

Come Sail with Us  
Colors of Provence River Cruises  
on AmaWaterways

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# Overview

- Learn about AmaWaterways and the 135 m AmaKristina
- Why you should take this cruise
- Learn about this route

# AmaKristina



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# 135 Meter Ships Overview

- These 135 meter ships carry 156 passengers and offer excellent facilities.
- There are 2 dining rooms, a lounge area, a heated pool with swim-up bar, a fitness room and massage & hair service room..

# Ship Features for the AmaKristina

- Custom-Designed Ships
- Premium Experience—first class all the way
- 360 degree Riverside Views
- Award Winning Dining
- Massage & Beauty Salon
- Complimentary Bicycles
- Innovative Twin & French Balconies
- Complimentary Internet & Infotainment System
- Fitness Room

# There are 6 Cabin Categories

- There are **4** Suites 350 square feet.
- There are **18** 235-square feet French & Twin Balcony Staterooms (Cat. AA & AB).
- There are **27** 210-square feet French & Twin Balcony Staterooms (Cat. BA & BB).
- There are **14** 170-square feet French Balcony Staterooms (CA).
- There are **4** 155-square feet French Balcony Staterooms (CB).
- There are **11** 160-square feet fixed window staterooms (D & E)

Our Twin  
Balcony 210  
square foot  
Stateroom  
in 2018



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# The Bathroom Area





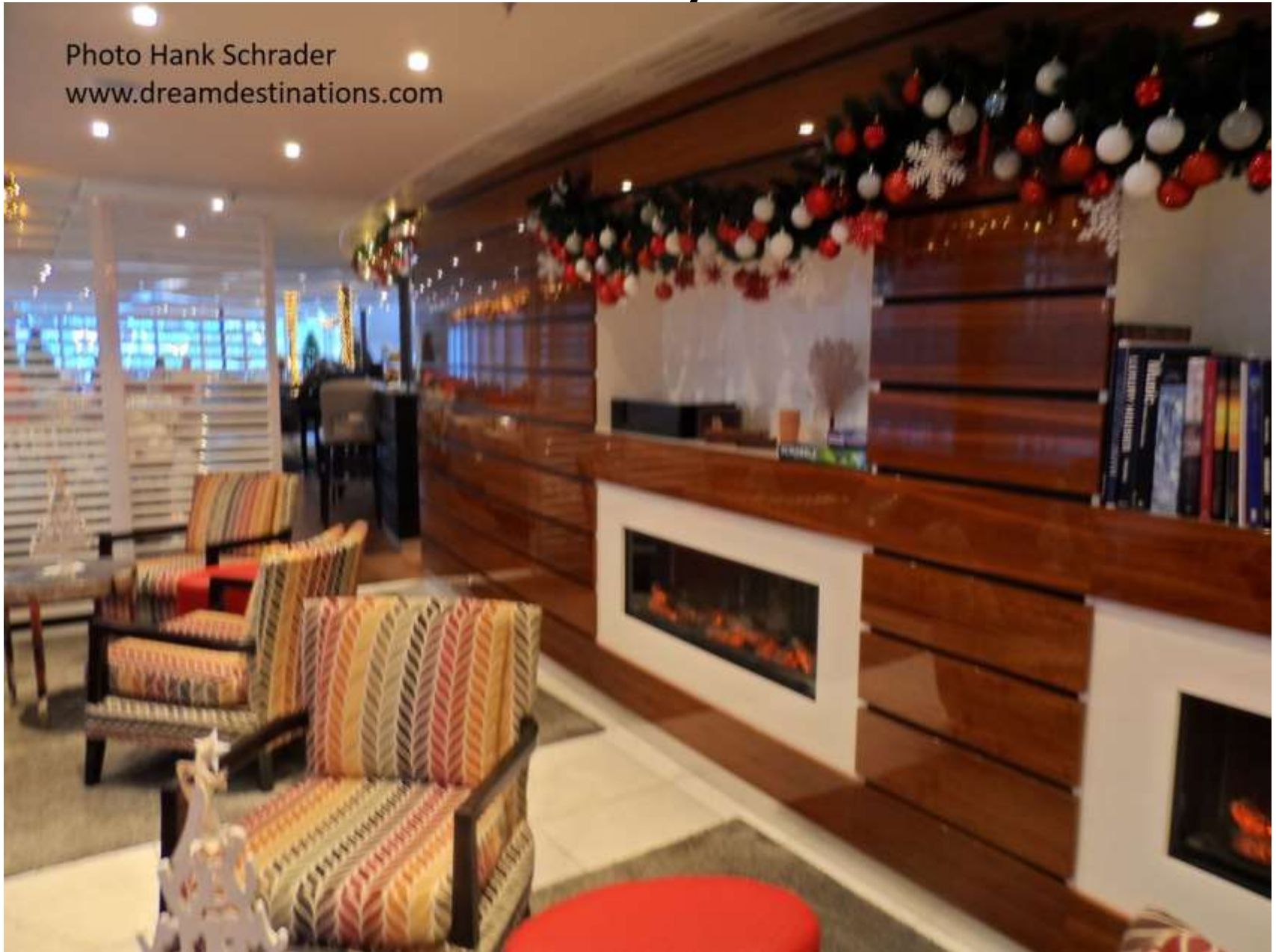
# Lounge Area

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# Library Area

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# Friendly Staff—Service with a Smile

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# The Dining Experience

- Only river cruise line inducted into La Chaine des Rotisseurs—one of the world's most prestigious culinary organizations
- Meals are great—champagne breakfast, tasty lunches, multi-course dinner accompanied by free flowing wine, beer or soft drinks.

# Main Dining Room 2018



# Wine Room in the Main Dining Room



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# A meal in the Main Dining Room



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# Always Available Steak in the main dining room



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# Chef's Table

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# Main Course in the Chef's Table



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# Trip Overview

## Why you should take this cruise

- Cruise on the Saone & Rhone Rivers on the MS AmaKristina—first class all the way
- Cruise legendary wine growing regions of Beaujolais & Cote du Rhone & enjoy wine tastings
- Marvel at Roman ruins, shop for Provencal crafts
- See historical Avignon & Arles

# Trip Map from AmaWaterways



# French Wine Regions

## Map from AmaWaterways



# Cruise Features

- Daily tours & excursions—most included with cruise at no extra cost—with professional guides & a personal headset included
- Excursions are grouped—fast walkers, normal walkers & late risers groups.
- Always provide maps & info if you want to go off on your own or on state-of-the-art bikes included at no extra cost

# Day 1 Lyon

- Embarkation
- Enjoy the exceptional AmaKristina and have a great dinner on your first night aboard.

# Day 2 Lyon

- **City tour of Lyon** , starting in Fourvière Hill, part of the city's historic region that is now a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the 19th-century basilica Notre-Dame de Fourvière. Continue on to the old town of Lyon, followed by a guided walk through the St. Jean district, where you will be introduced to the city's unique covered walkways, known as "traboules."
- Or **Lyon bike tour**-- join a guided bike tour through the city designed with cyclists in mind. In the afternoon
- **Free afternoon**, enjoy the rest of your day at your own leisure to explore the city. (B,L, D) ,



# River Boats on the Rhone

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# Lyon Place Bellecour with statue of Louis XIV



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# Lyon



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# Fourviere-- Basilica of Notre-Dame



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# Old Town Lyon



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# Narrow Streets of Old Town Lyon



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# For Your Free Time, Maybe a visit to the Paul Bocuse Market, Lyon, France



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# Day 3 Villefranche-sur-Saone

- Travel to the Beaujolais wine region—known as the Pays d’Or or “land of the golden stones.”
- Indulge in a wine tasting at a traditional winery and learn about the history and techniques of their vineyard.
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# Wine Tasting

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# Day 4

- **"Footsteps of Ancient Romans"** walking tour. Situated between the wine regions of Beaujolais and Côtes du Rhône lies Vienne with a Roman past that can be seen in its marvelously preserved ruins. Follow the footsteps of the ancient Romans on a walking tour to see the amazingly well-preserved Augustus and Livia Temple, the Saint Maurice Cathedral, a Gothic church that took more than 500 years to build, and St. Pierre Abbey—one of the oldest surviving churches in France, and now an Archaeological Museum.
- **OR Mount Pipet hike**--For those wishing to be more active, you can either take a guided hike from the ship to the Monastery at Mount Pipet
- **OR ViaRhôna bike tour**--a guided bike tour along a portion of the ViaRhôna bike route.
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# Mini train



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# Roman Amphitheatre Vienne



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# Roman Temple of Augustus & Livia

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# Roman Relics Vienne

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# Perhaps a Hike to Mount Pipet





# Day 5

- **Exclusive private steam train ride** . Take an exclusive private train ride past magnificent landscape carved along the Gorge du Doux, stopping at the charming little station of Colombier le Vieux-Saint Barthélemy le Plain, where the train maneuvers in preparation for its return journey.
- **OR Red wine & chocolate tasting**--lovers of wine and chocolate will want to visit Le Château de Tournon for a presentation and tasting on the pairing of red wine and chocolate.
- **OR Tain-l'Hermitage hike and wine tasting**--for a more active adventure, take a hike through the vineyards of Tain l'Hermitage, followed by a visit to a local winery where you'll sample some of the wines.
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# Tournon



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# Wine Tasting Party Tournon

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# Anne & Hank at the Wine Tasting Party in Tournon



# Tain L'Hermitage Vineyard

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# Day 6

- Arles walking tour
- OR Bike tour
- OR Van Gogh Walking Tour
- Tarascon Castle Visit
- OR Les Baux and Carrières de Lumières
- OR Camargue and Aigues Mortes
- Illuminations Cruise

# Day 6 Morning Tours

- Join a guided walking tour where you'll visit the **Roman ruins of Arles** such as its Roman Amphitheater and the Church of Saint Trophime, famous for its Romanesque architecture.
- Alternatively, you can enjoy a **bike ride along the Rhône**, through town to the Langlois Bridge, a famous subject from several Vincent Van Gogh paintings.
- And for those who 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

# Arles, France

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# Arles, France 2016



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# Arles—Roman Amphitheater



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# Church of St. Trophime

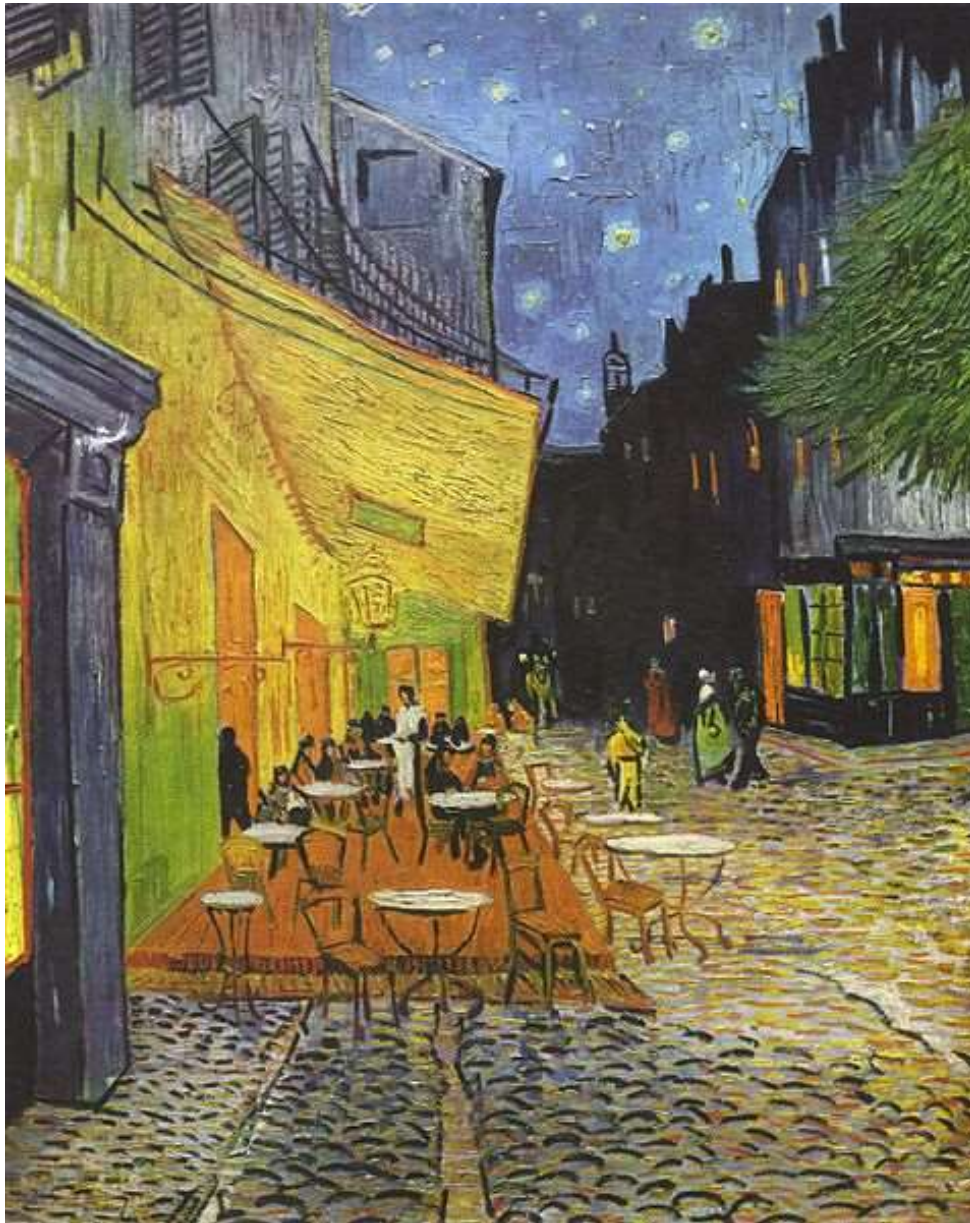


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# Arles Cloister of St. Trophinus

Photo A Taste of France





# Café Terrace at Night by Vincent Van Gogh

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# Day 6 Afternoon Tours

- Visit the enchanting medieval fortress, the **Castle of Tarascon** – a fortress designed to protect but surprises all with its elegant interior, fit for royalty.
- Or, delve deeply into **the Carrières de Lumières**, where you'll be treated to a spectacular presentation of art, sound and history projected on the former limestone quarry walls of caves.
- Alternately, you can enjoy an excursion to **explore the medieval, walled village of Aiges-Mortes**. Then, you'll drive to the beautiful Camargue National Park, a protected natural territory that lines the Mediterranean Sea south of Arles.
- Afterwards, venture to the medieval hilltop village, **Les Baux de Provence**

# Les Baux

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# Les Baux de Provence

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



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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 7 Avignon

- Morning Tours:
- Walking tour and Papal Palace
- OR Tastes of Avignon
- OR Avignon bike tour
- Afternoon Tours
- Grignan excursion and truffle farm visit
- OR Pont du Gard

# Day 7 Morning Tours

- Avignon, aptly named the “City of Popes,” was the center of the Catholic Church in the 14th century when its “Palais des Papes” was the equivalent of today’s Vatican. Discover the history of Avignon on a guided walking tour that includes the Papal Palace and the well-preserved medieval walls surrounding the historic center of town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- You can visit three venues around Avignon to taste regional specialties including macarons, cheese and wine, and tapenades
- or you can enjoy a bike tour.

# 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 7 Afternoon Tours

- You can go to another UNESCO World Heritage Site, the impressive **Pont du Gard**, a Roman aqueduct that is a masterpiece of ancient engineering.
- Alternately, you can go to the magnificent hilltop village, **Grignan**.
- After visiting this enchanting Provençal town, go in search of the highly prized “Black Diamond” truffles with a farmer and his trustworthy canine companion.
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# Pont du Gard

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# Pont du Gard



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# Grignan



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# Truffle Dog

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# Day 8 Avignon

- Disembarkation
- You'll probably want to book your next cruise on AmaWaterways after this great cruise.



# Anne & Hank with our Captain 2014



# Let us Plan your next AMA river cruise! Anne & Hank at Captain's Table



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