

ENJOY THE FLAVOURS OF BURGUNDY & PROVENCE

Hosted by Lord Botham and Rosemary Shrager



Embark on a culinary journey through one of France's most picturesque regions, enjoying incomparable wine and cuisine and discovering its many treasures. This **8-day "Burgundy & Provence"** itinerary takes you on a luxurious journey along the Rhône and Saône rivers, stopping off along the way in iconic destinations to enjoy a host of included excursions. The very streets of Arles that inspired Van Gogh are yours to discover, as well as locations such as Lyon, Viviers and Avignon.

Joining you onboard for the **full duration of this cruise** is Ashes-winning cricketer and wine expert, **Ian "Beefy" Botham** plus much-loved TV chef **Rosemary Shrager**. Both experts will host their own included events, including open Q&A sessions onboard the ship.

Special onboard events with Ian & Rosemary Include

- Welcome receptions with Ian and Rosemary with wine served from the Ian Botham collection
- Ian will host a fascinating talk, giving insights on his career and charity work
- Rosemary will host a lovely cooking demonstration
- Rosemary will work alongside the Uniworld Executive Chefs to curate a delicious gala dinner
- Ian will organise wine pairings alongside Rosemary's dinner

With the experts cruising for the whole week, there will be plenty of time to spend with each of them on a more relaxed level, including lunch and dinner onboard the ship. Rosemary will be taking small groups of guests to visit local a market where she will pick out her favourite ingredients whilst Ian will join the guests on the many wine-tasting experiences included throughout the cruise.

For this sailing, guests will be travelling in 5 all-inclusive luxury onboard Uniworld's S.S. Catherine. Like every Uniworld ship, the S.S. Catherine is a complete-of-a-kind design, inspired by the regions you will sail through. Features include a waterfall that encircles the glass elevator and a specially commissioned Murano glass chandelier, and a life-size glass horse crafted by the most prominent glass artist in the world, Pino Signoretto. Guests will also enjoy multiple dining venues and an onboard pool.*



BURGUNDY & PROVENCE

Departing 26th March 2023

8-DAYS | LYON TO AVIGNON

1 COUNTRY | FIVE-STAR CUISINE THROUGHOUT | IMMERSIVE EXCURSIONS EVERY DAY

Super Ship Catherine - Maximum Guests: 150

Join Beefy and Rosemary on a journey of exquisite pleasures cruising along the Rhône and Saône rivers, where you will sample regional delights along the way. Highlights include strolling Arles, the streets made famous by Van Gogh and visiting Avignon's majestic Palace of the Popes.

DAY 1: Lyon (Embark)

Welcome to Lyon. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative to be transferred directly to board the Super Ship Catherine to begin your luxury river cruise. Once you're settled in onboard the ship, Ian and Rosemary will host a private welcome reception complete with wines from Ian's collection. (D)

DAY 2: Lyon

As the epicentre of French gastronomy, Lyon is a city of tantalising 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. Settle back onboard the ship to enjoy a private talk with Ian, where he will discuss his remarkable career and answer any questions you may have. (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 3: 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. A special Captain's welcome Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you this evening. (B, FD)

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

DAY 4: 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. You'll see the handsome houses constructed by wealthy merchants and garrison officers when you walk through the Rue de Doux area, and you'll pass the 14th-century church and the oldest secondary school in France. Today Rosemary will host a fun and interactive cooking demonstration onboard the ship. (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 5: 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 6: 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. Tonight all guests will enjoy a gala dinner designed by Rosemary alongside the Uniworld Executive chefs, complete with wine pairings selected by Ian and the onboard sommelier. (B, L, WD)

Featured Excursions: Choice of Avignon walking tour with Palace of the Popes or Pont du Gard Roman Aqueduct visit.

DAY 7: 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 Thelina. It was here that the Romans built their first bridge across the Rhône River, creating a vital overland route between Italy and Spain. For something incredibly fun and memorable, Rosemary will be taking small groups of guests to Arles market to discover the local produce available. (B, L, D)

DAY 8: Avignon (Disembark)

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

Included Meals - (B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner (WD/FD) Welcome/Farewell Dinner

DEPARTURE DATES, PRICING AND HOW TO BOOK

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