



EUROPEAN CANAL BARGE CRUISES

'Alouette'- Canal du Midi 2020

7 days

Limited to 4 guests

Designed for just four guests, 'Alouette' drifts gently between Béziers and Carcassonne on the historic Canal du Midi, a brilliant feat of 17th-century engineering and UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1996. Its 328 locks, bridges, aqueducts and tunnels have scarcely changed since their creation. Soak up the views from the sun deck, enjoy the passing scenery through large picture windows in the salon, or walk or cycle along the towpath. Watch your gourmet chef prepare meals using the fresh ingredients you helped purchase at the morning market.

Vessel Information

100 feet long and 15.7 feet wide with air conditioning throughout

Capacity for 4 guests in 2 double/twin cabins, each outward facing with en suite bathroom

Salon with stereo system, television and assortment of CDs/DVDs

Sun deck, partially shaded for al fresco dining

Bicycles provided

Internet access (limited in some areas)

All meals and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) included



Included With Every European Canal Barge Cruise

- Canal Barges Hand-Selected by A&K
- Choice of Independent Bookings or Private Charters Available
- Transfers to/from Barges
- All Meals and Drinks on Board
- All Sightseeing Excursions During the Cruise
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

Itinerary

DAY 1 SUNDAY

Meet at the Paris hotel chosen by the group and transfer to the rail station for the TGV high-speed train to Béziers. Join 'Alouette' for a welcome reception and a cruise to the pretty village of Colombières, followed by a first gourmet dinner on board.

'Alouette' | Meals: Dinner



DAY 2 MONDAY

Visit l'Abbaye de Fontfroide, an 11th-century Cistercian monastery, lovingly restored with a well-kept garden and peaceful cloister. After lunch, cruise to Capestang.

'Alouette' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3 TUESDAY

Cruise to Le Somail, one of the prettiest moorings along the canal, home to an array of local artists. After lunch on board the barge, visit an olive mill to uncover the secrets of olive oil production during a private presentation and tasting.

'Alouette' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 WEDNESDAY

Experience the wonderful covered market in Narbonne, a lively Mediterranean city and important center of wine production. Enjoy lunch at a local bistro near the market before returning to your barge for a leisurely afternoon cruise to Homps.

'Alouette' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 THURSDAY

After breakfast, visit Minerve, an old village on a limestone cliff that dominates the vineyards below. The ruined castle, once a Cathar stronghold, was besieged and captured by Simon de Montfort in 1210. Return to 'Alouette' for a cruise to the pretty town of Trèbes where dinner is at a local restaurant.

'Alouette' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 FRIDAY

Explore Carcassonne, Europe's largest medieval fortress town, admiring the intricate fortifications. The cathedral here is remarkable for its stained-glass windows, fine statues and elegant transepts. Back on board the barge this evening, enjoy a memorable farewell dinner.

'Alouette' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7 SATURDAY

After breakfast, transfer to Carcassonne for the TGV high-speed train to Paris, where your journey ends on arrival.

Enhance Your Journey

Elevate your experience with a host of options available for an additional cost.

Dates & Prices

Priced from \$26,505 to \$41,650 per charter

Prices are for a four guest Private Charter, with reduced pricing available for Private Charters of two or three guests. Departures operate weekly from Sunday to Saturday between March 22 and October 18, and pricing varies by departure date and time of booking. Price includes TGV high-speed train from Paris to barge embarkation and return. Route runs in reverse on alternate weeks and may differ on selected cruise dates.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).