

Lyon, Provence and the Camargue



Lyon



Camargue horses



Avignon

TRIP OVERVIEW

Take in France's rural delights, centuries-old monuments and rugged scenery as you cruise along the Rhone and Saône Rivers, journeying from Lyon to Provence. Explore Roman ruins, the wild plains of the Camargue and the winding hidden passageways of Lyon on this captivating eight-day voyage.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information that you require for a smooth and comfortable river cruise. Please take the time to read this dossier to familiarise yourself with all the aspects of our river cruise. It includes important information such as visa requirements and travel insurance.

Your included meal guide:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Day 1: UK to Lyon D

Depart the UK on your flight. Upon arrival, you'll be met and transferred to your ship. Later, enjoy a welcome cocktail with the crew before dinner.

Day 2: Lyon to Macon B/L/D

Today, uncover the sights of Lyon on a city tour, including a visit to the old town to discover the unique "traboules", a network of hidden passageways weaving through the city. Return to your ship and cruise to Macon.

Day 3: Macon to Vienne B/L/D

After breakfast, travel by coach to the grand Cluny Abbey. In the afternoon, sail down the Rhone towards Vienne, taking in the rolling scenery before an evening of entertainment and dinner on board.

Day 4: Vienne to Avignon B/L/D

Enjoy a tour of Vienne and discover why the city is renowned for its art, history and culture. Founded over 2,000 years ago, Vienne boasts outstanding examples of Roman architecture. Your tour begins at the Antique Theatre. Continue into the heart of Vienne and visit the exceptionally preserved Temple of Augustus. Return to your vessel and spend the afternoon cruising to Avignon, before enjoying dinner and an evening of entertainment.

Day 5: Avignon to Arles B/L/D

Today, explore Avignon, wandering past the Diocesan Church towards the beating heart of Avignon, Place del'Horloge. Continue on to the town square at Place du Palace and the Notre Dame des Doms Cathedral before ending your tour at the UNESCO-listed Pope's Palace. In the afternoon, journey to the unique natural region of the Camargue. Enjoy a guided tour past rivers, marshes, and lagoons as you look out for the flamingos, black bulls and the indigenous Camargue horses which inhabit this UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Later, visit a manade (bull breeding farm) to learn about how a manadier works with the animals. End your day with a cocktail on the farm patio.

Day 6: Arles to Viviers B/L/D

Discover the coastal town of Arles, bursting with historic treasures, colourful houses and the inspiration of many Van Gogh paintings. Later, enjoy a visit to a local olive oil producer's before cruising through the afternoon to Viviers.

Day 7: Viviers to Tournon to Lyon B/L/D

After a morning of cruising, arrive at Tournon, situated in the heart of the Rhone Valley. Proceed on foot towards the Chateau Museum. Browse through its historic artefacts then walk through the characterful streets and alleys of Tournon's historic centre. To finish the day, sample a selection of regional food products and wines before returning to your ship for tonight's farewell gala dinner.

Day 8: Lyon to the UK B

After breakfast, disembark and transfer for your return flight, or continue on to your extension.

MEALS

Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily are taken on board the ship. Tables seat 4 people, so you'll be able to converse and socialise with new friends, whilst never feeling crowded together. Tea and coffee are available on-board ship as well as unlimited soft drinks and alcoholic drinks, including a variety of wines and beer, both during meals and at the bar. (Premium brands are available at an extra cost).

Any dietary requirements and dislikes should be made known to our reservations staff at the time of booking.

On embarking the ship, you will be greeted by the captain, crew and staff and treated to welcome cocktails.

ROUTE MAP



SHIP INFORMATION

5★ MS Camargue

Renovated in 2015, the spacious and bright 5★ MS Camargue offers 54 stylish, outside-facing cabins, all located across the Upper and Main Decks. On-board amenities include a lounge, bar, dining room and large sun deck featuring comfortable sun loungers and chairs.

Length: 110m long

Width 10m wide

Cabins 54 cabins

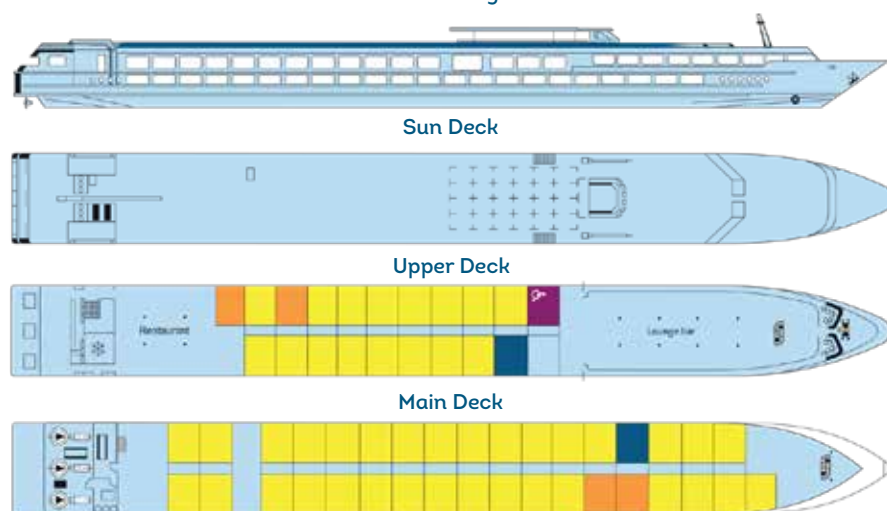
Passengers: 104 passengers

Facilities

- Lounge bar with a dance floor
- Bar
- Large sundeck with deck chairs
- Dining room
- Wi-Fi
- Gift shop
- Air-conditioning



MS Camargue



Double/Twin Cabin



Restaurant

Cabins

All cabins are outside-facing with large panoramic windows on the upper deck. Twin beds (converting), generous closets, hair dryer, climate control, bathroom with shower and bath products, flat screen TV and radio, telephone.

- Upper deck: 20 cabins (16 double/twin, 1 disabled cabin, 1 suite and 2 single)
- Middle deck: 34 cabins (31 double/twin, 1 suite, 2 single)

Final confirmation of your deck and cabin will be confirmed at booking. Please contact us if you have any queries.

Cabin 3D plan



WHAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR TOUR

Visas

A visa is not required for British nationals travelling to France. Further advice should be sought from the applicable tourist authority for other nationalities and for general queries. We strongly advise you check your destinations' Tourist Board or Embassy for the most up-to-date guidelines regarding passport validity.

Tour Guides

Optional excursions are escorted by an experienced, English speaking guide.

Shared cruise

Please note: your cruise is shared with international clients from other companies.

Tipping

Tipping is at your discretion. There is an envelope in your cabin for these purpose that can be handed to reception at the end of your cruise

Currency Exchange

The currency in France as well as on board is the Euro (€). We recommend that you exchange your currency before you leave the UK, however cash machines are available in most towns and cities to withdraw money in the local currency.

Personal Expenses

This cruise is All-Inclusive, so you will only need to take a little extra money with you to cover any premium drinks on board and souvenirs, drinks and snacks purchased when off the ship, as well as any optional excursions you wish to book.

Credit Card Information

Credit cards are accepted on board ship and throughout France.

Electricity Supply

The electricity supply is 220V. You will need a European two pin round plug adapter in France.

Itinerary Changes

The Captain and Croisieurope reserve the right to alter/modify an itinerary at any time, should safety or external circumstances make this necessary, changes are also subject to tides. Some of the highlights may only be seen on optional excursions at an additional cost, or by exploring independently.

Health and Vaccinations

It is your responsibility to check any health and vaccination requirements applicable to your booked arrangements. We can only provide general information about this. Health and hygiene facilities and disease risks vary from country to country. You should take health advice about your own needs as early as possible and in good time before your departure. Sources of information include; www.fco.gov.uk, www.travelhealthpro.org.uk, www.hpa.org.uk, your General Practitioner or a specialist clinic.

Physical Accessibility

This river cruise is accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility. It involves moderate days of walking on cobble streets and getting on and off the cruise ship. This cruise is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties.

Insurance

We strongly recommend that you and all members of your party are suitably insured as soon as you book your holiday. It is a condition of booking that you must have suitable travel insurance. It is important that you purchase travel insurance that suitably covers your participation in whatever activities you may undertake at the time that you make your booking. To assist you with this, we have arranged travel insurance in partnership with Holiday Extras. To arrange your travel insurance with Holiday Extras, please call 0800 781 4237 and quote 'WK830' for preferential rates. Please ensure you provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24 hour emergency contact number as soon as possible. Mercury Holidays will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

Passport Information

Your Passport Information is required for this cruise, including place of birth. This information is required at least 70 days prior to your departure. Failure to provide this information on time may result in your booking being cancelled with loss of deposit. This information is required at least 70 days prior to your departure. Failure to provide this information on time may result in your booking being cancelled with loss of deposit.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

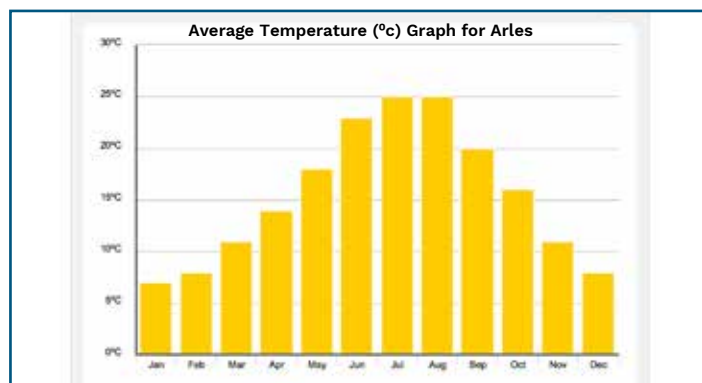
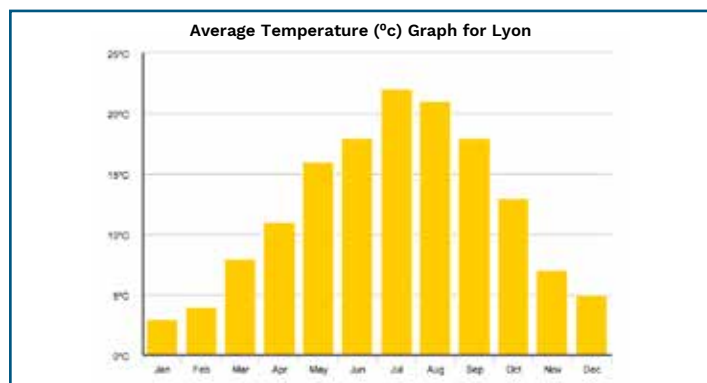
IMPORTANT: Please note that final flight details, including terminal, airline and baggage allowance, will be confirmed on your final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure. A printed E-ticket is no longer required at check-in, all you need to do is present your passport to the staff at the desk and your boarding pass will be given to you.

Airport Extras

If you wish to arrange Airport car parking or accommodation at preferential rates, we recommend you book this in advance with Holiday Extras on 0871 360 2000, quoting HX313.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Weather can vary quite considerably throughout the year, so please familiarise yourself with the climate charts below.



DRESS CODE AND WHAT TO PACK

Dress Code

There is no official dress code on board, however you'll be most comfortable during the day in smart casual clothing. You may wish to bring items that do not wrinkle easily as there is no iron provided on board ship. There is an ironing room and a laundry service on board both ships. Bring a variety of clothing for the weather expected on your cruise, including light clothing and bathing suits for hot weather, a jumper or jacket for cooler weather and of course a raincoat and/or small umbrella.

What to Pack

- Comfortable walking shoes such as trainers for sightseeing excursions
- Sun cream and a hat with a big brim for sunny days
- Sunglasses
- Ruck sack or light bag per person
- Personal toiletries
- Personal first aid kit containing travel pills, rehydration powder, plasters, stomach settlers, antiseptic creams, aspirin etc.

ON YOUR ARRIVAL

On your arrival in Lyon, you will be met by a representative from our local transfer agent, CroisiEurope. The Mercury Holidays/ CroisiEurope representative will show you to your transfer vehicle and you will be taken to your boat. If you need to contact CroisiEurope, during your stay the details are:

CroisiEurope

MS Camargue - 0033 6 72 97 02 63

EMBARKING & DISEMBARKING

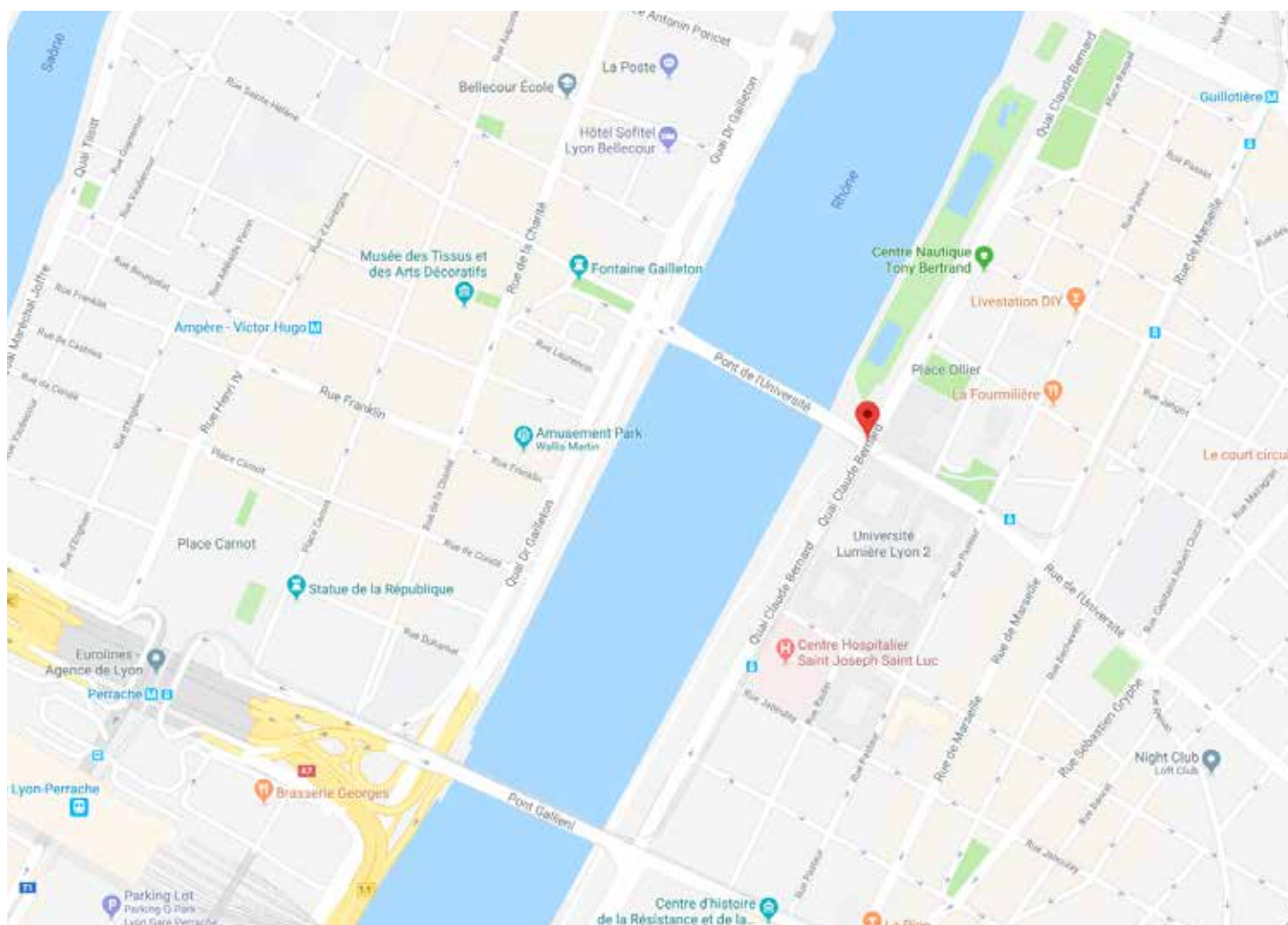
Embarkation Time: 6pm

Disembarkation Time: 9am

If your arrival is before this time, you will be transferred to the docking area where you will be able to leave your luggage. You are then free to explore the city at your own pace until it is time to board your ship at 6pm.

BOARDING DETAILS

Please see below for details of your boarding quay. Your cruise company is **CroisiEurope**. In Lyon, CroisiEurope cruises operate from the below embarkation point: **Quai Claude Bernard**, 69007 Lyon, France



Lyon City Extension

If you have not yet booked this fabulous extension, there is still time to do so. Please contact 0333 003 0522



Bartholdi Fountain



Passerelle du Palais-de-Justice foot bridge



Vieux

TRIP OVERVIEW

Enjoy an extended 2-night stay in the beautiful city of Lyon, whose historical and architectural landmarks blend harmoniously with its dynamic, urban culture, all set amongst the breathtaking scenery of the great Saône and Rhone rivers.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your beach extension to Lyon.

Hotel (2 nights)

Your stay in Lyon will take place at the **4★ Hôtel Mercure Lyon Centre - Gare Part-Dieu** on a Bed and Breakfast basis.

Perfectly located just minutes from Lyon Part Dieu train station, this excellent four-star city centre hotel is the ideal base for those looking to discover the beautiful city of Lyon and its historic heart. Boasting superb guest facilities, including access to free Wi-Fi, stylish and spacious, air-conditioned rooms, the Hôtel Mercure Lyon Centre provides a high standard of both service and comfort.

Hotel Information

4★ Hôtel Mercure Lyon Centre - Gare Part-Dieu
Address: 50 Rue de la Villette,
69003 Lyon, France

Tour Guides

Your stay in Lyon is not escorted by a tour guide and your time will be free to explore the area at your own pace. Transfers are included.

Transfers

Arrival transfer: 09:00am. Transfer from MS Camargue to Hôtel Mercure Lyon Centre - Gare Part-Dieu
Supplier: Happy Tours - 0044 07765862730

Return transfer: Pick up at 09:30am at Hôtel Mercure Lyon Centre - Gare Part-Dieu to Lyon-Saint-Exupéry Airport.
Supplier: Happy Tours - 0044 07765862730

Meals

Your stay will be on a Bed and Breakfast basis.

Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover any lunches, as well as personal purchases, such as souvenirs and drinks.



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River Saône

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Please note: Final hotel and flight details will be confirmed on your final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.