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FAMILY

Start in Paris France - End in Lyon France



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EXPERIENCE WITH US

Exclusives - Special visit to a private ranch in French cowboy country – La Camargue – for a hayride and traditional Provençal lunch



VALUE INCLUDES

Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$3,587

Gratuities to Tauck Cruise Director, Tauck Directors, drivers, local guides and ship staff

Two-night stay in city-center Paris

An introduction to the game of pétanque, played with the locals

A walk in Arles that traces the footsteps of Vincent van Gogh

Visit to a palace, Avignon's Palais des Papes

Chocolate-making demonstration and tastings

Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks

Airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted

17 meals, applicable fuel surcharges, portorage, taxes and service charges

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DAY 1: ARRIVE PARIS

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Sofitel Le Scribe Paris Opéra. A transfer is included from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport or Gare de Lyon, Charles de Gaulle Station or Gare du Nord train stations to Sofitel Le Scribe Paris Opéra. Your family's France river cruise gets off to a fabulous start from the moment you check into your luxury hotel, a historic treasure in the heart of the city that for centuries has been at the heart of Parisian society. Meet the families you'll be traveling with at a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel, featuring entertainment by a mentalist that's fun for the whole family.

- MEALS: Dinner
- ACCOMMODATION: Sofitel Le Scribe Paris Opéra

DAY 2: A DAY EXPLORING PARIS

The day begins with a choice of sightseeing – a walking tour through some of Paris' iconic plazas and parks or a visit to Opera Garnier, one of the most famous opera houses in the world and the setting for Gaston Leroux's 1910 novel, The Phantom of the Opera. Following lunch, your family to explore Paris as you please – or, if you wish, join us for bicycling along the Seine.

- MEALS: Breakfast
- ACCOMMODATION: Sofitel Le Scribe Paris Opéra



DAY 3 : FROM PARIS TO LYON BY TGV... AND YOUR RIVER ADVENTURE BEGINS

Your morning is free for you and your family to explore Paris as you please. Early afternoon, travel aboard a high-speed train called the TGV and head south to Lyon, where you'll board ms Emerald, your floating hotel for the next five nights. The crew makes sure that you know your way around before our welcome reception, which is followed by dinner aboard ship... with some rather magical entertainment.

- MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner
- ACCOMMODATION: Tauck Ship

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DAY 4: A LOCAL CO-OP, LEGENDARY CHOCOLATE MAKER OR A VINEYARD HIKE

This morning your riverboat docks in Tain l'Hermitage for fun family discoveries ashore including a choice of excursions; a wine & cheese tasting at a local co-op, recognized for its prestigious "cru" of wines; a visit to world renowned chocolate producer, Valrhona, where you'll learn about the history of the chocolate maker, taste the difference between a few different types of chocolate and take part in a chocolate truffle making class with one of Valrhona's top pastry chefs; or, embark on an active hike through the vineyards of Tain l'Hermitage, learning about the region's rich wine history and indulging in a jaw-dropping view at the top of the hill, one that warranted a visit from future president Thomas Jefferson back in 1788. The rest of the afternoon and evening are spent cruising the Rhône, bound for Arles in Provence.

- MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- ACCOMMODATION: Tauck Ship
- EXCURSION CHOICES: Choice #1 - Wine & Cheese Tasting at Cave de Train
- EXCURSION CHOICES: Choice #2 - Chocolate Truffle Class
- EXCURSION CHOICES: Choice #3 - Hike Through the Tain l'Hermitage Vineyards



DAY 5: CAMARGUE COWBOYS, VAN GOGH & CHOCOLATE ART

After arriving in Arles this morning, get a change of scenery on a drive into the Camargue for a taste of France's "Wild West." This vast marshy delta has been home to free-roaming black bulls since Roman times; today the bulls are looked after by French gardians (cowboys), saddled up on white Camargue horses. You'll see them up close at a private ranch, called a manade, and a hayride into the fields to see bulls, mares and foals. Enjoy a Provençal lunch, gypsy music and a daring show in which players attempt to retrieve paper tokens from a bull's horns. Later today you'll return to medieval Arles for a walking tour that brings alive many of the places captured in brilliant strokes of color by one of its most famous residents, artist Vincent van Gogh – then create some tasty art of your own based on lovely French landscapes with a hands-on chocolate painting experience. This evening, an onboard performance by an accordionist precedes dinner.

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DAY 6: AN AVIGNON PALACE & A 1ST-CENTURY MARVEL

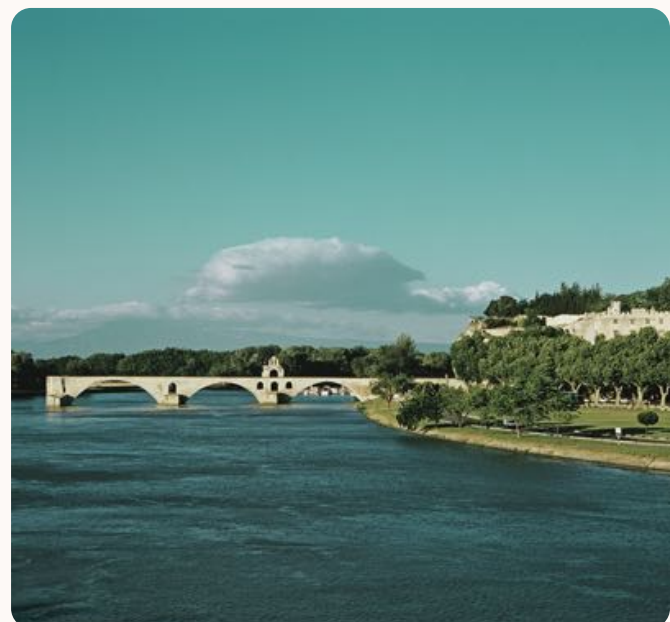
Everyone dreams at one time or another of living in a palace... and today's France family river cruise does just that when your family visits an extravagant grand palace with four mighty towers... On a guided tour of 12th-century Palais des Papes in Avignon, once a "renegade" papal palace (built in opposition to Rome), your imagination takes flight as you explore one of Europe's largest medieval Gothic buildings. Or, if you wish, instead of visiting Palais des Papes you can join us for a bicycle ride in Avignon this morning. You'll have some time this afternoon to discover Avignon as you please. Then everyone meets up to walk across the famed Pont du Gard, and enjoy some refreshments; this threelevel, 164-ft.-high "bridge" was built by the Romans to carry fresh water over the Gardon River nearly 2,000 years ago!

- MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- ACCOMMODATION: Tauck Ship
- EXCURSION CHOICES: Choice #1 - Tour of Avignon's Palais des Papes
- EXCURSION CHOICES: Choice #2 - Bicycling in the Arles Countryside

DAY 7: MEDIEVAL VIVIERS, PÉTANQUE AND MORE

This morning brings adventure to your France family river cruise with a walking tour of medieval Viviers, where you'll wind your way up through narrow, cobbled streets, curious passageways and doorways in shades of blue and green... leading up to the petite 12th-century Cathédrale SaintVincent. Next, try your hand at a game of pétanque, played by tossing a small metal boule about the size of an orange. Return to the riverboat for lunch (a barbecue on the Sun Deck, weather permitting) and an afternoon and evening spent cruising. Join us this evening for a farewell reception and dinner.

- MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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DAY 8 : OUR FRANCE FAMILY RIVER CRUISE ENDS

Tour Ends: Lyon. Our family France river cruise concludes in Lyon today as your family disembarks ms Emerald; fly home after 11:00 AM. A transfer is included from the riverboat to either the Lyon Airport or Lyon's Perrache or Part Dieu train stations; you should allow a minimum of 3 hours for flight check-in at the airport.

- MEALS: Breakfast

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HAVE INFORMATION READY

- Tour Name and Departure Date Desired
- Traveler Name(s): Please have first and last names as they appear on the passport or driver's license.
- Traveler's Address(es)
- Traveler's Phone Number(s)
- Emergency Contact Information: This would be a relative or friend whom we could contact during the tour in the event of an emergency. Please provide their name and phone number(s).
- Interest in purchasing a travel protection product (US and Canada)
- Interest in extending your trip by staying in a Aviora recommended hotel before your trip begins or after it ends
- Interest in our specially negotiated airfares.

BOOK YOUR TRIP

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DEPOSIT DATE

- Upon your request, we will hold space tentatively for you and give a "Deposit Due Date," by which a deposit must be received or space is automatically released.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

- We will be happy to advise hotels of any special requests, provided we receive them at time of booking. We regret that requests cannot be guaranteed.

FINAL PAYMENT

- Final Payment is due to Tauck 90 days before departure for lands trips. If your deposit was made by credit card, final payment will be automatic unless you opted out at time of booking. Bookings without full payment at this time may be subject to cancellation without notice. Failure to make payment will be a considered a cancellation by the guest and all applicable cancellation fees will apply.

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