



'Alouette'

Cruising in France

CRUISE ITINERARIES

'Alouette' cruises the historic Canal du Midi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, a route that is 100% canal. Itineraries with special themes (such as cooking) can be arranged for chartering parties with special interests.

All cruises are from Sunday through Saturday (six nights), with longer chartering options available.

ON-BOARD ACCOMMODATIONS

Both 'Alouette's' forward and midship cabins can be configured as either a queen or two twins. En suite bathrooms are tiled and include a spacious walk-in shower, toilet and basin with shower gel, body cream, hand soap, shampoo and a hair dryer provided. Electrical current is 220V (standard European). Each cabin also has a phone/intercom system that allows guests to communicate directly with crew members in the galley or salon.

NUMBER OF GUESTS / CHILD POLICY

This charter-only barge is best suited for parties of four persons. Special pricing is offered for less-than-capacity chartering parties of two or three persons.

MEALS DURING THE CRUISE

Gourmet dining is an integral part of the 'Alouette' experience. Menus are inspired by the culinary traditions for which France is known, and meals are prepared using the freshest ingredients from local markets; on occasion, interested guests may accompany the chef to the market and watch him prepare meals in the "open" kitchen. The wines and cheeses served on board are specially selected to enhance the dining experience.

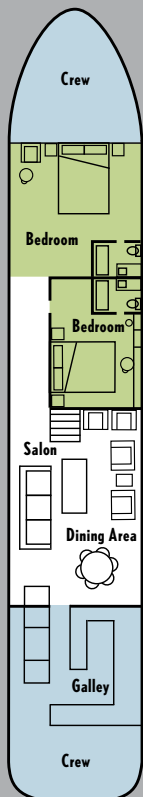
Breakfast and lunch are served buffet style, while a set menu is offered at dinner. Guests with specific food requests can generally be accommodated with advance notice. Weather permitting, there is also the possibility of *al fresco* meal service on the outdoor sun deck.



CRUISE PRICE INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

The cruise price includes on-board accommodations for six nights; all meals from dinner on day of embarkation through breakfast on day of disembarkation; all alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages on board; fully-guided sightseeing excursions (as indicated on the day-by-day itinerary), including entrance fees; and rail transfers between Paris and the barge embarkation/disembarkation points.

The cruise price does NOT include gratuities to crew, travel insurance or airfare.



BARGE SPECIFICS

- Staffed by 4 crew members, including an on-board chef
- Barge is 100 feet long, 15.7 feet wide and has air conditioning and central heating
- Salon and dining area are approximately 355 square feet and have a television with DVD player, stereo system, an assortment of DVDs and CDs, a computer with Internet connection and a Bose iPod docking station for guests' use
- Exterior sun deck offers 248 square feet of additional living space and is partially covered by a parasol for *al fresco* dining opportunities
- Barge not handicap accessible and is appropriate for those with only minor mobility issues
- Four touring bicycles available for guests' use
- Strict non-smoking policy in effect on all interior areas of the barge
- No guest telephone access on board but ample opportunities ashore
- Euros only form of payment accepted on board