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## GRAND FRANCE: FROM AVIGNON TO PARIS WITH UNIWORLD



**Sunday, October 23 to Sunday, November 6, 2022**

A meticulously planned itinerary tailor-made for culturally curious travelers.

For Francophiles in love with the culture, history, cuisine and romance of France, this grand voyage is a dream come true. Soak up the joie de vivre that makes France one of the most adored countries in the world as you sail along three rivers from the South to the North of the country.

### PROPOSED ITINERARY:

**Day 1 – Sunday, October 23:**

Avignon

Arrival in Avignon and transfer to the S. S. Catherine. Transfers will be provided but arrival and departure information will need to be provided to Pauwels Travel 90 days prior to travel. Time to settle in before dinner onboard.

**Day 2 – Monday, October 24:**

Tarascon (Arles)

Explore a sun-drenched Provençal town today with an allure all its own. Known for its remarkable Roman ruins, Arles so inspired Van Gogh that he painted some 200 paintings there. Arles has existed since the sixth century BC, when the ancient Greeks founded it and named it Theline. It was here that the Romans built their first bridge across the Rhône River, creating a vital overland route between Italy and Spain.

Featured Excursion:

Arles walking tour

**Day 3 – Tuesday, October 25:** Avignon

The walled city of Avignon is one of the most fascinating towns in southern France, with a host of historic gems to explore—including the fortress residence of rebellious popes who broke from Rome and once lived and ruled here. You'll see the Palace of the Popes and much more today, and also have a chance to kayak under a 2,000-year-old Roman aqueduct.

Choice of Avignon walking tour with Palace of the Popes or "Let's Go" kayak ride on the Gardon River  
A special Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.

**Day 4; Wednesday, October 26:** Viviers

An enchanting village where time seems to have stopped centuries ago, Viviers has a long and storied past that goes back more than 1,600 years—and a splendid architectural heritage to match. At one time, Viviers was divided along religious lines—the clergy lived in the upper part of the town, the laity in the lower part. Your exploration of the town will take you through both parts, as you begin at the crest and make your way to the riverbank.

Featured Excursion: Intimate Viviers "Village Day"

**Day 5; Thursday, October 27:** Tournon (Tain-l'Hermitage)

If you love fine wine, you'll love the twin villages of Tournon and Tain-l'Hermitage. Tournon may be a small town, but stirring events took place here: A castle was raised on the hilltop in the 10th century to protect the region, and new fortifications were added over the centuries, including two "new" towers built to defend against Protestant attacks in the 16th century. You'll see the handsome houses constructed by wealthy merchants and garrison officers when you walk through the Rue de Doux area, and you'll pass the 14th-century church and the oldest secondary school in France.

Choice of Tournon and Tain-l'Hermitage twin villages stroll with wine tasting or "Let's Go" Hermitage terrace vineyards hike with wine tasting

**Day 6; Friday, October 28:** Lyon

As the epicenter of French gastronomy, Lyon is a city of tantalizing contrasts. There's much to explore here, from the work of culinary visionaries to silk weavers' secret passageways. After your choice of excursions, embrace the locals' favorite mode of transportation with a bike ride—a great way to see the sights.

Choice of Lyon Capital of Gastronomy tour or Silk weavers walking tour or "Let's Go" Lyon peninsula bike tour

**Day 7; Saturday, October 29:** Mâcon (Beaune)

The pace of life is decidedly more relaxed in Burgundy, where endless rows of grapes hang heavy on the vine. The capital of the region's wine trade, Beaune is renowned for its history, beauty and highly prized wine, as well as its medieval-era hospital—the Hospices de Beaune.

Choice of Burgundy landscapes, Beaune and the hospices or Mâcon walking tour

**Day 8: Sunday, October 30:** Lyon (Disembark),

Transfer to Paris via High-Speed TGV Train (Embark). Disembark the striking S.S. Catherine and transfer to Paris via high-speed, first-class TGV train. Your next ship, the magical S.S. Joie de Vivre, waits to carry you along the Seine on the next leg of your adventure. Your luggage will be transported by Uniworld.

**Day 9: Monday, October 31:** La Roche-Guyon, Vernon, Giverny

Today is a celebration of northern France's natural beauty, with an excursion to a splendid château and gardens situated in an equally grand setting, plus a chance to immerse yourself in the very landscapes that inspired Impressionist master Claude Monet. Visit the hilltop Château de La Roche-Guyon, surrounded by beautiful gardens and offering sweeping views over the Seine. Later, you can visit the home and gardens of Claude Monet. Or take in the beautiful French countryside in a more invigorating way, with a guided bike ride from Vernon to Giverny.

Choice of Château La Roche-Guyon or "Let's Go" hike on the Crests trail or Monet's gardens at Giverny or "Let's Go" bike ride from Vernon to Giverny

This evening, a special Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you.

**Day 10: Tuesday, November 1:** Rouen

Walk in the footsteps of greatness in Normandy's medieval capital, a city with a historic quarter that remains amazingly intact. From the cathedral Monet painted dozens of times to the cross marking the spot where Joan of Arc was martyred, Rouen is a treasure trove for the culturally curious. The roll call of famous people who lived or died in Rouen is long and varied—Richard the Lionheart, Joan of Arc, Gustave Flaubert and Claude Monet are among them.

Featured Excursion:

Rouen walking tour, the Dukes of Normandy's capital

**Day 11: Wednesday, November 2:** Caudebec-en-Caux (Honfleur or Étretat)

Caudebec-en-Caux, a lovely little town on the right bank of the Seine Estuary, is your base for one of two very different excursions. You could drive through the beautiful Calvados countryside to Honfleur, a delightful seaside harbor and city of painters, or head to the windy cliffs of Étretat for a game of golf.

Choice of Honfleur walking tour or "Let's Go" golfing in Étretat

**Day 12: Thursday, November 3:** Rouen (Normandy Beaches)

There are moments when we travel that move us on an otherworldly level—experiences that stir a profound emotional connection. The Normandy beaches certainly have that effect. On your full-day outing, you'll visit Normandy's beaches, including Utah Beach and Ste-Mère-Église, with a choice to venture to either the American, British and Australian or Canadian beaches. After, you'll go to the American cemetery and partake in a private ceremony at the Omaha Beach Memorial—a sentimental remembrance of Operation Overlord. Choice of Normandy Beaches: highlights of American sites or Normandy Beaches: highlights of British & Australian sites or Normandy Beaches: highlights of Canadian sites

**Day 13: Friday, November 4:** Mantes-la-Jolie (Versailles)

How did France's rulers live over the centuries? Step into the private rooms of the Palace of Versailles, the lavish palace built by the Sun King, to find out.

Choice of Versailles Palace secret apartments or "Versailles Gardens and Queens Hamlet"

A special Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.

**Day 14: Saturday, November 5:** Paris

Whether you're a first-time visitor to the "City of Light" or you've been here many times before, there's something for everyone today in Paris. Enjoy a panoramic overview of the city, join a local expert for a walk through two much-loved neighborhoods, or pedal your way along the Left Bank, a fresh and fun way to take in the sights.

Featured Excursion: "Heart of Paris" Seine River cruise

Choice of Paris city tour or "Do as the Locals Do" Île de la Cité and Latin Quarter or "Let's Go" Seine riverbanks bike ride

**Day 15: Sunday, November 6:** Paris (Disembark)

Disembark the ship and transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport for your flight home.

WELCOME HOME!

Total cost per person in US dollars land only sharing double accommodation:

Classic cabin \$5,199.00 Upgrade to French Balcony \$2,500.00 Upgrade to a suite \$7,500.00

Single supplement price available on request.

Please note no cabins are being held. Space is subject to availability. Uniworld [terms and conditions](#) apply. Book and pay in full before June 30<sup>th</sup> for 10% savings on cruise fare. Pauwels Travel Bureau recommends getting travel insurance to be properly protected for your trip.

Tour/cruise includes:

- Transfers from Avignon airport
- 14 nights river cruise in category selected and all meals and snacks during the cruise including wine or beer with lunch and dinner.
- Transportation throughout the tour
- All sightseeing and admissions as per the itinerary
- Pre-paid Gratuities
- Port Charges and fees of \$400.00 US

Not Included:

- Items of a personal nature
- Meals not indicated
- Optional travel insurance

*\*\*Note this cruise can be combined with our Provence in Depth prior to the cruise or our "Game and Champagne" tour post cruise.*

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please book \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on the Grand France river cruise of October 23<sup>rd</sup> to November 6, 2022.

Enclosed is my/our deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$750 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)

Cabin category choice: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for your balance payment 180 days prior to departure.**

**WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR TO BE SENT IN WITH YOUR REGISTRATION.**

PASSPORT NAME(S): **Please indicate the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)**

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth")

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

If traveling alone, is a SINGLE ROOM/CABIN REQUIRED? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ .

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin \_\_\_\_\_ double \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** We find the earlier a request is made, the more success we have in filling it, so please list any dietary requests, allergies, any special physical needs or frequent flyer numbers etc here. We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible.

**Insurance,** Please call the office for premiums then record it on application and add premium to deposit.

I /we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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All-inclusive Package \_\_\_\_\_ Non-medical Package \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** Decline Insurance \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT:**  Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel  Visa  Mastercard  American Express

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**"I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests and included payment".**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward this completed and signed form, copy of passport and payment to:  
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