

# 15 Days GRAND FRANCE

S.S. JOIE DE VIVRE & S.S. CATHERINE

From: **\$5,299** per person

“Lovely time in France with an outstanding ship and service.” – *Janet*

## UNIQUELY UNIWORLD

### Grand Itinerary

- Explore France from north to south on our unique Grand France itinerary—a combination of *Paris & Normandy* and *Burgundy & Provence*.

### Generations Program

- Create memories with an itinerary ideally suited for members of multiple generations to experience together.

### Connoisseur Collection

- Enjoy a culinary-focused French cruise that will take you to famous restaurants, vineyards, orchards, truffle farms and other culinary hot spots, such as tea time at La Couronne restaurant where Julia Child first experienced French cuisine.

- Embark on a **Masterpiece Collection** truffle hunting experience.

- Be treated to a magical evening at the S.S. *Joie de Vivre's* Claude's Supper Club.

- Participate in a **Masterpiece Collection** painting class at Monet's studio.



Avignon, France



CRUISE SNAPSHOT

- 14 Nights Cruising
- 39 Meals Including 2 Welcome Dinners and 2 Farewell Dinners
- 27 Included Excursions
- 3 Exclusive Experience
- 9 UNESCO Heritage Sites

CRUISE START DATES

Paris to Avignon S.S. Joie de Vivre & S.S. Catherine	Avignon to Paris S.S. Catherine & S.S. Joie de Vivre
Mar 24, Apr 07, 21 May 05, 19 Jun 16, 30 Jul 14, 28 Aug 11, 25 Sep 08, 22 Oct 06	Mar 24 Apr 07, 21 May 05, 19 Jun 02, 16, 30 Jul 14, 28 Aug 11, 25 Sep 08, 22

► Pre-Cruise Extension  
3-Day Paris

Additional fees apply.  
Visit [Uniworld.com/Extensions](#) for pricing.

GENERATIONS CRUISE DATES<sup>‡</sup>

Paris to Avignon S.S. Joie de Vivre & S.S. Catherine	Avignon to Paris S.S. Catherine & S.S. Joie de Vivre
Jul 28	Jul 14 Jul 28

<sup>\*</sup>Giverny will be closed during March and November cruise departure dates.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Golf excursion is open to a limited number of golfers.

<sup>†</sup>The kayak ride on the Gardon River is only available for May through September departure dates.

<sup>‡</sup>Generations Program is only available on the S.S. Joie de Vivre portion of this itinerary.

**DAY 1: PARIS (EMBARK)** **D**

Arrive at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. If your cruise package includes a group arrival transfer or if you have purchased a private transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship. Or transfer from your hotel or railway station to the ship.

**DAY 2: LA ROCHE-GUYON ▶ VERNON (GIVERNY)<sup>\*</sup>** **BB L WD**

Today is a celebration of northern France’s natural beauty, with an excursion to a splendid château and gardens situated in an equally grand setting, plus a chance to immerse yourself in the very landscapes that inspired Impressionist master Claude Monet. Visit the hilltop Château de La Roche-Guyon, surrounded by beautiful gardens and offering sweeping views over the Seine. Later, you can visit the home and gardens of Claude Monet—the inspiration for many of his most beloved works. Or take in the beautiful French countryside in a more invigorating way, with a guided bike ride from Vernon to Giverny.

*Featured Excursions: Choice of Monet’s Gardens at Giverny or “Let’s Go” bike ride from Vernon to Giverny.*

*Connoisseur Collection Highlight: “Connoisseur Collection” guests will be treated to a Champagne tasting this evening.*

**DAY 3: ROUEN (NORMANDY BEACHES)** **BB D**

There are moments when we travel that move us on an otherworldly level—experiences that stir a profound emotional connection that can’t be found in a book or on a screen. The

Normandy beaches have that effect during a sentimental remembrance of Operation Overlord, including a private ceremony at the Omaha Beach memorial, led by musicians playing “Taps.” 2019 serves as the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Normandy, making this year’s visit exceptionally special.

*Featured Excursion: Omaha Beach and Normandy American Cemetery.*

**DAY 4: CAUDEBEC-EN-CAUX ▶ ROUEN** **BB L D**

Caudebec-en-Caux, a lovely little town on a serene loop of the Seine, is your base for one of two very different excursions. You could drive through the beautiful Calvados countryside to Honfleur, a delightful seaside harbor and city of painters, or head to the windy cliffs of Étretat for a game of golf.\*\*

*Featured Excursions: Choice of Honfleur walking discovery tour or “Let’s Go” golfing in Étretat.*

*Evening Entertainment: Tonight, you’ll have the pleasure of enjoying live music onboard.*

**DAY 5: ROUEN** **BB L D**

Walk in the footsteps of greatness in Normandy’s medieval capital, a city with a historic quarter that remains amazingly intact. From the cathedral Monet painted dozens of times to the cross marking the spot where Joan of Arc was martyred, Rouen is a treasure trove for the culturally curious.

*Featured Excursion: Capital of the dukes of Normandy.*

*Well-being: Partake in onboard Hatha Yoga for both beginners and advanced levels.*

**DAY 6: MANTES-LA-JOLIE (VERSAILLES)** **BB L FD**

How did France’s rulers live over the centuries? Step into the private rooms of the Palace of Versailles, the lavish palace built by the Sun King, to find out.

*Featured Excursions: Choice of Versailles Palace secret apartments or “Let’s Go” biking Versailles Gardens.*

*Explore: “Let’s Go” with your well-being coach on a scenic bike ride along the Seine River to Le Butte Verte Parc, known as one of the city’s most lush green spaces.*

**DAY 7: PARIS** **BB L D**

Whether you’re a first-time visitor to the “City of Light” or you’ve been here many times before, there’s something for everyone today in Paris. Enjoy a panoramic overview of the city, join a local expert for a walk through two neighborhoods, or pedal your way along the Left Bank.

*Featured Excursions: Choice of Paris city tour or “Do as the Locals Do” Île de la Cité and Latin Quarter.*

*After Hours: This evening, you have two “Masterpiece Collection” experiences to choose from—a nighttime trip to the glittering Eiffel Tower or an evening at Moulin Rouge.*

**DAY 8: PARIS (DISEMBARK) ▶ TRANSFER TO LYON VIA TGV TRAIN (EMBARK)** **BB L D**

You’ll transfer from the magical S.S. Joie de Vivre cruise ship in Paris to the striking S.S. Catherine in Lyon via high-speed, first-class TGV train for the second half of this grand tour.

**DAY 9: MÂCON (BEAUNE)** **BB WD**

The pace of life is decidedly more relaxed in Burgundy, where endless rows of grapes hang heavy on the vine. The capital of the region’s wine trade, Beaune, is renowned for its history, beauty and highly prized wine, as well as its medieval-era hospital—the Hospices de Beaune.

*Featured Excursions: Choice of Burgundy wine landscapes or Mâcon walking discovery tour.*

*Your Call: Enjoy the scrumptious treats of southern Burgundy on a “Masterpiece Collection” wine tasting and lunch at Château de Rully.*

**DAY 10: LYON** **BB L D**

As the epicenter of French gastronomy, Lyon is a city of tantalizing contrasts. There’s much to explore here, from the work of culinary visionaries to silk weavers’ secret passageways. After your choice of excursions, embrace the locals’ favorite mode of transportation with a patisserie-fueled bike ride—a great way to see the sights.

*Featured Excursions: Choice of Lyon capital gastronomy tour or guided “Let’s Go” Lyon peninsula bike tour plus “Do as the Locals Do” Lyon silk weavers.*

*Explore: If you’re up for exploring on your own, we suggest a bike tour with a stop at the splendid Parc de la Tête d’or.*

**DAY 11: Tournon (TAIN-L’HERMITAGE)** **BB L D**

If you love fine wine, you’ll love the twin villages of Tournon and Tain-l’Hermitage. Tournon may be a small town, but stirring events took place here: A castle was raised on the hilltop in the 10th century to protect the region, and new fortifications were added over the centuries, including two “new” towers built to defend against Protestant attacks in the 16th century. You’ll see the handsome houses constructed by wealthy merchants and garrison officers when you walk through the Rue de Doux area.

*Featured Excursions: Choice of exclusive Tournon and Tain-l’Hermitage twin villages stroll with wine tasting or exclusive guided “Let’s Go” Hermitage vineyards hike with wine tasting.*

*Onboard: Delight in a lecture on all things Van Gogh, titled “Vincent Van Gogh’s troubled destiny.”*

**DAY 12: TOURNON ▶ VIVIERS** **BB L D**

An enchanting village where time seems to have stopped centuries ago, Viviers has a long and

storied past that goes back more than 1,600 years—and a splendid architectural heritage to match. At one time, Viviers was divided along religious lines—the clergy lived in the upper part of the town, the laity in the lower part. Your exploration of the town will take you through both parts, as you begin at the crest and make your way to the riverbank.

*Featured Excursion: Exclusive intimate Viviers “Village Day.”*

*Connoisseur Collection Highlight: “Connoisseur Collection” cruisers will delight in a truffle hunting experience, with a tour of the village of Grignan.*

**DAY 13: AVIGNON<sup>†</sup>** **BB L FD**

The walled city of Avignon is one of the most fascinating towns in southern France, with a host of historic gems to explore—including the fortress residence of rebellious popes who broke from Rome and once lived and ruled here. You’ll see the Palace of the Popes and much more today, and also have a chance to kayak under a 2,000-year-old Roman aqueduct.

*Featured Excursions: Choice of Avignon walking discovery tour with Palace of the Popes or Pont du Gard Aqueduct visit.*

*Your Call: Today we have two “Masterpiece Collection” excursions to take advantage of—a cooking lesson at a stunning hotel or a regional wine tasting at Châteauneuf-du-Pape.*

**DAY 14: TARASCON (ARLES)** **BB L D**

Explore one of two sun-drenched Provençal towns today, each with an allure all its own. Known for its remarkable Roman ruins, Arles inspired Van Gogh so much that he painted some 200 paintings there. Arles has existed since the sixth century BC, when the ancient Greeks founded it and named it Theline.

*Featured Excursions: Choice of Mediterranean Arles walking tour or Tarascon walking tour.*

**DAY 15: AVIGNON (DISEMBARK)**

**CB/BB**  
Disembark the ship. If your cruise package includes a group departure transfer or if you have purchased a private departure transfer, you will be transferred to Marseille International Airport for your flight home.

CONNOISSEUR COLLECTION DATES

Paris to Avignon S.S. Joie de Vivre & S.S. Catherine	Apr 21 May 19 Jun 16	Jul 14 Aug 25
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- Embark/Disembark
- UNESCO Site
- Motorcoach
- Flight
- Boat
- CB/BB** Contl Breakfast/Buffer
- L** Lunch
- D** Dinner
- WD/FD** Welcome/Farewell Dinner