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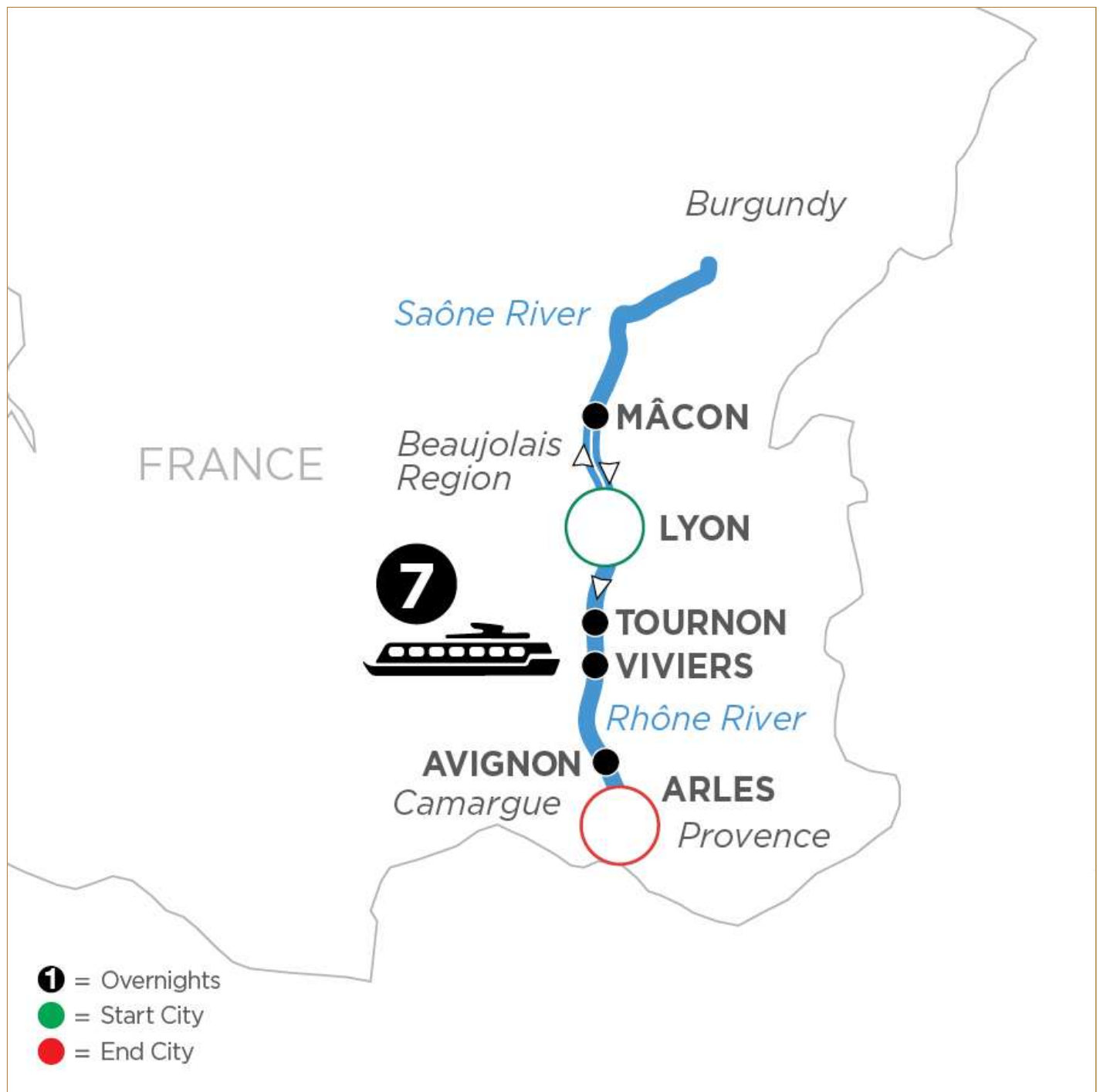
2027 SEASON

BURGUNDY & PROVENCE FOR WINE LOVERS (SOUTHBOUND)

8 Day River Cruise Lyon to Arles

CRUISE: WJL-T7





Take a delightful river cruise through France along the Rhône and Saône Rivers with guided sightseeing in well-known French treasures and some hidden gems too! Take in the beautiful countryside, quaint villages, and towns, as you sail through the most captivating views of France.

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A Certified Sommelier will accompany you on your French river cruise with presentations,

tastings, and wine pairings along the way.

Board your Avalon Suite Ship® in Lyon, France’s gastronomic capital, founded by the Romans in 43 BC, which sits at the junction of the Rhône and Saône Rivers and is a showcase of medieval and Renaissance architecture. Take a culinary walk and enjoy a tour of Beaujolais, the famous wine of the region. Sail to Mâcon for an excursion to a Chardonnay wine cellar. Beautifully nestled among vineyards, you’ll find the city of Tournon, a medieval treasure with plenty of Roman ruins and a fascinating 16th-century castle. Enjoy a guided walk with a wine-and-chocolate tasting or a walk in the vineyards. Continue your river cruise to historic Avignon and see the 14th-century Palace of the Popes—the largest Gothic fortress in the world – and take a guided tour to Châteauneuf du Pape. On the Rhône River sits Arles, France—famous for inspiring the paintings of Van Gogh and its 1st-century Roman Amphitheater, which hosts plays and concerts to this day.

About Certified Sommeliers

Seldom do travelers get the chance to learn about wines from certified experts in the field! Avalon invites you to sail in the company of a certified sommelier who shares elite experience, unsurpassed knowledge, and personal passion for wines on board your ship. We are honored to offer our guests the expertise of certified sommeliers who join select cruises to share their insights and inspiration in all things wine. Truly exclusive experiences for wine lovers!

CRUISE OVERVIEW

COUNTRIES

France

8

DAYS

1

COUNTRY

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DAY-BY-DAY

ITINERARY

1 LYON, FRANCE (EMBARKATION)

Your Suite Ship Awaits!

Welcome to France. Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding

Flights into Lyon must arrive by 3:30 pm.

Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LYON*

* On departure 1109 ship will sail in the evening to Mâcon

 Dinner

2 LYON*

La Vie En Rose in Lyon



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Discover Lyon's architectural district by bike with your Adventure Host, over bridges, and along the banks where the Rhône and Saône rivers meet, OR:

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DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Take a guided tour to the lovely Beaujolais area and learn more about its light and pleasant wine, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour to survey Lyon from Fourvière Hill with its numerous churches. You'll also explore the Old Town with its lively cafés, monuments, and maze of medieval alleyways where history comes to life.



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Later, join a lecture on board about wine hosted by your Certified Sommelier.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LYON

*On departure 1109 the excursions planned on this day have been moved to day 3 and the excursion through the Maconnais region originally planned for day 4 will take place on this day. Ship will dock in Macon in the morning and sail to Lyon in the afternoon.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

3 LYON-MÂCON*

Fine Silk and French Sweets

Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Explore Lyon's silk heritage with a museum visit, a Walking Tour of La Presqu'île, and a live demonstration of hand-printed silk serigraphy in a workshop. A rich journey through silk history, OR:



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Take a guided tour to the lovely Beaujolais area and learn more about its light and pleasant wine.

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Later, enjoy live entertainment after dinner.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN MÂCON

*On departure 1109 the excursions planned on this day have been moved to day 4 and the excursions originally planned for day 2 will take place on this day. Ship will dock in Lyon the whole day.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

4 MÂCON*

Wine on the Stunning Saône

Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Travel into the rolling landscapes of the Mâconnais region to learn about its world-famous Chardonnay vineyards and the wines produced here. Enjoy a wine tasting in the cellars of a real medieval castle!



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

This evening, join an onboard food and wine pairing dinner hosted by your Certified Sommelier.

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO TOURNON

*On departure 1109 the excursions planned on this day have been moved to day 2 and the excursions originally planned for day 3 will take place on this day. Ship will dock in Lyon in the morning and sail to Tournon in the afternoon.

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

5 TOURNON - VIVIERS

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A Rendezvous with Castle Views and Vineyards



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a morning Guided Walking Tour to explore Tournon—one of France's oldest medieval cities with its 16th-century castle. The tour also includes a wine and chocolate tasting at the Cité du Chocolat at Valrhona.

After lunch, enjoy an onboard wine and cheese tasting hosted by your Certified Sommelier while sailing to Viviers.

VIVIERS

World History in a Charming French Country Village



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Explore the pale-stone buildings of Viviers on a late afternoon Guided Walking Tour of this charming village. You'll see its Romanesque cathedral and Old Town with a mix of historical Christian, Roman, and medieval influences.

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO AVIGNON



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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AVIGNON

The City of Popes in Picturesque Provence

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Discover Avignon by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a Guided Sightseeing Tour of the fortress city of Avignon—with its ramparts encircling the city—and a visit to the amazing Palace of the Popes.

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DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Enjoy a trip to the famed wine cellars of Châteauneuf-du-Pape for a true taste of the Rhône wine region.

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

EVENING CRUISE TO ARLES

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

7 ARLES

A Brush with Genius



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Get your daily dose of exercise through a Power Walk in Arles with your Adventure Host, OR:



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Attend a Painting Workshop to learn techniques of Vincent van Gogh. Create your own painting in the style of the legendary artist, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Enjoy a Guided Walking Tour of Arles—the captivating city of the Provence region. You'll visit the Roman Amphitheater in this visually stunning city.

This afternoon, enjoy free time to shop, stroll, or just relax in a lovely park along Arles' Boulevard des Lices.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN ARLES

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

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While we include your choice of many excursions on your trip, you may wish to explore other options to enhance your free time. Below is a selection of excursions that may be

available for purchase on your cruise.

Olive Oil Tasting in Les Baux de Provence

Travel into the heart of Provence on this exciting half-day guided visit of an olive farm and olive mill with a tasting of locally produced olive oil!

4h 0m

Price Range: \$\$



From the Cathedral of Images to Saint-Rémy

Stimulate your senses on this unbelievable excursion to Carrières de Lumières, the world-famous Cathedral of Images in a former limestone quarry, past the fantastical rock...

3h 30m

Price Range: \$\$



8 ARLES (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.

Flights should not leave Marseille airport before 10 am.



Breakfast

NOTES

- In the event of technical or water level issues, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or alter the program, including hotel overnight when necessary.
- Guided Tours, Optional Excursions, activities, sailing and docking schedules may be contingent on weather conditions or other issues outside of our control and could therefore be subject to change at any time.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas

rests with the traveler.

•Departure November 9th will operate the itinerary in a revised order: Day 1 Lyon, Day 2 Mâcon-Lyon, Day 3 Lyon, Day 4 Lyon-Tournon, from Day 5 back to regular program.

HAND-PICKED

HOTELS

We've vetted and hand-selected the best hotels around the world with location, comfort, and style in mind. Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that we've already checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

Lyon



Novotel Lyon Gerland

70,Avenue Leclerc



WiFi



SuperiorFirst-Class Hotel as shown or similar

Step into this dazzling boutique hotel where striking Art Deco architecture meets curated showcases from local artists. This stylish city center gem offers an elevated blend of luxury and cultural charm with Free Wi-Fi internet access throughout. Breakfast is served daily at the bar and this hotel prides itself on serving locally-sourced, organic cuisine, with at least 80% of ingredients coming from local suppliers. The full-service spa offers an array ...

Hotel Amenities

- Spa Services
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available
- Free WiFi
- Business Center
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Luggage Storage

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- Bar/Lounge

Room Features

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|--------------------|----------------------------|
| • Coffee Maker | • Desk |
| • Phone | • Television |
| • Hair Dryer | • Mini-Bar |
| • In-Room Safe | • Room Service |
| • Internet Access | • Cable/Satellite |
| • Climate Control | • Complimentary Toiletries |
| • Air Conditioning | |