

aROSA 
Schöne Zeit

Rhône excursion programme 2016.



Dear guests

One of the greatest parts of a river cruise with A-ROSA is being able to explore and experience the cities, countryside, food and culture along the river. That is why you will find an extensive excursion programme on board for all the ports you will visit.

Contact your Cruise Manager on board with any questions concerning shore trips and excursions. He/she will be happy to give advice, book excursions and provide you with interesting and helpful information.

The local tour guides will bring you closer to their culture during your guided excursions on land.

Please note that the minimum number of participants is 20 guests.

Your A-ROSA team wishes you an eventful and refreshing holiday!

Information on the excursions

Take a moment to read the following information. You will then be able to enjoy your trips onshore, irrespective of whether you join our excursions or explore the area on your own.

We have compiled the excursion programme together with well-known, local agencies especially for your trip. We arrange the excursions and they are implemented by the local agencies, which are the excursion organisers, and thus also your contractual partners.

You book the excursions directly on board by filling out a form, which you then pass on to your Cruise Manager. Advance bookings are unfortunately not possible.

SERVICES

Guided tours, transport and admission charges are inclusive in every excursion price, as well as drinks and meals, when these are mentioned in the excursion description. We always give precedence to typical local specialities on excursions where meals are included. This gives you the opportunity to get to know and enjoy something new.

Please also remember that the meals and drinks on the excursions will not always be up to the standard of the varied range of meals you are used to aboard A-ROSA.

TOUR GUIDES AND LOCAL CUSTOMS

The excursion programme gives you the opportunity to get to know interesting towns, historic places, impressive scenery, different cultures, nations, customs and traditions. Tourism is still at an early stage in some of the excursion ports. Modes of transport vary widely, and trips are made in minibuses and taxis, as well as in comfortable coaches with air-conditioning. All excursions are run by local tour guides.

BOOKING DEADLINES AND CANCELLATIONS

There are deadlines for every port. These are announced in the daily programme on board and are also posted. Cancellation or rebooking after the deadline is no longer possible. If you are seriously indisposed, please inform the Cruise Manager as soon as possible.

WHEELCHAIR USERS AND PASSENGERS WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES

As neither the excursions nor disabilities can be generally categorised, we request that you get in touch with the Cruise Manager as soon as possible. This allows us to give you individual advice or to make the appropriate preparations on location if required.

LEGAL MATTERS

The excursions generally take place as described. As your contractual partner, the agencies, however, reserve the right, even without prior notice, to adapt the order or times to current conditions in order to guarantee your safety.

The insurance policies taken out by the agencies conform to local legislation and vary widely. We therefore recommend that you take out comprehensive river trip insurance (see A-ROSA catalogue) before starting the trip.

The organiser also reserves the right to exclude a participant from the trip without reimbursement of costs, if her/his behaviour is not conducive to the safety, well-being and harmony of the group.

PRICES AND CHILD CONCESSIONS

Prices are indicated in the onboard currency of Euros. For many of the excursions on offer there are reductions for children up to the age of 11 years. More precise information can be obtained from your Cruise Manager.

TIPPING

It is a common practice to reward good service with a tip. The local tour guides will be pleased if you show your acknowledgement.

BIKE INFORMATION

Would you like to discover something new? Do you want to spoil your body and mind in an unbelievably lovely and individual way? Then come along on a bike tour through country or town, far away from the routes overrun by tourists. Discover the land and people in a unique way – "fit and active" on the saddle of a first-class bicycle. We only select the most beautiful scenery for our tours, and we have made it our quest to let you experience and feel the unique and unspoilt nature of these places first hand. Bike tours, like all other excursions, can be booked on board. All bike excursions can be found on an additional leaflet.

CLIMATE AND CLOTHING

For shore trips we recommend solid and comfortable footwear with nonslip grip soles. In the summer months, you should be prepared for a very hot and humid climate. It is a good idea to bring insect repellent, sun blocking agents and headwear. Please think about appropriate dress when visiting churches and monasteries.

IMPORTANT

The excursion ticket entitles you to participate and is collected by the agency at the start of the excursion, so please remember it.

AND FINALLY...

Objects of value, jewellery, large sums of cash and credit cards should be left in your cabin safe, so that you can enjoy the excursions in a relaxed and carefree frame of mind.

ENJOY THE EXCURSIONS ON SHORE!

Excursion categories



DISCOVERY TOURS

A must for lovers of culture.



ADVENTURE TOURS

Pure excitement and unforgettable experiences.



GOURMET TOURS

Taste typical and regional specialties.

A-ROSA – Itineraries on the Rhône

1. RHÔNE INTENSIVE
2. RHÔNE CLASSIQUE STELLA
3. RHÔNE CLASSIQUE LUNA
4. RHÔNE MÉDITERRANÉE
5. RHÔNE RENDEZ-VOUS

Arles

THE CAMARGUE – A FANTASTIC NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

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In the marshlands of the Camargue, land and sea merge to create a breathtakingly lovely retreat for people and animals alike. Here, you can enter the world of the white horses and enjoy the region's unspoilt natural landscape. Whether on horseback, out for a swim at the seemingly endless beach at Les Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, on one of the many tours of the area's romantic towns, or at a (mostly harmless) bullfight: the unique Camargue region has something for everyone.

PRICE PER PERSON: 45.00 Euro

DURATION: half-day

JEEP TOUR THROUGH THE CAMARGUE

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The Camargue is one of the last coastal areas of the Mediterranean Sea that is not covered by large holiday resorts, private mansions or apartments. On this excursion you will discover the region on an open jeep tour through the marshlands of the Camargue with its beautiful landscapes and see the typical white horses, flamingos and nice beaches. The lovely village of St. Marie de la Mer is where your jeep tour starts.

PRICE PER PERSON: 79.00 Euro

DURATION: half-day

The driver is also the guide, who does not necessarily speak English.

AIX-EN-PROVENCE – THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CITY TO LIVE IN

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That is at least what the French say. But it is better to find out for yourself and you can do so by experiencing the charming flair of this historical provincial capital. We recommend to begin your excursion with an exquisite Calisson d'Aix – an almond and melon pastry. The best place to try them is in one of the posh cafes in Cours Mirabeau. Or you could follow the trail of Paul Cézanne – the great impressionist – to his atelier in Aix, which you can still visit. After seeing the sights, you have time to find souvenirs of Provence – perhaps herbs or soap.

PRICE PER PERSON: 39.00 Euro

DURATION: half-day

THE GLAMOROUS CÔTE D'AZUR – A TOUR TO MONACO AND NICE

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A comfortable motor coach will take over the motorway from Arles to Monaco (approx. 3 hours). Arriving in this elegant city state, you will see the world's most famous rock and the most famous casino in the world. You will have ample time to take a stroll or have lunch on your own before you will continue on to Nice. This harbor city came to notoriety in the 19th century – mostly due to the English escaping the winter. Even today the boulevard "Promenade des Anglais" is a witness to this. After a guided tour, you will have plenty of time for coffee in Cours Saleya in the old town or in one of the famous hotels before you return to your A-ROSA cruise ship.

PRICE PER PERSON: 119.00 Euro

DURATION: full-day

MEALS: Lunch box

MARSEILLE – ONE CITY, TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS

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As France's second largest city and largest Mediterranean port, Marseille comprises two worlds: one maritime, the other continental. Marseille was founded in 600 BC and is thus the oldest city in France. This excursion will begin with a one-hour drive to the heart of Marseille – its historic port. Here, the merge of the two aforementioned worlds is particularly apparent. The old port is not only home to numerous large ships, but also a popular mooring location for modern yachts. Besides the port, the Neo-Byzantine church Notre Dame de la Garde is well worth a visit, as is the castle fortress and the beautiful Palais. Your return journey to Port St Louis will then take you along the famous corniche.

PRICE PER PERSON: 45.00 Euro

DURATION: half-day

SALT AND MUSSELS – A TOUR FOR GOURMETS

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Taking the ferry "Bac de Barcarin", you will cross the Rhône and land in the little city of Giraud. You cannot only be amazed by the largest salt works in France, but also take some of the famous "Fleur de sel" home with you. Mountains of the white gold rise all around you. And no wonder: 900,000 tonnes are produced yearly. You will then return across the Rhône to your next destination – a mussel farm near Port St. Louis. Here, in the Anse de Carteau, mussels and oysters are raised and prepared to be sold. Naturally, no tour is complete without a tasting.

PRICE PER PERSON: 49.00 Euro

DURATION: half-day

MEALS: Mussels and oysters

Avignon

A FLIGHT OVER THE PROVENCE

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You are our VIP! Choose to take part in this excursion and you will be picked up from the boat by limousine, arriving at Avignon airport around 20 minutes later. Here you will board the awaiting Cessna or Piper with a maximum of three other people. The advantage of these small machines is that they can fly at very low heights and are particularly manoeuvrable. Your approx. 45-minute flight will take you over Pont du Gard, Saint-Remy, Les Baux, the Alpilles and the towns of Beaucaire and Tarascon.

PRICE PER PERSON: 239.00 Euro

DURATION: approx. 1 h 30, of which approx. 45 minutes are spent in the air

AVIGNON CITY WALKING TOUR

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Through small alleys, along past the numerous small city palaces, chapels and churches, this excursion will lead you to the famous Palais du Pape, which can be explored during an extensive tour. Each year in July, the allegedly largest theatre festival in the world takes place around the principal and most impressive land-mark of the whole Provence. For about four weeks, the streets of Avignon turn into a colourful market of creativity. You pass the church of St. Agricola, continue your walk to the viewing point of Rocher des Domes, from where you can enjoy an excellent panoramic view of the Rhône Valley and the famous Pont d'Avignon.

PRICE PER PERSON: 29.00 Euro

DURATION: approx. 2 h 30

AVIGNON BY NIGHT

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The old town of Avignon is impressive not only by day. Indeed, illuminated by thousands of lights, the centre of Avignon and Papal Palace by night is a sight that you can't afford to miss out on. This tour not only allows you to witness this lovely night-time scene, but also provides you with interesting stories about the city, its popes and its history. We are sure you will enjoy it!

PRICE PER PERSON: 19.00 Euro

DURATION: approx. 1 h 30

NOTE: Excursion only available, if the cruise ship is berthed in Avignon overnight.

PONT DU GARD AND UZÈS

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The Rhône tributary Gardon is mostly unknown, but the structure that crosses it is world famous: the perfectly preserved Pont du Gard is regarded as one of antiquity's architectural masterpieces. This three level Roman aqueduct is 275 m long and while in use, over 2000 years ago, transported 20,000 m³ of water per day! Thus providing wide areas of southern Roman provinces with water. On the return to your A-ROSA cruise ship, you will stop in the picturesque town of Uzès to see its narrow alleys and charming plazas.

PRICE PER PERSON: 45.00 Euro

DURATION: half-day

Chalon-sur-Saône

BEST BURGUNDY IN BEAUNE

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Undoubtedly, some of the world's best wines originate from the region of Burgundy, especially the well-known Chardonnay (white wine) and Pinot noir (red wine) grapes. On your way to Beaune, you will pass some of the most famous wine cities of the Côte d'Or, such as Pommard and Meursault, Chassagne and Puligny. In Beaune you will have plenty of time to stroll through the picturesque old town as well as the Hôtel-Dieu. The Hospices de Beaune has a history of more than 500 years and was a medical care centre until 1971. Nowadays it is one of the best museums in France.

PRICE PER PERSON: 45.00 Euro

DURATION: half-day

THE MOST DELICIOUS CHICKEN IN THE WORLD (CHICKEN MARKET IN LOUHANS)

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Near the Saône is the picturesque city of Bresse. This is also the same name of one of the most delicious breeds of chicken in the world. So it is not too astonishing that many famous French top chefs can be found at the weekly chicken market (Monday) in the rural town Louhans near Bresse. Even Paul Bocuse is often seen here. Full of interesting experiences from your tour through the market, you will return to your A-ROSA cruise ship in Mâcon.

PRICE PER PERSON: 49.00 Euro

DURATION: half-day

DIJON, THE CITY OF THE DUKES

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Your tour route will take you through vineyards and over the "Route des Grands Crus" to the Renaissance palace "Clos du Vougeot", before continuing on to Dijon, the historic city and capital of Burgundy. In the 14th and 15th centuries, a powerful empire was reigned over from the Palace of the Dukes. Back in those times, the great Dukes, such as Philip the Bold, had powers equal to those of the French King. These rich patrons were great advocates of the arts, something that is still apparent in Dijon today. Indeed, it is considered one of the most beautiful cities in France. A transfer shuttle will then take you to Tournus, where your A-ROSA cruise ship will be waiting for you.

PRICE PER PERSON: 39.00 Euro

DURATION: half-day

Lyon

CITY TOUR OF LYON

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The stunning city of Lyon is located at the confluence of the Rhône and the Saône. One of the oldest towns in France, it is widely praised for its high-quality silk products and its gastronomy. Take a walk through the old town, the so-called Vieux Lyon, which was declared a World Heritage Site by the UNESCO. Have a look at the houses built in Italian Renaissance style, the Roman theatre and the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière. During a visit to an old silk printing shop you will be shown some essential information about the French silk industry, an industry that made Lyon rich and famous all over the world.

PRICE PER PERSON: 39.00 Euro

DURATION: half-day

EXPLORING LYON BY SEGWAY

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Your segway instructor will meet you at the boat, where you will be shown how to use your futuristic touring device. In a small group, you will then be taken on a ride through the old town of Lyon and past many of the city's famous sights. This tour enables you to experience the French way of life up close.

PRICE PER PERSON: upon request, depending on the size of the group

LYON BY NIGHT

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After sundown, two hundred of Lyon's sights, bridges and monuments are accentuated using special illumination, lending the city of Lyon an entirely new dimension. The Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière, for instance, seems to hover over the hill like a UFO, and the Opera, with its glass walls, looks like something from the future. And many more of the city's squares and streets along the Saône River shimmer magically. Lyon by night is not an experience you should miss out on.

PRICE PER PERSON: 37.00 Euro

DURATION: approx. 1 h 30

Trévoux

THE GOLDEN STONES AND EXQUISITE WINE

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Passing by vineyards and the Golden Stones – the ochre-coloured sandstone that was often used for the construction of houses and castles – you reach the medieval fort and quaint town of Oingt. Here you can stroll among the stunning houses and enjoy the breath-taking view of the Beaujolais. You will continue on to the wine cellar of Family Ghislain de Longevialle in Château de Vaurenard. They are a family-owned winery looking back upon an over 300-year history. Here you will be able to taste the famous Beaujolais wines.

PRICE PER PERSON: 47.00 Euro

DURATION: half-day

MEALS: Wine tasting

Tournus/Mâcon

CLUNY CLOISTER

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Today one can hardly imagine that about 1000 years ago Cluny was the religious centre of Europe. Until the construction of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome was finished, the cloister of Cluny III was the largest church in Christianity. Visit the remains of the five naves of this stunning church and discover the fascinating way of life of the monks, up to 10,000 of which lived in the cloister of Cluny during the Middle Ages.

PRICE PER PERSON: 47.00 Euro

DURATION: half-day

A VISIT TO THE WINE MUSEUM

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One of the world's best wine museums is located in Mâcon. It is thus not entirely coincidental that the town is also home to the museum's patron Georges Dubœuf, the most important wine producer in Beaujolais. A visit to this museum's showrooms, with their sophisticated multimedia displays, will allow you to experience the entire world of wine.

PRICE PER PERSON: 49.00 Euro

DURATION: half-day

Viviers

KAYAK ADVENTURE

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From Viviers or from La Voulte, you will first travel by bus to the starting point for this watery adventure. After receiving detailed instructions you will be assigned your kayak, with which you will then set off to conquer the river. This kayak tour on one of the world's most well-known kayaking rivers will take you through both peaceful stretches of countryside and exciting rapids. We will also stop for a picnic before embarking on our return journey to the ship.

PRICE PER PERSON: depending on the size of the group and season – you will receive more information from your Cruise Manager on board.

SOUTHERN ARDÈCHE

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Over the course of millions of centuries, the typical limestone of the Ardèche has formed one of the most beautiful landscapes in Southern France. Along the river you will drive to one of the numerous grottos of the area, such as the Grottes des Madeleines, which consists of more than 25 subterranean halls, or the Grotte Chauvet, which houses the oldest cave paintings in the world. Continuing your trip to one of the lavender producers in the Ardèche-area, you will be shown the different types and species of lavender, as well as their usage in medicine, decoration and perfume production. Finally, you return to your A-ROSA cruise ship.

PRICE PER PERSON: 59.00 Euro

DURATION: half-day

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The temperature in the Grotto is only about 15° C, please take warm clothing with you.

HISTORY OF A RENAISSANCE CASTLE

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The magnificent Castle of Grignon rises up above the lavender fields and can be seen from all around. After its original construction in the 12th century, it was converted into a fortress in the 13th century before finally becoming a renaissance castle in the 17th century. It was almost completely destroyed during the French Revolution, but was reconstructed in the 20th century by Madame Fontaine. Today it is just as important for the region as the Collegiate Church St. Saviour. This church possesses an altar from the 17th century and the tomb of Madame de Sévigné. Of course, you will tour both castle and church.

PRICE PER PERSON: 49.00 Euro

DURATION: half-day