



CRUISE OF 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS - REF. NAF_XMASPP

Christmas traditions and santons along the canals of Provence

Avignon - AIGUES MORTES - ARLES - TARASCON - AVIGNON

Experience Christmas in Provence on a cruise. From Avignon to Aigues-Mortes, be enchanted by the magic of the provincial Christmas markets.

Favorite : A visit to the imposing, immaculate 15th-century Château de Tarascon



CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- **EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:**
 - **Aigues Mortes**, medieval city
 - **Le Paradou** and its legendary **santons**
 - **Avignon** and its lights enchantment

CRUISE PROGRAM (5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS)



Day 1 : Avignon - AIGUES MORTES

Transfer by coach from Avignon to Aigues Mortes. Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail before dinner. Enjoy a "Christmas traditions"-themed evening.



Day 2 : AIGUES MORTES - ARLES

We'll spend the morning cruising to **Aigues-Mortes**, which we'll visit by coach in the afternoon. In the Middle Ages, the city began as a settlement of reed huts, with its inhabitants making their living from fishing, hunting and salt production from the small marshes along the shore. Much later, it became a fortified city because of its strategic location and is now one of the most beautiful historical sites in Provence. We'll finish our tour with a tasting of the traditional sweet fougasse: a delicious light, flat brioche with a subtle orange blossom flavor. Enjoy some free time to explore the town before heading back to the ship. Afternoon spent cruising towards Arles, reaching it in the evening. Enjoy a Christmas-themed evening on board.



Day 3 : ARLES - TARASCON

Included excursion this morning: The **International Satonniers Trade Show at the Cloître Saint-Trophime and the charming village of Le Paradou.**(2) The International Satonniers Trade Show is a must-see for anyone who loves the French santon crèche figurines. Created in 1958 by santon craftspeople who wanted to showcase their work, the trade show welcomes more than 100 exhibitors and artists each year at the beautiful Cloître Saint Trophime.(2) Afterwards, we'll continue on to the Petite Provence du Paradou, an exceptional work of santon artistry. Thousands of santon craftspeople have dedicated more than 8,000 hours of work to create a miniature Provençal village where scenes from days gone by come to life.

Our ship will cruise to Tarascon. This afternoon, join us for an included excursion: A visit to the imposing, immaculate, 15th-century Château de Tarascon. The magnificent medieval Château de Tarascon sits on the banks of the Rhône. Built by two Dukes of Anjou in the 15th century, many consider it one of the most beautiful castles in Europe. During our tour of the château, we'll visit more than 30 rooms, discover the apothecary jars from the former city hospital, and enjoy the exceptional view of Provence and the Rhône River from the immense patio above.

After our excursion, we'll return to the ship. Enjoy an evening of entertainment on board.



Day 4 : TARASCON - AVIGNON

We'll spend this morning cruising towards Avignon. In the afternoon, enjoy a guided tour of Avignon and the Papal Palace. We'll then head to the Halles market(1) to discover the regional holiday treats. After our tour, we'll return to the ship. Tonight is our festive gala dinner and evening.



Day 5 : AVIGNON

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

This offer includes

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - Drinks included on board (excluding special cards) and a drinks package for meals taken outside the ship (1/4 wine or 1 mineral water and 1 coffee per person and per meal) - double-occupancy cabin with shower in bathroom - assistance from our onboard multi-lingual host/hostess - welcome cocktail - gala dinner - the excursions mentioned in the program - transfer by coach Avignon/Aigues-Mortes on D1 - travel assistance and repatriation insurance - all port fees.

This offer does not include

Cancellation and baggage insurance - personal expenses - drinks on special menus, drinks taken during excursions or transfers

Approaches pre and post boarding

Transfer from Avignon to Aigues-Mortes on D1 **INCLUDED**.

Requirements

Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- **All meals included - DRINKS PACKAGE INCLUDED** with meals
- Refined French cuisine - **Gala dinner and evening** - Welcome cocktail
- **Free Wi-Fi** in lounge and bar
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

MENTIONS

For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. The cruise schedule may vary according to tides and arrival times at ports of call may be subject to change.

(1) The Halles in Avignon: closed on Mondays and afternoons.

(2) The trade show takes place at the Cloître Saint-Trophime or the Église des Trinitaires.

Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.