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GRAND FRANCE

DELUXE RIVER CRUISE

16 day cruise - Departing 25 June 2012

INCLUDED FEATURES

CRUISE:

Deluxe 14-night cruise from Arles to Chalon-sur-Saone and Paris to Paris in an outside stateroom with hotel-style beds(Category E)

ARLES:

Welcome reception; guided sightseeing, visit the Roman Amphitheater

AVIGNON:

Guided sightseeing, visit the Palace of the Popes

VIVIERS:

Guided walk, visit Old Town and the cathedral

TOURNON:

Orientation walk

LYON:

Guided sightseeing, picture stop on Fourviere Hill

BEAUNE:

Orientation walk, see the Hotel-Dieu

PARIS:

Welcome reception; guided sightseeing

CONFLANS:

Choice of guided excursions to Auvers-sur-Oise or Chateau de Malmaison

VERNON:

Choice of guided excursions to Giverny or Bizy Castle

ROUEN:

Guided sightseeing, see the Astronomical Clock and visit the cathedral; choice of excursions to Normandy Landing Beaches or "A Taste of Normandy"

LES ANDELYS:

Orientation, see Chateau Gaillard

ON BOARD GRATUITIES:

All onboard gratuities for the Cruise Director and Crew are included

MEALS:

Full buffet breakfast (B) in Cote d'Azur; superb dining with all meals on board daily featuring full breakfast (B), lunch (L), and dinner (D), including a welcome reception, Captain's reception, and farewell dinner; quality wines from Europe's most famous wine regions with every dinner; one sitting with open seating arrangements

Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the cruise description

BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT

\$500 pp deposit due within 7 days of booking. Balance due no later than 15 February 2012. Price is based on payment by cash or direct deposit. Credit Card payments will incur a processing fee.

PRICES:

Prices are per person, twin share. Single Supplements are available on request. Prices include port charges and gratuities for on-board personnel.

UPGRADES:

Upgrade to Category B \$1050; Category A \$1145; Category P \$1336

INSURANCE:

Travel Insurance is compulsory. Please ask Clean Cruising for more details.

HOLIDAY EXTENSIONS:

Extensions are available, please ask Clean Cruising for options.

CANCELLATIONS & AMENDMENTS:

Deposit is non-refundable. Cancellation after 15 February 2012 is 100% cancellation fee. Amendment fee of \$60 per person applies for each amendment.

NOT INCLUDED:

Airfares, Passport, Vaccinations, Travel Insurance, Meals & beverages not specified, phone calls, laundry, mini bar etc; optional excursions, sightseeing tours other than specified in itinerary, porter age at airports, excess baggage fees (Airline or tour), any extensions, any additional visa's, and all other items of personal nature.

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

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FURTHER CONDITIONS:

Refer to Avalon Waterways 2012 brochure and Clean Cruising Travel.



Combine two exciting cruises and get a taste of the variety that France has to offer - not only in scenery but in food and drink! The Seine and the picturesque Normandy region, and the charming and historic cities along the Saone and Rhone Rivers. Apple cider and Calvados in the north, fine wines and cognac in the south. Apple trees in Normandy, vineyards in Provence. From the big city of Paris to the elegant Cote d'Azur. All this and more are yours to discover on this comprehensive 16-day vacation.

Starting from **\$5,990**
per person twin share

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**DAY 1: MONDAY 25 JUNE
ARRIVE IN COTE D'AZUR,
FRANCE.**

Welcome to France! Time at leisure to get acquainted with your new surroundings.

**DAY 2: TUESDAY 26 JUNE
COTE D'AZUR-PORT ST. LOUIS**

This morning, enjoy free time before transferring by motorcoach to Port St. Louis in the Provence region, where you'll board your river cruise vessel. Before dinner, meet your crew at a welcome reception and enjoy tranquil scenes as you gently sail through

Camargue Regional National Park northward to Arles. (B,D)

**DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE
ARLES.**

On the northern tip of the Camargue, Arles is the capital of the Provence and was once known as the "Little Rome of Gaul." See the church of St.Trophime; "Les Alyscamps," the remains of the Gallo-Roman burial road; and visit the ROMAN AMPHITHEATER. Vincent Van Gogh was inspired by the special light of the Provence and spent a very productive year in Arles. The "Foundation Vincent Van Gogh" is a tribute to the artist. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: THURSDAY 28 JUNE
AVIGNON.**

The fortified city of Avignon is the capital of the Vaucluse region, the most picturesque part of Provence. Also referred to as the "City of Popes," it was the centre of the Catholic Church in the 14th century, and the city landscape is dominated by the grandiose PALACE OF THE POPES. A photo of the bridge of the popular song is a must, and optional outings to Pont du Gard or to the famed wine cellars of Chateauneuf-du-Pape are available this afternoon. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5: FRIDAY 29 JUNE
CRUISING-VIVIERS.**

A leisurely morning on board to relax and enjoy the passing scenery as you glide gently by. The charming town of Viviers was developed around its ROMANESQUE CATHEDRAL, and the OLD TOWN has an appealing mix of Christian, Roman, and medieval influences. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: SATURDAY 30 JUNE
TOURNON/TAIN L'HERMITAGE-
VIENNE.**

The twin cities of Tournon and Tain l'Hermitage lie nestled among vineyards between the River Rhone and the granite slopes of the Hermitage. Tournon, with its imposing 16th-century castle and Roman ruins, is one of France's oldest medieval cities. This afternoon, enjoy Vienne, another charming little town surrounded by steep hills. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: SUNDAY 01 JULY
LYON.**

Lyon is France's second-largest city and its gastronomic capital. Founded by the Romans in 43 BC, the city's prosperity dates back to the 16th century and is due to commercial, industrial and banking activities. Roman remains, many excellent museums, and much renaissance architecture delight the visitor. Survey the city from Fourviere

Hill; explore the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its maze of medieval alleyways; Place des Terreaux, and beautiful Place Bellecour. Beaujolais is the wine of the region and wine connoisseurs will know that the grapes must be hand picked. Tradition dictates that the "Beaujolais Nouveau" is tasted for the first time on the third Thursday of November each year. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: MONDAY 02 JULY
MACON-TOURNUS-CHALON-
SUR-SAONE.**

Wake up this morning on the River Saone in Macon, a city that plays an important part in the wine trade. There's some free time for exploring after breakfast, then enjoy a short cruise to Tournus. Here the cloister of St. Philibert or the Burgundy Museum's folklore collection, located in an old family mansion, are worth a visit. A choice of optional excursions, including a visit to a wine cellar, is available. Before dinner, arrive in Chalon-sur-Saone. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: TUESDAY 03 JULY
CHALON-SUR-SAONE
(DISEMBARKATION)-BEAUNE-
PARIS**

After breakfast, say goodbye to your crew on the Avalon Scenery and head for Beaune, the unofficial capital of the Cote d'Or area, which produces the Burgundy region's finest vintages. Its most famous historical site, the Hotel-Dieu charity hospital, houses Van der Weyden's painting of the Last Judgement and is one of France's architectural highlights. After lunch, continue north past the forest of Fontainebleau to Paris, the "City of Light," where you board the Avalon Creativity docked on the River Seine. This evening, meet your crew at a welcome reception. (B,D)

**DAY 10: WEDNESDAY 04 JULY
PARIS.**

Paris' famous sights are living history. Your included city sightseeing

shows you magnificent Notre Dame Cathedral, the unique Louvre Museum with its glass pyramid as a contrast to its ancient architecture, the commemorative Arc de Triomphe, Opera, Madeleine, Champs Elysees, and the Eiffel Tower, a structural miracle of its age. The city is well known for its colourful nightlife, including some of the world's most famous cabaret shows. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11: THURSDAY 05 JULY
PARIS-CONFLANS.**

After breakfast, enjoy a relaxing morning on the Sky Deck as your ship slips its moorings and glides gently down the River Seine, passing through suburban Paris. This afternoon, dock at Conflans-and now the choice is yours: either join our guided excursion to AUVERS-SUR-OISE, the quaint little town where Vincent Van Gogh lived and died, or Napoleon and Josephine's CHATEAU de MALMAISON just outside Paris. Requiring extensive renovations, this large country estate was purchased by Josephine Bonaparte in 1799 while Napoleon was fighting in Egypt. It was her aim to make it "the most beautiful and curious garden in Europe, a model of good cultivation." (B,L,D)

**DAY 12: FRIDAY 06 JULY
VERNON.**

This morning, choose between a guided visit of Claude Monet's house and stunning gardens at GIVERNY or a visit of BIZY CASTLE with its magnificent courtyard. There's still time to stroll through this delightful city on your own before your ship departs for Rouen. Relax on board this afternoon or take your pick of a number of optional excursions on offer. (B,L,D)

**DAY 13: SATURDAY 07 JULY
ROUEN.**

Rouen is the capital of Upper Normandy and an important commercial city. It is perhaps best

known for its connection to Joan of Arc, who lived, was imprisoned, and burned at the stake in the marketplace of this town in 1431. Enjoy the guided walk through the medieval quarter with its half-timbered, glazed-tile houses, and the Gros Horloge, an intricate Astronomical Clock dating back to the 16th century. The splendid gothic CATHEDRAL was once the tallest building in the world and the subject of a series of Claude Monet's paintings. The afternoon is free for you to explore on your own, or you can join an optional excursion to the pretty coastal town of Honfleur or to the busy port city of Le Havre with its contemporary architecture. (B,L,D)

**DAY 14: SUNDAY 08 JULY
ROUEN.**

Make your choice today between an included excursion to the historic NORMANDY LANDING BEACHES-with poignant sites such as Omaha Beach, the Pointe du Hoc monument, and the American Cemetery-or a "TASTE OF NORMANDY" for a more in-depth look at this picturesque, mainly agricultural region. The most important products are dairy, apples, and grain. Camembert cheese is a specialty, as is Calvados, a strong alcoholic apple brandy. Thoroughbred horses are also reared here. (B,L,D)

**DAY 15: MONDAY 09 JULY
LES ANDELYS.**

The most dramatic sight along the Seine is imposing Chateau Gaillard at Les Andelys. Built by England's King Richard the Lionheart in 1196, the chateau is truly a masterpiece of Middle Ages military architecture. Explore on your own and enjoy this last day in France in this delightful small town. (B,L,D)

**DAY 16: TUESDAY 10 JULY
PARIS**

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)