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18 Day Conducted Grand France Avalon Waterways River Cruise with no single supplement

for **\$10,770** per person twin share

This is superb value for a river cruise of this nature, as it includes:

- Economy class airfares from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth into Nice and out of Paris with Emirates.
- A deluxe 7 night Soane River and Rhone River cruise of southern France from Cote D'Azur to Paris aboard the modern and luxurious Avalon Poetry II, in a hotel-style outside stateroom.
- A deluxe 7 night Seine River cruise of northern France aboard the modern and luxurious Avalon Tapestry II, in a hotel-style outside stateroom.
- Superb dining on board the cruise ships with breakfast, lunch and dinner provided daily, as well as a Captain's reception and farewell dinner. You will also receive complimentary sparkling wine with breakfast, soft drinks with lunch and wine, beer or soft drinks with dinner whilst on board.
- One nights accommodation in the French Riviera, staying at the Fairmont / Intercontinental or similar.
- Airport transfers and a high speed train ride from Dijon to Paris.
- Prepaid gratuities, airport taxes and levies, as well as government taxes and port charges on the cruise.
- Services of local tour guides.



If you wish you can upgrade your cabin to a higher deck which has wall to wall panoramic windows in Avalon's unique Open-Air Balcony. The cost for this upgrade is \$2,300 per person twin share.

A special feature of this cruise is that you can have a single cabin for no additional charge, subject to availability at time of booking. **OFFER ENDS 24 JULY 2018**



This cruise departure has a special wine appreciation theme, ideal for anyone with an interest in wine.

**Cruise Package departs Australia 27th
October and returns 13th November 2019**

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Avalon Waterways Grand France River Cruise - Wine Themed
With no single supplement for solo travellers

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

27.10.19 Australia – Dubai

Depart Brisbane at 9.00pm on EK 435, arriving in Dubai at 5.10am the next morning (28.10.19).

Depart Sydney at 9.45pm on EK 413, arriving in Dubai at 5.15am the next morning (28.10.19).

Depart Melbourne at 10.15pm on EK 407, arriving in Dubai at 5.15am the next morning (28.10.19).

Depart Perth at 10.20pm on EK 421, arriving in Dubai at 5.25pm the next morning (28.10.19).

28.10.19 Dubai – Nice – Cote d’Azur, France

Depart Dubai at 8.20am on EK 77, arriving in Nice at 12.35pm. Bienvenue en France! Upon arrival you are met and transferred to the Fairmont Monte Carlo, Intercontinental Cannes, or similar, for an overnight stay.

Known also as the French Riviera, the spectacular Cote d’Azur stretches along France’s Mediterranean coast from Toulon to the border of Italy.

29.10.19 Cote d’Azur – Arles (Embarkation)

(B/D)

After breakfast this morning, you’ll drive to Arles to board your suite ship, the Avalon Poetry II. Before dinner sail toward the mouth of the Rhone for a taste of the tranquil vistas of Camargue National Park (daylight permitting).

The Avalon Poetry II was launched in 2014. It is among a cutting-edge fleet of suite-ships. She has four decks and is approximately 110 metres long. The ship is equipped with a reception area, sky deck with premium lounge chairs, whirlpool, internet corner, hair salon, elevator, dining room, fitness centre and more. It has 64 cabins with the following features as standard:

- Avalon’s comfort collection beds for a great night’s sleep.
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, blankets and European style duvets.
- A choice of soft or firm pillows.
- Choice of bed configuration (two twins or one queen).
- Nightly turn-down service.
- Bedside tables with reading lamps.
- Large private bathroom featuring full shower with glass door, hairdryer and premium L’Occitane bath amenities.
- Spacious 3 door closets with shelves for ample storage.
- Flatscreen satellite TV with movie channels.
- Writing desk / vanity with comfortable chair and mirror.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi internet access.
- Direct dial telephone.
- Bathrobes & slippers.
- Well-stocked minibar.
- Complimentary bottled water.
- In-room safe.
- Individual climate control air conditioning.

30.10.19 Arles

(B/L/D)

Avalon has designed included excursions and onboard activities for a choice of experiences, being **Classic, Discovery** and **Active**. You are free to choose which **Classic, Discovery** or **Active** tour suits you best each day. There are also some Optional activities, which you may wish to purchase to supplement your holiday experience.

Classic

Enjoy a guided city walking tour of Arles – the captivating city of the Provence region. You'll visit the Roman Amphitheatre in this visually stunning city that inspired the works of Vincent van Gogh.

Consider also a guided Optional excursion to the Carrieres de Lumieres (Cathedral of Images) for a truly unique experience of art, sound and light in the old quarries of Val d'Enfer.

Take advantage of any free time remaining with a stop in Le Café Van Gogh for a glass of wine to relax and watch the world go by.

Overnight docking in Avignon.

31.10.19 Avignon

(B/L/D)

Classic

Take a guided sightseeing tour of the fortress city of Avignon – with its ramparts encircling the city and a visit to the amazing Palace of the Popes. OR

Discovery

Enjoy a trip to the famed wine cellars of Chateauneuf-du-Pape for a true taste of the Rhone wine region.

Alternatively take a guided Optional excursion to the ancient Roman aqueduct of Pont du Gard or explore Avignon on your own for the city's art and culture, theatre and museums. Be sure to snap photos of the captivating countryside, historic monuments and the medieval Pont Saint-Benezet.

Later enjoy onboard live entertainment.

Overnight docking in Avignon.

01.11.19 Viviers

(B/L/D)

Discovery

Join an onboard lecture hosted by your Master of Wine while sailing to Viviers.

Classic

Explore the pale-stone buildings of Viviers on a late afternoon guided walking tour of this charming village. You'll see its Romanesque cathedral and Old Town with a mix of historical Christian, Roman and medieval influences.

Evening/overnight cruise to Tournon.

02.11.19 Tournon/Tain L'hermitage

(B/L/D)

Classic

Take a morning guided walking tour to explore Tournon, one of France's oldest medieval cities. See its 16th century castle, and Roman ruins between the Rhone River and the granite slopes of the hermitage. In the late morning cruise to Vienne.

Discovery

Enjoy an onboard chocolate and wine tasting hosted by your Master of Wine while sailing.

Vienne

Classic

Join a guided walking tour of Vienne and discover this charming little town surrounded by steep hills.

Discovery

This evening join an onboard food and wine pairing dinner hosted by your Master of Wine.

Enjoy live entertainment while sailing to Lyon. Overnight docking in Lyon.

03.11.19 Lyon

(B/L/D) Classic

Join a guided sightseeing tour to survey Lyon from Fournier Hill. You'll also explore the Old Town with its maze of medieval alleyways and the lively cafes, monuments and famed fountain of Place des Terreaux.

Discovery

Take an guided tour to the lovely Beaujolais area and learn more about its light and pleasant wine.

Spend some free time bike riding through Lyon's town squares, over bridges and along the banks where the Rhone and Saone rivers meet.

Evening/overnight cruise to St Jean de Losne

04.11.19 St. Jean de Losne

(B/L/D)

Enjoy a leisurely cruising day along the majestic Saone River.

Discovery

Join an excursion that will take you to a Chardonnay cellar for a wine tasting.

Discovery

Later enjoy a delicious Wine and Cheese Tasting, hosted by your Master of Wine while sailing to St Jean de Losne.

Enjoy live entertainment onboard this evening.

Overnight docking in St Jean de Losne

05.11.19 St Jean de Losne (Disembarkation) – Beaune – Dijon – Paris (Embarkation)

(B/D)

After disembarking the ship, drive to Beaune.

Classic

Visit the Hotel-Dieu Charity Hospital in Beaune, built in 1443, today home of the Van der Weyden's painting of the Last Judgement and is one of France's architectural highlights, or

Discovery

Visit a typical Burgundy wine cellar.

This afternoon take a High Speed Train from Dijon to Paris. You are transferred to the cruise terminal to board your Suite Ship, the Avalon Tapestry II, for an overnight cruise to Vernon.

The Avalon Tapestry II was launched in 2015 and has the same design and characteristics as the Avalon Poetry II.

06.11.19 Vernon

(B/L/D)

Start the day with a morning stretch with your Avalon Adventure Host.

Classic

Take a guided tour of Giverny, home and inspiration of the master impressionist

painter Claude Monet. Walk the grounds and see Monet's charming residence and the flower and water gardens captured in his masterpieces, OR

Classic

Join a guided visit to Bizy Castle – called 'Normandy's Versailles' for its magnificent courtyard, water garden and stables.

Discovery

While sailing, enjoy a traditional French luncheon of authentic French crepes, followed by a pastry demonstration.

This afternoon, enjoy cruising to the picturesque town of Les Andelys.

Classic

Take a guided walking tour of Les Andelys – one of France's most picturesque spots on the Seine OR

Active

Join a guided hike up to the castle ruins of Chateau Gaillard – historic home of King Richard the Lionheart.

This evening cruise to Caudebec.

07.11.19 Caudebec

(B/L/D) Active

Join your Avalon Adventure Host for a morning run in Normandy's town of Caudebec.

Classic

Take a guided trip along the Normandy Abbeys Route – where more than 100 medieval Benedictine and Augustine abbeys and churches were built along the Seine, OR

Active

Explore Boucles de la Seine Normande with a guided hike of Normandy's vast regional nature park in a region rich in apple, plum, pear and cherry orchards.

This afternoon, you may choose a guided Optional excursion to the old seaside town of Honfleur, or take a guided Optional excursion to see the white-chalk cliffs and arches of the oceanside town of Etretat.

Overnight docking in Caudebec.

08.11.19 Caudebec - Excursion to Normandy

(B/L/D) Classic

Join a guided tour of the WWII landing beaches of Normandy. Visit significant U.S. sites, including Omaha Beach, the Pointe du Hoc monument and the American Cemetery, OR

Classic

Take a full day guided tour of the British and Canadian commemorative sites, including the British cemetery, Pegasus Memorial, the seaside town of Arromanches, the Juno Beach Centre and the Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery, OR

Classic

Join 'A Taste of Normandy' guided tour for an in-depth look at this rich agricultural region. See the famous Bayeaux Tapestry, visit the beautiful village of Beuvron en Auge and taste Calvados apple brandy at a local distillery.

Later enjoy live entertainment on board your ship.

This evening cruise to Rouen.

- 09.11.19 Rouen**
(B/L/D) Active
Join your Avalon Adventure Host for a morning walk.
Classic
Take a guided walking tour of Rouen – home of the martyred Saint Joan of Arc and see the medieval quarter with its 16th century Astronomical Clock and Notre Dame Cathedral.
 Spend free time this afternoon to explore Rouen’s city markets, shops and bike paths. Enjoy onboard entertainment before setting sail this evening.
 This evening cruise to Conflans.
- 10.11.19 Conflans**
(B/L/D) Classic
Join a guided visit to Auvers-sur-Oise, home and resting place of Vincent van Gogh,
OR
Classic
Take a guided tour of the opulent Chateau de Malmaison – home of Napoleon Bonaparte and his wife Josephine.
 Perhaps, join a guided Optional excursion tour of the Palace of Versailles – home to a succession of French Kings.
 This evening we cruise to Paris.
- 11.11.19 Paris**
(B/L/D) Active
Take a morning walk with your Avalon Adventure Host to see Paris at first light.
Classic
Take a guided walking tour through the heart of Paris to see the historic Ile St. Louis, Ile de la Cite, and Notre Dame Cathedral, OR
Classic
Join a guided city tour that shows you the iconic sites of Paris, such as the Louvre Museum, the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Opera Garnier and the famous Champs Elysees.
 Stroll through Paris on your own, or linger over wine in a literary café on the Left Bank.
 Overnight docking in Paris.
- 12.11.19 Paris (Disembarkation) – Dubai**
(B)
 After breakfast this morning, you disembark the ship and are transferred to the airport for your flights home.
 Depart Paris at 2.25pm on flight EK 74, arriving in Dubai at 00.15am (13.11.19).
- 13.11.19 Dubai – Australia**
 Sydney passengers depart Dubai at 1.55am on EK 414, arriving in Sydney at 10.30pm.
 Brisbane passengers depart Dubai at 2.35am on EK 432, arriving in Brisbane at 00.50am the next day (14.11.19 – this flight goes via Singapore).
 Melbourne passengers depart Dubai at 3.00am on EK 408, arriving in Melbourne at 11.20pm.
 Perth passengers depart Dubai at 3.00am on EK 420, arriving in Perth at 5.35pm.

Note: In the event of water level problems on stretches of any river, it may be necessary to operate part of the itinerary by motorcoach



Example of upgraded cabin



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Grand France Avalon Waterways River Cruise Package

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$2000 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 14 weeks prior to departure.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

Airline Tickets - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bear no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. No visas are required for this tour if you are travelling on an Australian passport.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost - Travel insurance, visas and all items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. are not included in the cost. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for American Express.

Booking through other Agents - As we keep the cost of our tours as low as possible, there is insufficient margin for us to be able to pay commission to other travel agents, so some bookings can only be accepted if the client pays the other agent's commission.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is legally not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual.

Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Nationality: _____

Passport Nationality _____

(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single room / Twin beds / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE / PERTH

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$2000 per person.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.