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Embark Rosa and cruise from Agen to Montauban

European Canal Barge Cruises, Cruises



Europe, France



7 days, from AU\$6,650



Private

Journey Overview

Rosa is an old Dutch “Clipper” barge that was built in early in the last century to carry different cargoes on the offshore waterways of Holland. Now, as a charming hotel barge, she navigates the calmer canals of southwest France.

Rosa also featured with Anjodi in the successful television series, Rick Stein’s French Odyssey and you are sure to enjoy your own personal ‘odyssey’ through this colourful, captivating part of southwest France.

Cruise highlights

Bordeaux (Summer & Autumn)

Tour of the famous Saint Emilion

Visit the impressive Château de Duras

Visit to the Bastide village of Vianne and ancient Barbaste

Cruise across the 1,900 foot long Pont Canal d’Agen

Wine, cheese and Armagnac tastings

Visits to the village of Le Mas d’Agenais and the colourful market of Marmande



Itinerary

Day 1: Boé

Guests are met in Bordeaux** and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to Rosa. Following a champagne welcome, there is time for a stroll before returning for your first dinner on board.

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Day 2: Boé to Serignac-sur-Garonne

Morning cruise to Serignac-sur-Garonne, where we cross the Plan Canal d'Agen, one of the longest aqueducts in France which spans the River Garonne. After lunch we visit the medieval town of Nerac and tread in the footsteps of King of France Henry IV and Queen Margot. The château was built in the 15th century, but much was destroyed during the French Revolution and today only the impressive north wing remains. Finally, we stop at the Lapeyrade Estate for a cellar tasting of Armagnac, the oldest alcohol in France. Dinner on board.

Rosa | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Serignac-sur-Garonne to Buzet-sur-Baise

This morning, we depart early to enjoy the colourful market of Aiguillon and then cruise to our mooring at Buzet-sur-Baise, a pretty fortified village with pastel-coloured houses. After lunch we head to the 13th century bastide village of Vianne and to see a skilled glassblower at work, then en route back to the barge we visit the cork museum at Mezin to learn about the history of cork-making. In the evening we go to Barbaste with its fortified mill, protected by four square towers, and the nearby 12th century bridge with its 12 curved arches. Dinner ashore at 'Le Moulin des Saveurs', a local auberge in Barbaste.

Rosa | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Buzet-sur-Baise to Le Mas d'Agenais

We start the day with a relaxing cruise to the lovely little village of Le Mas d'Agenais, with time to walk or cycle the towpath through stunning countryside. This afternoon we visit a cheese workshop to see the different stages of manufacture of cheese and enjoy a tasting of goats' cheeses, including some flavoured with ash and chilli. On the way back to the hotel barge we visit the Romansque Church containing an original masterpiece by Rembrandt. Dinner on board.

Rosa | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Le Mas d'Agenais to Meilhan-sur-Garonne

Morning cruise to the village of Meilhan-sur-Garonne with a view over the valley of the Garonne. In the afternoon, we visit the 14th century Château de Duras, an architectural wonder, which has been both a fortress and a stately home over its 900-year history. We wander through its 35 rooms and museum before returning to the hotel barge. Dinner on board.

Rosa | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Meilhan-sur-Garonne to Castet-en-Dorthe

Today, our final cruise is to Castet-en-Dorthe, following the nearby River Garonne. In the afternoon we visit the medieval town of Saint Emilion, a UNESCO World Heritage site and centre of the most famous of the Bordeaux appellations. Later, we stop at Château Beau-Sejour-Becot, producer of premier and grand crus wines, where we discover the secrets of the vine and, of course, enjoy a tasting. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

Rosa | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Castet-en-Dorthe

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to their choice of location in Bordeaux**.

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This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. On alternate weeks the cruise will be in the reverse direction.

***other locations available for private Charter bookings*

Accommodation

Rosa



Rosa is an old Dutch “Clipper” barge that was completely refitted in 2010 to a high specification. The air conditioned interior includes a dining room, saloon, bar and four staterooms. Two of the staterooms have double beds and two have twin beds, all of which have full en-suite facilities. Outside there is a spacious sun deck with comfortable furniture.

The crew consist of a knowledgeable captain, tour guide, housekeeper and a master chef whose culinary master pieces will be a regular delight throughout your cruise. Eight bikes are available for use and your tour guide will be happy to advise you on the best routes to cycle should you wish to explore.

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Category: First Class

Cruise region: Southwest France, Gascony/ Southwest France, Bordeaux

Cruise Route: Canal de Garonne/ Canal de Garonne

Pickup location: Toulouse/ Bordeaux

Departures: April - June/ June- October

Length of vessel: 98 ft

Crew: 4

Max Passenger Capacity: 8

Approx Cabin Size: Staterooms 104-110 ft²

Interior Decks: 2

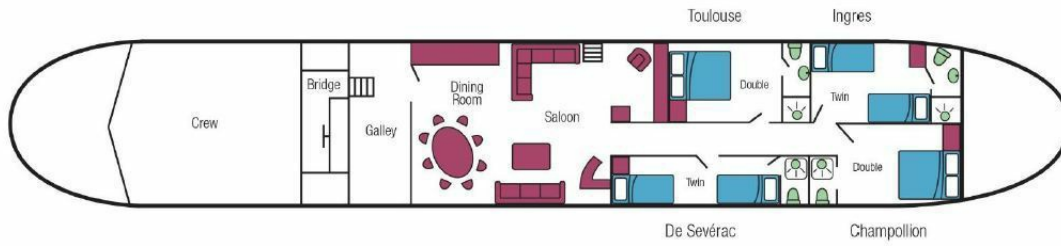
TV/DVD Play in Cabin Saloon: DVD Player in Saloon

Air Conditioned & Centrally Heated: Yes

Demo Gallery: No

Spa Pool: N

Themed Cruises: Golf, Family, Wine Appreciation



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