

Napoleon

CRUISING THE PROVENCE REGION OF SOUTHERN FRANCE

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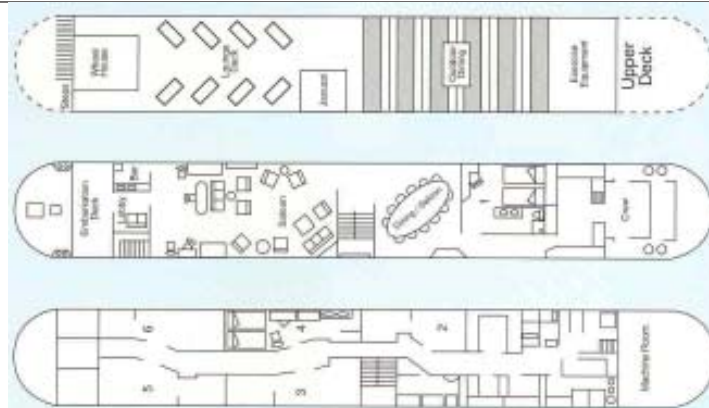
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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SPECIFICATIONS

Size:	129" X 17.5"
Capacity:	12
Crew:	6-7
Cabins:	6
Accommodations:	6 Double/Twin Starerooms
Cabin Size:	Approximately 180-200 sq ft
Heat & Air:	Central Heating & Air Conditioning
Cruising Region:	Provence
Length of Cruise:	6 Nights
Departure Day:	Sunday
Meals:	All Included
Beverages:	All Included
Entrance Fees:	All Included
Laundry Facilities:	Small Loads Acceptable
Hairdryers:	Supplied
Transportation:	Transfers to and from Paris & Private Motorcoach for excursions
Pick-Up Location:	Le Parc Hotel in Paris, 55/57 Avenue Raymond Poincare, 75116 Paris
Pick-Up Location:	When a group charts the Napoleon they can be transferred from any hotel in Paris
Pick-Up Time:	TBA
Recreational Items:	Jacuzzi, 3 decks, exercise equipment, piano keyboard, book and video library, TV, video machine, stereo
Theme Cruises:	Opera
Cruising Season:	April until November

BOAT DIAGRAM



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2008 CRUISE SCHEULE

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	6-Apr	Tain to Arles
Value	13-Apr	Arles to Tain
Season	20-Apr	Tain to Arles
	27-Apr	Arles to Tain
	4-May	Tain to Arles
	11-May	Arles to Tain
Main	18-May	Tain to Arles
Season	25-May	Arles to Tain
	1-Jun	Tain to Arles
	08-Jun	Arles to Tain
	15-Jun	Tain to Arles
	22-Jun	Arles to Tain
	29 - Jun	Tain to Chalon
	6-Jul	Chalon to Tain
	13-Jul	Tain to Tournus
	20-Jul	Macon to St Leger
Value	27-Jul	Lyon to Avignon
Season	3-Aug	Chalon to Tain
	10-Aug	Arles to Tain
	17-Aug	Tain to Chalon
	24-Aug	Chalon to Tain
	31Aug	Arles to Tain
	7-Sep	Arles to Tain
Main	14-Sep	Tain to Arles
Season	21-Sep	Arles to Tain
	28-Sep	Tain to Arles
	5 Oct	Arles to Tain
	12-Oct	Tain to Arles
	19-Oct	Arles to Tain
	26-Oct	Tain to St Jean

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2008 PRICES

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Upper Deck Cabin Per Person:

\$5,335 p/p- Regular

\$5,115 p/p- Value

Lower Deck Per Person:

\$5,060 p/p- Regular

\$4,840 p/p - Value

Charter for 12 guests

\$60,500- Regular

\$57,200- Value

Charter for 11 guests

\$57,750- Regular

\$54,450- Value

Charter for 10 guests

\$55,000- Regular

\$51,700 - Value

Charter for 9 guests

\$52,250- Regular

\$48,950 - Value

Charter for 8 guests

\$49,500- Regular

\$46,200- Value

REGULAR SEASON MAY/JUNE/SEPTEMBER

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SAMPLE ITINERARY

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ST JEAN TO LYON
2007

Sunday - Paris to Dijon.

Depart Paris, Gare de Lyon, on the TGV train in the afternoon. On arrival at Dijon station you are met by the Afloat in France guide who escorts you on your transfer to St. Jean where you board the barge for your cruise through Burgundy and down the River Saône. A champagne reception welcomes you on board and gives you a chance to meet the crew. A cocktail cruise introduces you to the delights of cruising. Later enjoy your first dining experience on board.

Monday - Visit Clos de Vougeot. Cruise to Chalon sur Saône.

Your guide has planned a visit to the 'Clos de Vougeot', a medieval chateau surrounded by vineyards. This is the headquarters of the Chevaliers du Tastevin, whose special label is awarded annually to the finest Côte d'Or vintages. You have the opportunity to see a family run winery and to sample wines that may never reach your corner of the world. The barge continues cruising and moors in Fragnes or Chalon for the evening. This afternoon you may take a walking tour of the pedestrian area of Chalon-sur-Saône.

Tuesday - Visit Beaune. Cruise to Tournus.

Today your guide escorts you to Beaune, capital of the wine region of Burgundy, and a visit to the famous Hôtel-Dieu, Hospice de Beaune. After another delicious lunch on board while cruising, you visit Tournus and the Romanesque church of St. Philibert on the banks of the Saône.

Wednesday - Cruise to Mâcon. Visit Cluny and Château de Cormatin.

This morning's visit is to the Château de Cormatin, noted for its painted, sculpted and gold-leafed interiors from the reign of Louis XIII. After lunch your guide takes you to the Benedictine Abbey of Cluny. The abbey church is a masterpiece of Romanesque art whose influence spread throughout the western Christian world. Our mooring this evening is Mâcon, a thriving market town bordering both the Mâconnais and the Beaujolais vineyards.

Thursday - Visit Solutré. Cruise Montmerle. Visit Beaujolais Region.

In the morning, you visit Solutré, a typical village of the Mâconnais region. The Roche de Solutré is a picturesque site with a superb view of Mâcon, the River Saône and the Pouilly-Fuissé vineyards. After lunch, visit Beaujolais, a region known for its vineyards and gastronomy.

Friday - Cruise to Lyon. Visit Lyon

Today's visit is Lyon, the second city of France. It is a cultural, historic, gastronomic, and commercial centre, comparatively little known outside of France. Dominating the city is the splendidly ornate Basilica of Notre Dame de Fourvière. The standard of Lyon's shopping facilities is renowned for its quality and includes many chic boutiques and a market hall devoted entirely to antiques. Back on board the chef is preparing a feast for your farewell dinner.

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ST JEAN TO LYON
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Saturday - Lyon to Paris.

After breakfast disembark the barge and transfer to the Lyon rail station. Return to Paris (Gare de Lyon) on the TGV where you are met by our Afloat in France representative to assist you with your luggage.

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C O N N E C T I O N

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TAIN L'HERMITAGE TO ARLES
RHONE VALLEY & PROVENCE

Sunday

Paris to Tain l'Hermitage/Tournon

Your *departure from Paris* on the TGV (Train à Grande Vitesse) to Valence will be met at approximately 15:57 at the Valence train station by the Napoléon guide. After gathering your baggage you will be driven by mini-van to Tain l'Hermitage/Tournon where the Napoléon will await you. Tain l'Hermitage is on the left bank of the *Rhône* and *Tournon* is just across the river. A champagne reception welcomes you and gives you a chance to greet the crew while your luggage is brought aboard. Time permitting you may be taken a short distance for a dégustation of the wines of the Côte du Rhône. Back to the barge to gussy up for your first dining experience aboard the Napoléon. Dinner will be served at 20:00. (The time for *meals on board* can be altered to suit the passenger's wishes). Perhaps a little stroll or an after dinner digestif to review the day's events and those for the morrow to come.

Monday

Cruise from Tain l'Hermitage/Tournon to Ancône.

Shortly after today's bread and croissants have been retrieved from the local bakery the Napoléon will set off for the cruise to Ancône. So, if you are up to a morning stroll it should be an early one. This is a good time to check out the boat's amenities, the library of books, music and videos in the salon, the keyboard if you are musically inclined, or relax and catch up on the news in the IHT (International Herald Tribune - one of the world's best newspapers), and, by all means, lounge on the top deck and watch the passing scenery of the Rhône Valley. When the boat moors in Ancône there will be an excursion to *Rochemaure*, a fortress of the 13th to 16th century, and *Montélimar*, the home of "nougat". Returning to the Napoléon you will continue your cruise for today and moor for the evening in *Viviers*, a charming medieval town currently undergoing a renovation. A walking tour of Viviers is a delight. If time permits challenge the crew to a game of pétanque.

Tuesday

Cruise Viviers to St. Etienne des Sorts.

The van will be ready early to take you to visit the *Château de Grignan* where the daughter of Mde. de Sévigné resided. The separation of mother and daughter was the motivation for the famous letters of Mde. de Sévigné. Back to the boat for lunch and then an afternoon cruise to St. Etienne des Sorts, the evening's mooring, from which you will visit *Château de la Nerthe* for a tasting of the wines of the *Châteauneuf-du-Pâpe*. Return to the boat for the evening. An after dinner stroll through the village of St. Etienne des Sorts followed by a digestif.

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TAIN L'HERMITAGE TO ARLES
RHONE VALLEY & PROVENCE

Wednesday

Visit Orange. Cruise to Avignon. Visit Pont du Gard

This morning's excursion is *Orange*, an important Roman city dating back to 100 BC. The historical town contains two of the finest Roman monuments in Europe. The Théâtre Antique d'Orange is renowned worldwide as a site for cultural events such as Les Chorégies d'Orange, a festival of opera, drama and ballet. Afloat in France offers special opera cruises during the festival in this remarkable open-air arena. The Arc de Triomphe celebrates Julius Caesar's conquest of the Gauls and victory over the Greek fleet. Lunch back on board. The afternoon cruise to Avignon is spectacular. Avignon, the home of the popes from 1309-77, is magnificent in its grandeur as one cruises past Le Pont St. Bénézet (Le Pont d'Avignon) to the evening's mooring at the quay facing the gate to the walled city. An afternoon excursion to the *Pont du Gard*, part of the aqueduct that transported spring water from Uzès to the Romans in Nîmes.

Thursday

Visit Avignon. Cruise to Vallabrègues. Tour of Arles

The day begins early for those who wish to accompany the chef to *Avignon's* market for breakfast, a great opportunity to sample the produce of the vendors before the market is really open for business. Following this a walking tour of the walled city, a guided tour of the Palace of the Popes and the Cathedral of Notre Dame. Back down the ramparts to the Napoléon where another scrumptious lunch awaits you. Passengers who wish will board the van for the drive to and the walking tour of *Arles*, best known in modern times because Van Gogh spent much of 1888 and 89 painting here and at St. Rémy. The Napoléon cruises to Arles for this evening's mooring.

Friday

Visit les Baux, Glanum, St. Rémy. Cruise Arles to Vallabrègues

This morning's visit is the cliff-top village of *Les Baux* and the Roman ruins at Glanum. Sightseeing continues in the town of *St. Rémy*. A late lunch is followed by a cruise from Arles to Vallabrègues while the chef is preparing a feast for the farewell dinner. Perhaps you can challenge the crew to a final game of pétanque prior to savoring les délices du chef.

Saturday

Passengers disembark the Napoléon after breakfast and are transferred to the train station in Avignon for the return to Paris on the TGV, arriving Paris Gare de Lyon approximately 13:00.

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CHALON TO TAIN L'HERMITAGE

Sunday

A champagne reception welcomes you aboard and gives you a chance to meet the crew. Later, take a stroll into the beautiful market town and admire the cathedral square.

Monday - Visit Beaune. Cruise to Mâcon.

After breakfast your guide takes you to explore Beaune, capital of the wine region of Burgundy, and to visit the famous Hôtel Dieu, Hospice de Beaune. After some shopping time return to the boat and enjoy your first cruise on the river to Mâcon. This thriving market town is the gateway to the Mâconnais wine region.

Tuesday - Visit Cluny and Cormatin. Cruise to Montmerle.

This morning we visit the Benedictine Abbey of Cluny. The abbey church is a masterpiece of Romanesque art whose influence spread throughout the western Christian world. Then continue on to Château de Cormatin, a 17th century renaissance-style château with elegant formal gardens. Return to the boat for lunch and cruise to Montmerle.

Wednesday - Visit the Beaujolais. Cruise to Lyon.

Today we drive into the beautiful area of Beaujolais where you have the opportunity to taste the wine from this region. Later, we make a stop at a local escargots farm, where you can try this local delicacy. Spend the afternoon cruising on the river and moor for the night in Lyon.

Thursday - Visit Lyon. Cruise to Condrieu.

Lyon is France's second city with a wonderful cultural, historic, gastronomic, and commercial centre. Dominating the city is the splendidly ornate Basilica of Notre Dame de Fourvière. Lyon's shopping facilities are renowned for its quality, including many chic boutiques and a market hall devoted entirely to antiques. After lunch in the city centre we return to the boat and leave the River Saône behind, and begin our journey on the Rhône. Tonight's mooring is in the town of Condrieu.

Friday - Cruise to Tain. Visit Tain l'Hermitage

Cruising the Vallée du Rhône is a delightful experience; the magnificent vineyards of the Côtes Rôtie and the Côtes du Rhône seem to descend right into the river. Our final destination is Tain l'Hermitage in the heart of the wine region. We visit a local wine producer Mr Ferraton just steps away from our mooring and have the chance to sample bottles from his cellar. A visit is also planned to the famous Valrhona chocolatiers and a chance to sample some of their delicious produce. Back on the boat the chef is preparing a feast for your farewell dinner.

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CHALON TO TAIN L'HERMITAGE

Saturday - Disembark

After breakfast, disembark the barge for the transfer to Valence and your return to Paris

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MENU TYPES

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Feuillette des Champignon du bois au Cognac
(Wild mushroom in puff pastry with cognac sauce)

Filet de Caille, Sauce aux Groseilles, Gallettes de Pommes, Haricot Verts
(Fillets of Quail with a cumberland sauce, Potato fritters, green beans wrapped in bacon)

Fromages (Etorki, Ranbol, Bleu de Bresse)
(cheese)

Gateau de Fromages sur son coulis aux Fruits de la Passion
(Cheesecake with a passionfruit Coulis)

Wines: Condrieu, Ponnard 1er Cru

Coffee/Tea & Chocolates

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

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Booking Terms & Conditions

Deposits: Charter bookings require a 25% deposit at time of booking with the balance due 90 days before embarkation. Full payment is required for all charter bookings within 90 days of departure

For individual cabin bookings, a deposit of 25% is required at the time of booking with the balance due 60 days prior to embarkation. Full payment is required for all bookings within 60 days of departure

Cancellation: In the event you cancel a booking the following fees will apply:

Charter:

90 days or more 25% (the deposit).

Within 90 days of embarkation 100% of the total Charter cost.

Individual cabin bookings:

120 days or more 5%.

60-119 days 25% (the deposit).

21-59 days 50% of the total cost.

Within 20 days of embarkation 100% of the total cost.

Cancellation of a booking is only valid when made in writing.

To protect yourself in the event that you must cancel your trip, we suggest you take out suitable travel insurance.

The company is not liable for personal illness, injury, or death incurred by a guest for the duration of the trip. Canal locks and therefore parts of routes are occasionally subject to unscheduled or temporary closing for repairs, flooding conditions, etc. by the government of France.

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