THE French Alps
Provence • Burgundy • Beaujolais

Cruising aboard the m.s. Rembrandt

October 18 to 27, 2011

Featuring Pamela Webb, MA’83, PhD ’89
Dear Bryn Mawr Alumnae/i and Friends,

Springing from a glacier, the Rhône River flows through the French Alps’ stunning snow-white peaks and blossoming Alpine meadows, nourishes the Rhône Valley’s fabled vineyards, and runs by Roman ruins, medieval castles, picturesque villages and thriving cities, joining the Saône River at Lyon. Be among the first to travel on this uniquely designed program and discover the tremendous beauty and the fascinating historic and artistic significance of the Rhône River Valley and the French Alps.

Join us on this comprehensive 10-day itinerary and experience the joie de vivre of provincial France from the timeless allure of the ancient regions of Provence, Beaujolais and Burgundy through the tranquil beauty of the French Alps. From Arles, cruise for five nights aboard the exclusively chartered M.S. Rembrandt, an intimate and comfortable vessel ideally designed to navigate the waterways of the French countryside. Drive along Burgundy’s scenic wine route and enjoy a private wine tasting in a medieval castle amid the picturesque Beaujolais villages; explore the ancient Roman monuments of Arles and walk in the footsteps of medieval popes in Avignon.

The grandeur of the Alps must be experienced firsthand to be truly appreciated. Here, a rich tapestry of unspoiled storybook villages, fortified medieval castles and rustic chalets, where farmers, herdsmen and artisans proudly carry on the traditions of their forebears, is nestled against a backdrop of soaring peaks, glacier-carved valleys and pristine lakes. Lakeside accommodations await you in the charming medieval town of Annecy, the jewel of the French Alps. Stroll down the lovely arcaded streets of the old town and cruise on the stunning, crystal clear Lake Annecy. View breathtaking Mont Blanc in Chamonix and ascend the slopes to Montenvers by cog railway and l’Aiguille du Midi by cable car for magnificent views of the French, Swiss and Italian Alps.

We also invite you to enjoy more of Provence and the Alps on the exclusive two-night Aix-en-Provence Pre-Program Option* and the two-night Geneva Post-Program Option*.

This new program is an exceptional value including all accommodations and excursions, most meals and the opportunity to explore the beauty, rich artistic legacy and history of the grandest regions in the Alps, Burgundy, Beaujolais and Provence, and is sure to sell out quickly. Make your reservation today, while Early Booking Savings are available.

Warm wishes,

Wendy M. Greenfield
Executive Director
Bryn Mawr Alumnae Association

Pamela Webb is an alumna of Bryn Mawr College (M.A. ’83; Ph.D. ’89). She was a Visiting Associate Professor in the Department of Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology (2004-2008), where she taught a wide variety of courses on Roman art and architecture. Dr. Webb will focus on the history and archaeological remains from the reigns of Augustus through Constantine in this important region of the Roman empire, including the ancient cities of Lugdunum (Lyon), Boutae (Annecy), Matisco (Macon), and Areolae (Arles).
U.S.
*Day 1*
Depart from the U.S.

**MARSEILLES, FRANCE/ARLES**
*Day 2*
Arrive in Marseilles. Transfer to charming Arles, the archetypical Provençal city and embark the *M.S. Rembrandt*. This evening, join your traveling companions for the Captain’s welcome reception and dinner.

**ARLES/AVIGNON**
*Day 3*
Few places on earth can match the distinctive joie de vivre of Arles, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This morning, attend a lecture on the Rhône River given by an Arles resident before the morning walking tour. Visit one of the most majestic Roman monuments in France, the Amphitheater, built in the first century B.C. It is the largest constructed in France and second only to Rome’s Colosseum in magnificence and grandeur. Continue to Arles’ 12th-century Cathedral of St-Trophime which has a fascinating Last Judgement-themed portal, one of the finest examples of Romanesque sculpture. Arles is also associated with Vincent van Gogh, who lived here between 1888 and 1889; the subject of his famous *Night Café* is still open on the lively Boulevard des Lices. Enjoy time at leisure before reboarding the ship.

Throughout the 14th century, Avignon was the center of western Christendom when Pope Clement V arrived here after fleeing the turmoil of Rome in 1309. The next six pontiffs enlarged the city into one of the richest and most powerful in Europe, until the Great Schism with Rome in 1378 led to the eventual end of the Avignon Papacy in 1405. Visit the grandiose Palais des Papes (Papal Palace), one of the largest châteaux-forts built in Europe during the Gothic era, the primary reflection of Avignon’s golden age and one of the most famous landmarks in France. Walk to the nearby Garden of the Popes and the Rocher des Domes, which offers panoramic views of the Rhône River Valley. At the river’s edge see the remaining four arches of the famous Pont d’Avignon—one of the most beautiful creations of the Middle Ages. Stroll along the well-preserved, 14th-century ramparts still encircling Avignon, one of the finest surviving examples of medieval fortification.

**TOURNON (BOUCIEU-LE-ROI)**
*Day 4*
Enjoy a morning at leisure on board as the ship cruises along the lovely Rhône River.

Dock this afternoon in the lively town of Tournon, a center of the Rhône Valley wine trade with graceful tree-lined promenades and an imposing 11th- to 16th-century château. Drive into the heart of the Rhône Valley to the untouched medieval hamlet of Boucieu-le-Roi, famous for its beautiful 15th-century bridge spanning the Doux River. Here, Father Pierre Vigne, the legendary 18th-century missionary beatified by Pope John Paul II in 2004, founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to educate the young and the sick. Visit the Museum of Father Pierre Vigne and enjoy the walking tour of this locally distinguished “Village of Character” and the warm hospitality of a typical French village during the reception hosted by the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.

**TOURNON/LYON**
*Day 5*
Following a morning cruising past vineyards, olive groves and orchards of the picturesque Rhône-Alps countryside, arrive in Lyon, the gate of Provence, dramatically located at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône rivers. In a nation that holds sacred the enjoyment of food and wine,
Lyon occupies pride of place as France’s “Capital of Gastronomy.” From lofty Fourvière Hill (Praying Hill), see the ornate 19th-century Basilica of Notre Dame and view this vibrant city of red-roofed houses spread out below. Continue to the restored Vieux Lyon (Old Lyon), where almost 300 elegant Gothic and Renaissance mansions attest to the wealth of Lyon’s long-standing silk industry. Walk in the ancient quarters of St-Jean, St-Paul and St-Georges which are linked by charming traboules—narrow, covered pedestrian passageways.

BELLEVILLE (BEAUJOLAIS)/MÂCON (CLUNY)/CHÂLON-SUR-SAÔNE
Day 6
From the lovely vineyards of the Beaujolais des Pierres Dorées, the land of the “golden stones,” come France’s youngest and fruitiest wines. In some seasons, this internationally recognized wine region along the Saône produces more red wine than the Burgundy regions of Chablis, Côte d’Or, Côte Chalonnaise and Mâconnais combined. This morning, travel over verdant rolling hills into the heart of the church-spired Beaujolais region to enjoy a tour of the historic Château Montmelas and savor the château’s wines with local cheeses and sausages.

Upon docking in Mâcon, drive through the vineyards of the Saône-et-Loire département in Burgundy to the Benedictine Cluny Abbey (A.D. 910), one of the great centers of medieval Christianity. Only remnants of the sprawling abbey complex remain, a casualty of the revolutionary upheavals of 1793. Yet these beautiful and austere remnants still provide a fascinating glimpse of what was, until the construction of St. Peter’s in Rome, the largest Christian basilica in the world. Reboard the ship and sail to Châlon-sur-Saône. This evening, enjoy the Captain’s farewell reception and dinner.

CHÂLON-SUR-SAÔNE/ANNECY
Day 7
Disembark the ship and depart by coach for Annecy, one of the most charming towns in the Alps. En route, see meadows ablaze with gentians and bellflowers, steep mountain slopes and undulating valleys carpeted with pastures where traditional farmers herd cows, sheep and goats, just as their forefathers have for generations. Upon arrival, begin the guided tour of delightful Annecy, the “Venice of the Alps.” Walk along the colorful arcaded streets, beside enchanting canals and over flower-covered bridges through the perfectly preserved old town. See medieval fortified gates, the 12th-century Palais de l’Isle (old prison) built in a canal and one of the most photographed monuments in France, the 12th- to 16th-century Château d’Annecy and the 16th-century Cathedral of Saint-Pierre.

Check into the IMPERIAL PALACE HOTEL, located on picturesque Lake Annecy, surrounded by majestic snowcapped peaks. The afternoon is at leisure. Dinner is included in the hotel tonight.
**Annecy/Chamonix**

**Day 8**
Today, experience the sublime majesty of the Alps at close range on your excursion to inviting Chamonix, the most famous of the Savoy resorts and a town of rich architectural heritage, regarded as the historic capital of alpine skiing and host of the first Winter Olympic Games in 1924. Stretching across the historically independent region of Savoy, the French Alps are home to some of the world’s most popular and exclusive mountain resorts, and reach their pinnacle at the summit of Mont Blanc, the tallest peak in Europe.

Ride aboard the historic Montenvers Railway, an electrified cog rail system which began service in 1908, as it ascends to an altitude of 6,276 feet in just over three miles. Visit the Crystal Gallery, an impressive collection of Mont Blanc rock samples, and the Fauna Alpine Museum. Following lunch in a typical mountain restaurant set against the breathtaking backdrop of the French Alps, return to Chamonix.

This afternoon (weather permitting), ride the Aiguille du Midi cable car into the realm of the high mountain peaks to an altitude of 12,605 feet. Enjoy a magnificent 360-degree view of the forests, meadows and lakes of the French, Swiss and Italian Alps. From Chamonix, drive through vibrant alpine landscapes on your return to Annecy. Dinner is served in the hotel.

**Annecy**

**Day 9**
Carefully protected, glistening Lake Annecy is the cleanest and one of the most beautiful lakes in Europe. After a cruise on these crystal clear waters, the day is at leisure. This evening, join your traveling companions for the farewell reception in the hotel.

**Annecy/Geneva, Switzerland/U.S.**

**Day 10**
Depart Annecy for Geneva and continue on the Geneva Post-Program Option* or transfer to the airport for your flight home.

The Beaujolais region is renowned for its serene villages surrounded by lush vineyards yielding vintages prized by connoisseurs around the world.
M.S. REMBRANDT

The first-class M.S. REMBRANDT is truly the only small European river ship cruising the Rhône and Saône rivers; in comparison, all other ships are more than twice its size. Its traditional décor and club-like atmosphere provide an intimate and comfortable cruise experience.

Each of the 39 outside cabins has a private bathroom, individual climate control and satellite television. Cabins have twin beds, which convert to a sofa. Suites feature a French Balcony (floor-to-ceiling sliding glass door with railing).

Meals are served at single, open seatings in the stylish main dining room and feature continental cuisine. Complimentary house wine is included with dinner.

The ship features a lounge and bar and Sun and Observation Deck to enjoy the delightful views of the Provence and Burgundian countrysides.

The highly-trained experienced international English-speaking crew provides personalized service. Internet is available onboard. The ship was built in 2003.

IMPERIAL PALACE HOTEL

In the heart of the French Alps, ideally located on the beautiful shores of Lake Annecy, the purest lake in Europe, the four-star IMPERIAL PALACE HOTEL (built in 1913) combines contemporary French décor with comfortable accommodations, attentive service and modern facilities. The hotel is a short shuttle-bus ride from the charming village of Annecy. Distinguished guests of the hotel have included King George IV, Winston Churchill, Edith Piaf and Charlie Chaplin.

Accommodations are air-conditioned and have a private bath, direct-dial telephone, satellite television, minibar, safe, plush bathrobes and slippers.

The hotel serves traditional French cuisine in La Voile restaurant and on its terrace overlooking the lake, popular with local residents and visitors alike. You may also enjoy French specialties in the unique ambiance of La Rotonde restaurant within the casino and in its casual Le Poker Café.

The hotel features a private park of beautifully landscaped paths and lush gardens, a lounge, bar, billiards room, casino, boutique, beauty salon, fitness center, sauna and spa.
Pick out your favorite flavors from Provence’s fields and orchards in Aix’s colorful outdoor market.

AIX-EN-PROVENCE
PRE-PROGRAM OPTION*
Enhance your Provence experience with two nights in historic Aix-en-Provence, “City of a Thousand Fountains” while staying in the centrally located, deluxe GRAND HOTEL ROI RENE. Follow in the footsteps of the city’s most famous son, Paul Cézanne and admire the Provençal landscapes that inspired him. Visit the colorful Aix-en-Provence market and walk through the Mazarin district and Old Aix, where you will enjoy lunch in the city’s oldest café on the famous Cours Mirabeau, a classic, tree-lined avenue of elegant 17th- and 18th-century townhouses with exquisite wrought-iron balconies.

GENEVA POST-PROGRAM OPTION*
Extend your journey through the Alps with two nights in the international city of Geneva, Switzerland, in the deluxe HOTEL DE LA PAIX, ideally located on the shore of beautiful Lake Geneva, the largest lake in the Alps. Learn about the history and current work of the United Nations during the specially arranged tour of the interior chambers of its headquarters, the historic Palais des Nations, and explore the Swiss passion for timepieces at the Patek Philippe Museum.

* Options are available at additional cost.
* Complete details will be included with your reservation confirmation.

The Jet d’Eau in La Rade, Geneva’s picturesque harbor, is Europe’s tallest fountain.

INCLUDED FEATURES
ON BOARD THE CHARTERED M.S. REMBRANDT
♦ Five-night cruise aboard the intimate M.S. REMBRANDT from Arles to Châlon-sur-Saône with port calls at Avignon, Tournon for Boucieu-le-Roi, Lyon, Belleville for Beaujolais, Mâcon for Cluny.
♦ Accommodations in comfortable outside cabins.
♦ Captain’s welcome and farewell receptions.
♦ Three meals each day, featuring continental cuisine.
♦ House wine with dinner.
♦ Walking tour of Arles, a UNESCO World Heritage site, highlighted by visits to the Cathedral of St-Trophime and the Roman Amphitheater.
♦ Walking tour of Avignon, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring the Papal Palace and the Pont d’Avignon.
♦ Guided walk through the village of Boucieu-le-Roi, with a tour of the Museum of Father Pierre Vigne and a private reception hosted by the Sisters of the Convent of the Blessed Sacrament.
♦ Walking tour of Old Lyon, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
♦ Visit to the world-renowned Burgundy hills vineyards and a private wine tasting at the exquisite Château Montmelas, featuring a fortepiano performance by a highly regarded pianist.
♦ Excursion to the 10th-century Cluny Abbey ruins, a former historic center of monastic culture.
♦ Scenic transfer from Châlon-sur-Saône through the French Alps to Annecy.

IN ANNECY, THE FRENCH ALPS
♦ Three nights in the IMPERIAL PALACE HOTEL, located on picturesque Lake Annecy.
♦ Full buffet breakfast each morning.
♦ Two dinners in the hotel.
♦ Farewell reception in the hotel.
♦ Walking tour of Annecy’s picturesque Old Town.
♦ Scenic cruise on crystal clear Lake Annecy.
♦ Pleasant drive in the French Alps to Chamonix.
♦ Excursions by cog railway to Montenvers and by cable car to the summit of l’Aiguille du Midi (weather permitting) to enjoy views of Mont Blanc and Mer de Glace, with lunch in a typical mountain village restaurant.

ENHANCED TRAVEL SERVICES
♦ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
♦ All excursions and visits, as outlined in the itinerary, led by experienced, English-speaking local guides.
♦ Gratuities for local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
♦ Experienced Travel Director to accompany you throughout the travel program.
♦ Hospitality desk aboard the ship and in the hotels.
♦ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
♦ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
LAND/Cruise Tariff (per person, based on double occupancy)

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* Singles are available in category B at $7635 and in category A at $8435 on or before March 21, 2011. Add $1000 for reservations made after March 21, 2011.

* M.S. Rembrandt 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.

For more information, please call Gohagan & Company at (800) 922-3088.

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Please make my/our reservation(s) in category:

1st Choice   2nd Choice
❑ Double occupancy.
❑ 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).

Aix-en-Provence Pre-Program Reservations
❑ Double at $780 per person.
❑ Single at $1070 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 Post-Program Reservations
Standard Rooms:
❑ Double at $995 per person.
❑ Single at $1495 per person.
Lake View Rooms:
❑ Double at $1195 per person.
❑ Single at $1855 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).

❑ I/We want you to book my/our air from ___________________(fill in departure city) to Marseilles, France, with return from Geneva, Switzerland, at an additional cost to be advised.

❑ I/we authorize you to charge my/our deposit to: ❑ Visa ❑ MasterCard

Card Number ____________________________ Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

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

Class: ❑ Economy ❑ Business ❑ First

I/We want to make my/our own air arrangements.
CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until received in writing when you make your reservation. A “replacement” reservation is, in effect, a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full fare tariff. Change and/or cancellation fees apply as outlined in this “Contract: Terms and Conditions” for the “replacement” reservation and the cancelled reservation.

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TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE: trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

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