BURGUNDY & PROVENCE

8 Days // S.S. Catherine

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Connoisseur Collection: Enjoy a culinary-focused French cruise that will take you to famous restaurants, truffle farms, quaint villages and other culinary hot spots, including a tasting of premium Valrhona French chocolate and wine.

Delight in a ***Masterpiece Collection*** tasting of delectable wines at Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

Embark on a ***Let's Go*** hike through Hermitage Vineyards with a wine tasting.

The World Is Your Canvas

Provence, France

DAY 1 AVIGNON (EMBARK) D

Arrive at Marseille International Airport. If your cruise package includes a group arrival transfer or if you have purchased a private arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship docked in Avignon.

DAY 2 TARASCON (ARLES) BB L WD

Explore a sun-drenched Provençal town today with an allure all its own. Known for its remarkable Roman ruins, Arles so inspired Van Gogh that he painted some 200 paintings there. Arles has existed since the sixth century BC, when the ancient Greeks founded it and named it Theline. It was here that the Romans built their first bridge across the Rhône River, creating a vital overland route between Italy and Spain.

Featured Excursion: ***Arles walking tour.***

Back Onboard: ***A special Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.***

DAY 3 AVIGNON BB L D

The walled city of Avignon is one of the most fascinating towns in southern France, with a host of historic gems to explore—including the fortress residence of rebellious popes who broke from Rome and once lived and ruled here. You'll see the Palace of the Popes and much more today, and also have a chance to kayak under a 2,000-year-old Roman aqueduct.

Featured Excursions: ***Choice of Avignon walking tour with Palace of the Popes or Pont du Gard Roman Aqueduct visit or "Let's Go" kayak excursion on the Gardon River.***^

Your Call: ***Today we have two "Masterpiece Collection" excursions to take advantage of—a cooking lesson at a stunning hotel or a regional wine tasting at Châteauneuf-du-Pape.***

DAY 4 VIVIERS BB L D

An enchanting village where time seems to have stopped centuries ago, Viviers has a long and storied past that goes back more than 1,600 years—and a splendid architectural heritage to match. At one time, Viviers was divided along religious lines—the clergy lived in the upper part of the town, the laity in the lower part. Your exploration of the town will take you through both parts, as you begin at the crest and make your way to the riverbank.

Featured Excursion: ***Intimate Viviers "Village Day".***

Connoisseur Collection Highlight: ***"Connoisseur Collection" cruisers will delight in a truffle hunting experience, with a tour of the village of Grignan.***

DAY 5 TOURNON (TAIN-L'HERMITAGE) BB L D

If you love fine wine, you'll love the twin villages of Tournon and Tain-l'Hermitage. Tournon may be a small town, but stirring events took place here. A castle was raised on the hilltop in the 10th century to protect the region, and new fortifications were added over the centuries, including two "new" towers built to defend against Protestant attacks in the 16th century. You'll see the handsome houses constructed by wealthy merchants and garrison officers when you walk through the Rue de Doux area, and you'll pass the 14th-century church and the oldest secondary school in France.

Featured Excursions: ***Choice of Tournon and Tain-l'Hermitage twin villages stroll with wine tasting or "Let's Go" Hermitage vineyards hike with wine tasting.***

Connoisseur Collection Highlight: ***"Connoisseur Collection" guests will be treated to a Valrhona chocolate and wine-pairing onboard.***

DAY 6 LYON BB L D

As the epicentre of French gastronomy, Lyon is a city of tantalising contrasts. There's much to explore here, from the work of culinary visionaries to silk weavers' secret passageways. After your choice of excursions, embrace the locals' favourite mode of transportation with a bike ride—a great way to see the sights.

Featured Excursions: ***Choice of Lyon capital gastronomy tour or "Let's Go" Lyon peninsula bike tour or silk weavers walking tour.***

Explore: ***If you're up for exploring on your own, we suggest a bike tour with a stop at the splendid Parc de la Tête d'or.***

DAY 7 MÂCON (BEAUNE) BB FD

The pace of life is decidedly more relaxed in Burgundy, where endless rows of grapes hang heavy on the vine. The capital of the region's wine trade, Beaune, is renowned for its history, beauty and highly prized wine, as well as its medieval-era hospital—the Hospices de Beaune.

Featured Excursions: ***Choice of Burgundy landscapes, Beaune and the Hospices or Mâcon walking tour.***

Back Onboard: ***This evening, you'll be treated to a Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner.***

DAY 8 LYON (DISEMBARK) CB/BB

Disembark the ship. If your cruise package includes a group departure transfer or if you have purchased a private departure transfer, you will be transferred to Lyon-Saint-Exupéry Airport for your flight home. Alternatively, you can continue your adventure with an extension to Paris.

^*The kayak excursion on the Gardon River is only available for May to September departure dates.*

Embark/Disembark
UNESCO Site
Motorcoach
Flight
Boat

CB/BB Contl Breakfast/Buffet
L Lunch
D Dinner
WD/FD Welcome/Farewell Dinner

CRUISE SNAPSHOT

7 Nights Cruising

12 Included Excursions

19 Meals
Including 1 Welcome Dinner and 1 Farewell Dinner

4 UNESCO Heritage Sites

Cruise Start Dates

AVIGNON TO LYON
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**Itinerary operates in reverse.*

Mar 22*, 29 **Apr** 5*, 12, 19*, 26 **May** 3*, 10, 17*, 24, 31* **Jun** 7, 14*, 21, 28* **Jul** 5, 12* **Aug** 2, 9*, 16, 23*, 30 **Sep** 6*, 13, 20*, 27 **Oct** 4*, 11, 18*, 25 **Nov** 1*

Pre- or Post-Cruise Extension 3-Day Paris

Additional fees apply.
Visit ***Uniworld.com/Extensions*** *for pricing.*

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