



ALOUETTE

4 Passengers / Canal du Midi

*Constructed in 1908 as a cargo barge
Converted into a hotel barge in 1986
Measures 98 ft. long by 17 ft. wide
Two (2) onboard cabin accommodations
Central Heating and Individually Controlled Air
Conditioning*

Recently converted from a six to a four passenger luxury hotel barge with her interior completely rebuilt to the highest standard, the **Alouette**, part of the Orient-Express collection, navigates the narrow locks on the Canal du Midi. **Alouette** is offered on a charter basis only, from 2 to 4 passengers.

PERSONNEL

Four (4) crew members who speak both English and French (some may speak other languages, as well).

PUBLIC ROOMS

- **Salon/Dining Room**
- **Sun Deck**

ONBOARD LEISURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

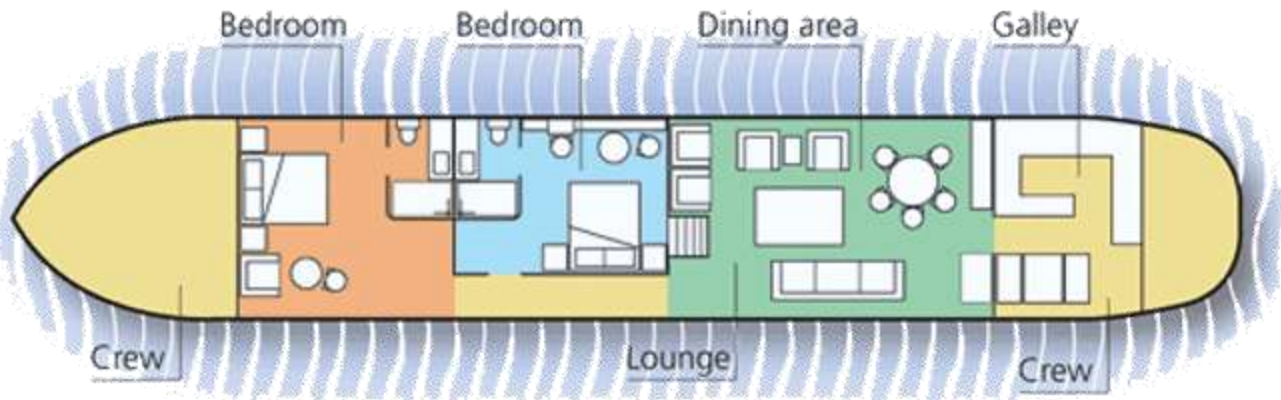
HI FI system with CD player • Games • Touring bikes • Satellite TV with DVD player • Guest computer with internet access • Small library of books

MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS

Alouette has **no wheelchair access** and passageways can be narrow. While there are minimal steps, the use of a wheelchair on board is not advisable. The crew can assist in any way possible, but those with extremely limited mobility may have a difficult time navigating this vessel.

DECK PLAN

The well-planned accommodation of Alouette offers a choice of two air-conditioned twin/double staterooms with full en-suite facilities.



CABINS

There are two (2) well-appointed staterooms on board **Alouette** situated well above the water line. The staterooms are decorated with elegant pearl white furniture which further enhances the overall calming ambiance of the pastel-colored accommodations. Large windows allow plenty of natural light to fill each stateroom, creating a bright, inviting atmosphere.

CABIN SIZE

Both staterooms are equally luxurious well-decorated. The measurements of each stateroom (including bathroom area) are listed below:

- **Stateroom 1** - Approx. 269 sq. ft.
- **Stateroom 2** - Approx. 204 sq. ft.

BEDDING CONFIGURATION & SIZE

Both staterooms can be configured as two (2) twin beds or one (1) double bed.

BATHROOMS

All staterooms have private bath facilities, complete with spacious shower, toilet, and basin.



AMENITIES

Central Heating and Individually Controlled Air Conditioning • Storage Space • TV with DVD player • Safe • Phone Intercom System • Electricity (220V, French two pin plugs)

SALON/DINING ROOM

The spacious **Salon/Dining Room** is flooded with plenty of natural light due to the many picture windows. It is a calm, inviting place to unwind with a book or seek shelter from the elements. The decor is light and warm with unobtrusive colors that foment relaxation. Other amenities include:

- 1 comfortable sofa & coffee table
- 2 armchairs
- Writing desk
- HI FI stereo system with CD player
- Guest computer with internet access
- Dining table with seating for up to five (5) people

ON DECK

The modestly-sized **Sun Deck** offers an open-air gathering place for travelers who wish to view the surrounding countryside more intimately, or to engage in titillating conversation with fellow travelers amidst soothing French sunlight. The deck furniture consists of:

- 1 table
- 4 chairs
- 1 parasol

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OFF BOAT

Passengers are welcome to walk or cycle using the onboard bicycles as often as they like. Most People choose to disembark the barge at a lock to visit local villages, then return to the canal and meet the barge further along (the barge travels slowly; therefore, this is not a problem). An air-conditioned minibus is also available for excursions by vehicle.

ITINERARY

The **Alouette** cruises the beautiful tree-lined Canal du Midi between Carcassonne and Béziers. Languedoc-Roussillon is a region famous for its wines and gorgeous countryside and a rich historical texture. Fortified villages, castles and market towns provide a varied itinerary. Highlights of this area include Carcassonne, the most complete medieval, fortified city existing.

Itinerary Highlights:

Visit **Pézenas** , a beautiful town where Louis XV held court

Go on a guided visit to **l'Abbaye de Fontfroide**

Stop at **Château Auris** for a wine tasting

Tour Europe 's largest medieval fortress **La Cité de Carcassonne**

FOOD & WINE

Wining and dining is a highlight of any cruise and the five-course candlelit dinners are a special treat. The table d'hôte menus on board the Alouette are of the very highest quality and include many regional specialties and fine wine. Each week's menu includes some of the chef's original recipes as well as regional specialties and seasonal delicacies unique to the particular are of the country in which you are cruising.