

France's Impressions Voyages

The ultimate travel experience in France

PROVENCE



LE PHENICIEN, Deluxe barge, 18 passengers,
Sunday to Saturday, 6 nights

LE PHENICIEN is not your usual barge. It is amazingly luminous with its huge picture windows and immediately reflects all the colors and light that is Provence. Decorated by its French owners in a contemporary Provencal style, its warm colors invite you in and make you feel immediately comfortable. The fabulous food and fine wines are accompanied by a diverse and fun itinerary to Provence's most favorite sites.

Highlights

- Le Pont du Gard, the engineering marvel dating back to Roman times
- The so famous city Avignon, with the Palais du Papes and charming streets cowboys
- Les Baux de Provence with its spectacular views and artisan shops
- Arles, the outstanding Roman town and land of Van Gogh
- The fascinating Camargue region and its "manades" with French style cowboys
- The walled town of Aigues Mortes

Itinerary

Sunday

Transfer from a defined picking point to Le Phénicien moored close to the Avignon ramparts. Some free time to relax or visit on your own the city. Our first dinner on board gives an indication of the high standard of cuisine that will be served during the cruise and the accompanying wines have been specially chosen from top-notch local vineyards.



Monday

History and wines are our centers of interest today. We first take a guided tour to learn about the religious and artistic importance of the city's prestigious past with the palace of the Popes visit. Then a first nice lunch cruise takes us closer to one of the best cellars of Châteauneuf-du-Pape where we have a guided visit followed by a wine tasting. This evening we sail to Villeneuve lès Avignon where we will stay overnight. The wines tasted in the morning are back on the table at dinner!

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Tuesday

Enjoy the morning with "Le Pont du Gard " the gigantic Roman aqueduct", its recently made-up site and its modern museum. After this intriguing guided visit we get back to the barge and sail down to Vallabrègues a quiet and charming little port where it is good to rest, have a bike ride or play the pétanque under some plane trees.

Wednesday

Spots of legend are many in the surroundings and after breakfast, we will visit the charming mediaeval village of Les Baux de Provence and take some time to shop around! Back to the barge we pass through the huge 36 feet high lock of Beaucaire and sail down to Arles, the open-air Museum of Provence.



Thursday

Our guided visit in Arles will delve deep into antiquity and, at the same time, unravel the joys and despair of Van Gogh who painted 300 canvases during his year here in 1888. The most impressive navigation is for today heading for the Camargue! We cruise the Rhône River, the petit Rhône and the canal to reach the quiet and typical village of Gallician.

Friday

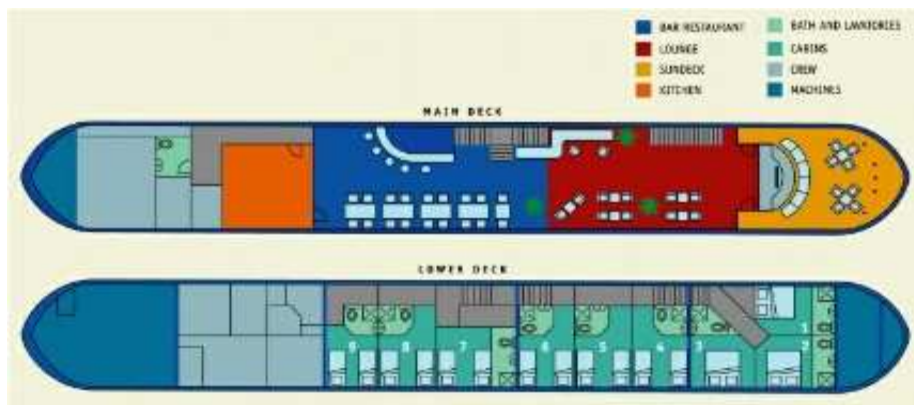
Our last day of excursion will be in the wild Camargue. There we reach a manade, a typical ranch, where the gardians à cheval, the local authentic cowboys, show us how they tend the herds of bulls on their superb white horses. Our final destination is Aigues-Mortes, a 14th century walled city rising from a flat landscape from which St Louis set sail on his Holly Crusades. The Camargue never fails to surprise and welcomes us for our farewell dinner!

Saturday

After breakfast, disembark Le Phénicien to transfer to your departure point.

This itinerary is run in reverse on alternate weeks and is subject to change at any time.

Floor Plan



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Barge Features

Passengers: 18

Crew : 6

Size: 127 ft x 16 ft, 7 in

Cabins: 9

Cabin Size: Approx 107 sq ft

Accommodations: 6 queen-bedded cabins, 3 twin-bedded cabins, each with ensuite baths

Heat & Air: Individually controlled

Laundry: Available twice/week for additional charge

Amenities: Hairdryers, library, 1000 sq ft lounge, facilities for business meetings, teak sundeck with chairs, 8 bicycles, powder room on main deck

Email Access: Yes

TV/DVD/CD: CD, Flat Screen TV

Electricity: 220V



PHENICIEN 2011 SEASON PRICES in US \$

Value Season is March 27 thru April 23, July 10 thru August 13, Oct 30 thru Nov 12

Mid Season is Apr 25 thru May 14, June 26 thru July 9, Aug 14 thru August 27, Oct 16 thru Oct 29

Regular Season is May 15 thru June 25, August 28 thru October 15

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| Cabin (per person, double occupancy) | VS | \$ 3,390 | / | MS | \$ 3,890 | / | RS | \$ 4,310 |
| Single Occupancy Supplement | VS | \$ 1,210 | / | MS | \$ 1,490 | / | RS | \$ 1,680 |

Theme Cruises :

Cooking, Wine, Golf, Biking, Custom such as gardening, painting, gastronomy, Jewish history, business meetings and incentives, VIP amenities available.

For further information please contact us.

Included in Cruise Price

- Transportation between designated meeting point in Avignon or Montpellier and the barge
- Six nights accommodation in private cabin with ensuite bath
- All meals, wine and drinks on board
- Open bar
- Daily escorted excursions by air-conditioned van
- Use of bicycles