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# SENSATIONS OF **LYON & PROVENCE**



**SEP 2 - 14, 2025 | 13 DAYS | 24 MEALS**  
EMERALD CRUISES • EMERALD LIBERTÉ • EXCURSIONS IN EVERY PORT  
**JOURNEY LEADERS: NICK & PAM CANNON**



Get ready to revel in the magnificence of France along its extensive river network. This remarkable river cruise begins in Nice and continues through the awe-inspiring Rhône and Saône rivers to Lyon, offering a captivating feast of culture, history, and riches.

Following three wonderful nights in Nice, we will sail the awe-inspiring Rhône and Saône rivers through France and experience a world of elegant culture. Along the way, discover historic sites, sleepy villages, and sun-soaked vineyards.

Our journey is capped off with a night in Lyon, a chance to indulge in its culinary sensations. This unique itinerary will delight river cruisers and those who love to explore this delightful region.



Port of Nice, France

### **Emerald Cruises • Emerald Liberté**

A mainstay in Emerald Cruises fleet since 2017, Emerald Liberté mirrors the charm of the French countryside as it sails the Rhône and Saône rivers.

Every aspect of Emerald Liberté is designed around you, from the contemporary accommodation and social spaces to the crew's attentive level of service. Perfectly sized for navigating the continent's winding waterways, it accommodates 132 guests and offers bars and lounges, a beauty salon, a movie theatre, shops, a fitness centre, jogging track, and swimming pool - all easily accessible via onboard elevators.

All suites and staterooms boast superb amenities, including a flat screen TV with infotainment system, individual air conditioning system, a safe, a fridge, hairdryer, hotel-style beds and an ensuite bathroom, plus complimentary Wi-Fi and bottle water daily.

Optional excursions from Emerald Cruise's DiscoverMORE, EmeraldACTIVE, and EmeraldPLUS series of excursions are available in most ports at additional cost.



### **Journey Leaders**

**Pam and Nick Cannon** are seasoned travellers with a profound passion for exploration. They have explored the United Kingdom, Africa, the Caribbean, and the Mediterranean. As two of our most popular leaders, they have led cruise and tour groups to various destinations, such as Panama, Alaska, South Africa, Europe, and South America, in the past few years. With their warm and caring personalities, as well as their passion for travel, they are sure to enhance your travel experience. They cannot wait to join you on this incredible adventure.



### **Inclusive Features**

- Return economy group airfare from Canada to France
- 7-night cruise in an outside cabin on Emerald Liberté
- 3 nights hotel accommodation in Nice as indicated or similar
- 1-night hotel accommodation in Lyon as indicated or similar
- Day trip to sunny Monaco
- Transfers between airports, hotel and the ship
- All meals during the cruise plus quality European wines with lunch and dinner
- Welcome cocktail, welcome dinner and Captain's gala dinner
- Shore excursions included in each port of call
- Knowledgeable local guides
- All gratuities (including guides and ship staff) and taxes for included services (including departure and port taxes)
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value when booking air-inclusive
- Services of your journey leader and/or cruise director



**SEP 2, Tuesday** **DEPART CANADA**  
Tour members from across Canada fly to Nice, France.

**SEP 3, Wednesday** **NICE, FRANCE**  
This morning we arrive in sunny Nice and transfer to our hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure to relax and enjoy this Mediterranean paradise.

**BW Plus Hotel Massena Nice** (3 nights)

**SEP 4, Thursday** **MONTE CARLO, MONACO**  
Today we travel to Monte Carlo, home to one of the most recognisable Grand Prix tracks in the world, and a temporary home to celebrities enjoying the jet set lifestyle. Enjoy a city tour before returning to Nice. B

**SEP 5, Friday** **NICE**  
Today is at leisure to enjoy our seaside surroundings. Take the opportunity to walk along the beach, shop on the boardwalk, cool off with a gelato, or perhaps join an optional excursion to Saint-Paul de Vence (extra cost \$97pp). B

**SEP 6, Saturday** **NICE / ARLES**  
After breakfast this morning we say farewell to Nice and transfer to Arles where our ship awaits. Relax on board and explore our ship with the balance of the day at leisure. This evening we enjoy a welcome dinner on board.  
**Embark Emerald Liberte** (7 nights) BD

**SEP 7, Sunday** **ARLES**  
Revel in the glory of the Roman Empire today during an insightful visit to Arles, including its UNESCO World Heritage-listed Roman and Romanesque monuments. Visit Arles Amphitheatre, a 2000-year-old structure where thousands of spectators once gathered to watch heart-pounding chariot races. Learn about the time Van Gogh spent in the city taking inspiration from the surroundings to create many of his most iconic pieces, including 'Starry Night Over the Rhone'. Enjoy some time at leisure or join an optional excursion to Les Baux de Provence (extra cost \$107pp) or do the Provencal Cosmetic Workshop (extra cost \$112pp). BLD

**SEP 8, Monday** **AVIGNON**  
Avignon has a long and storied history. This fortified town is the former residence of seven consecutive Popes who fled Rome to escape from the political pressures of the Roman Empire. The city went on to become an important location during the French Revolution. Our included walking tour will include the ornate Gothic exterior of the UNESCO World Heritage Palais des Papes. You may opt to join the guided tour of the Pont du Gard (extra cost \$83pp), wine tasting at Chateauneuf du Pape (extra cost \$107pp), or a Hidden Gems tour (extra cost \$274pp). This evening enjoy a unique experience of a classical concert in Avignon. BLD

**SEP 9, Tuesday** **VIVIERS**  
A snapshot of quintessential France awaits our arrival in Viviers, a town that perfectly encapsulates the medieval days of the region. Pastel-coloured buildings gently faded by the sun line narrow cobblestone streets, and the heart of the Old Town is ours to explore today during the guided walking tour. You may choose to visit Chauvet Pon D'Arc, one of the oldest decorated Palaeolithic caves in the world (extra cost \$122pp) BLD

**SEP 10, Wednesday** **TOURNON**  
Wonder at the views along the Rhone River as we cruise into Tournon. A 16th-century castle overlooks the village



*Architecture of the historic Hospices of Beaune, France*



*Vineyards of Burgundy*



*Lyon, France*



*Palais des Papes in Avignon, France*



and a pair of ancient watchtowers adorn the surrounding rural landscape. Once on shore, enjoy a guided tour of Tournon and learn of its history and culture. BLD

**SEP 11, Thursday LYON**

As one of the largest cities in France and a former Roman capital, many of the most important moments in French history have taken place in Lyon. Join our local guide for a walking tour of the city, including the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Basilica Notre-Dame de Fourviere. Those willing can join an optional excursion to the medieval walled town of Perouges (extra cost \$107pp), or a Private Culinary Tour (extra cost \$446pp). BLD

**SEP 12, Friday CHALON-SUR-SAONE / BEAUNE**

The birthplace of photography and the centre of Burgundy’s wine region is ours to discover today as we travel by road to the quaint village of Beaune. Stop to visit the Hospices de Beaune, one of the best-preserved examples of 15th-century French architecture and home to one of the most popular wine auctions in the country. BLD

**SEP 13, Saturday LYON**

Time to bid farewell to our ship as we disembark and transfer to our centrally located hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure to enjoy the wonders of this city.

**Radisson Blue Lyon (1 night) B**

**SEP 14, Sunday LYON / CANADA**

Our journey draws to a close as we transfer to the airport and catch our flight(s) bound for Canada and home. B



*Basilica Notre Dame de Fourviere in Lyon*

**Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person**

Cruise / Tour Only (Join / Leave Hotel) .....	\$7,130
Toronto .....	\$8,995
Montreal.....	\$8,825
Halifax / St. John’s.....	\$9,325
Winnipeg / Thunder Bay.....	\$9,375
Regina / Saskatoon .....	\$9,475
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver.....	\$9,375
Victoria.....	\$9,475

Cruise/Tour only price is based on joining at the hotel in Nice and leaving at the hotel in Lyon. Rates are per person based on sharing a Cat E Riverview Twin on Riviera Deck. Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carrier are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to inclusive features for details. **Pricing may be affected by current promotions; please inquire.**

**Supplement to upgrade to higher category**

Category/Description/Deck	Twin Per Person
D Riverview (Riviera - Window).....	\$240
C Balcony (Vista - Panorama Balcony) .....	\$920
B Balcony (Vista - Panorama Balcony) .....	\$1,040
A Suite (Horizon - Panorama Balcony) .....	\$1,260
S Grand Suite (Horizon - Panorama Balcony) .....	\$2,040
SA Owners Suite (Horizon) .....	\$3,510

Stateroom categories are subject to availability at time of booking - book early for best choice. See deck plan for more information on available staterooms. Singles are extremely limited and on request. Prices are based on taxes, surcharges, airfares and exchange rates effective July 2024 and are subject to change. Cruise price is based on sharing a twin-bedded stateroom with private bathroom. Cruise to be escorted with a minimum of 20 travellers.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual’s age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your confirmation of coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

**Final payment is due on May 28, 2025  
Deposit is \$700 per person**

To reserve your spot on this cruise, you can either book online through our website or submit an enrollment form along with your deposit to:



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**CT Rating 2.5/5 - Slightly Challenging:** Excursions and land arrangements include some extensive walks, often over rough surfaces. Cobblestones are used in many European cities, making walking more difficult. Access to some decks and to shore in some ports may involve steep steps. Members should be in good physical condition, and able to walk a kilometre or more without assistance to fully enjoy this cruise.