

BURGUNDY & PROVENCE FOR WINE LOVERS (SOUTHBOUND) Avalon River Cruises

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Ship Features

- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Panoramic windows
- Elegant, contemporary design & décor
- Friendly, English-speaking crew & Cruise Director
- Sky Deck with whirlpool, shade awnings, game area and premium lounges
- Covered Observation Lounge
- Club Lounge with 24-hour self-serve beverage station with complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, tea, hot chocolate & premium coffees, as well as treats throughout the day

Dining

- Avalon FlexDining® for more venue and seating options, including flexible seating times in our Panorama Dining Room
- Avalon Fresh® healthy cuisine options at every meal
- Complimentary sparkling wine with breakfast; wine, beer, or soft drinks with every lunch and dinner
- Daily a la carte breakfast with full range of classic breakfast items, healthy Avalon Fresh® options and daily specials
- Daily lunch buffet featuring regional specialties, classic dishes, healthy Avalon Fresh® options and rotating chef's features including carving & pasta stations. Alternatively, you may dine al fresco at our Sky Grill on the Sky Deck (weather and itinerary permitting) or enjoy a light lunch in the Panorama Lounge.
- Daily Afternoon Tea featuring tea, coffee, sweet treats & sandwiches
- Daily four-course a la carte dinner in the Panorama Dining Room with choice of appetizers, soups, salads, entrees and desserts. Includes selections of regional recipes, Western dishes and vegetarian options.
- Enjoy a tasting menu with a view in the Panorama Bistro - a less formal "sit-down" atmosphere while lingering over several satisfying selections
- Welcome & farewell cocktails with sparkling wine and canapés
- Panorama Lounge featuring premium spirits and Avalon specialty cocktails, along with local entertainment special guests
- Cocktails available on the Sky Deck
- Fresh fruit available throughout the day

Health & Fitness

- Bikes
- Canoe, kayak and jogging excursions
- Maps for hiking, biking and jogging routes
- Fitness and wellness activities
- Fitbits®
- All through your Avalon Adventure HostSM

Suites & Staterooms

- Comfort Collection BedsSM with choice of mattress firmness
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Premium L'Occitane bath products
- Large bathroom featuring shower with glass door
- Flatscreen satellite TV with free movie channels
- Individual climate control and in-room safe
- USB Ports

8 Day River Cruise Chalon-sur-Saône to Arles

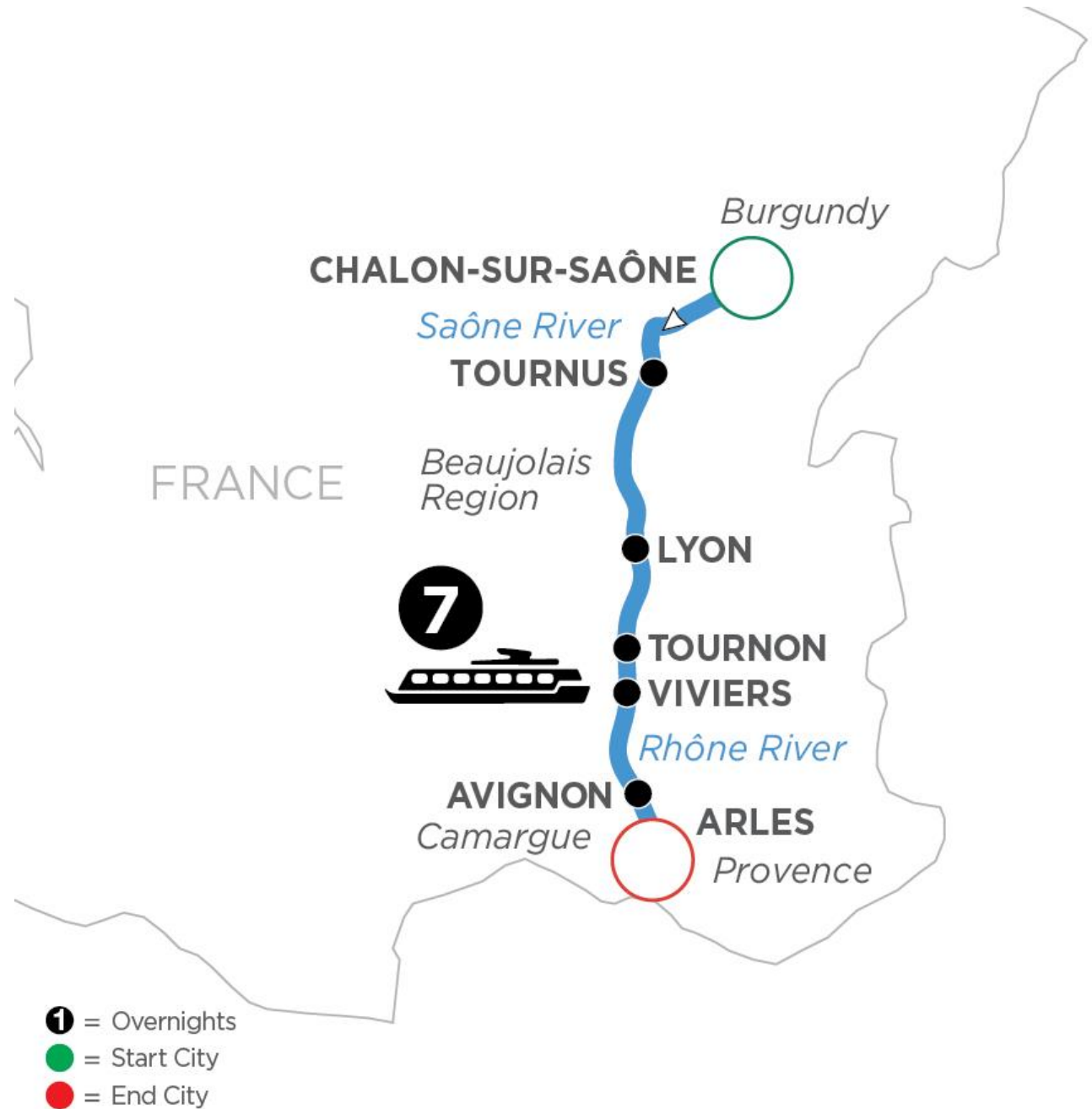
- Take a delightful river cruise through France along the Rhône and Saône Rivers with guided sightseeing in well-known French treasures and some hidden gems too!
- Take in the beautiful countryside, quaint villages and towns, as you sail through the most captivating views of France.

A Master of Wine will accompany you on your French river cruise with presentations, tastings, and wine pairings along the way.

Cruise Overview

- Board your Avalon Suite Ship® on the Saône in Chalon-sur-Saône, and cruise to Tournus for an excursion to a Chardonnay wine cellar.
- Visit Lyon, France's gastronomic capital, founded by the Romans in 43 BC, which sits at the junction of the Rhône and Saône Rivers and is a showcase of medieval and Renaissance architecture.
- See the popular Place des Terreaux with its lively cafés and monuments and stand in front of the famous fountain you've seen on postcards.
- Take a culinary walk and enjoy a tour of Beaujolais, the famous wine of the region. Beautifully nestled among vineyards, you'll find the city of Tournon, a medieval treasure with plenty of Roman ruins and a fascinating 16th-century castle.
- Enjoy a guided walk with a wine-and-chocolate tasting or a walk in the vineyards.
- Continue your river cruise to historical Avignon and see the 14th-century Palace of the Popes—the largest Gothic fortress in the world – and take a guided tour to Châteauneuf du Pape.
- On the Rhône River sits Arles, France—famous for inspiring the paintings of Van Gogh and its 1st-century Roman Amphitheater, which hosts plays and concerts to this day.

Trip Map from Avalon



Day 1 Chalon-sur-Saône (Embarkation):

- Onboard welcome reception

Day 2 Tournus:

- Guided walk in Tournus;
- onboard lecture about wine;
- Chardonnay excursion

Day 3 Lyon:

- Onboard cheese and wine tasting;
- choice of guided sightseeing with picture stop on Fourvière Hill
- or bike with your Adventure Host;
- onboard lecture

Fourviere-- Basilica of Notre-Dame

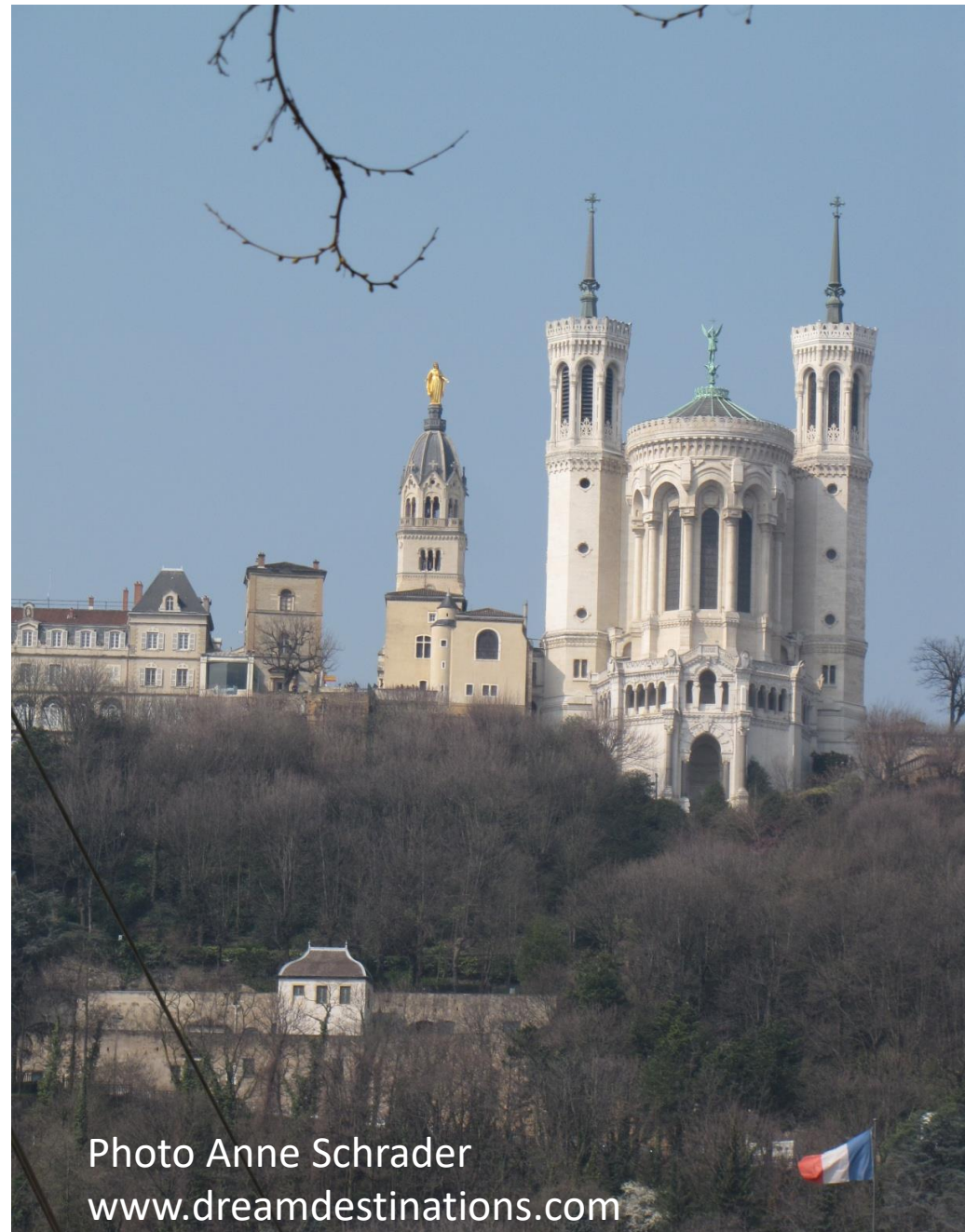


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Day 4 Lyon:

- Culinary tour; guided tour to Beaujolais;
- onboard food and wine pairing dinner

Day 5 Tournon-Viviers:

- Guided walk in Tournon with wine and chocolate tasting
- or hike in the vineyards (weather permitting);
- guided walk in Viviers, visit the Old Town and the cathedral

Tournon



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Day 6 Avignon:

- Guided sightseeing, visit to the Palace of the Popes;
- guided tour to Châteauneuf du Pape

Avignon City Walls



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Avignon Palace of the Popes

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Pont d'Avignon—the famous bridge of the nursery -rhyme

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Day 7 Arles:

- Choice of guided sightseeing in Arles, visit the Roman Amphitheater,
- or painting workshop,
- or walk with your Adventure Host

Arles



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Arles—Roman Amphitheater



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Inside the Roman Amphitheater Arles

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Arles Narrow Lanes

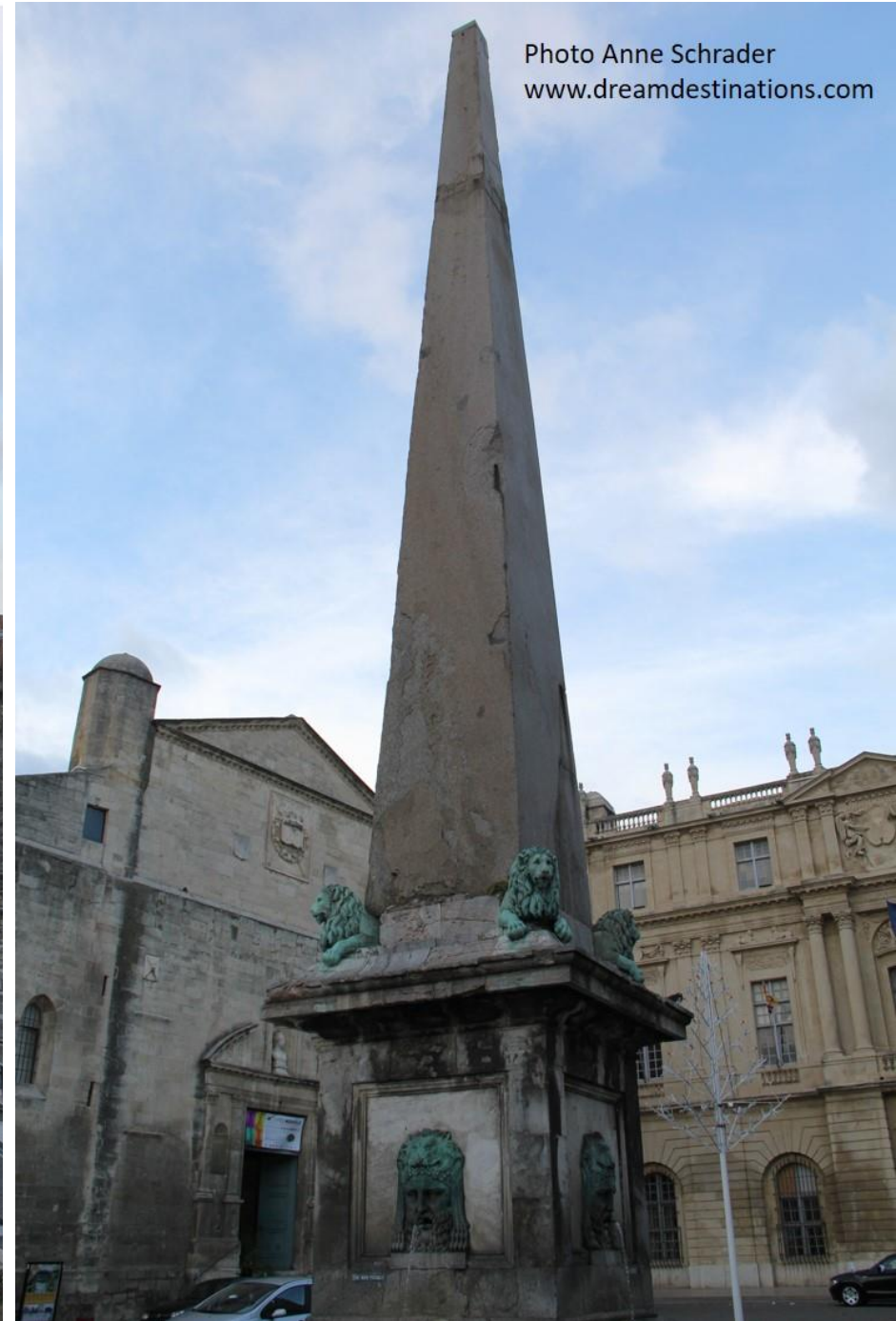


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Arles
Roman
Ruins
(Left)
Roman
Obelisk
(right)



Arles
Town Hall
(left)
Church of
Saint-
Trôphime
(right)



Day 8 Arles (Disembarkation):

- Your cruise ends this morning.

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