



VILLAGE LIFE

IN BURGUNDY AND PROVENCE

October 13 to 21 and 20 to 28, 2006

While cruising along the scenic Saône and Rhône rivers past lush vineyards, intact medieval villages and elegant châteaux en route to France's gastronomic capital of Lyon, experience the rhythms of everyday life in the heart of provincial France where the past merges seamlessly with the present. Step back into the Middle Ages at Cluny Abbey, walk in the footsteps of Roman centurions in Arles, witness the pomp and majesty of the medieval papacy in Avignon, and savor the hearty food and heady vintages of the Burgundian countryside. Also, attend an exclusive VILLAGE FORUM where the mayor of a medieval village and nuns from a local convent will provide a fascinating and informative look at daily life in Rhône Valley. The four-star M.V. PRINCESSE DE PROVENCE has been specially selected for this program, as it features deluxe accommodations and gourmet cuisine, and is able to dock within close proximity to medieval town centers inaccessible to larger ships.



THIS VILLAGE LIFE TRAVEL PROGRAM FEATURES

Aboard the M.V. PRINCESSE DE PROVENCE

- ◆ Seven-night cruise from Arles to Lyon on board the four-star M.V. PRINCESSE DE PROVENCE, with calls at Avignon, Vienne, Lyon (Pérouges), Mâcon (Cluny) and Trévoux (Beaujolais).
- ◆ Welcome and farewell champagne receptions.
- ◆ Three meals each day, featuring French cuisine and specialties of Burgundy and Provence. Morning bouillon, afternoon tea and late-night snack is also served daily.

All tours and excursions below are led by experienced local guides:

- ◆ Walking tour of **Arles**, featuring the ancient Roman Amphitheater and the Romanesque Cathedral of St-Trophime;
- ◆ Walking tour of Avignon, featuring the magnificent **Papal Palace**;
- ◆ Special guided walking tour of the beautifully preserved village **Boucieu-le-Roi**;
- ◆ Half-day walking tour of Tournon;

- ◆ Tour of historic **Lyon**, including a visit to a silk studio;
- ◆ Tour of medieval Pérouges, a fortified hilltop village and craftsmen's center;
- ◆ From Mâcon, a visit to **Cluny Abbey**, one of Europe's largest and most historic religious complexes;
- ◆ Excursion in the **Beaujolais wine country**, featuring a private visit to 16th-century Château de Montmelas.

A full program of educational and cultural enrichment including:

- ◆ Lecture presented by an Arles resident and expert guide.
- ◆ Presentation by the M.V. PRINCESSE DE PROVENCE's head chef about the preparation of French cuisine.
- ◆ Special reception in Boucieu-le Roi hosted by the village mayor and nuns from the Convent of the Blessed Sacrament.
- ◆ Wine tasting and piano recital at the Château de Montmelas.

And to enhance your travel experience, we will also provide:

- ◆ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Gratuities to guides and drivers on included excursions.
- ◆ A hospitality desk on the ship.
- ◆ The services of an experienced Program Director throughout the program.
- ◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information for each participant.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.



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