

28-night river cruise • 28 wine events • experience wines from 6 wine regions with world renowned wine experts – One Epic Wine Journey...

Grand France Wine Cruise

April 20 – May 18, 2023



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World Renowned Wine Experts

Our wine hosts elevate the wine tasting experience with knowledge, insight, and perspective. Imagine the expertise of **five experts** who will lead us in the wine seminars, guide us through the wine paired dinners and join us as we explore the wines of the regions ashore! Expedia Cruises - Wine Club Cruises has created this exclusive Grand Wine Cruise for the wine enthusiast seeking the ultimate wine cruise experience.



Paul Wagner, Paul is a world-renowned wine educator who has spoken at more than eighty international conferences and lectured numerous universities on the history, culture, and marketing of wine. His personable approach and memorable stories make him one of our guests' favorite wine hosts.



Ray Isle is the Executive Wine Editor of Food & Wine and the Wine & Spirits Editor for both Travel + Leisure and Departures. He has been nominated twice for a James Beard Award, has twice won the IACP Award for Narrative Beverage Writing, and his work appears in The Best Food Writing 2017. He has appeared on programs such as Today, CNBC's On the Money & Squawk Box, NPR's "All Things Considered," and American Public Media's "Splendid Table."



James Tidwell, MS, is a Certified Wine Educator from the Society of Wine Educators, a Certified Tea Specialist from the Specialty Tea Institute, and a Certified Sake Professional from the Sake Education Council. He is a consultant at the Four Seasons Hotel and Resorts in Las Colinas, TX and is the co-owner and founder of the TEXSOM Conference, co-founder and producer of the TEXSOM International Wine Awards, and the Regional Chair for the USA and Central America for the Decanter World Wine Awards.



Scott Harper, MS, is a managing partner at the Bristol Grille group, an Executive Bourbon Steward and a Member of the Stave and Thief Society. He is a recipient of the Banfi Award from the Society of Wine Educators. Harper teaches wine and spirit courses through the continuing education program at Bellarmine University, and he has written for *Sophisticated Living* and *Food & Dining*.



Sara Schneider is a wine, food, and general lifestyle editor and writer of 25 years. Schneider serves as Robb Report's consulting wine and spirits editor. Previously, Schneider was *Sunset Magazine's* wine editor. She has been nominated for multiple James Beard and IACP journalism awards and holds the Academy of Wine Communication's Certificate for Excellence in Wine Writing.

For full bios on all our wine experts, please see our website: winecruisegroup.com

A wine experience like no other-

28 unique wine events explore the rich and diverse wine regions of France. Sip and savor on your wine journey through **12 exclusive wine paired dinners** and **12 wine seminars!** Your wine adventures will continue ashore on **20 wine themed shore excursions!**

12 Regionally Inspired Wine Seminars

In addition to experiencing the wines of the regions we visit, including Bordeaux, Burgundy and the Rhône Valley, our wine experts will lead us through wine seminars on other great regions including Alsace, Champagne, and the Loire Valley.



12 Wine Paired Dinners

Our wine experts are working directly with the award-winning culinary team at AmaWaterways to highlight the wines of the regions with the locally sourced farm to table delicacies.

20 Wine Themed Shore Excursions

On a river cruise, you don't just pass through a destination — you experience it with all your senses. Visit the Châteaux in Bordeaux, wander the vineyards of Saint-Émilion and Beaujolais, explore the food markets and become fully enveloped in the regional wine and culinary offerings. The past, present and future of French wine will come to life as you visit the cellars, people, and culture of these regions, including the remarkable Cité du Vin! AmaWaterways included excursions provide options and enticements for every palate.



Grand France Wine Cruise

Enjoy a seamless experience aboard 3 ships! Our *Epic Journey* begins in Bordeaux exploring the Garonne, and Dordogne rivers and the Gironde Estuary. What better way to begin this grand journey than to taste the wines and tour the châteaux! From Bordeaux, enjoy the included high-speed train to Paris (your luggage will travel separately) where we set sail on the Seine river that concludes with an illumination dinner in view of the Eiffel Tower in Paris! Then the TGV train and coach whisk us to Dijon and Chalon-sur-Saône to explore the Burgundy region on the Saône river and down to the famed Rhône region. All transfers and portorage are included! Enjoy the diversity and rich history of each region including the Esplanade de Quinconces in Bordeaux, the beaches of Normandy from the Seine, and the Roman aqueducts and amphitheataters of the Rhône.

Itinerary

DAY	DESTINATION
1	Bordeaux
2	Bordeaux / Libourne
3	Libourne / Blaye
4	Blaye / Bourg
5	Pauillac
6	Cadillac
7	Bordeaux
8	Bordeaux to Paris
9	Les Andelys
10	Le Havre
11	Le Havre / Caudebec-en-Caux
12	Rouen
13	Vernon
14	Paris
15	Paris to Chalon-Sur-Saône
16	Chalon-Sur-Saône / St. Jean- Dijon
17	St. Jean- Dijon / Tournus
18	Villefranche-sur-Saône / Lyon
19	Lyon
20	Lyon / Tournon
21	Arles
22	Avignon
23	Viviers
24	Valence
25	Vienne
26	Mâcon
27	Seurre - Beaune
28	Chalon-Sur-Saône
29	Chalon-Sur-Saône



Grand France Exclusive inclusions:

- Exclusive Wine Program featuring wine dinners, seminars, tastings, and expert wine hosts
- Complimentary gratuities both on board and during shore excursions
- Transfers between ships with portering services (Trains, coaches)
- Small group excursions with a variety of choices each day, including unique, and elevated, tours designed exclusively for the Grand France Wine Cruise
- Exclusive experiences designed for Grand France guests
- Unlimited complimentary wine and beer with lunch and dinner (even bubbles with breakfast)
- Complimentary laundry throughout your river journey (one bag per week)
- Additional surprises and delights
- Sip & Sail cocktail hour
- Exclusive receptions
- Award winning cuisine in multiple venues
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access onboard
- Professionally trained Wellness Host and classes
- Audiovox headsets for tours and sightseeing
- One Cruise Manager throughout the voyage
- Regional entertainment
- Award winning service from personable and professional crew





Grand France aboard 3 sister ships • AmaDolce • AmaLyra • AmaCello
Enjoy the same stateroom number throughout your voyage!

Three AmaWaterways sister-ships, Ama Dolce, AmaLyra and AmaCello will be your home for 28 nights. Distinctly selected to provide the same stateroom throughout, these award-winning ships are known for the intimacy, comfort, and elegance we associate with a Grand France experience. The glorious Sun Deck offers a soothing whirlpool, giant chess set and recliners from which to drink up the extraordinary scenery. Inside, enticing aromas waft from the beautiful Main Restaurant and The Chef’s Table specialty restaurant, each previewing a masterfully plated dish created by an expert chef using fresh, locally sourced ingredients. After just one bite, you’ll understand why the AmaWaterways ships, were inducted into the internationally renowned culinary society known as La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs! Keeping with the French theme, most staterooms feature a French balcony as well as amenities that include Entertainment-On-Demand, climate-controlled air conditioning and an in-room safe. A fitness room, sauna and massage room are also available for your enjoyment on board these incredible river ships.



Reservations and more information:

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