

## ANJODI - CLASSIC CANAL DU MIDI CRUISE

### Le Somail to Marseillan

#### Sunday, 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.



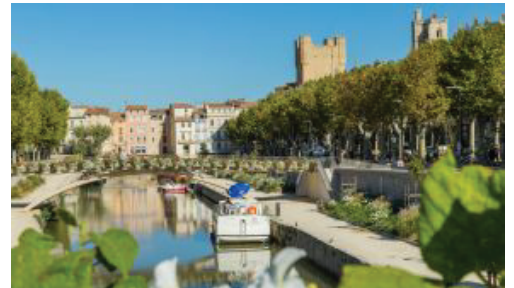
#### Monday, Day 2 Le Somail to Salleles d'Aude

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 340-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. We return to the barge for lunch, then later in the afternoon we enjoy a visit and a wine tasting at the family-run 17th century Chateau de Paraza wine estate in the Minervois. Dinner on board.



#### Tuesday, Day 3 Salleles d'Aude to Capeatang

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. After lunch on board, we cruise to Capeatang, passing vineyards and pine trees, with magnificent views of the Pyrenées 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 before dinner on board.



#### Wednesday, Day 4 Capeatang to Beziers

This morning, we enjoy a special culinary experience at Le Mas d'Antonin, an estate producing high-quality truffles and olive oil. After a welcome introduction by the owners, we enjoy a private truffle-hunting demonstration, where we will follow the expert truffle dog as it searches for the coveted black truffle or "black gold" beneath oak trees. We also discover the olive varieties grown in the estate's olive grove before returning to the farmhouse to sample olive oils and truffles and enjoy a gourmet lunch which incorporates their wonderful produce, paired with fine local wines. We return to the hotel barge for a cruise through the Malpas Tunnel - the world's oldest canal tunnel, then on to our mooring at Beziers. Dinner on board.



### Thursday, Day 5 Beziers to Portiragnes

After breakfast, we 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 excursion to Pezenas, the delightful 16th century capital of the Languedoc mostly known for its associations with the French playwright Molière. Dinner on board.



### Friday, Day 6 Portiragnes to Marseillan

After breakfast we enjoy a morning cruise. 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 Étang de Thau, past the oyster beds. After mooring in the fishing village of Marseillan and relaxing over lunch on board, we enjoy an afternoon visit to nearby Maison Noilly Prat, which has been producing its famous vermouth since 1813. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.



### Saturday, Day 7 Marseillan

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

*\*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.*



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