* and *The Café Terrace at Night*.

**7 Châteauneuf-du-Pape for Orange/Pont du Gard** Traverse the pastoral French countryside, passing colorful fields and stucco houses en route to Orange. Explore the Roman city's UNESCO World Heritage sites, including a visit to the ancient Roman Theater and a stop to see the Triumphal Arch, built in the late first century in testimony to Augustus Caesar. Conclude your tour with a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Pont du Gard, a 2,000-year-old Roman aqueduct that triumphs as one of Europe's most impressive archaeological sites.

**8 Vienne**—See Vienne's pristinely preserved Temple of Augustus and Livia, built around 10 B.C. in honor of Rome's greatest emperor, and the 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 is the Romanesque-Gothic Cathédrale de Saint-Maurice, constructed between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. Enjoy a specially arranged wine and Valrhona chocolate tasting with a well-known French oenologist on board the ship and attend the Farewell Reception this evening.

### 9 Lyon/Disembark the river boat/Return home to the U.S. or Canada



# Highlights

- ◆ Specially designed itinerary cruising France's storied Rhône and Saône Rivers during autumn, the height of the harvest season.
- ◆ Exclusive tour of the Beaujolais wine region's Château Montmelas, guided by a member of the family, with a specially arranged fortepiano concert and wine tasting.
- ◆ Walking tours of historic Old Lyon, Avignon, Arles and Vienne, featuring stops at the iconic Pont d'Avignon, the Roman Amphitheater, the Temple of Augustus and the medieval Cathédrale de Saint-Maurice.



Arles amphitheater



Rhône valley



Pont du Gard aqueduct



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## EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED DELUXE, RIVER BOAT AMADEUS PROVENCE

- ◆ Only 70 elegantly appointed, river-view suites and staterooms.
- ◆ Suites include a private balcony, and select staterooms have a floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that automatically lowers to French-balcony height.
- ◆ Deluxe amenities of a luxury hotel.



Chamonix

## PRE-PROGRAM OPTION Geneva and the French Alps

Begin your French adventure with four days touring the world-class city of Geneva, Switzerland. Delight in the mountainous beauty of the Savoie Mont-Blanc region at the convergence of France, Switzerland and Italy. Enjoy a private tour of the Red Cross Museum and the Patek Philippe Watch Museum. Explore the French village of Chamonix, the historic capital of Alpine skiing and host of the first Winter Olympic Games in 1924. Board the famous Montenvers cog railway train to the legendary Mer de Glace, the largest glacier in France and its La Grotte. Enjoy a visit to Annecy, the "Venice of the Alps," for a guided walking tour. Accommodations are for three nights in the elegant HÔTEL BRISTOL GENÈVE, located in the heart of the city.



Montenvers cog railway train



Château de Montmelas

## 2023 DEPARTURE DATE: September 6

Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <small>excluding taxes</small>	Early Booking Savings (if booked more than six months prior to departure)	Rate after Early Booking Savings
C4	Stateroom with small panoramic window. <i>Haydn Deck, midship.</i>	\$3,895	\$4,475
C1	Stateroom with small panoramic window. <i>Haydn Deck, midship.</i>	\$4,295	\$4,945
B4	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to <b>French-balcony</b> height. <i>Strauss Deck, aft.</i> (limited availability)	\$4,795	\$5,495
B1	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to <b>French-balcony</b> height. <i>Strauss Deck, aft and midship.</i> (limited availability)	\$4,995	\$5,745
A1	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to <b>French-balcony</b> height. <i>Mozart Deck, aft and midship.</i> (limited availability)	\$5,495	\$6,325
Suite	Suite with <b>private balcony</b> (sliding glass doors with railing), sofa and bath robes. <i>Mozart Deck, midship.</i>	\$5,995	\$6,995

Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price.

Taxes are an additional \$85 per person.

AMADEUS PROVENCE has been specially contracted for this program and the deck plan is available online or upon request from Gohagan & Company.

The Pre-Program Option is available at an additional cost. Details will be provided during the reservation process.

Book your spot today! Call (800) 922-3088