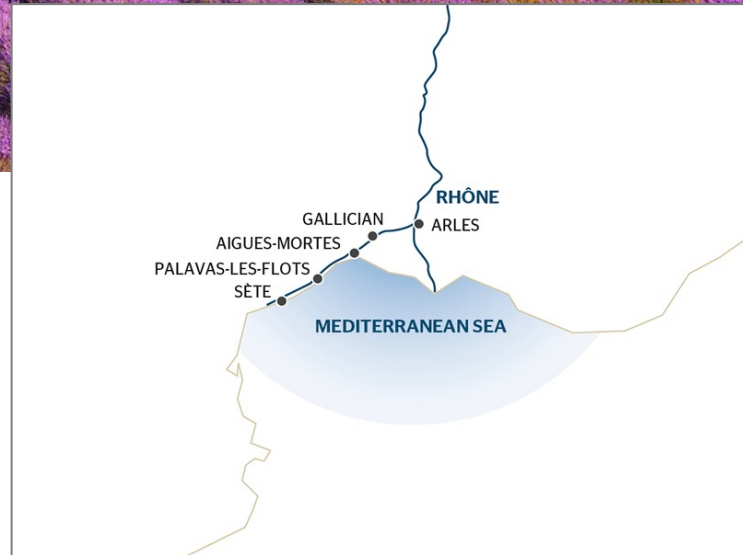




From Arles to Sète, join us on a cruise through breathtaking sceneries. Discover 2,500 years of history in Arles before visiting Aigues-Mortes, a medieval fortified town with a prestigious heritage in the heart of one of the most beautiful natural sites of Provence. You will also have a chance to explore the Camargue and Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, one of the jewels of the Languedoc known as one of the Most Beautiful Villages of France.



## Featuring

- Arles and Olive Oil Production
- The Fortified City of Aigues-Mortes
- Salt Mines
- Traditional Camargue Safari
- Complimentary Bike Use
- Etang De Thau
- Oyster Farm
- Lavander Experience
- Saint-Guilhem-le Desert

**Price** ( pp dbl occupancy)

Double Occupancy: \$4,099

Single Occupancy: \$5,599

Activity Level | 

Passport Required



# Cruising Provence by Barge – Your Itinerary

## Day 1 | Depart for Marseille, France

Arrive at your departure airport and check-in for the overnight flight to Marseille, France.

## Day 2 | Arrival in Marseille – Aix en Provence

Upon arrival in France, we transfer to our hotel in Aix-en-Provence. Once check-in to our hotel the remainder of the day is at leisure to discover this dense and easily walkable town.

Located at the foot of Mount Sainte-Victoire and surrounded by impeccably preserved countryside and dotted with Provençal fortified towns, lies Aix-en-Provence. Founded by the Romans in 123 BC it is considered the historical capital of the region. Aix today shows off its rich architectural heritage through the superbly restored and maintained bourgeois homes, small squares bursting with flowers, private mansions, and ancient fountains. Paul Cézanne, whom many consider the father of modern art, was born here on January 19, 1839.

## Day 3 | Aix en Provence – Arles - Embarkation on the M/S Anne-Marie

Lavender awaits today! After breakfast, we journey into the French countryside for a tour of its famous and beautiful lavender fields. We travel on countryside roads passing colorful lavender fields on the Plateau of Valensole with our local guide. There is plenty of time for photos!

We continue to the estate of a lavender farmer and learn the cultivation, distillation, and the properties of pure lavender and lavadin (a hybrid plant).

Later, we transfer to the M/S Anne-Marie for embarkation. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll be introduced to our crew at a welcome cocktail reception. Tonight, we'll enjoy dinner on board and remain in port.

## Day 4 | Arles – Gallaecian

Our day begins as we set off on foot for a guided visit of Arles. Arles is over 2000 years old with exceptionally well-preserved ancient architectural masterpieces and is a real open-air museum. This important cultural site welcomes visitors with open arms. During our visit, we will see the Roman Amphitheatre (or Arena), the Theatre Antique and St Trophime Square with its cloisters and church that were part of the Arles Route, one of three routes leading to Santiago de Compostela. We'll continue our tour with a visit to the Forum Square and finally the Roman Baths of Constantine.

We return for lunch on board the M/S Anne Marie and then head off by coach for the Grand Servan estate in Tarascon, a traditional olive farm which produces the famous Provençal olive oil. Here, at the foot of the Montagnette and set around a traditional Provençal farmhouse (or bastide) from the 18th century, the owners have planted a large orchard of some 150,000 olive trees. We tour the estate in hay trailers, pulled along by tractors. The owners will give you an explanation on how to plant and cultivate olive trees and how the Provençal "yellow gold", or olive oil, is produced. The visit finishes with a tasting of the products on the estate.

Afterwards, we'll return to the MS Anne-Marie and spend the afternoon cruising to Gallician on the Rhône River and the Rhône à Sète Canal.

# Cruising Provence by Barge – Your Itinerary

(continued)

## Day 5 | Gallician – Aigues-Mortes

Today, the beauty of Provence comes alive as we get off on a panoramic safari of the Camargue. We admire the rivers, marshland and lakes, the pink flamingos, bulls and the famous white Camargue horses.

We later stop in les Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, renowned as a pilgrimage center for gypsies from all over Europe. The town of Les Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer acts as the capital for those who are passionate about the Camargue and are entranced by its wild, natural beauty, its culture and its lively, authentic traditions.

In the morning we set out on an excursion to the Camargue. Afterwards, you can enjoy some free time in this splendid city before cruising to Aigues-Mortes; arriving in the early evening.

## Day 6 | Aigues-Mortes – Palavas-Les-Flots

After breakfast, we travel to the old walled town of Aigues-Mortes. This city's rich and preserved heritage located in the marshlands is one of the loveliest, natural settings in Provence. You board a train which will take you on a 90-minute guided journey through the salt tables, finishing at the Museum of Salt.

Afterwards, we'll return to the barge and spend the afternoon cruising to Palavas-Les-Flots. This spa resort town has a rich identity reaching back more than three centuries. The remainder of the day is at leisure to stroll through this charmingly romantic Mediterranean seaside town.

## Day 7 | Palavas-Les-Flots – Sète

Your adventure begins today as you discover a 'manade' and the life of its herders during a visit by wagon and participate in a bull-sorting. Before returning to the barge, we'll have a delicious snack with fresh products from the farm.

Later, a relaxing afternoon and night is spent cruising towards Sète. Tonight, be entertained with local performers and an occasion to enjoy some dancing.

## Day 8 | Sète

Known the world over for its shellfish, we head to Étang De Thau. Here, we'll discover the shellfish farmers and fishermen and taste some of the shellfish while taking in the beauty of the basin from a terrace.

Your afternoon is dedicated to a tour of Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert, one of the most beautiful villages in France. We'll depart from Sète with our guide towards the Pont du Diable (Devil's Bridge), located at the heart of the Hérault Gorges. You'll be delighted by this picturesque town and its abbey (exteriors only). Afterwards, we'll visit a wine estate followed by a tasting of wines from the Languedoc region.

Afterwards, we return on board for our gala dinner and final evening.

## Day 9 | Depart Sète

Enjoy one last breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 am and transferring to the airport for the journey home.



# Cruising Provence by Barge – The Details

Roundtrip International Airfare | 1-Night Pre-Accommodation Aix-en-Provence  
Aix Lavender Experience | 6-Night Rhône River Cruise with Tours on the M/S Anne-Marie  
6 Guided Shore Excursions with Audio Headsets  
18 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches & 6 Dinners  
Unlimited Beverages (Beer, Wine, Spirits, Soft Drinks & Specialty Coffees)  
Complimentary Bike Usage & WiFi | France Airport & Pier Transfers | 6 Member Crew  
Tours of Distinction Cruise Concierge | Gratuities for Cruise Concierge | Port Charges & Taxes

\*Not included in tour cost: Gratuities for M/S Anne Marie Crew

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Deposit: \$750 per person due at time of reservation

Final Payment: 90 days prior to departure

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<https://www.travelinsured.com/agency/?p=TTP46218>

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# MS ANNE-MARIE

11 cabins • French canals

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# MS ANNE-MARIE

A cruise aboard a canal barge promises a peaceful break where you take the time to discover "la douce France" in a different way. The MS Anne-Marie, a true cocoon of charm, sails on the French canals and offers its passengers an original and authentic experience.



LOUNGE / BAR



RESTAURANT



TERRACE - JACUZZI

The MS Anne-Marie is a beautiful Premium canal barge, measuring 38,50 meters long and 5,07 meters wide. It can accommodate 22 passengers, in 11 cabins spread over two decks. The size of the cabins is 9 m<sup>2</sup> (including a PRM cabin of 11 m<sup>2</sup>) offering amenities and providing guests with all the comforts they need during their stay. On board, everything has been taken care of down to the smallest detail and the 6 crew members guarantee a personalized service. The decoration is stylish with an elegant and intimate at-

mosphere. Located on the upper deck are the restaurant, which offers delicate cuisine in a refined setting, the lounge bar and a relaxation area with a jacuzzi. Comfortable sun loungers are provided on the sun deck, the ideal place to relax and admire the surrounding landscapes.

A journey aboard the MS Anne-Marie promises an unforgettable getaway on the water.

MS ANNE-MARIE

# DECKS AND TECHNICAL DETAILS

## SUN DECK



## UPPER DECK



## MAIN DECK



PRM cabin 11 m<sup>2</sup> Double cabins 9 m<sup>2</sup>

### SUN DECK:

- Sun loungers

### UPPER DECK:

- Restaurant
- Lounge / bar
- Terrace
- Jacuzzi
- PRM cabin with outside view

### MAIN DECK:

- Cabins with outside view

Year of construction: 2013

Number of decks: 2

Crew members: 6

Length: 38,5 meters

Width: 5,07 meters

Number of cabins: 11

Number of passengers: 22

PRM cabin: 1



## MS ANNE-MARIE CABINS

### UPPER DECK - 1 CABIN with high windows

- 1 PRM cabin - 1 large bed - 11m<sup>2</sup>

### MAIN DECK - 10 CABINS with high windows

- 10 double cabins - 2 single beds - 9m<sup>2</sup>

### AMENITIES

- TV
- Bathroom with shower and toilet
- Towels
- Hair dryer
- Telephone (for internal calls only)
- Safe
- Independent air-conditioning
- Electricity 220V
- Wi-Fi

Please note that there is no laundry service on board the ship.



### 3D PLAN DOUBLE CABIN





2023 Cruise  
**RESERVATION FORM**

One Form Per Person

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2023 | September 13-21

**GUEST DETAILS**

Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last  
\* Important: Name listed here MUST match the name on your passport  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport issue date: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Exp Date\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport issued in what country: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVELER DETAILS**

Occupancy: Single | Double  
Travel Partner/Roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Needs (wheelchair, diet, handicap, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
~~Please note that we try to accommodate special preference requests (i.e. adjoining rooms) when possible, but we cannot guarantee them.  
Additional Information (KTN #, frequent flyer #, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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Guest's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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