

THE PERFECT BARGE AND CHATEAU TOWER COMBINATION

FOR LOVERS OF GOOD FOOD AND GOOD WINE WHO WANT THE FULL FRENCH EXPERIENCE, COME ENJOY THE BARGE EMMA AND LA TOUR DU CHATEAU IN THE HEART OF THE LANGUEDOC

- 4 nights on a turn of the century barge cruising along the 16th century Canal du Midi AND
- 4 nights in a genuine French chateau tower with stunning views over the canal, vineyards and Pyrenees



DAY 1: On Saturday afternoon, your tour guide Rosy will meet you at your hotel, airport or railway to transport you to the **barge Emma moored on the Canal du Midi**. A gala champagne reception awaits you with your crew - René your Captain, Liz your personal chef and your hostess. We cruise to our first mooring spot while the first of your gastronomic dinners is being prepared.

Day 2: Rosy escorts you to the Oppidum d'Enserune, a Gallo-Roman site perched on a hill overlooking the canal, and for a stroll round the Sunday market in Capestang before coming back to the barge for an al fresco lunch on the spacious deck. After lunch we cruise through the vineyards to a beautiful mooring for your evening dinner.

Day 3: After breakfast we cruise to Le Somail, probably the most picturesque little hamlet on the canal. After lunch you will be taken into the heart of the Minervois to Minerve which combines spectacular scenery and Cathar history. A quick visit to L'Oulibo, the local olive co-operative then back to the barge for another gastronomic dinner.

Day 4: The visit this morning is to Narbonne, the bustling town built on Roman ruins with its amazing indoor market. After a seafood lunch extravaganza aboard Emma, we cruise to Roubia for the night.

Day 5: Our cruise this morning takes us through a few of the oval locks for which the Canal du Midi is famous up to Homps. After a luscious lunch, you will be transferred to **La Tour du Chateau** for the second half of your French experience and your first dinner in the gardens of the chateau tower overlooking the Canal du Midi with your hosts, Jodi and Peter.





Day 6: Rosy will collect you for a visit to Carcassonne, the oldest medieval walled city in Europe and scene of centuries of history including the famous Cathars. Back to the chateau tower for lunch and a relaxing afternoon by the pool or walk through the village and along the canal before your candle lit dinner.

Day 7 : A day dedicated to food lovers. Learn how to plan, shop and prepare delicious food to amaze your friends when you get home. Using fresh local produce, your chef will share her secrets in food preparation, after which you will taste the fruits of your labor with a festive lunch. Back to La Tour for aperitifs and dinner on the terrace.

Day 8: This is the day for wine lovers with a visit to Chateau Pennautier, a vineyard dating from 1600. Tour the Chateau with furniture which was a gift from the young King Louis XII, have a look at the car collection and then after a full tour of the winery, gather for a sumptuous picnic accompanied by the fabulous wines from the Chateau. Back to La Tour for your farewell dinner.

Day 9: After breakfast you will be transferred to your departure point for your onward journey.

PRICES

US\$6500 per person or US\$39,000 for a 6 person charter.

What is included:

- Pick up and transfers within a 50 km radius
- 8 nights' accommodation (4 on the barge Emma and 4 in La Tour du Chateau)
- All meals both aboard and ashore with all wines (excluding vintage) and open bar
- All guided excursions and entrance fees
- 1 day cooking course
- 1 day wine lovers course
- Use of bicycles and amenities aboard Emma and the use of the swimming pool at the chateau tower

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