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FRANCE

THE RHÔNE RIVER

An autumn culinary and wine cruise featuring France’s Beaujolais wine region, the beauty and charm of Provence, and a special visit with our friends at Bonpas Winery

New Special Price for Wine Club Members

OCTOBER 19 – 26, 2017
Tour Itinerary

DAY 1 | THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 | LYON
Arrivals into Lyon – Saint-Exupéry Airport (LYS)
Group transfer to board AmaCello ship in Lyon
Welcome reception and dinner
Overnight onboard AmaCello

DAY 2 | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 | LYON
Breakfast onboard AmaCello
Visit to Fourvière Hill, UNESCO World Heritage Site
Perhaps Lyon’s most famous destination, Fourviere Hill combines culture, adventure, and history with spectacular views.
Panoramic tour including Notre Dame Basilica, Place Bellecour, Place des Terreaux, and the Town Hall
Afternoon and evening at leisure in Lyon
Overnight onboard AmaCello

DAY 3 | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 | COLLONGES-AU-MONT-D’OR – VIENNE
Breakfast onboard AmaCello
Tour the Beaujolais wine region
The Beaujolais region is often called the Land of Golden Stones, an expression referring to the warm ochre hue of the area’s limestone houses as they catch the rays of the setting sun. Imposing chateaus hulk in the distance while medieval villages are nestled amidst the rolling hills and the valleys are dotted with vineyards.
Visit Oingt with wine tasting at home of a local vintner
Voted as one of the Les Plus Beaux Villages de France, Oingt’s hilltop perch was formerly the location of a fortress. Today, all that remains is the Nizy gate that welcomes visitors into this timeless village with charming pedestrian streets lined with artisan workshops. Our tour includes a stop at the home of a local vintner with a tasting.
Afternoon cruise toward Vienne
Dinner and evening at leisure in Vienne
Overnight onboard AmaCello
DAY 4 | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 | VIENNE – TOURNON-SUR-RHÔNE

Breakfast onboard AmaCello
Situated between the wine regions of Burgundy and Beaujolais, Vienne’s Roman past can be seen in its marvelously preserved ruins.

Morning activities
- Option 1: Walking tour of Vienne
  Tour includes an ancient Roman temple, the ruins of a Roman theater, and the medieval Abbey Church of St. Pierre, today an Archaeological Museum.
- Option 2: Guided bike tour along a portion of the Via Rhôna bike route
- Option 3: Guided hike to the Monastery at Mount Pipet
  The climb to the top of Mount Pipet rewards the hiker with a fantastic view over the city’s red rooftops, the Rhône Valley, and, in the distance, the Pilat mountain range.

Ship departs mid-day for Tournon-sur-Rhône
Overnight onboard AmaCello

DAY 5 | MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 | TOURNON-SUR-RHÔNE

Breakfast onboard AmaCello

Morning activities
- Option 1: Panoramic train car along Les Gorges du Doux
  Travel in a panoramic train car through the magnificent landscape carved along the Gorge du Doux, including a stop at the quaint station of Colombier le Vieux-Saint Barthelemy le Plain.
- Option 2: Visit to Le Chateau de Tournon
  This tour includes a tasting and special presentation by a local expert on the paring of red wine and chocolate.
- Option 3: Hike followed by wine tasting in the village of Tain L’Hermitage

Overnight onboard AmaCello
DAY 6 | TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 | VIVIERS – AVIGNON

Breakfast onboard AmaCello

Tour of Bonpas Winery with wine tasting
This fortified convent was erected in the 12th century at a historical crossing point of the Durance River, named Bonpas (good passage) by the Pope. We will learn about the convent’s mysterious origins and its evolution through the centuries with an interactive video and light show in the vault along with a tasting of Bonpas’ finest wines.

Tour of Grignan and visit to local truffle farm

Overnight onboard AmaCello

DAY 7 | WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 | AVIGNON – SAINT-RÉMY – ARLES

Breakfast onboard AmaCello

Guided visit to village of Les Baux-de-Provence

Visit to local olive farm

Group lunch

Visit to Carriere de Lumieres
Inside a former limestone quarry, guests can view giant projections of fine art illuminating the walls, floor, and ceiling, accompanied by oration and swelling music.

Afternoon activities
  Option 1: City tour of Arles including visit to the Romanesque cathedral and Roman amphitheater
  Option 2: Guided bike tour to the Roman ruins of Arles

Farewell dinner

Overnight onboard AmaCello

DAY 8 | THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 | ARLES

Breakfast onboard AmaCello

Disembarkation

Group transportation to airport

Departures from Marseille Provence Airport (MRS)

* Please note that this is a preliminary itinerary and is subject to change.
Inclusions

• BONUS 1,000 Cooper’s Hawk points per person
• 7 nights luxury accommodations, featuring full French Balcony, aboard the AmaCello of award-winning AmaWaterways
• Excursions and tours as specified on the itinerary
• Exclusive Cooper’s Hawk visit and tasting at Bonpas Winery
• All meals and beverages aboard the ship
• Private Welcome and Farewell Dinners
• English-speaking guides throughout the tour
• Ground transportation throughout the trip, including airport transfers
• Complimentary Wi-Fi Internet access on board
• Fitness area and sauna, sun deck with walking track and whirlpool, bicycles
• All taxes, porterage and gratuities

Approximate Package Pricing

$3,820 per person, double occupancy

If interested in the single occupancy rate, please contact Anthony Travel for pricing and availability.

Based on a minimum number of 20 guests.

*Note: package pricing does not include airfare.

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