





# Alps, Jura & Rhône Valley

**FROM THE RHÔNE RIVER TO EUROPE'S HIGHEST MOUNTAIN**, eastern France is a crazy quilt of inspirational landscapes, atmospheric cities and bucolic villages.

Our itineraries head in all directions from Lyon. To the northwest, narrow roads snake through the vine-covered Beaujolais, one of France's most underrated wine-growing areas; to the south, the Rhône flows through increasingly sunny country past Gallo-Roman ruins, medieval hilltop fortresses and precipitous gorges. East lie the mountains: the Jura, land of Comté and *vin jaune*; the Vercors' poppy-strewn plateaux and limestone peaks; Haute-Provence's lavender fields and multihued canyons; and, towering high above, the spellbinding Alps and hulking Mont Blanc.