

What is it about small-ship cruising along the world's great inland waterways that makes it the most bespoke, the most beguiling, the most immersive of tourism experiences?

River cruising, gliding down gentle waters just yards from riverbanks, is unique in tourism in that it is more allied with land tours than a open-sea adventure. A river ship is a floating exclusive hotel whose guests are invited to peek at local life unfolding before them as the river bends and winds its way past quaint medieval towns and grand imperial cities.

Little churches stand sentinel along the river sides as they have done for centuries. Mountainside vineyards lend their names to some of the world's great wines and livestock graze in open pastures indifferent to the paths running alongside their homes.

Each European river has its own personality, graced by the towns it passes through; every destination has its own character, from medieval to cosmopolitan; and every river cruise line has its own "profile." Group tours offer special pricing, amenities, and special events, and, the camaraderie of like-minded guests. For centuries, rivers were "the" transportation system of countries, so, not surprisingly, the oldest towns were settled along the rivers.

Caddie Tours has exclusive pricing for our hosted Rhone sailing on luxury super-ship, the SS Catherine. This itinerary has a diversity of culture and scenic beauty. Burgundy and Provence from the Rhone and Saone offer something for just about everyone. From wine aficionados – red wines, white wines, sparkling wines – and food lovers (aren't we all?) to Impressionist art fans and World War II history buffs, the south of France inspires with its scents, its landscapes, its produit de terroir, its historical significance. From the gastronomic center of the Lyon region to mountainside vineyards, regional food and drink beckons.

Your Uniworld river cruise rate is all-inclusive: epicurean meals, esteemed *regional* wines and sparkling wines, top-shelf liquor throughout day and evening, a *choice* of included daily port excursions, gratuities to crew and local guides, and special events. Uniworld's accommodating, personalized guest services has no equal in the industry.

Prices listed below are <u>PER PERSON</u>; we have a \$100 onboard credit per person, as well. Our group rates are combinable with Uniworld's pay-in-full discount (10 percent off group rate expires June 29, 2018) as well as River Heritage member credit.

French Balcony (middle deck) \$4899.00; Deluxe Balcony (top deck) \$5399.00.

Embarks Avignon, France, Sept 8, 2019; disembark Lyon, Sept. 15, 2018 <a href="https://www.uniworld.com/en/river-cruise/europe/france/burgundy-and-provence/2019-avignon-to-lyon/">https://www.uniworld.com/en/river-cruise/europe/france/burgundy-and-provence/2019-avignon-to-lyon/</a>

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