



The Avalon Scenery on the Rhône River in Burgundy

The Hungry Muse

A Gourmet
Riverboat Cruise
Key West  Literary Seminar

12 Days/10 Nights

Departs USA – Saturday, October 2, 2010
Returns – Wednesday, October 13, 2010

Cities visited include: Paris, Beaune, Chalon-sur-Saône, Mâcon, Lyon, Avignon, Arles and Nice.

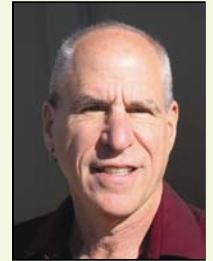
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Two nights in Paris at Paris-Republique with our welcome dinner in Le Marias.
- Seven nights onboard the Avalon Scenery with outside cabins.
- All meals as indicated on the program:
9 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 8 Dinners.
- Private shore excursions designed exclusively for KWLS patrons including private homes, country inns and vineyards.
- Our farewell dinner in Nice.

You are invited to join us on a special cruise through Burgundy & Provence

As a prelude to our 2011 seminar, The Hungry Muse, we invite you to celebrate the cuisine, wines and crafts of a very special part of the world as we travel through Burgundy and Provence to the Côte d'Azur on a world-class river cruise.

We have developed unique excursions specifically for our Key West Literary Seminar participants that will enhance the value of your experience. Our registration is limited and our allotment will sell out, please act today to hold your place.



Miles Frieden
Executive Director

DAY 1- Depart USA

Independent transatlantic flight to Paris.

DAY 2- Arrive in Paris

Arrive in Paris, rest after flight. Our hotel is located in the 11th Arrondissement bordering the historic Le Marais, an area known for its mix of cafés and shops. Join your fellow travelers for an independent night in Paris.

Lodging: Paris-République- Crowne Plaza Hotel

DAY 3- Paris

Today is a free day. You are invited to enjoy an optional private cooking session at famous Le Cordon Bleu school or other activities. Our welcome dinner will be in Le Marais at Le Dome. **B/D**

Lodging: Paris-République - Crowne Plaza Hotel

Day 4- Paris - Beaune - Chalon-sur-Saône

Depart Paris for Dijon via the high speed TGV train. Arriving in Dijon we will be met by our guide and coach for a day of discovery as we drive through the vineyards of Côtes de Nuits for a wine tasting at a private family estate dating from 1880. The owners will share their passion for not only the vintage wines of Burgundy but the truffles as well. We will visit the wine

cellar for tasting to learn about the wines of the domain. Lunch will be in a country inn before continuing on to Beaune.

Perhaps the most famous town in Burgundy, Beaune owes its prosperity to its location in the centre of the famous vineyards of burgundy. Enjoy free time in Beaune before we transfer to the **Avalon Scenery** docked at Chalon-sur-Saône in the south Burgundy wine region. Today's program will begin at 7:30am and we will be on board the Scenery at approximately 5:30pm. **B/L/D**

Lodging: Aboard the Avalon Scenery

DAY 5- Chalon-Tournus-Mâcon

Today we will enjoy a full day on board the Scenery as we make our way south on the



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Cruise through Burgundy & Provence - October 2 to 13, 2010

Saône River to the Rhône River and Mâcon. Enjoy a free morning in at Chalon-sur-Saône before we depart with lunch *en route*. Arrive in Mâcon mid-afternoon.

B/L/D

Lodging: Aboard the Avalon Scenery

DAY 6- Mâcon – Lyon

After breakfast we depart the Scenery for free time in the open air market along the quays and a panoramic view of Lyon. Then, off for Les Halles Paul Bocuse, an important center of gastronomy since 1859. With fifty-six knowledgeable food traders and craftsmen the ambiance and attraction of Les Halles is uniquely French. We will visit Mère Richard, known for cheeses and the butcher Sibilia, for their cooked meats.

Lunch will be a "tasting" at the various cuisine and wine stalls at the marketplace. We will savor home-made soup with fried quenelle, salmon and *foie gras*, three different cheeses, macaron and all with a glass of wine at each stop. (Of course very French!). Lunch is followed by a home-made specialty and praline tart, coffee with a chocolate. Today's program will run from 9:30am to 3pm. **B/L/D**

Lodging: Aboard the Avalon Scenery

DAY 7- Beaujolais Region – Lyon

After breakfast we depart the Scenery for a full day in the Beaujolais Region. Today's lesson will be the art of wine making as we begin with a visit to a splendid village situated at the south of the Beaujolais des Pierres Dorées to meet a wine grower of the region for a guided tour of the vineyard and a family wine museum complete with vintage tools of the trade. This is an organic farm with all their wines from natural methods and grapes. Traditional winemaking in this region relies on two variety of grapes: the Gamay for red and rose wines and the Chardonnay for white wines.

We will be initiated to the art of wine tasting as we learn how sample wine through the various stages from opening a bottle to serving. Following the tasting enjoy a buffet lunch composed of farm produce including vegetables, farmhouse breads, cooked pork

meats, cheese of the farm, fruits in the hippocras (cordial made of wine mixed with spices), country tart with a wine of the domain.

After lunch we leave the wine estate to discover the region of Beaujolais des Pierres Dorées which is known for the golden stones of the street pavement and the tiny villages scattered amongst well trimmed vineyards. Stop at the medieval village of Oingt with free time for a stroll through the streets and a journey back in time. Return to Lyon and the Scenery late afternoon. **B/L/D**

Lodging: Aboard the Avalon Scenery

DAY 8- Turnon/Tain l'Hermitage-Viviers

Today we will enjoy a day at leisure on board the Scenery as we travel south on the Rhône River past the twin cities Tournon and Tain l'Hermitage, nestled among vineyards between the Rhône and the granite slopes of the Hermitage, to Viviers. Enjoy the onboard entertainment and a fine lunch.

Arriving at Viviers we will have tour of this small city. Located in the south of the Ardèche, Viviers enjoys a Mediterranean climate, with mild winters and hot and dry summers which favor wine growing and fruit farming. Viviers is situated near the Gorges of the Ardèche and the famous castle of Grignan. With 3,700 inhabitants the city is not very touristy and possesses great architectural with the charm of the past gone by. Viciers is a lovely mix of Romanesque art and typical provencal atmosphere. **B/L/D**

Lodging: Aboard the Avalon Scenery

DAY 9- Avignon

Today the Scenery arrives at Avignon. After an early breakfast we depart for Isle sur la Sorgue, a charming Provencal town southeast of Avignon with the numerous canals of the Sorgue, giving the town the nickname of the Venice of the Comtat. At L'Isle sur la Sorgue (the chosen home of many antique dealers) each week-end the market counts about 300 stalls, attracting an international clientele. Departing L'Isle sur la Sorgue we travel to

Chateauneuf du Pape, most famous for its Côtes du Rhône wine. The "Coteaux" or slope of Châteauneuf lies between Orange and Avignon cities, in one of the most beautiful landscapes of Provence. Here the popes used to have their summer residences, hence Châteauneuf du Pape. The wine of Châteauneuf du Pape has thirteen controlled grape varieties among which are Syrah, Grenache and Clairette. On to Chateau Roquemaure, in the heart of the Côtes du Rhône, surrounded by a marvelous forest. Lunch will be a match of the food and wines presented in a delightful "tasting lunch" of six dishes paired with six wines at the chateau. Discover the wine, Mediterranean culture and the gastronomy of the region. We will return to the Scenery and Avignon by 4pm. **B/L/D**

Lodging: Aboard the Avalon Scenery

DAY 10- Arles

Today, we travel to Arles. After breakfast we head for the heart of Provence and the village of Les Baux de Provence, a fortress settled in the south side of the Alpilles for a guided visit and free time. Lunch will be at the Chateau d'Estoublon which is set amidst the vineyards. The aromatic garrigue is one of the most beautiful sites of the Baux Valley. After lunch we continue to Saint Remy de Provence via the olive groves of Fontvieille to witness the enchanted beauty of the limestone formations that have inspired artists for generations, including Van Gogh who settled in Arles in 1888. Visit the monastery St. Paul de Mausole. It was here that many of van Gogh's famous works were painted. **B/L/D**

Lodging: Aboard the Avalon Scenery

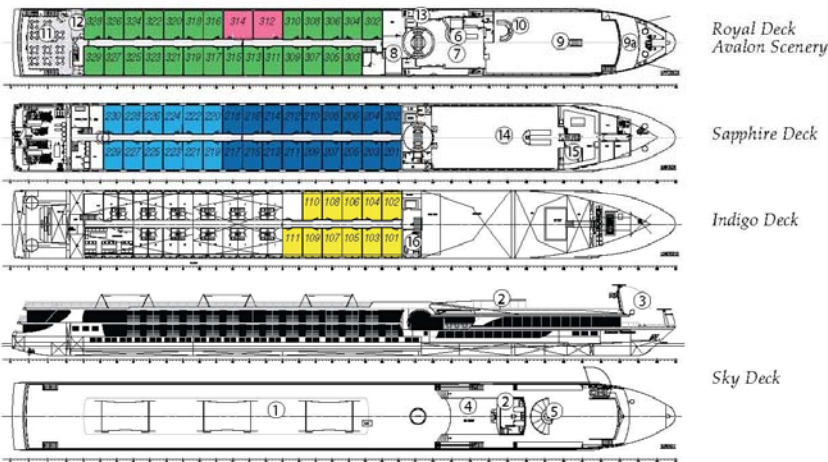
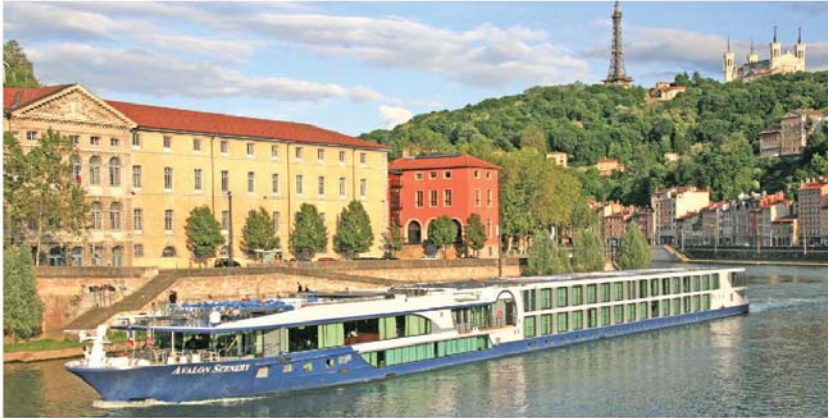
DAY 11- Nice

After breakfast we disembark the Scenery and travel by coach to Nice. Check-in at Boscolo Plaza Hotel. Your afternoon is at leisure. Our farewell dinner in Nice will cap our week's sojourn in France. **B/L/D**
Lodging: Boscolo Plaza Hotel, Nice

DAY 12- Return flights

After breakfast we depart for our return home. **B** End of program.

AVALON SCENERY



Royal Deck
Avalon Scenery

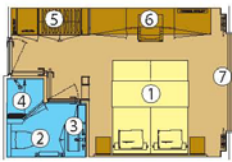
Sapphire Deck

Indigo Deck

Sky Deck

Deck Plan

- 1 Sky Deck with Deck Chairs
- 2 Navigation Bridge
- 3 Onboard Camera
- 4 Sky Lounge
- 5 Whirlpool
- 6 Reception
- 7 Foyer
- 8 Internet corner
- 9 Lounge
- 9a Outside viewing deck
- 10 Bar
- 11 Club Lounge
- 12 Hairdresser
- 13 Elevator
- 14 Restaurant
- 15 Galley
- 16 Fitness Center



Staterooms—172 sq. ft.

- 1 Bed
- 2 Toilet
- 3 Sink
- 4 Shower
- 5 Closet
- 6 Writing Desk
- 7 Sliding Glass Doors (on Royal & Sapphire Decks)



Jr. Suites—258 sq. ft.

- 1 Bed
- 2 Toilet
- 3 Sink
- 4 Shower
- 5 Closet
- 6 Writing Desk
- 7 Sliding Glass Doors
- 8 Sofa
- 9 Coffee Table

Categories

- Jr. Suite Royal Deck
- Cat. P Royal Deck
- Cat. A Sapphire Deck Forward
- Cat. B Sapphire Deck Aft
- Cat. E Indigo Deck

Panoramic Sliding Glass Doors on Royal and Sapphire Decks

Technical Data Scenery

Built: 2008
Length: 361 ft.
Crew members: 39
Staterooms: 67
Jr. Suites: 2

RATES

Category	Per Person in a DBL
■ Category E	\$ 6,350
■ Category B	\$ 6,870
■ Category A	\$ 6,920
■ Category P	\$ 7,000

A deposit of \$500 per person is required with the return of the Reservation and Information form to secure your place on the cruise.

Rates include gratuities for ship staff, tour guides, drivers, transfers and hotel portorage.

All fees for specialized land programs included for KWLS travelers as listed in program.

Optional programs will be available to customize your vacation.

Pre & Post cruise options available.

Single supplement is limited, please call for details.

Please refer to our Reservation & Information form for terms and conditions.



DINING & AMENITIES

- Non-smoking interior.
- Open seating in the dining room for all meals.
- Vegetarian meals available.
- Complimentary wine with all onboard dinners.
- Complimentary coffee and tea available throughout the day
- Internet access & Wi-Fi hotspots.
- Fitness Center & Hair Salon.
- Elevator.
- Bar & Club Lounge & Rear Lounge (ideal for quiet relaxation).
- Sky Deck whirlpool & shade system.

- Staterooms are 172 sq. ft.
- Spacious outside staterooms with comfortable, hotel-style beds, flat screen satellite TV & radio, private bathroom with shower, individual climate control, and most with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors and French balconies.
- Royal Deck passengers can order Continental breakfast to their staterooms, if desired.
- European-style duvets & European super-combed cotton linens.
- Large closet, minibar, hairdryer & safe.