

Essence of Burgundy & Provence AmaWaterways River Cruises

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Overview

- Indulge in French flavors on a palate-pleasing itinerary that highlights the essence of France's Burgundy and Provence.
- Uncover the Roman history of Chalon-sur Saône and delight in charming Tournus with its towering Romanesque abbey and historic apothecary shop.
- Visit French châteaux from Burgundy to Provence, taste your way through the French culinary capital of Lyon and visit the Papal Palace in Avignon.
- While you'll get more than a taste of Burgundy and Provence during this itinerary, the essence of these destinations will linger on your palate – and in your heart – for a lifetime!

Day 1 Arles

- EMBARKATION

Day 2 ARLES-AVIGNON.

- Arles walking tour
- OR Van Gogh walking tour
- OR Arles bike tour Avignon walking tour
- OR Tastes of Avignon Evening cruise to illuminated Pont d'Avignon
- (B,L,D)

Day 2 Arles Excursion Details

- Arles is considered one of the most beautiful cities in France
- Let your experienced guide lead you to the top sights, including the Romanesque cathedral and Roman amphitheater.
- Or, if you wish to delve further into Van Gogh's Arles, join a special walking tour along with a visit to the Vincent van Gogh Foundation, showcasing his legacy.
- Alternately, you may take a guided bike tour through town.
- Later in the day, enjoy a walking tour in Avignon, aptly named the "City of Popes," that includes the Papal Palace and the well-preserved medieval walls surrounding the historic center of town.
- Visit 3 venues around Avignon to taste regional specialties including macarons, cheese and wine, and tapenades.
- In the evening, enjoy a short cruise to Pont d'Avignon bridge, illuminated against the night sky.

Arles



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Arles—Roman Amphitheater



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Inside the Roman Amphitheater Arles

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Arles Narrow Lanes



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Arles
Roman
Ruins
(Left)
Roman
Obelisk
(right)

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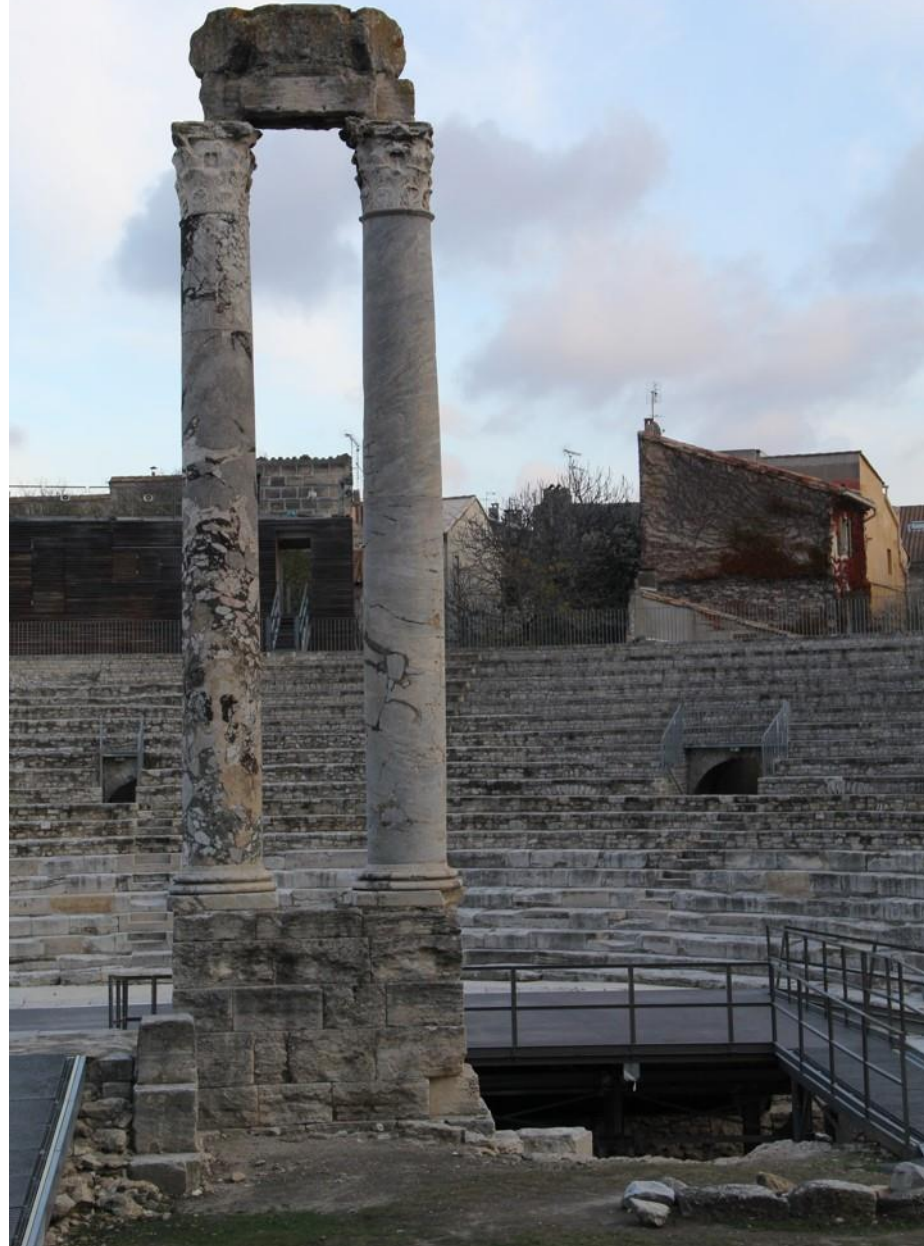
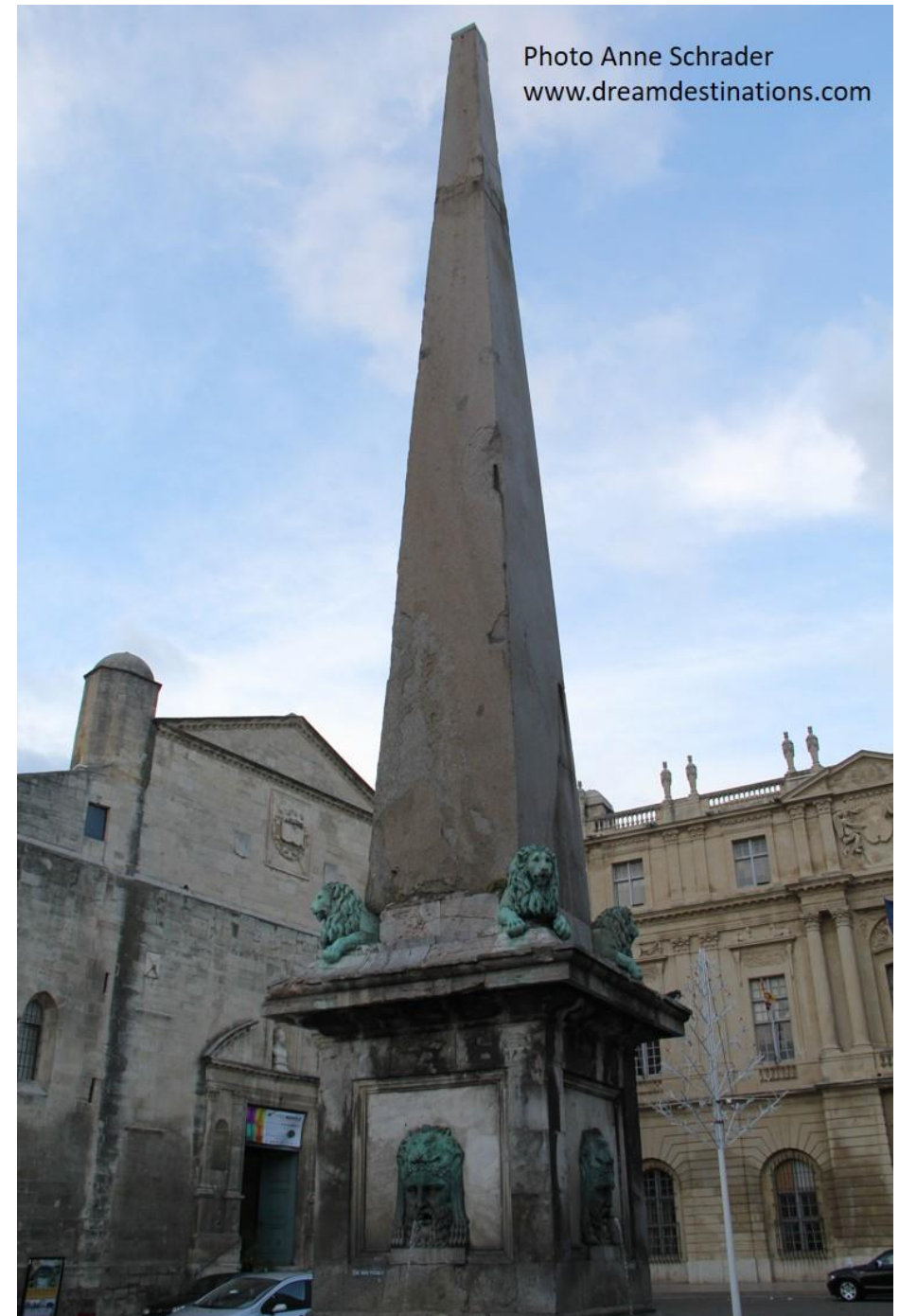


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Arles
Town Hall
(left)
Church of
Saint-
Trôphime
(right)



Avignon City Walls



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Avignon Palace of the Popes

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Pont d'Avignon—the famous bridge of the nursery -rhyme

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Day 3 VALENCE

- Scenic cruising from Avignon to Valence
- Valence city tour
- OR Cornas wine tasting
- OR Bike tour
- Valence is a designated “City of Art and History,” where you can see such sites as its 11th century Cathedral of St. Apollinaris or perhaps its House of Heads (named for the carved heads of its façade and courtyard) on your city tour.
- If you prefer a more relaxing excursion, taste the Northern Rhône’s red Cornas wines.
- For a more active adventure, pedal through this bicycle friendly city.
- (B,L,D)

WW I Monument
Cornas, France,
This was the start of our
Cornas Wine Tasting
Excursion. We took a
short walk in the
vineyards and through
the small village of
Cornas on the way to the
winery.



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Cornas, France Vineyard

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Saint-Pierre-
aux-Liens
Catholic
Church
Cornas, France



Domaine
Dumien-Serrette
Winery in
Cornas, France.
The cornas wine is
made of 100%
Syrah grapes.
The bottles shown
here are branded
Henri and are
excellent wines.



Domaine
Dumien-Serrette
Winery
Cornas, France



Day 4 Vienne to Lyon

- Vienne walking tour
- OR ViaRhôna bike tour
- OR Mount Pipet hike
- Lyon city tour
- OR Lyon bike tour
- OR Vieux Lyon walk and tasting tour
- Evening cruise past illuminated Lyon

Day 4 Excursions Detail VIENNE-LYON.

- Vienne boasts a Roman past that can be seen in its marvelously preserved ruins.
- There you can enjoy a guided walking tour around the city.
- You can either take a guided bike tour along a portion of the ViaRhôna bike route
- or take a guided hike from the ship to the Monastery at Mount Pipet.
- Later, discover Lyon, starting in Fourvière Hill, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and home to the 19th century basilica Notre Dame de Fourvière.
- Visit the old town of Lyon, followed by a guided walk through the St. Jean district, to see the city's unique covered walkways, known as "traboules."
- Like food?--our Lyon tasting tour is for you, to taste some of Lyon's local delights.
- Or get active a guided bike tour through the city designed with cyclists in mind.
- Enjoy a cruise past the city of Lyon, illuminated against the night sky.
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Roman Amphitheatre Vienne



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Roman Temple of Augustus & Livia



Roman Relics Vienne

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Paul Bocuse Market, Lyon, France



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Old Town Lyon

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Notre-Dame Basilica

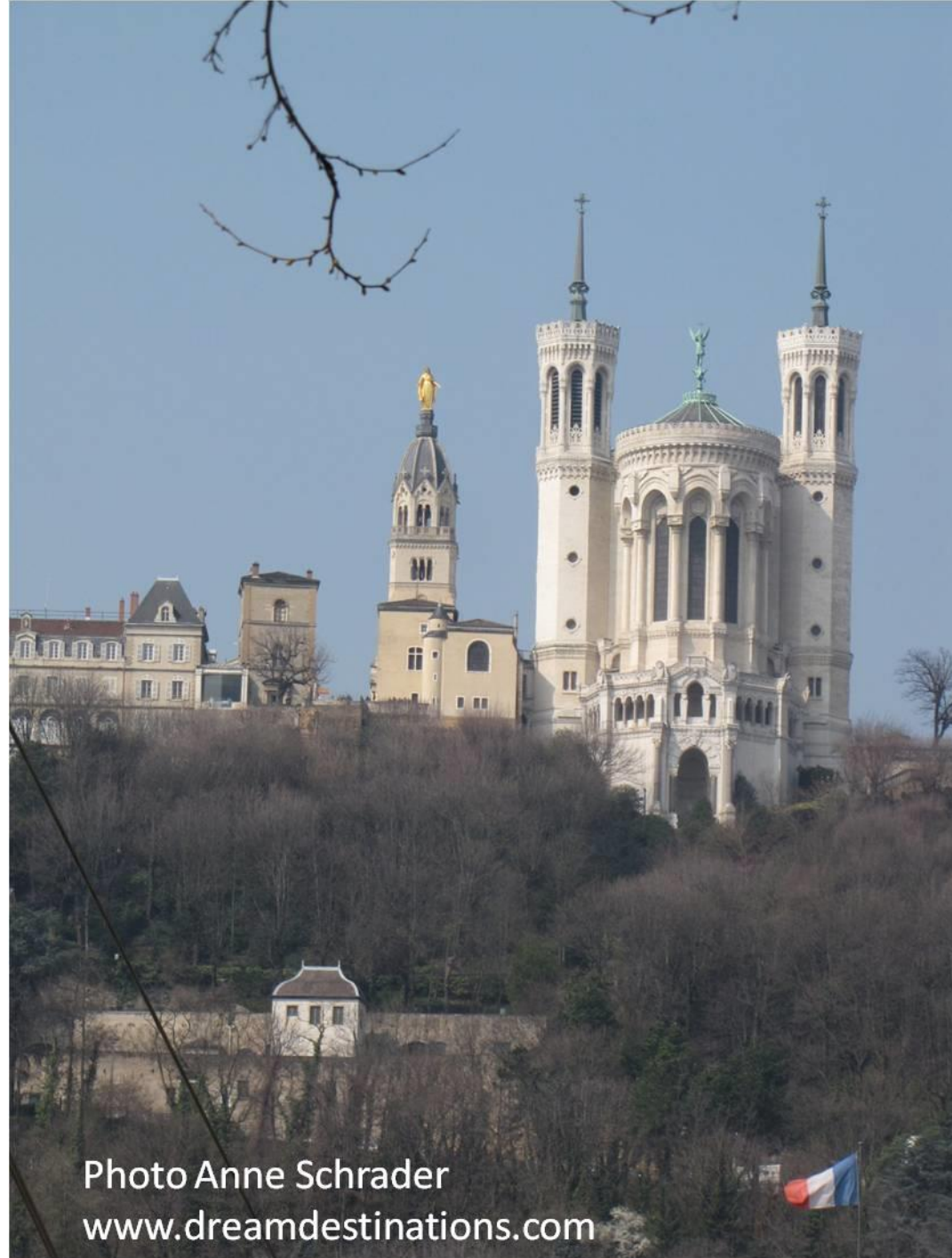


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St. Jean Cathedral



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Inside St. Jean Cathedral



Narrow Streets of Old Town Lyon



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A typical bouchon. These are small bistros often identified by their red and white checkered table cloths



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A Street Side crepe cart Old Town Lyon





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Traboules



Day 5

- Mâcon city tour
- OR Cluny & Berzele-Chatel visit
- OR Bike tour to Berzele-Chatel
- OR Monastère de Brou Scenic cruising
- OR Mâcon to Tournus bike ride
- OR Mâconnais wine tasting

Day 5 Excursion Details

- Tour the “South Burgundy City” of Mâcon, learning about local vineyards, museums, historical sites and the poet and minister Alphonse de Lamartine.
- Tour Cluny, known for its large abbey the nearby castle Berzele-Chatel, a well-preserved fortress perched on a rocky hill offering stunning views below.
- Alternately, you can enjoy a guided bike tour to Berzele-Chatel.
- Like architecture or religion? Choose the excursion to the Royal Monastery of Brou, built in the 16th century and boasting a glorious white façade as well as a beautifully tiled roof.
- Later enjoy a panoramic view from the Sun Deck as you sail to Tournus.
- Take a bike ride from Mâcon to Tournus.
- Or enjoy a delicious tasting of the region’s famous white Mâconnais wines.
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The poet and
minister
Alphonse de La
Martine statue
in Mâcon,
France.

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Mâcon Bridge

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Day 6

- City tour and Tournus Abbey
- OR Château Cormatin
- OR Medieval Brancion
- Scenic cruising Bike ride to Chalon-sur-Saône
- Today you have a choice of a number of excursions as you explore Tournus.
- Let your knowledgeable guide lead you through Tournus and to its magnificent Benedictine Abbey of Saint Philibert.
- Or choose instead to visit the moated Château de Cormatin, which dates back to the early 17th century and features ornate apartments as well as a beautifully manicured garden.

Château de Cormatin

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Day 7 CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

- Chalon-Sur-Saône city tour
- OR Beaune walking tour
- OR Château de Couches Chalonnaise wine tasting.
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Day 7 Excursions Detail

- Chalon-Sur-Saône whispers the secrets of its medieval past on your historic city tour.
- You'll also stop at a local market to see and taste some of the local fare.
- Take an excursion in Beaune, a walled town nestled in the heart of Cote d'Or vineyards, where you'll stroll the cobblestone streets.
- See the mosaic-tiled roof of the Hôtel- Dieu de Beaune, founded in the 15th century as a hospital for the less fortunate.
- Or visit Château de Couches, a medieval fortress, and residence for the Dukes of Burgundy.
- Later in the day, treat your palate to a tasting of Chalonnaise wines.

Hospices de Beaune

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Hospices de Beaune Wine Action



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Day 8 7 CHALON-SUR-SAÔNE

- DISEMBARKATION
- Disembark your ship in Chalon-sur-Saône and prepare for your return flight home. (B)

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