



FRANCE

ROYAL CLIPPER: THE FRENCH ESCAPE - PARIS, PROVENCE & THE ISLES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

 (TOUR CODE: 16650)

STARTS AND ENDS

Paris to
Nice

TRAVEL PERIODS

25 Apr 27 - 15 Aug 27

EXPERIENCE

Cruising
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

Let yourself be transported on a refined French escape, journeying through the charm of Provence to Nice on the French Riviera, before setting sail aboard the Royal Clipper to discover the unspoiled isles of Corsica and Sardinia.

Highlights

- Sail aboard the **majestic Royal Clipper**, the world's largest full-rigged ship, for seven nights of Mediterranean elegance, water sports, and unforgettable coastal views.
- Uncover the allure of **Alghero in Sardinia** and **Calvi in Corsica**, two gems of the Mediterranean.
- Explore Avignon for its historic ramparts, vibrant Old Town, and world-renowned **Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines**
- See Paris from a different perspective on a **sightseeing tour in a vintage Citroën 2CV**

Travel across France by train, beginning in **Paris** and continuing south through some of the country's most captivating regions. Rail travel allows you to sit back and enjoy ever-changing landscapes as you move between destinations, from historic cities to sun-filled **Provençal towns**.

Continue to **Nice**, the vibrant gateway to the French Riviera, where the journey seamlessly transitions from rail to sail. Here, embark on the magnificent **Royal Clipper**, one of the world's largest fully rigged sailing ships.

Over the following days, cruise across the sparkling Mediterranean, visiting the picturesque coast of **Liguria**, the rugged beauty of **Sardinia**, and the timeless charm of **Corsica**. Blending immersive land experiences with the freedom of small-ship sailing, this rail and sail journey offers a relaxed and enriching way to experience Europe at its most captivating.

INCLUSIONS

- 7 nights onboard Royal Clipper in an inside stateroom
- 1 nights in Paris at Victor Hugo - 4* or similar
- 2 nights in Avignon at Grand Hotel - 4* o similar
- 2 nights in Aix-en-Provence at Hotel Aquabella - 4* or similar
- 1 night in Nice at Hotel Aston La Scala - 4* or similar
- Arrival and departure transfers as per itinerary
- Train transfers from Paris to Avignon; Avignon to Aix-en-Provence; Aix-en-Provence to Nice
- Daily Buffet Breakfast
- All meals on Royal Clipper: breakfast, lunch (buffet-style) and evening multi-course dinners
- Onboard entertainment: live music, themed evenings, enrichment talks, piano bar, and casual performance spaces
- Water sports access: marina platform for windsurfing, water-skiing, kayaking, snorkelling
- Private sightseeing (2 hours) of Paris with English-speaking driver
- Paris Cruise on the Seine River
- Half-day small-group wine tour in Chateauneuf du Pape with wine-tasting in two cellars
- Private Walking Tour of Aix-en-Provence
- Full-day small-group visit to Luberon Villages
- Port charges and Gratuities for the Royal Clipper are included

ITINERARY

Day

1

Paris

Welcome to Paris! Upon arrival, meet your driver at the airport and private transfer to your hotel.

To start your journey, you will experience a **Unique Sightseeing Tour in a Citroen 2CV Vintage car.**

In the evening, enjoy a romantic **Seine River Cruise.**

Overnight stay in Paris at **Victor Hugo** or similar.



Day

2

Paris Avignon

After breakfast, transfer to the train station to board your TGV train from Paris to Avignon, where you will be met and escorted to your hotel in the centre of Avignon.

Overnight stay in Avignon at **Grand Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **3** Avignon Chateauneuf du Pape Avignon

After breakfast, you will escape the city to drive along scenic roads through the **vineyard of Chateauneuf du Pape** with your Small-Group Regular Half-day Wine Tour.

From the ruins of the Pope's summer residence, enjoy a panoramic view over the Rhône River valley and the hill ranges surrounding the village. During the day, you will visit 2 family-based wineries and enjoy wine-tasting. Afternoon at leisure.

Overnight stay in Avignon at **Grand Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **4**

Avignon Aix-en-Provence

Check out after breakfast and take a private transfer to the train station.

Board your TGV train to Aix en Provence, where a representative will escort you to your hotel. Then, meet your local guide at the hotel lobby and proceed for a **Private Walking Tour of Aix-en-Provence**. Explore the icons of the city centre, with a private local guide and a walking tour around the main areas and corners of the city.

Overnight stay in Aix-en-Provence at **Hotel Aquabella** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **5**

Aix-en-Provence

After breakfast, meet your local guide in the hotel lobby and set off on a small-group journey through the Luberon. Discover the charms of Provence as you explore its enchanting hilltop villages—such as Lourmarin, Gordes, and the serene Sénanque Abbey, or the colourful village of Roussillon—where you'll truly experience the authentic spirit of Provence.

Overnight stay in Aix-en-Provence at **Hotel Aquabella** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 6 Aix-en-Provence Nice

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and make your way to **Aix-en-Provence train station** for your rail journey to **Nice-Ville**.

On arrival in Nice, settle into your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. The city is easy to explore on foot, making it ideal for a relaxed introduction to the French Riviera.

You may wish to stroll along the **Promenade des Anglais**, taking in the sparkling views of the Baie des Anges, wander through **Vieux Nice (Old Town)**, discovering lively streets, Cours Saleya and Place Rossetti or walk up to **Castle Hill (Colline du Château)** for sweeping panoramic views over the city and coastline.

Overnight stay in Nice at **Hotel Aston La Scala** or similar.

Breakfast

Day 7 Nice | Royal Clipper

Buffet breakfast at the hotel before check-out and transfer to the port.

Begin your unforgettable adventure as you embark aboard the majestic **Royal Clipper**. Settle into your cosy inside stateroom, an inviting retreat with a queen bed, marble bathroom, and all the comforts you need for a relaxing start to your sailing journey.

Overnight onboard **Royal Clipper** in an inside stateroom.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **8- 13** Royal Clipper Route

Nice-Nice > Corsica & French Riviera				
Day	2027	7 Nights - Nice to Nice	Arrive	Depart
Sat	Nice, France			10:00 PM
Sun	Portofino, Italy		12:00 PM	6:00 PM
Mon	Propriano - Corsica, France		12:00 PM	7:00 PM
Tue	Alghero - Sardinia, Italy		9:00 AM	6:00 PM
Wed	Calvi - Corsica, France		9:00 AM	5:00 PM
Thu	Sanary-sur-Mer, France		10:00 AM	6:00 PM
Fri	St. Tropez (port), France		12:00 PM	11:45 PM
Sat	Nice, France		7:00 AM	
2027 Sailings: April 24				

Please note that the itinerary and routing will differ on the following 2027 sailings: **01 & 15 May 2027**. See important notes for more details.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day **14** Nice Port

You'll arrive in Nice around 7:00 AM and disembark after breakfast.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

Please note that the routing on Royal Clipper will differ on the following 2027 sailings: **1 and 15 May, as per below:**

Ligurian Sea				
Day	2027	7 Nights - Nice to Nice	Arrive	Depart
Sat	1-May-27	Nice, France		10:00 PM
Sun	2-May-27	Porto Venere, Italy	12:00 PM	10:00 PM
Mon	3-May-27	Portoferraio - Elba, Italy	9:00 AM	6:00 PM
Tue	4-May-27	Bonifacio - Corsica, France	10:00 AM	10:00 PM
Wed	5-May-27	Alghero - Sardinia, Italy	10:00 AM	5:00 PM
Thu	6-May-27	Ajaccio - Corsica, France	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
Fri	7-May-27	Menton, France	8:00 AM	11:00 PM
Sat	8-May-27	Nice, France	7:00 AM	
2027 Sailings: 01 May 27				

Ligurian Sea & Monaco E-Prix				
Day	2027	7 Nights - Nice to Nice	Arrive	Depart
Sat	15-May-27	Nice, France		10:00 PM
Sun	16-May-27	Fontvieille, Monaco (E-Prix not F1 race)	8:00 AM	11:00 PM
Mon	17-May-27	Porto Venere, Italy	12:00 PM	10:00 PM
Tue	18-May-27	Portoferraio - Elba, Italy	9:00 AM	6:00 PM
Wed	19-May-27	Sant'Amanza - Corsica, France	8:30 AM	12:30 PM
Wed	19-May-27	Bonifacio - Corsica, France	3:00 PM	10:00 PM
Thu	20-May-27	Porticcio Beach - Corsica, France	9:00 AM	12:00 PM
Thu	20-May-27	Ajaccio - Corsica, France	2:00 PM	6:30 PM
Fri	21-May-27	Calvi - Corsica, France	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
Sat	22-May-27	Nice, France	7:00 AM	
2027 Sailings: 15 May 27				

- **Advertised FROM prices apply to low-season travel periods only** and are subject to availability at the time of booking.

- **Prices vary by travel date, room type, length of stay and demand**, with higher rates applying during shoulder and peak periods, including school holidays and blackout dates.

- **FROM prices may not be available on all departures** and are indicative only.

- **International flights, where included, are based on lead-in fares** and are subject to limited availability. Actual airfares may vary depending on travel dates, seat availability and airline policies.

- **Any airfare differences from the advertised package price will be advised prior to booking**, and additional charges may apply for flight upgrades or changes.

- **Additional charges may apply**, including peak-season surcharges, festive period supplements, mandatory resort dinners, upgrades and optional experiences.

- **Final pricing, inclusions and promotions are confirmed at the time of enquiry or booking** and are subject to availability and change without notice.

- **Indicative pricing shown** for advertising purposes only.

Excluded

- **Domestic airfares and taxes**, unless expressly stated in your holiday package

- **Visa costs**, including application, processing and issuance fees

- **Local city, tourist or accommodation taxes**, where applicable, payable locally

- **Meals not specifically listed as included**, including mandatory festive or special-event dinners

- **Travel insurance and personal expenses**, including mini-bar, laundry, telephone calls and similar incidentals
- **Tips and gratuities** to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff
- **Any other services or expenses not expressly included** in the holiday package