### Davis Travelaires presents ...

Cruise aboard our privately owned 86-passenger M/S River Chanson

# Cruising the Rhône: Lyon to Provence & the Cote d'Azur

France: Nice, Arles, Avignon, Viviers, Vienne, Lyon, Paris



### IT'S INCLUDED

International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements

**Accommodations** for 2 nights at the Hotel Carlton's Montmartre or similar, 7 nights aboard the M/S *River Chanson* with wireless Internet access in all common areas and cabins, and 2 nights at the Radisson Blu Nice or similar

**27 meals:** 11 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 8 dinners—including 1 meal in a local restaurant and 1 light lunch in a chateau—plus all onboard house beer, wine, and soft drinks

**8 included tours** with personal headsets and **5 Exclusive Discovery Series events**—Bull farm visit • *Herbs de Provence* presentation • French culture and language lesson • Home-Hosted Visit • French market experience

**Local Program Directors, a Grand Circle Cruise Line exclusive:** Our dedicated experts are with you and your group of 38-45 travelers from beginning to end to provide insider's knowledge and the perspective that will enrich your experience

**Gratuities** for local guides and motorcoach drivers

All port charges

Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips

5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next trip





DEPARTURE APRIL 15, 2025

Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Day 2-3 • Nice, France

**Embark ship** 

**Port** Nice

Day 4-5 • Arles • Avignon

**Port** Avignon

**Included Tours** Arles • Avignon

**Optional Tour** Afternoon in Provence

Day 6-7 • Viviers • Vienne

**Port** Vienne

**Included Tours** Viviers • Vienne

Day 8-10 • Lyon

Disembark ship

Port Lyon

**Included Tour Lyon** 

Day 11-12 • Paris

**Included Tour** Beaune

Day 12 • Paris

**Included Tour Paris** 

Day 13 • Return to U.S.

RETURN APRIL 27, 2025

MAXIMIZE YOUR
DISCOVERIES & VALUE

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS** 

all with FREE Single Supplements

Italian Riviera & the Cinque Terre

4 nights pre-trip from \$1,195

Paris, France

3 nights post-trip from \$895

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#### WHAT TO EXPECT

#### **Group Size**

 This trip has a group size of 35-42 travelers with our local Program Director exclusive to Grand Circle

#### **Pacing**

 13 days, with 7 nights aboard the M/S River Chanson, and 2 two-night hotel stays

### **Physical Requirements**

 Walk 1-3 miles unassisted and participate in 2-3 hours of physical activities each day, including stairs

- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them
- We reserve the right for Program
   Directors to restrict participation,
   or in some circumstances send
   travelers home, if their limitations
   impact the group's experience

### **Terrain & Transportation**

 Uneven walking surfaces, including unpaved paths, hills, stairs, and cobblestones, which can be slippery in wet or colder conditions

- Travel by 86-passenger river ship and 49-seat coach
- Changes in water-level depths may require adjustments to your itinerary

#### Climate

- Daytime temperatures range from 50-90°F during cruising season
- June-August are the warmest months
- March and November weather can be unpredictable and change quickly

### YOUR ITINERARY -

### DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart today on your flight to Nice, France.

#### **DAY 2 • Arrive Nice, France**

Arrive in Nice today, where you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Join your Program Director for a leisurely orientation walk in the area around your hotel. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers, including those from our Nice, France or Italian Riviera & the Cinque Terre, Italy pre-trip extension, for a Welcome Drink and briefing before dinner on your own.

Hotel Nice Riviera or similar

#### **DAY 3 • Explore Nice**

Set off on a morning discovery walk of Nice, the Cote d'Azur's premier Riviera resort town, with your Program Director. Take in the city's unique, seaside spirit as you stroll *Vieux Nice* (Old Town) and the *Promenade des Anglais*.

Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner at an authentic French restaurant.

B,D—Hotel Nice Riviera or similar

## DAY 4 • Rhone American Cemetery • Nice • Arles • Embark ship • Captain's Welcome Dinner

Depart Nice this morning and journey by motorcoach through scenic Provence to Nice on the *Cote d'Azur* (French Riviera). En route, stop in Draguignan to visit the Rhone American Cemetery and enjoy an included lunch at a local restaurant.

After brushing up on your conversational French during an **Exclusive Discovery Series** culture and language lesson, board your ship in Arles and get to know your fellow travelers and the crew with your Captain's Welcome Dinner.

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### DAY 5 • Explore Arles • Bull farm visit • Avignon

Head into the Camargue region—Europe's largest delta, a dramatic landscape caught between land and sea—for an **Exclusive Discovery Series** visit to a bull farm. The keepers of this land are its *gardians*, akin to our cowboys, and you'll experience what daily life is like for these down-to-earth and hospitable people. Then, set off on a

walking tour of Arles, the town beloved by Vincent van Gogh—and one of the most distinctive locales in enchanting Provence.

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### DAY 6 • Arles • Optional An Afternoon in Provence tour • Avignon

Explore Arles this morning. Then this afternoon, marvel at Avignon, known as the "City of Popes," on a morning walking tour. For most of the 14th century, the popes left the turmoil of Rome and installed themselves in this calm possession of the Catholic Church. Enjoy a guided exploration of the impressive Palace of the Popes during your tour.

The latter part of the day is yours to make your own discoveries. Or, join an optional *Afternoon in Provence* tour to visit the Provencal village of Les Baux-de-Provence and experience the Carrieres de Lumieres.

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### DAY 7 • Explore Avignon • Optional Pont du Gard tour

Today, start off with a Discover Walk led by your Program Director to one of Avignon's many interesting neighborhoods.

The latter part of the day is yours to make your own discoveries. Or, join an optional *Pont du Gard*tour to visit the ancient Roman aqueduct bridge.

Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a Provencal-themed dinner and musical entertainment onboard.

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## DAY 8 • Controversial Topic: Let's Talk About France • Viviers • Herbs de Provence presentation • Avignon

Arrive in Viviers, the gateway to Provence, early this morning. Get a closer look at this charming town during a walking tour. Afterwards, enjoy some free time to explore on your own. Begin cruising towards Avignon this afternoon, passing through a lovely stretch of the Ardeche region, a backdrop of a rugged, natural landscape. You'll also learn about *Herbs de Provence* and its use in the legendary foods associated with this region during

an **Exclusive Discovery Series** event. Dock in Avignon tonight.

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### **DAY 9 • Explore Lyon**

This morning, take part in an **Exclusive Discovery Series** discussion with a local expert about the effects World War II had on the area, especially the Resistance, which had strong backing in the Rhône Valley. Then, disembark for a tour of historic Lyon, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, by foot alongside your Program Director.

Your afternoon is at your leisure.

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### DAY 10 • Lyon • French market experience • Captain's Farewell Dinner

After breakfast, enjoy an Exclusive

Discovery Series French market experience in which you'll explore a local market in Lyon, and then return to the ship for another Exclusive Discovery Series event where you'll learn more about—and taste—the many kinds of French breads, from the long, thin baguettes to the plumper loaves. Enjoy free time this afternoon and then gather together for the Captain's Farewell Dinner this evening.

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### DAY 11 • Lyon • Disembark ship • Train to Paris • Explore Paris

After disembarking the ship in Lyon, hop aboard a train to Paris. After arriving, enjoy a picnic lunch cruise on the Seine before explore Paris, stopping at the Place de la Concorde, Champs Elysées, Arc de Triumphe, and more.

B,L—Hotel Crowne Plaza Republique or similar

#### **DAY 12 • Explore Paris**

Get to know the Latin Quarter of the famed "City of Light" this morning, including the Île de la Cité, or "City Island" rising from the waters of the Seine. The afternoon is yours to pursue your own interests in Paris.

B—Hotel Crowne Plaza Republique or similar

#### DAY 13 • Paris • Return to U.S.

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. Or continue your explorations with our *Paris*, *France* post–trip extension.

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### Italian Riviera & the Cinque Terre

4 nights from **\$1,195** 

**FREE Single Supplement** 

### IT'S INCLUDED

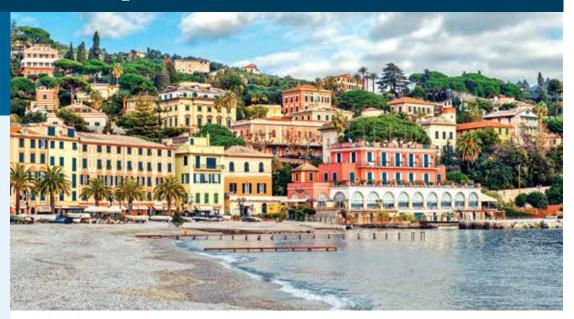
- Accommodations for 4 nights
- 4 breakfasts
- 2 guided tours with personal headsets: Portofino Cinque Terre
- Dedicated services of a local Program Director
- Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- All transfers

### FEATURED HOTEL



### Hotel Jolanda • Santa Margherita Ligure Italy

The elegant Hotel Jolanda is situated close to the seaside, and not far from major sights along the Italian Riviera, like Portofino and Cinque Terre. The hotel features an on-site restaurant offering regional cuisine, a fitness center, sauna, as well as well-tended gardens. Each well-appointed, air-conditioned room includes a private bathroom, hair dryer, minibar, and a safe.



### ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Depart U.S.

Depart the U.S. today on your flight to Genoa, Italy, where you'll then transfer to Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy.

### DAY 2 Arrive Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy

Your Grand Circle Program Director will transfer you to your hotel. Depending on your arrival time, enjoy free time for lunch, and an orientation walk of Santa Margherita Ligure. Dinner is on your own.

Hotel Jolanda or similar

### DAY 3 Santa Margherita Ligure • Portofino

Take a walking tour of Santa Margherita Ligure with your Program Director before embarking on a boat ride to Portofino, one of the gems of the Italian Riviera. You will have a discovery walk of Portofino, and free time to explore.

B—Hotel Jolanda or similar

### DAY 4 Santa Margherita Ligure • Cinque Terre

Visit Cinque Terre National Park today, where clusters of terraces are fastened to cliffs that drop dramatically into the sea. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is comprised of five captivating villages, most of which are solely connected by pathways and train stations.

B-Hotel Jolanda or similar

#### **DAY 5 Santa Margherita Ligure**

Take advantage of a full day to savor the delights of the Italian Riviera according to your own interests. Or, join us today for an optional tour of Genoa, where an expert local guide will lead us through picturesque streets on a walking tour of the city.

B—Hotel Jolanda or similar

### **DAY 6 Santa Margherita Ligure**

Join the rest of your fellow travelers today to begin your *Cruising the Rhône*: Lyon to *Provence & the Cote d'Azur* River Cruise Tour.

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### Paris, France

3 nights from \$895

**FREE Single Supplement** 

### IT'S INCLUDED

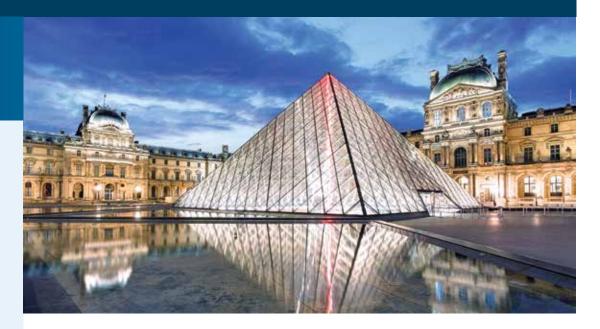
- Accommodations for 3 nights
- 3 breakfasts
- Guided tour with personal headsets: Montmartre
- 2-day Paris Metro pass
- Dedicated services of a local Program Director
- Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- All transfers

### FEATURED HOTEL



### Hotel Crowne Plaza Republique • Paris France

Situated in the heart of Paris, the Hotel Crowne Plaza Republique is your gateway to history and culture—as well as shopping and fine dining. A restaurant and lounge are located on site. Each air-conditioned room features a kettle for coffee or tea, wireless Internet access, a safe, and private bath with hair dryer.



### **ITINERARY**

#### **DAY 1 Paris, France**

After breakfast on your main trip, enjoy at day at leisure to pursue your own interests in Paris, With the assistance of your Program Director, use your included 3-day Paris Metro pass, which can take you all over the city.

Hotel Crowne Plaza Republique or similar

### DAY 2 Paris • Optional Cabaret dinner & show

This morning, experience one of Paris' most famous and lively districts, Montmartre. The rest of the day is free to do as you please. Later, you may wish to take in an optional cabaret dinner and show.

B—Hotel Crowne Plaza Republique or similar

#### DAY 3 Paris • Optional Giverny tour

The day is yours to explore Paris on your own. Or, join an optional morning excursion to Giverny to see the lovely countryside that inspired Monet. Join your fellow passengers

this evening for a Farewell drink followed by dinner on your own. *Please note:* This optional tour is offered on April through October departures only. When Giverny is closed, an optional tour of the Louvre will be offered.

B—Hotel Crowne Plaza Republique or similar

#### DAY 4 Return to U.S.

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

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#### **DECK**

А	Main A	\$4,595
В	Lower D	\$4,395
С	Lower C	\$4,195
D	Lower B	\$3,695

#### Depart from:

Sacramento	\$1,500
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Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

**Deposit:** \$500 per person.

**Single Supplement:** \$795. Single accommodations are limited. To avoid the single supplement, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

GOVERNMENT TAXES AND FEES The following government taxes and fees are now included in your airfare price. Government and other authority taxes and fees: September 11th Security Fee of up to \$2.50 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (maximum charge per trip—\$5.00 USD oneway, \$10.00 USD round trip). A flight segment is defined as one takeoff and one landing. Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) of up to \$18 per passenger. Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee of up to \$3.70 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (defined as a takeoff and a landing). U.S. or International Departure and Arrival Charges of up to \$200 USD may apply depending on itinerary. On select itineraries that include the purchase of a pre- and/or post-trip extension, U.S. or international departure and arrival charges of up to \$300 USD may apply. Call for details. Us. or international departure and arrival charges of up to \$300 USD may apply. Call for details. Standard Policies and Terms & Conditions apply; see www.gct.com/tc for details. See www.gct.com/disclaimers for full policy details. Every effort has been made to publish this information accurately. We reserve the right to correct errors.

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Here's how you'll save with our exclusive Good Buy Plan (based on a trip value of \$6,500 per person)

Months Prior to Departure (Must Pay in full)	Guarantee Your Price and Receive:	Savings Per Person:	Savings Per Couple:
15 MONTHS OR MORE	10%	\$650	\$1300
14 MONTHS PRIOR	9%	\$585	\$1170
13 MONTHS PRIOR	8%	\$520	\$1040
12 months prior	7.5% off	\$488	\$975
11 months prior	6% off	\$390	\$780
10 months prior	5% off	\$325	\$650
9 months prior	4% off	\$260	\$520
8 months prior	3% off	\$195	\$390
Within 120 days**	\$50 off	\$50	\$50

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