
OENOLOGICAL CRUISE: DISCOVER THE FABULOUS WORLD OF VINES AND WINE

Trip Code: CMM

Duration: 7

Destination: Lyon - CHALON-SUR-SAONE - LYON - VIVIERS - AVIGNON - MARTIGUES(1)

Travel Dates: 2021

DAY 1 CHALON SUR SAONE

Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6.00 p.m. in Chalon-sur-Saône, in the heart of the Burgundy wine-growing region. Time to settle comfortably in your cabins before meeting the crew during a welcome cocktail reception. Dinner and evening on board.

DAY 2 CHALON-SUR-SAONE - MACON - LYON (BURGUNDY - BEAUJOLAIS)

We'll set off by coach through the Burgundy vineyards, stopping by Meursault, Volnay, and the Pommard vineyards, run by religious communities from the Middle Ages which produce full-bodied, tannic red wine. Visit one of the best wine-growers in the area to taste some of the vintages*. This afternoon, we'll visit the Beaujolais vineyards, followed by the famous Hameau Duboeuf wine village where we'll learn more about the art of wine-making. The cruise continues on towards Lyon.

DAY 3 LYON - TAIN L'HERMITAGE - VIVIERS

Morning spent sailing along the Rhône valley. A conference will be given on board by a recognised expert on wine before lunch. We'll stop off in the early afternoon in Tain l'Hermitage whose Coteau de l'Hermitage, the best known slope, is crowned with a chapel which seems to guard the entrance to the valley. A wine-tasting session* will be organised at one of the best producers in the region. Return to the ship before cruising on to Viviers.

DAY 4 VIVIERSCHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE - AVIGNON

We'll set off through the Ardèche gorges towards Vivarais for a wine-tasting session*. We'll return on board and cruise towards Châteauneuf-du-Pape, arriving in the afternoon. We'll depart by coach into the very heart of this famous wine growing area. We'll taste some wine* at one of the best local producers before we return on board and cruise on towards Avignon.

DAY 5 AVIGNON - MARTIGUES(1) (LES CASSIS)

Cruise towards Martigues. Onboard conference given by an expert in oenology before a game is organised. The finalists with the highest scores will then take part in a "blind" wine-tasting session*. The winner will be elected Bacchus of the cruise and will win a gastronomic cruise (valid for 1 person) on the Rhine with Marc Haerberlin, 3-star cook in the Michelin guide. We'll reach Cassis and leave by coach towards the Cassis area. Wine tasting* at one of the best local producers' and return on board in the late afternoon. Tonight's our gala dinner and evening.

DAY 6 MARTIGUES(1)

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking. End of our services.

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