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# Sensations of Lyon and Provence River Cruise

Including a three-night hotel stay in Nice on the French Riviera

Tour Dates: May 13 – 24, 2025



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The scenic beauty of Monte Carlo beckons



The 2,000-year-old amphitheater in Arles, France

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

**DAY 2 Nice, France:** Welcome to Nice! Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport by a representative of Mayflower Cruises and Tours and transferred to the hotel. A three-night stay awaits in this fascinating city on the French Riviera and the sun-kissed capital of the Côte d'Azur.

**DAY 3 Monte Carlo / Nice:** Depart by coach for the principality of Monaco to visit Monte Carlo on the French Riviera. Home to the Grand Prix, location of numerous movies and playground of the rich and famous – you're sure to recognize its beautiful setting and famed casino. After an insightful tour and free time to explore, return to Nice for the remainder of the day at leisure.  
**Meal: B**

**DAY 4 Nice:** The final day in Nice is left free of planned activities. A hospitality representative is at your service to help you plan your day in this vibrant city. **Meal: B**  
**DiscoverMORE:** Saint Paul de Vence (additional expense)

**DAY 5 Nice – Arles:** After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to the French Riviera and journey by motorcoach to Arles where the captain and crew welcome you aboard the *Emerald Liberté* – home for the next seven nights. Settle into your new surroundings and enjoy dinner onboard as the vessel remains docked in Arles overnight. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 6 Arles:** The UNESCO World Heritage Site and Provençal town of Arles combines all of the region's charms. While strolling through the streets, medieval in character, with the local guide, you'll discover why the colorful houses were an inspiration to Vincent Van Gogh and other famous artists. Visit the 2,000-year-old Roman amphitheater which is still in use

today. This evening, a Provençal experience awaits as dinner is hosted by Top Chef finalist, Fabien Morreale. **Meals: B, L, D**  
**DiscoverMORE:** Visit to L'Occitane Factory (additional expense)  
**DiscoverMORE:** Excursion to Les Baux de Provence (additional expense)  
**EmeraldPLUS:** Provençal dining experience onboard

**DAY 7 Avignon:** Avignon is one of the few French cities to have preserved its ramparts, historic center and churches. Classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is well known for the imposing Palace of the Popes. During your guided walk, see the famous ancient stone bridge, 'Pont d'Avignon', crossing the Rhône. Marvel at the ornate beauty of the Palace of the Popes and stroll through the historic center. **Meals: B, L, D**  
**EmeraldACTIVE:** Canoeing excursion  
**DiscoverMORE:** Excursion to Pont du Gard (additional expense)  
**DiscoverMORE:** Visit to Chateauneuf du Pape with wine tasting (additional expense)  
**EmeraldPLUS:** Classical concert in Avignon

**DAY 8 Viviers:** Arrive in Viviers, a town which still has Middle-Age flair. Join an included walking tour exploring the architectural heritage of this quaint town. **Meals: B, L, D**  
**DiscoverMORE:** Visit to Chauvet Pont D'Arc (additional expense)

**DAY 9 Tournon:** As the vessel sails along the gently winding Rhône River, the landscape of Tournon comes into view. Nestled in the valley near the steep slopes of le Massif Central, France's 3rd largest mountain range, it's picture-perfect. During the included tour, a local guide leads you on a walk through Tournon, which is dominated by the 16th-century castle overlooking the village, ancient watchtowers and Roman ruins. The area has a long tradition in wine making, including the renowned wine growing center of Tain l'Hermitage across the river. **Meals: B, L, D**  
**EmeraldACTIVE:** Guided hike through vineyards (instead of included walking tour)



Stunning views of Lyon, France

**DAY 10 Lyon:** France's third largest city, Lyon is steeped in history and a former Roman capital. The city is positioned at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône Rivers. Take part in the guided tour of Lyon, which includes a drive to the UNESCO World Heritage Basilique Notre-Dame de Fourvière, Lyon's hilltop church, with stunning views over the town. A walking tour of the city center showcases its architectural wonders.

**Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldACTIVE:** Guided bike tour (instead of included city tour)

**DiscoverMORE:** Tour to Pérouges (additional expense)

**DAY 11 Chalon-Sur-Saône /Beaune / Lyon:** Chalon-Sur-Saône is best known as the birthplace of photography and the center of Burgundy's wine region. Travel by coach to the quaint village of Beaune to visit the Hospices de Beaune, one of the finest examples of French 15th-century architecture. Marvel at the multi-colored roofs of this former hospital, now a museum, which has become one of the symbols of Burgundy. The ship sails back to Lyon this evening. **Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldPLUS:** Cheese and olive tasting onboard

**DAY 12 Lyon / USA:** After breakfast, it's time to bid 'au revoir' to France and depart to the Lyon airport for your flight home. Flights to depart Lyon after 12:00pm. **Meal: B**

Itinerary and vessel subject to change.

### HOTEL AND CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

**Days 2 through 4** – Best Western Plus Hotel Massena or similar, Nice, France

**Days 5 through 11** – Aboard the *Emerald Liberté*



## Exceptional Inclusions

- **23 Meals:** 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- **Airport transfers** on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Three-night **hotel stay in Nice, France**
- **Touring in Monaco and Monte Carlo**
- **Seven-night cruise** through southern France
- **First-class service** by an English-speaking crew
- **Shore excursions** with English-speaking **local guides**
- Personal **listening device** for onboard excursions
- All meals included onboard with a **variety of international cuisine**
- Complimentary **regional wines, beer and soft drinks** accompany onboard lunches and dinners
- **Onboard Activity Manager** will support all EmeraldACTIVE excursions and host daily onboard wellness activities, games, classes and evening entertainment
- Complimentary **bottled water** in your stateroom
- **All gratuities included**
- Complimentary **WiFi onboard**
- Complimentary **bicycles onboard** for use ashore

