

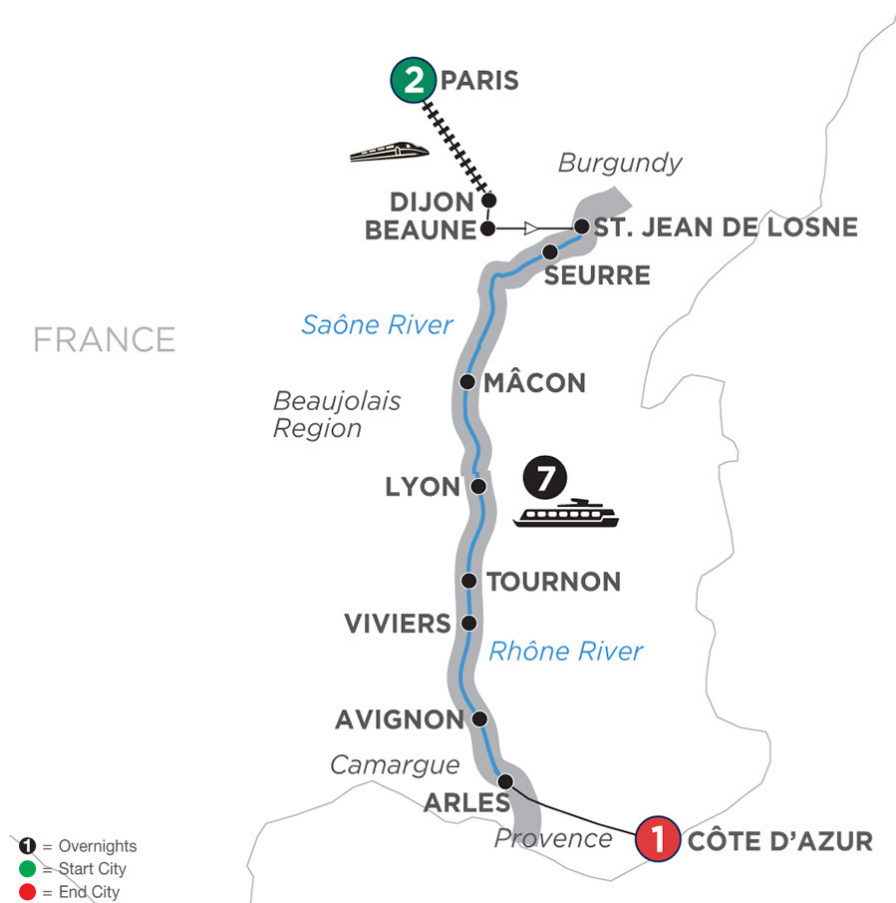
## Burgundy & Provence

### River Cruise Southbound: Paris to Côte d'Azur

**12 Days: Saturday, October 19-Wednesday, October 30, 2019**

**From \$5,129 per person double occupancy Category E**

Take a wondrous river cruise through beautiful France along the Rhône and Saône Rivers with guided sightseeing in the well-known French treasures and some hidden gems too! This France river cruise adventure begins in style with two overnights in Paris—one of the world’s most romantic and vibrant cities! The City of Light has Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower, and the Louvre Museum with its elegant glass pyramid contrasting its ancient architecture. A guided city tour will show you all the must-see sights. You’ll visit Lyon, a showcase of medieval and Renaissance architecture, as well as France’s gastronomic capital! Situated at the junction of the Rhône and Saône Rivers, Lyon offers wonderful sights, including the popular Place des Terreaux with its famous fountain seen on postcards. Beautifully nestled among vineyards, you’ll find the twin cities of Tournon and Tain l’Hermitage, where you’ll go on a guided walk of Tournon, a medieval treasure with plenty of Roman ruins and a fascinating 16th-century castle. Continue your river cruise to historical Avignon and see the 14th-century Palace of the Popes—the largest gothic fortress in the world. On the Rhône River sits Arles, France—famous for inspiring the paintings of Van Gogh and its 1st-century Roman Amphitheater, which hosts plays and concerts to this day. You’ll conclude your historical and delightful French river cruise with an overnight stay on the picturesque Côte d’Azur. Explore this captivating area and relax along the remarkably blue water of the Mediterranean Sea. You’ll revel in the relaxing and inspiring sights and culinary delights during your French river cruise and Mediterranean vacation!



**From \$5,129 per person double occupancy for Deluxe Stateroom, Category E  
Cabin upgrades available: additional \$199-\$2,199 pp/do  
Includes cruise taxes and port charges, pre-paid cruise gratuities and Avalon insurance.**

## **Highlights**

Day 1 Overnight flight from Boston

Day 2 Paris: Welcome to France, transfer to hotel for a two-night stay

Day 3 Paris: Guided sightseeing

Day 4 Paris–Dijon–Beaune–St. Jean de Losne (Embarkation)–Seurre: TGV train from Paris to Dijon. Motorcoach transfer to Beaune, visit the Hôtel-Dieu; onboard welcome reception

Day 5 Seurre–Mâcon: Leisurely cruising; free time in Mâcon; onboard cheese tasting

Day 6 Lyon: Guided sightseeing; picture stop on Fourvière Hill

Day 7 Lyon: A free day to explore this fascinating city at leisure

Day 8 Tournon/Tain l'Hermitage–Viviers: Guided walk in Tournon; guided walk in Viviers, visit the Old Town and the cathedral

Day 9 Avignon: Guided sightseeing, visit Palace of the Popes

Day 10 Arles: Guided sightseeing in Arles, visit the Roman Amphitheatre; cruise into the Camargue region(daylight permitting)

Day 11 Arles (Disembarkation)–Côte d'Azur: Travel by motorcoach to Côte d'Azur for an overnight stay

Day 12 Côte d'Azur: Your vacation ends this morning; return flight to Boston

**Day-By-Day Itinerary (B) = Breakfast (L) = Lunch (D) = Dinner**

## **Day 1 Overnight flight from Boston**

### **Day 2 ARRIVE PARIS, FRANCE – TRANSFER TO HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR A TWO-NIGHT STAY**

Bienvenue en France! Take free time today to fall in love with the world's most romantic city. Get inspired by its architectural icons, exquisite cuisine, chic boutiques, and priceless artistic treasures.

### **Day 3 (B) PARIS**

#### **Cafés, Cathedrals, and Canvases—The City of Lights Truly Shines**

##### **Classic**

Join a Guided City Tour that shows the iconic sites of Paris, such as the Louvre Museum, the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Opéra Garnier, and the famous Champs-Élysées.

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.

### **Day 4 (B, D) DIJON—BEAUNE—ST. JEAN DE LOSNE (EMBARKATION)—SEURRE**

Take a High-Speed Train from Paris to Dijon, to drive on to Beaune.

##### **Classic**

Visit the Hôtel-Dieu Charity Hospital in Beaune, built in 1443, today home of Van der Weyden's painting of the Last Judgment and is one of France's architectural highlights.

This afternoon, travel to St. Jean de Losne to board your Suite Ship® and enjoy a brief evening cruise to Seurre.

#### **OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN SEURRE**

### **Day 5 (B, L, D) MÂCON**

#### **Wine and Cheese on the Stunning Saône**

Enjoy leisurely cruising en route to Mâcon along the majestic Saône River. Consider a Guided Optional Excursion to a Chardonnay wine cellar, or to the Castle of Cormatin.

##### **Discovery**

Later, enjoy a delicious Cheese Tasting on board your ship.  
Enjoy live entertainment while sailing for Trévoux this evening.

### **OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN TRÉVOUX**

**Day 6 (B, L, D) LYON**

#### **Adventures in Food and Wine in the Gastronomy Capital of France**

Sail for lovely Lyon this morning.

##### **Classic**

Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour to survey Lyon from Fourvière Hill with its numerous churches. You'll also explore the Old Town with its maze of medieval alleyways, and the lively cafés, monuments, and famed fountain of Place des Terreaux.

Spend free time riding a bike through Lyon's town squares, over bridges, and along the banks where the Rhône and Saône rivers meet.

Later on board your ship, be our guest for a WWII & French Resistance Lecture, and enjoy live entertainment after dinner.

### **OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LYON**

**Day 7 (B, L, D) LYON**

#### **French Food and Wine—La Vie En Rose in Lyon**

Enjoy a free day in Lyon, or choose a Guided Optional Culinary Walk through the city to discover why it is known as the gastronomic capital of France!

Your day is free to explore, relax, or shop in France's third largest city. Take a bike from the ship and explore local produce markets and parks, or take a leisurely tour of the city's more than 100 murals.

### **EVENING CRUISE TO TOURNO**

**Day 8 (B, L, D) TOURNON/TAIN L'HERMITAGE**

#### **A Rendezvous with Castle Views and Vineyards**

##### **Classic**

Take a morning Guided Walking Tour to explore Tournon—one of France's oldest medieval cities. See its 16th-century castle, and Roman ruins between the Rhône River and the granite slopes of the Hermitage.

##### **VIVIERS**

#### **World History in a Charming French Country Village**

##### **Classic**

Explore the pale-stone buildings of Viviers on a late afternoon Guided Walking Tour of this charming village. You'll see its Romanesque cathedral and Old Town with a mix of historical Christian, Roman, and medieval influences.

### **EVENING CRUISE TO AVIGNON**

**Day 9 (B, L, D) AVIGNON**

#### **The City of Popes in Picturesque Provence**

##### **Classic**

Take a Guided Sightseeing Tour of the fortress city of Avignon—with its ramparts encircling the city—and a visit to the amazing Palace of the Popes.

Guided Optional Excursions include a visit to the ancient Roman aqueduct of Pont du Gard, or a trip to the famed wine cellars of Châteauneuf-du-Pape for a true taste of the Rhône wine region.

Explore Avignon on your own for the city's art and culture, theatre, and museums. Be sure to snap photos of the captivating countryside, historic monuments, and the medieval Pont Saint-Bénézet.

Later, enjoy onboard live entertainment.

### **EVENING CRUISE TO ARLES**

**Day 10 (B, L, D) ARLES**

#### **Inspiring Sights and Avant-Garde Lights**

##### **Classic**

Enjoy a Guided Walking Tour of Arles—the captivating city of the Provence region. You'll visit the Roman Amphitheater in this visually stunning city that inspired the works of Vincent van Gogh. Consider a Guided Optional Excursion to the Carrières de Lumières (Cathedral of Images) to immerse yourself in a truly unique experience of art, sound, and light in the old quarries of Val d'Enfer. Take advantage of any free time remaining with a stop in Le Café Van Gogh for a glass of wine, to relax and watch the world go by.

## **OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN ARLES**

### **Day 11 (B) ARLES (DISEMBARKATION)—CÔTE D'AZUR - TRANSFER TO HOTEL**

Spectacular Seascapes of the French Riviera After breakfast this morning, you'll drive to the Côte d'Azur for your last night in France. Known also as the French Riviera, the spectacular Côte d'Azur stretches along France's Mediterranean coast from Toulon to the border of Italy.

### **Day 12 (B) CÔTE D'AZUR**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

## **Notes**

In the event of water level problems or any problems of a technical nature, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or to alter the program.

Included visits and special features are subject to change. If a change becomes necessary, a substitute will be offered.

Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.

## **POETRY II**

The Avalon Poetry II offers a delightfully intimate cruise setting. Like its sister Suite Ships®, the Avalon Artistry II, Avalon Visionary, Avalon Tapestry II, and Avalon Tranquility II, the Poetry II features two full decks of suites featuring Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows that transform the living space into a unique Open-Air Balcony<sup>SM</sup>. With 200 square feet, Panorama Suites<sup>SM</sup> are more than 30% larger than the industry standard, giving you the rare opportunity to wake each morning to the enchanting scenery and fresh breezes. Onboard amenities include an alternative dining option in the Panorama Bistro, complimentary computer use in public areas and Wi-Fi access, a Fitness Center, and a spacious Sky Deck with premium lounge chairs, whirlpool, and light al fresco lunches at the Sky Bistro.

### **Avalon Suite Fleet**

- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- Panoramic windows throughout the ship
- Elegant, contemporary design & decor
- Friendly, English-speaking crew & Cruise Director
- Sky Deck with whirlpool, shade awnings, game area and premium lounges
- Covered Observation Lounge
- Club Lounge with 24-hour self-serve beverage station with complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, tea, hot chocolate & premium coffees, as well as treats throughout the day
- Elevator
- Non-smoking interior and staterooms

### **Avalon Panorama Suites & Staterooms**

- Open-Air Balconies<sup>SM</sup> and Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows in all Panorama Suites
- Comfort Collection Beds<sup>SM</sup> with choice of mattress firmness
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Premium L'Occitane bath products & hairdryer

- Large bathroom featuring shower with glass door
- Wide selection of free movie channels and English-speaking TV
- Individual climate control and in-room safe
- Full-size closet and mirror
- Additional under-bed storage
- Complimentary bottled water daily

### **Throughout the Ship:**

- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Panoramic windows
- Elegant, contemporary design & decor
- Friendly, English-speaking crew & Cruise Director
- Sky Deck with whirlpool, shade awnings, game area and premium lounges
- Covered Observation Lounge
- Club Lounge with 24-hour self-serve beverage station with complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, tea, hot chocolate & premium coffees, as well as treats throughout the day

## AVALON CHOICE

Avalon has designed **included activities** with a choice of experiences. We invite you to select the tours, activities, and events that interest you most, so you can experience your cruise your way. There are 3 types of included shore excursion on every Europe cruise:

### **Classic**

Your local expert is ready to guide you through the history and heritage of local destinations. You'll marvel at the legends, lore, and spectacular architecture of iconic and historic sites.

### **Discovery**

We've found inspiring and interactive activities to speak to your interests - from cooking classes, to painting workshops - to immerse yourself in each culture you explore.

### **Active**

Embark on energetic excursions to keep you in motion and on the go - from a guided jogging tour of Amsterdam, to biking, paddling, and hiking your way through scenic locales.

Plus independent exploration options and use of our exclusive AvalonGO APP.

### **Health & Fitness:**

Bikes

Canoe, kayak and jogging excursions

Maps for hiking, biking and jogging routes

Fitness and wellness activities

Fitbits®

All through your Avalon Adventure Host<sup>SM</sup>

### **Dining**

- FlexDining® for more venue and seating options, including flexible seating times in our main Dining Room
- Avalon Fresh® healthy cuisine options at every meal
- Complimentary sparkling wine with breakfast; wine, beer, or soft drinks with every lunch and dinner
- Early and Late Riser breakfast options
- Daily full buffet breakfast with made-to-order egg station, hot and cold menu items
- Daily lunch buffet with pasta or carving stations
- Alternative light lunch or Sky Grill on the Sky Deck (weather permitting)
- Daily Afternoon Tea featuring tea, coffee, sweet treats & sandwiches

- Daily four-course a la carte dinner in the main Dining Room with choice of appetizers, soups, salads, entrees and desserts. Includes selections of regional recipes, Western dishes and vegetarian options.
- Enjoy a tasting menu with a view in the Panorama Bistro - a less formal "sit-down" atmosphere while mingling over several satisfying selections
- Captain's welcome & farewell receptions and dinners with sparkling wine and canapés
- Panorama Lounge featuring premium spirits and Avalon specialty cocktails, along with local entertainment special guests
- Cocktails available on the Sky Deck
- Fresh fruit available throughout the day

## STATEROOMS & SUITES

### Avalon Deluxe Stateroom (Cat. D, E) - 172 sq. ft.

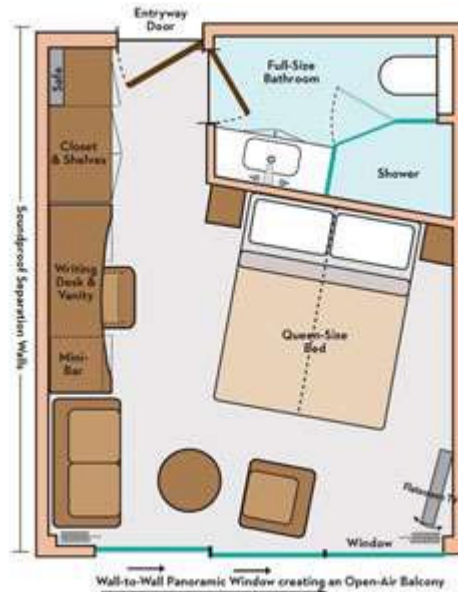


## Features

- Comfort Collection Beds<sup>SM</sup>
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Soft & firm pillows
- Choice of bed configuration
- Bedside tables with reading lamps
- L'Occitane bath products
- Easy under-bed luggage storage
- Alarm clock
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Complimentary bottled water
- Individual climate control
- Large mirror in bathroom
- USB Ports
- Full shower with glass door
- Vanity and lighted makeup mirror
- Luxurious mattress toppers
- European-style duvets
- Extra blankets
- Nightly turn-down service
- Hairdryer
- Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
- Flatscreen satellite TV with English-speaking channels & over 100 free movie options

- Direct-dial telephone
- Well-stocked minibar
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Two windows
- Writing desk and chair

**Panorama Suite (Cat. A, B, P) - 200 sq. ft.**

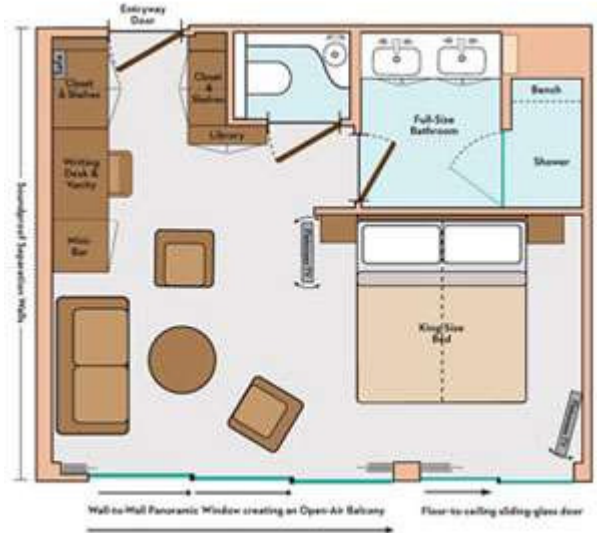


**Features**

- Comfort Collection Beds<sup>SM</sup>
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Soft & firm pillows
- Choice of bed configuration
- Bedside tables with reading lamps
- L'Occitane bath products
- Easy under-bed luggage storage
- Alarm clock
- Direct-dial telephone
- Well-stocked minibar
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Marble countertops in bathroom
- USB Ports
- 6-person sitting area
- Writing desk and chair
- Sofa
- Luxurious mattress toppers
- European-style duvets
- Extra blankets
- Nightly turn-down service
- Hairdryer
- Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
- Flatscreen satellite TV with English-speaking channels & over 100 free movie options
- Make-up mirror
- Bathrobes & slippers

- Complimentary bottled water
- Individual climate control
- Large mirror in bathroom
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Window with Open-Air Balcony<sup>SM</sup>
- Full shower with glass door
- Vanity and lighted makeup mirror
- Coffee table

## Royal Suite - 300 sq. ft.



## Features

- Comfort Collection Beds<sup>SM</sup>
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Soft & firm pillows
- Choice of bed configuration
- Bedside tables with reading lamps
- L'Occitane bath products
- Easy under-bed luggage storage
- Alarm clock
- Direct-dial telephone
- Well-stocked minibar
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Marble countertops in bathroom
- USB Ports
- 6-person sitting area
- Writing desk and chair
- Sofa
- Double sinks
- Luxurious mattress toppers
- European-style duvets
- Extra blankets
- Nightly turn-down service
- Hairdryer
- Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
- Flatscreen satellite TV with English-speaking channels & over 100 free movie options



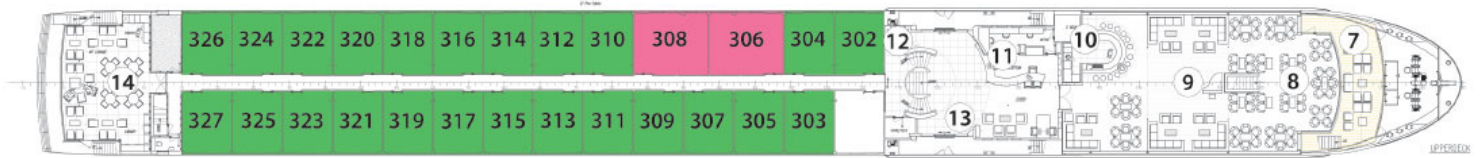
- Make-up mirror
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Complimentary bottled water
- Individual climate control
- Large mirror in bathroom
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Window with Open-Air Balcony<sup>SM</sup>
- Full shower with glass door
- Vanity and lighted makeup mirror
- Coffee table

## DECK PLANS

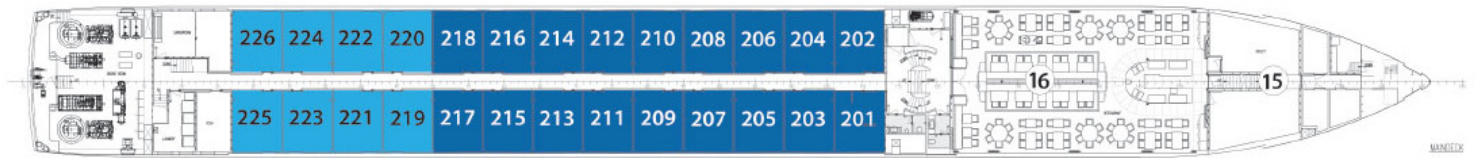
### SKY DECK



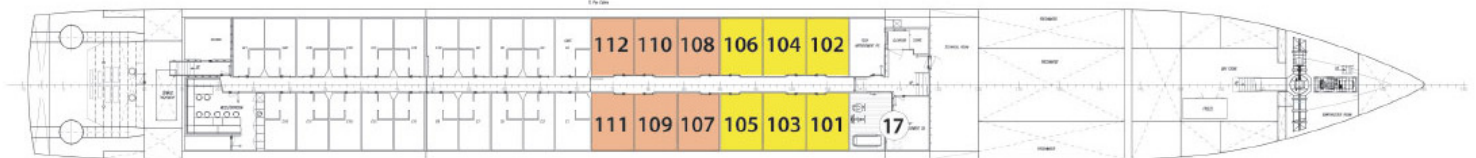
### ROYAL DECK



### SAPPHIRE DECK



### INDIGO DECK



## DECK PLAN

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|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Sky Lounge                                    | 6 Deck Game Area     | 12 Elevator       |
| 2 Navigation Bridge                             | 7 Observation Lounge | 13 Lobby          |
| 3 Sky Grill                                     | 8 Panorama Bistro    | 14 Club Lounge    |
| 4 Whirlpool                                     | 9 Panorama Lounge    | 15 Galley         |
| 5 Premium Lounge<br>Chairs and Shade<br>Awnings | 10 Bar               | 16 Dining Room    |
|   | 11 Reception         | 17 Fitness Center |

## CATEGORIES

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|--------------------|---|
| <b>Royal Suite</b> | Royal Deck   Royal Suites               |
| <b>Cat. P</b>      | Royal Deck   Panorama Suites            |
| <b>Cat. A</b>      | Sapphire Deck Forward   Panorama Suites |
| <b>Cat. B</b>      | Sapphire Deck Aft   Panorama Suites     |
| <b>Cat. D</b>      | Indigo Deck Aft   Deluxe Staterooms     |
| <b>Cat. E</b>      | Indigo Deck Forward   Deluxe Staterooms |