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2027 EUROPEAN SAMPLER PLUS BONJOUR BORDEAUX

With 2 Nights in Paris

**Enjoy a 7-Night River Cruise Roundtrip from Bordeaux
with 10 Nights Pre-Cruise Hotel Accommodations**

17 Nights / 20 Days • Escorted from Honolulu

Travel to Amsterdam, Holland & Return from Bordeaux, France

Avalon Artistry II • Featuring 200 sq. ft. Panorama Suites

May 20 – June 08, 2027

COUNTRIES: Holland, Germany, Switzerland & France

RIVERS: Rhine River, Garonne River & Dordogne River

LAND OVERVIEW: Like a lazy Susan generously plated with cured herring, breaded schnitzel, rich fondue, and beef bourguignon, this aptly named European Sampler invites you to sink your teeth into four delectable countries and cultures. Designed to introduce you to the best of Holland, Germany, Switzerland, and France, this nine-day tour of Europe is an awakening for more than just your taste buds. All of your senses will perk up as you leisurely cruise along Amsterdam's bridge-covered canals, dreamily float down the romantic Rhine, and journey through Germany's picturesque Black Forest, Burgundy's rolling green vineyards, and the white-capped peaks of the Swiss Alps. Along the way, you can expect a heaped helping of cities and villages, castles and palaces, and hand-carved cuckoo clocks to enhance your time in the most remarkable regions of Europe.

PLUS, your tour includes your choice of excursions in Beaune so you can plan your day your way.

CRUISE OVERVIEW: Bid bonjour to the bountiful beauty of Bordeaux with a captivating cruise on the Garonne and Dordogne Rivers to delight in one of France's most exquisite regions. This river cruise through France begins in style with two overnights in Paris — one of the world's most romantic and vibrant cities! Explore the "City of Light" with a guided city tour to see its famous landmarks.

Embark from Bordeaux itself, the capital of the splendid Nouvelle-Aquitaine region — famed for its legendary vineyards and wines. Be carried away by Avalon's signature included Classic, Active, or Discovery experiences of your choice — from the regal histories of castles and Châteaux to the romantic cellars where wine bouquets and bon-vivant cuisine tempt the palate. While the landscapes and lush pastoral treasures are plentiful along the shores of the Garonne and Dordogne, Avalon elevates each immersive experience for a deeper discovery of the cultural and architectural treasures that recall the rich traditions of Southwest France. From unparalleled panoramic drives to forested two-wheel excursions by bike to the delicacies of seaside Arcachon — the world is your oyster on this adventure in la belle vie of Bordeaux!

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HEIDELBERG CASTLE, GERMANY

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Day 1: Thur, May 20 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.

Day 2: Fri, May 21 – IN TRANSIT.

Day 3: Sat, May 22 – AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND. Welcome to Holland! After completing arrival formalities, transfer by coach to the hotel in Amsterdam. The hotel room will be available in the afternoon. The rest of the day is free for you to explore Amsterdam on your own. At 6:00 pm, **meet your Tour Director and travel companions** for a **welcome dinner** at your hotel. WESTCORD ART HOTEL AMSTERDAM or Similar (2 Nights) (D)

Day 4: Sun, May 23 – AMSTERDAM. This morning, meet your Local Guide for a fascinating introduction to Amsterdam. At the pier board a **glass-topped boat** to admire Amsterdam from a different perspective as you **cruise along the elegant, UNESCO-listed grachten (canals)**. See the most captivating views of "Golden Age" homes, landmark buildings, and charming bridges. Later, visit a **Diamond Center** to learn why Amsterdam is often called the **"Diamond Capital of the World."** Free time this afternoon and evening to explore more. (B)

Day 5: Mon, May 24 – AMSTERDAM – HEIDELBERG, GERMANY. Drive across the border into Germany. A real treat awaits with a **scenic cruise on the Rhine River**, one of Europe's most important rivers, flowing through six countries. Admire castles, vineyards, and charming villages as you sail down the river. On disembarkation, continue your journey to **Heidelberg**. Take photos of the **red-walled castle ruins** and enjoy **dinner with a beer** at the **Kulturbrauerei Heidelberg restaurant**. NH COLLECTION HEIDELBERG or Similar (1 Night) (B, D)

Day 6: Tue, May 25 – HEIDELBERG – BLACK FOREST – RHINE FALLS, SWITZERLAND – LUCERNE. This morning, head to the **Black Forest** to enjoy some local traditions. Watch a **traditional woodcarving demonstration** followed by a delicious helping of **kaffee und schwarzwaldkuchen (coffee and Black Forest cake)**. Later, drive over the border into Switzerland and stop to admire the breathtaking **Rhine Falls**. Continue to Lucerne and join a walking tour to see the city highlights including the **Bourbaki Panorama**, the **Lion Monument**, and the **14th century Chapel Bridge** that crosses the River Reuss from the Altstadt (Old Town). GRAND HOTEL EUROPE or Similar (2 Nights) (B, D)



NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL, FRANCE

Day 7: Wed, May 26 – LUCERNE. A whole day to do as you please. Explore more on your own and get better acquainted with this alpine gem or join an optional excursion up one of the mighty mountains that surround it. (B)

Day 8: Thur, May 27 – LUCERNE – BEAUNE, FRANCE. Leave Switzerland behind as you enter France. En route to Beaune, enjoy a **scenic drive through Burgundy** with its vineyards and châteaux. Spend your day your way in Beaune with **your choice of included Globus Choice Excursions**. **ALL ABOARD IN BEAUNE:** All aboard the **"Petit Train Touristique"** for a relaxing **orientation ride** through the charming medieval town of Beaune. Hear insightful commentary on local landmarks, including the beautifully preserved **Hôtel Dieu**, the **Church of Notre-Dame**, the **Square des Lions**, **Pont des Oies**, and more **aboard the little electric train!** **OR CELLAR SIPS AND SAVORY BITS:** They say there are over 100 kilometers of wine cellars beneath Beaune! As the **center of the region's wine trade** for over 2,000 years, it's no wonder. Go deeper into **Burgundy's wine capital** with a **guided visit to a local wine cellar**, with **wine tasting and culinary bites**. Santé! Free time this evening. HENRY II or Similar (1 Night) (B)

Day 9: Fri, May 28 – BEAUNE – VERSAILLES – PARIS. Prepare to be amazed by the opulence when you stop at the **Palace of Versailles** en route to Paris. Explore the elegant **Baroque gardens** on your own before meeting your Local Guide or a walk through some of the palace's incredible rooms including the **State Apartments** and the **Hall of Mirrors**. Arrive in Paris later this afternoon giving you plenty of time to get acquainted with this iconic city. PARIS MARRIOTT RIVE GAUCHE or Similar (2 Nights)(B)

Day 10: Sat, May 29 – PARIS. This morning, your **guided sightseeing** is composed of an **orientation drive** and a **scenic cruise on the River Seine** with incredible views of celebrated landmarks including **Notre Dame Cathedral** and the **Eiffel Tower**. Enjoy free time this afternoon to explore more independently or join an optional excursion. Later, enjoy a **farewell dinner** (for this portion of the tour) at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Sun, May 30 – PARIS. Transfer to the next Paris hotel. Rooms will not be available until the afternoon. Enjoy a day of leisure in Paris. HOTEL DU COLLECTIONNEUR ARC DE TRIOMPHE PARIS or Similar (2 Nights) (B)

Day 12: Mon, May 31 – PARIS.

CLASSIC EXCURSION: Join a **guided city tour** featuring the iconic sites of Paris, which make the "City of Light" the most romantic and remarkable city in the world. Spend your free time strolling through the Champs-Élysées for **café au lait** and **croissants**, see the exhibits at the Louvre, or visit Montmartre's Basilica of the Sacré Cœur. Consider browsing Paris' classic shopping avenues and literary cafés for a true Parisian experience, or have your portrait sketched by a Parisian artist in the square at Place du Tertre. (B)



PALACE OF VERSAILLES, FRANCE

Day 13: Tue, June 01 – PARIS – EMBARK AVALON ARTISITRY II – BORDEAUX. This morning, travel to Bordeaux to board the Avalon Artistry II and start your **cruise on the Garonne and Dordogne Rivers**. This evening, enjoy a very special scenic sailing in Bordeaux. The ship will be docked in Bordeaux overnight. (B, D)

Day 14: Wed, June 02 – BORDEAUX – PAUILLAC.

- ⌚ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Take a **guided tour of Château de la Brède** – birthplace of Montesquieu – political philosopher and author of *The Spirit of Law*. Visit the **fortress-style castle** still reflected in its impressive moat, OR
- ⌚ **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Join a **guided visit with wine tasting** at a local wine estate. Sip the sweet notes and fresh acidity of Sauternes, the beloved golden-yellow wine.
- ⌚ **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Join a delicious **on board Bordeaux wine experience** while sailing to Pauillac with a presentation by a **world-class wine sommelier**.

This evening, enjoy **live entertainment on board** the ship. The ship will be docked overnight in Pauillac. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Thur, June 03 – PAUILLAC – CUSSAC FORT MÉDOC – BLYE. This morning, enjoy a **leisurely sailing to Cussac Fort Médoc**. Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.

- 🚴 **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Enjoy a relaxing **e-bike guided tour** in Bordeaux's finest wine region. You will be amazed by the picturesque countryside while you enjoy a wonderful **ride through the vineyards**, OR
- ⌚ **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Join a **guided tour** to discover the **culture and traditions of the southern Médoc region** at one of Margaux' beautiful château and enjoy a **wine tasting**, OR
- ⌚ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Take a **scenic drive** through the famed **Médoc wine country** and enjoy a **tasting of wonderful wines, featuring Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon**.

This evening, enjoy a brief sailing to Blaye. The ship will dock overnight in Blaye. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Fri, June 04 – BLYE – BOURG. Ask your Adventure Host for today's special activities.

- 🏃 **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Join a refreshing **power walk** through the **historic Citadel of Blaye**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with your Adventure Host, OR
- ⌚ **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Join a **guided tour** to discover Blaye from a different perspective, including a **visit to a local art gallery** with **wine tasting**, OR
- ⌚ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Take a **panoramic drive** following the **famed Route de la Corniche** along the **right banks of the Dordogne River**, followed by a **guided visit** to the **Citadel of Blaye**.

Enjoy a **relaxing afternoon sailing on the Dordogne River** to Bourg.

- ⌚ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Take a wonderful **walking tour** in the **Citadel of Bourg** on the banks of the Dordogne River and **visit the carriage museum**.

Alternatively, join an optional guided excursion to learn how the fine champagne of cognac is made



LA CITE DU VIN, FRANCE

© La Cité du Vin

while enjoying a **Rémy Martin tasting**. Later, enjoy **live entertainment on board** your ship. The ship will be docked overnight in Bourg. (B, L, D)

Day 17: Sat, June 05 – BOURG – LIBOURNE – EXCURSION TO SAINT-ÉMILION.

- ⌚ **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Enjoy a **guided visit** to **Saint-Émilion** to discover one Bordeaux' must-see wine-growing towns and celebrate your day with a **wine tasting**, OR
- ⌚ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a **guided tour** of the medieval village of **Saint-Émilion**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site of legends and legendary landscapes, OR
- ⌚ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Take an **orientation walking tour** to discover the **history and beauty of Libourne**, where wine and wonderful views are cherished in the 12th century fortified town.
- ⌚ **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** **On board lecture about WWII** hosted by a history expert. The ship will dock overnight in Libourne. (B, L, D)

Day 18: Sun, June 06 – LIBOURNE – BORDEAUX. Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.

- ⌚ **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** While sailing to Bordeaux, enjoy a **pastry demonstration**.
- 🏃 **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Join your Adventure Host for a **bike ride** along Bordeaux' postcard river views of the **Les Quais**, OR
- ⌚ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a **guided walking tour** to **discover the heart of Bordeaux** with a stroll amid its stunning squares, avenues, and cathedrals sights.

Later, enjoy **live entertainment on board** your ship. The ship will be docked overnight in Bordeaux. (B, L, D)

Day 19: Mon, June 07 – BORDEAUX – EXCURSION TO ARCACHON'S BAY.

- 🚴 **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Join your Adventure Host for a **bike ride** along Bordeaux' postcard river views of the **Les Quais**, OR
- ⌚ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Take a **guided tour** to **La Cité du Vin**, Bordeaux's iconic wine museum and cultural center, OR
- ⌚ **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a **full-day guided tour** of the **seaside resort of Arcachon on the Atlantic coast**. Gaze upon its 19th century architectural treasures and taste its local delicacy of oysters and wine.

This afternoon, consider an optional guided excursion to Les Bassins des Lumières for a breathtaking visit to the submarine base where art and music surround you in an immersive experience. The ship will remain docked in Bordeaux overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 20: Tue, June 08 – BORDEAUX – DISEMBARK AVALON ARTISITRY II – HONOLULU. Bid farewell to Bordeaux as you prepare for your homeward flight. Arrive Honolulu. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

Join us on this journey of a lifetime! Call today!!

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- 10-nights hotel accommodations.
- 7-nights deluxe cruise accommodations.
- Open-air balconies and wall-to-wall panoramic windows in all Panorama Suites.
- Large bathroom featuring shower with glass door.
- Individual climate control and in-room safe.
- Well-stocked mini-bar.
- Included sightseeing with expert Local Guides with personal headset included.
- Choice of **CLASSIC**, **ACTIVE**, or **DISCOVERY** excursions so that you can experience your cruise your way.
- On board lectures, activities, and entertainment.
- Complimentary Starlink Wi-Fi throughout the ship.
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- Happy hour every evening featuring house beer, wine, cocktails, and a drink of the day.
- Welcome and farewell cocktails with sparkling wine and canapés.
- Daily breakfast buffet with full range of classic breakfast items, healthy Avalon Fresh® options, and daily a la carte specials.
- Complimentary room service for continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- Daily lunch buffet featuring regional specialties, classic dishes, healthy Avalon Fresh® options, and rotating chef's features including carving and pasta stations. Alternatively, you may dine al fresco at the Sky Grill on the Sky Deck (weather and itinerary permitting) or enjoy a light lunch in the Panorama Lounge.
- Afternoon tea featuring tea, coffee, and sweet treats.
- Four-course dinners with choice of appetizers, soups, salads, entrées, and desserts or cheese.
- Linger over several selections from the Panorama Bistro's tasting menu for a less formal "sit-down" atmosphere.
- Complimentary wine, beer, or soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Avalon FlexDining® flexible dining times with menu and venue options.
- Vegetarian options at every meal, as well as vegan, low calorie, low fat, high fiber, low cholesterol, high energy, and allergy-free selections.
- Specialty coffees, espresso drinks, and beWell Essence flavored and infused water available throughout each day.
- Club Lounge with 24-hour self-serve beverage station with complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, tea, hot chocolate, and premium coffees, as well as treats throughout the day.
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