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Day 1 (Mon.) Board your overnight transatlantic flight.

Day 2 Paris, France (Embarkation). (Tue.) Welcome to Paris, France's capital on the River Seine, the "City of Light", where romance fills the air. This afternoon board your river cruise vessel and meet your crew at a WELCOME RECEPTION. (D)

Day 3 Paris. (Wed.) Paris' famous sights are living history: your included city sightseeing shows you magnificent Notre Dame Cathedral, the unique Louvre Museum with its glass pyramid as a contrast to its ancient architecture, the commemorative Arc de Triomphe, Opéra, Madeleine, Champs Elysées and the Eiffel Tower, a structural miracle of its age. The city is well known for its colorful nightlife including some of the world's most famous cabaret shows. (B,L,D)

Day 4. Paris-Conflans. (Thu.) After breakfast enjoy a relaxing morning on the Sky Deck as your ship slips its moorings and glides gently down the Seine, passing through suburban Paris. This afternoon dock at Conflans - and now the choice is yours: either join our guided excursion to Auvers-sur-Oise, the quaint little town where Vincent Van Gogh lived and died, or the guided visit to St. Germain-en-Laye, which boasts a 14th- century château with views over the Seine valley towards Paris, and whose town center has its roots in the 11th century. It is a lively market town with many boutiques and cafés in its pedestrian areas. (B,L,D)



Day 5 Vernon. (Fri.) This morning choose between a guided visit of Claude Monet's house and stunning gardens at GIVERNY, or a visit of BIZY CASTLE with its magnificent courtyard. There's still time to stroll through this delightful city on your own before your ship departs for Rouen. Relax on board this afternoon or take your pick of a number of optional excursions on offer. (B,L,D)

Day 6 Rouen. (Sat.) Rouen is the capital of Upper Normandy and an important commercial city, perhaps best known for its connection to Joan of Arc, who lived, was imprisoned and finally burnt at the stake in the market place of this town in 1431. Enjoy the guided walk through the medieval quarter with its half-timbered, glazed tile houses, and the *Gros Horloge* an intricate ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK dating back to the 16th century. The splendid gothic CATHEDRAL was once the tallest building in the world, and the subject of a series of Claude Monet's paintings. The afternoon is free for you to explore on your own, or join an optional excursion to the pretty coastal town of Honfleur, or to the busy port city of Le Havre with its contemporary architecture. (B,L,D)

Day 7 Rouen. (Sun.) Make your choice today of an included excursion to the historic Normandy landing beaches, with poignant sites such as Omaha Beach, the Pointe du Hoc monument and the American Cemetery, or a "Taste of Normandy" for a more in-depth look at this picturesque, mainly agricultural region. The most important products are dairy, apples and grain-camembert cheese is a specialty, as is "Calvados" from the area of the same name, a strong alcoholic apple brandy. Thoroughbred horses are also reared here. This afternoon we explore the Calvados region, famous for the apple brandy and cider. (B,L,D)

Day 8 Les Andelys. (Mon.) The most dramatic sight along the Seine is the imposing CHÂTEAU GAILLARD, at Les Anderlys. Built by Richard the Lionheart in 1196, the Château is truly a masterpiece of Middle Ages military architecture. Explore on your own and enjoy this last day on the Seine in this delightful small town. (B,L,D)

Day 9 Paris (Disembarkation)- Beaune - Chalon-sur-Saône (Embarkation) (Tue.) After breakfast today you bid farewell to the crew of the Avalon Creativity and head south past the forest of Fontainebleau, favorite hunting grounds of a long line of French kings, and into Burgundy. Beaune, the unofficial capital of the Côte d'Or area which produces the region's finest vintages, owes its wealth to the production, aging and selling of fine wines. Its most famous historical site the HÔTEL-DIEU charity hospital, houses Van der Weyden's painting of the *Last Judgement* and is one of France's architectural highlights. Enjoy a TASTING of Burgundy wines before continuing to Chalon-sur-Saône where you'll board the Avalon Scenery. Before dinner meet your crew at a WELCOME RECEPTION. (B,D)

Day 10 Chalon-Tournus-Mâcon. (Wed.) A guided walk after breakfast today, shows you the highlights of this quaint French town situated on the River Saône. Explore the NICÉPHORE NIÉPCE photography museum at your own pace before returning to your ship

in time for its departure for Tournus. After lunch enjoy free time in this lovely town . The cloister of St. Philibert or the folklore collection of the Burgundy Museum located in an old family mansion, are worth a visit. Later cruise to Mâcon, a city with a rich history, that plays an important role in the wine trade. A choice of optional excursions, including a visit to a wine cellar, is available. (B,L,D)

Day 11 Beaujolais Region-Lyon. (Thu.) Enjoy a leisurely morning cruising on the Rhône. Lyon is France's second largest city, and its gastronomic capital. Founded by the Romans in 43 BC, the city's prosperity dates back to the 16th century and is due to commercial, industrial and banking activities. Roman remains, many excellent museums, and much renaissance architecture delights the visitor. Survey the city from FOURVIÈRE HILL ; explore the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its maze of medieval alleyways ; Place Terraux, and the beautiful Place Bellecour. Beaujolais is the wine of the region and wine connoisseurs will know that the grapes must be hand picked. Tradition dictates that the "Beaujolais Nouveau" is tasted for the first time on the third Thursday of November each year. An optional dinner gives gourmets an insight to the local haute cuisine. (B,L,D)

Day 12 Lyon. (Fri.) A free day in this fascinating city to explore at leisure. Early risers might like to visit the local produce market. Your Cruise Director will have plenty of suggestions for things to do. (B,L,D)

Day 13 Tournon/Tain L'Hermitage-Viviers. (Sat.) The twin cities of Tournon and Tain L'Hermitage lie nestled among vineyards between the River Rhône and the granite slopes of the Hermitage. Tournon, with its imposing 16th-century castle and Roman ruins, is one of France's oldest medieval cities. Another charming town, Viviers was developed around its ROMANESQUE CATHEDRAL and the OLD TOWN has an appealing mix of Christian, Roman and medieval influences. (B,L,D)

Day 14 Avignon. (Sun.) The fortified city of Avignon is the capital of the Vaucluse region, the most picturesque part of Provence. Also referred to as the "City of Popes" it was the center of the Catholic Church in the 14th century and the city landscape is dominated by the grandiose PALACE OF THE POPES. A photo of the BRIDGE of the popular song is a must, and optional outings to Pont du Gard or to the famed wine cellars of Châteauneuf-du-Pape are available this afternoon. (B,L,D)

Day 15 Arles. (Mon.) On the northern tip of the Camargue, Arles is the capital of the Provence and was once known as the "Little Rome of Gaul". See the church of St. Trophime; 'Les Alyscamps', the remains of the Gallo-Roman burial road; and visit the ROMAN AMPHITHEATER. Vincent Van Gogh was inspired by the special light of the Provence and spent a very productive year in Arles. The "Foundation Vincent Van Gogh" is a tribute to the artist. (B,L,D)

Day 16 Arles (Disembarkation)-Côte D'Azur. (Tue.) After breakfast transfer by motorcoach along the Côte d'Azur. An afternoon stroll through Nice's narrow winding streets will acquaint you with the OLD TOWN of this sophisticated city, also known as the "Queen of the Riviera". This evening an optional excursion to Monte Carlo, in the Principality of Monaco, is available. You will spend two nights in Nice, one as a guest of Vision 2000 Travel. (B)

Day 17 Côte D'Azur. (Wed.) Day on your own to explore Nice and surrounding areas. (B)

Day 18 Your homebound flight from Nice arrives back in North America on the same day. (B)

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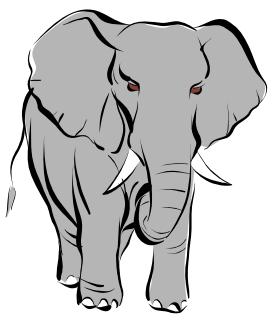
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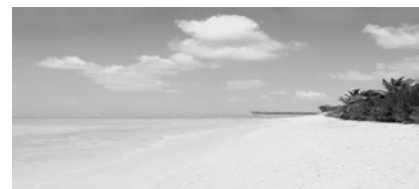
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