

# Idyllic Rhone Scenic River Cruises

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# Map From Scenic River Cruises



# Day 1 - Marseille > Tarascon

- Transfer to the former Roman town of Tarascon, where you'll board your Scenic Space-Ship.
- Tonight you can look forward to a rousing welcome reception.
- Please book your flight to arrive into Marseille prior to 12:00 PM.

## Day 2 - Tarascon > Avignon

- Tarascon has a distinctly medieval character and impressive castle.
- **Freechoice**
- Visit the town of Les Baux, surrounded by incredible rock formations, picturesque olive groves and vineyards, and drop into a local olive farm and enjoy a tasting of its produce,
- or visit the city of Arles, home to many impressive Roman ruins including the Arena which you will visit on your tour. Here you will also see why Arles has inspired many of the world's greatest artists with its glorious landscapes.
- Alternatively, stay on board for a painting class and learn about the regions artistic heritage.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Les Baux de Provence

**This hilltop town was founded  
By Bavezar, one of the 3 wise  
Men of the Bible**



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# Covered Battering Ram Les Baux de Provence



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# Les Baux de Provence

Model of town & fort before it was destroyed in 1632



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# Tour of Olive Pressing Facility

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# Arles



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# Arles—Roman Amphitheater



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# Inside the Roman Amphitheater Arles

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# Arles Narrow Lanes

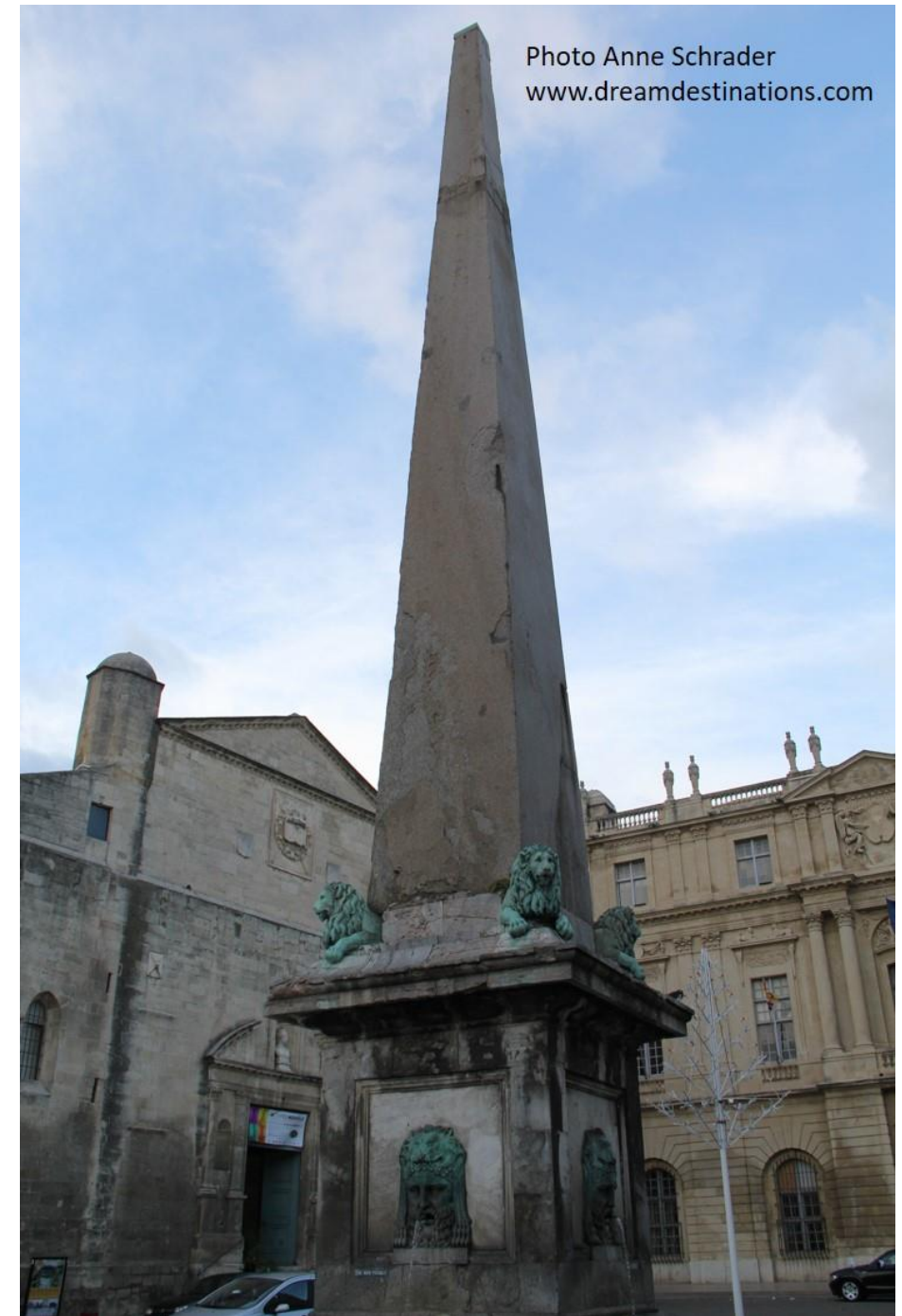
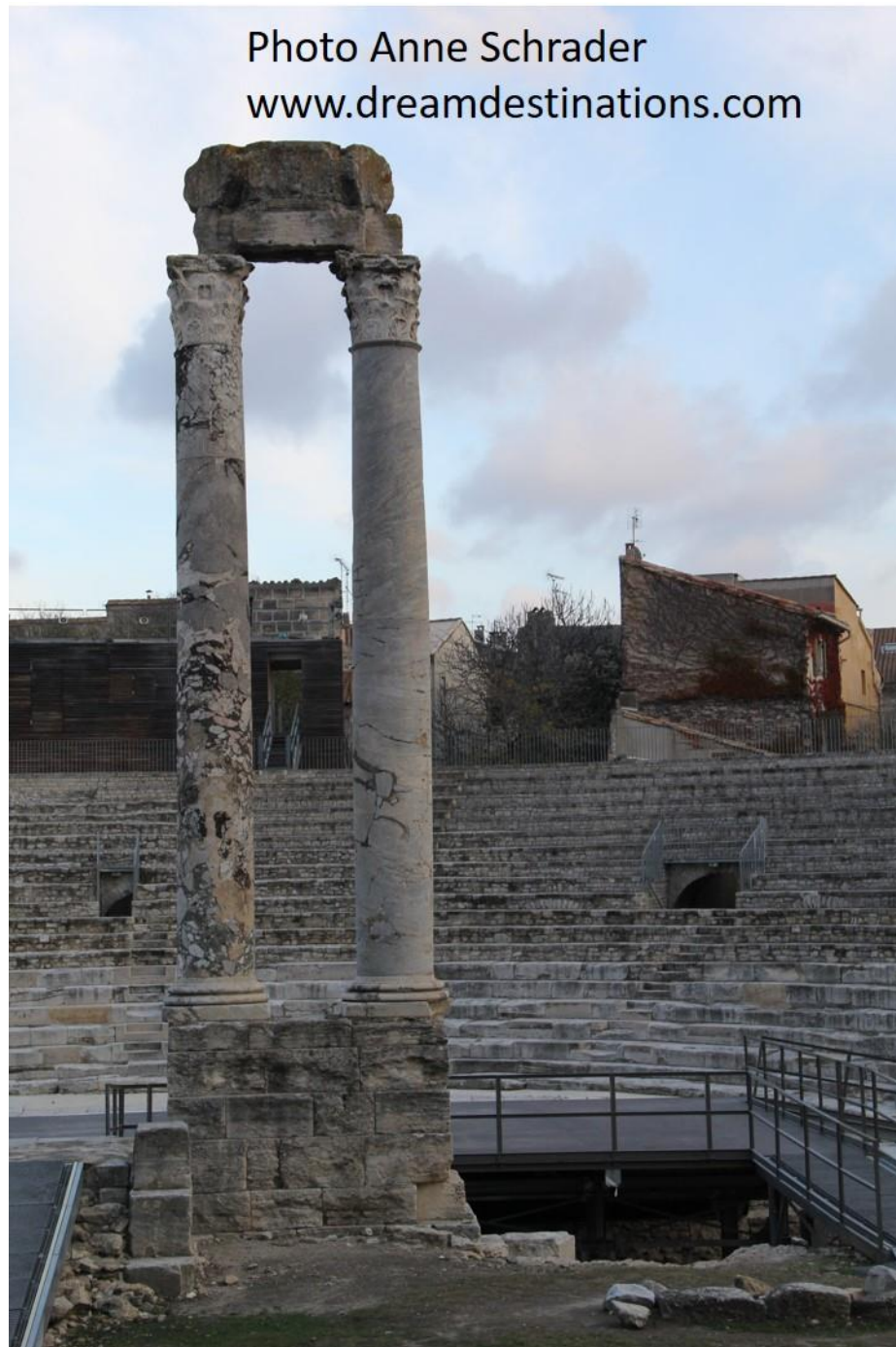


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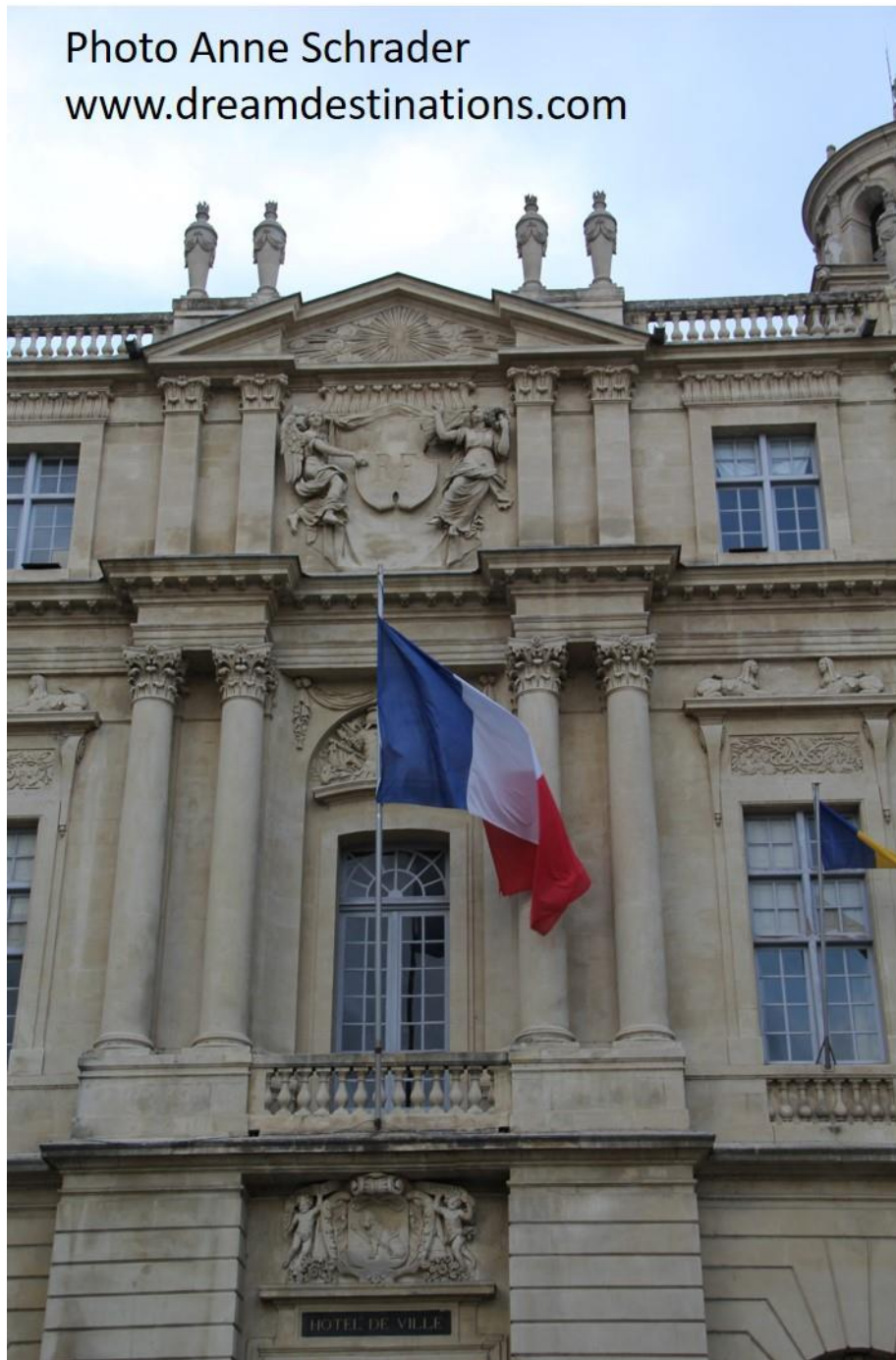


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Arles  
Roman  
Ruins  
(Left)  
Roman  
Obelisk  
(right)



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



# Day 3 - Avignon

- **Freechoice**

- Shop with a chef at the local market before cooking up a storm in Scenic Culinaire,
- or explore Avignon's architectural wonder, the Popes' Palace where you will see the impressive architecture and grand halls that were once home to several popes.
- Alternatively, join an excursion to Pont du Gard, an engineering masterpiece dating back to the middle of the first century which was designed to carry water to the city of Nîmes,
- or sample the celebrated wines of Châteauneuf-du-Pape at a Côtes du Rhone vineyard.
- This afternoon take some time to explore on your own.

- **Enrich**

- After the doors close to the general public at Avignon's prestigious Palais des Papes, you'll be invited for an exclusive concert inside this elegant 14th century palace.
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# 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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# Pont du Gard

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# Pont du Gard



# Day 4 - Viviers > Vienne

- **Freechoice**
- This morning enjoy a walking tour of the ancient town of Viviers, nestled between hill and river, and visit the imposing Cathedral,
- or you may choose to visit a Truffle Nursery and learn how truffles are produced and their many uses.
- Alternatively, drop into the beautiful provincial town of Grignan for a guided tour and a visit to the Château, before enjoying some time at leisure to explore on your own.
- While cruising to Vienne this afternoon, perhaps join a class in Scenic Culinaire and allow your onboard chef to sharpen your skills in French cookery. Learn how to make a delicious regional dish and of course enjoy a mouth-watering taste afterwards.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Grignan



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# Day 5 - Vienne

- **Freechoice**
- Take a walking tour of Vienne including a visit to the Roman amphitheater and uncover the fascinating history of this quaint riverside town, once conquered by Julius Caesar.
- Alternatively, for the more active, take in the picturesque landscapes of this region during a guided cycling tour of Vienne and neighboring villages where you will see an abundance of evidence of the city's glory days as a Roman city.
- Back on board, perhaps take a masterclass in French cuisine in Scenic Culinaire, or simply relax and view the beautiful vistas as you cruise to Mâcon.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Roman Amphitheatre Vienne



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Roman Temple  
of Augustus &  
Livia  
Vienne  
France

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# Roman Relics Vienne, France

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# Day 6 - Mâcon

- **Freechoice**
- Travel to the 'Golden Stone' region of Beaujolais, where you'll enjoy a tasting of the region's delicious wines.
- Alternatively, explore charming Cluny, built around the great Benedictine Abbey,
- or explore Château de Cormatin where you can admire the castles gilded rooms, surrounding moat and water features, as well as the perfectly manicured gardens.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Château de Cormatin

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# Day 7 - Lyon

- Set on the confluence of the Rhône and Saône rivers, Lyon is renowned as the gastronomic heart of France.
- **Freechoice**
- Walk Lyon's hidden traboules, then visit Notre Dame Basilica which offers fabulous views across the city,
- or perhaps learn about Lyon's rich heritage in silk production, that dates back almost five centuries, during a silk painting workshop.
- Alternatively, walk the cobblestone paths in the medieval hilltop town of Pérouges,
- or join a guided bike ride to Lyon's Botanical Gardens and Zoo.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Old Town Lyon

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# Notre-Dame Basilica

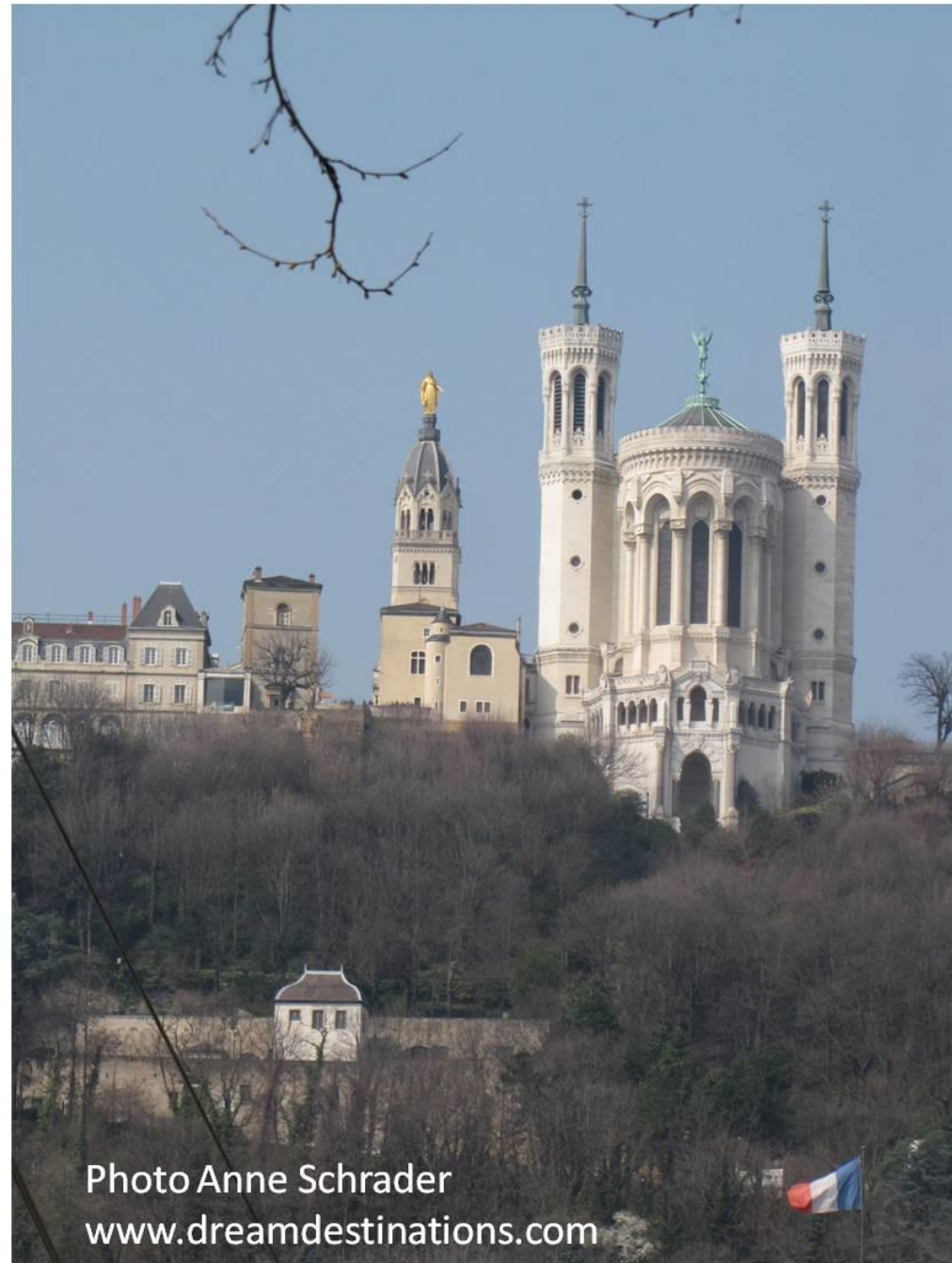


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# Narrow Streets of Old Town Lyon



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# Old Town Lyon



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# Traboules



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## Day 8 - Lyon

- Depart after a breakfast. Lyon is the end of your cruise, but it will be the start of a lifetime of wonderful memories.
- This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons such as high and low water. As such, the cruise may operate altered from that stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast

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