

# *Calvin Alumni Association Travel*

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## *A River Cruise Through France*

Sail through the heart of Provence & Burgundy

Including an Optional tour to Noyon—Birthplace of John Calvin

With Dr. William and Delores Stob

May 15-22, 2011

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Join **Dr. William and Delores Stob** as they sail through the heart of Provence and Burgundy from Arles to Chalon sur Saône on a magical journey where sumptuous cuisine, fine wine, world-class art, nature, and history are a treat for all the senses.

The Saône River is in eastern France and a tributary of the Rhône River in Lyon. The river rises in Monts Faucilles to Lyon and is linked to other river systems by canals. Along the beautiful Saône, you'll cruise through charming towns and picturesque vineyard covered hillsides in France's famous Burgundy wine region. Your cruise will take you to Chalon-sur-Saône, in the heart of Burgundy, where you'll visit the famous Hospices de Beaune, a charitable hospital founded by Chancellor of Beaune in 1443.

During this sailing you will walk through the streets of Arles, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the town immortalized by Van Gogh in over 300 paintings and drawings. Explore the well-preserved Medieval city of Avignon, with its spectacular Palace of the Popes. Visit Lyon, center of Gallo-Roman history and culinary capital of France. Add in the incomparable culinary dishes onboard and you will soon discover that joie de vivre is not just a phrase but a wonderful way of life!

#### **Optional Add-On Tour to Noyon.**

Continue your journey in France with an optional add-on post-cruise tour to Noyon, Birthplace of John Calvin. This tour includes two nights of lodging in Paris. The John Calvin Museum (Musée Jean Calvin) is a modern museum dedicated to the French reformer, located on the site of his birth house in Noyon, France. The museum's collections include Reformation-era propaganda posters, works of Calvin, and paintings. The museum gift shop sells postcards, books and gifts related to John Calvin and the Reformation.



**Your Cruise aboard Uniworld's luxurious River Royale on the Saône River includes:**

7-night cruise in a river view stateroom on the breathtaking River Royale

- All meals onboard, prepared using the finest and freshest ingredients.
- Complimentary fine wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner; bottled water in your stateroom; and 24-hour specialty coffees and teas.
- 6 shore excursions, fully hosted by English-speaking local guides.
- State of the art Quietvox portable audio headset system on all shore excursions.
- Complimentary use of bicycles (6 bicycles available on board on a first-come, first-serve basis).
- Exclusive Epicurean Adventurer Program.
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell Dinners.
- Captivating onboard local entertainment.
- Signature lecture: "Vincent van Gogh's Troubled Destiny".
- An experienced Cruise Manager and attentive, all English-speaking staff.
- Beautiful panoramic main lounge with full-service bar, cozy library, elegant restaurant, sun deck with chess and shuffleboard, fitness room, sauna, Jacuzzi, massage treatments, gift boutique, and elevator.
- Complimentary 24-hour specialty coffee and tea bar, and use of bicycles and Nordic walking sticks.
- 24-hour reception service.
- Wireless Internet access in public areas.

**Staterooms onboard the breathtaking River Royale feature:**

Lavishly appointed river view staterooms with hotel-style beds draped in fine linens.

Category 1 staterooms have sliding doors and French Balconies (140 sq. ft. excluding balcony).

Category 2 staterooms (151 sq. ft.) have large viewing window.

Category 3 staterooms (151 sq. ft.) have two port hole windows.

**Other stateroom amenities include:**

Generous built-in closet, hair dryer, safe, individual thermostat for air conditioning and heat, direct-dial telephone (extra charges apply), flat-screen TV with satellite, bottled water, and bathroom with L'Occitane body products, magnifying mirror and waffle bathrobes.

## Day by Day Cruise Itinerary

### Meals provided:

Breakfast Buffet (B)

Lunch Buffet (L)

Four-Course Dinner (D)

### Meal Service Times:

Breakfast served between 7:00-9:00am

Lunch served between 12:00-1:30pm

Dinner served between 7:00-9:00pm

### Suggested Attire:

The dress code for the cruise is Resort Casual. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended for the featured excursions. It is recommended that men wear a sport coat for the Captain's Welcome and Farewell Dinners.

### Average temperatures are:

Daytime high 60s to low 70s.

Evening in the low 50s.

### May 14: Depart for Marseille.

### May 15: Arrive in France. (D)

Arrive at Marseille International Airport where you'll be transferred to your ship docked in Arles. Embarkation/check-in is after 3:00pm.

### May 16: Arles.

(B, L, Captain's Welcome Dinner)

#### Featured Excursion:

Arles walking tour.

#### Irresistible Optional Tour:

Olive Farm and Les Baux.

Vincent van Gogh found inspiration in the charming town of Arles, and you will too. Inspired by the unique Provençal light, he spent a period of intense and impassioned work under the bright sunny sky of Provence. In fact, he produced more than 300 paintings and drawings in 15 months, including Starry Night. During your walking tour, discover Van Gogh's Arles as well as a fascinating wealth of Romanesque monuments, such as the Roman Amphitheater and Constantine's Roman baths.

### May 17: Avignon. (B, L, D)

#### Featured Excursion:

Avignon walking tour and Palace of the Popes.

#### Irresistible Optional Tour:

Pont du Gard and Chateauneuf du Pape Avignon, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is full of history, culture, art, and life, and you'll capture all of that on your walking tour of the "City of the Popes." Your tour starts at the fortification walls and continues to Clocktower Square. In truly Provençal style, under the shadows of the sycamores, the colorful café terraces face the magnificent architecture of the City Hall, the Opera Theatre, and the classic mansions. Next, it's on to Pope's Palace Square for an inside view of the maze of galleries, chambers, and chapels that make up the grand Palace of the Popes. During the afternoon, you'll have leisure time to enjoy this magical city.

### May 18: Viviers, Tournon. (B, L, D)

#### Featured Excursion:

Viviers walking tour.

Lovely Viviers, developed around its Romanesque cathedral, has retained much of its historic charm. Your tour in Viviers starts in Old Town with an introduction to the city. You'll take the Rue Chévrerie to Porte Riquot, then climb Rue du Château to reach St. Vincent Cathedral where you'll enjoy an organ concert. Finally, you'll walk through the Medieval streets of this delightful town on your way back to the ship.

### May 19: Tournon/Tain l'Hermitage, Lyon.

(B, L, D)

#### Featured Excursion:

Winetasting and Tournon walking tour.

Nestled among famous vineyards, the twin cities of Tournon/Tain l'Hermitage provide the perfect setting for those who are true connoisseurs of wine. Celebrate the region by indulging in some Côtes du Rhône mid-valley wines. Then cross the Marc Seguin suspension bridge and visit Tournon and its historic castle.

## Day by Day Cruise Itinerary Cont.

### May 20: Lyon.

(B, L, Captain's Farewell Dinner)

#### Featured Excursion:

Lyon city tour.

Lyon, France's second largest city after Paris, is the country's lively and creative capital of gastronomy. Your tour starts with a drive to the Basilique Notre Dame de Fourvière, Lyon's hallmark church, for a dramatic view of the town built at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône rivers. From the bus, you'll view Terreaux Square, the Musée des Beaux-Arts, and the Opera House. During the afternoon, you'll have leisure time to explore this city on your own.

### May 21: Chalon-sur-Saône (Beaune).

(B, L, D)

#### Featured Excursion:

Beaune and Hospices de Beaune, open-air food market.

#### Irresistible Optional Tour:

Southern Burgundy vineyards. Rully and Chamirev.

Centered in the heart of Burgundy, Chalon-sur-Saône is an important center for France's wine trade. From here, you will journey to nearby Beaune to visit the famous Hospices de Beaune, a charitable hospital founded by the Chancellor of Beaune in 1443. Marvel at the multicolored roofs of this architectural jewel that has become one of the symbols of Burgundy. The Hospice monks were given some vineyards in the 15th century so they could make wine to auction in order to help support charities, and to this day, the tradition still continues.

### May 22: Depart Chalon sur Saône. (B)

After breakfast, disembark the ship in Chalon sur Saône and transfer to Lyon for your return flight home, or extend your stay in Paris and Noyon – Birthplace of John Calvin.

## Optional Tour: Paris and Noyon Day by Day Itinerary

### May 22: Depart for Paris. (B)

After breakfast, disembark the ship in Chalon sur Saône and transfer to Paris to enjoy two nights at a boutique hotel near the Eiffel Tower. You will ride in comfort through the French countryside on a deluxe motorcoach for the approximately 3.5 hour trip to Paris.

After you have checked in at your hotel, you will have the remainder of the day to explore and dine in Paris. Lunch and Dinner is at your leisure and at your own expense.

### May 23: Day trip to Noyon. (B) (L)

Following breakfast at the hotel, you will board the motorcoach for the approximately 1.5 hour journey north to Noyon. While in Noyon you will visit the famous Musée Jean Calvin, enjoy lunch at a nice local restaurant and free time to explore the quaint town. Total time in Noyon will be approximately 4.5 hours. You will then return to Paris for the remainder of the day. Dinner is at your leisure and at your own expense.

### May 24: Depart Paris. (B)

Following breakfast at the hotel and check-out, you will depart the hotel via pre-arranged car service or taxi (at your own expense) to the airport to begin your journey home.

### Category One Stateroom



### Category Two Stateroom



### Category Three Stateroom



For travel-related questions or to make reservations contact:

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### Cruise Rate

Cruise rates start at \$2,749.00 US per person, double occupancy for Category Three Stateroom. Rates are based on space and availability. Upgrades to Category Two or Category One staterooms are based on availability and are at additional charge. A limited number of singles are available for an additional supplement.

### Pay-in-Full Savings:

Pay in full at the time of booking by September 30, 2010 and save \$400 US per person off cruise rate on Category One staterooms and suites. Save \$300 US per person on Category Two and Category Three staterooms.

### Early Booking Savings:

Book and deposit by November 30, 2010 to save \$150 US per person off cruise rate.

### Optional Post-cruise Tour To Noyon

Optional tour rate is \$599.00 US per person, double occupancy.

Trip Cancellation/Interruption Insurance is recommended. Ask Protravel for a quote.

### Please note:

All rates are subject to currency fluctuations, space and availability at the time of booking.

### Informational meetings

There will be two informational meetings this summer hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Stob on June 24 and July 22 at 4 p.m. in the Youngsma Center at Calvin College. To register, call the Calvin Alumni Association at 616-526-6142.

### For general inquiries, contact:

Dr. William Stob at [bdstob@aol.com](mailto:bdstob@aol.com) or call 561-615-0865. You may also call the Calvin Alumni Association at 616-526-6142.

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## Traveler Information

Traveler One-Legal Name as it Appears on Passport

Phone Number

Date of Birth

Email Address

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Year

Traveler Two-Legal Name as it Appears on Passport

Phone Number

Date of Birth

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## Air Travel Information

Departing

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Returning

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Preferred Airline

Preferred Airport

Frequent Flyer Number Traveler One

Frequent Flyer Number Traveler Two

Seat Preference One

Seat Preference Two

Meal Preference One

Meal Preference Two

Food Allergies

Medical Concerns

Handicap Assistance Required

## Optional Noyon Tour

Yes No

Paris Hotel Information (Required only if Selecting the Optional Tour)

Check In Date

MM

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Year

Check Out Date

MM

DD

Year

Credit Card Number (Required to guarantee Hotel Room)

Expires

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