

Here is some information about the prices for the 2011 France Rhone River cruise...

The pricing for 2010 is listed below, and should not change much for 2011, if at all.

The prices do not include airfare, which can run from \$800 to \$1500 a person. We won't know this until October 2010. You will want to fly into Paris and home Nice unless you are planning some extra days before or after the river cruise.

The prices below include the cruise stateroom, port fees and taxes for a 10-night package, which includes 2-nights in Paris and 1-night in Nice, plus transfers and a tour in Paris and Nice. In addition the cruise includes tours in most of the places the ship stops. Beverages for dinner are also included on this cruise (which includes beer, wine & soft drinks). See below for more information about included tours and beverages.

The basic porthole window cabin is \$3617 per person.

Up one deck, a category B is \$4116 (this has a French Window, which is a sliding glass door with a railing). This ship does not have any balcony cabins.

The next category, a bit more mid-ship, a category A is \$4166 per person (also with a French Window).

The top deck under the Sun deck a category P is \$4266 per person (also with a French Window).

There are two Jr Suites on the ship (one is taken and one is available) is \$4816 per person.

The hotel in Paris is not my hotel of choice as it is a large hotel about 15 minutes out of the city centre of Paris. You would have the option to only purchase the 7-night cruise for around \$2600 a person, and add on transfers to from the ship and then pick out smaller more intimate more centrally located hotels in Paris. It is nice we have the flexibility to do this.

I have been to Paris many times and love the left and right banks near the Seine. We can discuss this after your decision is made to do the cruise.

I hope this answers most of your questions. If not please let us know.

Best regards,

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PS...Here is a link to a diagram of the ship....

http://www.avalonwaterways.com.au/MS-Scenery_ship_viewdeckplan

The Avalon Waterways Difference...

- See the world on the youngest fleet—ships average just two years in age.
- Sail on modern, comfortable, contemporary vessels—state of the art amenities and spacious common areas make for an enjoyable sailing environment.
- Best in class staterooms—at 172 sq feet you'll find none larger, plus flat screen TVs, Egyptian linens, large wardrobes, and mini bar cater to your every need.
- Floating room with a view: 90%+ of the staterooms in the Avalon fleet have panoramic sliding glass doors and French balconies, enhancing your views.
- Delightful dining: from handcrafted cuisines that incorporate local flavors to choice of complimentary wine, beer or soft drinks with dinner, dining with Avalon is a true treat.
- A staff focused on you! With an average crew to traveler ratio of 4:1, know that your needs will be met. An English-speaking staff caters to you every step of the way.
- A Cruise Director who cares: Avalon attracts best in industry Cruise Directors who focus on making each and every sailing unique, entertaining, and engaging.
- Included sightseeing—don't pay extra to experience the destinations you visit with Avalon. Expertly crafted excursions will enhance your cruise journey.
 - The best on land programs: all land programs are operated by Globus, the leader in escorted travel, so your time on land is enriching and enjoyable.
 - Worldwide destinations and support: From Europe to Egypt and from China to the Galapagos Island, Avalon offers a wide variety of cruises and more than 200 worldwide support staff to ensure your cruise is perfect every time.
- Avalon Waterways received the Condé Nast Traveler: Gold List 2009 award, Condé Nast Traveler: Top Cruise Ships 2009 award, Travel Age West Magazine's WAVE Award for Best New River Cruise Ship (Avalon Scenery) as well as "Editor's Pick" for Best Overall Cruise Line for River Cruising and ranked #2 among the Top 10 Small-Ship Cruise Lines in Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards 2009 readers' survey.
- Travelers with Avalon Waterways gave our vacations a 97% satisfaction rating on post-vacation surveys.



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The Most Enriching Experiences

Our Enrichment Program is among the best in river cruising. Experienced local guides will take you on sightseeing tours of wonderful towns and cities, plus you can spend the evening on shore, if the schedule permits. In addition to fascinating sightseeing on each itinerary, you can choose from a few optional outings, and there's always time to make your own discoveries as well. Back on board, you'll enjoy interactive presentations with area experts, wine tastings, local entertainment, and more. Look on each cruise itinerary page to see the Included Features and Special Highlights listed for each vacation.

Local Guides will take you on guided sightseeing tours of wonderful and historic destinations along the great rivers of Europe and China. Normally you'll enjoy half a day of sightseeing on shore, half a day cruising and ideally the evening in town if the schedule permits. The ship will be docked for a longer period in major cities like Vienna and Budapest.

One of the greatest advantages of traveling with Avalon Waterways is our experience. By booking an Avalon river cruise vacation, you can trust that you are traveling with the most experienced professionals in the industry. One of four reputable brands that make up the Globus family of brands, our more than 80 years of experience allow us to continually refine our itineraries and procedures down to the very last detail. And more than 200 professional support staff members in Europe and 30 offices around the world ensure that your vacation is more than just a visit—it's an experience!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ON BOARD

Air Conditioning and Heating

All rooms on the ships are air conditioned and heated. All ships have individual controls in the staterooms.

Beverages

Choice of complimentary wine, beer or soft drinks will be included with dinner on Avalon Europe river cruises. In Europe, coffee and tea are available free of charge throughout the day from "early riser" breakfast through dinner.

Clothing

Dress aboard and on shore is casual. Please bring comfortable walking shoes for sightseeing. Dinner attire is casual—open-neck shirts, slacks, dresses. Coats and ties may be worn. The Captain's Welcome and Farewell Dinners are dressy, but not formal.

Cruise Director

A professional, experienced, English-speaking Cruise Director accompanies every departure.

Cuisine

All meals on board are prepared by accomplished chefs and consist of local food adjusted for North American tastes. There is a full buffet breakfast, and in Europe a buffet lunch including choice of soups and main courses with appetizer, salad or sandwich, and dessert. On the Yangtze, a mix of Western and Chinese dishes is offered; in the Galápagos, you'll be able to taste some Ecuadorian specialties. Dinner is a multi-course meal with a choice of entrées.

Currency and Credit Cards

In Europe:

Most of the countries you will be visiting in Europe use the Euro. Many locations accept major credit cards; however in small towns they are not widely accepted. In these cases and for incidentals or small vendors, you will need some local currency. ATM machines are located on shore at some stops. Prior to your departure, confirm with your bank that your ATM or credit card and PIN number will work abroad. All purchases on board are charged to your room account. The onboard currency is the Euro. U.S. currency and traveler's checks may be exchanged for Euro. For payment of shipboard accounts, Euro and U.S. dollars are accepted as well as American Express, Visa, Mastercard and Diner's Club. A fee is charged for the use of traveler's checks. Personal checks cannot be cashed on board.

Dining

When it comes to dining, you'll savor your destination in more ways than one. Whether you're planning a busy day of sightseeing or a relaxing day on board, start each day with the breakfast that's right for you! Sumptuous breakfast buffets feature menu items that are conveniently color coded to indicate foods that are low calorie, low fat/low calorie, high fiber, low cholesterol, and high energy. Meanwhile, tantalizing lunch buffets will please your palate, and each onboard sit-down dinner features an inviting selection of appetizers, soups, entrees (including vegetarian choices), desserts, and complimentary coffee, tea, and regional wines. From the rouladen of Germany to the fine wines of France, our professional chefs will delight your tastebuds with regional specialties as well as Western favorites (complimentary wine, beer or soft drinks will be included with dinner on Avalon Europe river cruises). And for those times when a quiet breakfast sounds

appealing, room service of Continental breakfast is available in all Royal Deck staterooms and suites on our European ships.

Electricity

Electricity on board is 220v. The bathrooms have a dual 220v/110-120v plug for shavers and small appliances. You will need an adapter or converter to use in other outlets in the stateroom for any small personal items such as a razor, curling iron or alarm clock. In the Galápagos, electrical outlets are 110v with American type outlets.

Gratuities

Gratuities on board and on land are not included in the cruise price. Tipping is a personal way to show your satisfaction for good service and is always appreciated. It is recommended that tips be paid in cash.

Hair Dryers

All ships have hair dryers for passenger use; please ask at the reception desk if one is not in your stateroom.

Laundry

Laundry service is available on board for a modest fee. Check the price list in your stateroom. Clothes cannot be dry cleaned on board. For safety reasons, we ask that passengers do not iron their clothes in the staterooms; the laundry service will do pressing for a fee.

Library

You may check out books from the ship's library free of charge. We ask that you return them before your cruise ends.

Medical Services

Due to the proximity to land, medical services can be called from shore rapidly. In the Galápagos, there is a physician on board.

News

The onboard daily newsletter features information about daily activities, shore excursions and tour departure times.

Onboard Language

The language on board is English. All staff, crew and tour guides speak English. All announcements and commentary will be in English.

Onboard Shop

Each ship has a shop area offering accessories, film, souvenirs and some select personal and toiletry items.

Safes

Ships have in-room safes. In the Galápagos, valuables may be stored in the ship's safe free of charge.

Smoking

In Europe all ships have non-smoking interiors. Smoking is only permitted on the Sky Deck.

Special Occasions

Passengers celebrating special occasions, such as anniversaries or birthdays, should alert ship personnel upon boarding the ship.

Telephones

Each stateroom has a direct dial telephone which may be used to call between staterooms. Ship-to-shore calls are also available. Any charges are placed on your shipboard account. In the Galápagos, there are two satellite-linked pay phones available for use in the reception lounge.

Television

Each stateroom has color satellite TV and will receive some English programming. There is a shipboard information channel and a channel with entertainment videos or movies. A TV is found in the ship's library in the Galápagos only.

Your Shipboard Account:

For your convenience, all purchases and paid services on board are billed with a guest check and added to your personal shipboard account. At the end of your cruise, you will receive a total which can be paid with cash or charged to a credit card.

Features Exclusive to Our European River Cruise Vessels Include:

- Non-smoking interior
- Internet access & Wi-Fi hotspots
- Fitness Center
- Hair Salon
- Sky Deck shade system
- Open seating in the dining room for all
- Complimentary wine, beer or soft drinks with all onboard dinners
- Complimentary coffee and tea available throughout the day
- Spacious outside staterooms with comfortable, hotel-style beds, flatscreen satellite TV & radio, private bathroom with shower, individual climate control, and most with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors and French balconies
- European-style duvets & Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Large closet, minibar, hairdryer & safe
- Royal Deck passengers can order Continental breakfast to their staterooms, if desired
- Staterooms are 172 sq. ft.
- Suites are 258 sq. ft.

Remarkable Amenities

On each vessel panoramic views entice diners in the restaurant and public lounge, and there is ample outside viewing space. Enjoy a drink at the bar or in the lounge. Delight in the romantic European landscape as you sit outside on the Sun or Sky Deck. These ships have English-speaking staffs, non-smoking interiors, and Continental cuisine that appeals to the North American palate. You'll enjoy open seating and a leisurely single sitting at mealtimes, plus local wines and choice of entrees with every dinner. Buffet breakfast items are conveniently color coded on Avalon Waterways ships to indicate foods that are low calorie, low fat/low calorie, high fiber, low cholesterol, and high energy.

Avalon river cruises offer more onboard activities—and a great selection of desirable amenities! Enjoy spirited performances by your English-speaking crew as well as onboard entertainment from local musicians. Attend insightful travel lectures for valuable information about your destinations. Keep up with your workouts at the fitness center and take a soak in the fun pool or 6-person whirlpool. Stay in touch with family or the office with onboard Internet access. Enjoy cocktails with new friends at the bar or club lounge, and satisfy your palate at the tastebud-tempting Captain's Dinner. On an Avalon river cruise you'll run out of time long before you run out of things to see and do.