



*Join Audrey and her husband Terry for their annual friends' cruise. Enjoy delicious food, excellent wine, amazing scenery, inspiring art and good company as you sail through France along the Rhône River on this 8-day cruise with an optional pre-tour in Paris and post-tour in Barcelona. Marvel at the layers of European history as you see Roman ruins, medieval walls and villages, as well as historic cathedrals. With choices of active or relaxed excursions each day, there is something for everyone.*

*Optional pre-cruise extension to Paris, August 19-22, 2019*

*Optional post-cruise extension to Barcelona, August 29 – September 1, 2019*

## **Itinerary**

### **August 22 Lyon**

Arrive in Lyon from home or from the optional pre-cruise extension. Embark your ship to meet fellow travellers.

### **August 23 Lyon**

Discover dynamic Lyon, starting in Fourvière Hill, part of the city's historic region that is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the 19th-century basilica Notre-Dame 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. During the afternoon, enjoy leisure time or join a guided bike tour through the city.

### **August 24 Collonges / Vienne**

Travel to the Beaujolais wine region—known as the Pays d'Or or "land of the golden stones." Sample wine at a traditional winery and learn about the history and techniques of their vineyard. Later, set sail for Vienne, an ancient city full of Roman history, where you'll enjoy free time to explore.

### **August 25 Vienne**

Vienne is situated between the wine regions of Beaujolais and Côtes du Rhône. An important urban centre in the Roman empire, numerous well-preserved Roman ruins are still visible. On a walking tour, see the Augustus and Livia Temple; the Saint Maurice Cathedral, a Gothic church; and St. Pierre Abbey, one of the oldest surviving churches in France, which is now an archaeological museum. You may also choose to take a guided bike tour along a portion of the ViaRhôna bike route or a guided hike to the Monastery at Mount Pipet.

### **August 26 Tournon**

Today you have a choice of three excursions. Take a train ride past the magnificent landscape carved along the Gorges du Doux and stop at the charming little station of Colombier le Vieux-Saint Barthélemy le Plain. Lovers of wine and chocolate may want to visit Le Château de Tournon for a presentation and tasting on the pairing of red wine with chocolate. For a more active adventure, cycle through the French countryside or hike through the vineyards of Tain-l'Hermitage, followed by a visit to a local winery for a wine tasting.

## August 27 Avignon

Avignon, the “City of Popes,” was the centre of the Catholic Church in the 14th century. Discover the city’s history on a guided walking tour including the Papal Palace and the well-preserved medieval walls surrounding the historic town centre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Alternatively, go to another UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Pont du Gard, a Roman aqueduct that is a masterpiece of ancient engineering. Or visit three venues around Avignon to taste regional specialties including macarons, cheese and wine, and tapenades. During the afternoon, enjoy free time in Avignon, go on a bike tour, or visit the magnificent hilltop village, Grignan. After seeing this enchanting Provençal town, search for highly prized “Black Diamond” truffles with a farmer.

## August 28 Arles

Arles is considered one of the most beautiful cities in France. Art lovers won’t want to miss the Saint Paul de Mausole Asylum, where Vincent van Gogh once lived. Afterwards, go to the Carrières de Lumières for a spectacular presentation projected on the walls of caves. Alternatively, venture to the medieval hilltop village of Les Baux de Provence, followed by a visit to an olive farm where you’ll learn about age-old Provençal traditions from a master olive miller. Or journey to Aigues-Mortes, known for its well preserved medieval walls and guard towers, followed by a visit to the beautiful Camargue National Park, a protected natural area. This afternoon, join a walking tour of Arles highlighting top sights, or take a guided bike tour. If you wish to see Arles through the eyes of Van Gogh, join a special walking tour and visit the Vincent van Gogh Foundation.

## August 29

Disembark your ship in Arles to return home or participate in an optional tour extension to Barcelona.

### Fare per person:

	CAD	USD
Category E	\$5,692	\$4,727
Category D	\$6,052	\$5,032
Category C	\$6,774	\$5,644
Category B	\$7,015	\$5,848
Category A	\$7,135	\$5,950
Category S	\$8,580	\$7,174

Single Supplement costs available upon request.

### Optional Paris Pre-Cruise Extension:

USD: Double Occupancy \$1,200; Single Supplement \$450

CAD: Double Occupancy \$1,416; Single Supplement \$531

### Optional Barcelona Post-Cruise Extension:

USD: Double Occupancy \$990; Single Supplement \$450

CAD: Double Occupancy \$1,168; Single Supplement \$531

### Fare includes

- Ship accommodations
- All onboard dining
- Breakfast for the optional land packages
- Expert leaders & knowledgeable local guides
- Shore excursions in every port

### Fare excludes

- International airfare & airport transfers
- Lunch & dinner for the optional land packages
- Gratuities for ship staff and guides
- Port charges
- Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) and cancellation/interruption insurance

### Insurance

Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) and cancellation/interruption insurance are not mandatory but are highly recommended.

### Payments

Rates shown are in effect 06/18. Though every effort is made to maintain established prices, TM reserves the right to adjust prices should it become necessary. The price is guaranteed when paid in full. We accept cheque and credit card payments. Credit card payments are charged a 3% fee.

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## Pre-Cruise Extension to Paris

### August 19 Paris

Arrive in Paris and meet your tour group.

### August 20 Paris

Enjoy a morning tour of Paris, taking in all of its iconic sites, including the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Élysées and Place de la Concorde. You'll pass the magnificent Opéra Garnier, the legendary Louvre and, on the Left Bank, the Sorbonne University and the Panthéon.

### August 21 Paris

Visit Montmartre, long known as the city's premier artist's enclave. During the mid to late 1800s, artists began calling Montmartre home. Pissarro and Jongkind were two of the first to live there, followed by other notable artists. For easy access to Montmartre, you'll hop aboard the funicular railroad that ascends the hill. Montmartre's most recognizable landmark is the Basilica du Sacré-Coeur, constructed from 1876 to 1912. The white dome of this Roman Catholic basilica sits at the highest point in the city. After your visit to Montmartre, you'll be taken on an illumination tour, discovering one of the reasons why Paris is known as the "City of Light."

### August 22 Lyon

Take a high-speed train through the French countryside to Lyon, France's culinary capital. Upon arrival, enjoy free time before being treated to an exclusive hands-on cooking lesson. Later, transfer to your ship to begin the cruise.

## Post-Cruise Extension to Barcelona

### August 29 Arles / Barcelona

Disembark your ship in Arles and travel a short distance to Nîmes. See the highlights of this delightful town with one of the finest collections of Roman buildings in France. Afterwards, board a high-speed train to Barcelona.

### August 30 Barcelona

Whether you love art, architecture, food, history, culture or all of the above, the bustling capital of Catalonia has something for you. Visit Montjuïc Hill and see some of Antoni Gaudí's imaginative architectural creations, including Casa Milà, Casa Batlló and La Sagrada Família. Afterwards, tour the Gothic Quarter in the medieval city centre and walk along the city's famous Las Ramblas. You'll see several landmarks, including the Christopher Columbus monument; Barcelona's grand opera theater, the Gran Teatre del Liceu; and the spectacular La Boqueria Market, also known as the Mercat de Sant Josep. You'll want to visit the market, considered one of the best in Europe, which boasts over 200 stalls filled with colourfully displayed food, including a wide variety of local products and exotic specialties.

### August 31 Montserrat

Join an excursion to Montserrat, which is home to the Benedictine monastery of Santa Maria de Montserrat, located about 30 miles from Barcelona. From the mountain top, enjoy spectacular views of the Catalanian landscape. Founded in 1025, the monastery began to receive pilgrims and visitors as stories were spread of miracles and wonders performed by the Virgin Mary. The whole of Montserrat is built around facilitating the worship of the Black Madonna in the Basilica. While here, you'll see the famous Black Madonna sculpture, which sits at the back of the church, above the altar.

### September 1

Bid farewell to Barcelona as you depart for home.