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Burgundy, River Rhône & Provence

7th July 2026 - 8 days from £2049pp*

Discover historic cities, breathtaking landscapes, and iconic landmarks like Avignon's Palace of the Popes and the stunning Pont du Gard.

Exclusively Regent

- ◇ Fully escorted by a Regent Tour Manager (subject to minimum numbers)
- ◇ 7 nights Full Board on board MS Lord Byron
- ◇ Free Superior drinks package, including on board tea/coffee
- ◇ Complimentary onboard Wi-Fi
- ◇ Visit the Palace of the Popes in Avignon
- ◇ Explore the Ardèche Gorges, one of France's most outstanding natural landscapes
- ◇ Guided tours of Lyon, Arles and Avignon
- ◇ Marvel at the amazing Pont du Gard aqueduct

Cruise Itinerary

Tuesday 7th July 2026

We travel to Manchester for our flight. On arrival we are transferred to our five-star cruise ship, MS Lord Byron. The welcoming crew are at your service and you will have time to settle in and familiarise yourself with all the first-class aspects of this floating boutique hotel.

Wednesday 8th July 2026

After breakfast, we enjoy a guided tour of Lyon, one of France's most fascinating cities. The Rhône Valley had been the route of choice for marauding armies and peaceful traders for centuries, and Lyon's current site, at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône Rivers, cried out to be fortified. The old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is crammed with antique shops and intriguing traboules, narrow covered passageways enabling silk merchants to transport their wares to the river without getting wet, that today are a joy to amble through. As well as the glorious architecture, Lyon is generally acknowledged as France's gastronomic capital. This afternoon, we cruise the Saône as we catch the first glimpses of the vine-clad slopes of the hazy green Beaujolais hills, before sailing past picturesque villages.

Thursday 9th July 2026

Rising this morning, we are berthed in Chalon, gateway to Burgundy and home of Nicéphore Niépce, the inventor of photography. On this morning's tour we see some of the pretty yet surprising small villages that produce some of the world's most sublime wines. Nearby is medieval Beaune, Burgundy's wine capital, which is wonderful to wander around. At its centre is the Hospices de Beaune, also known as the Hôtel-Dieu. Originally built in the 15th century, it's a jewel of High Gothic architecture. This afternoon, relax on board as we retrace our steps back towards Lyon, where we join the river Rhône.

Friday 10th July 2026

We have arrived in Vienne, located on a narrow section of the Rhône where the river meanders dramatically around a steep bluff. Vienne is a treasure trove of historic remains, including the stunning Roman Temple of Augustus and Livia, one of the only two edifices of this type in the whole of the country. From the ship, we head to the top of the city, the Mont Pipet hill, where the view onto the Rhône will inspire keen photographers. We wander through the charming narrow streets of the old town, soaking up the history of this fascinating place. We arrive back to the ship for lunch as we sail to our next destination, Tain l'Hermitage. After dinner, perhaps take a stroll along the river and wander across the oldest suspension bridge in France to the pretty provincial town of Tournon on the opposite side of the river, with its imposing castle and tree-lined avenues.

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Saturday 11th July 2026

This morning, we cruise effortlessly downstream. In the distance, you'll catch glimpses of the Alps and, as we approach Valence, the landscape gradually becomes less green, with more ochres and magentas. The houses have sloping terracotta roofs typical of the Mediterranean and the air carries heady aromas of pine and cypress. After lunch, we explore one of France's most outstanding landscapes, the Ardèche Gorges.

Sunday 12th July 2026

Today, we arrive in Arles, where many of its historic monuments are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We embark on a guided tour, which will help you appreciate the finer points of Arles's magnificent Roman remains, including the splendid amphitheatre, one of the best preserved in the world. The artist Van Gogh lived in Arles for just over a year. It was his most prolific period and, inspired by Arles and the Provençal countryside, he produced around 300 works including Sunflowers. After lunch, we visit the amazing Pony du Gard Roman aqueduct, one of the wonders of the ancient world. We then re-join our ship and cruise along the Rhone and, during dinner, pass the imposing 15th century castle at Tarascon.

Monday 13th July 2026

We arrive in Avignon, where we go on a guided tour. Avignon is one of the most extraordinary and intriguing cities in France. The Popes' Palace is a must see, made up of two buildings that together form the largest Gothic palace in the world. After lunch, we have free time to explore this amazing city. Perhaps visit the nearby Petit Palais, the former home of the archbishops of Avignon, or find a charming café in the square to watch the world go by. This evening, we enjoy the Chef's Dinner, featuring some of their signature dishes.

Sunday 14th July 2026

Today, we transfer to the airport for our flight to Manchester with memories of an amazing cruise.

MS Lord Byron

You'll feel the unmistakable understated opulence of this extraordinary vessel as you board through the spacious, marble-floored lobby. The finesse is in the detail - beautifully crafted tropical hardwoods, wrought iron, highly polished copper and brass, all beautifully illuminated then added to soft leather furnishings and imaginative colour schemes, promotes a subtle, chic ambience of exceptional taste.

Facilities on-board include: Spa and wellness area, 24 hr self-service tea and coffee, boutique gift shop, small splash pool, lounge & bar, restaurant, free Wi-Fi and Laundry Service.

Cabins and suites feature air conditioning, hairdryer, safe, TV, telephone, bathrobes and tea/coffee making facilities. Beds can be configured as double or twin, ensuite bathroom with walk-in shower.

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Cabin Types & Fares*

*All prices are per person. Prices shown are the lead in price within category type and are correct at time of going to print.

Standard Lower Deck Cabin	£2049pp
Standard Middle Deck Cabin	£2649pp
Standard Upper Deck Cabin	£2899pp
Standard Lower Deck Cabin for Sole Use	£2562pp
Standard Middle Deck Cabin for Sole Use	£3974pp

Mobility Information

Disabled access cabins can be requested at time of booking but are not guaranteed. On all cruises you must be able to board and disembark the ship unaided, the ship cannot assist due to liability. If you require the use of a wheelchair or scooter **THIS MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE**. Unless you can safely move around the ship independently a travelling companion would be required as our tour manager cannot assist. At many ports the use of stairs or tenders may not be suitable for guests with limited mobility. It also may not be possible to participate in the programme of shore excursions.

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