

CRUISE OF 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS - REF. FAN\_XMASPP

# Christmas traditions and Santons along the canals of Provence

**AVIGNON - TARASCON - ARLES - AIGUES MORTES - Avignon**

Experiencing the pre-holiday festivities in Provence will change your perception of this celebratory time. From Avignon to Aigues-Mortes, dive into the magic of Christmas markets in Provence. Learn about traditional santons in Paradou, a charming village located at the foot of the Alpilles. And while you're in Aigues-Mortes, indulge in fougasse—a scrumptious sweet bread sold only during the Christmas season.

## CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- **EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:**
  - **Avignon** and its lights enchantment
  - **Le Paradou** and its legendary **santons**
  - **Aigues Mortes**, medieval city

## CRUISE PROGRAM (5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS)



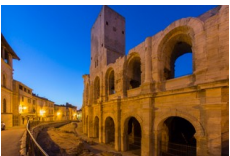
### Day 1 : AVIGNON

Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail before dinner. Enjoy a "Christmas traditions"-themed evening.



### Day 2 : AVIGNON - TARASCON

Join us for a **guided tour** of Avignon and the Papal Palace. We'll then head to the Halles market(1) to discover the regional holiday treats. After our tour, we'll return to the ship and cruise towards Tarascon. Enjoy a Christmas-themed evening on board.

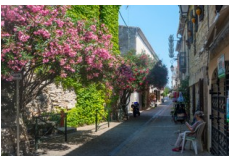


### Day 3 : TARASCON - ARLES

This morning, join us for an included excursion: **A visit to the imposing, immaculate, 15th-century Château de Tarascon.** The magnificent medieval Château de Tarascon sits on the banks of the Rhône. Built by two Dukes of Anjou in the 15th century, many consider it one of the most beautiful castles in Europe. During our tour of the château, we'll visit more than 30 rooms, discover the apothecary jars from the former city hospital, and enjoy the exceptional view of Provence and the Rhône River from the immense patio above. After our excursion, we'll return to the ship and cruise to Arles.

Included excursion this afternoon: **The International Satonniers Trade Show at the Cloître Saint-Trophime and the charming village of Le Paradou.(2)** The International Satonniers Trade Show is a must-see for anyone who loves the French santon crèche figurines. Created in 1958 by santon craftspeople who wanted to showcase their work, the trade show welcomes more than 100 exhibitors and artists each year at the beautiful Cloître Saint Trophime.(2) Afterwards, we'll continue on to the Petite Provence du Paradou, an exceptional work of santon artistry. Thousands of santon craftspeople have dedicated more than 8,000 hours of work to create a miniature Provençal village where scenes from days gone by come to life.

Enjoy a "Christmas Carols"-themed evening on board.



### Day 4 : ARLES - AIGUES-MORTES

We'll spend the morning cruising to Aigues-Mortes. This afternoon, join us for a **visit** of the city by coach. We'll finish our tour with a tasting of the traditional sweet fougasse: a delicious light, flat brioche with a subtle orange blossom flavor. Enjoy some free time to explore the town before heading back to the ship. Tonight is our festive gala evening and dinner.



### Day 5 : AIGUES-MORTES - Avignon

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. Coach transfer to Avignon. End of our services.

### **This offer includes**

Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - Drinks included on board (excluding special cards) and a drinks package for meals taken outside the ship (1/4 wine or 1 mineral water and 1 coffee per person and per meal) - double-occupancy cabin with shower in bathroom - assistance from our onboard multi-lingual host/hostess - welcome cocktail - gala dinner - the excursions mentioned in the program - transfer by coach Aigues-Mortes/Avignon on D5 - travel assistance and repatriation insurance - all port fees.

### **This offer does not include**

Cancellation and baggage insurance - personal expenses - drinks on special menus, drinks taken during excursions or transfers

### **Approaches pre and post boarding**

**Transfer** from Aigues-Mortes to Avignon on D5 **INCLUDED**.

### **Requirements**

**Valid national identity card or passport required.** Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

### **THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE**

- **All meals included - DRINKS PACKAGE INCLUDED** with meals
- Refined French cuisine - **Gala dinner and evening** - Welcome cocktail
- **Free Wi-Fi** in lounge and bar
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

## **MENTIONS**

For navigational safety reasons, the company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary. The cruise schedule may vary according to tides and arrival times at ports of call may be subject to change.

(1) The Halles in Avignon: closed on Mondays and afternoons.

(2) The trade show takes place at the Cloître Saint-Trophime or the Église des Trinitaires.

Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.