

Best of Times Travel Proudly Presents

Portraits of Southern France

Our journey along France's scenic Saône and Rhône Rivers takes you past some of the most beautiful vineyards and vistas in the French countryside and promises to be one of our most captivating yet. During our 8-day cruise, explore the famed region of Burgundy and the lavender-scented hills of Provence. We visit a number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites and view early Roman ruins in both Vienne and Arles. Walk the cobbled streets of Arles and see for yourself why it was such an inspiration to Vincent van Gogh. From here, cruise through beautiful wine growing regions where such famous wines as Beaujolais, Côte du Rhône and Chateauneuf-du-Pape are being produced. Learn about the region's time-honored traditions in wine-making and indulge your taste buds by sampling the famed cuisine of Lyon. And, of course no trip to Southern France is complete without a visit to the historic Papal Palace in Avignon, the "City of the Popes."

Early
Booking
Discount

2-FOR-1 Cruise
Discounted Price

Best of Times Travel Exclusive Bundle Package

- **8-day/7-night cruise** from your private veranda or french balcony onboard the NEW Viking Longship - Viking Heimdal
- **Roundtrip Airfare** from Logan Airport
- **Roundtrip Transportation** to Airport - with hometown pick-up guarantee*
- **Travelers Insurance** by TravelSafe Protect-A-Group
- **Best of Times Travel Professional Tour Director** throughout trip**
- **Unlimited Wine, Beer, & Soft Drinks with every Lunch and Dinner on board the Ship**
- **All Touring Included** with private, English-speaking guides
- **20 meals:** 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- **Old World Highlights:** Folklore Dances, Lectures, Theme Dinners, on board Music Performances
- **All Luggage Handling** Costs Included
- **All Driver Gratuities** Included for transfers
- **Welcome Cocktail Reception & Dinner**
- **Payment of all port charges**
- **Special Early Booking & Past Passenger Discounts**

9 DAYS/ 8 NIGHTS

April 17th - 25th, 2018

The Places We'll Visit:

Arles Avignon Vienne
Tournon Beaune Lyon
Chateauneuf-de-Pape



Please Call Best of Times at 1-800-343-8999
For Information and Reservations



9 DAYS/ 8 NIGHTS - April 17th - 25th, 2018

**Special 2-FOR-1 Discounted Cruise Price
& Special Bundle Package with Early Booking & Final Payment**

CAT A Verandah Cabin Upper Deck	CAT B Verandah Cabin Middle Deck	CAT C French Balcony Upper Deck	CAT D French Balcony Cabin Middle Deck	CAT E Standard Cabin Main Deck
Regular Price \$9099^{pp} Our Package Price \$4549^{pp}	Regular Price \$8799^{pp} Our Package Price \$4399^{pp}	Regular Price \$8399^{pp} Our Package Price \$4199^{pp}	Regular Price \$7999^{pp} Our Package Price \$3999^{pp}	Regular Price \$7599^{pp} Our Package Price \$3799^{pp}

A Valid Passport is REQUIRED for this program

Add \$400 per person Taxes & International Transfers

Prices are per person based on double occupancy.

The Places We Will Visit:

Day 1 - 2 Avignon - We fly overnight to Marseille. Upon arrival we transfer from the airport to your ship docked in Avignon. After boarding, take free time to explore this quaint town on the scenic Rhône River—or join our “welcome walk” to stretch your legs and start getting oriented. (D)

Day 3 Arles - UNESCO World Heritage Site -Arrive during breakfast and take a walking tour of Arles with its diverse architectural highlights. Experience the city’s vibrant colors and striking quality of light that have inspired artists. Arles is also the site of some impressive Roman ruins, including Les Arènes, an arena that seats 20,000 and is still in use, as well as Romanesque monuments such as the Church of Saint-Trôphime, completed in the 15th century. Return aboard for lunch followed by an afternoon on your own to explore or shop for handcrafted gifts—as always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time. Dinner is served as you depart. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Avignon & Viviers - UNESCO World Heritage Site -This morning, set out on a guided walk of Avignon, nicknamed “City of Popes” because it was home to seven popes from 1309 to 1377. Stroll through the historic center, stop at the picturesque Pont d’Avignon and walk the Place de l’Horloge. Continue to the renowned Palace of the Popes for a guided tour through this rambling maze of Gothic architecture, which served as papal residence, fortress, church, and palace. After the tour, enjoy an afternoon at leisure exploring Avignon. You can join the optional tour to Châteauneuf-du-Pape, visiting the vineyards and tasting the famous wine. Lunch and dinner are served aboard. Arrive after dinner in Viviers, a quaint town in a mountainous setting. Join your Program Director for an evening stroll through the Old Town with its medieval and Renaissance buildings. Enjoy free time before retiring for the evening. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Viviers & Tournon - Join a walking tour of Viviers’ Old Town with its medieval and Renaissance buildings this morning. After lunch aboard, your ship will cruise past the steep banks of the Défilé de Donzère, a particularly scenic stretch along the Rhône River. After dinner, take a stroll under the plane trees lining the riverbanks in Tournon. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Tournon & Vienne - All aboard the Train de l’Ardèche this morning for a locomotive ride through the deep gorges of the Ardèche plateau, cut by the Doux River. You’ll return to your ship and enjoy lunch aboard as we cruise past dramatic landscapes. Arrive in Vienne this afternoon, a beautiful town with an ancient Roman past. Visit the Temple of Augustus and Livia, the Roman amphitheater and the Gothic Cathedral of St. Maurice on a walking tour before dinner aboard the ship. We remain docked in Vienne this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Vienne & Lyon - UNESCO World Heritage Site - Enjoy free time in Vienne this morning, or join an optional tour of the extensive Roman ruins in neighboring St.-Romain-en-Gal. Cruise on to Lyon during lunch, and tour this UNESCO World Heritage Site this afternoon. Begin with a drive to the top of Fourvière Hill for amazing views of the city. Continue with a guided visit to the Basilica of Notre Dame and drive through town past the magnificent St. Jean Cathedral and the Palace of Justice. Then take a walking tour through the cobbled streets of Vieux Lyon (Old Town), with free time to shop for souvenirs or sample some of the fine French cuisine for which Lyon is world famous. We depart late this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 8 Mâcon, France & Beaujolais Wine Tour - After breakfast, take a scenic drive through the rolling hills of Beaujolais, where viticultural tradition runs deep. See the legendary Moulin-à-Vent, the windmill that gives its name to one of the most prestigious wines of the region, learn about the art of winemaking in a small museum and enjoy a tasting in one of the Beaujolais’s famous cellars. Return to your ship for lunch. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. As always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time. Or, take an optional excursion to the picturesque Burgundy town of Cluny, known for its magnificent medieval abbey ruin. Return aboard late this afternoon for departure to Lyon. (B, L, D)

Day 9 Lyon - After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the Lyon airport for your return flight. We leave with great memories of our time together. (B) B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

*Most New England Locations within 50 miles of Logan Airport. Group pick-up in their home town regardless of the number of passengers.

** There is a minimum requirement of 30 paying Best of Times customers to ensure the services of a Best of Times Travel Professional Tour Director.