

Burgundy Wine & Rhône Valley

Private and exclusive Wine Tour & River Cruise specially designed for
WISE VILLA WINERY

Visit Paris, Burgundy, Rhône Valley & Provence

May 2 - May 12, 2024



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THU, MAY 2, 2024

ARRIVE PARIS

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On arrival, you are met by your driver and transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

Hotel: ** Chateau Frontenac Hotel** (Classic Room)

This evening, take a leisurely (15-minute) walk from your hotel to the meeting point where you will board a luxurious double-decker bus with a fully glazed panoramic roof. Enjoy a gastronomic **Welcome Dinner** while taking in the night view of Paris, the city of lights. (Meeting time is 19:15. Dinner starts at 19:45 with a menu to include 6 courses, 1 glass of Champagne, 2 glasses of wine, water, and tea/coffee).

FRI, MAY 3, 2024

PARIS

(B)

This morning, enjoy a **5-hour private tour of Paris** to explore the city's iconic landmarks. During this tour with your private guide and driver, see all the main Parisian tourist attractions: Notre-Dame, the Louvre, Champs-Élysées, the Arc de Triomphe, Invalides, the Latin Quarter, Place de la Concorde, Place de l'Opéra, and Place Vendôme. Enjoy a **Seine River Cruise** with a glass of Champagne and visit the famous monument of all, the Eiffel Tower with **skip-the-line entry**. After the tour ends, you have the option to return to your hotel or to explore Paris at your own pace. Consider visiting a charming café, exploring local markets, or wandering through the artistic streets of Montmartre. Evening at leisure to experience Parisian night life or to relax at a cozy bistro.

SAT, MAY 4, 2024

PARIS

(B/D)

Full day at leisure to explore Paris on your own.

Tonight, enjoy a **Moulin Rouge Dinner Show**. The Moulin Rouge, a spectacular world exists where all the emotions, surprises and effervescence, that constitute the Paris party spirit since 1889, are created and experienced. Come and enjoy the Féerie Revue show, composed of 80 artists from all over the world, some 1000 costumes of feathers, sequins and rhinestones which enhance the bodies of our artists, a multitude of breath-taking acts which punctuate the show, and the legendary French Cancan – the Parisian cabaret invites you to enjoy an unforgettable moment of enchantment in the heart of Montmartre. Don your chic and glamorous partywear to fully immerse in the festivities! Three courses dinner, 1/2 Bottle of White, Red or Rosé Wine included.



BURGUNDY WINE & THE RHÔNE VALLEY



SUN, MAY 5, 2024

PARIS - DIJON - BEAUNE (B)

After breakfast, check out and you'll be picked up and transferred to Gare de Lyon railway station.

Around 10:00: Board the high-speed train **TGV INOUI 1st class** for Dijon (approximately 2 hours).

Upon arrival in Dijon, you'll be greeted at the train station.

Begin with a delightful 2 hour **Guided Walking Tour of Dijon**, the capital city of historical Burgundy. Explore the historic heart of Dijon, with its well-preserved buildings and charming byways. Enjoy **skip-the-line entry** to the former Ducal Palace, a 15th-century residence of the Burgundian state. Immerse yourself in the rich history and architecture of this beautiful city.

Afterwards, transfer to your hotel. Check-in and unwind.

Hotel: ** Oceania Le Jura Dijon** (Comfort room)

Facing the ramparts and just a few steps from the famous Hospices, Hostellerie Cèdre & Spa Beaune opens the doors to French art de vivre, a subtle blend of elegance, well-being and gourmet experiences. Enjoy the amenities of your hotel. In its verdant garden, at the table of the gourmet restaurant Clos du Cèdre, comfortably seated in a club armchair in its lounge bar, or enjoying a moment of relaxation at the Spa Nuxe, everything has been designed to offer you an intimate interlude out of time, in the magical setting that Burgundy offers.

MON, MAY 6, 2024

BURGUNDY WINE&GOURMET (B/L)

Today, enjoy a **Full day private tour of Burgundy** combining good food and great wines, including Gevrey Chambertin, Clos Vougeot, Romanee Conti, tasting of 6 long-keeping wines (morning), gourmet lunch in the heart of the capital of Grands Crus and tasting of 6 1st crus (afternoon).

In the morning, you will discover an estate specialising in the production of long-keeping wines (Hautes Côtes de Nuits, Coteaux Bour-guignons) where you will have the privilege of **private tasting of 6 long-keeping wines**.

Enjoy a special **Lunch in a gourmet restaurant** ideally located on the Gevrey-Chambertin wine route, in the heart of the capital of the Grands Crus. This gourmet restaurant, run by a Meilleur Ouvrier de France (Cuisine gastronomique), offers mouth-watering menus. A moment of relaxation with the restaurant's oenologist who will introduce you to their prestigious cellar, and their selection of exceptional wines. What better way to spend a moment of rare quality at the table!

After lunch, continue to visit the **cellar with private tasting of 6 wines** at a Château producing Côte de Nuits and Côte de Beaune appellations. Each bottle expresses all the nobility of its terroir. It is the fruit of meticulous work in the vineyard and genuine expertise in the cellar, where it is vinified and matured. A measured effort, adapted to each plot, to extract the very best...





TUE, MAY 7, 2024 DIJON - LYON (B/D)

This morning, travel by coach to Lyon taking about 3 hours. On arrival, take a **guided walking tour of Lyon** winding your way past major landmarks and UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Start with Fourvière Basilica, taking in the breathtaking views from the heights of the Basilica before entering. In 1168, a chapel was built in Fourvière by Olivier de Chavannes, the Saint Jean canon, over the ruins of the old roman forum.

Move on to Lyon's Old Town. You will take a walk and discover the "tra-boules", types of passageways that are typical of the city. There was a water shortage of city that led its inhabitants to settle in the "lower city" on the banks of the Saône, at the foot of the hills of Fourvière. The traboules were thus used to reach the river quickly.

Enjoy some free time and lunch (own expense) in the Saint Jean district in the heart of the Old Town before transferring to port to board your cruise.

Around 15:00, board **MS Rhone Princess** for a 6-day cruise to admire the beautiful scenery of the Rhône Valley.

After settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. Dinner tonight will be followed by an evening of entertainment.

Accommodation: **Ms. Rhone Princess** (Main Deck or Upgrade to Upper)

WED, MAY 08, 2024 AVIGNON - ARLES (B/L/D)

This morning will be spent cruising to Avignon.

You will set out on foot for a **tour of Avignon and the Papal Palace** classed as a UNESCO world heritage and a testimony to the city's past when it was known as the capital of Christianity back in the Middle-Ages.

Walk along the Passage de l'Oratoire, see the diocesan Church, the oldest in the city. Onto the Place de l'Horloge, which has always been the beating heart of Avignon where Cafés and restaurant terraces are now spread out where the Roman forum once stood.

Visit Pope's Palace, the most important monument in the city, go through the staterooms, chapels, Pope's private apartments and the terraces which offer a wonderful panorama on Avignon and the Rhône river.

Return to the ship and sail to Arles.

In the evening, enjoy a **walking tour of Arles**. Arles with its two thousand years of history is a highly cultural town enriched with vestiges from the Roman Empire. See the Roman Amphitheatre (the "Arènes"), the Ancient Roman Theatre, Place St Trophime with its cloister and church, which are part of the Arles route, one of the three pilgrimage routes leading to Santiago de Compostela.

Visit the Place du Forum and finally, the Thermae of Constantine





THU, MAY 09, 2024 PORT-SAINT-LOUIS-MARTIGUES (B/L/D)

Today, enjoy a *tour of the Camargue and visit a manade*. Sit back and admire the rivers, marshes, ponds, pink flamingoes, black bulls and the famous, indigenous Camargue horses. Discover the salt and rice fields that make the area so well known. We'll visit a manade (bull breeding farm) and learn about the work of a manadier as we watch a demonstration of how they work with the animals they raise.

Our visit will include a cocktail on the patio.

The afternoon will be cruising to Martigues, a picturesque gem nestled in the heart of Provence. Enjoy some free time exploring this town known as "La Venise Provençale" due to its intricate canal network that winds through colourful houses, creating a truly enchanting scene.

FRI, MAY 10, 2024 ARLES - VIVIERS (B/L/D)

This morning, enjoy a *tour of Les Baux de Provence*, a timeless village perched on a rocky hill. As you wander through its ancient streets, you'll be transported back in time, surrounded by stunning medieval architecture and breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside. Explore historic sites like the imposing Baux Castle and the charming Saint Vincent Church, each telling a story of centuries gone by. With its unique charm and rich history, Les Baux-de-Provence offers a truly unforgettable experience for those seeking to immerse themselves in the beauty of Provence.

Return on board to spend the afternoon cruising to Viviers.

SAT, MAY 11, 2024 VIVIERS - TAIN-l'HERMITAGE (B/L/D)

Enjoy an excursion to discover the *Vercors and taste the famous Clairette de Die*. Carved out in limestone, the Vercors Regional Nature Park extends between the Isère Valley to the North and the Diois to the South. Water has shaped deep gorges in the cliffs, majestic cirques, caves and chasms among the most famous in Europe.

We'll stop at the cellars of Die Jaillance to discover a true love story between men and the vines and enjoy a wine tasting session.

Afterwards, drive up to Rousset Pass, the belvedere culminates at a height of 1245 meters and from this point of view the scenery is outstanding.

Move on towards Vassieux-en-Vercors, La Chapelle-en-Vercors and Pont-en-Royans where we'll get to see the suspended houses, whose daring architecture dates as far back as the perched village itself, built in the 15th century. Last, we'll drive through Romans-sur-Isère known for its shoe industry before returning by coach to Tain l'Hermitage to board our ship.

Tonight is our gala dinner and evening. Our ship will cruise to Lyon.

SUN, MAY 12, 2024 LYON - HOME (B)

Enjoy buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 am

You will be transferred to Lyon Airport for homebound flight (Please book the departure flight no early than 12:00 noon).





QUOTATION BASED ON A GROUP OF 16 PASSENGERS

LAND ONLY COST

Based on 4 star hotels & Main Deck

Double / Twin Sharing

\$4795 per person

Single Occupancy

\$5995 per person

*Upper Deck
Supplement (5 cabins
allotted - book early to
request upgrade)
\$350 per cabin*

LAND ONLY PRICE INCLUSION

- 3 nights accommodation in Paris. Bed & Breakfast.
- Shared transfer in Paris from CDG Airport - hotel.
- Welcome Dinner on board a luxury bus-restaurant, 6 course menu: 1 glass of Champagne, 2 glasses of wine, water, tea/coffee.
- Privately guided panoramic city tour of Paris with English speaking guide, skip-the-line entries visit of the Eiffel Tower (2nd floor), using Mercedes Sprinter 17 seats or equivalent.
- Moulin Rouge dinner-show, 3-course menu, 1/2 bottle of Champagne with round trip transfers.
- First Class High Speed Train (TGV INOUI) Tickets from Paris - Dijon including transfer from hotel to Gare Lyon Train Station
- 2 nights accommodation in Burgundy. Bed & Breakfast.
- Private walking tour of the historical center of Dijon with skip-the-line entry to Palace of the Dukes and States of Burgundy.
- Private full day tour of the Burgundy wine region, including private visit of estates, all private wine tasting costs, gourmet lunch, visit of the cellar with English-speaking guide with special knowledge of wineries
- Privately chartered coaches for sightseeing and transfers.
- Overland transfer from hotel in Burgundy to the Port of Lyon
- Private guided walking tour of old Lyon with professional English speaking guide.
- 5 nights cruise aboard **MS Rhone Princess** based on **Main Deck Cabin** with shower (\$350 to Upgrade to upper deck spaces limited)
- Welcome cocktail, gala dinner and all meals on the cruise include regular drinks and entertainment as noted in the itinerary
- Group Shore Excursions: Join in with other cruise passengers to visit Avignon and The Pope's Palace, Guided Walking Tour of Arles, Touring the Camargue and visiting a Manade, Baux De Provence, Excursion into the Vercors, and all port fees
- One group departure transfer from Lyon Port to Lyon Airport on May 12, 2024. (Deviation at extra cost)

LAND ONLY PRICE EXCLUSION

- International and domestic flights (please contact us for flight arrangement)
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Drinks from Cruise's premium lists, or drinks ordered during excursions
- Optional tours in Paris and optional excursions offered by the cruise (must be reserved and paid in advance)
- "Taxe de séjour" of France added to your hotel bill, The rates range from €0.20 to around €4 per person, per night.
- Gratuities for your guide and driver, crew members of the cruise, porter, restaurant, etc.
- Travel insurance (Strongly recommend to cover trip cancellation & interruption, medical and baggage, please ask for a quote)
- Personal expenses and any expense not expressly specified above.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

A. IMPORTANT NOTES

This quotation is based on a group of minimum of 16 passengers traveling together per the itinerary in entirety. Should the group size reduced to less than 16 paying passengers, or any deviation required, above prices quoted herein has to be reviewed and renewed. Full terms and conditions may be found at <https://www.nationstravel.net/general-8>

B. INDIVIDUAL RESERVATIONS

Each participant is required to pay an initial non-refundable deposit of **USD \$795** to confirm the land/cruise reservation. This non-refundable deposit can be made by **check** payable to: **Nations Executive Travel** or by corporate / individual Visa or MasterCard (only). Passengers must provide a copy of the picture page of their passport when filling out the group tour reservation application through this link.

C. IMPORTANT PAYMENT DEADLINES:

27 December 2023 Full final payment is required by this time.

D. METHOD OF PAYMENT:

For individual booking, the deposit and final payment shall be made by **Visa** or **Master credit card** or by individual or corporate check made payable to Nations Executive Travel.

E. CANCELLATION OF INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT

Individual participants wishes to be withdrew from the group for any reason prior to departure, the request must be received in writing and the following cancellation fees will be assessed on your Cruise & land arrangement.

1. If cancellation is made prior to December 27, 2023, deposit is nonrefundable.
2. If cancellation is made between 120 - 91 days prior to departure, the cancellation penalty is 50% of the total cost.
3. If cancellation is made within 90 prior to departure, the cancellation penalty is 100% of the total cost.

Cancellation for air reservations are subject to airline fare rules and normally is 100% nonrefundable once paid in full.

Neither party shall be liable for failure to perform according to the terms of this contract where such failure is due to flood, fire, earthquake or other "Acts of God" or other conditions that constitutes legal impossibility.

F. FINAL DOCUMENTS

The final documents will be delivered to you electronically fifteen (15) days prior to the departure if fully paid.



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