



CRUISE OF 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS - REF. LMY PP2

# All the must-see sites on the Rhône between Lyon, Provence, and the Camargue with a dinner at Paul Bocuse's Abbaye de Collonges Restaurant OFFERED (port-to-port cruise)

LYON - TAIN-L'HERMITAGE - AVIGNON - ARLES(4) - VIVIERS - LYON

Discover the authentic Provence combining style and refinement, a cruise brimming with splendid scenery and great food as well as a once-in-a-lifetime evening at a Paul Bocuse restaurant.



## **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

- OFFERED: a dinner at Paul Bocuse's Abbaye de Collonges Restaurant(3)
- The **Luberon Region** and its hilltop villages
- The scenery and traditions of the **Camargue**
- Colorful Provence
- Discover(1):
  - Lyon and a tasting of fine food at Paul Bocuse's Les Halles de Lyon(2)
  - The **Cité du Chocolat** in Tain l'Hermitage
  - Avignon and the imposing Papal Palace
  - The village of Gordes and the Sénanque Abbey(5)
  - The Camargue and its customs
  - The Gorges de l'Ardèche, the most beautiful canyon in Europe



# CRUISE PROGRAM (7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS)



### Day 1: LYON

Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6 p.m. After you've comfortably settled into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. Tonight, we'll enjoy dinner and an evening of entertainment on board



### Day 2: LYON - COLLONGES-AU-MONT-D'OR

In the morning, join us for an **optional guided tour of the city and a tasting at Paul Bocuse's Les Halles de Lyon**(2). We'll cross through the city and go up Fourvière Hill to the white basilica, the best place to take in the view. Then we'll head over to Vieux Lyon to have a look at its historical homes and the "bouchon" restaurants that are found throughout the district. Learn about the discrete and strategic doorways leading to shortcuts, known as traboules, that go from street to street. Don't miss the tasting of fine food at Paul Bocuse's Les Halles de Lyon, a huge, three-story, indoor market where close to 50 shops offer the finest gourmet food. We'll enjoy a snack of local sausage and cheese, topped off with a lovely glass of wine\*.

We'll then join the Saône River and head towards our next port of call, Collonges-au-Mont-d'Or.

Offered: Join us for an extraordinary French gastronomic experience at Paul Bocuse's Abbaye de Collonges.(3) Paul Bocuse was a three-star gourmet chef who was known for his innovative approach to cuisine and his love for fresh ingredients of the highest quality. This will be a singular experience in an exceptional setting where you'll be able to relish in out-of-this-world courses prepared by some of the most renowned chefs. At the end of our delicious evening, we'll return on board the ship and start sailing.



# Day 3: TAIN L'HERMITAGE - AVIGNON

We'll leave on foot for the **optional tour of the Cité du Chocolat in Tain L'Hermitage**. Come and explore, smell, and taste chocolate in all of its forms at the Valrhona discovery center. Lastly, we'll indulge in a tasting of course!

We'll spend the afternoon cruising to Avignon, reaching it in the evening. Enjoy an evening of onboard entertainment.



#### Day 4 : AVIGNON - ARLES(4)

This morning, join us for an **optional guided tour of the Papal Palace**, an imposing fortress and luxurious palace that symbolizes the power of the Catholic Church in the Middle Ages. It is one of the largest and most important Gothic buildings in Europe and the city's most famous attraction. Take a step back in time as you stroll through the immense halls, contemplate the beauty of the chapels, and visit the papal apartments.

Or

Join us for an **optional excursion to the Gordes and the Sénanque Abbey**, located in the heart of the Vaucluse hills and Luberon Natural Park.(3) Visit Gordes, "One of the Most Beautiful Villages in France," to take in the beauty of its limestone cliffs and typical stone-wall homes.

We'll start sailing towards Arles. Enjoy some free time before returning on board for an evening of entertainment.



## Day 5: ARLES(4) - VIVIERS

This morning, join us for an **optional excursion to the Camargue.** The epitome of traditional Provençal culture, this immense flatland is home to exceptional wildlife and plants which thrive in its marshes, ponds, and seashore. We'll visit a manade, where bulls are raised and horses are trained, to learn about the various traditions in the area.

We'll spend the afternoon cruising through the gorgeous French countryside, passing by Valence—dominated by its cathedral—and Montélimar, known for its famous nougat.





## Day 6: VIVIERS - the Gorges de l¿Ardèche(1)

This morning, join us for an **optional guided tour of Viviers**. This city feels like an open-air museum where the pages of history are written in stone. We'll visit the smallest cathedral in France, the House of Knights with its superb Renaissance-style facade, Saint Michel Tower, the Great Seminary, and the overlook which gives a lovely view of Viviers.

Set out on an **optional visit to the Gorges de l'Ardèche** with us this afternoon. This panoramic tour from the comfortable seat of a coach will bring you to the heart of the treasures found in the area. The 18-mile canyon (30 km) was carved by turbulent waters that left behind steep cliffs, deep valleys, dense vegetation, and stunning limestone formations. We'll see the Pont d'Arc, a natural arch almost 100-feet high carved out by the Ardèche River, and its namesake village, stopping at an overlook to take in the splendid views.

We'll return on board the ship in La Voulte and start sailing towards Lyon. Tonight is our festive gala evening.



## Day 7: LYON

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

#### This offer includes

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - all onboard beverages (not including the special lists) - accommodations in double-occupancy, climate-controlled cabin with shower in private bathroom - a dinner with a selection of drinks at Paul Bocuse's Abbaye de Collonges - emergency/repatriation insurance - all port fees.

#### This offer does not include

Drinks from our special lists, or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - optional excursions (must be reserved and paid for on board or at travel agency)

- cancellation and baggage insurance transfers to/from departure/arrival points
- personal expenses.

#### **Transport**

Port-to-port cruise without transfers

#### Requirements

Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

#### THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- All meals included DRINKS INCLUDED with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine Gala dinner and evening - Welcome cocktail
- Free Wi-Fi onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

# **MENTIONS**

For safety reasons, the company and/or the captain of the ship are the only authorities who can modify the cruise itinerary.

- (1) Optional excursions.
- (2) Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse are closed on Sundays and Mondays. In this instance, arrangements will be made so as to maintain the tasting of local products.
- (3) Dinner at the Abbaye de Collonges or in a Paul Bocuse restaurant depending of the number of participants.
- (4) The stopover in Arles can be replaced by a stopover in Avignon depending on passage through the locks.
- (5) If the Abbey is closed, we'll visit the Lavender Museum instead.

Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.



# **EXCURSIONS**

Day 2

2 Excursion (s)

Gastronomic dinner at Paul Bocuse's Abbaye de Collonges (Included)

Duration: 03h30

Classic

Evening



Lyon and Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse (Optional)

Duration: 04h00



Morning

Day 3

1 Excursion (s)



La Cité du Chocolat in Tain l'Hermitage (Optional)

Duration: 02h00

Discovery

Morning

Day 4

2 Excursion (s)



Avignon and the Pope's Palace (Optional)

Duration: 03h00

Classic

1 0 1

Morning



Gordes and the Sénanque Abbey (Optional)

Duration: 04h00

Classic

1 0 1 0 °2

Morning

Day 5

1 Excursion (s)



Touring the Camargue and visiting a manade (Optional)

Duration: 04h00

Classic

1 0 1 0 °0

Morning



Day 6

2 Excursion (s)



# Gorges de l'Ardèche (Optional)

Duration: 04h30

Classic

Afternoon



**Guided tour of Viviers** (Optional)

Duration: 02h00

Classic

1 0 1

Morning