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12 DAYS • 23 MEALS • LYON > NICE

## SENSATIONS OF LYON AND PROVENCE RIVER CRUISE

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

**2027 Departure Dates:** April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Returns May 4<sup>th</sup>

It's no wonder the South of France, birthplace of photography, enchants with Roman ruins, 15th-century architecture, and sunlit vineyards beneath majestic mountains. Sail along the Rhône and Saône Rivers, exploring the historic ports of Mâcon, Lyon, Tournon, Viviers, Avignon, and Arles—each showcasing the rich heritage and scenic charm of Southern France. Then spend three nights in Nice on the dazzling French Riviera, with an excursion to glamorous Monte Carlo.

**Royal Tours and Travel LLC**



#### **DAY 1 Depart the USA**

Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Lyon, France.

#### **DAY 2 Lyon, France**

Welcome to Lyon, on the confluence of the Rhône and Saône rivers. On arrival at the airport, you'll be met by a member of our friendly greetings team and transferred to the contemporary surrounds of your Emerald Cruises Star-Ship. [Meal: D](#)

#### **DAY 3 Lyon**

France's third-largest city, Lyon, is a former Roman capital, steeped in history and considered to be the gastronomic heartbeat of the country. Home to traditional Lyonnaise cuisine, you'll enjoy an array of exemplary culinary delights. Today, a guided city tour awaits you, including a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Basilica Notre-Dame de Fourvière, part of the inscribed historic site of Lyon.



Wander through the city and soak in its vividly illustrated history, as buildings from all time periods can be seen adorning narrow cobblestone streets. Alternatively, explore the highlights of the city on two wheels as part of a guided bike tour of Lyon. [Meals: B, L, D](#)

#### **DAY 4 Mâcon**

Today, enjoy a relaxed morning sailing on the Saone river until we reach the lovely town of Mâcon. Here we will discover the Beaujolais wine region, renowned for its vibrant, fruity wines with Gamay grape variety. The extensive planting of the Gamay grape makes Beaujolais wine region one of the several regions on the planet to focus on a single grape variety. Red wine accounts for 99% of the total wine production of the region. [Meals: B, L, D](#)

#### **DAY 5 Tournon**

The picturesque village of Tournon borders the gently meandering Rhône, dominated by a 16th century castle that overlooks the village and a number of iconic landmarks, including a set of ancient watchtowers. Your guided tour of the village will showcase its intangible cultural heritage, granting every opportunity for you to immerse yourself in your surroundings. Alternatively, embark on an EmeraldACTIVE hike through the local vineyards and marvel at the rows upon rows of grapes used to make some of the finest wines in Europe. [Meals: B, L, D](#)

#### **DAY 6 Viviers**

Arrive in Viviers, a town with much Middle Age flair and home to one of France's oldest cathedrals. Your included walking tour will highlight many of the city's numerous spectacular monuments, along with their ornate windows and lavish façades. [Meals: B, L, D](#)

#### **DAY 7 Avignon**

Avignon has a rich history, from Celtic beginnings to being the residence of seven successive Popes between 1309 and 1377. The city also played a major part central to the French Revolution. Your included walking tour will take you past the ornate beauty of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Palais des Papes, as well as Pont



The scenic beauty of Monte Carlo beckons

d'Avignon, an ancient stone bridge crossing the Rhône. This evening you are invited to join the unique experience of a classical concert in Avignon. [Meals: B, L, D](#)

#### DAY 8 Arles

The past is yours to uncover in Arles, a once-important Phoenician trading port that was captured by the Romans, who peppered the city with iconic monuments. Today, your included tour of the city will showcase some of its UNESCO World Heritage-listed Roman and Romanesque monuments, illustrating how the city has evolved over the centuries. Visit the 2,000-year-old Arles Amphitheatre and follow in the footsteps of world-renowned artist, Vincent van Gogh. The rest of the day is yours to explore at leisure, where a stop at a local and quintessential café is a must before returning to relax on board your Star-Ship. This evening, you'll enjoy a delightful Provençal dining experience on board, expertly prepared by France's Top Chef finalist, Fabien Morreale. [Meals: B, L, D](#)

#### DAY 9 Arles - Nice

After breakfast, it's time to disembark the ship for your transfer to Nice, where you will be taken to your centrally located hotel. Included is a three-night stay in the sun-kissed capital of the Côte d'Azur. [Meal: B](#)

#### DAY 10 Nice

Today, the stunning seaside surrounds of the French Riviera are yours to explore with your local guide, before spending the afternoon exploring at leisure. You will be taken to Monte Carlo for an insightful tour. Famously portrayed in films that include *Never Say Never Again* and *To Catch a Thief*, Monte Carlo offers much in the way of its charming past. Witness the impressive Prince's Palace of Monaco, originally a Genoese fortress with a dramatic past and the home of beloved actress Grace Kelly. [Meal: B](#)

#### DAY 11 Nice

Nice has long held a reputation for its glamour, where sun-kissed beaches and lavish surrounds create a unique atmosphere that is unlike any other. Today, explore Nice at leisure. Your Emerald Cruises representative will be available to help you to plan your day in this vibrant city. [Meal: B](#)



### EXCEPTIONAL INCLUSIONS

- 23 Meals: 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- 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
- Three-night hotel stay in Nice, France
- Touring in Monaco and Monte Carlo

#### DAY 12 Nice / USA

After breakfast, it's time to bid farewell to your fellow guests and prepare to be transferred to the airport for your onward or homebound flight, taking memories of Roman amphitheatres and the lush surrounds of the French Riviera with you. [Meal: B](#)

Itinerary and excursions are subject to change.

Additional excursions will be released approximately 180 days prior to departure.

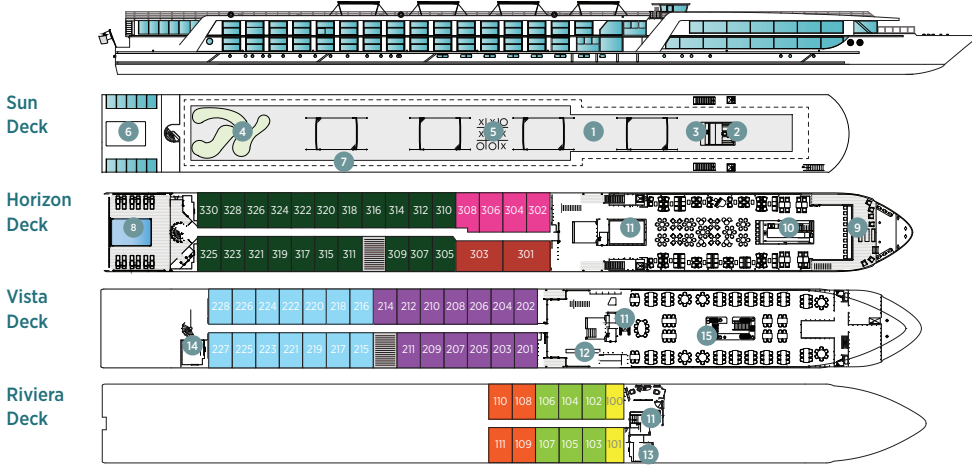
### CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Days 2 through 8** – Aboard the Emerald Liberté

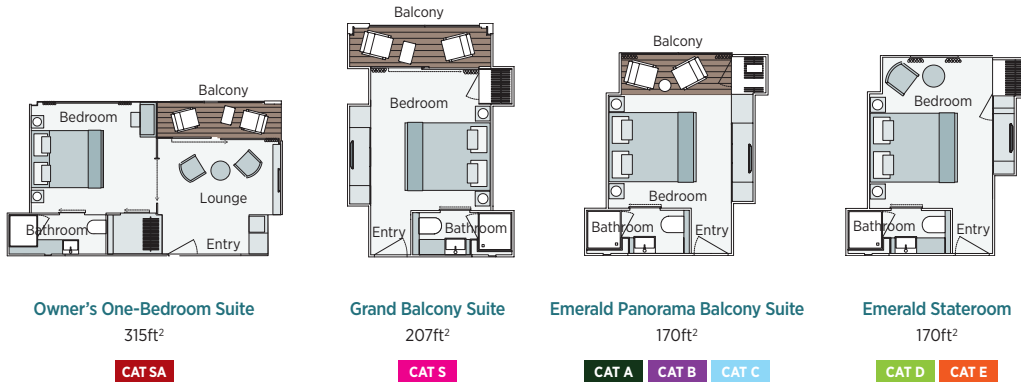
**Days 9 through 11** – Best Western Plus Hotel Massena or similar, Nice, France

# EMERALD LIBERTÉ

Built: 2017 Cabins: 66 Guests: 130 Length: 361 ft. Crew: 48



- 1 Sun Deck with Deck Chairs\*
- 2 Navigation Bridge
- 3 Sky Barbecue
- 4 Golf Putting Green
- 5 Games Area
- 6 Retractable Glass Roof
- 7 Walking Track
- 8 Daytime Pool & Bar/Evening Cinema
- 9 The Terrace
- 10 Horizon Bar & Lounge
- 11 Lift
- 12 Reception
- 13 Wellness Area
- 14 Fitness Area
- 15 Reflections Restaurant



**Important Information:** The cabin and deck plans, sizes and photographs are an indication only and are subject to variation. \* Due to safety, the Sun Deck will be closed when travelling under low bridges.

Tour Code 830PC 2027 Departure Dates	RIVIERA DECK		VISTA DECK		HORIZON DECK		HORIZON DECK		HORIZON DECK	
	CAT E, D		CAT C, B		CAT A		CAT S		CAT SA	
	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM
April 23	\$5,664	+ \$4,154	\$6,420	+ \$4,721	\$6,661	+ \$4,902	\$8,446	N/A	\$9,129	N/A

**Pricing includes cruise tour, ground transfers from Suffolk to RIC. Travelers Protection Plan are additional.**

**A group pick up will be from Lake Prince Woods Retirement Community 100 Anna Goode Way Suffolk, VA 23434.**



### Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises - \$569 (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:

- 121 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 120 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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