



Skippered Self-Catering Barges on the Canals of France

Ever wanted to cruise the Canals of France on a Barge with all the benefits of a self-catering holiday, without the responsibility of having to skipper the vessel?

This unique holiday experience is perfect for friends and family who want the casualness of a self-catering escape but like a bit of luxury.

Your hosts and owner of the Barge *Finnegan & Emily* take care of the navigation, locks etc (you are welcome to assist); all you have to do is sit back and watch the life on the canal unfold. If you feel active grab a bike and explore!

You are in charge of your own catering and have full use of the Galley and BBQ, you can choose to dine ashore in a local restaurant (some Michelin quality), or just grab a takeaway. Your hosts are always on hand to advise the best places to eat.

The Barge navigates in the region of Languedoc-Roussillon (Canal du Midi) from Portiragnes to Homps (or reverse).



Your Villa Afloat on the Canal du Midi

For further details contact your local Travel Agent



Your hosts Finnegan & Emily

From
€7,450*
per charter



What's included?

- Six night Charter Sunday-Saturday, including diesel, power, water
- Air conditioned Cabins, Double or Twin with en-suite facilities
- Spacious living areas and sun deck
- Use of BBQ & Galley and its equipment/utensils
- Basic pantry staples, salt/pepper/flour/sugar/oil etc
- Linen
- Transfers from / to Narbonne on days 1 and 7
- Shopping excursions x2 for Galley provisions in owner's vehicle
- Use of bikes and helmets
- Wi-Fi (subject to local reception)
- Friendly advice and local knowledge from the Barge owners

What's not included?

- Food and beverage (*except pantry staples*)
- Transportation services (*except where mentioned as included*)
- Gratuities (*at own discretion*)

Additional Options: Excursion packages

Capacity: Up to 4 persons

Season: April, July, August & October (other months on request)

*Pricing as of September 2023 and subject to change.



Daily Discovery

Day 1 Sunday

>> Portiragnes

From 4pm you are met at Narbonne train station and transferred to the barge.

After a short cruise through the 'mini Camargue' you arrive at a beautiful mooring spot in the countryside close to Portiragnes.

Day 2 Monday

>> Portiragnes to Beziers (11 locks)

Optional morning visit to the historic streets of renaissance Pezenas with its arts, crafts and antique shops or explore on your own and cycle to a nearby beach.

In the afternoon cruise to Beziers over the aqueduct and up the majestic flight of locks at Fonserannes. This evening's mooring is not far from Beziers.

A dining suggestion for tonight would be at the 1 Star Michelin restaurant 'Octopus' (reservation essential).

Day 3 Tuesday

>> Beziers to Capestang (0 locks, 1 tunnel)

Optional morning visit to the Cistercian Abbey of Fontfroide. The rose gardens here are one of the largest in southern France, with almost 2,500 roses.

Afternoon cruise along the windiest part of the canal to Capestang, a small village with a charming square where you can enjoy an aperitif with a view of the enormous 12th century collegial church.

Day 4 Wednesday

>> Capestang to Le Somail (0 locks)

Optional morning tour to Narbonne, known for the archbishops palace, the gothic cathedral, and shopping. At the famous covered food market you can choose a selection of seafood or charcuterie to enjoy back on board.

Afternoon cruise to another stunning mooring next to the sleepy village of Le Somail. Take the opportunity to visit the world famous 'Le Tout du Livre' antique book shop offering no less than 50,000 books or explore the art galleries.

In the evening you can walk to a restaurant in the village, a suggestion would be 'Le Comptoir Nature' perfectly located overlooking the canal serving specialty dishes with ingredients sourced locally.

Day 5 Thursday

>> Le Somail to Roubia (0 locks)

Optional morning visit to the medieval Cathar village of Minerve and the olive oil factory Oulibo.

Afternoon cruise to Roubia.

Walk or cycle to a local cellar for wine tasting (additional cost).

Day 6 Friday

>> Roubia to Homps (6 locks)

Optional morning tour to the famous medieval fortified city of Carcassonne. Maybe incorporate a lunch at the 1 Star Michelin restaurant 'Domaine d'Auriac' or 2 Star 'Le parc Franck Putelat' (reservation essential).

Afternoon cruise to Homps.

A suggested activity is to cycle to the nearby 'Lake Jouarres', an expanse of water spanning 100 hectares with a beach and shady pine forest.

Day 7 Saturday

>> Homps

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to Narbonne train station.



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Optional guided excursion package: €250* per excursion (1-4 persons pre-paid or locally).

Optional daily breakfasts: €500* for 4 persons (pre-paid or locally).

Local Transport (if required): €60* per hour (indicative price).

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This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change or consultation with your hosts to adapt.
On alternate weeks the cruise is in the reverse direction.