CRUISE OF 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS - REF. RMN_PP

A Christmas in Provence (port-to-port cruise)

FRANCE

In France, each region has its own holiday traditions and legends. The season is jam packed full of local customs marking the end of the year. Come and share these experiences on a unique trip.

Discover the magic of Christmas in Provence, including the santons—clay figurines that decorate local nativity scenes— at the miniature village in Paradou and the origins of the 13 desserts as the traditional way to end a Christmas meal in the region.

Slip into the holiday spirit as you crisscross inspirational sites, intriguing cities, and charming villages in Provence.





HIGHLIGHTS

- Unique itinerary
- Christmas Traditions in Provence and the Rhône Valley
- ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED
- Beautiful, historic Les Baux-de-Provence
- Discover local holiday traditions and food
- Tour the Papal Palace
- The Cité du Chocolat and the Maison Chapoutier wine cellar in Tain l'Hermitage (1)

THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine - Gala dinner and evening - Welcome cocktail
- Free Wi-Fi onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

LYON

Passengers are welcome to board at 5:00 p.m. in Lyon. Our ship will begin to cruise towards Avignon. We'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail.

DAY 2

AVIGNON

We'll cruise through the Rhône Valley in the morning. This afternoon, the included excursion is: A tour of the Papal Palace. The imposing fortress and luxurious Papal Palace symbolize the power of the Catholic Church in the Middle Ages. It is one of the largest and most important Gothic buildings in Europe and the city's most famous attraction. Take a step back in time as you stroll through the immense halls, contemplate the beauty of the chapels, and visit the papal apartments. Afterwards, enjoy some free time to explore Avignon as the Christmas spirit begins to seep into the streets and transform them into a magical place. Free evening in the city.

DAY 3

AVIGNON - ARLES

We'll spend the morning cruising to Arles. Join us during this time for a presentation on Christmas traditions in Provence and the 13 Desserts. Introduction to and tasting of the sweet treats that top off the already copious holiday meal in Provence. Traditionally, the 13 Desserts are served abundantly enough so that every guest can taste each of the dried and fresh fruits, nougats, figs, and local breads. This afternoon, join us for an included excursion: Les Baux-de-Provence, its Santon Museum, Arles and the Santonniers Fair. We take the road to Les Baux-de-Provence and its charming Santon Museum. This hilltop village, perched on a rocky spur, boasts an incredibly rich architectural heritage. Its citadel overlooks landscapes of breathtaking natural beauty.During your visit to the Santon Museum, you'll discover a remarkable collection of traditional Provençal figurines. Among them, two splendid displays showcase a traditional Provençal nativity scene and scenes of daily life from a 19th-century family.The journey continues with a guided tour of the city of Arles, before discovering the International Santonniers Fair—a must-see event for lovers of nativity scenes and santons from southern France. Created by local artisans in 1958 to celebrate their craft, the fair now gathers over 100 exhibitors and creators each year. We'll cruise towards Tain-l'Hermitage overnight.

DAY 4

TAIN L'HERMITAGE

We'll spend the morning cruising. When we arrive in Tain-l'Hermitage, join us for a tour of the Cité du Chocolat and a wine cellar. Come and explore, smell, and taste chocolate in all of its forms at the Valrhona Discovery Center. You'll learn everything you need to know about the world's favorite candy—from growing cacao to the secrets behind the most excellent recipes. Lastly, we'll indulge in a tasting, of course! We'll then head over to the Maison Chapoutier wine cellar to discover their seven generations of know-how in producing bold and elaborate wine following biodynamic principles and practices.(1) To round out the tour, we'll enjoy a tasting of wines. We'll return on board and leave for Lyon. Tonight is our festive gala evening.

DAY 5

LYON

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

Excursions

Included excursions (1)

EXCURSIONS PACKAGE

1 day Classic

Our price includes

the full-board cruise from dinner on D1 to buffet breakfast on D5 - accommodation in the cabin category chosen - drinks included on board (except special cards) - entertainment - assistance from the entertainment team on board - visits mentioned in the programme - welcome cocktail - gala evening - assistance/repatriation insurance - port taxes.

*For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. (1) If this part of the tour is unavailable, CroisiEurope will do its best to find an equivalent alternative. *Alcohol can be harmful to your health. Please drink in moderation.*

Our price does not include

drinks shown on special cards - transport - cancellation/luggage insurance - any services not specifically mentioned in the programme - personal expenses.

Practical information

REQUIREMENTS

Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.