

France's Impressions Voyages

The ultimate travel experience in France

CANAL DU MIDI



CLAIR DE LUNE

Deluxe, 6 passengers

Sunday to Saturday

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

The innovative 6-passenger **CLAIR de LUNE** was designed to incorporate superior space and light. It also reflects the genuine warmth of Berend and Barbara, the owners, who have assumed a supervisory role. The Gozens live in a charming canal-side home into which we've been welcomed many times. Their interests in boat-building, art and food-wine pairing animate **CLAIR de LUNE**. **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 high point of the cruise, Medieval Carcassonne.

Highlights

- Experience the incredible seven locks of Foncerannes - a ladder of water,
- A visit to the Oppidum d'Enserune, 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 : Beziers to Carcassonne

Saturday - Beziers to Villeneuve-Les-Beziers

Arrival at Clair de Lune around 4:30pm will be followed by a Captain's champagne reception, an introduction of the crew, and an outline of the cruise. Experience a short cruise to the first evening's mooring in Villeneuve-les-Beziers.

Sunday -Villeneuve-Les-Beziers to Capestang

After breakfast The 'Clair de Lune' will ascend the water-staircase of seven consecutive locks at Fonsérannes in Beziers. The afternoon cruise will take you through the canal's only tunnel at Malpas. You can enjoy the Jacuzzi and sundeck, looking out over the picturesque tree-lined canal, and perhaps cycle or walk alongside the towpath. We moor at Régimont le Haut, perhaps a private wine-tasting at a château might interest you.

Monday - Capestang to Argeliers

Today you will visit to the Oppidum d'Enserune, a two-thousand year old hilltop archaeological city-site, Lunch in Capestang where you can enjoy a lovely view of the 13th century church. The afternoon will involve cruising along the meandering canal until the night's mooring near the village of Argeliers. An active guest may fancy an invigorating cycle along little vineyard tracks up to the village of Quarante to view its thousand-year-old Romanesque church.

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Tuesday - Argeliers to Homps

A morning visit to the open-air street market in Olonzac which offers a wide variety of foods, fresh produce and numerous merchants selling Provençal fabrics, books, music, hardware, clothing and other dry-goods.

You may want to visit the Oulibo Olive cooperative for an olive and olive-oil tasting and shop their boutique with local products, and wander the picturesque village of Minerve. Return to the 'Clair de Lune' for lunch followed by cruising to Homps with a stop-over in the picturesque hamlet of Le Somail to visit its famous bookshop of rare-second hand books and other artisan boutiques.



Wednesday - Homps to Puicheric

Discover the lovely town of Narbonne, founded in 118 B.C. by the Romans as their Capital in Gaul, to see the towering 13th century Gothic Cathedral and the 100-year-old covered market with its wonderful selection of fresh seafood, fruit, vegetables, cheese and many other delicious delicacies.

There are the chariot-rutted paving stones of the Roman road "Via Domitia" in the central square where one can enjoy an espresso or cappuccino or visit the impressive Archaeological museum, the Fine Arts museum or shop and browse the boutiques along the quaint pedestrian streets. Return to the barge for lunch followed by cruising up

through the locks to near the village of Puicheric where we will moor overnight.

Thursday - Puicheric to Trebes

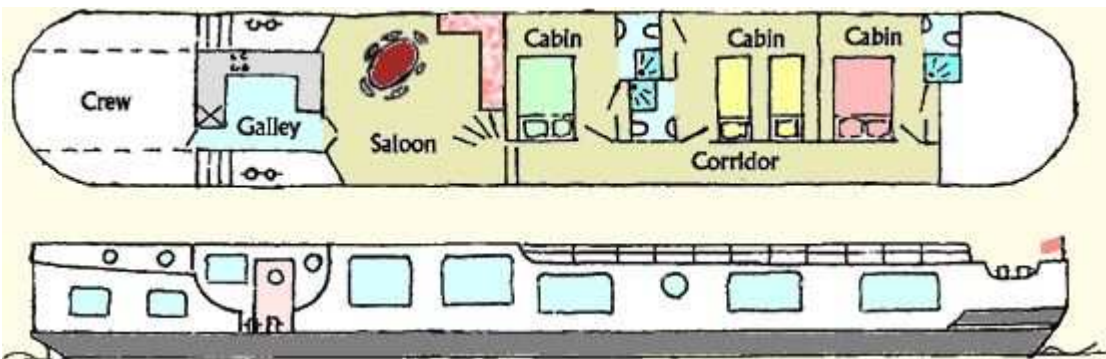
Don't miss the visit to the medieval fortified town of Carcassonne: 1700 years of history await you with its impressive double walls and 52 towers, the Romanesque and Gothic Cathedral with its gorgeous 13th century rose windows and the winding cobbled streets lined with boutiques. Lunch will be back onboard 'Clair de Lune' you'll continue cruising up through the locks and through the 'green cathedral' of overhanging trees to our mooring near the village of Trebes.

Friday - Return to Carcassonne

After breakfast, disembark Clair de Lune for transfer to your departure point.

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

Floor Plan



Barge Features

Passengers: 6

Crew: 4

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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

CLAIR DE LUNE 2010 SEASON PRICES in US \$

Value Season is April 23 thru May 4, July 10 thru September 3

Regular Season is May 15 thru July 9, Sept 4 thru October 15

Cabin (per person, double occupancy)	VS	\$ 4,700	/	RS	\$ 4,700
Single Occupancy Supplement	VS	NA	/	RS	\$ 2,800

For further information please contact us.

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