



CroisiEurope is a French family-owned business that is the longest established river cruise company in France. They offer 68 different itineraries that cruise along 15 different beautiful rivers. Currently they are operating 28 ships that have an average capacity of 100 to 180 passengers. At the cutting edge of technology, their facilities offer comfort and safety.

Although most of CroisiEurope's passengers have mostly been French, they are actively marketing to travelers of other nationalities. For those of you who speak some French and are looking for an authentic European cruise experience – **CroisiEurope is worth considering**. They now have many English speaking crew on board and have also setup many of their excursions to appeal the English speaking audience.

Carefully maintained and partially renovated each year, the CroisiEurope fleet is largely made up of recently built vessels, less than five years old, all with Veritas certification. The leading European river tour operator, the CroisiEurope company owes its international reputation to its seriousness, its dynamism, its sense of innovation and its recognized value for money of long standing. On board, you will find all of the amenities and comfort which guarantee the quality and seriousness of the CroisiEurope fleet.





Magic of the Provencal Rhone



The Rhone, the impetuous guest at the table of monks, popes, and kings goes back to the birth of Time. It is one of four great French rivers which rises in Switzerland in the Saint Gothard massif, 1,750 meters above sea level, and keeps the impetuous character of its Alpine origins. In 1934, the "Compagnie Generale du Rhone" made plans for its development. Canals, civil engineering works at Genissat, Donzere-Mondragon... Locks at Bollene, Vallabregues. It is a seductive and gastronomic destination. Mediterranean by vocation, it takes us to the heart of our Gallo-Roman roots. But it also invites us on a veritable pilgrimage to the most famous vineyards which flourish on its banks.

There is a very strange alliance behind the story of the Rhone valley. That of Rome and Christianity. Two civilisations which left their mark in the towns which will be the ports of call. Lyons, capital of the Gauls, St-Vallier where Diane de Poitiers lived. Viviers, a charming medieval and episcopal town. Avignon and the Palais des Papes rising on its rocky pinnacle. Beaucaire and its traditional, picturesque market. The walls of Tarascon and the castle of the refined King Rene. Arles, a rich and welcoming Provencal town. And finally Aix, the first Roman encampment, and Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, the refuge of Sarah, the patron saint of gypsies.

Today, the CroisiEurope cruises, particularly those during which presentations are given by wine specialists and wine makers, pay homage to the celebrated reputation of the vintages of the Rhone valley: Beaujolais and Burgundy, Cotes du Rhone and Cotes de Provence, not to mention the sparkling wine of Cassis.

Your Cruise/Tour Package **INCLUDES:**

- 4-7 Night Cruise aboard either the MS Van Gogh, MS Camargue, or MS Mistral
- Double air conditioned cabin with shower
- Full board from dinner on the first day to breakfast on the last day
- Drinks included onboard during meals are water, wine, beer, fruit juices, one coffee
- Onboard entertainment
- Assistance of onboard hostess
- Welcome cocktail
- Gala evening
- Insurance for medical repatriation
- Port taxes





During your cruise there will be many excursions offered. You will be able to explore the cities and sites on your cruise route. On these excursions, any transfers to the places visited will be handled for you. Usually they will take place by coach. Also taken care of will be any admission to the tourist sites, guides, etc... in order to offer you a "turnkey" tour. Certain tours not far from the boat can be done on foot in the company of a CroisiEurope hostess. You will be given a brief presentation of the various excursions at your various destinations.

NOTE: *Excursions are offered in French, English and other languages according to the passengers onboard.*

Optional Saone & Rhone Excursion Package includes guided tours and visits to the attractions on your cruise route. FRANCE CRUISES highly recommends that excursions are pre-reserved at the time of booking your cruise. The pre-reserved **RHONE VALLEY EXCURSION PACKAGE** will include all of the available excursions on your selected itinerary. The cost will range from \$200 to \$220 per person and will include the following:

- Avignon and the Pope's Palace – a gothic fortress decorated with frescos from the 14th century
- Guided tour of Lyon – the most archeological site behind Roma and the second largest preserved sector from the Renaissance era
- The Camargue with its fauna and flora
- Guided tour of Viviers which is the third largest protected sector in the Rhone Alpes regions
- Guided tour of Vienne
- Cluny Abbey
- Guided tour of Arles and visit of an olive oil production site where the owners will explain the cultivation and production of the yellow gold of Provence
- The Ardeche Gorge
- Excursion into the Vercors



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CroisiEurope Accommodations

All of the cabins are located above water level and offer a panoramic view (fixed windows) of the scenery. Spacious and comfortable, they will have either twin beds or a double bed, with a bathroom (shower, WC and sink with towels provided onboard, but not flannels), 220V electricity. They are also equipped with satellite television, radio, hairdryer and safe. Some ships have cabins equipped for the (physically) disabled – *contact us for details*. Whatever the deck you will be located on, all of the cabins offer the same equipment and are of the same size. However, on 2-deck ships the port side is slightly smaller on the standard deck and on 3-deck ships the cabins located on the upper deck have a picture window (except in Spain: standard deck cabins have portholes).



CroisiEurope Amenities

SUNDECK:
As you cruise with CroisiEurope you will find many ways to relax on board. One way is to spend time on the sun deck taking in the sun. Take in the beautiful scenery along the river banks. Sit back and enjoy the country side with all of it's spectacular views passing stunning vineyards, ruined castles and some of France's most renowned towns such as: Avignon, Lyon, Arles, and more.



LOUNGE, BAR & LIBRARY:
The lounge, bar, and library are tastefully decorated and are designed for the relaxation and wellbeing of all. The lounge is panoramic and is located at the front of the ship (on the upper deck for 2-deck ships and on the middle deck on 3-deck ships). Pre-dinner games, dinner-dances and other lively evenings take place there. Depending on the destination, cruises may include a cultural or folk evening such as Hungarian folk show or flamenco show.





CroisiEurope reigns supreme over the kitchens on its boats. In charge of the company's Chefs, Alain Bohn manages and designs his cuisine and specific menus in the pure tradition of French cooking with his passionate kitchen teams. From time to time, CroisiEurope joins forces with a number of renowned Chefs such as Paul Bocuse, Marc Haerberlin or Emile Jung to organize gastronomic cruises full of taste and flavor.

For those traveling aboard CroisieEurope's fleet of ships, get your pallette ready to experience the authentic taste of French cuisine. All that you have heard about how the French take their foods seriously will be at your finger tips! You will start out every morning with the best of breakfast. Served buffet style in the restaurant for all passengers to indulge in. For Lunch and Dinner the meals will be menu-based. They are served at your table at fixed times and in one sitting.

All of the CroisiEurope restaurants have tables that seat a party of 6 passengers. Should you be celebrating any kind of special occasion during your cruise, CroisiEurope will be willing to accept special requests for cakes, champagne, even flowers. However, these types of requests need to be made at the time of reservations, or at the latest, at least one month before boarding your cruise. For those who may have specific dietary requirements these must be stated at the time of reservations.

Drinks that are included with on board meals are mineral water, house wine, beer, fruit juice, and tea or coffee. Drinks which are not included are all drinks in the lounge/bar, wine selected from the wine list, and drinks purchased during on-shore excursions or during transfers.

