

# Map & Itinerary



## Insider Experiences

Designed exclusively for our guests

### ⊕ ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY

Travelmarvel provides further opportunity to pursue your special interests and enhance your holiday with a range of optional experiences

### ★ INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Enjoy an included special or unique excursion or event

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## Arrive Paris

Be met at the airport and transfer to your hotel in the historic centre of Paris. Later this evening you'll have the chance to get to know your fellow travellers and Tour Director at a Welcome Reception.

**Stay:** Four Nights, Paris, Les Jardins du Marais

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## Paris

Paris is the perfect city to begin your journey through France. This morning, open the door to some of the city's best-loved sights on a guided tour, including the Avenue des Champs-Élysées and Arc de Triomphe. Enjoy the afternoon to further explore Paris at your leisure.

**Daily:** ● Breakfast

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Paris

⊕ **ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY – Culinary Walking Tour**

Set out on a walking tour of the charming Marais district, one of the city's oldest neighbourhoods. Along the way, sample some culinary gems (additional expense).

⊕ **ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY – Moulin Rouge**

Visit the iconic Moulin Rouge for dinner and a Parisian cabaret show. See a range of breathtaking acts and dances, including the legendary French Cancan (additional expense).

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Today, you're bound to fall head over heels for the 'City of Love' during a full day of exploration. Will you enjoy a whirlwind romance with the bohemian fervour of the Latin Quarter? Or cement an enduring devotion to the art at the Louvre Museum? Alternatively, you may wish to join some exciting optional experiences.

**Daily:** ● Breakfast

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Paris

Travel to Giverny, the former home of the French Impressionist painter, Claude Monet. Here, visit Monet's House and Garden. As you wander the gardens, take in lovely scenes that inspired many of Monet's famous paintings. See the water garden with its Japanese bridge, water lilies, wisteria and azaleas.

**Daily:** ● Breakfast

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Paris, Lyon, Embark Ship

Farewell Paris after breakfast and board your coach for a scenic drive to Lyon to embark your ship MS Van Gogh. Explore the impressive social spaces and settle into your suite this evening. Later, enjoy meeting your fellow travellers and dedicated crew at a welcome cocktail reception.

**Stay:** Six Nights, aboard MS Van Gogh

**Daily:** ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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## Lyon, Collonges-Au-Mont-D'Or

### ★ INSIDER EXPERIENCE – French Gastronomic Experience at Paul Bocuse's Abbaye de Collonges

Delight in an authentic French meal at Paul Bocuse's Abbaye de Collonges. Discover the innovative and unique approach to cuisine that Paul Bocuse was renowned for, earning himself three Michelin stars. Taste exceptional dishes reflecting the gourmet chef's love for fresh, high-quality ingredients, all meticulously prepared by world-class chefs. Accompanied by a spectacular setting, this experience is sure to tantalise your tastebuds.

This morning, embark on a guided tour of Lyon, a city known for its delectable array of cuisine. Traverse the city and ascend Fourviere Hill to the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourviere, known to locals as the upside-down elephant. Next, visit Vieux Lyon to admire the alluring buildings of the Old Town. Indulge in a tasting at Paul Bocuse's Les Halles de Lyon and savour the best regional fare including local sausage, cheese and a glass of wine. Return to the ship and set sail along the Saone River to Collonges-au-Mont-d'Or for a special Insider Experience later this evening.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Tain L'Hermitage, Avignon

### ⊕ ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY – Cite du Chocolat

Delve into the world of chocolate on a tour of the Cite du Chocolat. Learn all about this popular treat with interactive exhibits and taste samples at the Valrhona Discovery Centre (additional expense).

Arrive in the port of Tain L'Hermitage this morning. Perhaps embark on an optional tour of the Cite du Chocolat. Cruise to the attractive city of Avignon, rich in Provençal character and history. Relish an evening of lively onboard entertainment.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Avignon, Arles

Today, set out on a guided tour of Avignon, once an integral location of the Catholic Church. Visit the medieval Palace of the Popes, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site along with Avignon's historic city centre. Learn about the history of the palace as a fortress, church and residence to popes and soak in the breathtaking architecture. Reboard your ship and head towards Arles.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Arles

### ⊕ ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY – The Camargue

Explore the coastal region of Camargue and witness the incredible flora and fauna that call this vast flatland home. The marshes, ponds and seashore provide an environment rich in sustenance for a variety of creatures in the area. Visit a traditional manade, a farm where herders train horses and raise cattle (additional expense).

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Spend time at leisure today in the beautiful city of Arles and discover this World Heritage-listed site celebrated for its collection of ancient Roman relics. Perhaps set off on a full-day excursion to the Camargue.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Viviers

### ⊕ ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY – Gorges de l'Ardeche

Embark on a panoramic coach tour to the Gorges de l'Ardeche. Discover the incredible 30 km canyon, naturally carved by the tide. Be awed by the sheer force of the water shaping deep valleys, cliff and captivating limestone formations. Stop to see the Pont d'Arc, an incredible arch measuring a height of 100 feet and indulge in extraordinary views (additional expense).

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This morning, head out on a tour of Viviers, accompanied with an expert guide. Immerse yourself in the history of this attractive city and visit the House of Knights to admire the intricate detail of its Renaissance-style facade, despite its title as the smallest cathedral in France. Next, stop at Saint Michel Tower and the Great Seminary before taking in the sensational vista of Viviers at the overlook. After, relax on board as you cruise towards La Voulte. Alternatively, join an optional tour by coach to the Gorges de l'Ardeche. Enjoy a Gala Dinner on board your ship tonight.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Disembark Ship, Depart Lyon

After breakfast, it is time to depart your Rhone River cruise. Be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.

Daily : ● Breakfast