



## FRANCE

**ENCHANTÉ - CANAL DU MIDI CRUISE** (TOUR CODE: 9871)

## STARTS AND ENDS

in Narbonne

## TRAVEL PERIODS

23 Mar 25 – 26 Oct 25

## EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine  
Luxury

## TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

Enchante is an elegant, two-level luxury hotel barge that cruises along the Canal du Midi from Trebes to Salleles d'Aude.

### Highlights

- Visit stunning **Minerve**, awarded one of the most Beautiful Villages of France
- Join an **olive oil tasting** and truffle hunt at Mas d'Antonin
- Tour **Narbonne's Archbishop's Palace** and experience the colourful market
- Tour of the medieval city of **Carcassonne**
- Private tour, tasting and **gourmet lunch at the family-owned Château de Paraza**
- Excellent opportunities for walking and biking

The beautiful, two-decker Enchante offers luxurious accommodation to its passengers with four, spacious suites with en-suite facilities. She also features a saloon, dining area and sun deck with spa pool and a demonstration kitchen. You can enjoy al fresco dining on board or bike along the canal's scenic towpath.

The hotel barge is tastefully furnished in a contemporary style, creating a bright, **art deco atmosphere**. She has a large saloon with outstanding attention to detail, including an **open-plan demonstration galley** where guests can see their skilled chef at work. On the lower deck, there is also a computer with internet connection for guests' use, as well as the requisite Wi-Fi onboard.



## INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights onboard the Hotel Barge Enchanté in a Suite
- Crew of 5 (Captain, tour guide, chef and 2 hostesses)
- Transfers by an air-conditioned minivan
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily prepared by your chef
- Captains farewell dinner on your last night
- Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Use of barge facilities

## ITINERARY

### Deck Hotel Barge Enchanté

#### Ultra Deluxe | 8 Passengers | 5 Crew

- 100 Feet Long
- 4 Twin/Double Suites (165sq ft incl. en suite)
- Spa Pool
- Air-Conditioned / Centrally Heated
- Guest Computer



Day 1

Narbonne Sallèles d'Aude Le Somail

Guests are met in Narbonne\*\* and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to Enchanté where a **champagne welcome and cruise to Le Somail awaits**. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Enchante** in a Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Dinner



DELICIOUS FOOD ONBOARD HOTEL BARGE ENCHANTE

Day 2

Sallèles d'Aude Roubia

This morning, head to **Mas d'Antonin** for some truffle hunting. Follow the expert truffle dog searching under the oak trees to find the coveted black truffle, affectionately known as "black gold". Enjoy a truffle hunt demonstration in which you can

help to dig up truffles to understand their appearance, colour and most importantly – aroma. You'll also learn about the different olives of the region and taste the oils that they produce.

After lunch on board, cruise west along the **Grand Bief**, a stretch of canal without locks which follows the contours of the land for over 30 miles – a huge technological achievement for the 17th century. On the way to the charming historical village of **Roubia**, cross the Répudre Aqueduct, the oldest on the Canal du Midi. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Enchante** in a Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



CRUISING ALONG CANAL DU MIDI

Day **3**

## Roubia Homps

After breakfast, will be your excursion is to **Narbonne**, a Roman Mediterranean capital where the Visigoth monarchs once lived. Enjoy a **visit to the Archbishop's Palace**, Roman Horreum and the indoor market at the hub of this bustling canalside town, where you will have time to shop or simply absorb the vibrant atmosphere.

Afternoon cruise past vineyards and pine trees to **Homps**. This picturesque mooring in the heart of a French village presents a perfect opportunity to explore on foot, or perhaps try your hand at a game of boules, followed by an alfresco dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Enchante** in a Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



ARCHBISHOP'S PALACE

Day 4

## Homs Puichéric

This morning enjoy a **private winery tour** at the family-owned 17th century **Château de Paraza** whose 70 hectares of vineyards border the canal.

After tasting some of their fine wines, among the best in the Languedoc, you will have a **private lunch in the château's salon**. In the afternoon, return to the barge for a cruise to Puichéric, past l'Epanchoir' – one of the bridges invented by Pierre Paul Riquet for the Canal du Midi. Dinner on board. board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Enchante** in a Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



LAGRASSE

Day 5

## Puichéric Marseillette

Today **visit the fortified hilltop village of Minerve**, named one of the 'plus beaux villages de France', and learn about its dramatic medieval history as centre of the Cathar religious rebellions against the Catholic church. This afternoon, cruise along the 340-year-old canal ascending its trademark locks as the relief becomes steeper. This is a great opportunity to walk or cycle from one lock to the next as Enchanté cruises on, navigating the triple locking system. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Enchante** in a Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **6**

## Marseillette Trèbes

Fascinating **morning tour of Carcassonne**. Dating back to the Gallo-Roman era, this is the most complete medieval fortified city in existence today with its 52 watchtowers, portcullis and extraordinary repertoire of defences, which resisted the many armies that tried to storm this glorious Camelot setting.

This afternoon you will squeeze through tight bridges and glide past picturesque vineyards and hamlets to **Trèbes**. Once a major ally to Carcassonne, this medieval town still retains unique paintings within its 13th century church. **Captain's Farewell Dinner** on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Enchante** in a Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



**Day 7** Trèbes Narbonne

After breakfast, you are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to your choice of location in Narbonne.

Breakfast

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

French

**LOCAL CURRENCY**

EUR

**Departure Dates and Pricing:**

### 2025 Cruise Rates

Rates are for 6 nights either: per person based on double occupancy per cabin or on a whole barge charter basis. Prices below are in Euros.

Accommodation	Value	Regular
Suite	€6,850	€7,850
Single Supplement	€2,600	€2,900
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 6 passengers	€47,400	€54,800
Charter 7 passengers	€49,200	€56,900
Charter 8 passengers	€51,000	€59,000
Departure Dates (Sunday)	Rates	Cruise Region
Mar 23, 30; Apr 6, 13, 20	Value	France - Canal du Midi
Apr 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; Jun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Jul 6, 13	Regular	France - Canal du Midi
Jul 20, 27; Aug 3, 10, 17	Value	France - Canal du Midi

Aug 24, 31; Sep 7, 14, 21, 28; Oct 5, 12	Regular	France - Canal du Midi
Ocy 19 & 26	Value	France - Canal du Midi

- This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. On alternate weeks, the cruise will be in the reverse direction.
- This barge is available for charter bookings and theme cruises. Contact us for more details.

#### **Pick-up Point**

- Cabin bookings - Narbonne TGV train station at 3.30 pm or Ile du Gua Suites (previously Clarion Suites) Narbonne 3:45 pm
- Charter bookings - Guests' choice of one location in Narbonne, Beziers, Carcassonne, Montpellier, Nimes, Perpignan or Toulouse between 3:30 pm & 4:00 pm

#### **Drop-off Point**

- Cabin bookings - Guests' choice of location in Narbonne centre by 10:30 am
- Charter bookings - Guests' choice of one location in Narbonne, Beziers, Carcassonne, Montpellier, Nimes, Perpignan or Toulouse by 10:30 am

#### **Booking / Payment Process**

- On our website the Barge Cruise prices are show in Euros
- All payments will be made to us in Australian Dollars
- The current exchange rate will be used at the time of deposit and balance
- Our invoice will make this clear and our team is here to assist you

#### **Supplier Booking Conditions Apply**

Due to the boutique nature and limited capacity of this travel experience, under our Bookings Conditions this package classifies as "Booking Type 2 – Travel Experience where we act as agent only". Your contract for the delivery of travel arrangements will be with the principal supplier and will be subject to their Booking Conditions. We will advise you prior to confirming your booking the full details and Booking Conditions of the principal supplier. Our responsibility to you where we sell travel arrangements as agent for the supplier is specified in the 'Responsibility' section of our Booking Conditions.

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

#### **Excluded**

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package