BURGUNDY * PROVENCE
Aboard the M.S. Rembrandt
September 25 to October 3, 2010

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Traveling Bulldogs
Dear Alumni and Friends:

Bonjour!

For centuries, wine, silk, art, religions and ideas have flourished along the Rhône River’s fertile valley, linking the ancient provinces of Burgundy and Provence to the Mediterranean world. Seamlessly blending the past with the present, this cradle of European civilization is dotted with stately Roman ruins, medieval abbeys, romantic Renaissance castles and idyllic villages nestled among rolling hills and lush family-owned vineyards.

We are delighted to offer River Life™ in Burgundy and Provence, a wonderful way to experience the true essence of life in these fabled regions of France. Our expert-guided tours explore the fascinating history, rich artistic legacy and exquisite cuisine of the Rhône River Valley, while enriching lectures and the exclusive Village Forum™ introducing you to local residents provide a personal perspective of the modern life and cultural heritage. With us, you will have ample opportunities to experience the authentic provincial character and time-honored ways of the people in these celebrated regions and to taste their acclaimed wines and world-renowned cuisines. You will also learn to speak some French, making your visits to the lively village markets all the more enjoyable.

Complementing the tranquil beauty of the Rhône River and its tributary, the Saône River, are first-class accommodations aboard the M.S. Rembrandt, an impeccably crafted vessel designed specifically to navigate the waterways through the fairy-tale landscapes of the French countryside.

An exceptional value, our program not only offers the timeless allure of provincial France, but also includes all accommodations, meals and excursions, as well as the convenience of unpacking just once. River Life™ in Burgundy and Provence continues to be highly popular and sells quickly. We encourage you to make your reservation today!

Sincerely,

Jimmy W. Abraham, ’75, ’77
Associate Vice President, Development and Alumni and Executive Director, MSU Alumni Association

Cover: Visit the imposing Papal Palace in Avignon, reflecting the glory of seven popes who resided there during the 14th century’s Great Schism.

Sit at an inviting streetside café on the Rue St-Jean in Lyon’s historic Old Quarter.
Bienvenue en France! The exclusive River Life™ in Burgundy and Provence cruise offers a firsthand experience of the true character, traditions and daily rhythms of the charming and historic villes of Beaune, Cluny, Lyon, Boucieu-le-Roi, Avignon and Arles. One of the highly successful and exceptional value offerings in the Village Life™ series, this unique program immerses you for one full week in a comprehensive and personal travel experience at just the right pace. Reserve by the Early Booking date to receive even further savings! All accommodations, meals, carefully planned excursions and featured Cultural Enrichments are included and are only available in this exclusively arranged offering.

The first-class M.S. Rembrandt has been specially chartered for its intimate size, perfect for enjoying the Rhône Valley’s bucolic scenery. And, you will unpack only once!

Cultural Enrichments are key educational components of River Life™ in Burgundy and Provence and offer you a travel experience like no other:

♦ Hear it from the Experts! By special arrangement, an Arles resident will lecture on the importance of the Rhône River to the area. Prominent faculty and experienced English-speaking guides will accompany us throughout the program and talk about historical, cultural and contemporary France.

♦ Learn key phrases and pronunciation that will enable a more lively and personal interaction with locals during “Parlez-vous français?” the specially arranged introduction to the langue française.

♦ Meet Provençals during the exclusive Village Forum™, as a resident of Provence shares the joie de vivre and candid perspectives on daily life in southern France.

♦ Experience the hospitality and charm of a typical French village during a private reception hosted by the nuns of the Convent of the Blessed Sacrament in Boucieu-le-Roi.

♦ Sample Burgundy’s world-renowned wines and local cheeses and sausages during a private tasting at the exquisite Château Montmelas.

♦ Enjoy time on your own—stroll along the lively Boulevard des Lices in Arles, enjoy views of Avignon and the river from the medieval Pont d’Avignon or sip a glass of Beaujolais and observe village life from a sidewalk café.

Tucked at the foot of Fourvière Hill, Lyon romances visitors with its covered pedestrian passages, elegant Roman architecture and charming Old Town. Inset above: Grape harvesting in Provence.
**Day by Day Itinerary**

**Day** **Destination**

1. Depart from the U.S.
2. **LYON, FRANCE/CHAŁON-SUR-SAÔNE/ Embark M.S. REMBRANDT.**
3. **CHAŁON-SUR-SAÔNE/BEAUNE/MÂCON**
   - Walking tour of Beaune.
4. **MÂCON/CLUNY/LYON**
   - Visit to Cluny Abbey.
5. **LYON**
   - Tour of Lyon.
   - CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS:
     - Visit to a silk studio.
     - Excursion to Château Montmelas for a private wine tasting and fortepiano recital.
6. **VIENNE/BOUCIEU-LE-ROI**
   - Walking tour of Boucieu-le-Roi.
   - CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:
     - Reception hosted by the nuns of the Convent of the Blessed Sacrament.
7. **AVIGNON**
   - Walking tour of Avignon.
   - Visit to the Palais des Papes.
   - CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:
     - **Village Forum™.**
8. **ARLES**
   - Visit to the Amphitheater and the Cathedral of St-Trophime.
   - CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:
     - Specially arranged lecture by Arles resident Janice Lert.
9. **ARLES/MARSEILLES/ Return to the U.S.**

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**Beaune**

Founded in the fifth century B.C., this bustling community in the famous Côte d’Or département has long been the capital of Burgundy wines and a city of art. A stroll through Beaune reveals historic mansions, medieval half-timbered houses and, last but not least, the exquisite 15th-century Hôtel-Dieu. A quintessential example of Burgundian Renaissance architecture distinguished by its dazzling, multicolored glazed roof tiles, it reflects when the power of the Duke of Burgundy stretched from Flanders to The Netherlands. Its meticulously restored chambers provide a fascinating glimpse into life during the 15th century and hold an impressive collection of period art including the brilliant *Last Judgement* by Rogier van der Weyden.


**BEAUJOLAIS**

“Le Beaujolais Nouveau est arrivé!” is the cry each November when the year’s new vintage reaches the market. 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 produces more red wine than do the Burgundy regions of Chablis, Côte d’Or, Côte Chalonnaise and Mâconnais combined.

In the heart of the Beaujolais villages, enjoy a tour of the historic Château Montmelas hosted by Madame Delphine d’Harcourt, whose family has lived in the castle since 1566.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Savor the château’s wines with local cheeses and sausages, while Marcia Hadjimarkos, a highly regarded American pianist who has lived in Burgundy for 15 years, plays the fortepiano.

**BOUCIEU-LE-ROI**

In the heart of the Rhône Valley stands 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.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament host a reception for us with the warm hospitality of a typical French village.

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**CLUNY**

Located amid the vineyards of the Saône-et-Loire département in Burgundy, Cluny evolved around the Benedectine Cluny Abbey (A.D. 910) and was one of the greatest centers of medieval Christianity. Indeed, the immense influence exercised by the pious Cluniac Order on the religious, intellectual, political and artistic life of the western world led Pope Urban II to tell its members in 1095, “You are the light of the world.” 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.

**LYON**

In a nation that holds sacred the enjoyment of food and wine, Lyon occupies pride of place as France’s “capital of gastronomy.” Ideally situated at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône rivers, this vibrant city of red-roofed houses spreads out beneath lofty Fourvière Hill (“the praying hill”), crowned by the ornate 19th-century Basilica of Notre Dame. Built from the wealth of Lyon’s long-standing silk industry, almost 300 elegant Gothic and Renaissance mansions grace Vieux Lyon (“Old Lyon”), where the ancient quarters of St-Jean, St-Paul and St-Georges are linked by charming traboules—narrow, covered pedestrian passageways.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** Learn more about Lyon’s centuries-old silk trade in a local silk studio.
**AVIGNON**
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. The grandiose Palais des Papes (Papal Palace), one of the largest châteaux-forts built in Europe during the Gothic era, is 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 Doms, 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.

**ARLES**
Few places on earth can match the distinctive joie de vivre of Arles. This archetypal Provençal city is home to 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. Arles’ 12th-century Cathedral of St-Trophime 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.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT:** American expatriate and Arles resident Janice Lert presents a lecture on the Rhône River.
**LYON PRE-Cruise Option**

Spend two nights in lovely Lyon, ancient epicenter of Roman Gaul, silk capital of Renaissance Europe and mecca of French cuisine. During your stay, stroll through the famous *traboules* (covered passageways) that connect the old merchant houses of the Croix Rousse district and browse the mouthwatering culinary treats of the markets of Halles de Lyon-Paul Bocuse. On your own, dine on delicious Lyonnaise cuisine, accompanied by a bottle of hearty Beaujolais, in the city’s legendary *bouchons* (bistros). Amid the endless architectural and historical treasures of this UNESCO World Heritage site, enjoy deluxe accommodations in the inviting hotel *Cours des Loges*, a perfect combination of historical charm and modern comfort in 14th-, 15th- and 16th-century buildings masterfully restored on a pedestrianized lane in the heart of historic Vieux Lyon (“Old Lyon”).

**Aix-en-Provence Post-Cruise Option**

Extend your Provence experience with two nights in historic Aix-en-Provence, “City of a Thousand Fountains.” Follow in the footsteps of the city’s most famous son, Paul Cézanne, to discover this center of art and academics, while staying in the centrally located, deluxe *Grand Hotel Roi René*. Just steps from your hotel awaits famous Cours Mirabeau, a classic, tree-lined avenue of elegant 17th- and 18th-century townhouses with exquisite wrought-iron balconies. Walk through the two main districts of Aix and the colorful Aix-en-Provence market, admire the Provençal landscapes that inspired Cézanne and enjoy lunch in the city’s oldest café.

*Complete details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*

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**INCLUDED FEATURES**

**ON BOARD THE M.S. REMBRANDT**

♦ Seven-night cruise from Châlon-sur-Saône to Arles, with calls at Mâcon (Cluny), Lyon, Vienne (Boucieu-le-Roi) and Avignon.
♦ Accommodations in comfortably appointed outside cabins with individual climate control and private bathroom facilities.
♦ Welcome and farewell receptions.
♦ Three meals each day, featuring Continental cuisine made from the freshest local ingredients. House wine is included with dinner.

**TOURS AND EXCURSIONS, LED BY EXPERT LOCAL GUIDES**

♦ Walking tour of *Beaune*, a medieval city known for its Burgundy wines.
♦ Visit to *Cluny Abbey* (A.D. 910), one of Europe’s largest and most impressive medieval religious monuments.
♦ Visit to *Lyon*, a UNESCO World Heritage site and France’s second city, renowned for its magnificent Gothic and Renaissance architecture and exquisite cuisine.
♦ Walking tour of *Boucieu-le-Roi*, highlighted by a visit to the Museum of Father Pierre Vigne.
♦ Walking tour of *Avignon*, a UNESCO World Heritage site, including the *Papal Palace* and the famous Pont d’Avignon.
♦ Tour of *Arles*, a UNESCO World Heritage site, highlighted by the Cathedral of St-Trophime and the Roman Amphitheater.

**EXCLUSIVE CULTURAL ENRICHMENT**

♦ Exclusive Village Forum™ with a local resident who will discuss daily life in Provence.
♦ Lecture presented by Arles resident and expert guide Janice Lert, “Arles and the Camargue: The Importance of the River Rhône.”
♦ Visit to a silk studio in Lyon.
♦ Private tasting of Burgundy wines, local cheeses and sausages at the Château Montmelas in Beaujolais, with a fortepiano recital.
♦ Reception in Boucieu-le-Roi, hosted by the nuns of the Convent of the Blessed Sacrament.

**COMPREHENSIVE 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).
♦ Gratuities for local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
♦ A hospitality desk on board the ship.
♦ Experienced Program Director to accompany you throughout the travel program.
♦ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
♦ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
**Tariff** (per person, based on double occupancy)

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*Notes:
- Singles are available in category B at $5995 and in category A at $6995 on or before May 14, 2010. Add $1000 for reservations made after May 14, 2010.
- Taxes are an additional $295 per person and are subject to change.*

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**River Life Burgundy & Provence Reservation Form**

Send to:
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Title  Full name (exactly as it appears on your passport)

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Address (no P.O. Box number please)

City  State  ZIP Code

Telephone: (Home)  (Business)

Email Address  (Mobile)

Preferred name(s) on name badge(s)  Tour No. 038-09/25/10-195

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $_____ as deposit ($600 per person, plus $200 per person Lyon Pre-Cruise and/or $200 per person Aix-en-Provence Post-Cruise). Make check(s) payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

Deposits can also be made by credit card; however, all FINAL payments are required to be made in cash, by check or wire transfer by June 22, 2010.

If/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit to:

- Visa
- MasterCard

Card Number  Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

Program Air:
- Flights Atlanta/Lyon with return Marseille/Atlanta. Airfare is available at an additional cost.

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

Class:
- Economy
- Business
- First

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

If/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
The castle-like Château Montmelas lies in the heart of the Beaujolais villages, surrounded by bucolic vineyards.

CONTRACT: TERMS & CONDITIONS

NOT INCLUDED: Taxes; passport fees; visas and fees for obtaining visas; personal and travel accidents; damage to personal property; excess baggage charges on aircraft; local departure taxes; airfare and associated local taxes, airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the “Included Features” section; transfers and baggage handling at airports; meals and alcoholic beverages not listed in the “Included Features” section; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the “Included Features” section.

AFIRED: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is non-refundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline (not Thomas P. Gohagan & Company), even if purchased through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

LUGGAGE: Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without prior notice. Please contact your airline(s) for the most current luggage allowance policy.

HEALTH: Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation.

DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Thomas P. Gohagan & Company in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by May 14, 2010. If the event a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation, in effect, a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare rate. Change and/or cancellation fees apply as outlined in this “Contract: Terms and Conditions” for the “replacement” reservation.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS: Cancellations for all or any part of the program must be in writing and received in writing in the offices of Thomas P. Gohagan & Company. You should have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $200 per person administration fee from the time of booking through 121 days prior to departure; from 95 through 120 days prior to departure, $600 per person; from 61 through 94 days prior to departure, 40% of the published full regular tariff; from 45 through 60 days prior to departure, 55% of the published full regular tariff; from 22 through 44 days prior to departure, 70% of the published full regular tariff; cancellations 21 days or less prior to departure, no show or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariff. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

PRE- AND POST-CRUISE CANCELLATIONS: Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $50 per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 121 days prior to departure; from 95 through 120 days prior to departure, $200 per person; from 61 through 94 days prior to departure, 40% of the published full regular tariff; from 45 through 60 days prior to departure, 55% of the published full regular tariff; from 22 through 44 days prior to departure, 70% of the published full regular tariff; 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 tariff. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

Because these cancellation policies are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, as well as damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application after you make your reservation.

RESPONSIBILITY: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, the sponsoring association, its agents, employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, trustees, successors, agents, and assigns (collectively “Gohagan”), do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, lodging facilities, airline, vessel, or other transportation companies, guides or guide services, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Gohagan is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity of any third party.

In addition and without limitation, Gohagan is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animal strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, sickness, illness, the lack of availability of or access to appropriated medical attention, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time.

If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant on these trips at any time. Specific room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel/cruise line.

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RATES: Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change prior to departure. REGISTRATION: CST#: 2031868-80, WTT#: 601 767 666.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.

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