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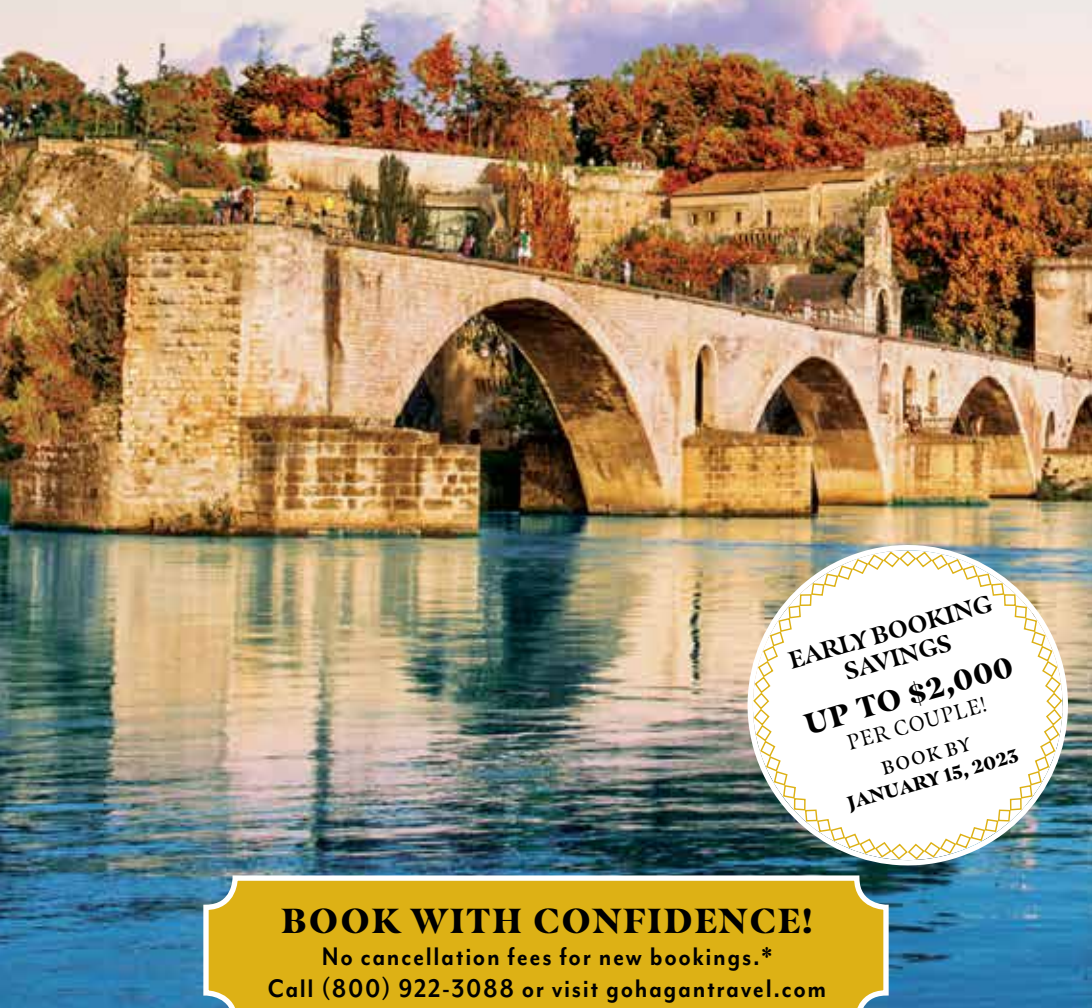
VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

Autumn In Provence Burgundy & Beaujolais

aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe river boat

AMADEUS PROVENCE

September 6 to 14, 2023



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- ◆ 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.



Grapes in a Provence vineyard

Pont d'Avignon



9 DAY ITINERARY

- 1 Depart home city
- 2 Lyon, France/
Embark the AMADEUS PROVENCE
- 3 Tournus for Beaune/
Mâcon for Beaujolais
- 4 Lyon
- 5 Avignon
- 6 Arles
- 7 Châteauneuf-du-Pape
for Orange/Pont du Gard
- 8 Vienne
- 9 Lyon/Disembark river boat/
Return home to home city



Lyon at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône Rivers

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VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

Dear VMFA Members:

Join us for this exclusive nine-day French sojourn through Provence and the wine regions of Burgundy and Beaujolais during fall harvest season. Cruise for seven nights round trip from historical Lyon along the fabled Rhône and Saône rivers aboard the deluxe, exclusively chartered AMADEUS PROVENCE.

During your intimate river 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.

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. Tour the legendary 15th-century HÔTEL-DIEU and discover flourishing 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 de Montmelas.

Savor wine tastings at Avignon's Carré du Palais and at a local Provençal shop in Arles. Admire the Pont du Gard aqueduct, a true masterpiece of ancient architecture, and enjoy a wine tasting at the Pavillon des Vins in the heart of Châteauneuf du Pape. Explore charming Vienne, where a wealth of antiquities attests to past glories.

This perennial favorite is the quintessential Provençal experience and an excellent value featuring a comprehensive itinerary through southeastern France in autumn. VMFA is proud to be sharing this departure with travelers from the Chrysler Museum, National Trust Tours, University of Maryland Alumni Association, and other fine organizations. We encourage you to book now while early booking savings are still available.

Sincerely,

Adele "Hutch" Livingston
VMFA Coordinator of Member Travel

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



A Provençal Harvest



Chateau de Pommard vineyard in autumn

Provence's meticulously pruned vineyards and idyllic hillsides during the autumn harvest season form a mesmerizing backdrop for a living canvas, where a quaint streetside café in Arles once served as Van Gogh's muse, a 16th-century castle has evolved into a renowned Beaujolais wine estate, and France's oldest Roman theater still stages performances in Lyon's Fourvière district. Experience southeast France's breathtaking landscapes, which remain forever entwined with the nation's achievements in fine art, cuisine, architecture, and literature.

Visit the inspiration for Van Gogh's painting "Cafe Terrace at Night"





DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Depart home city/ Lyon, France/ Embark river boat

Day 1 and Day 2

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 AMADEUS PROVENCE.

Enjoy the Captain's Welcome Reception on board this evening.

Tournus for Beaune/ Mâcon for Beaujolais

Day 3

Visit enchanting Beaune, founded in the fifth century B.C. and the longtime capital of Burgundy wines. See the magnificent 15th-century HÔTEL-DIEU and then take an excursion to the vineyards of Beaujolais to tour the 10th-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.

Lyon

Day 4

From Lyon's 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 the city's long-standing

silk industry. Stroll through the ancient quarter of Saint-Jean and its narrow, covered pedestrian passageways, called *traboules*.

Avignon

Day 5

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.

Arles

Day 6

Tour the magnificently restored amphitheater in the Provençal city of Arles,

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.

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*.

Châteauneuf-du-Pape for Orange/ Pont du Gard

Day 7

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



Arles amphitheater



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.

Vienne

Day 8

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 12th and 16th centuries.

Enjoy a specially arranged wine and Valrhona chocolate tasting with a well-known French oenologist on board the boat and attend the farewell reception this evening.

Lyon/Disembark river boat/Return to home city

Day 9



Hotel-Dieu de Beaune

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- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/ departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
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AMADEUS PROVENCE

Elegant and Meticulously Crafted River Boat

The AMADEUS PROVENCE features all the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel. The stylish restaurant offers scenic views through panoramic windows and continental cuisine featuring fresh, local ingredients. Daily meals include early-risers' coffee, breakfast, and lunch with complimentary wine and beer, afternoon tea, four-course dinner also with complimentary beverages, and a late-evening snack. For your leisure time on board there are two bars, an open-air lounge, a boutique, a massage room, a beauty salon, a fitness studio, and the Sun Deck. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available and an elevator serves all passenger decks except the Sun Deck. There is no doctor on board. The 70 stylish staterooms and suites are among the most spacious of any European river boat (16 to 26 square metres). 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. Most have a minibar. The AMADEUS PROVENCE meets the highest safety standards; the AMADEUS fleet has earned the important "Green Globe Certificate" of environmental sustainability.



Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <small>excluding taxes</small>	Early Booking Rate through Jan. 15, 2023	Rate after Jan. 15, 2023
C4	Stateroom with small panoramic window. <i>Haydn Deck, mid to aft.</i>	\$3,895	\$4,475
C1	Stateroom with small panoramic window. <i>Haydn Deck, mid to forward.</i>	\$4,295	\$4,945
B4	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to French-balcony height. <i>Strauss Deck, aft.</i> (limited availability)	\$4,795	\$5,495
B1	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to French-balcony 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 French-balcony height. <i>Mozart Deck, aft and midship.</i> (limited availability)	\$5,495	\$6,325
Suite	Suite with private balcony (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.



PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

Geneva and the French Alps

September 3 to 7, 2023

Delight in the mountainous beauty of the Savoie Mont-Blanc region at the convergence of France, Switzerland, and Italy. Visit the world-class city of Geneva, ideally located on the crystalline shores of the largest lake on the coast of the Rhône, fed by the waters flowing through the valleys of the Swiss Alps. Enjoy a private tour of the Patek Philippe Watch Museum and stroll through the city's charming Old Town, seeing the Town-House, the Cathedral, the House of Travel, and the gun barrels.

Explore the picturesque French village of Chamonix, the historic capital of Alpine skiing and host of the first Winter Olympic Games in 1924. Ascend to the highest of Chamonix's needles, l'Aiguille du Midi, via cable car. Board the famous MONTENVERS cog railway train to the legendary *Mer de Glace* (Sea of Ice), the largest glacier in France and its La Grotte. Here, the Ice Cave allows you to walk right into the heart of the four-mile-long glacier.

Enjoy a visit to Annecy, the "Venice of the Alps," for a guided walking tour. This medieval town is noted for its crystal-clear canals, pastel-toned houses, and old-world ambiance. Accommodations are for three nights in the elegant HÔTEL BRISTOL GENÈVE, located in the heart of the city, just steps from the lake.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,645

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$1,995

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.



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Please make my/our reservation(s):

Category: **1st Choice** _____ **2nd Choice** _____

- Double (two twin beds).
 Double (one queen bed).
 Single accommodations.
 Single but prefer to share and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**Geneva and the French Alps Pre-Program Option
September 3 to 7, 2023**

- Double \$1,645 per person.
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First participant's signature Date

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**FINAL PAYMENT due June 3, 2023; make by check, ACH,
or credit card. Reservations made after June 3, 2023, require
payment in full at time of booking. No cancellation fees until
95 days prior to September 6, 2023!**

Requirement: VMFA travel opportunities are open to all members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. For additional information about joining the museum, please call 804-340-1519.

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