



FRANCE

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

STARTS AND ENDS

in Narbonne

TRAVEL PERIODS

26 Mar 23 – 20 Oct 24

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

- Private winery tour and tasting of fine Minervois wines
- Tour Narbonne's Archbishop's Palace and experience the colourful market
- Visit an olive oil press to sample the famous Lucques olives
- Visit beautiful Lagrasse and its 8th century abbey, with lunch in a stunning location
- Tour of the medieval city of Carcassonne
- 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 Enchante 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

Day 1 Narbonne Sallèles d'Aude

You are met in Narbonne** and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to Enchanté. A **champagne welcome** and an introduction to the Captain and crew, followed by 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

Morning **cruise along the Grand Bief**, a technological achievement unique to the Canal du Midi to link Narbonne to the Mediterranean, to the charming historical **village of Roubia**. Afternoon **excursion to "L'Oulibo"**, a local co-operative olive oil press where we will sample the famous Lucques olives. We continue on to Minerve, the ancient capital of the Minervois, which boasts a 12th century Cathar fort surrounded by deep limestone gorges. Besieged by Simon de Montfort in 1210, its hilltop location affords spectacular views. Dinner on board.

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Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



CRUISING ALONG CANAL DU MIDI

Day

3

Roubia Homps

After breakfast, 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 canal-side 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 try your hand at a game of boules, followed by an alfresco dinner on board.

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ARCHBISHOP'S PALACE

Homps Puicheric

This morning we **visit a Benedictine Abbey** founded in the 8th century. Nestled in Lagrasse, a village awarded the title of “Plus beaux villages de France” and home to many artisans who have set up workshops in the medieval centre, the restored Abbey was once one of the most prosperous thanks to Charlemagne’s charter. Then we sample some local cuisine with lunch ashore in a spectacular setting overlooking the Corbieres vineyards, before returning to the barge to cruise to Puicheric, past “l’Epanchoir”, one of the bridges invented by Pierre Paul Riquet for the Canal du Midi. Dinner on board.

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Puichéric Marseillette

Today we **cruise along the 330-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. The afternoon excursion is a **wine tour and tasting at Château Saint Jacques d’Albas in Minervois**, one of the few regions to receive the much-envied French mark of approval for wines known as A.O.C. (Appellation d’Origine Controlée). This informative tour offers an opportunity to sample wine *in situ* and find out more about the Languedoc’s long-standing and continuing wine trade. Dinner on board.

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RELAX ONBOARD HOTEL BARGE ENCHANTE AND TAKE IN THE INCREDIBLE VIEWS

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 we 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. 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

Departure Dates and Pricing:

2023 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	€ 6,950	€ 7,950
Single Supplement	€ 2,600	€ 2,900
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 6 passengers	€ 48,000	€ 55,400
Charter 7 passengers	€ 50,000	€ 57,700
Charter 8 passengers	€ 52,000	€ 60,000
Departure Dates (Sunday)	Rates	Cruise Region
Mar 26; Apr 2, 9, 16, 23	Val	France - Canal du Midi
Apr 30; May 7, 14, 21, 28; Jun 4, 11, 18, 25; Jul 2, 9	Reg	France - Canal du Midi
Jul 16, 23, 30; Aug 6, 13, 20	Val	France - Canal du Midi
Aug 27; Sep 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct 1	Reg	France - Canal du Midi
Oct 8, 15, 22, 29	Val	France - Canal du Midi

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Aug 25; Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Reg	France - Canal du Midi
Oct 6, 13, 20		

- 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