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Dear Vanderbilt alumni and friends,

This autumn, embrace your joie de vivre by cruising along the Rhone and Saône on this special tour of Provence and Burgundy. From captivating chateaux to exquisite French gastronomy, the ancient streets of Avignon and Van Gogh’s picturesque Arles, this region of France has lured visitors and locals alike for centuries.

Begin your journey in southern France with two nights at elegant Chateau de Bagnols. Embark the M/S Amadeus Provence for a one week cruise on the Rhone and Saône rivers. Take in the rhythm of the region with walking excursions to local villages enriched by wine and culinary experiences. Peer into the secret courtyards of Macon, and visit the epicenter of the Burgundian wine trade in Beaune. Bask in the French countryside as you wander the streets of Lyon and Avignon. See the amazing Pope’s Palace and the architectural wonder Pont du Gard, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Visit Arles, home to Vincent Van Gogh and the Carmargue, one of France’s most beautiful natural wonders, and the Ardeche Gorge, known as the Grand Canyon of Europe.

Delve deeper into your journey with a 3-night Culinary Extension to Paris - energizing your palette and culinary experiences at some of Paris’ best establishments - Procope Restaurant, 58 Tour Eiffel Restaurant and dinner on the Seine River.

With a significant savings of $400 per couple, we anticipate this program will fill quickly. Call 615.322.3673 or email us at alumni.travel@vanderbilt.edu to register for this French tour. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

With warmest wishes,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program

Mara Papatheodorou is a Tastes & Traditions Expert, a Master Foodie and a nationally established entertaining specialist. She has interpreted the cuisine and experienced the culture of over 70 countries worldwide. As an 11-year Contributing Editor at BON APPÉTIT Magazine, Mara scouted and produced the Entertaining with Style section that highlighted how real people entertain around the world, and was editor of their international editions. Mara has produced stories about celebrity chefs Gordon Ramsey, Wolfgang Puck, Cat Cora and Thomas Keller. She is the author of the coffee table book Moments in Time, The Ojai Valley Inn & Spa. Before BON APPÉTIT, Mara lived in London for 10 years and was a columnist and editorial producer for the European edition of W and Harpers & Queen. Mara attended UCLA, University of Paris La Sorbonne and La Varenne Cooking School where her food and travel adventures began. Mara lives in Los Angeles and Nashville with her husband and son.

For more details: WWW.VUCONNECT.COM/TRAVEL
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 21: DEPART USA
Depart USA on your overnight flights to Lyon.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22: ARRIVE LYON
Arrive Lyon and transfer to your chateau hotel in the heart of the Beaujolais countryside.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23: LYON/OINGT
This morning explore a few of the charming local villages followed by a languid wine lunch in Oingt, one of the jewels of the region. This evening partake in a dinner at the hotel. (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24: LYON/EMBARK SHIP
Transfer to Lyon for a very special luncheon at the Michelin 3-star restaurant of culinary legend Paul Bocuse. Later this afternoon, embark the M/S Amadeus Provence. Welcome reception and dinner aboard ship. (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25: MACON
Cruise to Southern Burgundy and discover the secret courtyards and hidden treasures of Macon. Afternoon tour of the Cluny Abbey, a former Benedictine Monastery and wonderful example of Romanesque architecture. (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26: BEAUNE
Explore Beaune, the epicenter of the Burgundian wine trade, and its crowning glory, the Hotel-Dieu, a 15th century almshouse. Later explore the medieval Burgundian village of Brancion and the 17th century Chateau at Cormatin. (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27: LYON
Go back in time to Old Lyon and Fourviere Hill, the city’s center during Roman times. The Basilique de Fourviere dominates the skyline of the ancient historical area now a UNESCO World Heritage site. (B,L,D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28: BEAUJOLAIS & AVIGNON
Private invitation to Domaine du Vieux Telegraphe Chateauneuf-du-Pape including a luncheon & wine pairing with a world-renowned sommelier. Stroll the street of Avignon, where you are treated to an after-hour viewing of the magnificent Pope’s Palace, once the seat of the Holy See in the 14th century. (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29: ARLES & THE CARMARGUE
Walking tour of Vincent Van Gogh’s Arles followed by an excursion to Carmargue Nature Park. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30: ARDECHE GORGE
Morning excursion to the spectacular Ardeche Gorge, known as “France’s Grand Canyon.” (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31: DISEMBARK SHIP/DEPART
Disembark ship and transfer to Lyon Airport for your departure flight(s) to USA. Welcome Home! (B)

PARIS CULINARY EXTENSION (OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 3)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31: LYON/PARIS
Disembark ship and take the TGV Fast Train to Paris. Welcome to Paris dinner at Laperouse Restaurant, frequented by the likes of George & Amal Clooney. (B,D)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1: PARIS
Specially selected day of touring in Paris. Lunch at the 58 Tour Eiffel Restaurant. (B,L)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2: PARIS
Day at leisure for independent exploration in Paris. Your farewell dinner is aboard the most elegant Bateau Parisiens Seine River Cruise. (B,D)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3: DEPART PARIS/USA
Transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport for your departure flight to USA. Welcome Home!
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**PROVENCE & BURGUNDY RIVER CRUISE PROGRAM:**

- **CABIN C-1:** $5995 per person double occupancy
- **CABIN B-1:** $6995 per person double occupancy
- **CABIN A-1:** $7495 per person double occupancy
- **SUITE:** $7995 per person double occupancy

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** 15-100% depending on cabin/suite category

**SAVE $400 PER COUPLE IF RESERVED BY MARCH 31, 2019**

**CULINARY EXTENSION TO PARIS:** $2595 per person double occupancy  
**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** $995

**AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED**

**Program Highlights:**

Delicious dinner at the sophisticated Chateau de Bagnols  
Explore Beaune, the epicenter of the Burgundian Wine Trade  
Private visit to Domaine du Vieux Telegraphe Chateauneuf-du-Pape  
A lovely stroll in the ancient streets of Avignon  
Special luncheon at the restaurant of culinary legend, Paul Bocuse  
Walking tour of Vincent Van Gogh’s Arles

**Included in your program are:**

- All accommodations as detailed in the itinerary with breakfast daily
- All touring on a private basis including all entrance fees
- All transfers & touring by private air-conditioned vehicles
- Meals as indicated by (B), (B,L), (B,L,D)  
  B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner
- Services of a private hand-selected DAI guide throughout the program
- Meet & greet services at all airports for arrivals and departures
- Luggage handling throughout the program
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, and at all restaurant staff for included meals per the itinerary

**Not Included are:**

- International airfare from USA and return (we are pleased to assist you with your flights)
- Items of personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks (unless indicated otherwise), incidental expenses onboard the ship or at the hotels, wifi/internet, etc
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)

**Payment Schedule:**

A deposit of $1500 per person is required at the time of booking. Deposits are payable by personal check or credit card. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

**Rates & Fares:**

All rates shown are accurate at the time of publication and are subject to change. All prices are based upon foreign exchange rates the company feels will be in effect at the time of departure. These prices are subject to change resulting from fluctuations in exchange rates.

**Refunds & Cancellations:**

All cancellations must be in writing.

The per person forfeiture charges are:

- More than 90 days prior to departure: 50% of deposit
- 89-60 days prior to departure: 50% of tour price
- 59-30 days prior to departure: 75% of tour price
- Less than 30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour price

There is no refund for a partially completed tour or for unused services of any kind.

**TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

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“Yes, wonderful things!”

– Howard Carter’s answer to Lord Canarvon upon peering in Tutankhamon’s Tomb. Valley of the Kings (26 November 1922)

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