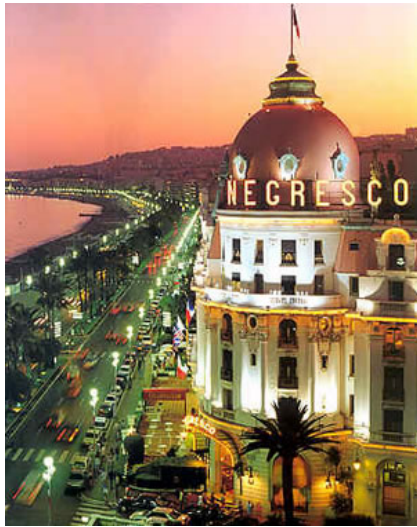




ART OF THE PROVENCE & 7 DAYS RHONE RIVER CRUISE

A Cultural Extravaganza from 21 April – 04 May 2017



DAY 01, FRI 04/21: USA TO NICE

DAY 02, SAT 04/22: NICE [D]

Afternoon arrival at the capital of the French Riviera, Nice. The French Riviera, also known as the *Cote d'Azur* is the sun and fun playground of Europe, filled with million dollar yachts and wall to wall, scantily clad tanned bodies. We begin our stay here with a brief city tour. Tonight you'll dine in one of Nice's finest seafood restaurants.

DAY 03, SUN 04/23: NICE—OLD TOWN-MONTE CARLO - NICE [B,D]

This morning we will visit the only Russian Orthodox onion-skinned domed cathedral in France that rivals the best in Moscow! It is a stunning, unusual and rarely-seen-by-tourist cathedral. Next you'll visit the important Chagall Museum to view his jewel-like paintings. It would be most difficult for anyone not to be moved by this beautiful collection.

After lunch we will go on a walking tour of Nice's Old Town where one feels transported to Florence or Venice and a reminder that Nice was once a part of Italy. With narrow streets curving in irregular fashion between old buildings with red-tile roofs, this could be almost any medieval village of the region. The streets are packed with shops, small restaurants, food, meat, produce, pasta, clothes, gifts, anything and everything. You can buy wine by the bottle or the barrel (bring your own container) and an amazing variety of fresh-made ravioli and other pasta. The Cours Saleya has a daily flower market and a food market in the mornings. There are scores of stands. The length of the Cours Saleya is sided by the low buildings separating the "Cours" from the seaside. Once housing the fishermen's catch, they have given way largely to seafood restaurants. The other side of the Cours Saleya is lined by terrace cafés, lovely old buildings and the grand Prefecture. You will conclude your walk with the Museum of Modern Art, four stories of the best of modern European art. Here you'll find old favorites, Warhol, Dine and Rauschenberg plus many new European artists. Spend the rest of the day freely exploring the Roman ruins, the Matisse Museum, the Museum of Naïve Art, or some of the many palaces or churches or simply sit at one of the many cafes and watch the beautiful people. Tonight you're off to the bright lights, fast action and beautiful people that typifies Monte Carlo & its famous casino.

DAY 04, MON 04/24: NICE - ARTIST'S HOMES – NICE [B]

Our morning begins with a visit to the villa/cottage of the Impressionist painter, Renoir. Here Renoir spent his final days painting his famous canvases and the spirit and atmosphere is still warmly impressionistic. Next we visit Biot, a very picturesque and popular 2500 years old medieval village. It sits on a hilltop only 4 km from the Mediterranean beaches and it retains much of its natural charm and the quiet feeling of the 16th century. We are here to view the works of Fernand Leger in the chateau where he created them, now a museum devoted solely to his art. Antibes was a Greek fortified town named Antipolis in the 5th century BC, and later a Roman town, and always an active port for trading along the Mediterranean. Today it's an attractive and active town, the natural beauty remains in the old town, with the ramparts along the sea and the long, arched protective wall along the port. There are plenty of little streets for exploring, restaurants of all types and prices, and lots of shops. The Picasso museum is in the Château Grimaldi, Picasso worked here in the chateau in 1946, and his studio is part of the museum. The collection includes an enormous amount of

his work, including Mediterranean marine and mythological life done here, and ceramics done in nearby Vallauris in 1948-49.

DAY 05, TUE 04/25: NICE - MAEIGHT – ST. PAUL DE VENCE –NICE [B]

This morning we'll drive through Provence's lush hills to see two of the most amazing art institutions in Europe. The Chateau Notre Dame des Fleurs containing the Beaubourg Collection, the largest outdoor sculpture display in Europe. The Maeight Foundation contains a superb collection of Miro's, a Giacometti sculpture garden and continually changing contemporary exhibitions. You'll lunch in Saint Paul de Vence, a stunning, picturesque medieval hill village filled with fantastic modern art galleries. After lunch you may choose to join our expert for a visit to the world famous perfumeries at Grasse or spend a few hours with your hosts Catlin and Drew exploring the galleries and shops of St. Paul de Vence.

DAY 06, WED 04/26: CANNES - PICASSO-POTTERY – AIX EN PROVENCE [B,D]

Our morning begins with a drive along the blue Mediterranean to the little port city of Cannes. Cannes is synonymous with style, luxury, starlets and the idle rich. The focus point of Cannes is La Croisette, not just a plain street, it combines the beauties of the crystal blue sea, palm trees, heavenly flowers with the brashness of Hollywood. We will have time to both shop and stare. Then you are off to Vallauris, the town made famous when Picasso visited and became fascinated with the pottery works there. He began working in the town and continued for 10 years. During this time he was invited by the town to decorate an unused chapel. The result was one of his most famous works, *War and Peace*, now called the National Picasso Museum. After our museum visit we'll stroll the town's many pottery shops where you can view and buy Picasso reproductions, as well as, the fine pottery of many local artists. Late afternoon arrival in Aix en Provence the old capital of the Provence. After dinner stroll along Course Mirabeau and experience the beauty of this old city.

DAY 07, THU 04/27: AIX EN PROVENCE – ARLES - EMBARKATION [B,D]

After breakfast we visit Cezanne's studio, which has been preserved as it was at the time of the painter's death in 1906. Then we continue on to the Vasarely Foundation which was established by the artist himself between 1973 and 1976 and contains typical examples of his work. Later in the afternoon we drive a short distance to Arles for embarkation on a 7 days marvelous cruise along the Rhone and Soave. This evening, meet your fellow passengers for a Welcome Dinner.

DAY 08, FRI 04/28: ARLES – LES BEUX – AVIGNON [B,L,D]

This morning, you will arrive in Arles and board a motor coach for an excursion to the village of Les Baux de Provence. This hilltop village and fortress was a Protestant stronghold during the French Wars of Religion until destroyed by Louis XIII and Cardinal Richelieu in 1633. At the castle, you will see examples of medieval siege weaponry. In the alternative, choose to take the "Van Gogh" tour which will take you to the Saint Paul de Mausole Asylum. Here, Van Gogh painted some of his most well-known paintings such as *The Irises* and *Starry Night*. Later, visit an olive farm to learn about this age-old Provençal farming tradition. Late this afternoon, your city tour of Arles takes you to the Romanesque cathedral and the Roman Amphitheater. This evening cruise to nearby Avignon. As your ship docks, look for the Avignon Bridge, made famous by the French children's song "Sur le pont d'Avignon" ("On the Bridge of Avignon").

DAY 09, SAT 04/29: AVIGNON – VIVIERES [B,L,D]

This morning, you will have your choice of two excursions in and around historic Avignon. Home to the papacy from 1309 to 1377, Avignon was an important center of the Catholic Church. Seven popes resided in the magnificent Gothic Papal Palace, which you will visit during your walking tour. You will also see the well-preserved medieval walls surrounding the historic center of town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the alternative, you can take an excursion to the Pont du Gard, a Roman aqueduct that is a masterpiece of engineering and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your tour will also visit Uzès, a lovely Provençal small town known for its Castle of the Duke of Uzès (still occupied by the Duke and his family), medieval streets and a picturesque town square framed by archways. Enjoy free time for shopping in Uzès before returning to your ship. You will then cruise to Viviers. Arriving this evening, you will enjoy a unique view of the town's history and legends. Participate in an onboard nougat demonstration or follow along on a "ghost walk" through this once-thriving medieval town, as fascinating and poignant stories of its past are brought to life by the town's current residents. The ship moors overnight in Viviers.

DAY 10, SUN 04/30: AVIGNON – TOURNON [B,L,D]

After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to Grignan, a magnificent village perched upon a hill surrounded by lavender fields, topped by a Renaissance castle. From the castle, enjoy a commanding view of the surrounding countryside. Enjoy some free time to explore local shops for confections, home-made lavender soaps and other crafts. You will cruise to Tournon this evening.

DAY 11, MON 05/01: TOURNON – VIENNE [B,L,D]

This morning, visit Tain L'Hermitage, Tournon's "twin" town located across the Rhône River and linked by a 19th-century suspension bridge. The fertile soil and ideal climate of the region has made Tain L'Hermitage the premier producer of the Côtes du Rhône wines. Enjoy a wine tasting and then free time this afternoon to visit the 16th-century castle which is now a town hall. This evening, you will arrive in Vienne. Situated between the wine regions of Burgundy and Beaujolais, Vienne has a significant Roman history, which is highlighted by its marvelously preserved ruins and remains.

DAY 12, TUE 05/02: VIENNE – TREVOUX [B,L,D]

This morning, you will take a mini train tour and see the 1st-century Roman Temple of Augustus and Livia, the ruins of a Roman theater and the medieval churches of St. Andre-Le-Bas and Abbey St. Pierre. As an alternative, you may choose to visit the castle (when available). Later, your ship will depart for the historic village of Trévoux. Upon arrival, you will take a walking tour of this former capital of the ancient principality of Dombes. The town's landmarks include a Parliament building, medieval ramparts and a hillside Chateau. You will also enjoy a traditional game of boules, otherwise known as pétanque.

DAY 13, WED 05/03: TREVOUX – LYON [B,L,D]

This morning's tour will take you through the chateaux, fields and vineyards of the Beaujolais wine region, the Pays d'Or or "land of the golden stones," named for the ochre limestone of its homes and castles. You will visit the medieval hilltop village of Oingt. You will also visit the winery and home of a local vintner, which will include wine tasting, a vineyard tour and explanation of the history of wine production in the region. After lunch, depart your ship in Collonges and travel to Lyon. Today your panoramic tour of Lyon will take you to the "Place Bellecour" with its equestrian statue of Louis XIV, the "Place des Terreaux," with Bartholdi's Fountain and the Town Hall. Afterwards, visit Fourvière, part of the historic region designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Known as the "Hill of Prayers," Fourvière is famous for its iconic white Basilica of Notre-Dame; ruins of a Roman theater, and majestic views of the city below. Later, rejoin your ship now docked in Lyon.

DAY 14, THU 05/04: DISEMBARKATION & FLIGHT BACK HOME [B]

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION: 4 NIGHTS IN NICE [NEGRESO](#)
1 NIGHT IN AIX-EN-PROVENCE [HOTEL LE PIGONNET](#)

TOUR INCLUDES:

- 5-star First class hotel accommodation in listed properties
- 7 nights deluxe cruise accommodation aboard the [MS AMACELLO](#)
- Daily Hot Buffet Breakfast
- Special dinners in Nice, Monte Carlo and Aix-en-Provence
- All meals during the cruise
- All sightseeing and museum visits as listed in itinerary
- All coach transportation and transfers as listed in itinerary.
- Hosted by an art professional.
- Porterage one piece per person on arrival and departure airport and hotels.
- All Port Taxes during cruise (\$ 168)



NOT INCLUDED:

- International air fare
- Items of personal nature
- Optional travel insurance
- Tips and gratuities for guides, coach drivers and during cruise

PRICE PER PERSON SHARING A DOUBLE OR TWIN ROOM: \$ 4,885.00

Single Supplement for hotels \$ 1,165.00, for cruise 50% of twin price
Three nights extension program to Paris can be added on for \$ 1,320 per person.

CRUISE UPGRADES:

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