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## ACTIVE & DISCOVERY ON THE RHONE

WYL ● LYON → ARLES

### Meals

Breakfast: 7 Lunch: 6 Dinner: 7

### Transport

State-of-the-art, luxurious river cruise vessels

with modern services and amenities

### Accommodation

Deluxe outside accommodations with Avalon's

exclusive Comfort Collection Beds

### HighLights

Lyon

Viviers

Vineyard wine tasting

Guided hike

Arles



### DAY 1: LYON, FRANCE (EMBARKATION)

Bienvenue en France! Your Suite Ship is Ready for Boarding. Flights into Lyon must arrive by 3:30pm. Guests must be on board ship by 5pm. **DISCOVERY** - Join a Guided Tour for an evening drive of Lyon, lined with incredible landscapes, from Fourviere Hill for a city bird's eye view, to Presqu'île district, for catching the heart of Lyon and its ever-changing river bank view. **OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LYON (D)**

### DAY 2: LYON

A Festival of Colors, Aromas, and Taste. **ACTIVE** - Take a Guided Urban Hike through Lyon's secret passageways (Traboules) for a glimpse into the city's 19th-century silk trade, **OR: DISCOVERY** - Take a Guided Culinary Walk through Lyon to discover architecture and local specialties in a festival of colors, aromas and taste—exclusive for Avalon guests, **OR: DISCOVERY** - Join our Cooking Class to learn to make your own Lyonnaise specialty. This afternoon, you might take an off-the-beaten-path Guided Optional Tour through private and public terraces for panoramic views of Lyon, starting on the roof of the Basilica de Fourvière, or you may opt for a Guided Optional Mountain Bike Excursion through the Beaujolais wine country. **EVENING CRUISE TO TAIN L'HERMITAGE/TOURNON (B,L,D)**

### **DAY 3: TAIN L'HERMITAGE/TOURNON**

Chocolatiers and Railway Engineers in the Twin City Gorge. ACTIVE - For a unique experience and panoramic views, join a Guided Excursion this morning on a rail-bike along the descent of the Gorges du Doux, OR: ACTIVE - Join a Guided Hike in the picturesque vineyards surrounding the twin cities of Tournon and Tain-l'Hermitage, OR: DISCOVERY - Have a true "chocolate experience" with a tour of the Valrhona Chocolate Factory and Museum, OR: CLASSIC - Take a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Tournon—twin city to Tain-l'Hermitage and one of France's oldest medieval cities. You'll see its imposing 16th-century castle and Roman ruins. DISCOVERY - Join a Cooking Demonstration and learn how to prepare Lyonnaise specialties while sailing to Viviers. VIVIERS. Fascinating History, and Nighttime Ghost Stories. DISCOVERY - For a different perspective on the town, join us on a nighttime Guided Tour of Viviers, discovering the legends, tales and ghost stories of this enchanting town. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN VIVIERS (B,L,D)

### **DAY 4: VIVIERS-LOCK BOLLENE.**

River Gorge Canoeing, Crocodiles, and Wine Caves. ACTIVE - Immerse yourself in the scenery with a Guided Kayak Trip in the Gorges de l'Ardèche on the spectacular canyons of this Rhône tributary, OR: ACTIVE - Find inspiration from the amazing landscape of the region with a Guided Hike through the Natural Reserve of Cirque d'Estre, OR: ACTIVE - Join a Guided Visit for a surprising underground Wine Tasting—under the direction of an expert Speleologist (cave guide) and an oenologist (wine-making expert), OR: DISCOVERY - See a surprising side of local culture with a visit to a Crocodile Farm and discover the wonderful world of reptiles—not only crocodiles, but also snakes, turtles, iguanas, and an amazing botanical garden, OR: CLASSIC - Visit the awe-inspiring water facility at Bollène and tour the power plant of this immense lock along the Rhône. Cruise through the soaring walls of the Lock Bollène on your way to Avignon this afternoon. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AVIGNON (B,L,D)

### **DAY 5: AVIGNON.**

Essential Oils, and Ancient Roman Aqueducts. ACTIVE - Join a leisurely Guided E-Bike Ride through Gard region; after the tour, enjoy a Wine Tasting in a local cellar; after all, no need to pedal on the way back, OR: DISCOVERY - Experience the French art of fragrance with a Guided Tour of the Musée des Arômes et du Parfum where aromatic herbs and essential oils in this museum will inspire your senses and help you create your own unique scent, OR: CLASSIC - Take a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Avignon, including a visit to the world's largest gothic fortress—the 14th-century Palace Of the Popes. Also, explore Les Halles' covered market. This afternoon, you may choose to join a Guided Optional Tour of the famed wine cellars of Châteauneuf-du-Pape for a wine tasting, as well as the chance to learn about wine blending, or you may opt for a Guided Optional Excursion on a kayak through the waters of Pont du Gard—the highest of all elevated Roman aqueducts. You may choose to spend free time to explore Avignon—known as the heart of Provence. Take a leisurely stroll or a bike ride through the tree-lined streets and leafy squares within Avignon's medieval walls. EVENING CRUISE TO ARLES (B,L,D)

## **DAY 6: ARLES**

A Master Class, Mysterious Images, and a Matador in Provence. **ACTIVE** - Experience the legends of Val d'Enfer with a Guided Hike; an area taking its name from the unique white limestone rock formations. The excursion includes an unforgettable later be Experience of light, images, and music at the Carrières de Lumières, **OR: DISCOVERY** - Attend a Painting Workshop to learn the style and techniques of Vincent van Gogh. You'll create your own painting in the style of the classic master who took inspiration from the Provence light and landscape in Arles, **OR: CLASSIC** - Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Arles to get to know this charming town, including a visit with a local bullfighter to learn about the secrets and traditions handed down through generations. You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to the natural salt marsh at Salin d'Aigues-Mortes, to discover the magic of the pink waters of the Camargue. Alternatively, enjoy free time to shop, stroll, or just relax in a lovely park along Arles' Boulevard des Lices. Later, enjoy onboard live entertainment. **OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN ARLES (B,L,D)**  
entranced by a magical Audio/Visual

## **DAY 7: PORT-SAINT-LOUIS.**

Oysters and Flamingos in the Rhône Delta Enjoy a morning cruise to Port-Saint-Louis on the Sky Deck of your ship. **ACTIVE** - Join a Guided Walk through the Camargue Regional Nature Park. You'll see its lush marshland habitat at the mouth of the Rhône—home to a wide variety of flora and fauna—in one of France's most protected and natural reserves, **OR: ACTIVE** - Take a Guided Bike Ride through the Camargue Natural Park with an eye out for more than 400 bird species—including pink flamingos—along the trails of the Mediterranean's Rhône delta, **OR: DISCOVERY** - Enjoy a taste of local life with a visit to an oyster farm in the Camargue Natural Park on a Guided Tour to enjoy an oyster tasting and learn how this delicacy is farmed. This evening cruise back to Arles. **OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN ARLES (B,L,D)**

## **DAY 8: ARLES (DISEMBARKATION) .**

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning