

# Anjodi

CRUISING THE CANAL DU MIDI IN SOUTHERN FRANCE

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## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Size:	100'X16'6"
Capacity:	8
Crew:	4
Cabins:	4
Accommodations:	4 Twin/Doubles
Heat & Air:	Central Heating & Air Conditioning
Cruising Region:	Canal du Midi
Length of Cruise:	6 Nights
Departure Day:	Sunday
Electricity:	2 X 220 Volt Generators
Engine:	185 HP Perkins with maximum speed 10 knots
Water:	9 tons of water and 3 tons of fuel
Meals:	All Included
Beverages:	All Included
Entrance Fees:	All Included
Hairdryers:	Supplied
Laundry Facilities:	Not available
Transportation:	Transfers to and from Montpellier & Private Motorcoach for excursions
Pick-Up Location:	The Hotel Metropole, Montpellier
Pick-Up Time:	4:00 PM
Drop Off Location:	Montpellier Airport, Train Station or Hotel Metropole
Drop Off Time:	Approximately 11:00 AM
Recreational Items:	Fully stocked bar built from mahogany, 6 Passenger Jacuzzi, Stereo Soundsystem with CD
Theme Cruises:	Golf, Walking, Wine and Family
Cruising Season:	April until November

### BOAT DIAGRAM

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## SAMPLE ITINERARY

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MARSEILLAN TO CARCASSONNE

### **Sunday, Day 1—MARSEILLAN**

You will be met at The Metropole Hotel in Montpellier at 4pm. You will be escorted by minibus to Anjodi moored in the fishing village of Marseillan. Champagne welcome followed by time to relax or take a stroll around this lovely fishing village and along the towpath. Dinner aboard.

### **Monday, Day 2—MARSEILLAN TO AGDE**

A morning visit and tour of the unique “Vermoutherie” of Noilly Prat, with a tasting. Optional pre-lunch dip in the Mediterranean! Cruise this afternoon across the saltwater lake of Thau, past the oyster beds and through the famous round lock before mooring in the old Greco/Phoenician fishing port of Agde. A chance late afternoon to explore the winding, mediaeval streets before dinner on board.

### **Tuesday, Day 3—AGDE TO BEZIERS**

This morning we cross the aqueduct over the River Orb and then ascend the 7-lock flight of Foserannes and join the 300 year old Canal du Midi in Beziers. After lunch we visit Beziers’ 13th Century fortified cathedral of Saint Nazaire, with a commanding view across the Pyrenees Mountains. Explore l’Oppidum D’Enserune, a pre-Roman hill-top settlement of Greek and Iberian excavations dating from 600 BC. Return to the barge and walk ashore to Domaine de Guery for a pre-dinner wine tasting of the full-bodied Corbieres at this 500 year old vineyard. Dinner on board

### **Wednesday, Day 4—BEZIERS TO CAPESTANG**

Morning cruise from Beziers via the World’s oldest canal tunnel at Malpas, to Capestang. An afternoon visit to Narbonne, a Roman Mediterranean capital where the Visigoth monarchs once lived. Enjoy a visit to the Archbishop’s Palace and Horreum. Explore the indoor market at the hub of this bustling canal side town, where you will have time to shop or simply absorb the relaxed atmosphere. Our mooring in Capestang this evening, is near the old stone bridge, a perfect setting for evening cocktails and dinner on board.

### **Thursday, Day 5—CAPESTANG TO LE SOMAIL**

Morning cruise along arguably the most picturesque stretch of canal scenery in France to Argeliers and then along the historic Midi Canal to the delightful village of Le Somail. Late morning we depart for Minerve where we enjoy lunch in a local auberge. After lunch we explore Minerve, the ancient capital of the Minervoises, which boast a 12th Century Cathar fort surrounded by deep limestone gorges. Besieged by Simon de Montfort in 1215, its hill-top location affords spectacular views. A fascinating recreation in miniature of the blood-thirsty Cathar rebellion and small museum complete the intriguing picture. Dinner on board.

### **Friday, Day 6—LE SOMAIL TO HOMPS**

Morning cruise along the tree-lined Midi Canal to the port of Homps. Fascinating afternoon

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tour of Carcassonne. Dating back to the Gallo-Roman era, this is the most complete mediaeval fortified city in existence today. With its 52 watchtowers, portcullis and extraordinary repertoire of defenses, it resisted the many armies that tried to storm this Camelot setting. Captain's Farewell Dinner aboard.

### **Saturday, Day 7— HOMPS TO BEZIERS**

After Breakfast, depart from Homps by minibus and return to Montpellier by about 11am

***NOTE: These are sample itineraries and are subject to change. On alternate weeks, cruises will be in the reverse direction.***

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## GOLF CRUISE

### Sunday

You will be met at the Hotel Metropole in Montpellier at 4pm. You will be escorted by minibus to Anjodi for a Champagne Welcome aboard, followed by an evening cruise across the impressive River Orb aqueduct ascending the 100-foot flight of locks at Fonseranes. Dinner aboard.

### Monday

A morning visit to Beziers' 13th Century fortified cathedral of Saint Nazaire, with a commanding view across to the Pyrenees Mountains or explore l'Oppidum D'Enserune, a pre-Roman hilltop settlement with Greek and Iberian excavations dating from 600B.C. A short cruise in the afternoon followed by golf at Cap d'Agde (Tee Time 2.30pm). This golf course is located in a colorful landscape created by one of the world's most renowned architects, Ronald Fream. An outstanding and inventive course whose greens are jealously protected by bunkers that you will never forget. Dinner aboard. (18 course, 6301m, Par 72)

### Tuesday

Morning cruise to Narbonne, a Roman Mediterranean capital where the Visigoth Monarchs once lived. Enjoy a visit to the Archbishop's Palace and Horreum. Explore the indoor market, at the hub of this bustling Midi town, where you will have time to shop or simply absorb the relaxed atmosphere. After lunch, golf at Golf de Lamalou-les-Bains (Tee time 2.30pm). Located at the foot of Mt Caroux by the River Orb, this course with its three small lakes is flat, wooded, short, technical and most enjoyable. Dinner on board. (9 hole, 2600m, Par 35)

### Wednesday

Begin the day with golf at Golfe de St Thomas (Tee time 10.30). This 18 hole course offers various types of play: woods, hills, lakes and on some fairways a more classic approach. After lunch a leisurely cruise and we sample the full-bodied Corbieres wine of 17th Century Chateau LaVoulte Gasparets. This evening we dine ashore, at a charming canalside inn, in the heart of the village of Homps. (18 holes, 6130m, Par 72)

### Thursday

Morning golf at Golf de Carcassonne (Tee time 10is). Challenging water obstacles and bunkers make this a tactical golf course for players of all levels. This afternoon's excursion is to Minerve, the ancient capital of the Minervois, which hosts a 12th century Cathar fort surrounded by deep limestone gorges. Besieged by Simon de Montfort in 1215, its hilltop

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## GOLF CRUISE

location affords spectacular views. A fascinating recreation in miniature of the bloodthirsty Cathar rebellion and small museum complete the intriguing picture. Twilight cruise to Marseillette and dinner aboard. (18 holes, 7200m, Par 72)

### Friday

Fascinating morning tour of Carcassonne. Dating back to the Gallo-Roman era, this is the most complete mediaeval, fortified city in existence today, with its 52 watchtowers, portcullis and extraordinary repertoire of defenses, which

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## WALKING CRUISE

### Sunday

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### Monday

A morning visit to Beziers' 13th Century fortified cathedral of Saint Nazaire, with a commanding view across to the Pyrenees Mountains. Explore l'Oppidum D'Enserune, a pre-Roman hilltop settlement with Greek and Iberian excavations dating from 600B.C. Afternoon cruise to Capestang and a canal side walk over the world's oldest tunnel at Malpas for a pre-dinner wine tasting at the Domaine de Guery. Dinner aboard. (Walking time 2 hours)

### Tuesday

Morning walk to l'Oppidum d'Enserune, a fascinating hilltop settlement complete with Greek and Iberian excavations. Afternoon cruise past La Croisade to Le Somail, where we moor near the old stone bridge. Fantastic walk through the gorges and caves by the River Cesse which circle the Minerve. Dinner aboard. . (Walking time 2 hours)

### Wednesday

Morning visit and walk around Minerve, ancient Minervois capital and 12th century fort surrounded by deep limestone gorges. A fascinating recreation in miniature of the blood-thirsty Cathar rebellion and small museum complete the intriguing picture. Walking tour of the village and hilltop locations affording spectacular views. Pre-lunch wine tasting followed by an afternoon cruise. This evening we dine ashore, at a charming canalside inn, in the heart of the village of Homps. (Walking time 3 1/2 hours)

### Thursday

Morning excursion Narbonne. Visit the Archbishop's Palace and underground Horreum. Time to browse the many shops and excellent shaded fruit and vegetable market. Return to the barge for lunch and in the afternoon enjoy a canalside walk to Marseille. Once we return to the barge we cruise to Marseille followed by dinner onboard. (Walking time 2 1/2 hours)

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WALKING CRUISE

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### Saturday

After Breakfast, return to Montpellier

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FAMILY CRUISE

### Sunday, Family cruise Day 1 - Le Somail

Passengers are met in Montpellier by the Captain at 4pm and escorted by minibus to Anjodi, moored in the port of Le Somail. Champagne welcome followed a game of boules or badminton or a walk around the charming and historical village. Dinner on board.

### Monday, Family cruise Day 2 - Le Somail to Argeliers

Fascinating morning tour of Carcassonne. Dating back to the Gallo-Roman era, this is the most complete mediaeval fortified city in existence today with its 52 watchtowers, portcullis and extraordinary repertoire of defenses, which resisted the many armies that tried to storm this glorious Camelot setting. Afternoon cruise along the 330 year old Midi canal to Argeliers through vineyards and pine trees whilst the children can enjoy a soak in the jacuzzi. After mooring in Argeliers a treasure hunt can be arranged for the children whilst the adults enjoy a pre-dinner drink on deck. Dinner aboard.

### Tuesday, Family cruise Day 3 - Argeliers to Poilhes

Enjoy an early morning cruise to Poilhes. Follow the Anjodi's cruise route on bike or foot along the towpaths. We depart after lunch for the Dinosaur Park and Museum in Meze. This is an open-air museum with skeletons and realistic constructions. Even before you arrive you can see the head of the Brachiosaur skeleton, peering out above the treetops, which is the largest complete dinosaur skeleton in the world. Dinner aboard.

### Wednesday, Family cruise Day 4 - Poilhes to Beziers

After breakfast we transfer to the underground world called Limousis Caves. Originally dug out by an underground river, the cave, which is now dry, contains some superb concretions among which are the exceptional "Chandelier" which is a collection of white arborescent crystals or aragonite. See the stalactites and stalagmites in the well-lit caves and the luster, 4 meters high and 10 meters in diameter, composed of calcite flowers. It also served as shelter for prehistoric man, cave bears, and people through the ages. Return to Anjodi for lunch on board, followed by the descent of the lock flight to Beziers, crossing the aqueduct over the River Orb. Dinner at a local auberge tonight.

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FAMILY CRUISE

### **Thursday, Family cruise Day 5 - Beziers to Portiragnes**

Today you can choose between a day at the seaside with buckets and spades at the famous Cap d'Agde on the Mediterranean, with golden sands and blue sea or alternatively, for the more active, there is fun for all at the "Aqualand" park with its swimming pools, flumes, slides and wave machines. Return to the barge for a well deserved late afternoon cruise to Portiragnes, where the Canal du Midi is at its closest to the Mediterranean and maybe enjoy an evening swim in the Med! Dinner aboard.

### **Friday, Family cruise Day 6 - Portiragnes to Marseillan**

After a chance to explore the winding mediaeval streets of the old Greco/Phoenician fishing port of Agde, Anjodi sets off through the famous round lock, before heading out onto the inland saltwater lake of Thau, sailing past the oyster beds. After mooring in the fishing village of Marseillan, today offers a chance to explore the wonderful Oppidum d'Enserune, a pre-Roman hilltop settlement with Greek and Iberian excavations dating from 600 BC. Children will love exploring all the underground passages under the settlement. Also a chance to visit the 13th century Saint Nazaire cathedral with commanding views across the Pyrenees mountains. Pre-dinner wine tasting. (Option today of Cap d'Agde if preferred). Captain's Farewell Dinner aboard.

### **Saturday, Family cruise Day 7 - Marseillan to Montpellier**

After breakfast depart Marseillan by minibus and return to Montpellier by about 11am.

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## 2009 PRICES

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	VALUE	REGULAR
Stateroom	\$3,990	\$4,590
Single Supplement	\$1,450	\$1,650
Charter for 6 guests	\$28,500	\$32,100
Charter for 7 guests	\$29,500	\$33,300
Charter for 8 guests	\$30,500	\$34,500

**VALUE SEASON DATES:** March 08, 15, 22, 29; April 05, 12, November 01,08

**REGULAR SEASON DATES:** April 19, 26; May 03, 10, 17, 24, 31; June 07, 14, 17, 21, 28;  
July 05, 12, 19, 26; August 02, 09 16, 23, 30; Sept 06, 13, 20, 27; October 04, 11, 18, 25

**2 Passengers required on all departures to guarantee the cruise except March and November when a minimum of 4 is required**

**THEME CRUISES AVAILABLE FOR CHARTERS:**

Golf Charter - \$500 per golfer supplement - available for charter groups only

Walking Charter - \$3,000 per charter supplement - available for charter groups only  
(the supplement includes the services of a Professional Walking Guide)

Wine Charter - \$3,000 per charter supplement - available for charter groups only  
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Family Charter - for charter groups only and \$300 discount offered to children aged 0-17

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## MENU TYPES

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Noisette d'Agneau en Croûte de Sel avec Sauce

Romarin, Ragout de Calamars "Provençale"

### Cheeses

Le Saint-Remois

Fromage de Chèvre au Poivre et au Thym

Tomme de Valdeblore

### Wines

Domaine de Guéry

Château de Nouvelles

La Clape

Château la Condamine Bertrand

### Sample Captains 'Farewell' Dinner Menu

#### ASSORTED HORS D'OEUVRES

SAUTEED CHICKEN LIVERS WITH PARSLEY MOUSSE  
VEAL FILLET IN WHOLE GRAIN MUSTARD SAUCE, SAFFRON TAGLIATELLI,  
SAUTEED LEEKS  
TOSSED SALAD

#### CHEESES

EPOISSES, MOUTON DE CHARENTAIS

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### Sample Lunch Menu

CARROT SALAD WITH PEPPERS AND CASHEW NUTS

BOW TIE PASTA AND CHERRY TOMATOES IN PESTO

CHILLED EGGPLANT WITH LEMON AND BASIL

SMOKED CHICKEN SALAD WITH CELERY, APPLE AND ALMONDS

### CHEESES

MORBIER

GOATS CHEESE

### Sample Dinner Menu

WATERCRESS AND PEAR SOUP

ESCALOP OF SALMON IN A GINGER SAUCE WITH BROCCOLI AND WILD  
RICE  
MIXED GREENS

### CHEESES

CAMEMBERT

FOURME D'AMBERT

LEMON TART WITH LEMON SORBET

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