



## Day-By-Day Itinerary: Colors of Provence

**Travel Day:** Overnight flight from USA to Paris, France.

**Day 1:** Arrive in Paris and check in to your hotel.

**Day 2: Paris --** Tour the signature sites of Paris, including the Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower. Visit Montmartre in the evening, long known as the city's premier artist's enclave where Degas, Picasso, Toulouse-Lautrec and others lived. Enjoy an evening illumination tour of the "City of Light."

**Day 3: Paris --** Visit the Atelier des Lumières for an immersive digital experience with art, sound and history displayed throughout the various rooms and walls of the formerly 18th-century steel factory building.

**Day 4: Paris-Lyon --** Board the TGV high-speed train through the French countryside to Lyon. Once in the "food capital of France," marvel at an indoor market hall where you'll have a chance to sample the delicacies offered by butchers, bakers, chocolatiers and cheese mongers. Afterward, embark the ship in Lyon for your Colors of Provence cruise.

**Day 5: Lyon --** Start in Fourvière Hill, a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the 19th-century basilica Notre-Dame de Fourvière. Continue to the old town of Lyon, and a guided walk through the St. Jean district, with its unique covered walkways, known as "traboules." Or, join a guided bike tour through the city designed with cyclists in mind. Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure.

**Day 6: Collonges --** Travel to the Beaujolais wine region -- 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. After rejoining the ship, we will sail to Vienne.

**Day 7: Vienne-Touron** – Vienne lies between the wine regions of Beaujolais and Côtes du Rhône with a Roman past that seen in its marvelously preserved ruins. Follow the footsteps of the ancient Romans on a walking tour to see the well-preserved Augustus and Livia Temple, the Saint Maurice Cathedral,, and St. Pierre Abbey. A more active option is a guided hike from the ship to the Monastery at Mount Pipet or along a portion of the ViaRhôna bike route.

**Day 8: Tournon** -- Choose your excursion today. Take a train ride past magnificent landscape carved along the Gorge du Doux, stopping at Colombier le Vieux-Saint Barthélemy le Plain, where the train maneuvers in preparation for its return journey. 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. For a more active adventure, hike through the vineyards of Tain l'Hermitage, followed by a visit to a local winery or cycle through the French countryside.

**Day 9: Tarascon-Arles** -- Tarascon is known for its medieval architecture and charming tales – especially the legend of the Tarasque monster. Join a guided walking tour of the Roman ruins of Arles. Or, take a bike ride along the Rhône to the Langlois Bridge. Join a special walking tour along with a visit to the Vincent van Gogh Foundation, showcasing his legacy. Visit the Castle of Tarascon – a fortress with its elegant interior. Or, delve deeply into the Carrières de Lumières for a spectacular presentation of art, sound and history projected on the former limestone quarry walls of caves. Alternately, explore the medieval, walled village of Aiges-Mortes. Then drive to the beautiful Camargue National Park. Afterwards, venture to the medieval hilltop village Les Baux de Provençenjoy, with an illuminations cruise around Avignon in the evening.

**Day 10: Avignon** -- Avignon, the “City of Popes,” was the center of the Catholic Church in the 14th century when it was the equivalent of today’s Vatican. Take a guided walking tour that includes the Papal Palace, 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. During the afternoon, visit the impressive Pont du Gard, a Roman aqueduct. Alternately, go to Grignan, the magnificent hilltop village. Go in search of the highly prized “Black Diamond” truffles with a farmer and his trustworthy canine companion.

**Day 11: Avignon-Barcelona** -- Disembark your ship in Avignon and board the TGV high-speed train to the city that inspired Antoni Gaudí and is certain to inspire you.

**Day 12: Barcelona** -- The bustling capital of Catalonia is an artist’s, architect’s, foodie’s, historian’s and culturist’s dream. Tour the cobblestoned lanes of the Gothic Quarter in the medieval city center and Las Ramblas. See some of Antoni Gaudí’s imaginative architectural creations, La Sagrada Familia.

**Day 13: Barcelona** -- Join an excursion to the mountain Montserrat, home to the Benedictine monastery of Santa Maria de Montserrat. Ride a scenic funicular to

the top of the mountain with its view of the Catalonia landscape where you'll see the famous Black Madonna sculpture.

**Day 14: Return Home --** Bid farewell to Barcelona and your cruise mates and prepare for your homeward flight.

## **Details:**



## **Our ship – The AmaKristina**

With AmaWaterways' Co-Founder Kristin Karst serving as AmaKristina's Godmother, you know you'll have a distinctive experience aboard this phenomenal, award-winning river ship. Both a French and outside balcony in most staterooms allow you to enjoy the ever-changing scenery however you wish. In the marble bathroom, enjoy multi-jet showerheads, soothing bath and body products, cozy robes and hair dryers. Suites feature added enhancements, including a larger sitting area and an expansive bathroom complete with a bathtub and separate shower.

The AmaKristina also includes a massage and hair salon, gift shop, specialty coffee station, heated pool with swim-up bar, fitness center, sun deck walking track and a fleet of onboard bikes. Her Main Restaurant is a taste of the outdoors, with vines and branches infused in the décor, and expert chefs preparing our signature exquisite cuisine with fresh, locally-sourced ingredients—both in the Main Restaurant and at The Chef's Table.

## **What will it cost?**

There are a wide variety of stateroom choices on this ship. Pricing that includes pre-tours in Paris and post-tours in Barcelona start at \$6,800 for a fixed window cabin and go up from there based on your cabin desires and balcony picks. GoTravel agents will provide detailed cabin choices – all at our discounted group rates.

