

SLOW TOURS

Full Itinerary and Tour details for

Burgundy to Provence 8-day Bike & Barge Tour



Prices starting from.

1970 €

Trip Duration.

8 days

Max Passengers.

49

Start and Finish.

Lyon to Arles

Activity Level.

1

Experience.

Bike & Barge Tours Europe

Tour Code.

#B1/2700



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Tour Details and Description

See the south of France, barging and cycling!

Bike and Barge Tour in the south of France. Guests enjoy the beautiful countryside of the Rhône valley and cities founded by the Romans more than 2,000 years ago. This part of France is home to some of the best and most expensive French wines, for example Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

Accommodation:

Designed specifically for the Rhône river, this custom-built ship has all outside cabins and provides an especially intimate cruising experience—carrying just 49 passengers.

Take time to relax after your biking day, in the bar and lounge, library, and Sun Deck. Your hotel style cabin features a flat-screen TV with CNN, radio, direct-dial telephone, individual heating and air-conditioning controls, twin beds, and private bathroom with shower and hair dryer. Plus, complimentary wireless internet access is available in all cabins, in addition to all common areas.

Specific Cabin Features:

8x Imperial Suite Main Deck: Outside cabins with sliding doors to the private balcony overlooking the river. The cabins are approx. 20 square meters + balcony. The cabins are on the highest deck. Private bathroom with shower and separate toilet, single beds (can be combined to form a double bed)

11x Lavender Suite lower deck: outside cabins with large portholes that cannot be opened. The cabins are approx. 20 square meters and are located on the main deck, one deck below the restaurant and lounge. Private bathroom with shower and separate toilet, single beds (can be combined to form a double bed)

4x Soleil Suite lower deck: outside cabins with large portholes that cannot be opened. The cabins are approx. 20 square meters and are located on the main deck, two decks under the sundeck and one deck under the bar, lounge and dining room, near the stairs and under the bar. Private bathroom with shower and separate toilet, single beds (can be combined to a double bed)

3x single suite lower deck: outside cabins with large portholes, these cannot be opened. The cabins are approx. 6 square meters and are located on the main deck, two decks under the sundeck and one deck under the bar, lounge and dining room, near the stairs and under the bar. Private bathroom with shower and separate toilet, single bed.

Included in your Bike and Barge Tour:

Not included in the tour:

If you would like to rent a bike (95 EUR) or e-bike (180 EUR) please contact our office when booking sales@slowlouers.com

Bikes:

After arrival on board you will be allocated a bike suitable to your height. This hybrid bike is at your disposal during your trip. Your bike has 24 speeds, hand brakes, pannier bags and a lock. Before your first tour, the guide will give you instructions about the bike. We draw your attention to the fact that you will be held responsible for damage to or theft of the bike, as long as the bike is not on board. Never leave it unattended and unlocked. Please note that helmets are mandatory on this tour. We suggest you to bring your own, or buy one on board. Helmets are not available for rental.

E-bikes: are available on board, but be aware that these are booked early. Your E-bike has 8 speeds, hand brakes, a pannier bag and a lock.

Arrival / departure:

Airport: Lyon - From here you can take a taxi or the Rhône express. The Rhône express is a tram shuttle service that goes between Lyon airport and Lyon Part-dieu train station.

Train:

From almost all major cities in France you can reach Lyon as well as Arles with a TGV. Paris to Lyon by TGV is less than 2 hours; Paris to Arles by TGV is less than 4 hours.

Mooring places:

Lyon: Quai du Dr. Gailleton

Arles: rue Jean Gorodliche

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Itinerary

Day 1

Lyon Embarkation 5 p.m., but you can bring your luggage on board around 2 p.m.

Day 2

Lyon - Tournon-sur-Rhone, approx. 42 km Get ready for incredible scenery, tastes, and fragrances! Leaving Vienne, you immediately bike into the nature reserve Île au Beurre, where you can enjoy the peace and quiet of nature. The landscape slowly changes into that of vineyards as you enter the land of the Côte Rôtie. The vineyards are unique because of the steep slopes facing the river and their stone walls. The landscape changes again, this time into the green landscape of the Ardèche countryside Here you can find the boat moored in Andance. During dinner, the ship will navigate to Tournon sur Rhône.

Day 3

Tournon-sur-Rhone – Le Pouzin, approx. 33-73 km On the short route this morning the captain and his crew start the day early to bring you to the city of Valence, where the boat will arrive after breakfast. This town with its colorful markets and it's historic "Quartiers" is the starting point of your cycling day featuring the typical small villages of the Ardèche, historic sites, and the green meadows of a nature reserve towards Le Pouzin in the Drôme area. The long route takes you inland to the Drôme region and the ancient city of Crest with its imposing defense tower that overlooks both the river and the city. The third option is an exceptional one and needs pre-booking. From Tournon an old steam train takes you and your bike up to Lamastre, the starting place of the Dolce Via bike route. The next 73 kilometres you will ride along an old railway line that has been turned into a bike route. You ride through the

imposing mountainous landscape of the Ardèche through tunnels and along ravines. The route is partly unpaved. A day for the good cyclists.

Day 4

Le Pouzin – Viviers, approx. 42 km Today the tour brings you past the medieval abbey of Cruas and further along you will be crossing a memorable rope bridge in Rochemaure. Though built by Marc Seguin in 1858, the architect was inspired by the castle ramparts. This bridge can be seen as a symbolic passing from old to new, from history to the future. At the end of the day you will be parking your bike next to the boat and you can enjoy a stroll through the historic village of Viviers.

Day 5

Viviers – Avignon, approx. 40 km After a morning sail, the bikes will be put ashore at Rochemaure. From here you will bike straight into the village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. You might want to purchase a bottle of wine of the same name to take home! Once you pass the hilly landscape around Châteauneuf-du-Pape, you are rewarded with an almost completely flat bike path along the river. Soon you will enjoy a panoramic view of Avignon, the home of the Popes in the 14th century. In this city you can wander the old streets, enjoy the French way of life on the squares with their terraces and just breathe the culture

Day 6

Avignon – Tarascon/Arles, approx. 50-58 km Many choices today on the ride from the ancient city of Popes to the South. The longer and easier route takes you on a relaxed ride along the river on the Via Rhôna. The shorter but more strenuous route is a breathtaking stage, which brings you to the Alpilles, with the perched villages of Les-Baux-de-Provence

and Saint Rémy de Provence. A landscape of limestone cliffs and olive trees will accompany the trip. For the very keen cyclists we have the option of a long ride inland (more than 70 km) that brings you to the best preserved Roman aqueduct in Europe: Pont du Gard.

Day 7

Tarascon/Arles – Arles, approx. 21-50 km For those who want to explore Arles and all the cozy corners Van Gogh once painted we have prepared a nice short route of only 21 kilometers. If you want to spend your last day cycling the longer option, we offer an interesting ride into the Camargue, the river delta of the Rhône. Here you will find salt marches and century old traces of human population. You might even see the famous Camargue wild horses.

Day 8

Arles Disembarkation at approx. 10 a.m..
Independent homeward travel.

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