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# Idyllic Rhône

Departure Date: April 25, 2025



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**DAY 1 Depart the USA:** Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Lyon, France.

**DAY 2 Lyon, France:** Welcome to spectacular Lyon, France's third largest city and one of its most culturally vibrant, with a blend of fascinating history and a sophisticated dining and shopping scene. Upon arrival, transfer to the Scenic Sapphire where your friendly crew await to welcome you on board.

Spend the afternoon exploring your Scenic Space-Ship. Relax in your luxurious suite or take a beverage to the Sun Deck and admire the magnificent views across the city of Lyon. Meal: D

**DAY 3 Lyon:** Wake up and venture out for the day to explore Lyon. Sitting at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône rivers, the city was founded by the Romans in 43BC. Since the mid-1500s it has been a financial and industrial powerhouse and today is recognised as France's culinary capital.

Choose from the following **Freechoice** options: Discover Lyon's historic significance on a guided tour by traversing its hidden traboules, secret passageways that date back to the 4th Century, and visit Notre Dame Basilica. OR, take an excursion to the medieval walled village of Perouges, perched atop a hill overlooking the Ain River. This enchanting 14th-century village has been beautifully preserved and is one of the most picturesque in the region. OR, join a Silk Painting Workshop where you'll learn about the history and process of silk production in Lyon. Or, take a ride on a guided cycling tour to Tête d'or Park. It is one of France's largest urban parks and features a sprawling lake with Souvenir Island at its centre, a botanical garden, rose garden and greenhouse, and a zoo. Meals: B, L, D

**DAY 4 Macon:** You'll wake this morning in the town of Macon, which will be your base for exploring the surrounding south Burgundy region. Macon sits right on the edge of the river, with pretty pastel-hued buildings, ancient churches and picturesque quays. It is close to the Burgundy wine region, one of the most famous in France, producing exceptional chardonnay, pinot noir, gamay and sparkling.

Choose from this morning's **Freechoice** activities: Drive through the rolling hills of the world-famous Beaujolais wine region and meet a local vintner. Discover how this wine is produced and enjoy the privilege of sampling some of the region's best drops. You will also visit Oingt in the Land of Golden Stones, so named for the limestone used to build the villages in the region. OR, step back in time to the medieval town of Cluny, which is famous for its Benedictine Abbey, which was once the largest Christian building in the world. Tour the impressive town, learn about its history and soak up its charm during free time. OR, Transfer by coach to the historic Château de Cormatin built in 1606. The castle boasts a fascinating history and has been

lovingly restored back to its original glory. Admire the castle's gilded rooms, moat, water features and manicured gardens on a guided tour. OR, visit an organic goat cheese farm and learn about open air farming, as well as the wild herbs that the goats eat that makes the milk much more tasteful. Taste some of the delectable cheese produced on site accompanied with a glass of locally produced wine. Meals: B, L, D

**DAY 5 Vienne:** Arrive in Vienne this morning. Boasting a 2,000-year history, this city is blanketed with Roman history, including a terraced amphitheatre, first century temple, ancient baths, and the Vienne Pyramid, which was the site of the Roman circus where chariot races would have been held.

**Freechoice:** Take a walking tour in Vienne to uncover the fascinating history of this quaint riverside town, once conquered by Julius Caesar. Visit one of the best-preserved Roman amphitheatres, which housed more than 10,000 spectators. OR, take a cycling tour of Vienne. You will see abundant evidence of the city's glory days as a Roman provincial centre, seeing the ruins of a once-thriving district complete with bath houses, villas and workshops. Nature lovers will enjoy the detour upstream to the Ile Barlet, a river island boasting poplar groves, alluvial forest and wild orchids. Meals: B, L, D

**DAY 6 Viviers Avignon:** This morning you will arrive in Viviers, often described as an open-air museum for its rich medieval heritage and architecture. At its peak in the Middle Ages, Viviers was home to 30,000 people; today less than 4,000 people live here, happily secluded in their own world.

The choice is yours with this morning's **Freechoice:** Enjoy a walking tour with your local guide to explore Viviers, a town with an important heritage and rich past. Admire the many monuments and architectural treasures such as the Cathedral of St. Vincent, which was first built in the 11th century and is now resplendent in 18th-century Gothic style and a Renaissance facade. Afterwards, enjoy some free time to explore Viviers at your leisure. OR, learn about the French Resistance during a walking tour of Viviers. Hear stories about those who fought bravely against the Nazi Occupation of France during World War II. Learn local stories of heroism and daring missions as you explore the historic town. OR, Join your local guide on an exploration to the beautiful provincial town of Grignan. See the mighty castle that dominates the town as well as the Collegiate Church of the Holy Saviour before enjoying some time at leisure in this beautiful region of France.

This afternoon is spent on board sailing towards Avignon, known as the gateway to Provence, a region blanketed in vineyards and lavender fields, rolling hills and historic villages. Meals: B, L, D

**DAY 7 Avignon:** Known as the City of the Popes, Avignon is rich in history and astounding medieval architecture, but also has

a youthful energy to it with a buzzing arts scene. The former 14th century papal capital is circled by city walls, home to the magnificent World Heritage-listed Palais des Papes (Pope's Palace), one of the largest surviving Gothic palaces in Europe, and the remaining arches of the famous Pont d'Avignon bridge.

**Freechoice:** Join a guided on a walk-through Avignon, to the historic city walls and the Pope's Palace, home to the Papacy and seat of Western Christianity in the 14th century. OR, Visit the ancient Roman aqueduct, Pont du Gard, on a guided tour. Dating to the middle of the first century, this engineering masterpiece was designed to carry water to the city of Nîmes. OR, shop with a chef & Scenic Culinaire. Join Scenic's on board chef to visit to a local food market where you will have an opportunity to shop for and taste the best ingredients this region has to offer. Head to on board Scenic Culinaire cooking school for an interactive cooking demonstration using the ingredients you have just bought. OR, join a wine tasting in Châteauneuf du Pape, where centuries of wine production make for a fascinating history. Meals: B, L, D

**Scenic Enrich:** Private classic concert at the Pope's Palace

**DAY 8 Avignon - Arles:** Leaving Avignon early this morning, your Scenic Space-Ship will depart for Arles. Arles is thought to have the largest number of Roman ruins after The Eternal City itself, with the ruins ancient monuments, theatres, baths and administrative buildings strewn along the left bank. It was also home to Vincent Van Gogh in 1888, who drew inspiration from the landscape for many of his paintings and drawings.

**Freechoice:** Take a short walk to the heart of Arles for a guided tour. Arles is the site of some impressive Roman ruins, including Las Arenas, an amphitheatre that seats 20,000 and is still in use today. Experience the vibrant colours and striking quality of light on your tour of Arles, a city that has inspired many artists. OR, venture to the town of Les Baux, located in Les Alpilles mountains. The medieval city is dominated by the ruins of the fortified 11th century castle, where the powerful Le Baux family ruled for 600 years until the 15th century. The cobblestoned old town is home to many shops, cafes and restaurants. Afterwards visit a family run olive farm to learn about their production techniques and enjoy a tasting of their fine products. OR, learn about the artistic heritage of this region while joining an on board painting class. OR, visit a local farm that produces a variety of lavender-based products and join your host for a cosmetics workshop. Meals: B, L, D

**DAY 9 Arles - Nice:** Depart after a farewell breakfast. Arles is the end of your cruise, but it will be the start of a lifetime of wonderful memories. From here, you will be transferred to Nice Airport for your onwards or homebound flight. Meal: B



## Exceptional Inclusions

- **20 Meals:** 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- **Airport transfers** on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- **Free home pickup** and return service on tour dates, when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- **Seven-night cruise** aboard a Scenic Spaceship
- **First-class service** by an English-speaking crew
- **Shore excursions** with English-speaking local guides
- Personal **listening device** for onboard excursions
- **Scenic Tailormade App** for river commentary and independent exploration
- All meals included onboard with a **variety of international cuisine**
- **Complimentary beverages onboard** ship, all day, every day
- Complimentary **WiFi onboard**
- **Complimentary mini-bar** in all suites – restocked daily
- **Butler service** for all guests
- **All gratuities included**
- Complimentary **e-bikes onboard** for use ashore
- Variety of **onboard evening entertainment**

Itinerary and vessel subject to change.

## CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

**Days 2 through 8** – Aboard a Scenic Spaceship

# Scenic Sapphire

Built: 2017 Suites: 75 Length: 440 ft. Crew: 55 Passengers: 75

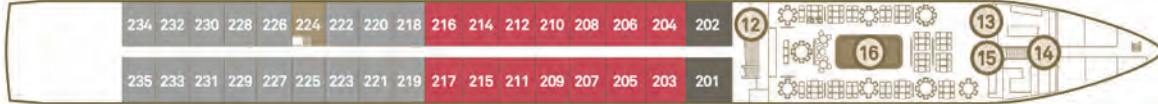
## SUN DECK



## DIAMOND DECK



## SAPPHIRE DECK



## JEWEL DECK



### Public Areas and Ship Amenities

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|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Riverview Terrace  | 7 River Cafe            | 13 Table La Rive       |
| 2 Wheelhouse         | 8 Panorama Lounge & Bar | 14 Gallery             |
| 3 Sun Deck           | 9 Gift Shop             | 15 Scenic Culinaire    |
| 4 Walking Track      | 10 Reception            | 16 Crystal Dining      |
| 5 Panorama Deck      | 11 Elevator             | 17 Salt Therapy Lounge |
| 6 L'Amour Restaurant | 12 Crystal Dining       | 18 Wellness Area       |



**Balcony Suite**  
205ft²  
Including Scenic Sun Lounge

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2025 Departure Date		APR 25
Idyllic Rhône River Cruise		PER PERSON TWIN
CAT	STATEROOM / SUITE	DECK
C	Balcony Suite	Sapphire
		\$6,990

Call for single occupancy rate.

**FREE ROUNDTRIP AIRFARE WHEN BOOKED BY MAY 30, 2024.**

After May 30, 2024, phone for current airfare rates.

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

**SPECIAL SAVINGS \$500 OFF PER PERSON WHEN PAID IN FULL BY APRIL 30, 2024.**

Space is limited, book today!

#### Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises - \$569 per person (optional)

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all tours and optional excursion costs:

- 91 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 90 days to day of departure: 100% of total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour



**Exclusions:** Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its Refund and Cancellation Policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.



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