

Salisbury Cruise Club - Detailed Itinerary

Barcelona & Rhone River Cruise 2025

Colors of Provence - cruising from Arles to Lyon, France

With 3-Nights pre-cruise in Barcelona, Spain

Sunday, April 27 through Thursday, May 8, 2025

Sailing Aboard: ***AmaWaterways - AmaKristina***

Overview: From romantic cities to foodie havens and artistic epicenters, this itinerary enlivens all your senses. Embark in Arles and trace the steps of famous artists in Arles and onward to Avignon where you'll find yourself in a sprawling commune with an overwhelming array of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, intriguing art museums and historic charm. Savor the beauty of legendary vineyards and imbibe in local vintages like Beaujolais and Côtes du Rhône. You can even become an expert in all things culinary: go in search of the highly prized "Black Diamond" truffles and learn how to pair chocolate with wine.

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Sunday, April 27, 2025	Bus from Salisbury to Nearby International Airport; Fly to Barcelona, Spain
Monday, April 28	Arrive BARCELONA, Spain - ground transportation to our 5-star hotel downtown - perhaps Renaissance Barcelona (or similar) - where we will enjoy a Welcome Reception followed by free time to explore on our own.
Tuesday, April 29	BARCELONA - After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a Best of Barcelona tour. Barcelona, the bustling capital of Catalonia, is an artist's, architect's, foodie's, historian's and culturist's dream. Tour the cobblestoned lanes of the Gothic Quarter in the medieval city center and Las Ramblas. See some imaginative architectural creations, highlights of the UNESCO World Heritage Site "Works of Antoni Gaudi," including La Sagrada Familia. The afternoon and evening is yours to further explore Barcelona on your own.
Wednesday, April 30	BARCELONA - After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy The Mountains and Abbey of Montserrat excursion. Join an excursion to the mountain Montserrat, which is home to the Benedictine monastery of Santa Maria de Montserrat, located about 30 miles from Barcelona. Once there, you'll ride a scenic funicular to the top of the mountain and experience an indescribable view of the Catalonia landscape. The monastery, officially founded in 1025, soon began to receive pilgrims and visitors who contributed to the spread of stories of miracles and wonders performed by the Virgin Mary. The whole of Montserrat is built around facilitating the worship of the Black Madonna in the Basilica. While here, you'll see the famous Black Madonna sculpture, which sits at the back of the church, above the altar area. The stairway leading to the statue, plus the room and altar in which the statue sits are ornate, golden and pay tribute to the wonder that is the Virgin herself. The afternoon and evening is yours to further explore Barcelona on your own.
Thursday, May 1	BARCELONA, Spain to ARLES, France - After breakfast, we check out of our hotel and transfer to the train station where we will take the TGV high-speed train to Nimes, France and then transfer to Arles, France to board the ship. Welcome Aboard the luxurious AmaWaterways AmaKristina - with time to freshen up before our Welcome Cocktail Party and Gala Welcome Dinner followed by some free time overnight in Arles

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- Friday, May 2, 2025 **ARLES and AVIGNON, France** - Today enjoy one of 3 tour options, including: Arles Walking Tour, Bike Tour, or Van Gogh Walking Tour prior to our departure from Arles at 6:00 pm and arrival in Avignon at 10:00 pm for overnight docking. Considered one of the most beautiful cities in France, **Arles** enchants all with its tantalizing history, formerly a Roman center of trade. Join a guided **walking tour** where you'll visit the Roman ruins of Arles such as its Roman Amphitheater and the Church of Saint Trophime, famous for its Romanesque architecture. Alternatively, you can enjoy a **bike ride** along the Rhône, through town to the Langlois Bridge, a famous subject from several Vincent Van Gogh paintings. And for those who wish to delve further into Van Gogh's Arles, join a special walking tour along with a visit to the **Vincent van Gogh Foundation**, showcasing his legacy. During the afternoon, venture to **Les Baux de Provence**, a hilltop village and ruined castle. Enjoy time in the "old village," its shops, art galleries, and cafes interspersed among the historic ruins. You will also have a unique experience at the **Carrières de Lumières**, where you will be treated to a spectacular presentation of art, sound, and history projected on the walls of a former limestone quarry set to music. Next, visit an **olive farm** to learn about this age old Provençal tradition and enjoy a tasting. Finally, experience the beauty of **Saint Rémy de Provence**, the location where Van Gogh painted some of his most famous paintings, including Starry Night.
- Saturday, May 3 **AVIGNON, France** - This morning enjoy one of 3 tour options including: Morning Walking Tour and Papal Palace, Avignon Bike Tour, or Tastes of Avignon. After lunch on the ship, we will spend the afternoon touring Pont du Gard before our ship sails at midnight for Viviers arriving at 8:30 am Sunday morning. **Avignon**, aptly named the "City of Popes," was the center of the Catholic Church in the 14th century when its "Palais des Papes" was the equivalent of today's Vatican. Depending on your interests, you have three choices of excursions in the morning. Discover the history of Avignon on a **guided walking tour** that includes the Papal Palace and the well-preserved medieval walls surrounding the historic center of town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Or, you can visit three venues around Avignon to **taste regional specialties** including macarons, cheese and wine, and tapenades. Alternately, you can enjoy a **bike tour** through the city. During the afternoon, you can go to another UNESCO World Heritage Site, the impressive **Pont du Gard**, a Roman aqueduct and masterpiece of ancient engineering.
- Sunday, May 4 **VIVIERS and TOURNON, France** - After our arrival in Viviers at 8:30 am, choose between 4 tour options, including: Grignan Truffle Farm, Viviers Walking Tour, Viviers Hike, or Viviers Bike Tour with a little free time afterwards before our departure at 1:30 pm for scenic afternoon cruising on our journey to Tournon arriving at 9:00 pm. Take in the quaint surroundings of **Viviers**, a charming commune that sidles up to the right bank of the Rhone. From Viviers, travel to the magnificent hilltop village, **Grignan**, and go in search of the highly prized "Black Diamond" truffles with a farmer and his trustworthy canine companion. You can also explore Viviers on a **guided walking tour**, where you'll see iconic sights such as Saint Vincent Cathedral. Or stretch your muscles on a **hike** to Viviers' St. Vincent Cathedral, taking in beautiful views of the Châteauneuf du Pape dam, the Donzère Gorge and the town of Montelimar with its magnificent château. You can also set off on a **guided bike tour**, exploring the beauty of Southern France as you ride along the Rhône River.

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Monday, May 5, 2025	TOURNON and VIENNE, France - This morning in Tournon you will have your choice of 3 tour options including: a Steam Train Ride, Red Wine & Chocolate, or Hermitage Hike & Wine Tasting before our departure at 2:30 pm for scenic afternoon cruising to Vienne Sainte-Colombe, France where we arrive at 11:30 pm for overnight docking. Take a steam train ride past magnificent landscape carved along the Gorge du Doux, stopping at the charming little station of Colombier le Vieux Saint Barthélemy le Plain, where the train maneuvers in preparation for its return journey. Alternatively, lovers of wine and chocolate will want to visit Le Château de Tournon for a presentation and tasting on the pairing of red wine and chocolate . For a more active adventure, take a hike through the vineyards of Tain l'Hermitage, followed by a visit to a local winery where you'll sample some of the wines.
Tuesday, May 6	VIENNE and LYON, France - This morning enjoy one of 3 tour options in Vienne including: Roman Ruins Walking Tour, Mount Pipet Hike, or Via Rhône Bike Tour before our departure at 1:00 pm for cruising to our final destination in Lyon, arriving at 4:00 pm with free time to explore Lyon on your own after dinner as we spend 2 nights in Lyon. Situated between the wine regions of Beaujolais and Côtes du Rhône lies Vienne with a Roman past that can be seen in its marvelously preserved ruins. Follow the footsteps of the ancient Romans on a walking tour to see the amazingly well preserved Augustus and Livia Temple, the Saint Maurice Cathedral, a Gothic church that took more than 500 years to build, and St. Pierre Abbey—one of the oldest surviving churches in France, and now an Archaeological Museum. For those wishing to be more active, you can either take a guided hike from the ship to the Monastery at Mount Pipet or a guided bike tour along a portion of the Via Rhône bike route
Wednesday, May 7	LYON, France - This morning you'll have your choice of 3 tours in Lyon including: Lyon City Tour, Les Halles Market Tour, or Lyon Bike Tour before returning to the ship for lunch. In the afternoon, we will be treated to a Beaujolais Excursion and Tasting, again with free time after dinner to further explore Lyon on our own. Take a walking tour that starts in Fourvière Hill, part of the city's historic region that is now a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the 19 th century basilica Notre Dame de Fourvière. Continue on to the old town of Lyon, followed by a guided walk through the St. Jean district, where you will be introduced to the city's unique covered walkways, known as "traboules." You can also visit the famous indoor market hall Les Halles de Lyon – Paul Bocuse, named after the late chef renowned for his Michelin starred l'Auberge du Pont de Collonges restaurant. There you'll have a chance to sample of the delicacies offered by butchers, bakers, chocolatiers and cheese mongers while taking in the colorful sights and enticing aromas around you. Alternately, join a guided bike tour through the city designed with cyclists in mind. Later in the day, visit a traditional Beaujolais winery and learn the history and techniques of their vineyard. Plus, enjoy a tasting of their specialty.
Thursday, May 8	DISEMBARK the <i>AmaKristina</i> and board our motorcoach to the airport for our flight home; then board our motorcoach to Salisbury.

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Sailing Aboard: AmaWaterways - AmaKristina

With AmaWaterways' Co-Founder Kristin Karst serving as AmaKristina's Godmother, you know you'll have a distinctive experience aboard this phenomenal, award-winning river ship. Both a French and outside balcony in most staterooms allow you to enjoy the ever-changing scenery however you wish. In the marble bathroom, enjoy multi-jet showerheads, soothing bath and body products, cozy robes and hair dryers. Suites feature added enhancements, including a larger sitting area and an expansive bathroom complete with a bathtub and separate shower. AmaKristina also includes a massage and hair salon, gift shop, specialty coffee station, heated pool with swim-up bar, fitness center, sun-deck walking track and a fleet of onboard bikes. Her Main Restaurant is a taste of the outdoors, with vines and branches infused in the décor, and expert chefs preparing our signature exquisite cuisine with fresh, locally-sourced ingredients—both in the Main Restaurant and at The Chef's Table.

Cabin Categories/Prices* (pp = per person/double occupancy): **SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY**

	<u>Double Occupancy Price per person</u>	<u>Single</u>
River View Cabin - Category E - (Deck 1 mid-aft - 2 upper windows - 160 square feet)	\$6,400 pp*	\$7,800
River View Cabin - Category D - (Deck 1 midship - 2 upper windows - 160 sq ft)	\$6,700 pp*	\$8,000
French Balcony Cabin - Category CB - (Deck 3 aft - sliding glass door - 155 sq ft)	\$7,200 pp*	\$9,300
French Balcony Cabin - Category CA - (Deck 2 or 3 aft - sliding glass door- 170 sq ft)	\$7,500 pp*	\$9,700
Twin Balcony Cabin - Category BB - (Deck 2 mid-aft - outdoor seating - 210 sq ft)	\$7,900 pp*	\$10,300
Twin Balcony Cabin - Category BA - (Deck 3 mid-aft - outdoor seating - 210 sq ft)	\$8,000 pp*	\$10,500
Twin Balcony Cabin - Category AB - (Deck 2 midship - outdoor seating - 235 sf)	\$8,100 pp*	\$10,700
Twin Balcony Cabin - Category AA - (Deck 3 midship - outdoor seating - 235 sf)	\$8,200 pp*	\$10,900
Deluxe Suite Cabin - (Deck 3 mid-forward - large bathroom with shower & tub - 350 sq ft)	\$8,900 pp*	\$14,100

Included in the Price - Your Total Package Price includes: round trip **bus transportation** from Salisbury to our nearby International Airport, round trip **air fare** to Barcelona returning from France, transfers between the airport, hotel and ship; **3-nights in a 5-star hotel** downtown Barcelona with daily breakfast and daily tours; transfer from Barcelona to Lyon; **7-day cruise** aboard **AMA Waterways AmaKristina** - accommodations, gourmet meals, unlimited wine, beer, sodas with lunch and dinner, free happy hour before dinner, entertainment, fitness program, guided tours with audio headset, bicycles available for tours or exploring on your own; all taxes and port charges, and the services of your **Cruise Hosts** Kelly and Tracy Shannahan, as well as several **free gifts and mementos** of your cruise from the *Salisbury Cruise Club*. Not included in the above prices is optional (but recommended) travel protection plan, gratuities, meals on travel days, lunches and dinners in Barcelona.

AmaWaterways Past Passenger Discount - All passengers who have joined us on a past *Salisbury Cruise Club* cruise with AmaWaterways will receive a \$100 per person loyalty discount subtracted from the referenced prices.

Payment Schedule:

All payments by Check Only to
"Salisbury Cruise & Travel, LLC"

Amount Due (per person)

\$1,000 Initial Deposit
½ Remaining Balance
Final Balance

Date Due

Upon Registration
September 15, 2024
January 15, 2025

Please contact *Salisbury Cruise Club* Tour Host, Kelly Shannahan, by email at salisburycruiseclub@gmail.com for more information or to register while space is still available.