

# Enchante

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 Enchante 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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MARSEILLAN TO CARCASSONNE

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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PROVENCE CRUISE  
AVIGNON TO AGDE

### Sunday, Day 1 - Avignon

Guests are met at 4pm at the delightful Hotel Mercure Pont D'Avignon in Avignon and escorted by minibus to L'Impressionniste for a Champagne Welcome. Dine aboard in Villeneuve-les-Avignon.

### Monday, Day 2 - Villeneuve-les-Avignon to Vallabregues

This morning we visit Avignon and the famous Palais des Papes, an impressive monument to the era of the 'Other Rome', when the popes moved to France, or enjoy a superb wine tasting at Chateauneuf du Pape, former vineyard of the Pope. In the afternoon we cruise down the mighty Rhone River, past the foothills of the Alpilles to Vallabregues, with a cycle or walking opportunity along the quiet river bank. Optional early evening tour of King René's castle at Tarascon. Dinner on board.

### Tuesday, Day 3 - Vallabregues to Aigues Mortes

This morning we explore Arles. Choose between the Roman Arena and Theatre, St. Trophime's Basilica and the Museum of Provençal life. We also visit some of Vincent van Gogh's haunts on foot through the heart of this old capital of the Camargue before rejoining the barge for our cruise along the Rhone. We join the Petit Rhone and then the Canal du Rhone-a-Sete that carries us to our mooring beneath the medieval fortified walls of Aigues Mortes. Dinner ashore at a local auberge.

### Wednesday, Day 4 - Aigues Mortes to Maguelone

Stroll from Enchantée to visit the Tour de Constance, built in 1248 as a lighthouse for the returning 13th century crusaders. In the afternoon, we cruise through the Camargue National Park with its wild white horses and black bulls, abundant sea bird life and flocks of elegant pink flamingos, to the vineyard-encircled Maguelone Abbey, just a short stroll or cycle from the nearby Mediterranean. Dinner on board.

### Thursday, Day 5 - Maguelone to Marseillan

An early morning cruise brings us to Frontignan lifting bridge. In the afternoon we sail out onto the Thau Lake, a large, inland salt-water lagoon with acres of mussel and oyster beds. Miniature sea horses can often be seen passing on the tide. Marseillan, a beautiful Mediterranean fishing village and home to the famous vermoutherie of Noilly Prat, is our visit for the day. There is also time to explore this vibrant small town. Dinner on board.

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PROVENCE CRUISE  
AVIGNON TO AGDE

Friday, Day 6 - Marseillan to Agde

In the morning we cruise to Agde, which was settled by the Phoenicians in 2500 BC, along the tree-lined 17th century Canal du Midi. During our tour of Agde we encounter its cathedral built of lava blocks from the nearby Black Mountains and its labyrinth of narrow medieval streets. Our afternoon excursion is Pezenas, Versailles of the Languedoc region and former home to the French writer Moliere. Captain's Dinner on board.

Saturday, Day 7 - Agde

After breakfast, we transfer you by minibus to Agde TGV station by 10am or Montpellier TGV station, airport or hotel by 11am.

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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 Enchante 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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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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2009 PRICES

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Stateroom	\$5,890
Single Supplement	\$2,200
Charter for 6 guests	\$41,000
Charter for 7 guests	\$43,000
Charter for 8 guests	\$45,000

**Cruising Season for 2009:**

**August 2 until October 25**

**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  
(The supplement includes the services of a Professional Wine Guide and an upgrade to the wine list on board, to include some Premier and Grand Cru Wines)

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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CHOCOLATE AND ALMOND CAKE IN COINTREAU

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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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