

France's Impressions Voyages

The ultimate travel experience in France

PROVENCE



Ultra Deluxe Barge, 8 passengers
Sunday to Saturday,

Unique to the South of France, **ENCHANTE** is a double deck barge which was completed in 2009 and which is the newest Hotel Barge to cruise the Canal du Midi. Built in Belgium under the supervision of Parisian architect Philippe Nineuil of Technicarene, Enchante's contemporary design was developed by barging veterans Roger & Louisa Gronow who combined their years of experience working on a variety of barges to create a state of the art floating hotel.

Highlights

- Cruise to the fascinating Camargue National Park with its wild white horses, abundant sea bird life, pink flamingos, bulls, and cowboys
- Cruise across the Etang de Thau, an inland salt-water lagoon with acres of mussel and oyster beds
- Visit the famous Palais des Papes -- go back in time to the era of the 'Other Rome', when the Popes moved to France
- Enjoy a superb wine tasting at Chateauneuf du PapeExplore
- Arles with its 2000-year-old Roman Arena, and visit some of Vincent Van Gogh's haunts on foot.
- See the medieval fortified walls of Aigues Mortes

Itinerary

Provence, from Avignon to Agde

Sunday

You will be met at 4pm at the designated hotel in Montpellier or Montpellier TGV station and escorted by minibus to the Enchante for a Champagne Welcome. Dinner on board.



Monday - Avignon to Arles

This morning we visit the Palais des Papes, a massive monument to the era of the 'Other Rome,' when the popes moved to France. After a stroll through the vibrant shopping district of Avignon, return to the barge for lunch. In the afternoon we cruise down the mighty Rhone River to Arles, passing the immense citadel of King René at Tarascon, and the foothills of the Alpilles. Dinner aboard.

Tuesday - Arles to Aigues Mortes

This morning we explore Arles, the Roman Arena, St. Trophime's Basilica and the Museum of Provençal life. We visit



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some of Vincent Van Gogh's haunts on foot through the pedestrianized heart of this old capital of the Camargue. Then cruise down the Petit Rhone and on to the Canal de Rhone a Sete, passing several herds of wild Black bulls. We moor at Aigues Mortes. Dinner aboard.

Wednesday - Aigues Mortes to Frontignan

Stroll from our mooring outside the town walls to visit the Tour de Constance, built in 1248 as a lighthouse and since used as a prison. Then in the afternoon we cruise the Canal du Rhone à Sete through the Camargue National Park with its wild horses, black bulls and pink flamingoes, to the hamlet of Les Aresquiers where we are 200 yards from the Mediterranean. Dinner aboard.

Thursday - Frontignan to Marseillan

An early start to pass under the lifting Bridge at Frontignan, then we sail out onto the Etang de Thau, a large, inland, salt water lake. Mid-morning we stop briefly at Bouzigues to visit the Museum of the lake with its exhibition on oyster culture, which is the main activity of the many local fishermen. After lunch on board, we have a short minibus ride to the 12C Abbaye de Valmagne with its vast Cistercian church and beautiful cloister. Our tour ends with a chance to taste its award winning range of wines. Returning to the barge, we have an afternoon cruise on the lake to the port of Marseillan. Dinner aboard.

Friday - Marseillan to Agde

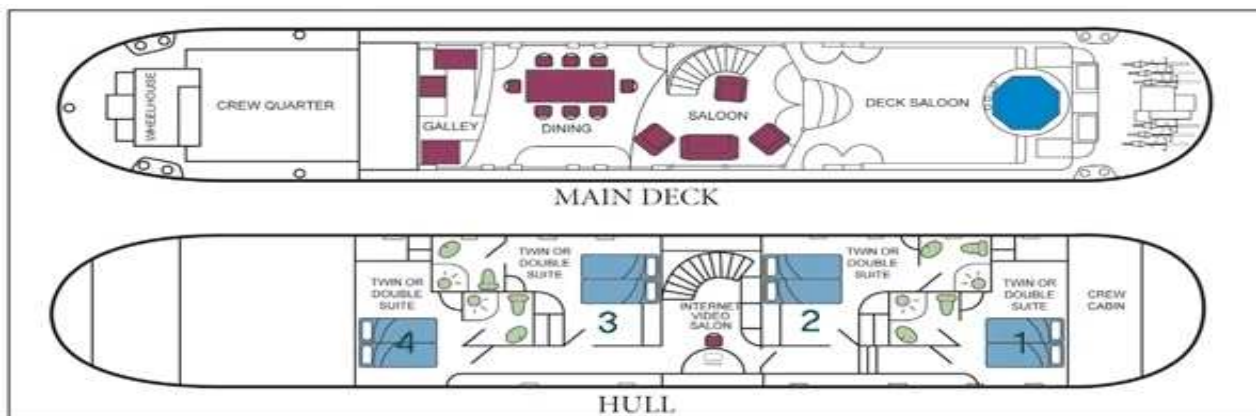
Before the ship sails we have an opportunity to tour the cellars and distillery of the world famous aperitif, Noilly Prat, followed by a tasting. Then an afternoon cruise on the Canal du Midi, through the renowned round lock and finishing our voyage on the River Herault. We will be moored in the shadow of the Cathedral of the fishing town of Agde, built of lava blocks from the nearby volcano. Captain's Farewell Dinner aboard.

Saturday

Return transfer by minibus Montpellier Centre or TGV station by 10am.

Note: This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. It may run in reverse on alternate weeks

Floor Plan



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Barge Features

- **Size of barge:** 100 by 16.5 feet
- **Number of Passengers:** 8
- **Number of Cabins (all with private bath):** 4
- **Crew:** 4
- **Air Conditioning and Central Heating:** Yes
- **Salon:** Large spacious salon, demonstration kitchen, guest computer, and DVD/TV.
- **Bar:** Open bar
- **Deck:** Sun deck with hot tub, dining table, sun loungers
- **Spa Tub:** Yes
- **Cabin Features:** 4 equal twin/queen cabins (approx 200 sq ft), each with ensuite bathroom with shower.
- **Vehicle for Transfers/Excursions:** Air-conditioned 9-seater (including driver) mini-van
- **Accessibility:** Steps to salon and cabins
- **Bicycles:** 8 18-speed touring bikes: typically 4 Dawes AT Bikes, 2 ladies AT bikes and 2 larger AT bikes



ENCHANTE 2011 SEASON PRICES in US \$

Value Season is March 6 thru 27, April 3rd thru 17, October 16 thru November 6

Regular Season is April 24, May 1 thru 29, June 5 thru 26, July 3 thru October 9.

Cabin (per person, double occupancy)	VS	\$ 5,300	/	RS	\$ 6,100
Single Occupancy Supplement	VS	\$ 2,000	/	RS	\$ 2,280

For further information please contact us.

Included in cruise price

- 7 days and 6 nights on the barge in a cabin with private bath
- Transfers from Montpellier to the barge and return for Canal du Midi cruises
- All meals beginning with dinner on Sunday through breakfast on Saturday
- All wines with lunches and dinners
- Open bar
- All escorted side-excursions (supplement for hot balloon, golf)
- Use of bicycles

