Springtime in Provence
Burgundy - Beaujolais

Cruising the Rhône and Saône Rivers aboard the Deluxe Small River Ship Amadeus Provence
May 8 to 16, 2019
Dear Western Alumni and Friends:

Join us for this exclusive, nine-day French sojourn in Provence and the wine regions of Burgundy and Beaujolais in springtime, a radiant time of year to visit. Cruise for seven nights from historic Lyon to Provençal Arles along the fabled Rivers Rhône and Saône aboard the deluxe Amadeus Provence.

During your intimate small ship cruise, dock in the heart of each port town and visit six UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the Roman city of Orange, the medieval papal palace of Avignon and the wonderfully preserved Roman amphitheatre in Arles. Tour the legendary 15th-century Hôtel-Dieu in Beaune, famous for its intricate and colourful tiled roof, and picturesque Lyon, France's gastronomique gateway. Enjoy an excursion to the Beaujolais vineyards for a private tour, world-class piano concert and wine tasting at the Château Montmelas, guided by the châtelaine, and visit the Burgundy region for an exclusive tour of Château de Rully, a medieval fortress that has belonged to the family of your guide, Count de Ternay, since the 12th century.

This exclusive travel program is the quintessential Provençal experience and an excellent value featuring a comprehensive itinerary through the south of France in full bloom with springtime splendour. I encourage you to book now while Early Booking Savings and space are still available.

Sincerely,

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Study Leader

Dr. Ben Forster is a Professor Emeritus in Western University’s Department of History. His teaching and research interests involve the social and legal history of business as well as business/government relations (mostly Canadian). He has taught in the history of Europe and North America, including his much-appreciated The Business of Wine. Professor Forster is a highly-rated lecturer on Western Alumni’s educational travel programme.
Lyon

A UNESCO World Heritage site, Lyon is a captivating city at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône Rivers, flowering with cherry blossoms and hyacinth and illuminated by the gleaming city luminéres, which cast the riverfront incandescent. From lofty Fourvière Colline (Praying Hill), enjoy views of the ornate 19th-century Basilique Notre-Dame-de-Fourvière. Walk the tree-lined streets of the restored Vieux (Old) Lyon, where well-preserved Gothic and Renaissance mansions attest to the wealth of Lyon’s long-standing silk industry. Stroll through the ancient quarter of Saint-Jean and its unique, often hidden traboules—narrow, covered pedestrian passageways. Spend an afternoon at leisure in this 2000-year-old city, exploring its cobblestone lanes adorned with flourishing greenery.

Beaune (Burgundy)

Amidst the idyllic Burgundy countryside, visit the picturesque medieval fortress Château de Rully, nestled among Chardonnay vineyards.
Count Raoul de Ternay will guide your private tour of the estate, his family’s ancestral home since the 12th century.

Beaune, founded in the fifth century B.C., is the longtime capital of Burgundy wines, located in the famous Côte d’Or département. This historic city and its surrounding Burgundy terroirs, vineyards and cultural landscape comprise a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Tour the legendary Burgundian Renaissance-style Hôtel-Dieu, one of the best examples of 15th-century French architecture, famous for its iconic, colourful tiled roof and once a charitable hospital.

Beaujolais
From the lovely vineyards of Beaujolais, the “land of the golden stones,” France’s youthful, fruity nouveau wines are cultivated. Located along the banks of the Saône River, this internationally acclaimed wine region has been known to produce more red wine than the Burgundy vineyards of Chablis, Côte d’Or, Côte Chalonnaise and Mâconnais combined.

In the fertile heart of Beaujolais, visit the 10th-century Château de Montmelas. Châtelaine Delphine d’Harcourt will greet you upon arrival and guide your exclusive tour through her home.

Enjoy a private, specially arranged performance of fortepiano music by an internationally recognized pianist living in Burgundy, accompanied by a wine tasting and local canapés.

Vienne
Located at a scenic bend in the Rhône River, Vienne features a trove of architectural treasures. The Romans highly valued this strategically located town and endowed it with some of the finest Classical antiquities in France; amongst these are the nearly perfectly preserved Temple d’Auguste et de Livie, built in 25 B.C. in honor of Rome’s greatest emperor, and the Théâtre Romain, a beautifully restored amphitheatre at the foot of Mont Pipet, seating up to 13,000 spectators, and still in use today. The town’s most notable medieval landmark, constructed between the 12th and 16th centuries, is the Romanesque-Gothic Cathédrale de Saint-Maurice. This evening, enjoy a specially arranged wine and Valrhona chocolate tasting with a well-known French sommelier on board the ship.

Orange
 Traverse the pastoral French countryside, passing lavender champs (fields) and stucco maisons (houses).

Known to the ancient Romans as Arar, the Saône River meanders through inviting medieval villages and the French countryside.
The Rhône Valley vineyards thrive on both sides of the river, producing some of the world’s most famous wines from the region.

Arles’ Romanesque architecture reflects its history as a vital port on the Roman road from Italy to Spain.

Admire the Roman city’s UNESCO World Heritage sites—visit the well-preserved ancient Roman Theatre, still hosting performances today, and see the Triumphal Arch, built in the late first century in testimony to Augustus Caesar and Roman imperial glory.

The 12th-century Saint Bénezet was said to have been endowed with the strength to lay the stones of the Pont d’Avignon in the Rhône River with his own hands.

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Pont du Gard
Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Pont du Gard, an exquisitely built 2000-year-old Roman aqueduct that once supplied over 34 million litres of water daily to the city of Nîmes. This masterpiece of engineering was constructed of limestone cut to fit together seamlessly without mortar, using arches to support the weight.

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Arles
This archetypal Provençal city is unmatched in its joie de vivre and is home to one of the most majestic collections of UNESCO World Heritage-designated Roman monuments. Visit the magnificently restored amphitheatre, built in the first-century B.C. for 20,000-spectators and the 12th-century Église Saint-Trophime, a former cathedral.

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The meticulous crafting of the deluxe Amadeus Provence sets new standards in design and technology and features the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel.

The 70 stylish Staterooms and Suites are among the most spacious of any European river ship (15.9 to 26.3 square metres). Suites include a private balcony, and select Staterooms feature a unique floor-to-ceiling window that lowers to French-balcony height at the touch of a button. Accommodations have two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, sitting area and private bathroom with shower.

The delightful restaurant offers scenic views through panoramic windows as well as continental cuisine featuring fresh, local ingredients. Daily meals include early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner with complimentary wine and beer, and late-evening snack.

For your leisure time on board there is complimentary Wi-Fi, two bars, an open-air lounge, beauty salon, boutique, massage room, fitness studio, outdoor pool and Sun Deck. An elevator serves all passenger decks except the Sun Deck. There is no doctor on board.

The Amadeus Fleet has been awarded the “Green Certificate” of environmental preservation.

Famous for its colourful, intricate glazed-tile roof, the Hôtel-Dieu in Beaune once functioned as a hospital and today operates as a museum.

Known for its Last Judgment-themed portal, a fascinating example of Romanesque sculpture. Nearby on the Place du Forum, the restaurant in Van Gogh’s 1888 painting, The Café Terrace at Night, is still open to the public.
Included Features

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Deluxe AMADEUS PROVENCE
◆ Seven-night cruise from Lyon to Arles.
◆ Deluxe, river-view Suite or Stateroom.
◆ All meals aboard ship.
◆ Complimentary wine and beer served with lunch and dinner.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.

On the Rhône and Saône Rivers
◆ Private, specially arranged tour of the medieval Château de Rully amidst the Burgundy vineyards, hosted by Count de Ternay, ancestral owner of the estate.
◆ Excursion to the vineyards of Beaujolais for a private tour, exclusive fortepiano concert and wine tasting hosted by the châtelaine, Madame d’Harcourt, in her personal residence, the Château de Montmelas.
◆ Walking tour of Vienne, featuring its impressive architectural treasures, including the ornate, medieval Cathédrale de Saint-Maurice.
◆ Specially arranged tasting of Valrhona chocolate and wine with a well-known French sommelier.

UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights
◆ Full day in historic Lyon with walking tour of Old Lyon.
◆ Excursion to the town of Beaune, known for its Burgundy wines and the iconic Hôtel-Dieu, including lunch.
◆ Visit to the famous Pont du Gard aqueduct and the Roman city of Orange, featuring the ancient Roman Theatre.
◆ Walking tour of Avignon, featuring the papal palace and the famous Pont d’Avignon.
◆ Walking tour of Arles, highlighted by visits to the Roman amphitheatere and Église Saint-Trophime.

Always Included
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.
◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
◆ Automatic $250,000 USD flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
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Breathtaking Mont Blanc is the backdrop of the French village of Chamonix along the banks of the Alpine River Arve.

**Geneva and the French Alps**

**Pre-Cruise Option**

Delight in the mountainous beauty of the Savoie Mont-Blanc region at the convergence of France, Switzerland and Italy. Visit the world-class city of Geneva, ideally located on the crystalline shores of the largest lake on the course of the Rhône, fed by the waters flowing through the valleys of the Swiss Alps. Enjoy a specially arranged tour of the interior chambers of the Palais des Nations, a United Nations headquarters; and explore the picturesque French village of Chamonix, the historic capital of alpine skiing and host of the first Winter Olympic Games in 1924. Accommodations are for three nights in the deluxe, centrally located Hotel Bristol Geneve.

**Palette of Provence**

**Post-Cruise Option**

Discover the beautiful, medieval city of Aix-en-Provence, located in the heart of France’s golden Provençal region and which perhaps captures best the quintessential élan of all that is Provence. Walk in the footsteps of Paul Cézanne and discover the rich history, renowned cuisine and vibrant culture of Aix. Visit one of the colourful daily markets, stroll through the Mazarin district and old Aix. Enjoy lunch in the city’s oldest café on the famous Cours Mirabeau, a classic, grand boulevard lined with plane trees, cafés, fountains and elegant 17th- and 18th-century townhouses. Accommodations for two nights are in the ideally located, deluxe Grand Hôtel Roi René.

The Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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