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CANAL DU MIDI



CLAIR DE LUNE

Deluxe, 6 passengers

Saturday to Friday



Come on board for an unforgettable voyage in the South of France !

The innovative 6-passenger **CLAIR de LUNE**, designed to incorporate superior space and light, has new owners: a charming French couple, Yves will be the captain & Nathalie the hostess. Their wide-ranging background and interests in boats, art, food and wine will make your cruise unforgettable! **CLAIR de LUNE**'s itinerary combines the best of serene cruising to enchanting small villages with visits to local markets, Roman sites, and of course the highlight

of the cruise, Medieval Carcassonne.

Highlights

- Experience the incredible seven locks of Fonserannes - a ladder of water,
- A visit to the **Oppidum d'Ensérune**, a two-thousand year old hilltop archeological city-site
- A visit to the fortified medieval town of **Carcassonne** with its impressive double walls and towers, narrow streets and half timbered houses,
- Enjoy a market with its fresh fruits and vegetables and flowers in a charming village of **Olonzac**



Itinerary:

Canal du Midi : Béziers to Carcassonne

Saturday -

We pick you up at your point of arrival (Narbonne) and bring you to Clair de Lune, peacefully docked near **Fonserannes**, where the crew awaits to share a cruise on the Canal du midi.

Nathalie and Yves, the barge's owners, welcome you around 4:30 in the afternoon with a glass of Champagne on the sun deck, from which you may admire the magnificent **Béziers** cathedral off in the distance.

Our gentle promenade through nine locks shows you the splendor of the beginning of the **Canal du Midi**. We navigate along the canal and pass the **Malpas tunnel** heading to **Régimont**, where we spend our first night far from any noise or agitations.

Sunday -

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Listen to the birds singing as you enjoy your breakfast. Your guide is there to take you for a visit to the **Oppidum of Enserune**. Lunch awaits your return. In the early afternoon, we set out towards **Capestang**. During our navigation along the long **Grand Bief** portion of the canal, some of you will enjoy the landscape comfortably lying on lounge chairs. When the day is done, we stop for a meal in a peaceful spot surrounded by nature and a gentle night.

Monday -

Today we relax, and we navigate towards **Le Somail**. We stop for lunch beneath the Plane trees, then resume navigation. Some of you will relax in the Jacuzzi, or follow the barge by bicycle on the tow-paths. We stop for dinner in a restful spot, and you are surely in for a little surprise by the Captain...

Tuesday -

After a tasty breakfast, our Chef takes you out to discover the farmer's market in **Olonsac**. There you can choose the best local products to enjoy when you get back to the barge. Relaxation for everybody in the afternoon. You have several options: a bicycle ride, lazing around in the southern French fashion, Jacuzzi time, reading, or even joining our Chef in the kitchen to help prepare a fine dish or two. Today we go through our first lock, in **Argens**. To celebrate this event, we just might find the opportunity to taste some wines on-board, or taste delicious olive oils. Both are mouth-watering options! We then spend the night in the tranquil little village of **Homps**.



Wednesday -

Today we continue our cruise towards **Marseillette**. Three locks await our passage. We take advantage of this leg to stop in a few different villages, enjoying cocktails and lunch beneath the shady trees. In the afternoon, it's time to relax surrounded by nature. We dock for a fine dinner, and a well-earned night.

Thursday -

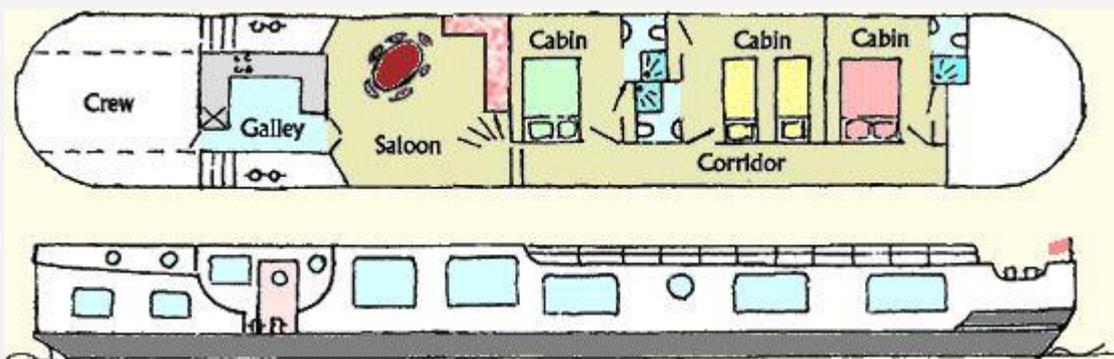
Your guide takes you to the fabulous **city of Carcassonne**, where you can even get in some shopping after your visit. Our last locks welcome us in the afternoon. Some guests may want to admire the locks on foot or bicycle. We wind up our trip in **Trèbes** to dock for our last night together, with a festive meal prepared for the enjoyment of all.

Friday - Return to Carcassonne

After breakfast, we bid each other a fond farewell, hoping that we will all cherish a wonderful memory of these marvelous moments. We then take you by mini-bus to your point of departure (Narbonne).

This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. On alternate weeks this itinerary runs in reverse.

Floor Plan



Barge Features

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Passengers: 6

Crew: 4

Barge Size: 100 ft long

Cabins: 3

Cabin Size: 120 sq ft

Accommodations: two twin beds or one queen bed with en-suite shower baths

Heat & Air: Central heat and air

Laundry: Not available

Amenities: Hairdryers, bathroom toiletries, library, sundeck with comfy chairs and spa pool on deck, bicycles

Email Access: No

TV/DVD/CD: CD Sound System

Electricity: 220V



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What is Included in cruise price:



- 7 days and 6 nights on the barge in a cabin with private bath
- Transfers from Beziers or Carcassonne to the barge and return
- All meals beginning with dinner on Saturday, through breakfast on Friday
- All wines with lunches and dinner
- Open bar
- All escorted side-excursions
- Use of bicycles