# 8 Days **BURGUNDY & PROVENCE**

S.S. CATHERINE

From: \$2,699 per person

"An extraordinary experience in an amazing part of the world." - Lynn

# UNIQUELY UNIWORLD

#### Connoisseur Collection

- Enjoy a culinary-focused French cruise that will take you to famous restaurants, vineyards, orchards, truffle farms and other culinary hot spots, including a tasting of premium Valrhona French chocolate and wine.
- Embark on an Exclusive Experience "Village Day" tour in Viviers, where a local expert will show you the fountain squares in Old Town, popular bars, Notre Dame cathedral and more.
- Learn to cook classic French cuisine at Hôtel La Mirande, on a Masterpiece Collection experience.
- Marvel at the specially commissioned Murano glass chandelier and lifesize glass horse onboard the S.S. Catherine.
  - Delight in a Masterpiece Collection tasting of delectable wines at Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

- EMBARK/DISEMBARE
- EXCURSION

**FRANCE** 

Ф BEAUNE 🧖

Saône River

Burgundy

Rhône River

TOURNON TAIN-L'HERMITAC

Provence

#### DAY 1: AVIGNON (EMBARK) 🚇 🕸 D

Arrive at Marseille International Airport. If your cruise package includes a group arrival transfer or if you have purchased a private arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship docked in Avignon.

DAY 2: TARASCON (ARLES) BB L WD Explore one of two sun-drenched Provençal towns today, each with an allure all its own. Known for its remarkable Roman ruins, Arles so inspired Van Gogh that he painted some 200 paintings there; Tarascon boasts an ancient castle, as well as a local legend about a ferocious dragon. Arles has existed since the sixth century BC, when the ancient Greeks founded it and named it Theline. It was here that the Romans built their first bridge across the Rhône River, creating a vital overland route between Italy and Spain.

Featured Excursions: Choice of Mediterranean Arles walking tour or Tarascon walking tour.

Back Onboard: A special Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.

#### DAY 3: AVIGNON\* BB L D

The walled city of Avignon is one of the most fascinating towns in southern France, with a host of historic gems to explore—including the fortress residence of rebellious popes who broke from Rome and once lived and ruled here. You'll see the Palace of the Popes and much more today, and also have a chance to kayak under a 2,000-year-old Roman aqueduct.

Featured Excursions: Choice of Avignon walking discovery tour with Palace of the Popes or Pont du Gard Aqueduct visit.

Your Call: Today we have two "Masterpiece Collection" excursions to take advantage of— a cooking lesson at a stunning hotel or a regional wine tasting at Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

#### DAY 4: VIVIERS ► TOURNON BB L D

An enchanting village where time seems to have stopped centuries ago, Viviers has a long and storied past that goes back more than 1,600 years—and a splendid architectural heritage to match. At one time, Viviers was divided along religious lines—the clergy lived in the upper part of the town, the laity in the lower part. Your exploration of the town will take you through both parts, as you begin at the crest and make your way to the riverbank.

Featured Excursion: Exclusive intimate Viviers "Village Day."

Connoisseur Collection Highlight: "Connoisseur Collection" cruisers will delight in a truffle hunting experience, with a tour of the village of Grignan.

# DAY 5: TOURNON (TAIN-L'HERMITAGE) BB L D

If you love fine wine, you'll love the twin villages of Tournon and Tain-l'Hermitage. Tournon may be a small town, but stirring events took place here: A castle was raised on the hilltop in the 10th century to protect the region, and new fortifications were added over the centuries, including two "new" towers built to defend against Protestant attacks in the 16th century. You'll see the handsome houses constructed by wealthy merchants and garrison officers when you walk through the Rue de Doux area, and you'll pass the 14th-century church and the oldest secondary school in France.

Featured Excursions: Choice of exclusive Tournon and Tain-l'Hermitage twin villages stroll with wine tasting or exclusive guided "Let's Go" Hermitage vineyards hike with wine tasting.

Connoisseur Collection Highlight: "Connoisseur Collection" guests will be treated to a Valrhona chocolate and wine-pairing onboard.

#### DAY 6: LYON 🐠 🕮 BB L D

As the epicenter of French gastronomy, Lyon is a city of tantalizing contrasts. There's much to explore here, from the work of culinary visionaries to silk weavers' secret passageways. After your choice of excursions, embrace the locals' favorite mode of transportation with a patisserie-fueled bike ride—a great way to see the sights.

Featured Excursions: Choice of Lyon capital gastronomy tour or guided "Let's Go" Lyon peninsula bike tour plus "Do as the Locals Do" Lyon silk weavers.

Explore: If you're up for exploring on your own, we suggest a bike tour with a stop at the splendid Parc de la Tête d'or.

DAY 7: MÂCON (BEAUNE)\*\* • BB FD
The pace of life is decidedly more relaxed in
Burgundy, where endless rows of grapes hang
heavy on the vine. The capital of the region's
wine trade, Beaune, is renowned for its history,
beauty and highly prized wine, as well as its
medieval-era hospital—the Hospices de Beaune.

Featured Excursions: Choice of Burgundy wine landscapes or Mâcon walking discovery tour.

Back Onboard: This evening, you'll be treated to a Captain's Farewell Reception.

DAY 8: LYON (DISEMBARK) & 🖨 CB/BB Disembark the ship. If your cruise package includes a group departure transfer or if you have purchased a private departure transfer, you will be transferred to Lyon-Saint-Exupéry Airport for your flight home. Alternatively, you can continue your adventure with an extension to Paris.

### CRUISE SNAPSHOT



7 Nights Cruising



19 Meals Including 1 Welcome Dinner and 1 Farewell Dinner



14 Included Excursions



2 Exclusive Experiences



4 UNESCO Heritage Sites

## **CRUISE START DATES**

**Avignon to Lyon** S.S. Catherine

Mar 24 Apr 07, 21 May 05, 19 Jun 02, 16, 30 Jul 14, 28 Aug 11, 25 Sept 08, 22 Oct 06, 20 Nov 03 **Lyon to Avignon** S.S. Catherine

Mar 31 Apr 14, 28 May 12, 26 Jun 09, 23 Jul 07, 21 Aug 04, 18 Sep 01, 15, 29 Oct 13, 27

# Pre- or Post-Cruise Extension 3-Day Paris

Additional fees apply.
Visit **Uniworld.com/Extensions** for pricing.

# **CONNOISSEUR COLLECTION DATES**

**Lyon to Avignon** S.S. Catherine

Apr 28 Jul 21 May 26 Sep 01 Jun 23

The kayak ride on the Gardon River is only available for

\*\*The open-air farmers' market visit will take place in Arles on the reverse direction cruise (Lyon to Avignon).

May through September departure dates.

🕸 Embark/Disembark

UNESCO SiteMotorcoach

Flight
Boat

CB/BB Contl Breakfast/Buffet

L Lunch
D Dinner

WD/FD Welcome/Farewell Dinner



Cézanne Restaurant, Avignon Deck

# **ELEGANCE**

is bliss.

The two-story lobby onboard, featuring a life-sized Murano glass horse, is just one of the many astounding design elements that will make you say "oh, wow," "oh, my" or some combination thereof. Original art includes works by Georges Goursat, Wassily Kandinsky and Pablo Picasso.

**INAUGURATED 2014** TRAVELS ON RHÔNE RIVER, SAÔNE RIVER **GUESTS 159** STAFF 57



**GRAND SUITE:** 1 (410 ft<sup>2</sup>) **SUITES:** 5 (305 ft<sup>2</sup>)

DELUXE BALCONY: 23 (194 ft²)

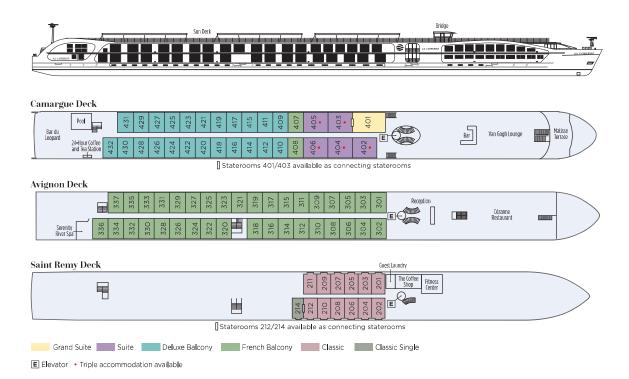
FRENCH BALCONY: 38 (194 ft<sup>2</sup>)

CLASSIC: 12 (162 ft<sup>2</sup>)

LENGTH: 443 ft **WIDTH: 37.5 ft** 

**VOLTAGE:** 110/220 volts

CLASSIC SINGLE: 1 (120 ft2)



NOTE: Deluxe balcony staterooms and suites on the Camarague Deck have open-air balconies that, with a touch of a button, will raise the glass to create a completely enclosed conservatory. Designated adjoining staterooms are available. Designated suites provide triple-accommodation options.