

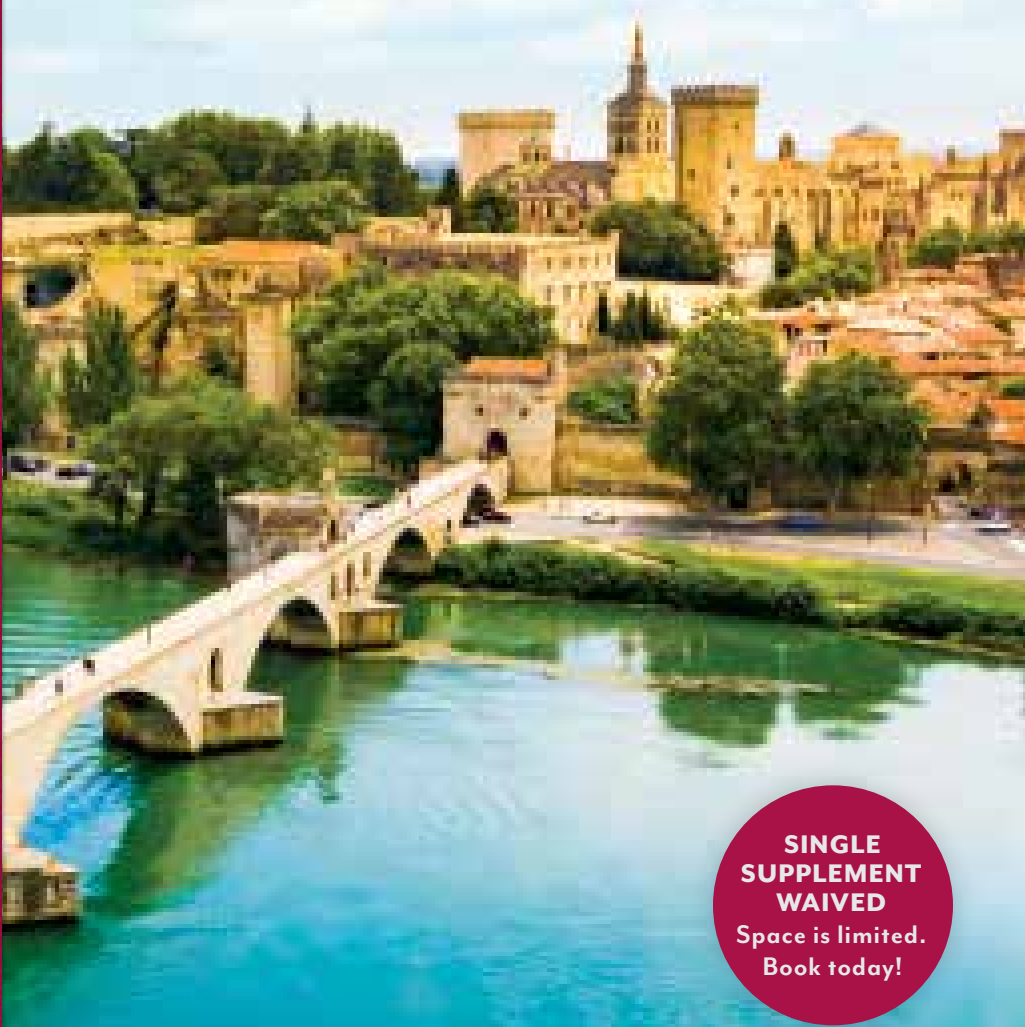


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In Provence, color and light combine in a magical way to create captivating, unforgettable vistas. Powder-blue skies stretch over swaying purple lavender fields. Ocher and sand-colored villages stand amid lush green olive groves and vineyards. On this seven-night journey, cruise France's storied Rhône and Saône Rivers aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe AMADEUS PROVENCE. At each port of call, you'll embark on enriching excursions that showcase this unique region. Experience the charm of Provence as you explore Lyon's fascinating *traboules*; be captivated by the art and architecture of Beaune; stroll through the picturesque villages of Tournon and Tain l'Hermitage, situated on opposite sides of the Rhône; and immerse yourself in Avignon's storied religious past. Marvel at the grand architectural ruins of the Roman era in Arles, Pont du Gard, and Orange. Along the way, relish exclusive guided tours of medieval fortresses, grand castles and châteaux, ancient abbeys and churches. Savor wine tastings in Burgundy, Beaujolais, the Rhône Valley, and on board the ship. Enhance your experience with the Lyon Pre-Program and Aix-en-Provence Post-Program options. Discover for yourself this breathtaking region of France!

Front cover: *Le Pont d'Avignon*



Lyon, France

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Dear Alumnae,

Join us for this exclusive nine-day French sojourn through Provence and the wine regions of Burgundy, Beaujolais, and the Rhône Valley during fall harvest season. Cruise for seven nights from historical Lyon to the ancient city of Arles along the fabled Rhône and Saône rivers aboard the deluxe, exclusively chartered AMADEUS PROVENCE.

During your intimate river cruise, dock in the heart of each port town and visit six UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the Roman city of Orange, the medieval papal palace of Avignon, the wonderfully preserved Roman Amphitheater in Arles, and the Pont du Gard aqueduct, a true masterpiece of ancient architecture.

Visit the Burgundy region for an exclusive tour and wine tasting at Château de Rully, a medieval fortress that has belonged to the family of your guide, Count de Ternay, since the 12th century. Enjoy an excursion to the Beaujolais vineyards for a private tour, travel along France's oldest wine route and savor a wine tasting at Clos Vougeot, and stroll through the famed wine-making village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

Along the way, discover captivating Lyon, France's gastronomic gateway; tour the legendary 15th-century Hôtel-Dieu; explore charming Vienne, where a wealth of antiquities attests to past glories; and find your muse in Van Gogh's Arles.

This perennial favorite is an excellent value featuring a comprehensive itinerary through southeastern France in autumn. We encourage you to book now while extended booking savings are still available.

For Saint Mary's,



Kara M. O'Leary '89
Executive Director of Alumnae Relations and Advancement
Saint Mary's College

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A French *Pique-Nique*

Nineteenth century Parisians are credited with romanticizing the idea of the French *pique-nique*, or picnic, loosely consisting of a bread, cheeses, charcuterie, wine, and a tablecloth. What are the essentials for creating an authentic French picnic? First, choose an ideal time when the weather is mild, the sun is shining, and the breeze is redolent with the scent of fragrant flowers. Next, find a bucolic setting with space for spreading out on the grass, preferably under a shaded tree, near a lake with row boats, or in a park with magnificent gardens. Next, decide who will share in your *pique-nique*. Perhaps that special someone for a romantic *tête-a-tête*, or a group of family or friends whose company you enjoy. Finally, shop like a European at small specialty markets and pack your picnic basket. Fill it with baguettes and croissants; aged cheeses and cured meats; jams, mustards, olives, tapenades, and dips; fresh seasonal fruit; sweets such as fine chocolate, macarons, or other pastries; and plenty of chilled wine. Finally, spread your brightly colored linen tablecloth, reveal your feast, and enjoy the art of a lazy *pique-nique* along with stimulating conversation.

IMMERSIVE PROVENCE



The legendary 15th-century Hôtel-Dieu



The elements of a quintessential Provençal experience—with wine, cuisine, art, and architecture—come together on an unforgettable trip to southeastern France during the autumn harvest season. Vineyards, hilltop villages, and lavender fields form the mesmerizing backdrop for a living canvas, where a quaint street-side café in Arles once served as Van Gogh’s muse, a 16th-century castle has evolved into a renowned Beaujolais wine estate, and fresh, seasonal local ingredients result in robust Provençal culinary delights. Experience southeast France’s breathtaking landscapes and transcendent light that has inspired artists over the centuries. Taste your way through the wine regions of Burgundy, Beaujolais, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, and the Rhône Valley. Gaze at Rogier Van der Weyden’s altarpiece painting, “The Last Judgment.” And stand in awe before Romanesque, Gothic, Roman, and medieval architecture in this magical place called Provence.



INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).

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9-DAY/7-NIGHT ITINERARY

Departure

Day 1

Depart your home city.

Lyon, France/ Embark river boat

Day 2

Arrive in the captivating city of Lyon, a UNESCO World Heritage Site located at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône rivers, and embark the AMADEUS PROVENCE. Enjoy the Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner on board this evening. (R,D)

Lyon

Day 3

On a panoramic city tour, stop at the top of Lyon's Fourvière Hill to appreciate the breathtaking views. Then, stroll the tree-lined streets of restored Old Lyon, where well-preserved Gothic and Renaissance mansions attest to the wealth of the city's long-standing silk industry. Walk through the ancient quarter of Saint-Jean and its narrow, covered pedestrian

passageways, called *traboules*. Return to the ship for lunch and explore more of Lyon at leisure this afternoon. (B,L,D)

Chalon-sur-Saône for Beaune

Day 4

Visit enchanting Beaune, founded in the fifth century B.C. Tour the magnificent 15th-century Hôtel-Dieu/Hospices de Beaune, a former charitable almshouse founded in 1443 as a hospital for the poor. Admire its imposing architecture and ornate, glazed tile roof, and view the polyptych altarpiece painting, "The Last Judgment," by Rogier Van der Weyden. Enjoy free time in Beaune followed by a French picnic lunch of baguettes, charcuterie, and local wine. Then, visit the 12th-century Château de Rully, a medieval fortress set among wine vineyards, for a private tour by owner Count Raoul de Ternay, followed by a wine tasting in the medieval kitchen. (B,L,D)

Mâcon for Cluny/ Montmerle-sur-Saône/ Trévoux

Day 5

Tour the 12th-century, Romanesque Cluny Abbey, a former Benedictine monastery and one of the most significant abbeys of the Christian Middle Ages. Return to the ship and sail to Montmerle-sur-Saône. Disembark and journey through the bucolic French countryside during a scenic drive to Ravatys Castle, a wine chateau in the beautiful Beaujolais region. Enjoy a tour and wine tasting with *canapés*. Re-board the ship in Trévoux. (B,L,D)

Vienne/Tournon

Day 6

Begin your tour of charming Vienne with a short mini-train ride to the top of Mount Pipet. Appreciate the stunning view of the village and river, and then continue on a walking tour of the village. See the

Pont du Gard, Provence, France





Château de Rully, France

ornate, medieval Cathédrale Saint-Maurice d'Angers. Return to the ship for lunch and a special wine and chocolate tasting on board with a local wine expert. Disembark in Tournon to begin your excursion. Choose from walking tour of the picturesque villages of Tournon and Tain l'Hermitage, with a wine tasting; or choose a historical, scenic train ride through the hills around Tournon aboard the Train de l'Ardèche. (B,L,D)

St-Étienne-des-Sorts for Orange and Pont du Gard/Châteauneuf-du-Pape/Avignon **Day 7**

Traverse the picturesque French countryside, passing colorful fields and stucco houses en route to visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Pont du Gard, a 2,000-year-old Roman aqueduct that triumphs as one

of Europe's most impressive archaeological sites. Next, travel to Orange to explore the Roman city's UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including a visit to the ancient Roman Theater and a stop to see the Triumphal Arch, built in the late first century as a symbol of Roman imperial glory. Next, travel to Châteauneuf-du-Pape for time at leisure around the famed wine-making village and surrounding vineyards. Return to the ship, now docked in Avignon. (B,L,D)

Avignon/Arles **Day 8**

Embark on a walking tour of the ancient, UNESCO-inscribed city of Avignon, regarded for its architectural beauty and rich cultural heritage. Stroll past Gothic churches, beautiful facades of townhouses and Cardinals' palaces, and the extensive city wall. At the river's edge, see the remaining four arches

of Pont d'Avignon (also known as Pont Saint-Bénézet), the only bridge built across the Rhône during the Middle Ages. Then, tour the grand Papal Palace, the most grandiose château built in Europe during the Gothic era and a testament to Avignon's golden age. Re board the ship for lunch. Then, in Arles, take a walking tour of the coastal city brimming with Roman ruins, colorful pastel houses, and artistic inspiration. Enjoy an inside visit to the colossal, Roman Arles Amphitheatre. Pass by Le Café La Nuit, which inspired Vincent Van Gogh's "Café Terrace at Night," featuring his iconic starry sky. Say farewell at the Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner this evening. (B,L,R,D)

Arles/Disembark river boat/Marseille **Day 9**

Following breakfast, transfer to Marseille Airport for your return flight home. (B)





AMADEUS PROVENCE features all the comforts and deluxe amenities of a refined and traditional hotel. The 70 stylish staterooms and suites are among the most spacious of any European river boat. Suites include a private balcony, and select staterooms feature a unique floor-to-ceiling window that lowers to French-balcony height at the touch of a button. Accommodations have 2 twin beds or 1 queen bed, individual climate control, sitting area, and private bathroom with shower. For your leisure time on board there are two bars, an open-air lounge, a boutique, a massage room, a beauty salon, a fitness studio, and the Sun Deck. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available and an elevator serves all passenger decks except the Sun Deck.



2024 DEPARTURE DATE: August 28 to September 5 (Embarkation: August 29 at 3:00 pm)

Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <i>per person, based on double occupancy, excluding taxes</i>	Extended Booking Rate through July 29, 2024	<i>Rates after July 29, 2024</i>
C4	Stateroom with small panoramic window. <i>Haydn Deck, mid to aft.</i>	\$4,045	\$4,495
C1	Stateroom with small panoramic window. <i>Haydn Deck, mid to forward.</i>	\$4,495	\$4,995
B4	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to French-balcony height. <i>Strauss Deck, aft. (limited availability)</i>	\$4,945	\$5,495
B1	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to French-balcony height. <i>Strauss Deck, aft and midship. (limited availability)</i>	\$5,395	\$5,995
A1	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling panoramic window that lowers to French-balcony height. <i>Mozart Deck, aft and midship. (limited availability)</i>	\$5,845	\$6,495
Suite	Suite with private balcony (sliding glass doors with railing), sofa and bath robes. <i>Mozart Deck, midship.</i>	\$6,565	\$7,295

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Single Supplement waived for solo travelers wishing to reserve in categories C1! This offer is limited capacity controlled. Once capacity is filled single price goes to 200% of the per person double price and are subject to availability.

Port taxes are an additional \$85 per person. Customers will be notified of any fuel surcharge fee prior to final payment. This fee will then be charged and collected by the vessel operating company while on board. Deck plans available upon request.

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PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

Lyon

August 26 to 29, 2024 (Tour Begins: August 27)

Experience fine cuisine and wine, art and architecture, and Provençal beauty in the captivating, UNESCO World Heritage City of Lyon on this 3-day extension. Choose from excursions ranging from a tour of local delicacies on display at Les Halles Paul Bocuse covered market, or a bike ride through Lyon and along the river banks one day; and a gourmet French cooking class or an art and architecture tour on another. Indulge in a wine tasting and cheese pairing with a French sommelier to learn about vintages and grape varieties.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: **\$1,795**

Price per person, based on single occupancy: **\$2,395**



POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Aix-en-Provence

September 5 to 7, 2024 (Tour Ends: September 7)

Our 2-day post-cruise extension explores the beautiful, medieval city of Aix-en-Provence—located in the heart of France’s Provençal region—which captures the quintessential élan of all that is Provence. Stroll the Mazarin district and Old Aix with its mansions on Cours Mirabeau. See Atelier Cézanne, the painter’s colorful studio just outside Aix, and drive along the colorful, Provençal “Route Cézanne” to the foot of Saint-Victoire Mountain, the artist’s muse for many of his paintings.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: **\$995**

Price per person, based on single occupancy: **\$1,295**

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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