

BEST OF FRANCE RIVER CRUISES



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France Seine & Rhone River Cruises with Flights

Duration: 19 days

Departs: 2023 select dates

Stay: 14 nights outside cabins, 3 nights hotel

Travel style: Escorted river cruises with flights from Australia

Booking code: FRSRR19M

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19 Days France Seine & Rhone River Cruises

About the holiday

Discover the best of France on this stunning river cruise double that ticks all the boxes!

Sail the Seine River from Paris to Rouen, Les Andelys and Vernon, seeing the picturesque French countryside that inspired great artists, like Van Gogh and Monet. Cruise your way back through Normandy back to Paris, where you'll catch the train south to Lyon and embark on the next glorious leg of voyage along the Rhone.

The idyllic Rhone cruise calls in at Chalon-sur-Saone, Macon in Burgundy, Avignon, the medieval city of Viviers and La Voulte-sur-Rhone with its 14th-century castle. After exploring well-preserved monuments, watching France's history come to life and dining on regional specialities, it's time to disembark in Lyon and catch the train for Barcelona for a splendid 3-night stay, complete with a city tour and wine tasting.

River cruising offers the unique opportunity to visit Europe's historic cities and charming villages as you sail the world's most beautiful waterways. Cruise aboard an intimate floating hotel, equipped with features and amenities to make your voyage comfortable and carefree.

Why you'll love this trip...

- Sit back and enjoy the luxurious, care-free river cruise experience
- Gourmet dining and premium drinks included all day, plus free room service
- Culinary activities on board as well as use of sauna, pool and fitness areas
- Extend the holiday with three nights to explore beautiful Barcelona
- Plus flights are included from Australia!

Travel date

2023 - see website for current dates

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price will vary depending on your travel date and please ask us for rates on other cruise itineraries.

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Escorted River Cruises package includes:

- Return economy airfares from Australia to Paris & from Barcelona
- Airport transfers & train station transfers included
- 7 Nights Seine Experience the Normandy - A-ROSA VIVA (international)
 - 2 bed outside cabin, Category C with Juliette balcony, Deck 2
- 7 Nights Rhône Route Classique - A-ROSA VIVA (international)
 - 2 bed outside cabin, Category C with Juliette balcony, Deck 2
- 3 Nights Catalonia Barcelona Plaza Hotel or similar
- TGV trains from Paris to Lyon & Lyon to Barcelona

- **Included services in A-ROSA Premium all-inclusive tariff:**
- Full board Plus: Breakfast & lunch from the gourmet buffet, dinner either from the gourmet buffet or served at the table, with live cooking and regional specialities, other additional culinary activities on board.
- High-quality premium drinks - all day included
- A-ROSA travel cancellation insurance (included on bookings until 30 Nov 2022)
- One half-day excursion event including dinner (cruises from 7 nights)
- High-quality live entertainment on board (cruises from 7 nights)
- Unique destination scouts for individual experiences ashore
- Free room service for every cabin category
- German and English-speaking tour guides
- Use of on-board facilities such as sauna, pool and fitness areas
- Additional 15% discount on wellness and beauty treatments
- Bicycles / e-bikes can be rented free of charge on board (except A-ROSA SENA)
- Bathrobe, bath articles and mineral water in the cabin
- 24/7 coffee, tea and water station
- Free WLAN in all public areas and in the cabins
- One touch: the A-ROSA APP - before, during and after the cruise
- All port charges

Package excludes:

Pre-departure COVID-19 PCR test - if required for international travel

Flights pre-bookable advanced seating & excess luggage

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for crew, guides & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

*Subject to confirmation by airlines, river cruise company & local operators.
Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.*

Call 1300 168 910 to ask about upgrading your cabin or flights

Itinerary:

Day 1: Depart Australia

Board your aircraft for your overnight flights to Paris.

Day 2: Arrive Paris

Arrive Paris and transfer to the French river cruise dock for boarding. Off we go, along the Seine. Your first cruise will start in Paris and explore northern France. A wealth of cities, towns and landscapes awaits you. You'll also have the opportunity to get acquainted with the French joie de vivre, of course. And Paris? You'll be right at the heart of the action - perfect for discovering the beauty of this city. Welcome aboard!

Day 3: Explore Rouen

You quickly lose track of time in Normandy's capital. But you're reminded of it again by the 600-year-old 'Big Clock'. This is one of the world's oldest astronomical clocks and has just one hand - for the hour.

Day 4: Another day in Rouen

Rouen, capital of the northern French region of Normandy, is a port city on the river Seine. Important in the Roman era and Middle Ages, it has Gothic churches, such as Saint-Maclou and Saint-Ouen, and a cobblestoned pedestrian center with medieval half-timbered houses. The skyline is dominated by the spires of Cathédrale Notre-Dame, much-painted by Impressionist Claude Monet.

Day 5: Arrive Caudebec-en-Caux

On this Seine cruise, you'll also discover Caudebec-en-Caux. This tranquil little town is located in the heart of Normandy, not far from Rouen. Make sure you pay a visit to the local church while you're there - it's especially worth seeing due to its beautiful architecture. This is a wonderful place to experience the typical French lifestyle first-hand while avoiding the hustle and bustle of the city.

Day 6: Les Andelys and Vernon

LES ANDELYS ARR 08:00 AM DEP 12:00 PM

The pleasant, tranquil little town of Les Andelys occupies an idyllic spot surrounded by nature on the bank of the Seine. It is known for its castle, Château Gaillard. Although it is nothing more than a vast ruin nowadays, it's easy to imagine Richard the Lionheart keeping watch here for the advance of the enemy - the French - through the Seine valley.

VERNON ARR 02:30 PM

Today will probably be one of the highlights of your Seine cruise: you'll have the opportunity to visit Claude Monet's house and garden in Giverny. It is a magnet for art and culture lovers and those of a romantic inclination - and rightly so. The lush garden looks like a meadow of flowers straight out of an impressionist painting. The highlight is the enchanting lily pond, the subject of one of the world's most valuable paintings. And you'll be able to admire it up close - what a view!

Day 7: Vernon to Paris

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Day 8: Arrive Paris

PARIS ARR 06:00 PM

Enjoy Paris by night and get a whole new view of the city! The day in Paris belongs to you. Enjoy the breathtaking metropolis with its landmark - the famous Eiffel Tower. The city of love, dreams and everything beautiful has been waiting patiently for the great final act of the river cruise and now welcomes you with all its splendor. Back with many impressions, you can enjoy time for yourself on board on the last evening of your cruise.

Day 9: Depart Paris to Lyon

Today you will disembark your French cruise and be transferred to the Paris railway station for your train ride to Lyon in the South. Upon arrival in Lyon you will be transferred to the Lyon river cruise dock to check in for your Rhône Route Classique cruise.

What a city! Everyone should see Lyon if they have the opportunity. With its old town - a UNESCO World Heritage Site - its narrow alleyways, rear courtyards, popular quays and large squares on the Presqu'île, as well as the more than 200 sights that are illuminated after dark, this city takes visitors on an extraordinary journey through different eras and cultures. And right on its doorstep, to the north-west, is Beaujolais. Enjoy fine food and wine and spellbinding views on your Rhône cruise. Idyllic destinations await you here.

Day 10: Chalon-sur-Saône

Your idyllic Rhône cruise will now call at Chalon-sur-Saône. Its 80,000 inhabitants make it the second-largest city in Burgundy today. Here, you'll have the opportunity to explore the Saône region by bicycle or visit the city, with its many beautiful old townhouses and the Cathédrale Saint-Vincent, which is definitely worth seeing.

Day 11: Macon and Trevoux

MÂCON ARR 02:00 AM DEP 02:00 PM

Welcome to the French town of Mâcon, the capital of the department of Saône-et-Loire. Mâcon is also the southernmost city in the Burgundy region and the centre of the Mâconnais district. Many guidebooks describe it as the 'Gateway to Beaujolais'. The friendly, almost Mediterranean character of Mâcon's inhabitants is underscored by a veritable sea of flowers in the city. You are sure to enjoy your time here.

TRÉVOUX ARR 06:00 PM DEP 07:00 PM

LYON ARR 10:00 PM

Day 12: Free day Lyon

You will experience the day on your river trip on the Rhône in the French metropolis of Lyon. The city invites you to really get to know it. And during your overnight stay you also have the opportunity to explore the city in the evening. The brightly lit sights in the dark are certainly a highlight of the trip. And with a drink on the sun deck you have a beautiful view of the city.

Day 13: Arrive Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Avignon

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE ARR 10:30 AM DEP 11:00 AM

Just a couple of kilometres away from the Rhône, you'll find Châteauneuf-du-Pape - not to be confused with the wine-growing region of the same name in the Rhône valley. The town's main attraction is the ruin of the Avignon popes' summer residence.

AVIGNON ARR 01:30 PM

Avignon is one of the most popular ports of call on A-ROSA's Rhône cruises. It is an imposing, historic city in southern France that was home to several of the Catholic popes at one time. Make sure to visit the unique and unmissable Palais des Papes on an excursion to Avignon's ancient quarter. The city and the surrounding region have a warm climate thanks to the Mediterranean - which means a pleasant stay for you!

Day 14: Avignon and Arles

AVIGNON DEP 12:00 PM

ARLES ARR 03:30 PM DEP 09:00 PM

Arles in southern France is the Provençal city par excellence. This sun-drenched city of terracotta-tiled rooftops occupies a broad bend in the River Rhône. Many of its monuments have named UNESCO World Heritage Sites. What's more, Arles was once a great Roman port. As if all that weren't reason enough to visit, the city was also home to Vincent van Gogh for a while.

Day 15: Viviers and La Voulte

VIVIERS ARR 08:00 AM DEP 08:30 AM

This small medieval city in the Ardèche region is absolutely unmissable. It boasts numerous sights and is dotted with well-preserved monuments from bygone ages. Here in the Rhône region, the typical French attitude to life is also very apparent. Watch France's history come alive in Viviers, and enjoy the diverse range of attractions that the city has to offer.

LA VOULTE ARR 12:30 PM DEP 01:30 PM

The small town backdrop of La Voulte-sur-Rhône is characterised by the 14th-century castle located in the old town. Seen from afar, you can hardly wait to stroll through the old town and meet it.

Day 16: Disembark Lyon and take the train to Barcelona

What an amazing cruise. You will disembark today and be transferred to Lyon station for train ride to Barcelona. Upon Arrival in Barcelona you will be transferred to your hotel for your 3 nights stay in this amazing city.

Barcelona, Spain's second most important city with its unending choice of museums, galleries, and cafes. Perhaps stroll along Las Ramblas, Barcelona's famous pedestrian walkway with its life-size animators, stalls and people watchers

Day 17: Barcelona City Tour, Wine Tasting

Begin the day in this artistic city with a drive along the harbor to Plaza Catalunya, the city's bustling main square and Plaza de España home to the old bullfighting ring. Pass some of Gaudi's famous works, including the "skull and bones" Casa Batllo, on the way to visit Park Guell, one of the city's largest urban parks, another colorful and playful Gaudi creation.

Continue on to view the iconic symbol of Barcelona, La Sagrada Familia, Gaudi's masterpiece; a colossal church that is legendary and still unfinished. Ascend Montjuic Hill, home to the Olympic Complex, a number of sports facilities built for the 1992 Summer Olympics. Later, travel to nearby Penedes, one of the most exciting wine regions in Spain that produces many wine styles including traditional (sparkling) white and rosé Cava. Stop at one of the wine cellars for a tasting before returning to Barcelona. Tonight, join the rousing nightlife in this late-night city

Day 18: Full Day in Barcelona

A full day at leisure to explore Barcelona's countless museums and superb galleries or, choose to visit La Sagrada Familia independently. In the morning, join the optional guided tour to Montserrat that takes you on a drive past picturesque villages to Montserrat Mountain. On arrival, visit the Royal Basilica and view the world-famous 12th-century Romanesque sculpture of Virgen Moreneta. Tonight, bid adios to Spain and Tour Manager during dinner at a popular restaurant
Optional: Montserrat Tour (AM)

Day 19: Depart Spain for home

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. It's time for the journey to end and memories begin!

Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, river levels, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

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