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**FESTIVAL AT SEA**  
PRESENTS...

# *Friendly Notes*



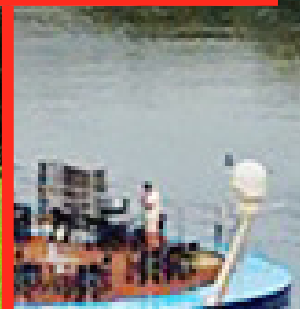
**A SOULFUL EPICUREAN EXPERIENCE**

AUGUST 22ND TO SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2024

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## WELCOME *FRIENDS*

Dear *Friends*,

Welcome to *Friends of Festival at Sea*, our luxury brand of “*Cruising with an African American Twist.*” This *Blue Notes* is dedicated to helping you get ready for your *Great Adventure!*

We are excited to give you an update on our upcoming *Soulful Epicurean Experience Cruise on the AMA Kristina.*

Inside this newsletter you'll find helpful information regarding including:

- \*Our 10 day Itinerary
- \*Air Transportation requests
- \*Documentation
- \*Attire
- \*Dining

We have over 100 people confirmed to sail with us. We do have room for more so let us know if you would like us to send information to any of your *Friends.*

Sincerely,  
Patricia Nicholson Yarbrough  
**President**  
*Blue World Travel Corp.*



## *FRIENDS OF FAS PRESENTS*

# *A SOULFUL EPICUREAN EXPERIENCE!*

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**ARLES**  
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# DAMON WILLIAMS

## *Comedian Host*

Damon Williams is a legendary comedian, actor, writer, and producer. He is a native of Chicago who has become a household name in the entertainment industry for over 30 years. Williams' journey to stardom began as a young entrepreneur, owning a Subway sandwich shop in the early '90s. However, he caught the comedy bug, and since then, he hasn't looked back and we are forever grateful as he has been our host for over 15 years! Welcome Damon!



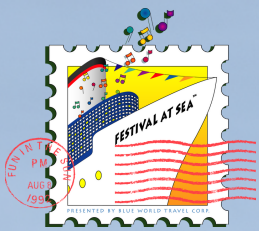
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## *Featured Performer*

Witnessing Jon Saxx in his element, whether his eyes are hidden under one of his signature hats or if he is wearing one of his stunning 3 piece suits, you realize you are watching a man possessed by the spirit of jazz. His love of playing music comes as natural as his own heartbeat and he is backed by a group of band members that know how to keep all of our passengers' blood pumping. Welcome Jon!



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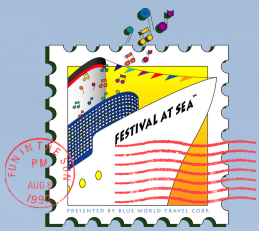
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## AL YOUR PAL

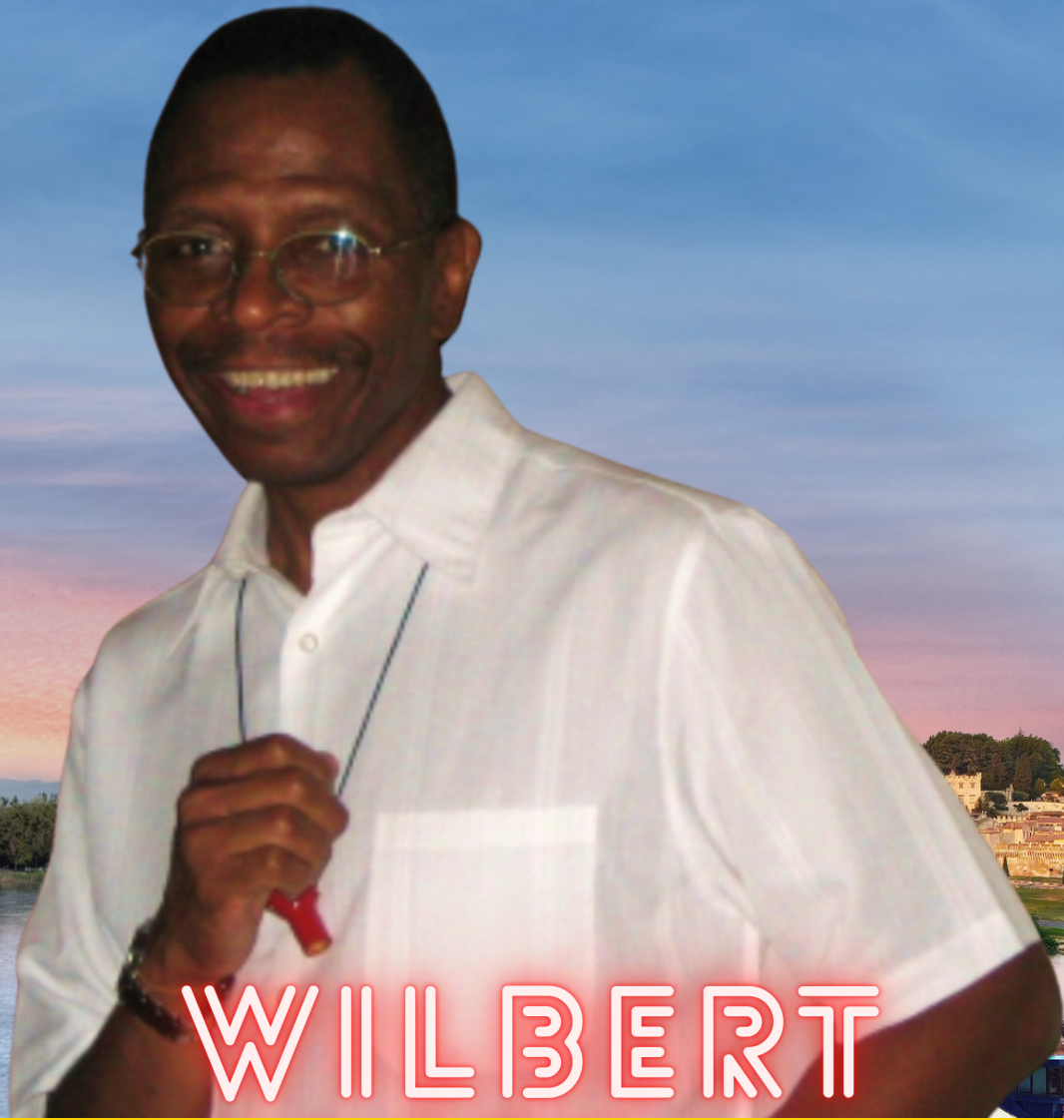
*Resident DJ - "Rockin' the Boat"*

Al "Your Pal" Taylor has been in the entertainment business for more than 45 years, entertaining folks locally, nationally and internationally. His passion as a DJ started as a hobby in high school and turned into a career after college. Born in New Orleans, Al has lived in Denver since 1980 and been working as a DJ in the Mile High City ever since. His first gig was right after he graduated from high school in Louisiana in 1975, when he hosted and DJed a very successful going away graduation party. From then on he was hooked. Welcome Al OUR Pal!



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WILBERT  
MCZEAL

*Dance Instructor - "Cha Cha Real Smooth"*

Wilbert McZeal is our Dance Instructor from Los Angeles and will keep you abreast of the latest dance moves and a little bit of Salsa as well. Come ready to get your smooth groove on with his Urban Line Dance classes as well as learning a few new steps at night in the club! Welcome Wilbert!

# GET READY! (SOIS PRÊT!)

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WHAT TO EXPECT BEFORE YOU DEPART!

## FLIGHTS TO FRANCE

- We have sent out a link to request air from AMA Waterways. You can still make requests using the link below.

[CLICK HERE TO REQUEST AIR](#)

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## ARRIVING IN FRANCE

- The AMA Kristina ship is in Arles, France. The closest airport is Marseille which is a 60-minute ride from the pier. You should fly from the USA on Wednesday, the 21st to arrive in Marseille on the 22nd.

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## SHIP TRANSFER

- We will overnight on the ship on the 22nd and tour Marseille on the 23rd. If you purchased your airfare with AMA Waterway's air department, your transfers are included to the pier.
- If you buy your own airfare to arrive on the 22nd, you may buy a transfer with AMA Waterways for \$130.00

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## DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

- Please make sure you have given us your **First, Middle and Last names as it appears on your passport.**
- Also, make sure that your passport is **valid for at least 6 months after September 1st 2024**, which is our scheduled return date.



# ITINERARY at a glance

AUGUST 22ND TO SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2024

## AUGUST 22ND | ARLES

- Embarkation

## AUGUST 23RD | ARLES & AVIGNON

- Marseille Full-Day Black Heritage Tour
- Evening cruise to illuminated Pont d'Avignon

## AUGUST 24TH | AVIGNON

- Blachere Foundation & Alphilles
- Walking tour and Papal Palace
- Evening Jazz Performance

## AUGUST 25TH | VIVERS & TOURNON

- Grignan Excursion & Truffle Farm
- Evening Wine & Chocolate Experience

## AUGUST 26TH | TOURNON & VIENNE

- Steam Train Ride
- Evening Jazz Performance

## AUGUST 27TH | VIENNE & LYON

- Jazz & Wine Experience

## AUGUST 28TH | LYON

- Lyon Tasting Tour & Les Halles Market
- Tata de Chasselay and Beaujolais

## AUGUST 29TH | LYON & PARIS

- Disembarkation AMA Kristina
- TGV High Speed Train ride to Paris
- Check into Le Meridien Etoile\*

## AUGUST 30TH | PARIS

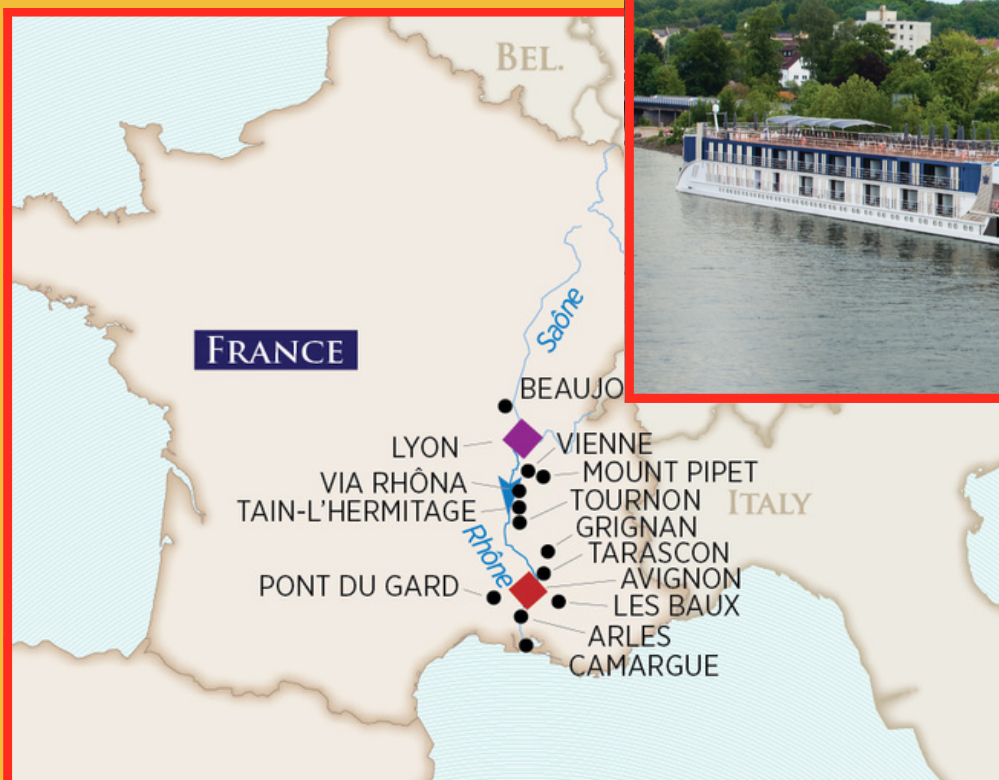
- Exclusive Josephine Baker 1/2 Day Excursion

## AUGUST 31ST | PARIS

"Full Day Black History of Paris" Tour

## SEPTEMBER 1ST | PARIS DEPARTURE

- Return Home



\*A full itinerary will be made available by AMA Waterways in the coming months including additional tours, bike riding, etc. that will be available. Please note that our hotel in Paris will be Le Meridien Etoile.



# *Fine* D I N I N G

## M A I N


The ship has one main dining room where Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner will be served throughout the duration of the cruise.

## I N C L U D E D

with Lunch & Dinner

- Free Flowing Red and White Wine from local regions,
- Unlimited Beer or Soft Drinks.
- Complimentary “Sip & Sail” menu cocktail hour is offered in the evenings before dinner.
- There will also be two Champagne Receptions: a Captain’s Welcome and a Captain’s Farewell.

## C H E F ’ S T A B L E

- There is also a complimentary Chef’s Table Restaurant where the Chef prepares the meal in person.
  - Reservations can be made onboard with the Maître d'
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# RIVER CRUISE

RECOMMENDED

# ATTIRE

## CAPTAIN'S COCKTAIL

WE WILL HAVE TWO CAPTAIN'S COCKTAIL RECEPTIONS INCLUDING A GALA AT WHICH WE RECOMMEND AFRICAN ATTIRE!



## WHITE NIGHT

OF COURSE WE WILL HAVE OUR SIGNATURE WHITE NIGHT PARTY. PACK YOUR FAVORITE OUTFIT!



## T-SHIRT DAY

WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH AN EXCLUSIVE 'FRIENDS' TSHIRT! BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A FUTURE EMAIL FOR TSHIRT SIZE REQUESTS.



### ATTIRE NOTE:

MOST OF THE SHIP IS RESORT OR COUNTRY CLUB CASUAL. NO JEANS, SHORTS, FLIP FLOPS ARE ALLOWED IN THE DINING ROOM. FOR THE DAYTIME, BRING COMFORTABLE ATTIRE FOR TOURING AND COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES.

# 3-NIGHTS IN PARIS

POST  
CRUISE

Thursday, Aug. 28th



- + Morning TGV train ride to Paris
- + Hotel Check In at Le Meridien Etoile
- + Free time to explore the City!



Friday, Aug. 29th

- + Half day Josephine Baker excursion
- + Free time to explore the City!
- +

Saturday, Aug. 30th

- + "Black History of Paris" tour
- +
- +



Touring Paris:

- + You have the option to branch out and see other sights on your own in Paris if you wish. A list of things to do in your free time will be made available to you from AMA Waterways.





# EXPECTED WEATHER

PREDICTIONS FROM THE WEATHER CHANNEL

## Marseille

HIGH — 86

LOW — 67

MEAN — 76

## Lyon

HIGH — 81

LOW — 61

MEAN — 71

## Paris

HIGH — 75

LOW — 56

MEAN — 66



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# ONBOARD ACCESSIBILITY

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- The ship does not have handicap cabins. There is an elevator onboard, however, it does not go to the outside deck. Please give us a call if you have mobility issues or if you are considering using a wheelchair.

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# WORSHIP SERVICE

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- If you would like to be part of our Worship Service email [patricia@blueworldtravel.com](mailto:patricia@blueworldtravel.com)

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# CELEBRATIONS

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- Are you celebrating something special this year? [Click here to have your special day listed in our Friendly Notes.](#)

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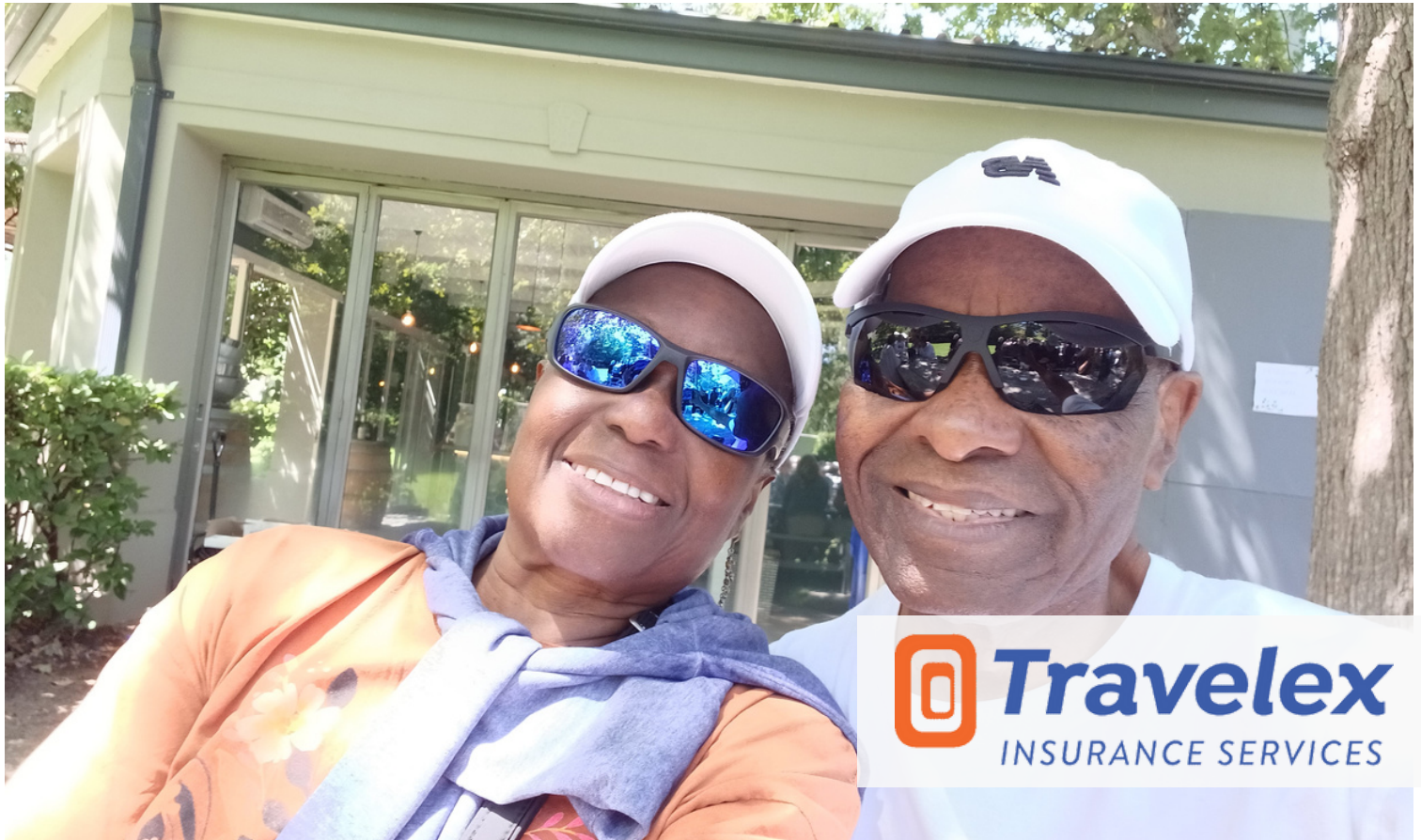
# TRAVEL WORRY FREE

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## PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE

Although we fully expect and hope no interruptions prevent us from connecting next Fall, should something come up we recommend that you purchase a **travel protection plan** to protect your travel investment. For your convenience, we recommend **Travelex Insurance Services**. For more information on the available plans or to enroll, visit [www.festivalatsea.com/insurance](http://www.festivalatsea.com/insurance)

You can call **800-228-9792** and reference our **location# (05-1094)** to get more info.



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