The Baylor College of Medicine Alumni Association

Springtime in Provence • Burgundy • Beaujolais

Cruising the Rhône and Saône Rivers

aboard the Exclusively Chartered, Deluxe Small River Ship Amadeus Provence

May 9 to 17, 2018
Dear BCM Alumni and Friends:

Join us for this exclusive, nine-day French sojourn in Provence and the Burgundy and Beaujolais wine regions *au printemps* (in springtime), the best time of year to visit, when almond and cherry blossoms bloom white and blush and the crimson poppies, colorful primrose and purple irises herald in a new season. Cruise for seven nights from Provençal Arles to historic Lyon along the fabled Rhône and Saône Rivers aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe *AMADEUS PROVENCE*, launched in 2017—one of the newest additions to the *AMADEUS FLEET*.

During your intimate small ship cruise, dock in the heart of port towns and visit six UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the wonderfully preserved Roman Amphitheater in Arles, the medieval Papal Palace of Avignon and the Roman city of Orange. Tour the legendary 15th-century Hôtel-Dieu in Beaune, famous for its intricate and colorful tiled roof, and picturesque Lyon, France’s *gastronomique* gateway. Enjoy an excursion to the Beaujolais vineyards for a private tour, world-class piano concert and wine tasting at the Château Montmelas, guided by the *châtelaine*. Visit the Burgundy region for an exclusive tour of Château de Rully, a medieval fortress among the vineyards which has belonged to the family of your guide, Count de Ternay, since the 12th century.

A perennial favorite, this exclusive travel program is the quintessential Provençal experience and an excellent value featuring a comprehensive itinerary through the south of France when its abundant flora blooms back to life. I encourage you to book now while Early Booking Savings and space are still available!

Sincerely,

Alex Hopkins
Director of Alumni Relations
On the façade of the royal Palace of Versailles is the inscription “A Toutes les Gloires de la France.” In 1837, when King Louis-Philippe dedicated its galleries to “all the glories of France,” the most outstanding minds and figures of the arts, literature, science and politics of the time were in attendance—Victor Hugo, Honoré de Balzac, Alexandre Dumas, Eugène Delacroix—to celebrate the extraordinary contributions the French have made to the Western world.

Today, all the glories of France lie in wait for your discovery during this springtime sojourn—on medieval bridges spanning the Rhône, in abundant Burgundy vineyards and their stately châteaux, in the enchanting quarters of Lyon, in the Arles café that inspired Vincent van Gogh and in the preservation of Provence’s extraordinary Roman ruins, where great history and beauty have been intertwined for centuries. Experience firsthand the remarkable achievements in fine art, cuisine, fashion, architecture, literature, cinema and joie de vivre that have made France so influential across the globe.

Arles
Few places on Earth can match the distinctive joie de vivre of Arles. This archetypal Provençal city is home to several of the world’s most majestic Roman monuments, all designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the magnificently restored 20,000-spectator Amphitheater, built in the first century B.C., and the 12th-century Église Saint-Trophime, a former cathedral known for its fascinating Last Judgment-themed portal, a superb example of Romanesque sculpture. Nearby, the subject of Vincent van Gogh’s 1888 painting, The Café Terrace at Night, is still open for business on the Place du Forum.

Avignon
The center of Western Christendom from 1309, when Pope Clement V moved the papal capital here until the Great Schism with Rome (1378), Avignon is a UNESCO World Heritage site and an enchanting ancient city built on the banks of the Rhône. On a walking tour, visit the grandiose Palais des Papes (Papal Palace), the largest château-fort built in Europe during the Gothic era and the primary testament to Avignon’s golden age. Walk to the splendid Garden of the Popes and the Rocher des Doms, a hilltop park offering spectacular panoramic views of the Rhône Valley. At the river’s edge, see the remaining four arches of one of the finest surviving examples of medieval fortifications, the Pont Saint-Bénézet (Pont d’Avignon), the only bridge built across the Rhône during the Middle Ages.
Pont du Gard
Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Pont du Gard, an exquisitely built 2000-year-old Roman aqueduct that once supplied over nine million gallons of water daily to the city of Nîmes. This masterpiece of engineering was constructed of limestone cut to fit together seamlessly without mortar, using arches to support the weight.

Orange
 Traverse the beautiful French countryside, passing springtime blooms and vibrantly hued stucco houses accented by blue shutters, en route to the Roman city of Orange and its awe-inspiring UNESCO World Heritage sites. Visit the well-preserved ancient Roman Theater, still hosting performances today, and see the Triumphal Arch, built in the late first century as a tribute to Augustus Caesar and a symbol of Roman imperial glory.

Tournon-sur-Rhône and Tain-l’Hermitage
Facing one another across the Rhône are the twin towns of Tournon-sur-Rhône, one of France’s oldest medieval sites, and Tain-l’Hermitage, surrounded by the rolling, majestic vineyards and granite slopes of the Hermitage appellation.

This region of the Ardèche département is said to be the birthplace of the Syrah grape variety, also known as Shiraz, and for its vineyards that produce both red and white Hermitage, the finest and most expensive of all Côtes du Rhône wines.

In Tournon-sur-Rhône, see impressive examples of architecture dating from the 11th, 14th and 16th centuries. Then, enjoy a specially arranged wine and chocolate tasting with a local wine expert on board the ship.

Vienne
A delightful river town located at a scenic bend in the Rhône River, Vienne features a trove of architectural treasures few other towns in southern France can equal. The Romans highly valued this town’s strategic location and endowed it with some of the finest Classical antiquities in France; amongst these are the nearly perfectly preserved Temple d’Auguste et de Livie, built in 25 B.C. in honor of Rome’s greatest emperor, and the Théâtre Romain.

Arles’ Romanesque architecture reflects its history as a vital port on the Roman road from Italy to Spain.
a beautifully restored amphitheater at the foot of Mont Pipet that seats up to 13,000 spectators and is still in use today. The town’s most notable medieval landmark is the ornate Cathédrale de Saint-Maurice, which was constructed between the 12th and 16th centuries and combines classic elements of Romanesque and Gothic design.

**Lyon**

A UNESCO World Heritage site, the captivating city of Lyon is located at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône Rivers. From lofty Fourvière Colline (Praying Hill), enjoy views of the ornate 19th-century Basilique Notre-Dame-de-Fourvière. Walk the tree-lined streets of the restored Vieux (Old) Lyon, where well-preserved Gothic and Renaissance mansions attest to the wealth of Lyon’s long-standing silk industry. Stroll through the ancient quarter of Saint-Jean and explore the unique, often hidden traboules—narrow, covered pedestrian passageways.

**Beaune**

Amidst the idyllic Burgundy countryside, visit the enchanting Château de Rully, a picturesque medieval fortress surrounded by Chardonnay vineyards. Count Raoul de Ternay will greet you and guide you on a private tour of the estate, his family’s ancestral home since the 12th century.

Continue to Beaune, founded in the fifth century B.C. and the longtime capital of Burgundy wines, located in the famous Côte d’Or département. This historic city and its surrounding Burgundy terroirs, vineyards and cultural landscape comprise a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Here, tour the legendary Burgundian Renaissance-style Hôtel-Dieu, one of the best examples of 15th-century French architecture, famous for its iconic, colorful tiled roof and once a charitable hospital.

Enjoy time at leisure in the historic, quintessential wine-producing town of Chalon-sur-Saône. Choose to explore lively Place Saint-Vincent, dominated by the Romanesque cathedral and lined with quaint cafés, specialty shops and local wine cellars populated by chic patrons enjoying the spring weather of southern France; visit the museum dedicated to the inventor of the photograph, Joseph Nicéphore-Niépce; or stroll across the picturesque Saint-Laurent bridge.

**Cluny**

In Burgundy’s Saône-et-Loire département amid green vineyards growing lusher at this time of year, visit the distinguished Benedictine Abbaye de Cluny (A.D. 910), one of the great centers of medieval Christianity. The beautiful and austere remnants of the sprawling abbey complex still provide a fascinating glimpse of what was, until the construction of St. Peter’s in Rome, the largest Christian basilica in the world.

**Beaujolais**

From the lovely vineyards of Beaujolais, the “land of the golden stones,” France’s youngest and fruitiest wines are cultivated. Located along the banks of the Saône River, this internationally acclaimed wine region has been known to produce more red wine than the Burgundy vineyards of Chablis, Côte d’Or, Côte Chalonnaise and Mâconnois combined.

In the verdant heart of Beaujolais, visit the 10th-century Château de Montmelas. Châtelaine Delphine d’Harcourt will greet you upon arrival and guide your exclusive tour through her home. Experience a private, specially arranged performance of fortepiano music by an internationally recognized pianist living in Burgundy and enjoy a wine tasting with local canapés.

The medieval town of Tournon-sur-Rhône is surrounded by undulating, verdant vineyards and an impressive array of wineries.
**MS Amadeus Provence**

The meticulous crafting of the deluxe *Amadeus Provence*, launched in 2017, sets new standards in design and technology and features the comforts of a refined and traditional hotel and complimentary onboard Wi-Fi.

This exclusively chartered ship offers 70 river-view, air-conditioned, stylishly appointed Suites (284 square feet) and Staterooms (from 172 square feet), among the most spacious of any European river ship. All Suites include a private balcony, and select Staterooms feature a unique floor-to-ceiling panoramic window with an upper half that can automatically lower to create a French balcony. Accommodations have two twin beds (convertible to one queen-size bed), a private bathroom with shower, individual climate control, walk-in closet, telephone, television, writing desk, sitting area, safe and hair dryer.

Freshly prepared continental meals featuring local ingredients are served in single, unassigned seatings in the ship’s delightfully scenic Panorama Restaurant featuring floor-to-ceiling windows. Daily meals include early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

Inviting public facilities are spacious and include the Panorama Bar, Lido Bar, open-air lounge, Amadeus Club with Internet station, beauty salon, boutique, massage room and fitness studio with early morning classes. The Sun Deck has a swimming pool, lounge chairs, shaded awnings, a chessboard and shuffleboard. Guests will also appreciate the complimentary use of an audio headset for listening enhancement during shore excursions. Complimentary bicycles are available for independent pursuits on shore. The ship has an elevator serving all passenger decks except the Sun Deck, and laundry service is available. There is no doctor aboard the ship.

The English-speaking, international crew provides warm hospitality. The *Amadeus Provence* meets the highest safety standards and is one of the only European river ships to have been awarded the “Green Certificate” of environmental preservation.

Famous for the intricately patterned and brilliantly hued glazed tile roof of its inner courtyard, the Hôtel-Dieu in Beaune functioned as a hospital for the needy between 1443 and 1971 and today operates as a museum.
Included Features

On board the exclusively chartered, deluxe AMADEUS PROVENCE:

◆ Seven-night cruise from Arles to Lyon with port calls at Avignon, Châteauneuf-du-Pape for Pont du Gard and Orange, Tournon-sur-Rhône and Tain-l’Hermitage, Vienne, Chalon-sur-Saône for Beaune, Mâcon for Cluny, and Montmerle-sur-Saône for Beaujolais, France.

◆ Deluxe, river-view, air-conditioned Suite or Stateroom, each with a private bathroom.

◆ All meals served at single seatings—early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack—featuring fine continental cuisine.

◆ Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.

◆ Specially arranged wine and chocolate tasting with a local expert.

◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.

On the Rhône and Saône Rivers:

◆ Walking tour of Arles, highlighted by visits to the Roman Amphitheater, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and Église Saint-Trophime.

◆ Walking tour of UNESCO World Heritage-designated Avignon, featuring the spectacular Papal Palace and the famous medieval Pont d’Avignon.

◆ Visit to the famous UNESCO World Heritage sites of the Pont du Gard aqueduct and the Roman City of Orange, featuring the ancient Roman theater.

◆ Visit to the twin towns of Tournon-sur-Rhône and Tain-l’Hermitage, the birthplace of the Syrah (Shiraz) grape variety.

◆ Walking tour of Vienne, featuring its impressive architectural treasures, including ancient Roman ruins and the ornate, medieval Cathédrale de Saint-Maurice.

◆ Full day in historic Lyon with walking tour of Old Lyon, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

◆ Visit to the UNESCO World Heritage-designated town of Beaune, known for its Burgundy wines and the iconic Hôtel-Dieu, one of the best examples of 15th-century French architecture in the world.

◆ Private, specially arranged tour of the medieval Château de Rully amidst the Burgundy vineyards, hosted by Count de Ternay, ancestral owner of the estate.

◆ Visit to 10th-century Abbaye de Cluny, once the largest structure in the Christian world.

◆ Excursion to the vineyards of Beaujolais for a private tour, exclusive fortepiano concert and wine tasting hosted by the châtelaine, Madame d’Harcourt, in her personal residence, the Château de Montmelas.

Enhanced Travel Services:

◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).

◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced, English-speaking local guides.

◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.

◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.

◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.

◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.

◆ Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.

◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.

◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Aix’s colorful market brings the aromas and flavors from Provence’s fields and orchards to the community every day.

Palette of Provence
Pre-Cruise Option
Discover the beautiful, medieval city of Aix-en-Provence, located in the heart of France’s sun-drenched Provençal region and which perhaps captures best the quintessential élan of all that is Provence. Walk in the footsteps of Paul Cézanne and discover the rich history, renowned cuisine and vibrant culture of Aix. Visit one of the colorful daily markets, stroll through the Mazarin district and old Aix and enjoy lunch in the city’s oldest café on the famous Cours Mirabeau, a classic, grand boulevard lined with plane trees and elegant 17th- and 18th-century townhouses. Accommodations for two nights are in the ideally located, deluxe Grand Hôtel Roi René.

Geneva and the French Alps
Post-Cruise Option
Delight in the unique beauty and dramatic scenery of the Savoie Mont-Blanc region where France, Switzerland and Italy converge. Visit the world-class city of Geneva, Switzerland, ideally located on the magnificent shores of Lake Geneva, the largest lake on the course of the Rhône and fed by the waters flowing down through the Alpine valleys. Enjoy a specially arranged tour of the interior chambers of the Palais des Nations, a United Nations headquarters. Explore the picturesque French village of Chamonix, the historic capital of Alpine skiing and host of the first Winter Olympic Games in 1924, and see France’s largest glacier, the legendary Mer de Glace. Accommodations are for three nights in the Hôtel Bristol Genève, a deluxe, centrally located hotel.

The Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

See breathtaking Mont Blanc, the backdrop of the French village of Chamonix along the banks of the River Arve.
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| Junior Suites | Suite with private balcony, (sliding glass doors with railing), sofa, bath robes and minibar. Mozart Deck, forward. | $6895 | $7895 |

Single accommodations are available only in categories 5 and 2. Single supplement is waived for solo travelers. Space is limited and will sell out quickly.

Taxes are an additional $385 per person and are subject to change.

AMADEUS PROVENCE has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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**SPRINGTIME IN PROVENCE • BURGUNDY • BEAUJOLAIS RESERVATION FORM**

Send to: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company
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Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 person Palette of Provence Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person Geneva and the French Alps Post-Cruise Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $_______ as deposit. Make checks payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $_______ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

Card Number ___________________________ Exp. Date ____________

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by February 2, 2018.

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Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:
1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____
- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):
Palette of Provence Pre-Cruise Option
- Double at $695 per person.
- Single at $3050 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Geneva and the French Alps Post-Cruise Option
- Double at $1159 per person.
- Single at $2295 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

If we want you to book my/our air from

(fill in departure city)
to Marseille, France, with return from Lyon, France, at additional cost to be advised.†

- Economy Class
- Upgraded Economy
- Business Class
- First Class

†Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
CANCELLATION:
Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including PrePost Program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Gohagan. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellation(s) are subject to a $200 ($50 PrePost Program(s)) per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 121 days prior to departure; from 95 through 120 days prior to departure, $600 ($200 PrePost Program(s)) per person; from 61 through 94 days prior to departure, 40% of the published full regular tariffs; from 45 through 60 days prior to departure, 55% of the published full regular tariffs; from 22 through 44 days prior to departure, 80% of the published full regular tariffs; cancellations 21 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees and administrative fees may apply.

TRIP INSURANCE: We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only means of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Gohagan and others for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application upon receipt of your travel reservation.