



2024 Colors of Provence
Special *Friends* Soulful Epicurean Experience
Aboard the Chartered *AmaKristina*
(Arles to Lyon)

10 NIGHTS • 7-NIGHT CRUISE EMBARK FROM ARLES, FRANCE AND DISEMBARK LYON, FRANCE • 3 NIGHTS PARIS, FRANCE

Cruise with AmaWaterways from Arles aboard the award-winning *AmaKristina* sailing the Rhône River through the South of France to Lyon. Explore the cultural history of Marseille, delight in live performances on board and on shore and conclude your journey in Paris, where many Black artists, writers and entertainers made their mark. Enjoy a variety of experiences exclusive to this special itinerary, such as guided tours showcasing jazz, food, wine, and captivating World War II history, all while shining a light on Black heritage.

DAY	DESTINATION	ACTIVITIES
1	Arles	EMBARKATION
2	Arles	Marseille Full-Day Black Heritage Tour
	Avignon	Evening cruise to illuminated Pont d'Avignon
3	Avignon	Blachère Foundation and Alpilles Walking tour and Papal Palace Evening jazz performance
4	Viviers	Grignan Excursion & Truffle Farm
	Tournon	Evening wine and chocolate experience
5	Tournon	Steam train ride
	Vienne	Evening jazz performance
6	Vienne	Jazz and wine experience
	Lyon	Free time
7	Lyon	Lyon Tasting tour at Les Halles Market Tata de Chasselay and Beaujolais
8	Lyon	DISEMBARKATION
	Paris	Check into your hotel
9	Paris	Exclusive Josephine Baker excursion
10	Paris	“Black History of Paris” tour
11	Paris	Return flight home

Please note: Itinerary and excursions are subject to change. For the most up-to-date operational details, please refer to your final travel documents.

Day 1, ARLES – EMBARKATION. Board the ship for your *Colors of Provence Soulful Epicurean Experience* river cruise. (D)

Day 2, ARLES. Follow in the footsteps of legendary Black artists such as Josephine Baker, Claude McKay, and Alexander Dumas as you explore Marseille, the oldest city in France. Take a motorcoach ride from your ship to Marseille, where you will explore La Joliette, the site of France's historic Port of Entry. Witness the beauty of Joliette Plaza, the site of several scenes from McKay's 1929 novel *Banjo*. From there, tour other iconic locations such as the Chateau d'If, the touchstone of Dumas's famous tale, *Count of Monte Cristo*; Le Panier, the oldest residential neighborhood in Marseille; and the breathtaking La Major Cathedral. After the tour, enjoy some free time on your own to immerse yourself in this historic city before meeting again for more group sightseeing. Once your tour is complete, board your motorcoach once more to return to your ship for dinner on board. (B,L,D)

Day 3, AVIGNON. Visit the foundation established by businessman Jean-Paul Blachère, which has promoted the work of contemporary African artists since 2004. Traveling extensively to Africa, Blachère invites artists in residence from Africa to showcase their work for temporary exhibits. Wander amongst the sculptures, paintings and photographs all created by visionary artists thousands of miles away. Following your visit, head to the Alpilles, an area of Provence known for its Alpilles mountain range which once served as inspiration for Van Gogh. In the afternoon, explore Avignon, aptly named the "City of Popes," which was the center of the Catholic Church in the 14th century when its "Palais des Papes" was the equivalent of today's Vatican. Your guided walking tour includes the Papal Palace and the well-preserved medieval walls surrounding the historic center of town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the evening, be treated to a jazz performance. (B,L,D)

Day 4, VIVIERS. Take in the quaint surroundings of Viviers, a charming commune that sidles up to the right bank of the Rhone. From Viviers, travel to the magnificent hilltop village, Grignan. After visiting this enchanting Provençal town, go in search of the highly prized "Black Diamond" truffles with a farmer and his trustworthy canine companion. This is one of our most popular excursions on the Rhône River and is cherished by our guests! (B,L,D)

Day 5, TOURNON - VIENNE. Take a steam train ride past magnificent landscape carved along the Gorge du Doux, stopping at the charming little station of Colombier le Vieux-Saint Barthélemy le Plain, where the train maneuvers in preparation for its return journey. Later, your ship will depart for Vienne, where you will snap your fingers along to an exciting jazz show performed by local musicians. (B,L,D)

Day 6, VIENNE - LYON. Who says you can't listen to jazz in the morning? Join us this morning for a special jazz concert in Ampuis accompanied by a tasting of three regional wines: Condrieu, Hermitage and Côte-Rôtie. Return to the ship for lunch followed by a fascinating lecture on board about the history of France and the colonies, including the abolition of slavery, prisons, Catholic missionaries from Lyon in Africa and more. Upon arriving in Lyon, feel free to venture off the ship to explore the city at your leisure. Perhaps wander to the Old Town of Lyon or the St. Jean district, where you will be introduced to the city's unique covered walkways, known as "traboules." (B,L,D)

Day 7, LYON. During your time in Lyon, the "Culinary Capital of France," indulge in a distinctive tasting tour specially curated for this unique itinerary at the legendary Les Halles Market – Paul Bocuse, named after the late chef renowned for his Michelin-starred l'Auberge du Pont de Collonges restaurant. Delight in special delicacies brought to the city from North Africa such as stuffed peppers, regional pastries, hummus and more. You will also be treated to mint tea and a glass of wine. Following your included tasting, enjoy some free time in the market to browse the stalls and perhaps nibble a bit more before returning to the ship. In the afternoon, your knowledge tour guide will lead you to Tata of Chasselay, a distinctive and contemporary-looking cemetery within a red ochre enclosure that stands as a memorial to the nearly 200 Senegalese Tirailleurs murdered during the Chasselay Massacre of World War II. In West Africa, "tata" is a Wolof word meaning "plot of sacred land." Your guide will share the history of this lesser-known event of World War II and the meaningful design of the structure, including the eight masks displaying idols that protect the deceased and the dirt that was imported from Dakar. Following this poignant excursion, toast the fallen as we venture into the Beaujolais wine region to a winery for a tasting. (B,L,D)



Day 8, LYON – DISEMBARKATION. Disembark the ship and bid farewell to the wonderful crew of *AmaKristina* in Lyon as you and your luggage, taken care of by AmaWaterways' crew, enjoy a seamless transfer via train to the romantic "City of Light," Paris. Upon arrival, your Cruise Manager will assist with checking you into your hotel. (B)

Day 9 – PARIS. World-renowned US-born Black entertainer, World War II spy and activist Josephine Baker moved from the US to Paris where she became one of the most successful Vaudeville-style entertainers and actresses. During World War II, she joined the fight against the Nazi regime, aiding French military officials with secrets written in invisible ink on her music sheets. Later in life she fought racial injustices back in the US and was honored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Learn more about Josephine Baker's life in Paris, her career and her groundbreaking activism on an exclusive tour curated specially for our *Soulful Epicurean Experience* itinerary. (B)

Day 10 – PARIS. Discover centuries worth of Black history as you venture to several sites in and around Paris during this exclusive full-day tour. You will see the iconic Arc de Triomphe and the Monument to the Abolition of Slavery as your guide shares the history of the Code noir, a decree passed by King Louis XIV in 1685 defining the conditions of slavery. From there, you will drive past Montmartre, learning about the cabarets and famous jazz musicians who made their mark here before walking through the African district, renowned for its African food and street vendors, and visiting Little Africa, a gallery space and cultural initiative in La Goutte d'or district. Your full-day tour also includes a panoramic tour of the left bank of Paris, the Latin Quarter and Pantheon Square, where Josephine Baker was inducted in November 2021. (B)

Day 11 – PARIS. Bid farewell to Paris, your fellow cruisers, and your Cruise Manager as you prepare for your return flight home. (B)