

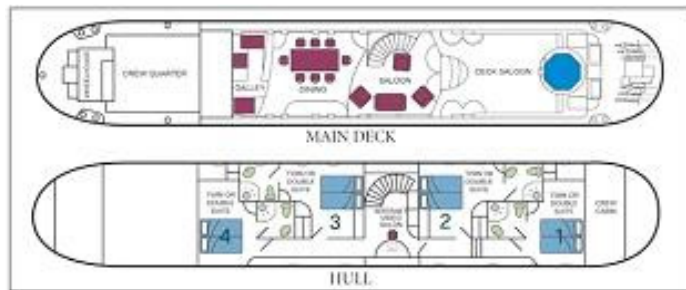
River Barge Enchanté

The Enchanté is totally refurbished with her initial cruise scheduled the end of August 2009. She is accepting bookings for the 2010 cruise schedule.

'Enchanté' cruises the picturesque, tree-lined Canal du Midi in the south of France. Tastefully furnished, she boasts a spacious salon and superbly appointed cabins and bathrooms. The cabins are approximately 200 SF. In the demonstration kitchen, view the on-board chef preparing gourmet meals, see yummy dessert below.

'Enchanté's' sun deck, is complete with luxurious loungers and a hot tub, is perfect for al fresco dining. Any barge cruise can be customized if you so chose.

This 8 passenger luxury barge Itinerary is noted below the photos. Her charter price is \$45,000 and/or the per person rates based upon double occupancy are \$5890. Charters for 6 to 7 persons available and I would have to check the rates on that. Photos of the Enchanté follow:



Enchanté Itinerary

On the 'Enchanté' all days included full breakfast, lunch and dinner, except for embarkation[dinner] and debarkation will include breakfast.

Day 1: SATURDAY

Meet at the Holiday Inn in Montpellier and transfer to 'Enchanté,' moored in the fishing village of Marseillan, for a champagne welcome. There is time for a relaxing stroll before dinner this evening.

Day 2: SUNDAY

After breakfast, cruise to Portiragnes, stopping to visit the ancient town of Agde, which was a Greek trading post here in the fifth century. Visit the 12th-century Cathedral of St-Étienne, an imposing, fortified church with walls made of black volcanic stone. After lunch, enjoy an informative wine tasting at le Château de Perdiguièr, the 14th-century home of the Feracci family.

Day 3: MONDAY

Visit the delightful village of Pézenas, known for its association with the French playwright Molière. Later, 'Enchanté' cruises to the bottom of the Fonsèrannes Lock Staircase for overnight mooring at Béziers, which sits high atop a spur of rock beside the canal.

Day 4: TUESDAY

This morning, cruise across the aqueduct over the River Orb to ascend the seven-lock staircase before reaching the world's oldest canal tunnel at Malpas. From Poilhes, embark on an excursion to Minerve with its 12th-century Cathar fort surrounded by deep limestone gorges. The hilltop here affords spectacular views.

Day 5: WEDNESDAY

After breakfast, explore Narbonne, a former Roman capital and home to the Visigoth monarchs. Wander the Archbishop's Palace and indoor market with time to absorb the relaxed atmosphere. Return to 'Enchanté' for lunch and an afternoon cruise, stopping at the 500-year-old canalside vineyard of Domaine de Guery. After a tasting of the full-bodied Corbières, continue cruising to Argeliers, the overnight mooring.

Day 6: THURSDAY

Visit the great walled city of Carcassonne, which has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1997. There is time to wander in the old town, called La Cité. Extraordinarily well-preserved, it looks much as it did at the end of the Middle Ages. In the afternoon, 'Enchanté' makes her final cruise along the historic Canal du Midi to Le Somail for the gala captain's farewell dinner.

Day 7: FRIDAY

After breakfast, you're returned to the Holiday Inn in Montpellier, where your journey ends

SHARON RECOMMENDS . . . Extend your stay with pre or post hotel stay and driving tour. Contact me for details and pricing. Note: This route is run in reverse on alternate weeks.