



FRANCE CRUISES



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

Onboard 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

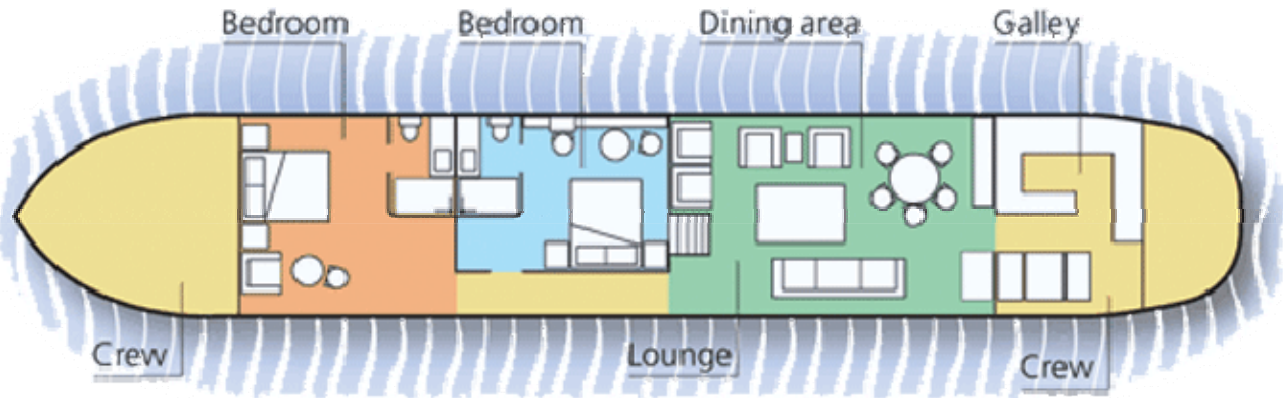
HI FI system with CD player • Games • Touring bikes • Satellite TV with DVD player • Guest computer with internet access • Small library of books

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

Climate Control • Storage Space • TV with DVD player • Safe • Phone Intercome 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 titllating conversation with fellow travelers amidst soothing French sunlight. The deck furniture consists of:

- 1 table
- 4 chairs
- 1 parasol



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 midieval 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 chefs original recipes as well as regional specialties and seasonal delicacies unique to the particular are of the country in which you are cruising.

2010 SCHEDULE & PRICING

Date	Direction	Date	Direction
April 4, 2010	Beziers - Carcassonne	July 18, 2010	Carcassonne - Beziers
April 11, 2010	Carcassonne - Beziers	July 25, 2010	Beziers - Carcassonne
April 18, 2010	Beziers - Carcassonne	August 1, 2010	Carcassonne - Beziers
April 25, 2010	Carcassonne - Beziers	August 8, 2010	Beziers - Carcassonne
May 2, 2010	Beziers - Carcassonne	August 15, 2010	Carcassonne - Beziers
May 9, 2010	Carcassonne - Beziers	August 22, 2010	Beziers - Carcassonne
May 16, 2010	Beziers - Carcassonne	August 29, 2010	Carcassonne - Beziers
May 23, 2010	Carcassonne - Beziers	September 5, 2010	Beziers - Carcassonne
May 30, 2010	Beziers - Carcassonne	September 12, 2010	Carcassonne - Beziers
June 6, 2010	Carcassonne - Beziers	September 19, 2010	Beziers - Carcassonne
June 13, 2010	Beziers - Carcassonne	September 26, 2010	Carcassonne - Beziers
June 20, 2010	Carcassonne - Beziers	October 3, 2010	Beziers - Carcassonne
June 27, 2010	Beziers - Carcassonne	October 10, 2010	Carcassonne - Beziers
July 4, 2010	Carcassonne - Beziers	October 17, 2010	Beziers - Carcassonne
July 11, 2010	Beziers - Carcassonne	October 24, 2010	Carcassonne - Beziers

Full Boat Private Charter	7 Days / 6 Nights Sunday - Saturday
For 4 guests	\$25,000
For 3 guests	\$22,875
For 2 guests	\$20,750