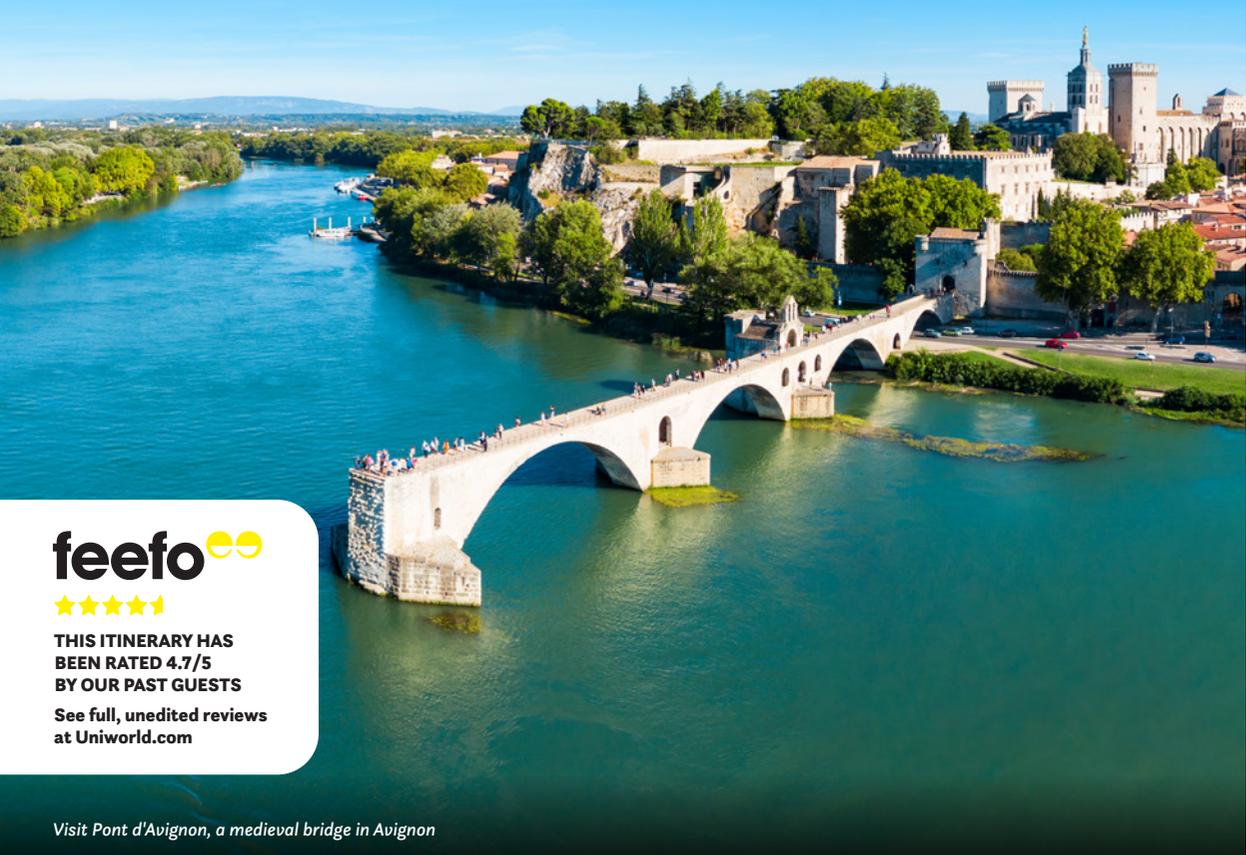


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## DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1: AVIGNON (EMBARK)

Welcome to Avignon. As you arrive via one of our two options of travel, you will either be greeted at the airport by a Uniworld representative or will head straight to board the Super Ship *Catherine* to begin your luxury river cruise. (D)

### DAY 2: TARASCON (ARLES)

Explore a sun-drenched Provençal town today with an allure all its own. Known for its remarkable Roman ruins, Arles so inspired Van Gogh 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. It was here that the Romans built their first bridge across the Rhône River, creating a vital overland route between Italy and Spain. (B, L, D)

**Featured Excursion:** Arles walking tour.

### DAY 3: AVIGNON

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. (B, L, WD)

**Featured Excursions:** Choice of Avignon walking tour with Palace of the Popes or Pont du Gard Roman Aqueduct visit or "Let's Go" kayak ride on the Gardon River\*.

\*The kayak ride on the Gardon River is only available for May through September departure dates.

### DAY 4: VIVIERS

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. (B, L, D)

**Featured Excursion:** Intimate Viviers "Village Day."

### DAY 5: TOURNON (TAIN-L'HERMITAGE)

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. (B, L, D)

**Featured Excursions:** Choice of Tournon and Tain-l'Hermitage twin villages stroll with wine tasting or "Let's Go" Hermitage vineyards hike with wine tasting.

### DAY 6: LYON

As the epicentre 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' favourite mode of transportation with a bike ride—a great way to see the sights. (B, L, D)

**Featured Excursions:** Choice of Lyon capital gastronomy tour or "Let's Go" Lyon peninsula bike tour or Silk weavers walking tour.

### DAY 7: MÂCON (BEAUNE)

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. (B, FD)

**Featured Excursions:** Choice of Burgundy landscapes, Beaune and the Hospices or Mâcon walking tour.

### DAY 8: LYON (DISEMBARK)

Disembark the ship and be transferred to the airport to begin your journey home. (B)

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