

Cruise Provence & Burgundy

featuring Avignon, Lyon & Beaune



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**Featuring UCLA Professor Sara Melzer
French & Francophone Studies**



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A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Fill the pages of your newest chapter on this special trip! Savor Burgundy wines, lavender-scented foothills, culinary traditions and world-renowned landmarks as you cruise through the heartland of Southern France.

- ▶ Glide by **dreamy landscapes** where endless fields of lavender melt into butter-hued horizons.
- ▶ Embrace **Lyon's** exceptional gastronomy while wandering through lively outdoor markets.
- ▶ Sip world-class wines in **Beaune**, the capital of Burgundy's notable wine industry.
- ▶ Follow the path of ancient Romans and gladiators amid **Arles' historic monuments**.
- ▶ Explore **medieval Avignon**, which once served as the capital of Christianity.
- ▶ Witness **serene vistas** brought to life by some of the world's most illustrious artists and poets.



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Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

From the vine-laden slopes of Côte de Beaune to the sun-baked hills of Provence to quaint French villages rooted in antiquity, join us as we explore a timeless route along the Rhône and Saône rivers. Sail for seven nights aboard your first-class ship, immersing yourself in a corner of France brimming with architectural jewels, rich wine-making traditions and fascinating history.

Awaken each day beneath azure skies, ready to quench your thirst with inimitable splendors. Experience Avignon's medieval treasures, including the imposing Palais des Papes, and linger amid Arles' Roman wonders. Sip coveted Burgundy wines in Beaune and delight in Lyon, France's vibrant gastronomic capital. Along the way, discover Southern France's history as told through its bucolic scenery, Provençal cuisine and celebrated landmarks. Plus, in several ports, personalize your journey with a selection of included excursions. And best of all, learn with enriching lectures by **UCLA Professor Sara Melzer**, Department of French & Francophone Studies.

This trip combines the security, ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. Enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with a group and feel the thrill of making your own discoveries during your free time. Space on this exclusive journey is limited, and the trip is sure to sell out quickly, so make your reservations today.

Regards from Westwood,

Christel Aragon
Director, Alumni Travel

Professor Sara Melzer

Department of French & Francophone Studies
Professor Sara E. Melzer specializes in the cultural and literary history of France. A faculty member for over 25 years, she has published four books and multiple articles on early modern France. Her most recent book centered on a "forgotten" history in which the French church and state promoted interracial marriages between American Indians and the French. Her current research project now shifts to the contemporary era – she is now focusing on the social dance scene as a window through which to understand French culture and Franco-American relations. Her research has been supported by the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the UCLA Academic Senate. She spends each summer in Paris and has traveled widely in France.

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Abbey of Cluny





Day 1 | In Transit

Depart gateway city for Marseille, France. 🌐

Day 2 | Marseille, France | Arles

Transfer ➡ to the pier. Embark the MS Van Gogh. Later tonight, gather for a Welcome Reception, followed by a Welcome Dinner.

Day 3 | Arles | Camargue Nature Park

Enrichment: Provence and the Rhône River.

A local speaker reviews the Rhône River’s influence on the development of Provence.

Discovery: Arles Walking Tour. Thrill to the extraordinary Roman and Romanesque monuments and warm colors of Arles. Les Arènes, the ancient amphitheater, testifies to the city’s status within the Roman Empire. Audiences still gather there today, but they enjoy plays and

concerts instead of gladiator battles. Other highlights of Arles include the ancient Roman theater, the ruins of the Baths of Constantine and the Place du Forum, which was the center of Roman Arles and the subject of van Gogh’s “Café Terrace at Night.” The genius artist lived in Arles for over a year, a time when he painted many famous masterpieces, including “Sunflowers.” The pretty Cathedral of St. Trôphime is a true gem of Romanesque style. The church is one of the stops along the route of the Camino de Santiago, the famous pilgrimage route to Spain.

Discovery: Camargue Nature Park. Explore

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. You may like to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That’s why we design itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.

PERSONALIZE YOUR JOURNEY | PYJ | Included

Choose from a variety of excursions in selected ports based on your interests.

ELECTIVE | At an additional cost

Further your experience by immersing yourself in a specially designed extension.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We’ve done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



Camargue Regional Nature Park, one of Provence's most beautiful spots and a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Encompassing the Rhône River delta, these wetlands protect more than 270 species of birds such as flamingos, egrets and herons. The varied habitats include fresh water, grasslands, beaches and woods. The Camargue also is famous for the gorgeous white horses that have lived in this region for thousands of years.

As the ship cruises toward Avignon, head out on deck to marvel at the passing countryside.

Day 4 | Avignon

Enrichment: The Avignon Papacy. Join a local expert to discuss the 68-year period during the 14th century when Roman Catholic popes abandoned Rome for Avignon. Gain insight into the political and religious tensions of the time that led to this remarkable event.

Discovery: Avignon Walking Tour. Encounter this immaculately preserved walled city nestled on the banks of the Rhône River. Avignon boasts an astounding trove of churches, chapels, convents and monuments. The façade of the Chapelle de l'Oratoire, a church built in the 17th century by a community of Oratorians, is especially lovely. Stroll through the Place de l'



Above: Hôtel-Dieu, Beaune | Inset: Pont d'Arc, Gorges de l'Ardèche

Horloge, the central square. Just east of the square sits the imposing Palais des Papes. Two distinct buildings compose the palace: the austere Old Palace, built by Pope Benedict XII, and the ornate New Palace, built by Pope Clement VI. The palace is an outstanding example of Gothic architecture. Explore the staterooms and the private papal apartments. Then step outside onto the terrace for a dazzling view of Avignon and the Rhône River.

🌟 PYJ | Choose one of these excursions.

•**Orange.** Rich with Roman heritage, pretty Orange offers two UNESCO World Heritage sites: the Triumphal Arch and the Roman Theatre with an impressive exterior façade and stage featuring a statue of Augustus.



Lyon



•**Pont du Gard.** Witness this magnificent three-tiered Roman aqueduct, one of the wonders of the ancient world and a testament to Roman engineering expertise. Marvel at the 160-foot-high structure nestled in a scenic setting. Rejoin the ship and relax on deck as your ship glides toward Viviers.

Day 5 | Viviers | Lyon

🌟 **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions.**

•**Côtes du Rhône.** Journey through sun-kissed hills to France's second largest appellation and learn about the region's viniculture.

•**Gorges de l'Ardèche.** Delight in a panoramic tour to this spectacular deep canyon, a wonder of unspoiled beauty with a natural arch gateway. Set sail for Lyon this evening.

Day 6 | Lyon

🌟 **PYJ | Choose one of these excursions.**

•**Panoramic Lyon.** Discover a plethora of Renaissance buildings, churches and famous



Above: Avignon | Inset: Flamingo, Camargue Nature Park

sites, including the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière. Explore Vieux Lyon and see Lyon's *traboules*, the iconic covered walkways.

•**Guided Bike Tour of Lyon.** Cycle leisurely through Lyon while your guide regales you with legends and historical anecdotes. Then relax while resting over refreshments at a café. *(Active)*

Free Time: Lyon has many treasures to share during leisure time, including its splendid gastronomy! If you'd like to try *coq au vin*, *charcuterie* or other local specialties, step into a *bouchon*, a restaurant that serves traditional



Pont du Gard



Lyonnais cuisine. Perhaps amble through the unique *traboules*, the hidden passageways once used by silk merchants to transport their goods. Enjoy a nighttime cruise along the river in Lyon.

Day 7 | Macon | Cluny

Discovery: Benedictine Abbey of Cluny.

Travel to the walled town of Cluny, a Burgundian town known for its Benedictine abbey. Delight in its storybook atmosphere as you continue to Cluny Abbey, founded in 910 by the Guillaume d'Aquitaine, also known as Duke of Aquitaine and William the Pious. This abbey was home to more than 10,000 monks and it also was the mother abbey for more than 1,200 priories across Europe, wielding tremendous influence over the church and government not only in France but also in Italy and Spain.

Back on board, savor regional favorites for lunch.

Day 8 | Chalon-sur-Saône | Beaune

Disembark and drive to Beaune.

Discovery: Beaune Walking Tour. Journey by motor coach through the Côte de Beaune, a wine growing region known for producing delicious white wines. In Beaune, stroll along cobbled streets, passing ramparts, inviting squares and intimate cafes. Visit the Hôtel-Dieu, or the Hospices de Beaune, a medieval hospital for the indigent. Today, care is provided in modern buildings while the 15th-century, half-timbered building is a museum. The historic building features an intricately designed, multi-colored tiled roof. Inside, the halls brim with tapestries, statues, furniture and paintings. The hospital also owns nearly 150 acres of vineyards, and it holds an annual wine auction to support its charitable mission and to maintain the medieval structure. Cap off our tour with a delicious wine tasting.



Tonight, raise a toast to your journey through Provence and Burgundy at a Farewell Reception, followed by a Farewell Dinner.

Day 9 | In Transit

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

✈️ Flights and 🚗 transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches and boats

ACCOMMODATIONS



MS Van Gogh

Enjoy European elegance, gracious service and a comfortable cabin while cruising aboard the MS Van Gogh. Share convivial conversation and a cocktail with fellow travelers in the ship's lounge, and relish the beauty and charm of delightful river towns along the Rhône and Saône rivers from its spacious decks. Each morning, enjoy a sumptuous buffet with an assortment of fresh pastries, eggs, meats, fruits and yogurt, and delight in three-course lunches and dinners with menus featuring French cuisine and local ingredients. At the end of each day, return to the comforts of your cabin, appointed in bright, modern décor. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available.



| ELECTIVE | PRE-TRIP EXTENSION IN LYON

Before embarking on your cruise through Burgundy and Provence, spend two nights in Lyon, immersing yourself in the spectacular personality of this idyllic village. Lovely Lyon is known as the French culinary capital and you will soon discover that the city positively teems with gastronomic delights. Stay in a luxurious hotel in the heart of Lyon, located near many restaurants and sights. Join a local guide for a food tour through Vieux Lyon. Taste Lyonnaise specialties and learn about Lyon's exceptional food culture. This extension includes two nights at the Sofitel Lyon Bellecour; daily breakfast; a Welcome Reception; guided food tour; services of an AHI Travel Director; baggage handling between the hotel and ship; and all taxes and service charges.

Price: \$795 per person, double occupancy; \$1,170 single occupancy

Reserve your Provence & Burgundy cruise today!

Trip #: 2-25103W

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Pre-Trip Extension in Lyon, France.

Please make _____ reservations for me/us on the Elective Pre-Trip Extension in Lyon. Single supplement applies.

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Cabin Category Desired: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Cruise Program and AHI FlexAir

I/we reserve the Cruise Program and request the AHI FlexAir to Marseille, France, with a return from Lyon to depart from:

Departure City _____

Cruise Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Single Accommodations

I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability). Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **February 18, 2020** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

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PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: May 3-11, 2020

Cruise Program dates: May 4-11, 2020

CRUISE PROGRAM

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
D-Main (Aft)	\$3,945	\$250	\$3,695
C-Main	\$4,245	\$250	\$3,995
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*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

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UNESCO World Heritage

1. Arles, Roman and Romanesque Monuments
2. Roman Theatre and its Surroundings and the "Triumphal Arch" of Orange
3. Historic Site of Lyon
4. Historic Centre of Avignon: Papal Palace
5. Pont du Gard (Roman Aqueduct)



INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

(with baggage handling)


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Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; all drinks included on board except special wines and spirits.
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- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Witness Arles' extraordinary monuments.
 - Enjoy the beauty of Camargue Nature Park.
 - Indulge in the sights of historic Avignon.
 - Explore the ruins of one of the world's greatest religious buildings in Cluny.
 - Experience the captivating ambience of Beaune and visit the Hôtel-Dieu.

 **Choose from a selection of PERSONALIZE YOUR JOURNEY | PYJ excursions in these towns:**

- **Avignon** | Orange | Pont du Gard
- **Viviers** | Côtes du Rhône | Gorges de l'Ardèche
- **Lyon** | Panoramic Lyon | Lyon Bike Tour
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- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
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Left: Burgundy's delightful flavors

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Camargue horses

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