Springtime in Provence
Burgundy - Beaujolais

Cruising the Rhône and Saône Rivers
aboard the Deluxe Small River Ship
Amadeus Provence

May 6 to 14, 2020
Dear Duke Alumni and Friends:

Sojourn through Provence and the wine regions of Burgundy and Beaujolais in May, the best time of year to visit when the region’s famous flora radiates throughout the timeless French countryside. Duke Alumni Travels is pleased to have worked with Gohagan & Company to offer this seven-night round trip cruise from historic Lyon along the Rivers Rhône and Saône aboard the AMADEUS PROVENCE.

Dock in the heart of each port town and visit six UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the Roman city of Orange, the medieval papal palace of Avignon and the wonderfully preserved Roman amphitheater in Arles.

Visit the Burgundy region where the hallowed wine-growing climats of Beaune surround alluring medieval streets. Enjoy an excursion to the Beaujolais vineyards for a private tour, world-class piano concert and wine tasting at the Château Montmelas. Tour the legendary 15th-century Hôtel-Dieu, a vast galleried almshouse famous for its Gothic architecture. Discover flourishing Lyon, France’s gastronomique gateway, where the latticed streets of Old Lyon are home to Renaissance-inspired architecture and hidden traboules—tunneled passageways that sheltered silk-weavers as they moved their delicate wares.

Experience Avignon, one of Europe’s great cultural centers, and authentic Arles, where stone houses and colorful market stalls are bathed in the region’s signature golden light. Admire the Pont du Gard aqueduct, a true masterpiece of ancient Roman architecture. Tour charming Vienne where a wealth of antiquities attest to past glories and three important medieval churches recall the city’s historic past.

As our Duke group on this program grows in size, a Duke host will be engaged to join the trip and bring a uniquely Duke perspective to the tour. A perennial favorite, this Provençal experience is an excellent value featuring a comprehensive itinerary through southern France in full bloom. I encourage you to call us to book your Gohagan & Company journey while Early Booking Savings and space are still available.

Forever Duke,

Beth Ray-Schroeder ’83
Director, Duke Alumni Travels
France’s southeastern region is an impossibly scenic tapestry of rippling fields, Gallo-Roman ruins, honey-stone villages and aristocratic cities, imbued with unhurried pastoral charm. The ancient Greeks bestowed vines, the Romans bequeathed archaeological riches and the 19th-century Impressionists painted the romantic palette of Provence. Cézanne, Gauguin and Chagall were captivated by the rarefied light, vivid spectrum and “transparent air” famously evoked by Van Gogh. Throughout Provence, Burgundy and Beaujolais, millennia of rich artistic traditions and engineering ingenuity endure in an incredible collection of Roman antiquities, medieval fortifications and Renaissance palaces.

In the Provence du printemps (of springtime), abundant flowers, meticulously pruned vines and idyllic hillsides form a mesmerizing backdrop for a living canvas, where a quaint streetside café in Arles once served as Van Gogh’s muse, a 16th-century castle has evolved into a renowned Beaujolais wine estate and France’s oldest Roman theater still stages performances in Lyon’s Fourvière district.

Experience firsthand southeast France’s breathtaking landscapes which remain forever entwined with the nation’s achievements in fine art, cuisine, architecture, literature, cinema and joie de vivre.

Beaune (Burgundy)

Amidst an idyllic countryside, Beaune, founded in the fifth century B.C., is the longtime capital of Burgundy wines and located in the famous Côte d’Or département. This historic city and its surrounding terroirs, vineyards and cultural landscape comprise a UNESCO World Heritage site. Lush Beaune still basks in a regal sheen and today Burgundy’s most influential wine merchants are based here.

Tour the legendary Burgundian Renaissance-style Hôtel-Dieu, a charitable hospital since the Middle Ages and one of the finest examples of 15th-century French architecture, lauded for its varnished polychrome Flemish tiled roof and Gothic turrets. Inside, see the Salle des Malades (hospital wards) and view the masterpiece polyptych of The Last Judgement by 15th-century Flemish painter Rogier van der Weyden. Enjoy time at leisure in Beaune.

Beaujolais

The lovely vineyards of Beaujolais, known as the “land of the golden stones” for its warm-hued architecture, produce France’s youthful, fruity nouveau wines.
Located along the banks of the Saône River, this internationally acclaimed wine region has been known to produce more red wine than the Burgundy vineyards of Chablis, Côte d’Or, Côte Chalonnaise and Mâconnais combined.

In the fertile heart of Beaujolais, visit the 10th-century Château de Montmelas where a distinguished member of the family will greet you upon arrival and guide your exclusive tour. Enjoy a private, specially arranged performance of fortepiano music by an internationally recognized pianist living in Burgundy, accompanied by a wine tasting and local canapés.

Lyon
A UNESCO World Heritage site, Lyon is a captivating city at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône Rivers. From lofty Fourvière Colline (Praying Hill), enjoy views of the neo-Byzantine Basilique Notre-Dame-de-Fourvière, the symbol of Lyon. Walk the tree-lined streets of the restored Vieux (Old) Lyon, where well-preserved Gothic and Renaissance mansions attest to the wealth of Lyon’s long-standing silk industry. Stroll through the ancient quarter of Saint-Jean and its unique, often hidden traboules.

Avignon
Built on the banks of the Rhône and ringed by low medieval walls, the ancient city of Avignon is a UNESCO World Heritage site. The city formed the axis of Western Christendom from 1309, when Pope Clement V moved the papal capital here, until the Great Schism with Rome in 1378. Tour the grandiose Palais des Papes (papal palace), the largest château-fort built in Europe during the Gothic era.

At the river’s edge, see the remaining four arches of the 12th-century Pont Saint-Bénezet (Pont d’Avignon), the only bridge built across the Rhône during the Middle Ages and an exceptional example of medieval fortifications.

Arles
One of France’s loveliest towns, this archetypal Provençal city is unmatched in its joie de vivre and is home to one of the most majestic collections of UNESCO World Heritage-designated Roman monuments. Originally a Celtic settlement, Arles became the Roman capital of Gaul, Britain and Spain. Visit the magnificently restored amphitheater, built in the first-century B.C. for 20,000-spectators and the 12th-century Église Saint-Trophime, a former cathedral known for its Last Judgment-themed portal, a fascinating example of Romanesque sculpture.

Known to the ancient Romans as Arar, the Saône River meanders through inviting medieval villages and the picturesque French countryside.
The Rhône Valley vineyards thrive on both sides of the river, producing some of the world’s most famous wines.

Arles’ Romanesque architecture reflects its history as a vital port on the Roman road from Italy to Spain.

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The city’s colorful houses, bathed in golden light, inspired Van Gogh, who produced over 200 works during his 14-month stay in 1888, including The Sunflowers and The Café Terrace at Night—the café on Place du Forum is still open to the public. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

The first-century Pont du Gard aqueduct was built with 55,550 tons of soft limestone blocks.

Orange
Traverse the pastoral French countryside, passing colorful champs (fields) and stucco maisons (houses). Admire Orange’s UNESCO World Heritage sites—visit the ancient Roman Theater, the best preserved Roman theater in the world and dominated by a colossal stage wall with an ornate façade embellished with columns, doorways and niches; the theater still hosts performances today.

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Pont du Gard
Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Pont du Gard, an exquisitely built 2000-year-old Roman aqueduct triumphed as one of Europe’s most impressive archaeological sites. The 31 mile aqueduct once supplied over nine million gallons of water daily to the city of Nîmes and is hailed for its 82-foot arch gap, one of the largest spans in the Roman world. This extraordinary masterpiece of engineering was constructed of limestone cut to fit seamlessly without mortar, using arches to support the weight.

Vienne
Located at a scenic bend in the Rhône River, Vienne features a trove of architectural treasures. The Roman’s major wine port, Vienne was of great strategic importance and some of the finest Classical antiquities in France attest to its past glory. See the pristinely preserved Temple d’Auguste et de Livie, with striking Corinthian columns, built around 10 B.C. in honor of Rome’s greatest emperor, and the Théâtre Romain, a beautifully restored amphitheater at the foot of Mont Pipet, one of the largest theaters of the Roman Empire.

The town’s most notable medieval landmark,
The deluxe Amadeus Provence is the hallmark of Lueftner Cruises’ Amadeus fleet. This exclusively chartered, high-quality river vessel features the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel, including complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting).

The 70 stylish Staterooms and Suites are among the most spacious of any European river ship (172 to 284 square feet). Suites include a private balcony, and select Staterooms feature a unique floor-to-ceiling window that lowers to French-balcony height at the touch of a button. Accommodations have two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control and a private bathroom with a shower and hair dryer.

Dine indoors or alfresco on continental cuisine featuring fresh, local ingredients. Daily meals include early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner with complimentary wine and beer, and late-evening snack. Enjoy the Panorama Bar, Lido Bar, Amadeus Club with library and 24-hour coffee station, beauty salon, boutique, massage room, fitness studio or the Sun Deck’s outdoor pool. An elevator serves all passenger decks except the Sun Deck. There is no doctor on board.

The Amadeus Provence meets the highest safety standards; the Amadeus fleet has earned the important “Green Certificate” of environmental preservation.

Famous for its colorful, intricate glazed-tile roof and Gothic architecture, the Hôtel-Dieu in Beaune was built as a charitable hospital and today houses a museum.

constructed between the 12th and 16th centuries, is the Romanesque-Gothic Cathédrale de Saint-Maurice. This evening, enjoy a specially arranged Valrhona chocolate and wine tastings with a well-known French oenologist on board the ship.
Included Features

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Deluxe AMADEUS PROVENCE

◆ Seven-night cruise round trip Lyon, France.
◆ Deluxe, river-view Suite or Stateroom.
◆ All meals aboard ship.
◆ Complimentary wine and beer served with lunch and dinner.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting).

On the Rhône and Saône Rivers

◆ Excursion to the vineyards of Beaujolais for a private tour, exclusive fortepiano concert and wine tasting in the Château de Montmelas, hosted by a member of the family.
◆ Walking tour of Vienne, featuring its impressive architectural treasures, including the remarkable Temple of Augustus and Livia and the ornate, medieval Cathédrale de Saint-Maurice.
◆ Specially arranged tastings of Valrhona chocolate and wine with a well-known French oenologist.

UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights

◆ Excursion to the town of Beaune, known for its Burgundy wines, picturesque medieval streets and the splendid Hôtel-Dieu.
◆ Visit historic Lyon with a walking tour of Old Lyon.
◆ Walking tour of Avignon, featuring the vast Gothic Palais des Papes and the famous Pont d'Avignon.
◆ Walking tour of Arles, highlighted by visits to the Roman amphitheater and Église Saint-Trophime, with time at leisure.
◆ Visit to the Roman city of Orange with its Triumphal Arch and well-preserved, ancient Roman Theater.
◆ Visit to the famous Pont du Gard aqueduct.

Always Included

◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.
◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Breathtaking Mont Blanc is the backdrop of Chamonix, a lovely French village along the banks of the Alpine River Arve. See the spectacular Jet d’Eau Fountain, located where Lake Geneva flows into the Rhône River, visible throughout the city.

Geneva and the French Alps
Pre-Cruise Option

Delight in the mountainous beauty of the Savoie Mont-Blanc region at the convergence of France, Switzerland, and Italy. Visit the world-class city of Geneva, ideally located on the crystalline shores of the largest lake on the course of the Rhône, fed by the waters flowing through the valleys of the Swiss Alps. Enjoy a specially arranged tour of the interior chambers of the Palais des Nations, a United Nations headquarters.

Explore the picturesque French village of Chamonix, the historic capital of Alpine skiing and host of the first Winter Olympic Games in 1924. Savor lunch in a charming Chamonix restaurant before boarding the famous Montenvers cog railway train to the legendary Mer de Glace (Sea of Ice), the largest glacier in France and its La Grotte. Here, the Ice Cave allows you to walk right into the heart of the four-mile-long glacier (conditions permitting).

Enjoy a visit to Annecy, the "Venice of the Alps," for a guided walking tour. This medieval town is noted for its crystal-clear canals, pastel-toned houses and old-world ambiance. Accommodations are for three nights in the deluxe, centrally located HOTEL BRISTOL GENEVE.

The Pre-Cruise Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
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- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.
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- First Class

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