

TAIN L'HERMITAGE TO AVIGNON - FRENCH RIVER CRUISE

Anticipate a voyage of carefree bliss aboard Napoleon, our biggest, most sociable barge. Glide through sun-baked landscapes where olive groves and lavender fields bask under a piercing blue sky. Alight to discover the timeless treasures and delectable tastes of Provence.



ITINERARY

Day 01 TAIN L'HERMITAGE

Board the barge at Tain l'Hermitage or Tournon and get to know your crew over a champagne reception. This evening you are joined by a local sommelier who will introduce you to the Northern Rhone Valley wines. Later, dine on superb cuisine accompanied by France's finest wines.

Day 02 VIVIERS

Cruise to Viviers while watching the beautiful Rhone Valley glide





by. Enjoy a guided walk of this charming medieval town in the mid-afternoon. Return to the barge and play the traditional Provençal game petanque.

Day 03 GRIGNAN

Enjoy a scenic drive the Provençal village of Grignan for a tour of the medieval chateau followed by a visit a local truffle farm to learn about and taste this world-renowned delicacy. Lunch is at a delightful local restaurant. Back on board, cruise south to Saint-Etienne-des-Sorts. Pass through the Bollene lock, with its dramatic 23-metre drop.

Day 04 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Today visit the village of Chateauneuf-du-Pape, where you'll enjoy a session of wine tasting. Lunch is served on board as you cruise to Avignon, past the famous bridge Pont Saint-Benezet. Moor opposite the gates to city then visit the spectacular Roman Pont du Gard aqueduct.

Day 05 AVIGNON

Tour Avignon, which was home to the Popes of Avignon in the 1300s. Enjoy a walk around the walled city, as well as the Palace of the Popes. Take time to peruse the shops or sample French cafe culture. Lunch is served back on Belmond Napoleon as you cruise to Arles. Explore the village of Les Baux-de-Provence before dining on board.

Day 06 ARLES

Tour Arles, home of Van Gogh from 1888 to 1889. Enjoy lunch as you cruise back to Avignon. Disembark to visit Saint-Remy, birthplace of Nostradamus and also home to Van Gogh. In the evening have a magnificent farewell gala dinner and trade stories with your fellow travellers.

Day 07 AVIGNON

Awake to your final breakfast aboard before the crew bids you farewell and you disembark.

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.





YOUR SHIP: NAPOLEON

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VESSEL TYPE: Barge

LENGTH: 129ft / 39.3m

PASSENGER CAPACITY: 12

BUILT/REFURBISHED: 1963

A VOYAGE MADE FOR THE BON VIVANT Cruising the majestic Rhone from Tain L'Hermitage to Avignon, take in the charms of Provence aboard Napoleon Recline on the this gorgeous barge, as peaceful meadows drift by and weeping willows dip into the water. Around-the-clock indulgence awaits. Sip cocktails under the stars and feast on local delicacies. Tour the postcard-perfect hillsides of Provence, then quench your thirst surrounded by world-class vines. CABINS Our spacious twin or king cabins feature their own indulgent en-suite bathroom, large scenic window and controlled heating. All six cabins can be reconfigured to your needs--the perfect choice for groups or families. DETAILS & AMENITIES Decks: 3, Crew: 6 Double beds (can be configured to twins) Wash basin, shower and a WC Wardrobes Slippers and bathrobes Air conditioning Towels and facecloths Dressing/desk table with chair Sockets for two-pin 220-volt plugs



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