

OUTDOOR TRAVEL



THE ACTIVE HOLIDAY COMPANY

GREAT CANAL JOURNEYS IN FRANCE

— 2024 DEPARTURES —



Life is more beautiful on the water...

Boutique style elegant hotel barges

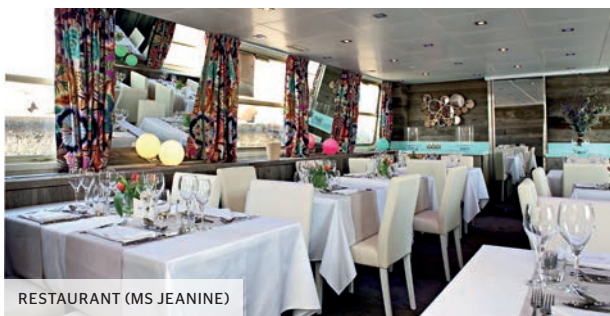
Each boat sleeps 22 pax in 11 cabins

Let us take you to the wonderful natural scenery on France's canals and the truly unique beauty of French regions, coupled with historic, vibrant cities and towns, steeped in history and culture.

Privacy, hand-picked activities, personal chef and crew... Just a few reasons why our charming hotel barges are an ideal base for a multi-generation family or social group holiday.

Cruising the sweeping waterways of the French countryside is one of the best ways to enjoy life in the very slow lane.

This spectacular country, famous for its wonderful food, fine wine and picturesque, varied landscape, is just waiting to be discovered, and what better way to experience it than with a French company, passionate and experienced to bring you the very best experiences of their own land?



RESTAURANT (MS JEANINE)



CABIN (MS DANIELE)

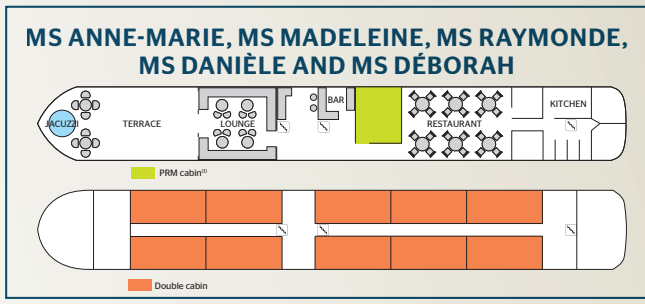
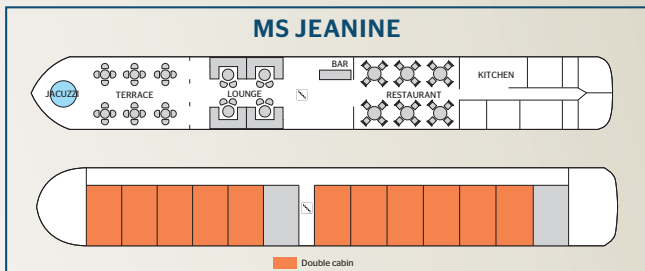




We have 6 barges moored in the most amazing locations, which have everything you will need to keep you comfortable, cosy and entertained. If you're keen to explore Burgundy, Alsace, Provence, Champagne or the Oise Valley, for example, a trip on a hotel barge can make for the most wonderful memory.



JACUZZI (MS ANNE-MARIE)



(1) Cabin for People with Reduced Mobility
Non contractual plans



LOUNGE / BAR (MS ANNE-MARIE)

Built	1985 - Renovated in 2017 (MS Jeanine) 2014 (MS Anne-Marie, MS Madeleine and MS Raymonde) 2016 (MS Danièle and MS Déborah)
Dimensions	Length: 38,5 m (126 ft) - Width: 5 m (16 ft)
Passengers	22 passengers and 6 crew members (11 cabins)
Equipments	Each cabin has a window and is equipped with private en-suite facilities (shower and toilet), TV, telephone (for internal calls only), safe, central heating or air conditioning, Wi-Fi. Bicycles available onboard
Facilities	Well-equipped sun deck with parasols and deckchairs, and jacuzzi - Restaurant Spacious lounge area with bar.

FRENCH CANALS

CRUISING THE BEAUTIFUL WATERWAYS OF FRANCE

REASONS TO TRAVEL WITH US & ENJOY ADDED EXTRAS:

- French gourmet cuisine and exquisite wines
- 11 airconditioned cabins with en-suite bathrooms
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- All meals and unlimited drinks included whilst onboard
- Specially selected excursions included
- Hot tub on board
- Bicycles available
- Unrivalled itineraries





 Sites inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List





PALACE OF FONTAINEBLEAU

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE IN THE PARIS REGION

Paris, Medieval France, and romance at Fontainebleau From Paris to Sens

DAY 1 | Paris

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail
Cruise through Paris by night
(depending on water level)

DAY 2 | Paris • Évry

Cruise towards Évry
Excursion proposed:
• Visit of Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte

DAY 3 | Évry • Melun

Cruise towards Melun
Excursion proposed:
• Visit to Barbizon village

DAY 4 | Melun • Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Palace of Fontainebleau and its magnificent gardens, followed by a visit of the cosmopolitan town of Fontainebleau
Cruise towards Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne

**DAY 5 | Moret-Loing-et-Orvanne
Montereau-Fault-Yonne**

Cruise towards Montereau-Fault-Yonne
Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Provins and its exceptional heritage, followed by a tasting of a renowned specialty

DAY 6 | Montereau-Fault-Yonne • Sens

Cruise towards Sens
Excursion proposed:
• Visit of Sens, its cathedral and covered market
Gala dinner



DAY 7 | Sens • Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.
Transfer⁽¹⁾ by coach from Sens to Paris

See excursion details on page 18.

NB: For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite direction cruise.

(1) Transfer on request at an additional charge.

Cruise highlights

- A magnificent journey including quaint ports of call, historical cities and excellent local cuisine

EXCURSIONS:

- Vaux-le-Vicomte, a 17th-century masterpiece
- The village of Barbizon
- Palace of Fontainebleau and its splendid gardens, one of the most beautifully decorated and furnished in France
- Medieval Provins
- Peaceful Sens, its cathedral and covered marketplace



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



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Barbizon



CHAMPAGNE REGION

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE IN THE CHAMPAGNE REGION

Paris and the Champagne Region From Épernay to Paris

DAY 1 | Paris • Épernay

Transfer⁽¹⁾ by coach from Paris to Épernay
Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 | Épernay • Dormans

Excursion proposed:
• Visit of Reims, guided tour of the historic centre and its cathedral
Cruise towards Dormans

DAY 3 | Dormans • Château-Thierry

Excursions proposed:
• Hautvillers and the famous Champagne route
• Visit of a major Champagne house followed by a tasting
Cruise towards Château-Thierry

**DAY 4 | Château-Thierry
Saint-Jean-les-Deux-Jumeaux**

Cruise towards Saint-Jean-les-Deux-Jumeaux
Excursion proposed:
• Visit of Château-Thierry followed by a falconry show⁽²⁾

**DAY 5 | Saint-Jean-les-Deux-Jumeaux
Meaux • Lagny-sur-Marne**

Cruise towards Lagny-sur-Marne
Excursion proposed:
• Visit of the charming town of Meaux followed by a tasting of the renowned Brie de Meaux cheese



DAY 6 | Lagny-sur-Marne • Paris

Cruise towards Paris
Excursion proposed:
• Guided visit of Paris and its major sites
Gala dinner

DAY 7 | Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 18.

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(1) Transfer on request at an additional charge.
(2) In case the falconry show cannot take place, the excursion will be replaced by a visit to the Hôtel-Dieu.

Cruise highlights

EXCURSIONS:

- Reims and the Notre-Dame Cathedral, a majestic jewel of Gothic art
- Hautvillers, birthplace of Champagne
- Château-Thierry and falconry show⁽²⁾
- Meaux and the “King of Cheese”
- Paris, an original visit of the French capital



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Reims



CHÂTEAU DE VAUX-LE-VICOMTE

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE IN THE PARIS REGION

From Paris to Île-de-France

DAY 1 | Paris

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail
During dinner, we'll cruise through Paris to take in the romantic City of Light at night⁽¹⁾.

DAY 2 | Paris • Évry

Excursion proposed:
• Tour of Paris by bus and on foot
Cruise towards Évry

DAY 3 | Évry • Melun • Saint-Mammès

Cruise towards Melun
Excursion proposed:
• Tour of the Palace of Fontainebleau and its magnificent gardens

DAY 4 | Saint-Mammès • Troyes and the tourist Champagne Route • Melun

Excursion proposed:
• Troyes and the tourist Champagne route with tasting

DAY 5 | Melun • Évry • Paris quai d'Orsay

Excursion proposed:
• The Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte
Cruise towards Paris



DAY 6 | Paris quai d'Orsay Paris quai de Grenelle

Excursion proposed:
• Saint-Germain-des-Prés
Free time to discover Paris on your own
Gala dinner

DAY 7 | Paris quai de Grenelle

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 18.

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(1) Depending on the water level.

Cruise highlights

- An enchanting cruise through picturesque landscapes and man-made wonders

EXCURSIONS:

- Tour of Paris by bus and on foot
- The Palace of Fontainebleau and its wonderful gardens
- Troyes and its picturesque historic centre
- The tourist Champagne route with tasting
- The Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte
- Saint-Germain-des-Prés



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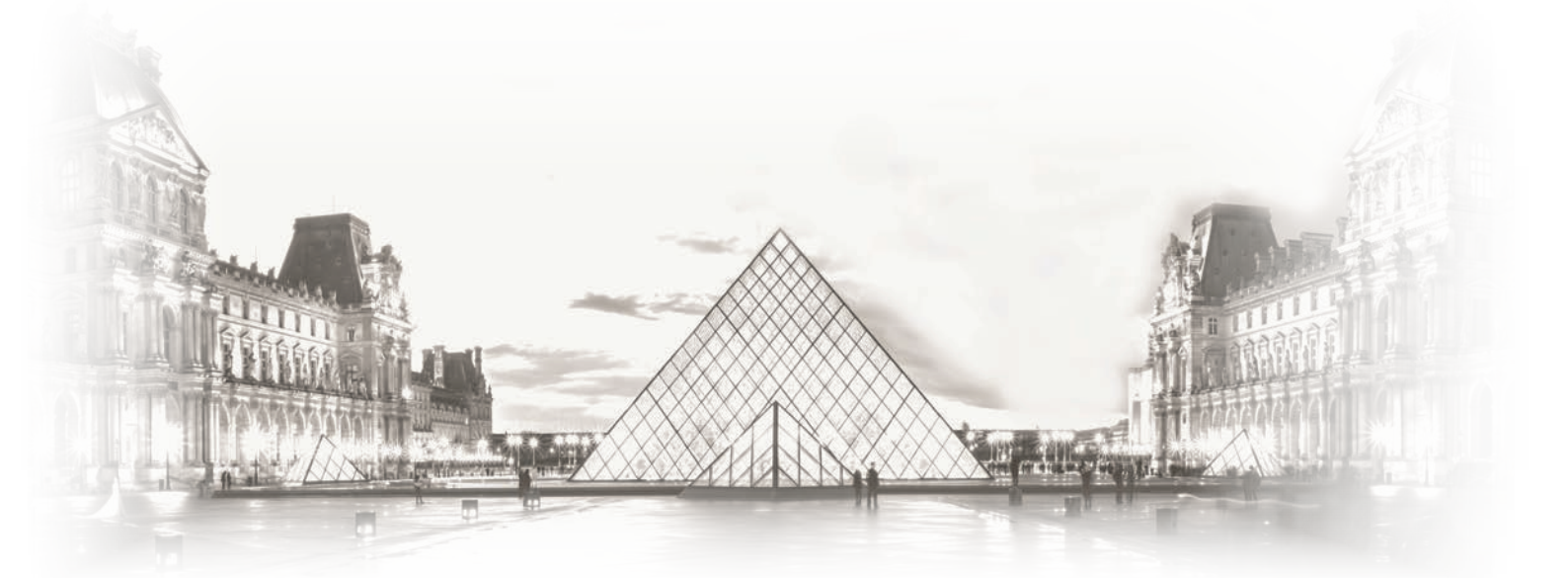
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Paris, the Louvre



PARIS

4-DAY / 3-NIGHT CRUISE IN PARIS

Prestigious Paris & the canal Saint-Martin

DAY 1 | Paris

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail
Evening of traditional Titi Parisien show on board

DAY 2 | Paris and its famous sites the canal Saint-Martin

Cruise along the canal Saint-Martin
Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Paris
Cruise through Paris at night
(depending on water levels)

DAY 3 | The canal Saint-Martin Paris and the Saint-Germain-des-Prés district

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of the Saint-Germain-des-Prés district
Afternoon spent cruising on the Seine
Gala dinner

DAY 4 | Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 18.

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Cruise highlights

- Ship is docked at the Bassin de la Villette, the very heart of Paris and only ten minutes away from the Eiffel Tower
- Cruise on the Canal Saint-Martin

EXCURSIONS:

- Panoramic tour of the capital city, and visit of the covered arcades with their authentic charm
- Tour of the legendary Saint-Germain-des-Prés district, where history was made and creativity was cultivated



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Paris



CHÂTEAU DE CHANTILLY

NEW FOR 2024 7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE

The Oise Valley From Pont-l'Évêque to Paris

DAY 1 | Paris • Pont-l'Évêque

Transfer⁽¹⁾ by coach from Paris to Pont-l'Évêque
Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail
Excursion proposed:
• Noyon and its cathedral

DAY 2 | Pont-l'Évêque • Compiègne

Cruise towards Compiègne
Excursion proposed:
• Compiègne and the Armistice Memorial

DAY 3 | Compiègne Pont-Sainte-Maxence Saint-Leu-d'Esserent

Cruise towards Pont-Sainte-Maxence
Excursion proposed:
• Château de Chantilly
Free time to explore Saint-Leu-d'Esserent

DAY 4 | Saint-Leu-d'Esserent Auvers-sur-Oise • Pontoise

Cruise towards Auvers-sur-Oise
Excursion proposed:
• Absinthe Museum of Auvers-sur-Oise



DAY 5 | Pontoise • Bougival

Excursion proposed:
• Pontoise and the Pissarro museum

DAY 6 | Bougival • Paris

Excursion proposed:
• Château de Malmaison
Cruise towards Paris
Gala dinner

DAY 7 | Paris

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 19.

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⁽¹⁾ Transfers on request at an additional charge.

Cruise highlights

- Indulge in a first-rate cruise with fascinating ports of call and enticing treats

EXCURSIONS:

- Compiègne and the Armistice Memorial
- The beautiful Château de Chantilly
- Absinthe Museum of Auvers-sur-Oise
- Pontoise and the Pissarro museum



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Noyon



SAINT-GUILHEM-LE-DÉSERT

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE IN PROVENCE

Charming Provence: a barge cruise in Southern France From Arles to Sète

DAY 1 | Arles

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 | Arles • Gallician

Excursion proposed:

- Tour of Arles and visit of an olive oil production domain

Cruise towards Gallician

DAY 3 | Gallician • Aigues-Mortes

Excursion proposed:

- Guided tour of the Camargue

Cruise towards Aigues-Mortes

DAY 4 | Aigues-Mortes • Palavas-les-Flots

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Aigues-Mortes
- Visit of the Salins du Midi salt marshes and the Salt Museum in Aigues-Mortes

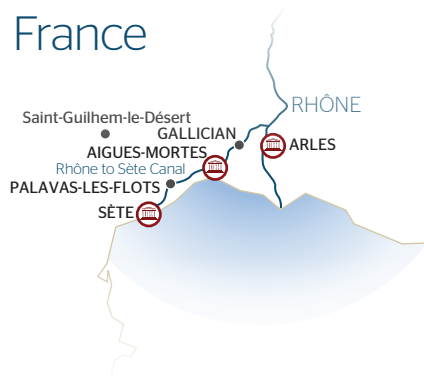
Cruise towards Palavas-les-Flots

DAY 5 | Palavas-les-Flots • Sète⁽¹⁾

Excursions proposed:

- Discover a manade and the life of its herders during a wagon tour
- Tasting of local products

Cruise towards Sète



DAY 6 | Sète⁽¹⁾

Excursions proposed:

- Visit of the Étang de Thau Museum and commented tasting of shellfish
- Tour of Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert

Gala dinner

DAY 7 | Sète • Arles

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

Transfer⁽²⁾ by coach from Sète to Arles

See excursion details on pages 18 and 19.

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(1) Depending on mooring availability and weather conditions, the stopover in Sète could be replaced by a stopover in Frontignan.

(2) Transfer on request at an additional charge.

Cruise highlights

- A wonderful journey through charming towns and historic sites
- Tastings of local delicacies

EXCURSIONS:

- Arles local olive oil tasting
- The beauty of the Camargue
- The fortified city of Aigues-Mortes and the salt marshes
- A traditional Camargue experience in a manade
- The Étang de Thau and its oyster farms
- Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, listed as one of the most beautiful villages in France



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The Camargue



SAINT-JEAN-DE-LOSNE

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE IN BURGUNDY

Burgundy and the Doubs valley From Dijon to Besançon

DAY 1 | Dijon

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 | Dijon • Petit-Ouges

Excursions proposed:
• The Burgundy Grands Crus Wine Route
• Walk along the "Circuit of the Three Washhouses"⁽¹⁾

DAY 3 | Petit-Ouges • Saint-Jean-de-Losne

Day spent cruising towards Saint-Jean-de-Losne, arriving late in the afternoon
Possibility to ride along the canal banks⁽²⁾

DAY 4 | Saint-Jean-de-Losne • Dole

Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Saint-Jean-de-Losne and the Musée de la Batellerie (navigation museum)
Cruise towards Dole

DAY 5 | Dole • Ranchot

Excursion proposed:
• Trail of the "Chat Perché"
Cruise towards Ranchot

DAY 6 | Ranchot • Besançon

Cruise towards Besançon
Excursion proposed:
• Visit of the Saline Royale (Royal Salt Works)
Gala dinner

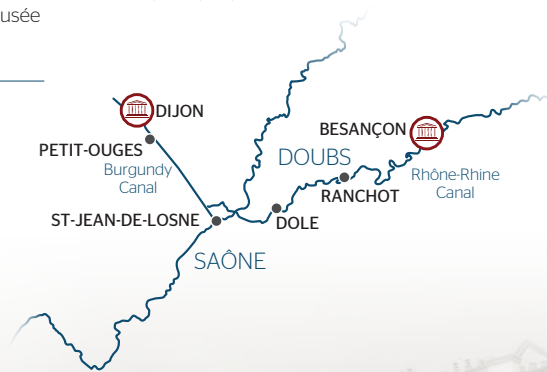
DAY 7 | Besançon

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 17.

NB: For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. The programme may be subject to modification depending on availability at ports of call or passing through the locks. Ask for detailed itinerary of the opposite direction cruise.

(1) The Circuit of the Three Washhouses is not a guided tour.
(2) Timetables and embarkation/disembarkation points will be decided on board by the ship's Captain.



Cruise highlights

- Discover idyllic landscapes all along your cruise

EXCURSIONS:

- The Burgundy Grands Crus Wine Route
- The charming village of Petit-Ouges
- The monuments of Saint-Jean-de-Losne
- Dole, hilltop city and birthplace of Louis Pasteur
- La Saline Royale listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site



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Dijon



STRASBOURG

7-DAY / 6-NIGHT CRUISE IN ALSACE

History and traditions through Alsace-Lorraine From Strasbourg to Lagarde

DAY 1 | Strasbourg

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail
Excursion proposed:
• Visit of the Old Strasbourg by panoramic boat

DAY 2 | Strasbourg • Waltenheim

Cruise towards Waltenheim
Excursions proposed:
• Visit of the Maison du Kochersberg museum and the Villa Meteor
• Dinner at a restaurant in Waltenheim to taste a local specialty: "tarte flambée"

DAY 3 | Waltenheim • Saverne

Cruise towards Saverne
Excursion proposed:
• Visit of Haut-Barr Castle

DAY 4 | Saverne • Lutzelbourg

Excursions proposed:
• Guided tour of Saverne
• Walk to Lutzelbourg Castle

DAY 5 | Lutzelbourg • Arzviller inclined plane Xouaxange

Excursion proposed:
• Passage through the Arzviller inclined plane and visit of the cristal glassworks
Cruise towards Xouaxange

DAY 6 | Xouaxange • Lagarde

Cruise towards Lagarde
Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Sarrebourg that will take us along the Chagall Route
Gala dinner

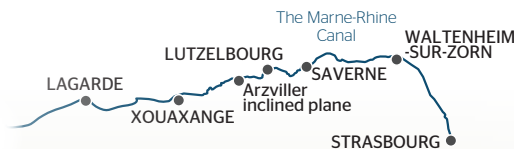
DAY 7 | Lagarde • Strasbourg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.
Transfer⁽¹⁾ by coach from Lagarde to Strasbourg

See excursion details on page 16.

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(1) Transfer on request at an additional charge.



Cruise highlights

- Strasbourg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- The Arzviller inclined plane, an exceptional structure
- The beautiful scenery of the Zorn valley and the Vosges Mountains
- Tastings of local specialties

EXCURSIONS:

- Maison du Kochersberg museum and Villa Meteor
- The Haut-barr Castle, the "eye of Alsace"
- Saverne, a small and particularly charming town
- Lutzelbourg Castle
- Marc Chagall's unique stained glass window in Sarrebourg



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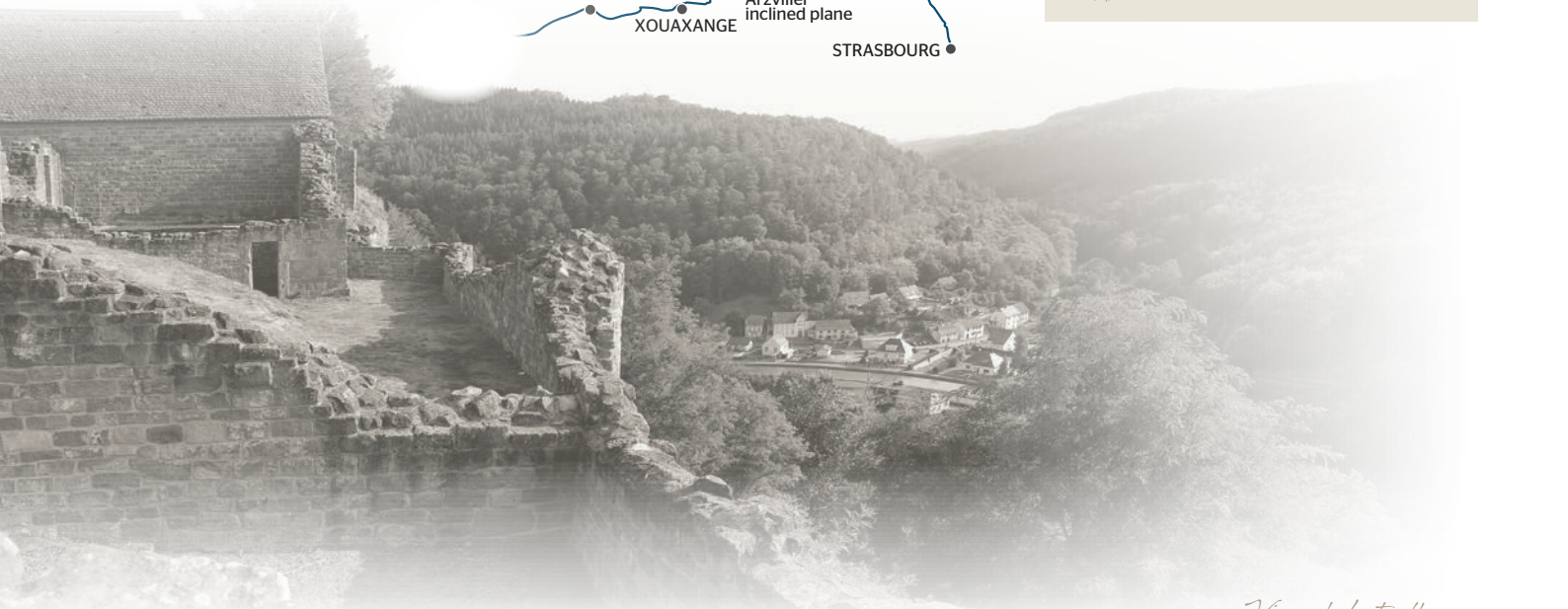
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View of Lutzelbourg



SANTONS

5-DAY / 4-NIGHT CRUISE IN PROVENCE

Christmas traditions of Provence

DAY 1 | Avignon • Aigues-Mortes

Transfer by coach from Avignon to Aigues-Mortes
Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail
"Christmas traditions"-themed evening

DAY 2 | Aigues-Mortes • Arles

Excursion proposed:
• Tour of Aigues-Mortes
Cruise towards Arles
Christmas-themed evening

DAY 3 | Arles • Tarascon

Excursions proposed:
• The Village des Santons museum at Le Paradou
• Visit of the santon exhibition in Arles
Cruise towards Tarascon
Excursion proposed:
• Visit the castle of Tarascon
"Christmas Carols"-themed evening

DAY 4 | Tarascon • Avignon

Cruise towards Avignon
Excursion proposed:
• Guided tour of Avignon and the Papal Palace
Gala dinner



DAY 5 | Avignon

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 18 and 19.

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Cruise highlights

EXCURSIONS:

- Aigues-Mortes, medieval city
- Le Paradou and its legendary santons
- Avignon and the Papal Palace



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EGUISHEIM

4-DAY / 3-NIGHT CRUISE IN ALSACE

Christmas markets in Alsace

DAY 1 | Strasbourg

Boarding at 5:00 p.m.
Free evening

DAY 2 | Strasbourg • Sélestat The Wine Route • Obernai

Cruise through Strasbourg

Excursion proposed :

- Sélestat and Eguisheim: Christmas markets and the Alsatian House of Bread

Lunch along the Wine Route

Excursion proposed:

- Tour of Obernai

DAY 3 | Strasbourg

Excursions proposed:

- The Hospices de Strasbourg⁽¹⁾ and wine tasting

- Guided tour of Strasbourg

Free time to discover the Christmas markets

Gala dinner



DAY 4 | Strasbourg

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 16.

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4-DAY / 3-NIGHT CRUISE IN ALSACE

Enchanting Christmas Markets along Alsatian canals

DAY 1 | Colmar

Boarding at 6:00 p.m.
Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

DAY 2 | Colmar • Kunheim Kaysersberg Riquewihr

Cruise towards Kunheim

Excursion proposed:

- Kaysersberg⁽²⁾ and Riquewihr

Christmas-themed evening

DAY 3 | Kunheim • Colmar

Cruise towards Colmar

Excursion proposed:

- Guided tour of Colmar

Gala dinner



DAY 4 | Colmar

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on page 16.

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Cruise highlights

Christmas markets in Alsace

- Unique docking locations in Strasbourg

EXCURSIONS:

- Delicious Alsatian Christmas bakeries
- Christmas Markets in Eguisheim, Obernai and Strasbourg
- The secret cellars in the Hospices de Strasbourg⁽¹⁾

Enchanting Christmas Markets

- Enchanting Alsatian Christmas markets
- Little Venice in Colmar
- Tasting of Alsatian gingerbread on board

EXCURSIONS:

- Chocolate delights in Colmar
- The medieval city of Riquewihr



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⁽¹⁾ The Hospices de Strasbourg are closed on Sundays. In this event, D2 and D3 of the programme will be reversed.

⁽²⁾ The Kaysersberg Christmas Market is open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On other days, we'll visit the Eguisheim Christmas Market, one of the most beautiful in Alsace.

Our excursions • French Canals

Alsace

BOAT TOUR OF STRASBOURG

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

We'll set off by coach for the Palais Rohan to board a panoramic boat. Our tour will take us along the canal of the famous Petite France district with its charming half-timbered houses and narrow alleyways. We'll glide past the Tanners Quarter, the Covered Bridges and the Panoramic Terrace on the Vauban Dam. We'll continue towards the European Parliament Building and the Human Rights Building where the European Court of Human Rights is located.

COLMAR

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set out for the center of Colmar. Your guide will first introduce you to picturesque Little Venice. The Lauch River canals wind their way through the city dotted with colorful, half-timbered homes. We'll then visit the Choco-Story chocolate museum, dedicated to the wonders of our favorite sweet, located in Colmar's center of the holiday activity. Warm up with a cup of delightful hot chocolate. Afterwards, spend some time strolling through the Christmas market enjoying what the ambiance has to offer—small chalets with traditional Christmas decorations and housewares, original gift ideas, and culinary specialties swathed in spicy holiday smells.

HAUT-BARR CASTLE

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

Enjoy unrivalled views over the Alsace plain from the Haut-Barr Castle, often called "the Eye of Alsace". Constructed in 1170, it was transformed and restored during the 14th century. It was built at an altitude of 470 metres on 3 wide rocks linked by a footbridge called the "Devil's Bridge" and a series of staircases, which enabled the Bishops of Strasbourg to watch over the Zorn Valley and the Alsace Plain. With your guide, you will have the opportunity to discover this wonderful castle which has been listed as a historic monument since 1874.

KAYSERSBERG AND RIQUEWIHR

LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll head to Kaysersberg for a Christmas exhibit. Each year, the village goes all out showing the

expanse of Alsatian Christmas decorations. Next stop is Riquewihr, a charming medieval village nestled among the vineyards, where you'll discover an authentic Christmas market in a unique setting. The bright colors of the half-timbered homes add to the postcard-like setting of traditional Alsace. Take your time wandering the cobblestone streets and admiring the marvelous decorations covering the facades and village monuments. The Kaysersberg Christmas Market is open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On other days, we'll visit the Eguisheim Christmas Market, one of the most beautiful in Alsace.

KOCHERSBERG REGION

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach from Waltenheim-sur-Zorn for Truchtersheim. We'll travel through the lush green hills and expansive fields in the Kochersberg Region and quaint villages lined with half-timbered houses before reaching Truchtersheim. We'll tour the Maison du Kochersberg museum, which highlights the local heritage and traditions. The museum displays a wide range of objects from antique to modern in its exhibits. Our next stop will be Hochfelden and the Villa Meteor. This is a great experience for beer lovers and connoisseurs. Discover the history of the Meteor family and their brewery from 1640 to the present. Learn about beer making and enjoy a tasting of their famous products*.

LEHRER CRYSTAL GLASSWORKS

LENGTH: 2.25 hours

Within a short walking distance of the Saint-Louis-Arzviller inclined plane, you'll visit the Lehrer Crystal Glassworks where you'll discover the secrets of glassblowing through a guided tour. Afterwards, you'll have some free time to browse through the gift store.

SARREBOURG

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set off by coach for Sarrebourg. This guided tour of the town will allow you to admire monuments like the cinema, built in 1912, the library and the Custine Hotel. You'll also get to discover the square and the Chapel of the Cordeliers with its quite unique stained glass window by Marc Chagall.

SAVERNE

LENGTH: 2 hours

Guided tour of Saverne, a town off the beaten track of the usual tourist haunts, despite its many places to see and admire. Founded in Roman times, the town has preserved many relics from its past. You will visit the Main Street, with its unicorn fountain, the Katz House, the Church of Notre Dame with its porch tower from the 12th century and the former convent of the Récollets founded in the 14th century.

SÉLESTAT, THE ALSATIAN WINE ROUTE AND OBERNAI

LENGTH: 10 hours

You'll leave by coach with your tour guide for Sélestat. The first stop will be the Maison du Pain d'Alsace, where you'll discover the secrets of Alsatian baking. Of course, you'll be able to have a taste or two! The next stop will be Éguisheim, officially listed as one of France's most beautiful villages. The village will be totally decked out for the holidays, and the Christmas market will provide all you need to get you in the holiday spirit. Take some time to peruse the stands with crafts and items for sale. We'll enjoy lunch on the Wine Route before heading to Obernai. Christmas is a particularly decorative and festive time in this Renaissance village. After our tour, we will return on board the ship.

STRASBOURG CHRISTMAS MARKETS

LENGTH: 4 hours

Join us for a guided tour on foot to see the city's iconic Petite France area and majestic cathedral. Afterwards, enjoy some free time at the various Christmas markets set up across the city.

WINE CELLARS AT THE STRASBOURG HOSPICE

LENGTH: 2 hours

Discover the ancient secrets found within the Strasbourg Hospice wine cellars. In old times, it was used to store wine offered as payment for hospital care. Today, twenty or so winemakers use the renowned cellar to age their prestigious wines. The oldest wine barrel dates back to 1472! Your tour will be followed by a tasting*.



Strasbourg

Burgundy

BURGUNDY, THE GRANDS CRUS WINE ROUTE

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set off on the Grands Crus Wine Route, including a visit to the Château du Clos de Vougeot, a symbol of more than 1,000 years of Burgundy history. In the 12th century, monks built winegrowing outbuildings in the middle of the vines, completed by a main building in the 16th century. We'll continue to a wine estate for a tasting of local wines*.

DOLE

LENGTH: 2 hours

Discover Dole, the birthplace of Louis Pasteur, in the company of your guide as you follow the "trail of the Chat Perché". This is a reference to Marcel Aymé, author of the famous "Contes du Chat Perché", who spent his childhood years in Dole. Your tour will take you past the many historic monuments which have granted Dole the City of Arts and History label.

PETIT-OUGES

LENGTH: 2 hours

Arrival at the end of the afternoon. Take time to visit this tiny village at your own pace. Discover the surprising mini-museum dedicated to locks and its collection of photos, post cards and objects related to the Burgundy Canal. You can also enjoy a four-kilometer walk on the "Path of the Three Wash Houses", exposing three historic wash houses in very different styles. This little known area of Dijon that traces its roots back to the 7th century will surprise you.

SAINT-JEAN-DE-LOSNE

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

Today, this city is the capital of barging in France, lying at the heart of the French waterways and canal system in southern Burgundy. You'll discover the exterior of the Monument Commemorating the Siege of 1636 and the Hôtel-Dieu, as well as the Gare d'Eau (Water Station), the Church of St John the

Baptist, and the Batellerie Museum (Sailors' House) which recounts the history of navigation. Your visit ends with a tasting of some local specialties.

THE ROYAL SALTWORKS

LENGTH: 4 hours

Transfer by coach to Arc-et-Senans to discover La Saline-Royale (Royal Saltworks) built at the wishes of King Louis XV. Today listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this masterpiece was where the salt workers lived and worked. There is time for a stroll in the gardens spread out behind the different buildings.

Champagne

ALONG THE FAMOUS CHAMPAGNE ROUTE

LENGTH: 5 hours

Our tour guide will greet us before we set off on our coach tour of the Champagne Tourist Route, where you'll discover the magnificent vineyard-dotted valleys of the region. You'll partake in a guided tour of the village of Hautvillers, birthplace of Champagne. We'll continue our visit to a prominent champagne house, with a tasting*, of course.

CHÂTEAU-THIERRY

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave on foot to visit the medieval castle in Château-Thierry. In these fortifications which have dominated the Marne Valley for centuries, you'll take part in a falconry show with live demonstrations. You'll get the chance to discover

an art that has been listed as an Intangible Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO. You'll literally rub elbows with impressive birds. It's the perfect occasion to view these amazing animals up close and discover their prowess. You might even be so lucky as to touch one or two!

In case the falconry show cannot take place, the excursion will be replaced by a visit to the Hôtel-Dieu.

MEAUX AND CHEESE TASTING

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll take a coach to Meaux and leave on a guided tour of the Episcopal Palace and the Brie de Meaux exhibit hall with a certified guide who will explain the techniques used in making the region's famous cheese. After learning about Brie de Meaux, what would be better than tasting the cheese declared as "The Prince of All Cheeses" by Talleyrand in 1815?

REIMS

LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll depart by coach for Reims, the "City of Coronations". We'll enjoy a guided tour on foot and discover the Place Royale, Place Du Forum (Roman forum), the Place de l'Hôtel de Ville and more. We'll take part in a guided visit of the cathedral, which receives about one million visitors annually.



Meaux

Paris and its region

BARBIZON

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll leave by coach for Barbizon, tucked along the western corner of the forest of Fontainebleau. This charming village found fame in the 19th century through the works of art created by landscape painters who were members of the Barbizon School art movement. A stroll through the lush forest renders a snapshot of the rocky chaos painted by Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot and the old oak forests where Simon Mathurin Lantara raised his cows. In the centre of the village, we'll stop by the Auberge Ganne, a period museum that recreates the atmosphere of the time the artists were in residence.

FONTAINEBLEAU

LENGTH: 4 hours

Guided tour of Fontainebleau with its historic palace, gorgeous town squares, lavish theatre, and magnificent church. This tour reveals the secrets and anecdotes of times gone by. We'll then visit the castle and its vast estate which was the residence of every French monarch for almost eight centuries. Some of the monarchs that lived in the castle include Louis XV, Louis XVI, Napoleon I, Napoleon III, William I and Maximilian II of Bavaria. The gardens themselves are a work of art that evokes that glory of royal France.

PARIS AND ITS COVERED WALKWAYS

LENGTH: 4 hours

Guided visit of Paris. This tour will bring you to some of the most important sites in the capital such as the Madeleine Church and the Louvre. Leaving from the Palais Royal, we'll walk through the unique Parisian covered walkways – pedestrian shortcuts with a life all to their own within the heart of the bustling city.

PARIS AND SAINT-GERMAIN-DES-PRÉS

LENGTH: 4 hours

Departure by coach from the Trocadero for Saint-Germain-des-Prés following the Voie Triomphale. We'll pass the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysées and the Place de la Concorde, locations just bursting with history, before reaching Saint-Germain-des-Prés. There, you'll get to stroll through streets and small squares lined with buildings from the 16th and 17th century and discover the history, architecture, art, and everyday life of these legendary sites that have come to symbolize Paris. Built up around the former Abbey of Saint-Germain-des-Prés, this neighbourhood became the meeting place of intellectuals and philosophers, actors and musicians during the existentialist movement right after World War II. Closer to the Odeon, we'll discover many of the famous participants of the French Revolution such as Danton, Marat, and Dr. Guillotin, as well as the oldest café in Paris.

PROVINS

LENGTH: 5 hours

We'll leave by coach for Provins, once the former seat for the powerful Counts of Champagne. Our guided tour will bring you to the top sites in the town, including the imposing 12th century fortified walls, the Cesar Tower on its rocky outcrop, the old Grange aux Dimes market dating back to the 1200s, half-timbered homes, and the Saint-Quiriace collegiate church. We'll wrap up our excursion with a tasty bite of one of the local specialties, delicious rose honey!

SENS

LENGTH: 12 hours

We'll leave on foot for a guided tour of Sens to get a feel for its remarkable history as told through its medieval and Renaissance-style architecture. Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Becket, the "meddlesome priest" who was a thorn in English King Henry's side in the 12th century,

spent his exile here. Each step through the city feels like a walk through the yesteryears. The cathedral itself is outstanding for many reasons, the biggest being its stained glass windows that recount Becket's life. The museum next to the cathedral holds an important collection of relics, ornaments, and religious art. The exquisite market hall is right across the street from the cathedral. We'll enjoy a tasting of local products at the end of our tour.

TROYES AND THE CHAMPAGNE ROUTE

LENGTH: 9.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for Troyes, one of the most beautiful medieval cities in France. During a guided tour, you'll be transported back through time as you admire the colorful, 16th-century, half-timbered homes; Renaissance-style manors; streets laid out during the Middle Ages; secret passageways; and intimate courtyards. The cathedral and several churches with hidden treasures sit majestically among this labyrinth of stone and wood. Troyes is a veritable kaleidoscope of history and colors. It is also the capital of the Champagne region and lies alongside some of the most famous vineyards in France. We'll stop for lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, we'll continue along the Champagne Route, and discover the stunning landscapes mixed with forests, quaint villages, and vast vineyards. We'll visit a champagne producer and enjoy a tasting*.

VAUX-LE-VICOMTE CHATEAU

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for a visit to the splendid Vaux-le-Vicomte Château. Nicolas Fouquet transformed the small castle he purchased in 1641 into the masterpiece it is today. To achieve this dream, he brought together architect Louis Le Vau, painter Charles Le Brun, and landscaper André Le Notre. The result is an unparalleled work of harmony and beauty.

Provence

AIGUES-MORTES

LENGTH: 3 hours

You'll be greeted by your guide for a tour of Aigues-Mortes. This old, fortified city with a rich heritage is located in the middle of the marshes and is one of the most beautiful sites in Provence. The tour will finish up with a tasting of fougasse, a local sweet bread made with orange-bloom syrup. After, you'll have some free time before we return to the ship.

AIGUES-MORTES AND THE SALINS DU MIDI SALTWORKS

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set off for a guided tour of Aigues-Mortes. This old walled town with a prestigious heritage is located in the middle of marshlands in one of the loveliest natural settings in Provence. We'll then board a tourist train which will take us on a 90-minute journey through the salt tables, with a stop at the Salt Museum.

ARLES AND THE SANTON MAKERS

LENGTH: 3.5 hours

We'll leave by coach for Paradou to visit the museum displaying more than 400 different santons—traditional, handmade figures used in local nativity scenes that represent 55 various characters from traditional Provençal village life. Each remarkable, life-like santon is based on a character from the books of Alphonse Daudet and Marcel Pagnol. They are remarkable for their originality and details. We'll then return to Arles for a visit to the international santonniers trade show displaying almost 300 years of this local tradition—from the very first models to the latest creations. Many are priceless works of art. We'll return to the ship on foot.

For cruises ref. FAN_XMASPP, the order of the visit is reversed: we'll first head to The Santon exhibition in Arles, then on to the Paradou for a visit of the Santon museum.

ARLES AND VISIT OF AN OLIVE OIL PRODUCTION SITE

LENGTH: 4 hours

Depart by foot for a guided tour of Arles. For 2,000 years, Arles has maintained an outstanding architectural heritage making it a genuine open-air museum. Afterwards, we'll leave by coach for a traditional olive farm which produces the famous Provençal olive oil. The owners will explain the cultivation and production of the "yellow gold" of Provence. After this discovery, you will have the opportunity to taste the products of the estate. Return to Arles by coach.

AVIGNON AND THE PAPAL PALACE

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll leave for a guided tour of Avignon and the Papal Palace. Avignon was one of the most important cities in Europe during the Middle Ages, and the official residence of nine popes in the 14th and 15th centuries. We'll then head to the Halles market to

discover the regional holiday treats. After our tour, we'll return to the ship and cruise towards Tarascon. **The Halles market is closed on Mondays and in the afternoons.**

CASTLE OF TARASCON

LENGTH: 2.5 hours

Transfer to the castle of Tarascon which, at 45 metres high, has long dominated the landscape north of Arles. Its monumental appearance marks the landscape of this area between the Alpilles and the Rhône. The castle's remarkable state of preservation is due in particular to the restoration and maintenance work carried out by several State architects of historic monuments. During the visit, you will discover the bailey, with the garden and the apothecary of the Saint-Nicolas hospital, and the lordly dwelling. The tour covers 35 areas and has about 150 steps up and down. During your visit, you will explore the former flats of the princes, transformed into dungeons in modern times, the permanent exhibitions on the history of the monument and the

temporary exhibitions. You will also appreciate the exceptional panorama of the Rhône, the plain, the Alpilles and the Montagne from the immense terrace overlooking the Château.

DISCOVER A MANADE

LENGTH: 3 hours

Discover a manade and the life of its herders during a wagon tour and take part in a bull sorting. Before returning to the boat, we'll have a delicious snack with products from the farm.

ÉTANG DE THAU

LENGTH: 2.25 hours

The Étang de Thau is well known for its shellfish. We'll visit the Étang de Thau Museum, where you'll learn about the shellfish farmers and fishermen, and you'll enjoy tasting some of the shellfish while taking in the beauty of the basin from a terrace.

SAINT-GUILHEM-LE-DÉSERT AND THE DEVIL'S BRIDGE

LENGTH: 4.5 hours

We'll depart from Sète by coach with our guide towards the Pont du Diable (Devil's Bridge), located at the heart of the Hérault Gorges. We'll then discover Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, listed as one of the most beautiful villages in France. You'll be delighted by this picturesque town and its abbey (exteriors only). Afterwards, we'll stop off at a wine estate for a visit followed by a tasting* of some of the wines from the Languedoc region.

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THE CAMARGUE

LENGTH: 4 hours

We'll set off on a panoramic guided tour of the Camargue for an occasion to admire its rivers, marshland and lakes, pink flamingos, bulls and the famous white Camargue horses. A stop is planned in Les Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, renowned as a pilgrimage centre for gypsies from all over Europe.

Oise Valley

AUVERS-SUR-OISE AND THE MUSÉE DE L'ABSINTHE

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll head towards Auvers-sur-Oise. Stretching almost four miles (seven kilometers) of the Oise River bank, Auvers-sur-Oise was Vincent Van Gogh's last home and final resting place. We'll stroll through the picturesque village streets and along the Artists' Pathway, where works by famous Impressionists compare the current landscapes and architecture. Our next stop will be the Musée de l'Absinthe and its reproduction of the ambience found in cafés during the Belle Époque, when the "green fairy" was the preferred drink of poets and artists. The museum collection gives us great insight into 19th century culture in France. We'll finish up our tour with a demonstration of the absinthe ritual and a tasting, of course.

CHÂTEAU DE CHANTILLY

LENGTH: 3 hours

We'll set off for Chantilly, home to one of the most beautiful castles in France. The château is the work of an exceptional figure, Henri d'Orléans, Duke of Aumale, son of the last French king, Louis-Phillipe. The duke is considered to have owned one of the finest art collections of his time, making Chantilly a showcase for his many masterpieces and priceless manuscripts. The castle has remained at a virtual standstill since the Duke of Aumale bequeathed it to the Institut de France, so take advantage of this moment to jump back in time and relish this princely domain. We'll visit the art galleries, where paintings have hung undisturbed since the 19th century; the large, opulent suites once used as reception rooms; and the reading room, one of the most extensive libraries in the country.

COMPIÈGNE AND THE ARMISTICE MEMORIAL

LENGTH: 3 hours

Set off on a guided tour of historic Compiègne. On the picturesque streets of this significant

city, you'll see the lovely 16th century town hall with its intricately sculptured late-Gothic facade containing several historical figures, such as Louis XII on his horse. The town hall tower holds one of the oldest municipal bells in France dating back to 1303. Further along the route, we'll come across some lovely medieval homes. The oldest, La Vieille Cassine, was built in the 15th century. We'll enjoy a tasting of regional delicacies before we continue on to the Armistice Memorial. Part of the museum's collection includes the emblematic train car used in the signing of the 1918 Armistice, later vindictively recommissioned by Hitler for the 1940 surrender of France during World War II; a Marne Taxi requisitioned by the French government to transport troops during its namesake battle; and 800 stereoscopic images from the time of World War I. The memorial is dedicated to all soldiers who have fought since 1870, including Augustin Trébuchon—the last French soldier killed on the front during World War I.

CHÂTEAU DE MALMAISON

LENGTH: 3 hours

Built in the 17th century, Joséphine de Beauharnais acquired this castle in 1779. In 1800, it became the headquarters of the government and a conference room. The library restores the industrious atmosphere by which Bonaparte enjoyed to be surrounded. The council room is shaped like a military tent where receptions, dances and country-style games took place. The musical lounge offers Josephine's "troubadour" paintings and her well-known harp for visitors to admire. Here, many paintings from these times are on display. After her divorce in 1809, Joséphine continued to live in her house, where she died in 1814. The Napoleonic museum was inaugurated in 1906; it is furnished, decorated and adorned with the paintings that Joséphine bought and loved. The charm and authenticity that have been preserved in this castle will certainly delight you.

NOYON AND ITS CATHEDRAL AT NIGHT

LENGTH: 3 hours

Discover Noyon and its 2,000 years of history during this exclusive tour. Two thousand years of heritage and funky street art dot this eclectic city's streets. A festival of lights and colors awaits you within the Notre Dame Cathedral, the first example of Gothic architecture in northern France during the second half of the 12th century.

PONTOISE AND THE PISSARRO MUSEUM

LENGTH: 3 hours

Learn about Pontoise's monuments and celebrities as you stroll along its picturesque streets at your own pace. The city's superb cathedral dates as far back as the 12th century and includes a Flamboyant-style tower and central portal, as well as Renaissance additions added a few centuries later. Afterwards, we'll visit the Pissarro Museum, containing works not only by the museum's namesake, but also by his sons (Lucien, Ludovic-Rodo, Georges, and Félix) and contemporaries such as Paul Signac, Ludovic Piette, Federico Zandomeneghi, Edouard Béliard, and Louis Hayet. The collection is rounded out by canvases from pre- and post-Impressionists who worked in the Oise Valley, most notably Charles-François Daubigny, Luis Jimenez, and Octave Linet. We'll finish up our excursion with a taste of goat cheese and honey at the Tourist Information Office.

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



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OISE VALLEY PONT L'ÉVÊQUE - PARIS <i>MS Raymonde</i>	10	3, 10, 17 April, 1, 15, 22 May 19, 26 June, 7, 14, 21, 28 August 4 September, 2, 9, 16, 23 October	Double/Twin (per person) Single Cabin	\$5,195 \$6,920
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