



## FRANCE

**RHÔNE RENDEZ-VOUS RIVER CRUISE** (TOUR CODE: 13780)

## STARTS AND ENDS

in Lyon

## TRAVEL PERIODS

19 October 2024

## EXPERIENCE

Cruising

## TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

Come aboard the magnificent A-ROSA STELLA for an unforgettable river cruise of 5 nights departing from Lyon. Allow this cruise to be your getaway to an enchanting blend of culture, history and awe-inspiring scenery.

### Highlights

- Stay aboard **A-ROSA STELLA** and savour the beauty of the Rhône on an unforgettable **5-night river cruise**.
- Enjoy delightful **buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner**
- Discover **Lyon**, celebrated as the "Gastronomic Capital of France," offering a culinary haven with traditional bouchons, vibrant markets like *Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse*, and iconic dishes such as *coq au vin* and *quenelles*.
- Visit **Avignon** and its renowned bridge, diminished by wars and floods over the years, beckoning visitors to witness its storied history
- **Arles** in Provence captivates with its rich Roman heritage, vibrant arts scene, and the timeless beauty that inspired Vincent van Gogh's masterpieces.

Embark on an unforgettable 5-night journey aboard the **A-ROSA STELLA** as you cruise along the scenic **Rhone River**, departing from the vibrant city of Lyon. Picture yourself traversing the enchanting medieval town of Viviers, where cobblestone streets and historic charm await your exploration.

The adventure continues as you sail into the heart of the Provence region, where the breathtaking landscapes of Avignon and Arles unfold before your eyes. Imagine the joy of savouring exquisite cuisine, forging new friendships, and creating lasting memories against the backdrop of these picturesque destinations. This river cruise promises not only a visual feast but also a social experience filled with shared moments and the joy of discovery.

**On-board A- ROSA STELLA:**

- Spacious sun deck with relaxed atmosphere
- Sufficient recliners, sunshades and awnings
- Heated outdoor pool with counter current system
- Shuffleboard, putting green and giant chess board
- Outdoor restaurant on the aft deck
- Coffee specialties, wines and refreshments at the café bar
- Panorama Lounge with bar and dance floor
- Casual dress code



## INCLUSIONS

- 5 nights in an outside cabin "S" on board A-ROSA STELLA
- Bathroom amenities and bathrobe in the cabin
- Free use of the on-board facilities such as sauna and fitness room
- FullboardPlus: extensive breakfast, lunch and dinner buffets, additional embarkation snack and tea and coffee hour.
- High-quality drinks included throughout the day: tea, coffee and coffee specialties, soft drinks, beers, sparkling wine and a selection of wines, cocktails and long drinks
- On-board entertainment

## ITINERARY

Day

1

### Lyon

What an exceptional city! Lyon is a must-see for anyone who has the opportunity. With its historic old town, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, charming narrow streets, picturesque courtyards, bustling quays, and expansive squares on the Presqu'île, as well as the numerous attractions that are beautifully illuminated at night, this city offers a remarkable journey through various historical periods and cultures. Additionally, just a short distance to the northwest lies the enchanting region of Beaujolais, where you can indulge in exquisite cuisine, delightful wines, and breathtaking scenery during your Rhône river cruise.

Prepare for idyllic destinations that await you on this remarkable journey as we set sail at 06.00 pm.

Overnight stay in an outside cabin "S" on board **A-ROSA STELLA**.

Dinner

Day **2**

## Lyon Viviers

Arriving at 10 am in Viviers. This charming medieval city in the Ardèche region is a must-visit destination. It is renowned for its numerous historical sights and beautifully preserved monuments from past eras. Immersed in the Rhône region, Viviers embodies the authentic French way of life. Witness the richness of France's history coming to life in Viviers and indulge in the wide variety of attractions that the city showcases. Departure from the city is scheduled at 07.00pm.

Overnight stay in an outside cabin "S" on board **A-ROSA STELLA**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **3**

## Viviers Arles Avignon

Arrival: 03:30 AM

Departure: 02:00 PM

Arles, located in southern France, is a renowned city in the Provence region. This city, with its picturesque terracotta-tiled rooftops, is situated along a wide curve in the River Rhône. Several of its landmarks have been designated as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Additionally, Arles holds a prominent place in history as a former Roman port. Notably, the city was once the residence of the famous artist Vincent van Gogh. Were you aware of this fact?

Approx arrival: 06:00 PM

Avignon, situated in southern France, is a highly popular destination on A-ROSA's Rhône cruises. It is an impressive and historic city that served as the home for several Catholic popes in the past. Make sure to include a visit to the distinguished Palais des Papes in Avignon's ancient quarter during your excursion. Thanks to the Mediterranean climate, this city and its surrounding region offer a delightful stay for visitors.

Overnight stay in an outside cabin "S" on board **A-ROSA STELLA**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **4**

## Avignon

Today, you will have the opportunity to explore Avignon, a highly regarded destination on A-ROSA's Rhône cruises.

Avignon is a prestigious and historically rich city located in southern France, once serving as the residence of multiple Catholic popes. During your visit, we strongly recommend taking a guided tour to Avignon's ancient quarter, where you can marvel at the renowned and remarkable Palais des Papes. The city, along with its surrounding area, boasts a delightful climate due to its Mediterranean location, ensuring a pleasant experience for your stay.

Overnight stay in an outside cabin "S" on board **A-ROSA STELLA**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **5**

## Avignon Vienne Lyon

Avignon to Vienne, scheduled arrival at 09:00 AM.

During this leg of the journey, we will pass through the city of Vienne. Vienne is a historically significant Roman city and served as the gateway to the heart of France due to its location on the Rhône river. One can still observe several well-preserved ancient structures from this era, such as the Roman theatre that continues to host events like the summer jazz festival. Another notable site is a Roman temple, surrounded by an impressive portico.

We will then proceed to Lyon, with an estimated arrival time of 01:00 PM. Lyon is truly a remarkable city that deserves to be explored. Its UNESCO World Heritage Site, the old town, is a must-see with its charming narrow alleyways, rear courtyards, popular quays, and large squares on the Presqu'île. Additionally, once the sun sets, more than 200 sights in Lyon are illuminated, offering a unique experience that transports visitors through different eras and cultures.

Overnight stay in an outside cabin "S" on board **A-ROSA STELLA**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Day 6 Lyon

Today marks the conclusion of your Rhone cruise. Throughout the journey, you have encountered thrilling days both on the Rhone and aboard the ship, causing you to slowly come to the realization of what a truly remarkable holiday this has been.

Breakfast

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

### LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

- Please be aware that this river cruise also offers **weekly departures**. Kindly contact our team to inquire about the pricing details.
- *Please note that this product is not part of our flexible booking policy as the supplier terms and conditions apply. Our team will advise of the exact booking conditions at the time of booking.*
- No seating or dress code; last but not least, free table times ensure a relaxed atmosphere among the guests.