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BOUTIQUE RIVER CRUISES

Burgundy & Provence



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COUNTRY

Cruise the Rhône and Saône rivers, enjoying the region's incomparable wine and cuisine and discovering its many treasures. Stroll the very streets of Arles made famous by Van Gogh. Visit Avignon's majestic Palace of the Popes. Experience "Village Day" in enchanting Viviers. And for those who wish for a more active exploration of the area, you can hike the vineyards of the Rhône and pedal through Lyon, a city designed with bike riders in mind. Explore unforgettable "Burgundy & Provence" where tradition is as deeply rooted as the historic grapevines on the hills.



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Arles to Lyon

Day 1: Arles (Embark)



Arrive at the Marseille Airport. If you have arranged a Uniworld arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship docked in Arles.

Day 2: Arles



Explore a sun-drenched Provençal town today with an allure all its own. Known for its remarkable Roman ruins, Arles so inspired Van Gogh that he painted some 200 paintings there. Arles has existed since the sixth century BC, when the ancient Greeks founded it and named it Theline. It was here that the Romans built their first bridge across the Rhône River, creating a vital overland route between Italy and Spain.

Featured excursions included in your journey

Arles Walking Tour

Van Gogh paid tribute to Arles' atmospheric beauty in some 200 paintings, including *Starry Night Over the Rhône*. It's an ancient city boasting a remarkable collection of Roman ruins; among them are a theater where the famous Venus of Arles—on display in the Louvre—was discovered in 1651 and an amphitheater that is still used for sporting events. Join a local expert for a stroll through this district, where medieval houses crowd in among the ancient structures and the city gates date to the 13th century. Pause before the town hall, built with stone quarried from the Roman theater, and the Romanesque St. Trophime Church, which was erected in the 12th century. It replaced the church where St. Augustine, the man who converted the inhabitants of England to Christianity, was consecrated by the first archbishop of Canterbury. Walk in Van Gogh's footsteps past the cheery yellow Café de Nuit, still open and still the same shade of yellow it was when he painted it. During your free time after the tour, you can peruse the local shops, go olive tasting or delve further into Arles' stunning collection of architectural treasures.

Van Gogh Painting Class

Create your own masterpiece in the very town that inspired Vincent Van Gogh. Van Gogh moved from Paris to Arles in 1880, seeking warmer weather and the vibrant colors of southern France. He found much inspiration in the city, capturing iconic scenes in the town as well as the surrounding countryside—including *Starry Night over the Rhône*, *Café Terrace at Night*, and many more. In this painting class designed for young artists, explore Van Gogh's expressive painting style through color and texture. Local artists from the art association La Couverture Verte will lead a step-by-step class to create your own Van-Gogh-inspired painting to take home. Learn about the artist's life and artistic style in a playful way while experimenting with your own bold brushstrokes and vibrant colors.

Day 3: Avignon



The walled city of Avignon is one of the most fascinating towns in southern France, with a host of historic gems to explore—including the fortress residence of rebellious popes who broke from Rome and once lived and ruled here. You'll see the Palace of the Popes and much more today, or have the chance to visit a 2,000-year-old Roman aqueduct.

Select your choice of these carefully curated excursions, which operate at the same time.

Avignon Walking Tour with Palace of the Popes

It's hard to believe, looking at the charming cafés and entertaining street performers in the Clock Tower Square, that this lively scene owes its existence to a 15th-century siege. This area was the heart of medieval Avignon (and the site of the original Roman town), crowded with cottages and narrow streets—until a pope had it all demolished in order to give his troops a clearer field of fire. That is Avignon in a nutshell: It was the city of the popes. The Avignon popes built the ramparts that still surround the Old Town and the huge, nearly impregnable fortress that dominates the UNESCO-designated district; in fact, the city did not officially become part of France until 1791. Stand below the high, thick walls to get a sense of just how daunting these fortifications were, then prepare to climb many steps as you tour the Palace of the Popes itself—it's worth it!

Let's Go: Kayak to Roman Ruins

Paddle the waters of the Gardon River, spotting wildlife and taking in the natural landscapes of southern France as you go. Plan to get wet on this scenic journey to a marvel of Roman architecture: the Pont du Gard. This tri-level aqueduct bridge was constructed in the 1st century AD to supply water to the city of Nîmes. Considered a feat of engineering in its time, the Pont du Gard remains significant today for how well the three tiers of limestone arches have stood the test of time. Admire the towering, UNESCO-designated Roman structure from a unique perspective aboard your kayak.

Let's Go: Biking Avignon

Pont du Gard Roman Aqueduct Visit

In the middle of the first century, Roman engineers responded to Nîmes's need for water to fill its baths, fountains, and pools by building a 30-mile-long aqueduct from Uzès to Nîmes—which required transporting Uzès springwater over the River Gardon. A thousand workers quarried 50,000 tons of soft golden limestone and used it to construct—without mortar—the magnificent tri-level bridge that still spans the river. An expert guide will explain the techniques used to build this engineering marvel, which has withstood 2,000 years of floods and storms that swept away much newer bridges. You can see notations those ancient Romans made in the stones as they cut and fitted them into place when you view the bridge itself, and you can learn about the entire project at the museum. The UNESCO World Heritage Site is as beautiful as it is fascinating.

Day 4: Viviers, Tain l' Hermitage



An enchanting village where time seems to have stopped centuries ago, Viviers has a long and storied past that goes back more than 1,600 years—and a splendid architectural heritage to match. At one time, Viviers was divided along religious lines—the clergy lived in the upper part of the town, the laity in the lower part. Your exploration of the town will take you through both parts, as you begin at the crest and make your way to the riverbank.

Featured excursions included in your journey

Village Day: Ardèche

Sycamores line some of Viviers' stone-paved streets (planted, so they say, to provide shade for Napoleon's soldiers), and houses here bear the watermarks of floods over the years. A local expert will show you the fountain squares in the Old Town, which combines Roman and medieval influences, and cobblestone lanes so narrow you can stand in the middle and touch the medieval houses on either side. Viviers climbs a hill crowned by 12th-century St. Vincent's Cathedral. View the smallest cathedral in France before you meet some of the local residents. You might choose to learn how a local potter makes the attractive wares sold at Poterie; step into a villager's home; or sample the wares at a popular bar. Don't feel that you must opt for the bar if you'd like a little refreshment; all visits include an aperitif. On your way back to the ship, stop to try your hand at a game of *pétanque*, which is akin to horseshoes, only it's played with steel balls.

Nights Out: Private Concert

Day 5: Tain-l'Hermitage (Tournon)

If you love fine wine, you'll love the twin villages of Tournon and Tain-l'Hermitage. Tournon may be a small town, but stirring events took place here: A castle was raised on the hilltop in the 10th century to protect the region, and new fortifications were added over the centuries, including two "new" towers built to defend against Protestant attacks in the 16th century. You'll see the handsome houses constructed by wealthy merchants and garrison officers when you walk through the Rue de Doux area, and you'll pass the 14th-century church and the oldest secondary school in France.

Select your choice of these carefully curated excursions, which operate at the same time.

Tournon and Tain-l'Hermitage Twin Villages Stroll with Wine Tasting

Nestled on opposite sides of the river in the heart of the Côtes du Rhône, the twin cities of Tournon and Tain-l'Hermitage are an ideal destination for connoisseurs of fine wine.

Cross the pretty flower-decked Marc Seguin suspension bridge to Tain-l'Hermitage to visit local wine cellars, where you'll taste the region's famous Côtes du Rhône, Saint-Joseph, and Crozes-Hermitage wines. These wines are produced from the Syrah grapes that grow on the steep slopes lining the river. After your wine tasting, you'll have time to browse through the shops; the Valrhona chocolate factory is always a popular stop.

Let's Go: Hermitage Terrace Vineyards Hike with Wine Tasting

Are you ready to explore the steepest vineyards on the Rhône? The vines producing the world-famous Hermitage wines grow on precipitous slopes above the river, so steep that terracing is essential. Hike along the paths that parallel the rough courses of stone through the vineyards, each one situated to catch the afternoon sun. After you've seen how the grapes—primarily Syrah—are grown, taste the fruit that has been transformed by the vintners' craft into legendary wine.

Valrhona Chocolate Workshop

Calling all chocolate lovers! Sink your teeth into a world of chocolate with one of France's most iconic chocolate makers, Valrhona. Fun fact: the brand's name comes from the very region through which we are sailing—the Vallée du Rhône (Rhône Valley). First founded in 1922, Valrhona has been perfecting the art of chocolate making for over 100 years! Our sweet experience today will take place at their discovery center, the Cité du Chocolat, where Valrhona shares their passion for chocolate with all generations. Led by one of their expert chocolatiers, you will create your very own selection of treats in a chocolate workshop. The best part—sampling your work of course!

Day 6: Lyon



Ancient Lyon is a city of tantalizing contrasts, from Roman roots to stunning modern architecture and plenty of Renaissance flair in between. There's much to explore here, from the city's bike paths to the silk weavers' secret passageways. While you're in town, you might like to have lunch on your own at one of the many traditional bouchons that proliferate in the epicenter of French gastronomy.

Select your choice of these carefully curated excursions, which operate at the same time.

Lyon Panoramic Tour with Traboules Visit

You'll fall in love with Lyon today as you take in the view from the top of Fourvière Hill, where a magnificent cathedral rises above the city. Take in the view below, noting the splendid façades of Renaissance houses. You'll get a sense of how the city developed, growing from Roman roots to encompass the peninsula and the eastern bank of the Rhône, before you ride through the streets to the riverbanks and discover les traboules, the city's old passageways in Lyon's historic quarter.

You may want to stroll along the quays back to the ship or opt for lunch in one of the traditional bouchons. They serve hearty meat-based dishes, but *quenelles*—luscious dumplings—and a seasoned cream cheese called *cervelle de canut* are longtime local favorites too.

Silk Weavers Walking Tour

Lyon's history is entwined with silk, which dominated the city's economy for centuries—at one time, almost a third of the city's population were silk weavers. Jump on a tram and head into the historic Saint-Jean Quarter, part of the UNESCO-honored Old Town, where we'll visit a shop keeping Lyon's long tradition of weaving alive. Observe up-close as expert weavers thread strands of silk and gold into gorgeous patterns, designed to adorn couturiers and castle walls—the shop has even been commissioned to join the Versailles restoration project! The creation of such beautiful fabrics by hand is an incredibly strenuous task—in the past, a weaver could spend as much as 30 years of their life to decorate a single palace room. If it weren't for this workshop in Lyon, the tradition may have been long forgotten, replaced completely by modern techniques.

Next, we'll walk through the historic quarter to some of the traboules, the old passageways that snake between and through buildings, secret shortcuts that silk weavers took to keep their delicate fabrics out of the rain.

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Let's Go: Lyon Peninsula Bike Tour

Get out and about with a bike ride along the river. Lyon boasts a thriving bike-rental scene, which tells you just how popular this mode of transportation is—you will definitely have two-wheeled company as you pedal along the banks of the Rhône on a sunny day. Your route takes you over the new Raymond Barre Bridge, past the spectacular new Museum of Confluences (so named because it sits at the confluence of the Rhône and the Saône) and along the peninsula, a strip of land with the Saône on one side and the Rhône on the other. Here, houseboats tie up along the banks, swans float on the water, and locals take advantage of the lovely park like setting. You'll also have a great view of the Old Town on the other side of the river. This outing gives you a little taste of what it is like to live in Lyon, as well as a little exercise.

Lyon & the Cinema Museum

Take in the beautiful and ancient city of Lyon on a panoramic drive through the city. You'll catch breathtaking views at Lyon's highest point, Fourvière Hill, and head deeper into the city to see how it developed from a Roman capital to a laid-back French hub of architecture, cuisine, and art. Next, we'll hop off the coach and explore the oldest part of the city on foot, strolling past the façades of Renaissance houses and hidden passageways called *traboules*. In one of these Renaissance buildings, you will find the Musée Cinéma et Miniature (the Cinema and Miniature Museum). If you like movies, you won't want to miss this museum! Head inside to discover a collection of more than 1,000 authentic film objects, including costumes and props from films including *Star Wars*, *James Bond*, *Jurassic Park*, and the *Marvel Cinematic Universe*. Alternatively, opt to explore the top floor of the museum, where the world's largest collection of hyper-realistic miniature scenes awaits.

Day 7: Mâcon (Beaune)



The pace of life is decidedly more relaxed in Burgundy, where endless rows of grapes hang heavy on the vine. The capital of the region's wine trade, Beaune is renowned for its history, beauty, and highly prized wine, as well as its medieval-era hospital—the Hospices de Beaune.

Featured excursions included in your journey

Burgundy Landscapes, Beaune, and the Hospices

Beaune may not be a large town, but it brims with history, a wealth of splendid regional architecture and incredible food. Nestled inside medieval ramparts, Beaune was the seat of the warlike dukes of Burgundy until the 16th century. It is best known for two magnificent sights: the Hospices de Beaune and the open-air market.

You'll recognize the Hospices de Beaune (also known as Hôtel-Dieu) immediately by its fabulous multicolored-tile roof—it's a symbol of Burgundy. Founded as a charitable institution by the duke's chancellor in 1443, the hospital became a model for charitable giving in southern France, one with a unique fundraising tradition that continues to this day. Over the centuries, the hospice monks were given wine and vineyards, and they began selling the wine at auction in order to support their charitable work. The wine auction is now world-famous, and the institution remains a working hospital for the poor, with modern facilities standing alongside the historic Hôtel-Dieu. After seeing Hôtel-Dieu, check out the farmers' market, which spills from street to street in the Old Town. Cheeses, fruits, vegetables, local sausages, breads—all are on colorful display here. Browse and assemble your own picnic lunch or take advantage of one of the many delightful sidewalk cafés for lunch.

Note: The open-air farmers' market visit will take place in Arles on the reverse direction cruise (Lyon to Arles).

Note: Today's lunch will be on your own.

Secrets of Burgundy Scavenger Hunt

Embark on a playful adventure among the cobblestone streets and postcard-worthy architecture of the fortified town of Beaune. Discover secrets of the famed Burgundy region on a scavenger hunt, during which you'll be walking in the footsteps of the ancient Romans and the Dukes of Burgundy. Explorers of all ages will uncover hidden gems, solve riddles, and learn fascinating stories about Beaune's rich history and culture during this family-friendly activity.

Day 8: Lyon (Disembark)



Disembark the ship. If you have arranged a Uniworld departure transfer, you will be transferred to Lyon-Saint Exupéry Airport for your flight home. Alternatively, you can continue your adventure with an extension to Paris.

Optional Extensions

PRE-CRUISE EXTENSION

Mediterranean Cassis Pre-Cruise Extension

Start or end your Uniworld experience with a three-day adventure to Cassis, the “jewel of the water’s edge.” Sunny, scenic, and situated right on the Mediterranean coast, this beautiful fishing port is the ultimate Provençal getaway.

Included in your 3-day stay:

- 2 nights at the Hotel les Roches Blanches (or similar)
- Breakfast daily, 1 dinner
- All service charges, taxes, and portorage
- Cassis walking tour
- Vineyard tour with wine tasting
- English-speaking expert

Day to Day:

2027 Mediterranean Cassis Pre-Cruise/Tour Day to Day Overview ([click here for details](#))

Day 1: Cassis

If you have arranged a Uniworld arrival transfer, you will be greeted at the airport by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the seaside Hôtel Les Roches Blanches, a Belle Époque mansion that was transformed into a 5-star hotel. There you will check in, drop off your bags and, if you wish, go out and explore the city on your own. Your hotel is a nice 20-minute stroll from the town center, and your Uniworld local host can offer suggestions for your leisure time. This evening, dinner is included at your hotel.

Day 2: Cassis

FEATURED EXCURSION: Cassis Walking Tour

Today after breakfast you will embark on a walking tour in the city center of Cassis to take in the history and natural beauty that this small village has to offer. Your guide will offer interesting anecdotes about points of interest along the way, providing backstory as you admire mansion facades, hidden alleyways, charming squares, and more.

FEATURED EXCURSION: Vineyard Tour with Wine Tasting Visit

Unlike the majority of Provence, the Cassis AOC is comprised predominantly of white wine grapes, which grow exceptionally well on the limestone soil. The wines produced here are typically on the dry side, full bodied and low acidity. Some have herbal notes, or even a pleasant salinity that captures the sea breeze coming off the Mediterranean coastline. Visit a local vineyard today to try a selection of the wines produced here.

Day 3: Cassis

Today after breakfast you will transfer from the hotel in Cassis to the ship in Arles to begin your cruise.

Extensions may not be offered on all departure dates—please check with our Reservations team for availability.

POST-CRUISE EXTENSION

Paris: City of Light Post-Cruise Extension

No visit to France would be complete without seeing the city that is widely regarded as the most beautiful in the world—Paris. Nothing compares to the charm of its neighborhoods, the grandeur of its awe-inspiring architecture and monuments, or the cosmopolitan elegance of its boulevards. Delve into the delights this magnificent city has to offer, with easy access from the centrally located Hôtel Napoléon. This chic, 5-star stay is just a leisurely stroll away from the Champs-Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe.

Included in your 3-day stay:

- 2 nights at the Hôtel Napoléon (or similar)
- Breakfast daily
- All service charges, taxes, and portorage
- Opera Garnier Discovery Walk
- English-speaking expert

Day to Day:

[2027 Paris Post-Cruise Day to Day Overview \(click here for details\)](#)

Day 1: Paris

You'll disembark and travel aboard a TGV train bound for the dazzling city of Paris, riding at high speed through the serene French countryside. Once you reach the hotel, you will be greeted by your local host, who will show you the neighborhood. The rest of the day is yours to do with as you wish. Unwind at the hotel or go out and explore the city. There are so many fabulous things to see and do in Paris; your host can offer suggestions to help you make the best use of your time. You might visit Montmartre to watch the artists working in the Place du Tertre or go for a stroll down the famed Champs-Élysées.

Day 2: Paris

FEATURED EXCURSION: *Opera Garnier Discovery Walk*

Put on comfortable walking shoes and plan to spend a couple of hours strolling through the geographical heart of Paris. Your first stop: the Jacquemart-André Museum. Steps away from the Champs-Élysées, this museum is home to the city's premier private collection of fine art. Step inside to find yourself face-to-face with originals by Botticelli, Rembrandt, and many more.

From there, we'll continue our walk to the Opéra de Paris Garnier, also known as Palais Garnier. Work on this extravagant opera house began in 1865 and continued for 15 trouble-filled years,

which included the discovery of an underground lake beneath the construction site. It's still there, incidentally—confined to an enormous cistern where carp swim and rescue divers train. Your guide will take you inside to explore this glorious tribute to Second Empire opulence, complete with dazzling chandeliers, red-velvet wall coverings and draperies, gold-leafed cherubs, marble friezes, and a spectacular 20th-century ceiling by Marc Chagall.

Then head out through the 8th arrondissement, exploring the wide avenues and arcades designed by Baron Haussmann when he modernized Paris between 1852 and 1870. See the Palais-Royal, which now houses government offices but still boasts a lovely garden, and La Comédie-Française, the only state theater to have its own troupe, before you loop back toward your hotel, passing the National Library and the Paris Bourse.

Note: Occasionally, the Opera Garnier will not be available for this extension. On such occasions, an alternative experience will be arranged, such as a visit to the Musee d'Orsay or a walking tour of Paris' popular Le Marais district.

Day 3: Paris

You have sampled exquisite culinary delights and experienced the best of Paris' legendary sights. Now it's time to check out of the hotel. If you have arranged a Uniworld departure transfer, you will be transferred to Paris Charles de Gaulle International Airport for your trip home. Your Uniworld adventure may be over, but we know you'll enjoy the memories you've made for years to come.

Note: Post-Cruise Extension is available on select departures of Burgundy & Provence (Arles to Lyon direction only).

Extensions may not be offered on all departure dates—please check with our Reservations team for availability.

POST-CRUISE EXTENSION

Athens Post-Cruise Extension

A trip to delight any Classicist, culinary enthusiast, or simply the culturally curious, this 4-day stay in Athens offers a brief and wonderful taste of Greece's famous capital city. Your luxury hotel in a sought-after area of Athens will be the perfect jumping point for the exciting experiences we have planned for you, including dinner with a local in their home, a trip up to the Parthenon, and a foodie tour of popular Greek treats.

Note: Included flights may be as early as 6:00am and/or have a connecting flight.

Included in your 4-day stay:

- 3 nights at the Athens Capital Hotel (or similar)
- Breakfast daily, 1 dinner
- All service charges, taxes, and portorage
- Home-Hosted Dinner

- Highlights of Athens City Tour
- Taste of Greece Walking Tour
- Flights to Athens
- Services of a local guide

Day to Day:

2027 Athens Post-Cruise/Tour Day to Day Overview ([click here for details](#))

Day 1: Athens

FEATURED EXCURSION: *Home-Hosted Dinner*

Once you have collected your luggage and exited the baggage claim area, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the hotel. There you will check in, drop off your bags, and, if you wish, go out and explore the city on your own. Your Uniworld local host can offer suggestions for your leisure time. Athens, the capital of Greece, boasts a plethora of excellent museums and galleries, historical cobbled streets, tavernas and cafes, and colorful shops and street vendors, all on your doorstep.

In the evening, you will be transferred to a local home to experience some famous Greek hospitality—locally known as *philoxenia*—whilst dining on traditional dishes and learning of life in Athens from your wonderful host.

Day 2: Athens

FEATURED EXCURSION: *Highlights of Athens City Tour*

After enjoying a wonderful breakfast at your hotel, meet your driver and expert guide and depart to explore Athens and its iconic monuments. Today's experience includes an abundance of highlights: stop at the Panathinaikos stadium used to host the first modern Olympic games in 1898, view the colossal ruins of the Temple of Zeus, visit the mighty Acropolis and the stunning Acropolis Museum, and continue on to take in views of the vibrant capital.

The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the city further. May we suggest relaxing in one of the many atmospheric street cafes?

Day 3: Athens

FEATURED EXCURSION: *Taste of Greece Walking Tour*

Experience Athens today through its tastes, sounds, and sites on a guided walking tour of the city center and its markets. The day starts close to Syntagma square, where you will have the opportunity to try fragrant Greek coffee, traditionally brewed on *hovoli*—heated sand. Stop at a favorite historical bakery to taste the famous Greek *spanakopita* before continuing on to the central market area of Athens. Try local tidbits, such as olives, fragrant cheeses, and cured meats at various vendors selling their produce.

Greek cuisine is enriched with wonderfully aromatic herbs and spices, and we discover these at little local shops located close to Monastiraki square. Monastiraki, home to the lively flea market, is full of colorful shops selling local crafts and souvenirs. Take a well-deserved break and stop to savor *souvlaki*—tender marinated meat on skewers with various accompaniments.

Afterwards our stroll takes us to Thission, a great vantage point in historical Athens, boasting stunning views of the Acropolis, the Ancient Agora, and the impeccable temple of Hephaestus. Try

a pick me up of a traditional Greek Mountain tea—or, if you prefer, *tsipouro*, a fiery Greek spirit. Then opt to either stay in the center for some time at leisure or return to the hotel for a lovely afternoon Greek siesta!

Day 4: Athens

Your wonderful Athens extension ends today after breakfast. If you have arranged a Uniworld departure transfer, you will be transferred to Athens airport to catch your onward flight.

Extensions may not be offered on all departure dates—please check with our Reservations team for availability.

POST-CRUISE EXTENSION

Athens & Santorini Post-Cruise Extension

From ancient wonders to sun-kissed island vistas, Greece makes for one truly extraordinary travel destination. Split your stay between Athens and Santorini, each rich in history, culture, excellent cuisine, and awe-inspiring sights. Sample the local fare, including some island-grown wines, and sail around Santorini's caldera.

Note: Included flights may be as early as 6:00am and/or have a connecting flight.

Included in your 6-day stay:

- 2 nights at the Athens Capital Hotel in Athens (or similar)
- 3 nights at the Orama Hotel or Majestic Hotel in Santorini (or similar; hotel will be confirmed approximately 45 days prior to arrival)
- Breakfast daily, 1 dinner, and 1 meal in Santorini during the Caldera cruise
- All service charges, taxes, and portorage
- Highlights of Athens City Tour
- Santorini Walking Tour with Local Dinner
- Caldera Cruise
- Santorini Villages with Wine Tasting
- Flights to Athens and from Athens to Santorini
- Services of a local guide

Day to Day:

2027 Athens & Santorini Post-Cruise/Tour Day to Day Overview ([click here for details](#))

Day 1: Athens

Once you have collected your luggage and exited the baggage claim area, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the hotel. There you will check in, drop off your bags, and, if you wish, go out and explore the city on your own. Your Uniworld local host can offer

suggestions for your leisure time. Athens, the capital of Greece, boasts a plethora of excellent museums and galleries, historical cobbled streets, tavernas and cafes, and colorful shops and street vendors, all on your doorstep.

Perhaps enjoy the sumptuous local cuisine in one of the local restaurants.

Day 2: Athens

FEATURED EXCURSION: *Highlights of Athens City Tour*

After enjoying breakfast at your hotel, meet your driver and expert guide and depart to explore Athens and its iconic monuments. Today's experience includes an abundance of highlights: stop at the Panathinaikos stadium used to host the first modern Olympic games in 1898, view the colossal ruins of the Temple of Zeus, visit the mighty Acropolis and the stunning Acropolis Museum, and continue on to take in views of the vibrant capital.

The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the city further. May we suggest relaxing in one of the many atmospheric street cafes?

Day 3: Santorini

FEATURED EXCURSION: *Santorini Walking Tour with Local Dinner*

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel in Athens before being transferred to Athens airport. After arriving in Santorini and taking time to settle into your lovely hotel, meet your expert guide in the afternoon and set out for Fira to explore the wonderful capital town of Santorini. You'll learn about the island's fascinating history and hear stories of its unique formation. Afterwards, take in a captivating view of the caldera—a bay on the island created by an ancient volcanic eruption.

This evening, taste a tantalizing selection of Santorini dishes at a local restaurant, accompanied by wine from the island. Your evening ends with an included transfer back to your hotel.

Day 4: Santorini

FEATURED EXCURSION: *Caldera Cruise*

Today, a truly remarkable experience awaits on a cruise sailing in the world-famous Santorini caldera. Take in its many stunning sights including the hot springs, the Red Beach and the White Beach, and incredible views of the island from the sea. The cruise departs from the picturesque port of Amoudi and is offered either in the morning or afternoon with round trip transfers included. A wonderful meal on board with drinks is included—depending on the time of day this cruise operates; the meal will be either a lunch or a dinner.

Day 5: Santorini

FEATURED EXCURSION: *Santorini Villages with Wine Tasting*

After enjoying breakfast at your hotel, together with your expert guide and private driver you'll discover some of the tranquil villages of Santorini, where the cobblestone streets are filled with vibrant colors, unique architecture, picture perfect blue domes, and whitewashed cubic houses.

Visit the villages of Pyrgos and Emporio and experience traditional Santorini at its best.

Afterwards, visit a delightful boutique winery where you will gain an understanding of the special methods of growing grapes and have the chance to sample the distinct varieties that make Santorini wines so unique.

The rest of the day is at leisure to soak up this Cycladic island's ambience.

Day 6: Santorini

Your Greek odyssey comes to an end today after breakfast. If you have arranged a Uniworld departure transfer, you will be transferred to Santorini's airport for your onward flight.

Extensions may not be offered on all departure dates—please check with our Reservations team for availability.