



SAMPLE GROUP ITINERARY

The Itinerary at a Glance

This custom itinerary is prepared to enliven all your senses in the heart of Provence in the South of France:

Romantic cities, foodie havens and wine epicenters, a prestigious heritage of 2,500 years of history, and the chance to explore the Camargue -- one of the most beautiful natural sites of Provence.

Unique Experiences on This Trip

- Join the pleasures of living a **Food & Wine escapade in a fairytale castle** in the heart of the vineyards
- **Antiquing** in the idyllic South of France
- Treat the senses with a **Michelin starred gastronomic experience**
- **Custom activities** for like-minded members of your group:
Cooking Classes: Visit a market and continue with a culinary workshop
Golf: enjoy the exceptional setting of a very special 18-hole golf course



LE CHARDONNAY



Day 1: Avignon (Embark)

- ◆ Arrive at Avignon TGV train station and **transfer to your floating hotel “Le Chardonnay”** docked in Avignon opposite the Cité des Papes
- ◆ After comfortably settling into your cabins, enjoy a **Welcome Cocktail** on the sun deck
- ◆ **Dinner** on board
- ◆ Overnight in Avignon



Day 2: Chateauneuf Du Pape

- ◆ Breakfast on board and Morning cruise to Chateauneuf Du Pape

- ◆ **VINEYARD ESCAPE TO CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE:**

Provençal Lunch at the “*Chateau Des Fines Roches*”

Visit and wine tasting cellars of the finest wines of Côtes du Rhône: the Châteauneuf-du-Pape

- ◆ Return cruise to Avignon and **Dinner** on board
- ◆ Overnight in Avignon



Château des Fines Roches

Located in the heart of the prestigious vineyards of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, this castle built in the late 19th century was inhabited by the Marquis de Baroncelli and frequented by many Provençal poets.



Day 3: Avignon & its History

- ◆ Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner on board
- ◆ **AN AMAZING DAY IN FASCINATING AVIGNON:**

Guided Tour of Historical Avignon

Visit L'Isle sur la Sorgue - Capital of antique dealers in Provence... village famous for antique shops and the weekly open air market which is one of the most colorful and typical in Provence

- ◆ **"Avignon by Night"** cruise and overnight in Avignon



Day 4: Arles

- ◆ Breakfast on board
- ◆ Scenic morning **cruise to Arles**
- ◆ **Lunch on board** at Arles quay
- ◆ **AFTERNOON IN ARLES - "A La Carte" Visits and Free Time:**

Guided Tour of Historic Arles, its history, its monuments, and his characters of yesterday and today

The circuit Van Gogh- Through the city, your professional guide-speaker pulls you in the discovery of the places which inspired the most beautiful paintings of master

- ◆ **Dinner** on board and overnight in Arles





Day 5: Les Baux-de-Provence

- ◆ Breakfast on board and departure to the medieval village of Les Baux-de-Provence
- ◆ **“LIVE LIKE A LOCAL” IN “One of the Most Beautiful Villages in France”**



Total immersion in the Provençal lifestyle at the unique “*Domaine de Manville*”. Let yourself be enticed by the relaxing atmosphere of this former farming estate that is now a “country palace” in the very heart of the Provence hill country...or partake in one of “A La Carte” activities arranged for you on site:

Visit a Provençal market with our Chef, learn about the seasonal products, discuss and discover Chef’s tips and explanations on traditional cuisine. Continue with a culinary workshop to prepare these products in the gastronomic French way

Play Golf and enjoy the exceptional setting of the very special 18 hole golf course of the Domaine, literally embedded in the rocky setting of Les Baux

Hiking/Walking through the magnificent countryside of Les Alpilles and around the Château des Baux-de-Provence, truly one of the jewels of Provence

Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the luxury Spa of Domaine de Manville, a getaway of well-being among Provençal fragrances



Gastronomic Lunch at the restaurant “l’Aupiho”, awarded by a Michelin Star

“...Where our Chef serves the seasonal treasures of Provence: The orchards and the vegetable gardens, locally-raised lamb, traditional artichokes a la barigoule, slowly roasted tomatoes, apricots paired with rosemary honey, sun-gorged strawberries from Carpentras...A cuisine inspired by the surrounding terroir, from the beautiful market in Cavaillon to the mint, citronella, flowering thyme and wild strawberries in the hills and mountains of the Alpilles and Mont Ventoux...”

Afternoon: Visit the very picturesque Les Baux Village located on a rocky spur in the Alpilles mountain range, with its historical center and beautiful houses of the 16th century



◆ Return to your “floating hotel” in Arles

◆ Special evening on board:

Dinner on board while cruising “Arles by Night” and Gypsy entertainment on board

◆ Overnight in Arles



Day 6: The Camargue

- ◆ After Breakfast on board depart to the most beautiful natural site of France
- ◆ **EXPERIENCE “France's Wild West”: THE CAMARGUE**

You will be invited to a **typical Camarguais lunch buffet at a “Manade”**, where Camargue bulls and horses have been bred traditionally for many generations. Here, France’s only cowboys - the **“Guardians”** - will share their **History and Traditions**.



Your Camargue experience will continue and become even more memorable as you will discover an otherworldly and protected landscape of **pink flamingoes, herds of wild white horses, black bulls** and more than 400 species of birds

- ◆ Return to your “floating hotel” for **Dinner** on board and overnight in Arles



Day 7: Aigues Mortes

- ◆ Breakfast on board and **scenic morning cruise to Aigues Mortes**
- ◆ **Visit this stunning walled town with a rich heritage. It was at one time on the coast, built by Louis IX in the 13th century as a port for departing crusaders**
- ◆ **Lunch on board** at Aigues Mortes quay
- ◆ Afterwards, you can enjoy some **free time in the fortified city**; Cobbled streets inside the walls are lined with restaurants, cafes and bars, giving the old town a festive atmosphere

For those who wish to explore further, we suggest an outing to **Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer** where you will explore at your own pace this picturesque Roman era fishing village built on an island

- ◆ Return cruise to Avignon and **Gala Dinner and Evening** on board
- ◆ Overnight in Avignon



Day 8: Avignon (Disembark)

Your cruise comes to an end...Enjoy one last breakfast on board before disembarking in Avignon for your onward travel arrangements



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