

Sensations of Lyon & Nice Emerald Waterways

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Overview

- It is no surprise that the South of France is recognized as the birthplace of photography, its unrivalled beauty comprises the finest examples of French 15th century architecture, with Roman ruins and sun-soaked vineyards nestled at the foot of colossal mountain ranges.
- Journey to the country's gastronomic beating heart, Lyon, before enjoying an authentic Provençal dinner on board, hosted by renowned French chef, Fabien Morreale.

Route Map From Emerald Cruises



YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES

- 7 nights on board an Emerald Cruises Waterways Star-Ship
- Airport transfers to and from the ship
- The services of an Emerald Cruises Waterways Cruise Director
- Port taxes and charges
- All tipping and gratuities

INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

- Visit to the Hospices de Beaune
- Guided tour of Lyon
- Guided tour of Tournon
- Guided tour of Viviers
- Guided tour of Avignon

EmeraldPLUS

- Cheese and olive tasting on board
- Silk workshop presentation on board
- Regional wine tasting on board
- Provençal dinner hosted by local Chef Fabien Morreale

EmeraldACTIVE

- Guided bike tour of Lyon
- Guided hike through the vineyards in Tournon
- Guided bike tour to Glun
- Hike in Viviers
- Canoeing excursion in Avignon

DINING HIGHLIGHTS

- 20 superb meals including 7 Breakfasts (B), 6 Lunches (L), 7 Dinners (D)
- Including a Welcome and Farewell Reception & Dinner
- Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner on board
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Day 1 - Lyon

- Welcome to Lyon, on the confluence of the Rhône and Saône rivers, where you will be met and transferred from the airport to the contemporary surrounds of your Emerald Cruises Star-Ship.
- Please book your flight to arrive at Lyon prior to 04:30 PM.
- **Meals Included:** Dinner

Day 2 - Chalon-sur-Saône – Beaune

- Chalon-sur-Saône is known for its art and history.
- Today, you will have the opportunity to witness the area's architectural heritage and peaceful surrounds as you travel to the quaint village of Beaune and visit the Hospices de Beaune.
- Originally a hospital for the poor, it is now home to one of Burgundy's most popular wine auctions.
- **EmeraldPLUS**
- Cheese and olive tasting on board
- **Included Excursion**
- Visit to the Hospices de Beaune
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hospices de Beaune

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Hospices de Beaune



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Hospices de Beaune Wine Action



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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.
- Today, enjoy a guided city tour, including 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 on two wheels as part of a guided bike tour of Lyon.

Old Town Lyon

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Old Town Lyon



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Fourviere-- Basilica of Notre-Dame

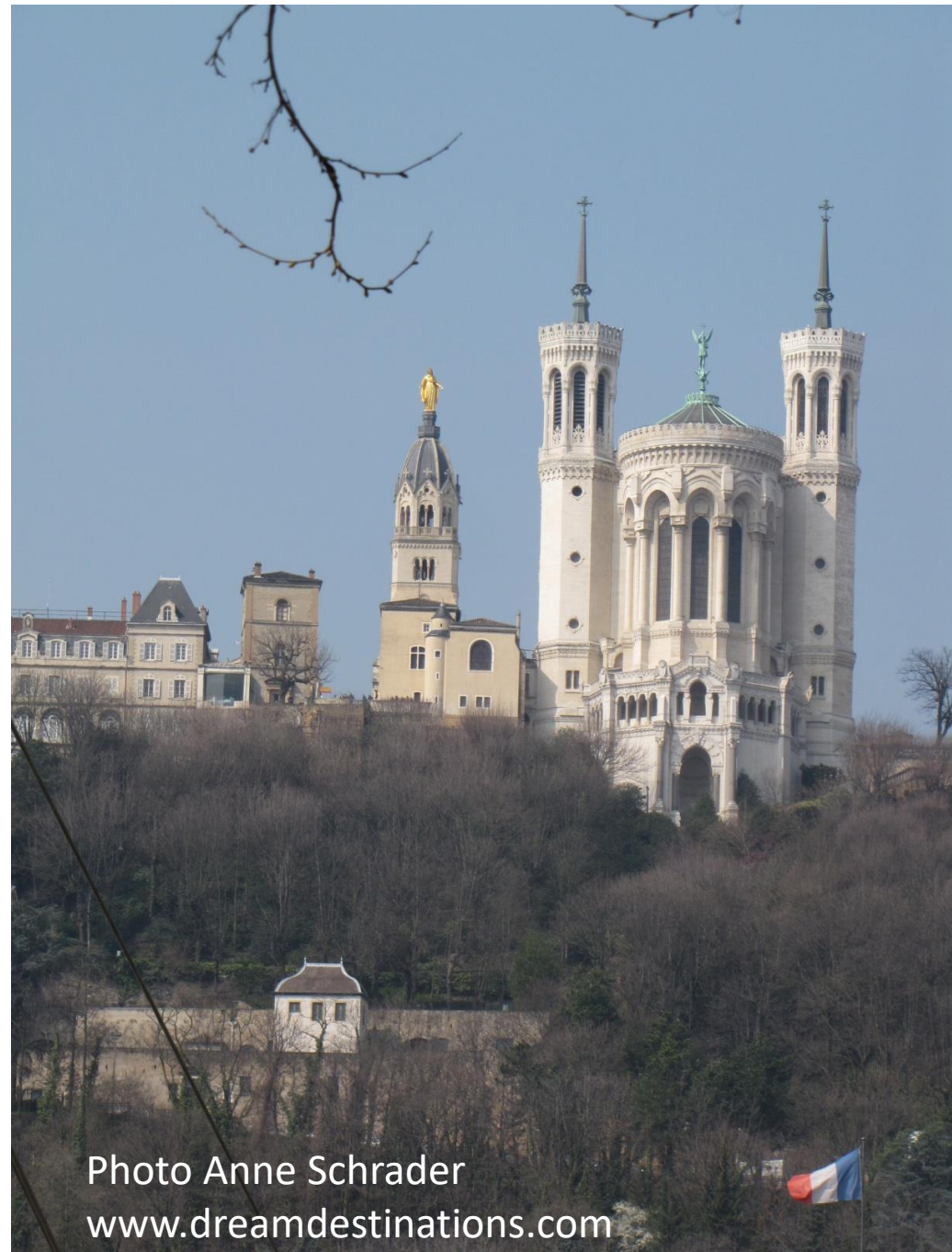


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Narrow Streets of Old Town Lyon



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Old Town Lyon



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Traboules



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Day 3 - Lyon

- **EmeraldPLUS**
- Silk presentation on board
- **EmeraldACTIVE**
- Guided bike tour of Lyon
- **DiscoverMORE**
- Excursion to Pérouges (extra expense)

Day 4 - 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 some of the local vineyards.
- Later, a guided bike tour to Glun will showcase rural life in the French countryside.

Tournon



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Day 4 - Tournon

- **EmeraldPLUS**
- Regional wine tasting on board
- **EmeraldACTIVE**
- Guided bike tour to Glun
- **EmeraldACTIVE**
- Guided hike through the vineyards
- **Included Excursion**
- Guided tour of Tournon
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 - 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 showcase some of its numerous listed monuments, along with their ornate windows and lavish façades.
- **Included Excursion**
- Guided tour of Viviers
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Avignon

- Avignon has a rich history, from Celtic beginnings to being the residence of the Pope and 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 d'Avignon, an ancient stone bridge crossing the Rhône.
- Then, the afternoon is yours to explore at leisure.
- This evening, you'll enjoy a delightful Provençal dining experience on board, expertly prepared by Top Chef finalist, Fabien Morreale.

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 6 - Avignon

EmeraldPLUS

- Provençal dinner hosted by local chef Fabien Morreale
- **EmeraldACTIVE**
- Canoeing excursion in Avignon
- **DiscoverMORE**
Guided tour of the Pont du Gard (extra expense)
- **DiscoverMORE**
- Classical concert in Avignon (extra expense)
- **Included Excursion**
- Guided tour of Avignon
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Pont du Gard (Extra Expense)



Day 7 - 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, perhaps stopping at a local café or returning to your Star-Ship to relax on board.

Included Excursion

- Guided tour of Arles with arena visit
- **DiscoverMORE**
- Excursion to Les Baux de Provence (extra expense)
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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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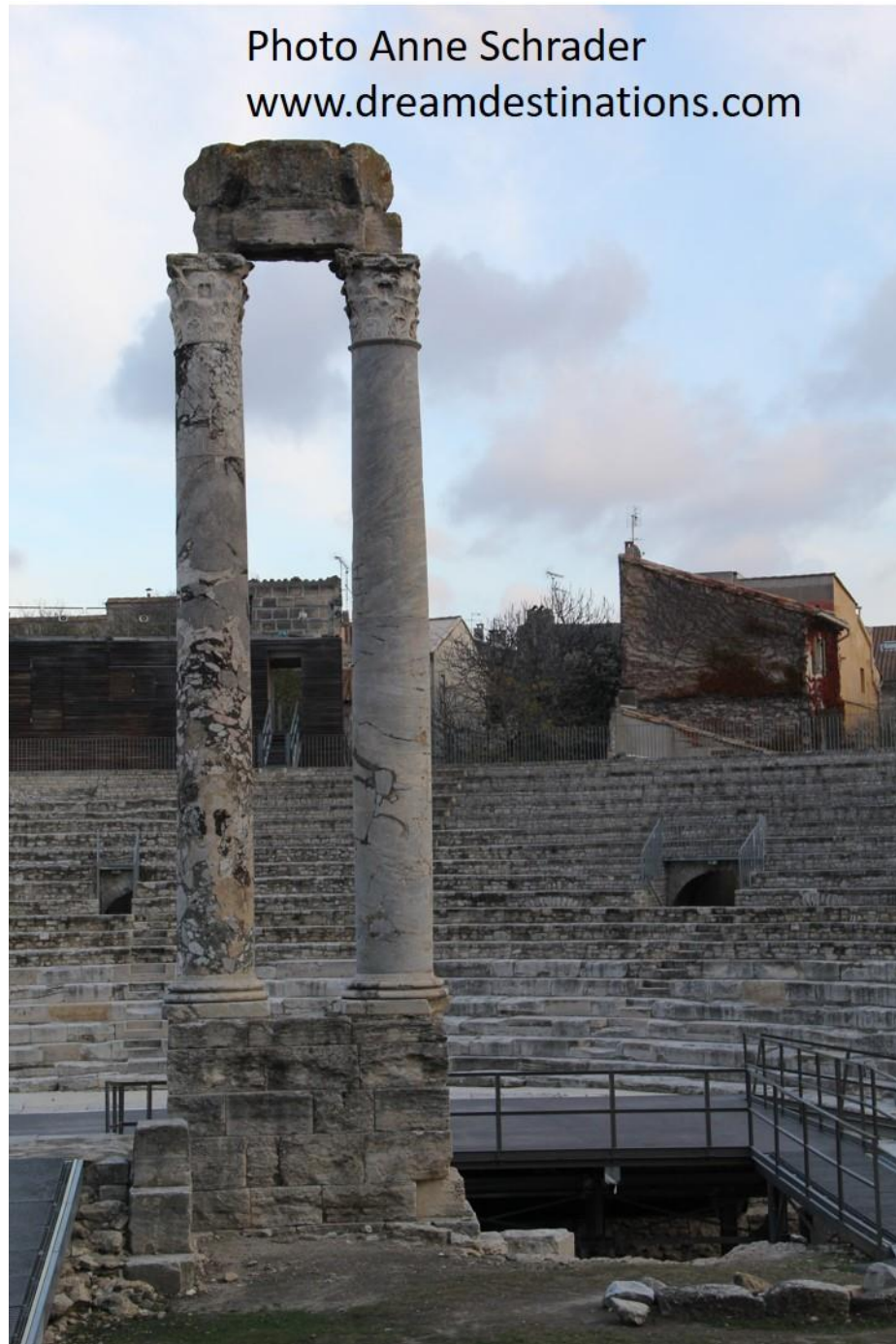
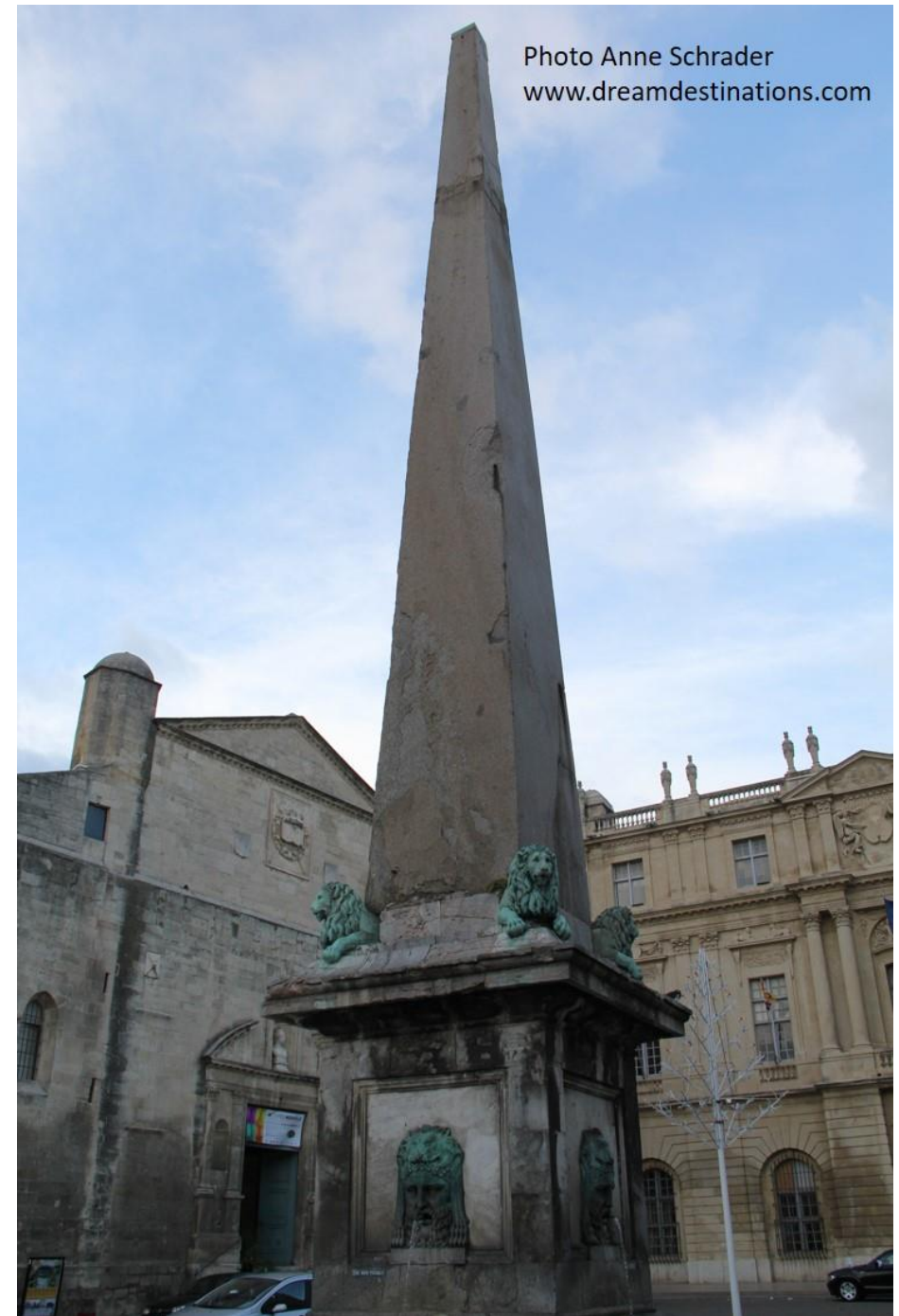


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Arles
Town Hall
(left)
Church of
Saint-
Trôphime
(right)



Les Baux de Provence (Extra Expense)

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



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Les Baux (Extra Expense)

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Covered Battering Ram Les Baux de Provence



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Blacksmith Shop Les Baux Fortress



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Les Baux de Provence

Model of town & fort before it was destroyed in 1632



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Les Baux



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Les Baux

Day 8 - Arles – Nice

- After breakfast, it's time to bid farewell to your fellow guests and disembark the ship for your transfer to the airport, taking memories of the idyllic French countryside and delightful cuisine with you.
- Please book your flight to depart out of Nice after 01:00 PM.
- 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 for further information.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast

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