



## FRANCE CRUISES



### **CAROLINE**

*6 Passengers / Canal du Midi*

Constructed in 1928 as a cargo barge

Measures 88 ft. long

Three (3) onboard cabin accommodations

Onboard climate control

**Caroline** was built in Holland in 1928 as a cargo carrying 'Tjalk', transporting goods between the islands of the North Sea and the mainland. Today, converted into a comfortable hotel barge, **Caroline** is offering accommodations for up to 6 guests, great service and a cozy, relaxed atmosphere.

### **PERSONNEL**

Two (2) crew members who speak both German, Spanish, and English.

### **PUBLIC ROOMS**

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

### **ONBOARD LEISURE AND ENTERTAINMENT**

TV with DVD player • Internet access • Two (2) Dutch-style bicycles and two (2) mountain bikes

### **MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS**

Caroline has **no wheelchair access**. There are narrow steps leading down from the deck to the salon and cabin area that may be difficult to navigate for people with very limited mobility.

### **DECK PLAN**

The well-planned accommodation of Caroline offers a choice of three air-conditioned twin/double staterooms.



## CABINS

There are three (3) luxurious and spacious air-conditioned guest cabins on board **Caroline**, each with private en suite bathroom.

## CABIN SIZE

All cabins are very similar in size and are equally comfortable. The size listed below for each cabin includes bathroom area.

- **Cabin 1** - Approx. 131 sq. ft.
- **Cabin 2** - Approx. 88 sq. ft.
- **Cabin 3** - Approx. 108 sq. ft.

## BEDDING CONFIGURATION & SIZE

There is one (1) double-bed and two (2) twin-bed cabins. Bed sizes are:

- Twin - 3 ft. X 7 ft.
- Double - 4 ft. 6 in. X 6 ft. 6 in.



## BATHROOMS

Each cabin has a private bathroom with shower, wardrobes and shelves for clothes.

## AMENITIES

Climate Control • Wardrobes/Shelves • Electricity (220V, French two pin plugs)

## SALON/DINING ROOM

Guests will find a relaxed atmosphere in the comfortable **Salon/Dining Room**, and a well-equipped galley-kitchen where the hosts will prepare incredibly delicious meals. The **Salon/Dining Room** features:

- Built-in sofas
- Small tables
- TV with DVD player
- Wood-burning stove
- Dining table with seating for six (6) people

## ON DECK

The huge flowered **Sun Deck** is laid with carpet and is also the best place to admire the gurgling waters in the famous oval locks. Enjoy relaxing with a cool drink or sit on the bench in front of the steering position under a shady umbrella watching the wonderful French countryside drift past. The comfortable deck furniture consists of:

- 1 al fresco dining table
- 1 parasol
- 4 reclining chairs

## OFF BOAT

Guests will travel through one of the most picturesque landscapes of Europe; therefore, they are encouraged to take a walk on the old, but well-maintained, towpath in the shade of the plentiful plantane trees. Since the barge travels slowly, this will not be a problem. On the canal there is no car traffic, nor hills or mountains, so riding a bicycle on the towpath is stress-free ride and

also offers a pleasant way to experience the passing villages. Additionally, an air-conditioned minivan is available for excursions by vehicle.

## **ITINERARY**

**Caroline** travels the idyllic Canal du Midi in the sunny southern part of France between the cities of Beziers and Carcassonne, famous for the old fortified "La Cite" overlooking the Canal and the city. Close to the Mediterranean and the historic sites of the Cathar country of Languedoc-Roussillon, the Canal du Midi joins, since 1681, the Mediterranean and the Atlantic. This terrific waterway is part of UNESCO World Heritage. This more than 300 year old Canal offers enchanting views behind every curve. The waterway follows the contours of the landscape. Sometimes one curve leads into the next and than suddenly spacious vineyards. Sometimes **Caroline** crosses a river on an aqueduct, this always excites interest and many photos. The locks, the avenues of plane trees, whose roots are securing the banks of the canal, every bridge or aqueduct speaks volumes of the ingenuity of the builder - Pierre-Paul Riquet, who, with engineering ingenuity, constructed a technical masterpiece.



### **Itinerary Highlights:**

The vast medieval castle town of **Carcassonne**

Exploring **Narbonne**, the ancient capital of Roman Gaul

**Le Somail**: a hamlet created by Pierre Paul Riquet, now home of quite a few craftsmen like painters and potters

**Beziers**: the native town of Pierre Paul Riquet, inventor of the "Canal du Midi"

### **FOOD & WINE**

**Caroline** offers her guests A La Carte cruises (Half Board or Full Board), which helps her travelers get acquainted with local traditional cuisine, and explore new tastes of the local restaurants.

## 2010 SCHEDULE & PRICING

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

<b>Individual Cabin Bookings</b>	<b>7 Days / 6 Night</b>	<b>4 Days / 3 Nights</b>
Per Person (2 sharing)	\$3,150	\$1,575
Single Supplement	N/A	N/A
<b>Full Boat Private Charter</b>	<b>7 Days / 6 Nights</b>	<b>4 Days / 3 Nights</b>
For 6 guests	\$18,900	\$9,450
For 4 guests	\$12,600	\$6,300
<b>FULL BOARD:</b> \$3,780 per person per week and \$1,890 per person for 3-night cruise.		