

# Burgundy to Provence Riverboat

JULY 7-14, 2020 on board Avalon's *ms Poetry II*



Welcome to France! You'll arrive in Paris and then continue on by motorcoach to fascinating Beaune for an included visit of Hôtel-Dieu, or you may choose a complimentary wine-tasting tour. Next, board your ship in quaint St. Jean de Losne and set sail for lovely Macon, France's gastronomic capital of Lyon, as well as medieval Tournon, charming Viviers, Avignon, and Arles. Daylight permitting, sail into the peaceful Camargue area. Book early, as this trip sold out in 2018!

## YOUR ITINERARY

DAY	PORT
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020	PARIS – BEAUNE – ST. JEAN DE LOSNE – SEURRE – TRANSFER FROM PARIS TO BEAUNE, VISIT THE HÔTEL-DIEU, OR WINE TASTING EMBARK IN ST. JEAN DE LOSNE FOR ONBOARD WELCOME RECEPTION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020	SEURRE – MÂCON – LEISURELY CRUISING, CHEESE TASTING, FREE TIME IN MÂCON
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020	LYON – GUIDED SIGHTSEEING, PICTURE STOP ON FOURVIÈRE HILL
FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2020	LYON – FREE DAY TO EXPLORE THIS FASCINATING CITY AT LEISURE
SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020	TOURNON/TAIN-L'HERMITAGE – VIVIERS – GUIDED WALK IN TOURNON, GUIDED WALK IN VIVIERS, VISIT THE OLD TOWN AND CATHEDRAL
SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020	AVIGNON – GUIDED SIGHTSEEING, VISIT PALACE OF THE POPES
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020	ARLES – SAIL INTO THE CAMARGUE REGION (DAYLIGHT PERMITTING), GUIDED SIGHTSEEING IN ARLES, VISIT THE ROMAN AMPITHEATER
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020	ARLES - DISEMBARK SHIP

*Please note: Times are not printed as they are dependent on river level and locks. Itinerary subject to change.*

## WHAT'S INCLUDED? WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

### INCLUDED

- Early morning transfer from host hotel in Paris to the ship in St. Jean de Losne on July 7, with a stop in Beaune with included tour (choice of Wine tasting or the Hotel Dieu tour) (travel time is approx. 5 hours). Included sightseeing tours in Beaune, Macon, Lyon, Tournon, Viviers, Avignon and Arles.
- Accommodations for 8 days/7 nights in Comfort Collection beds with Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- All meals while on board, with a French cheese and French cuisine option each evening
- Wines from France's most famous wine regions, beer, or soft drinks with lunches and dinners and complimentary sparkling wine with breakfast
- Coffee, tea, and juices during all meals

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- Premium coffees, cappuccinos, lattes, hot chocolate, and teas throughout the day
- Cookies and fresh fruit available throughout the day
- Complimentary bottled water replenished in rooms daily
- Complimentary WiFi on board
- Complimentary bicycles available for time on shore
- Complimentary Nordic walking sticks
- Gratuities to ship staff (if you wish to tip more, this is up to you)
- Gratuities to your tour guide and bus driver (if you wish to tip more, this is up to you)
- Olivia's signature entertainment and programming
- Local Entertainment, commentaries while cruising and historic talks by local expert and Avalon Cruise Director
- Group transfer from ship in Arles to Marseille airport on July 14 (for flights departing after 10:30 AM)
- Olivia Staff assistance throughout

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

Optional excursions (they do not conflict with included tours), wine tasting, alcoholic beverages, and soft drinks (except where indicated), laundry, phone/fax, salon service.

## **DETAILED ITINERARY**

### **TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020**

### **PARIS—DIJON—BEAUNE—ST. JEAN DE LOSNE**

(EMBARKATION) – SEURRE

This morning, transfer from Paris host hotel to Beaune, the unofficial capital of the Côte d'Or area. Beaune owes its wealth to the production, aging, and selling of fine wines. Although life here centers around wine, Beaune offers much more. Today you have an included tour. Choose from a wine tasting in a local cellar, OR visit the HÔTEL-DIEU charity hospital, built in 1443 and paid for by the chancellor of Burgundy after the Hundred Years' War left many of the town's population destitute. Today it houses Van der Weyden's painting of *The Last Judgment* and is one of France's architectural highlights. Then, continue to St. Jean de Losne, where you'll board your river cruise vessel. Before dinner, meet your Olivia staff and ship's crew at a welcome reception as your ship departs for Macon. (-/-/D)

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020**

### **SEURRE – MÂCON**

Enjoy some leisurely cruising today and before lunch, enjoy an Onboard Cheese Tasting. In the late afternoon, arrive in Mâcon, a city that plays an important role in the wine trade. Free time allows you to explore on your own. Alternatively, you may choose to participate in one of the optional excursions offered, such as a visit to a wine cellar. (B/L/D)

### **THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020**

### **LYON**

Lyon, France's third-largest city and its gastronomic capital, was founded by the Romans in 43 B.C. The city's prosperity dates back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century and is due to commercial, industrial, and banking activities. Roman remains, excellent museums, and renaissance architecture delight visitors. A local guide joins you as you survey the city from Fourvière Hill and explore the Old Town with its maze of medieval alleyways, and Place des Terreaux, a popular area with lively cafés, monuments, and the famous fountain often depicted on postcards. Tonight, you may choose to participate in an optional tour to Paul Bocuse, 3-star Michelin Restaurant for the meal of a lifetime! (B/L/D)

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**FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2020****LYON**

Enjoy a free day in this fascinating city to explore at leisure. Early risers might like to visit the local produce market. Perhaps wander through one of Lyon's parks, discover some of the murals (there are over 100), or select one of the available optional excursions. Be sure to taste the gastronomic delights and sample Beaujolais, the wine of the region; wine connoisseurs know that the grapes must be hand-picked. Or take a bike ride along the river. Your Cruise Director will have plenty of suggestions for things to do. (B/L/D)

**SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020****TOURNON/TAIN-L'HERMITAGE – VIVIERS**

The twin cities of Tournon and Tain l'Hermitage lie nestled among vineyards between the Rhône River and the granite slopes of the Hermitage. A local guide will show you Tournon, one of France's oldest medieval cities, with its imposing 16<sup>th</sup>-century castle and Roman ruins. Your Olivia Cruise Director will take you to one of the best chocolate shops for some free tastings. Arriving in Viviers in the afternoon, a guided walk shows you this charming town that developed around its Romanesque cathedral. The Old Town has an appealing mix of Christian, Roman, and medieval influences. An included "Organ Concert" organized by Olivia will end the tour at the top of the hill with beautiful views. (B/L/D)

**SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020****AVIGNON**

The fortified city of Avignon is the capital of the Vaucluse region, the most picturesque part of Provence with its intact ramparts encircling the entire city, cobblestone streets and squares, and private mansions built in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Known as the "City of Popes," it was the center of the Catholic Church in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. During your guided tour, you may choose to join an included visit of the Palace of the Popes, built in the 14<sup>th</sup> century as the sovereign popes' residence. A photo of the famous Pont Saint Bénézet (Saint Bénézet Bridge), of the popular song *Sur le Pont d'Avignon*, is a must. Optional excursions to Pont du Gard or to the famed wine cellars of Châteauneuf-du-Pape are available for purchase. (B/L/D)

**MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020****ARLES**

This morning, wake up early to the tranquil vistas of Camargue National Park (daylight permitting) before arriving in Arles after breakfast. Located on the northern tip of the Camargue, Arles is capital of the Provence region. Your local guide will show you highlights of the city and you'll visit the Roman Amphitheater. Still used today, it dates to the 1<sup>st</sup> century and was constructed to hold more than 20,000 spectators. Visit areas where Van Gogh lived and painted. (B/L/D)

**TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020****ARLES (DISEMBARKATION)**

After breakfast, disembark home, or to your next destination, or join us on our extended stretcher to Marseille to enjoy Bastille Day in France! (B/-/-)

*Please note: Itinerary is subject to change based on river level, traffic, and locks.*

**ACTIVITY LEVEL**

These trips do require a level of mobility, as most of the tours are walking tours for up to 3 hours, which may include walking on cobblestone streets and stairs. A "Gentle Walkers" Group is offered on most included walking tours, which accommodates those needing a little extra time and sometimes a shortened version of a tour, keeping in mind as few stairs as possible. If you are bringing a portable wheel chair or collapsible travel scooter, they must be able to collapse and be stored in your cabins. They cannot be used to get around the ship, only to use while off the ship. They may be used on tours that are accessible, but that can be difficult because of the cobblestone streets, stairwells, and need to lift them up on curbs. If you do have limited mobility, you are required to travel with someone who can assist you.

## PER PERSON PRICING

All staterooms are beautifully appointed with luxury bedding, L'Occitane bath products, flat screen TV with movie selections, telephone and water replenished daily.

<b>CAT. E</b> 172 sq. ft., Indigo Deck (small windows do not open)	<b>EARLY BIRD: \$4,499 PP</b> REGULAR: \$5,899 PP
<b>CAT. D</b> 172 sq. ft., Indigo Deck (small windows do not open)	<b>EARLY BIRD: \$4,559 PP</b> REGULAR: \$5,999 PP
<b>CAT. B</b> 200 sq. ft., Sapphire Deck – Sliding Glass Doors, French Balcony; Queen Bed or 2 singles	<b>EARLY BIRD: \$5,399 PP</b> REGULAR: \$7,099 PP
<b>CAT. A</b> 200 sq. ft., Sapphire Deck – Sliding Glass Doors, French Balcony; Queen Bed or 2 singles	<b>EARLY BIRD: \$5,499 PP</b> REGULAR: \$7,199 PP
<b>CAT. P</b> 200 sq. ft., Royal Deck – Sliding Glass Doors, French Balcony; Queen Bed or 2 singles	<b>EARLY BIRD: \$5,599 PP</b> REGULAR: \$7,299 PP
<b>ROYAL SUITE</b> 258 sq. ft., Royal Deck – Sliding Glass Doors, French Balcony; Queen Bed or 2 singles	<b>EARLY BIRD: \$6,499 PP</b> REGULAR: \$8,499 PP

*\*Pricing is based on double occupancy. Solo shares are available*

**ABOVE PRICING DOES NOT INCLUDE NDA (TAXES, FEES & GRATUITIES): \$499 PP**

## VACATION STRETCHERS

We will be offering a 1-, 2- and 3-night pre-vacation stretcher in Paris, France (July 6-7, July 5-7, and July 4-7). We will also offer an opportunity to experience Bastille Day in France with a post-vacation stretcher in Marseille July 14-15 and July 14-16. More information will be available 9-11 months prior to the trip.

## AIRPORT INFORMATION

**We highly recommend arriving into Paris 1-2 days early.** Flights need to arrive into **Paris, France (CDG)** and out of **Marseille, France (MRS)**. Flights must arrive prior to or in the early morning on July 7 with enough time to make the included transfer with stop in Beaune from host hotel to ship at approximately 8 AM. (*Exact time/meeting location TBA*). To take advantage of the included group transfer to the Marseille airport, flights from Marseille must depart after 10:30 AM on July 14. Please check our airline discounts page for the latest discounts: <http://olivia.com/Travel/CalendarContent/AirfareDeals.aspx>

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