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ANJODI RIVER CRUISE

Anjodi is of classic Dutch design, specifically rebuilt to negotiate the 330-year-old Canal du Midi.

European Canal Barge Cruises, Cruises



Europe, France



7 days from AU\$8,510 pp



Private

Journey Overview

Anjodi is a very well-known hotel barge having achieved “film star” status some years ago following her many appearances in the television series Rick Stein’s French Odyssey, when she carried the renowned chef Rick Stein on a voyage of culinary discovery through Southern France. You too can follow in his footsteps with a cruise along the Canal du Midi, a 330-year-old canal with UNESCO World Heritage status.

Cruise Highlights

- Visit to Pezenas, a village associated with the playwright Molière
- Private wine tasting at the 14th century Château de Perdiguer
- Cruise through the world’s oldest canal tunnel at Malpas
- See the spectacular hilltop village of Minerve
- Narbonne’s Archbishop’s Palace and colourful market
- View the Pyrenees mountains across the vineyards and discover Cathar history
- Tour Carcassonne – the most complete medieval fortified city in existence
- Excellent towpath for walking and cycling
- “Biking Plus” option available



Itinerary

Day 1: Le Somail

Guests are met in Narbonne and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to Anjodi. Enjoy a chilled Champagne welcome with canapés and the opportunity to meet your crew, followed by time to walk around the charming village and perhaps explore its beautiful bookshop. We then enjoy a short evening cruise before dinner on board.

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Day 2: Le Somail to Sallèles d'Aude

This morning, there is a fascinating tour of Carcassonne. Dating back to the Gallo Roman era, this is the most complete medieval fortified city in existence today. With its 52 watchtowers, portcullis and extraordinary repertoire of defences, it resisted the many armies that tried to storm this Camelot setting. In the afternoon, we cruise along the 330-year-old Canal du Midi and through a series of locks on the Canal de la Robine, with excellent walking and biking opportunities en route, to our mooring at Sallèles d'Aude.

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Day 3: Sallèles d'Aude to Capestang

This morning, we cruise to Capestang, passing vineyards and pine trees, with magnificent views of the Pyrénées along the way. There is time to explore the village, once the summer retreat of the Bishops of Narbonne, with its magnificent 14th century collegiate church. After lunch on board, our excursion is to Minerve, the ancient capital of the Minervois, which boasts a 12th century Cathar fort surrounded by deep limestone gorges. Besieged by Simon de Montfort in 1210, its hilltop location affords spectacular views and the museum's fascinating miniature recreation of the bloodthirsty Cathar rebellion completes the intriguing picture.

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Day 4: Capestang to Colombiers

This morning we visit Narbonne, a Roman Mediterranean capital where the Visigoth monarchs once lived. We tour the Archbishop's Palace, Cathedral and Via Domitia and explore the indoor market at the hub of this bustling town, where you will have time to shop or simply absorb the vibrant atmosphere. This bustling town, where you will have time to shop or simply absorb the vibrant atmosphere. We return to the hotel barge for a cruise via the world's oldest canal tunnel at Malpas, perhaps pausing en route at the Poilhes brewery for a tour and tasting, to our mooring in the pretty village of Colombiers which lies on an old Roman road, the Via Domitia. There may also be time to view the star-shaped fields and the 13th century irrigation channels of Montady from L'Oppidum d'Enserune. Dinner ashore tonight at a gastronomic restaurant in Beziers.

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Day 5: Colombiers to Portiragnes

After breakfast, we cruise to Fonserannes and descend through the unique flight of 7 oval locks, before crossing the aqueduct over the River Orb to moor in Portiragnes where the Canal du Midi is at its closest to the Mediterranean. For those who are feeling active, the beach is only 20 minutes away by bicycle. This afternoon, we enjoy an informative winery tour and tasting at the 14th century Château de Perdiguer, named after King Charles V's finance minister and famed for its frescoes and Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay wines.

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Day 6: Portiragnes to Marseillan

This morning, Anjodi sets off through the famous round lock and then the nature reserve of Bagnas, with potential sightings of flamingos, white egrets and other migrating birds before heading out onto the inland saltwater lake of Thau, past the oyster beds. After mooring in the fishing village of Marseillan, home of Noilly Prat vermouth, we take an excursion to Pezenas, the delightful 16th century capital of the Languedoc mostly known for its associations with the French playwright Molière. On the way back to the barge, there is the option to visit a local oyster farm to sample its delicious produce with a glass of white wine while enjoying a view of the oyster beds. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

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Day 7:

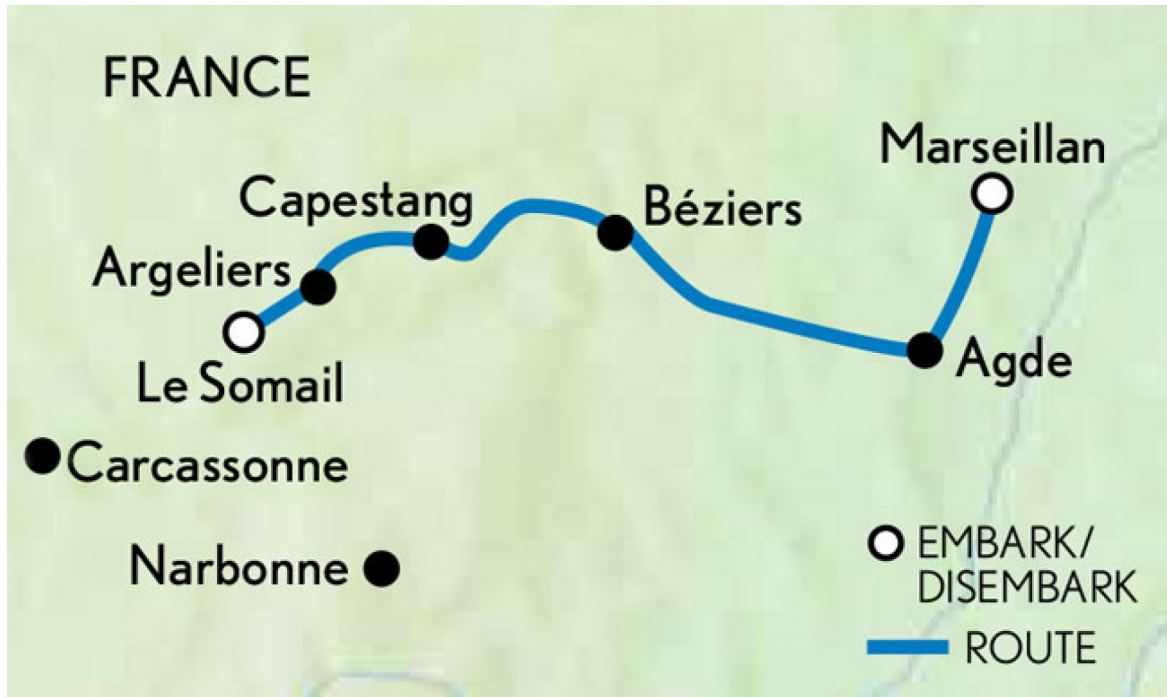
After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to their choice of location in Narbonne.

Meals: B

Inclusions

- Comfortable accommodation in air-conditioned, en suite staterooms or suites
- Gourmet meals prepared by the on-board chef, fine wines and an open bar
- Daily escorted excursions to places of interest and private wine tastings
- Local transfers, for example to and from Narbonne
- Bicycles and on most hotel barges, an on-deck spa pool
- Attentive service from an experienced crew – Captain, chef, tour guide and hosts/hostesses

Map



Accommodation

Anjodi



Anjodi is of classic Dutch design, specifically rebuilt to negotiate the 330-year-old Canal du Midi. She has been completely refurbished in the tasteful tradition of African hardwoods, hand-crafted panelling and shining brass, to create a comfortable and charming ambience reminiscent of a classic yacht.

Aboard the Anjodi, you will cruise the Canal du Midi and skirt the sunbathed shores of the Mediterranean before winding inland through ancient villages and Roman fortifications in the Languedoc wine region.

Particular highlights include the tree lined routes from the lakeside fishing town of Marseillan, home to Noilly Pratt Vermouth, the world's oldest canal tunnel at Malpas, and Narbonne, where you can enjoy private wine tastings and discover Cathar history before visiting Carcassonne.

The well planned accommodation offers a choice of four air-conditioned twin/double staterooms, each with full en suite facilities. The shaded sun deck is unusually spacious, with a heated sunken spa pool and comfortable sun loungers.

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discovery through Southern France.

Why we like it

- The barge has four air-conditioned outward facing cabins with en suite bedrooms and opening portholes or windows
- The wonderful sundeck with its heated sunken spa pool is coupled with spacious interiors with central heating
- A comprehensive programme of excursions and visits that are a blend of cultural, historical and general interest, which compliments the time spent drifting lazily along the waterways
- Fabulous cuisine is provided by the barge's own Master Chef from sumptuous breakfast to a delicious buffet or picnic ending in a four or five course dinner each evening
- Please note that children under the age of 12 years are not accepted unless it is a charter booking or a special family departure

Category: First Class

Cruise region: Southwest France, the Midi

Cruise Route: Canal du Midi

Pickup location: Narbonne

Departures: April - October

Length of vessel: 100 ft

Crew: 4

Max Passenger Capacity: 8

Approx Cabin Size: Staterooms 91-102

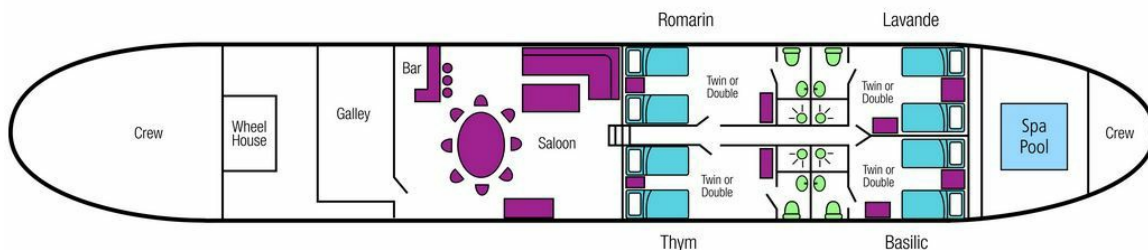
Interior Decks: 1

TV/DVD Play in Cabin Saloon: -

Demo Gallery: No

Spa Pool: Yes

Themed Cruises: Family, Biking, Golf, Culinary, Wine Appreciation



Dates & Pricing

Anjodi is also available for whole barge charter for 6-8 passengers, from \$58,125.

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