



# GRAND FRANCE WITH 2 NIGHTS IN FRENCH RIVIERA (SOUTHBOUND)

## 17 DAY RIVER CRUISE PARIS TO FRENCH RIVIERA

### September 6–23, 2027

- CAT D/E: \$15,621 per person\*
- CAT B: \$20,019 per person\*
- CAT A: \$20,119 per person\*
- CAT P: \$20,219 per person\*
- CAT S: \$24,419 per person\*

Save \$1,100 per person  
when booked by March 2027!

\*Prices are per person based on double occupancy, CAD, and include all taxes & port charges. Travel insurance, extra nights, airport transfers and airfare are additional. Please inquire. Deposit amount is \$250 per person and non-refundable. Final payment due on June 9, 2027. Price shown reflects \$1,100 discount.



Set sail on your Seine River cruise and sail to Vernon with your choice of a visit to Claude Monet’s Giverny or Bizy Castle, nicknamed “Normandy’s Versailles. In Caudebec, take an excursion to the historic Normandy Landing Beaches, including Omaha Beach, the Pointe du Hoc monument, and the American Cemetery, or select an excursion for a traditional “Taste of Normandy.” Visit Joan of Arc’s Rouen, then choose between a visit to Vincent Van Gogh’s Auver-sur-Oise or Napoleon and Josephine’s Malmaison. Return to Paris for your choice of sightseeing in the “City of Light”—discover the true heart of Paris on a guided walk through the sites of Paris’ rich history or take a guided city tour to see its famous landmarks. Board a high-speed train bound for Lyon, and transfer to your second Avalon Suite Ship®.

Lyon is the gastronomic capital of France and a showcase of medieval and Renaissance architecture. Take a guided walk of Tournon, beautifully nestled among vineyards, to see its Roman ruins and fascinating 16th-century castle. On a guided tour of historic Avignon, see the 14th-century Palace of the Popes—the largest Gothic fortress in the world. Situated on the Rhône River, Arles is famous for inspiring the paintings of Van Gogh and its 1st-century Roman Amphitheater. As a perfect finale to your French river cruise vacation, spend 2 nights on the French Riviera along the remarkably blue waters of the Mediterranean Sea.

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## DAY 1

PARIS, FRANCE (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to France. Your Suite Ship\* is Ready for Boarding.

Flights into Paris must arrive by 2:30 pm.

Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

Your day is free to explore the world's most romantic city before starting your cruise on the Seine. Get acquainted with the City of Light today with some shopping, strolling, or with a croissant and café au lait to watch the world go by amid the Parisian cityscape.

**EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO VERNON**  
Meals (Dinner)

## DAY 2

VERNON - LES ANDELYS

Monet's Muses, Castle Courtyards, and Crêpes du Jour.

Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.

**ACTIVE EXCURSION** Take a Guided Bike Tour through the picturesque Normandy countryside from Vernon to Giverny, ending with a visit to Monet's enchanting gardens and home, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Take a Guided Tour of Giverny, home and inspiration of the master impressionist painter Claude Monet. Walk the grounds and see Monet's charming residence, and the flower and water gardens captured in his masterpieces\*, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Join a Guided Visit to Bizy Castle—called "Normandy's Versailles" for its magnificent courtyard, water garden, and stables.

**DISCOVERY EXCURSION** While sailing, enjoy a traditional French Luncheon of authentic French crêpes, followed by a Pastry Demonstration.

This afternoon, enjoy a beautiful cruise to the picturesque town of Les Andelys.

VERNON - LES ANDELYS

Serenity on the Seine.

**ACTIVE EXCURSION** Join a Guided Hike up to the castle ruins of Château Gaillard—historic home of King Richard the Lionheart, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Take a Guided Walking Tour of Les Andelys—one of France's most picturesque spots on the Seine.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board.

**EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO CAUDEBEC**  
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

\*Monet's House is closed in March and November. During this period, this excursion will be replaced with a Guided Tour of La Roche-Guyon and its castle

## DAY 3

CAUDEBEC

Ancient Abbeys Along the Seine.

**ACTIVE EXCURSION** Enjoy a relaxing bike ride along the river with your Adventure Host, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Take a Guided Trip along the Normandy Abbeys Route—where more than 100 medieval Benedictine and Augustine abbeys and churches were built along the Seine.

This afternoon, you may choose a Guided Optional Excursion to the old seaside town of Honfleur.

**DISCOVERY EXCURSION** Enjoy an Onboard Lecture about the days before and after the Normandy landing of D-Day.

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship.

**OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN CAUDEBEC**  
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## DAY 4

CAUDEBEC.  
EXCURSION TO NORMANDY

Bravery on Normandy Beaches and French Farming Traditions.

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Join a Guided Tour of Normandy's WWII landing beaches, visit significant U.S. sites, including Omaha Beach, the Pointe du Hoc monument, and the American Cemetery, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Take a full-day Guided Tour of the British and Canadian commemorative sites, including the British cemetery, Pegasus Memorial, the seaside town of Arromanches, the Juno Beach Center, and the Bény-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Join a Guided Tour to get a taste of authentic tradition in the beautiful region of Normandy. Toast the day with a brandy tasting in Calvados.

**EVENING CRUISE TO ROUEN**  
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## DAY 5

ROUEN

The Cathedral of Notre-Dame and a Heroine for France.

**ACTIVE EXCURSION** Take a Guided Bike Tour to discover and explore the most famous monuments and the lesser known hidden gems of Rouen on two wheels, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Take a Guided Walking Tour of Rouen—site of Saint Joan of Arc's martyrdom—and see the medieval quarter with its 16th-century Astronomical Clock, and Notre-Dame Cathedral.

**EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO CONFLANS**  
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## DAY 6

CONFLANS

The Footsteps of Van Gogh, Bonaparte, and Louis XIV.

**ACTIVE EXCURSION** Enjoy a relaxing bike ride along the Seine with your Adventure Host, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Join a Guided Visit to Auvers-sur-Oise, home and resting place of Vincent van Gogh, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Take a Guided Tour of the opulent Château de Malmaison\*—home of Napoléon Bonaparte and his wife Josephine.

Perhaps, join a Guided Optional Excursion to the Palace of Versailles—home to a succession of French kings.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship.

**AFTERNOON/EVENING CRUISE TO PARIS**  
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

\*Château de Malmaison is closed the 1st Sunday of each month. On these dates, this excursion will be replaced by a visit to Château de Chantilly

## DAY 7

PARIS

Cafés, Cathedrals and Canvases in the City of Light.

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.

**ACTIVE EXCURSION** Experience the Seine river by foot with your Adventure Host, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Discover the ancient heart of Paris on a captivating Guided Walk featuring the Palais-Royal, Louvre pyramid, ancient sites on Île de la Cité, the Left Bank, bustling Latin Quarter, and more, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Join a Guided City Tour featuring the iconic sites of Paris, which make the City of Light the most romantic and remarkable city in the world.

Stroll through Paris on your own or linger over wine in a literary café on the Left Bank.

**OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN PARIS**  
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## DAY 8

PARIS (DISEMBARKATION)–  
LYON (EMBARKATION)

On to Lyon!

Board the TGV train to Lyon where your Suite Ship\* is ready for boarding.

**OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LYON**  
Meals (Breakfast, Dinner)

## DAY 9

LYON

La Vie En Rose in Lyon.

**ACTIVE EXCURSION** Discover Lyon's architectural district by bike with your Adventure Host, over bridges, and along the banks where the Rhône and Saône rivers meet, OR:

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**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour to survey Lyon with its numerous churches from Fourvière Hill. You'll also explore the Old Town with its lively cafés, monuments, and maze of medieval alleyways where history comes to life.

**DISCOVERY EXCURSION** Be our guest for a WWII & French Resistance lecture on board your ship.

Later enjoy live entertainment after dinner.

**OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LYON**

Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## DAY 10

LYON-MÂCON

**Fine Silk and French Sweets.**

Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Explore Lyon's silk heritage with a museum visit, a Walking Tour of La Presqu'île, and a live demonstration of hand-printed silk serigraphy in a workshop. A rich journey through silk history!

**DISCOVERY EXCURSION** Later, enjoy a Pastry Demonstration on board your ship, while sailing to Mâcon.

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

**OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN MÂCON**

Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## DAY 11

MÂCON

**Wine on the Stunning Saône.**

Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.

**DISCOVERY EXCURSION** Travel into the rolling landscapes of the Mâconnais region to learn about its world-famous Chardonnay vineyards and the wines produced here. Attend a wine tasting in the cellars of a real medieval castle!

**AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO TOURNON**

Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## DAY 12

TOURNON - VIVIERS

**A Rendezvous with Castle Views and Vineyards.**

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Take a morning Guided Walking Tour to explore Tournon—one of France's oldest medieval cities with its 16th-century castle.

Enjoy a leisurely sail to Viviers after lunch.

VIVIERS

**World History in a Charming French Country Village.**

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Explore the pale-stone buildings of Viviers on a late afternoon Guided Walking Tour of this charming village. You'll see its Romanesque cathedral and Old Town with a mix of historical Christian, Roman, and medieval influences.

**EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO AVIGNON**

Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## DAY 13

AVIGNON

**The City of Popes in Picturesque Provence.**

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.

**ACTIVE EXCURSION** Discover Avignon by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Take a Guided Sightseeing Tour of the fortress city of Avignon—with its ramparts encircling the city—and a visit to the amazing Palace of the Popes.

Guided Optional Excursions include a visit to the ancient Roman aqueduct of Pont du Gard, or a trip to the famed wine cellars of Châteauneuf-du-Pape for a true taste of the Rhône wine region.

Explore Avignon on your own for the city's art and culture, theatre, and museums. Be sure to snap photos of the captivating countryside, historic monuments, and the medieval Pont Saint-Bénézet.

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

**EVENING CRUISE TO ARLES**

Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## DAY 14

ARLES

**A Brush with Genius.**

**ACTIVE EXCURSION** Get your daily dose of exercise through a Power Walk in Arles with your Adventure Host, OR:

**DISCOVERY EXCURSION** Attend a Painting Workshop to learn techniques of Vincent van Gogh. Create your own painting in the style of the legendary artist, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Enjoy a Guided Walking Tour of Arles—the captivating city of the Provence region. You'll visit the Roman Amphitheater in this visually stunning city.

Take free time to stop at Le Café Van Gogh for a glass of wine.

**OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN ARLES**

Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

## DAY 15

ARLES (DISEMBARKATION)–  
FRENCH RIVIERA

**Spectacular Seascapes of the Mediterranean Coast.**

After breakfast this morning, you'll drive to the spectacular French Riviera, which stretches along France's Mediterranean coast from Toulon to the border of Italy.

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** En route to French Riviera, stop in Aix-en-Provence and enjoy a Guided Sightseeing to discover the elegant beauty of Cézanne's hometown.

Meals (Breakfast)

## DAY 16

FRENCH RIVIERA

**The "Queen of the French Riviera".**

**CLASSIC EXCURSION** Enjoy a Guided Sightseeing in Nice. Discover the narrow, winding streets and baroque churches of Vieux Nice, the old city—an area which has changed little since the 1700s.

Meals (Breakfast)

## DAY 17

FRENCH RIVIERA

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

Meals (Breakfast)

