

# Boat and Bike in Provence and Camargue

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 240 KM  
BOOKING CODE: FR-PRS

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●  
TOPOGRAPHY ●●●●●



## Your tour

Experience the two enchanting landscapes of Provence and Camargue on a trip by bike and boat. On leisurely day trips you will discover the highlights of the regions by bike. Your floating hotel, the MS Caprice or the MS L'Estello, accompanies you on the Rhône and its side canals.

The starting point alternates between Avignon and Aigues-Mortes.

## Itinerary

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| <b>Day 1</b> | Individual arrival to Avignon  |
| <b>Day 2</b> | Round trip Avignon, approx. 30 km  |
| <b>Day 3</b> | Avignon – Aramon (boat), Round trip Aramon, approx. 40 km                |
| <b>Day 4</b> | Aramon – Vallabrègues (boat), Round trip Vallabrègues, approx. 35 km     |
| <b>Day 5</b> | Vallabrègues – Arles, approx. 55 km                                      |
| <b>Day 6</b> | Arles – Saint Gilles, approx. 25 km, Saint Gilles – Aigues Mortes (boat) |
| <b>Day 7</b> | Round trip Aigues Mortes, approx. 55 km                                  |
| <b>Day 8</b> | Individual departure   |

## Travel time

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| <b>Season A</b> | 30.03. – 13.04. |                 |
| <b>Season B</b> | 20.04. – 27.04. | 29.06. – 17.08. |
| <b>Season C</b> | 04.05. – 22.06. | 19.10. – 26.10. |
| <b>Season D</b> | 24.08. – 12.10. |                 |

Arrival Saturday 30.03. – 26.10.2024  
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

## Additional services per person

|   |       |
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| Surcharge electric bike / pedelec*                      | 159,- |
| Special diet (gluten-free, lactose-free and vegan diet) | 50,-  |
| Unisex bike (27 speed)*                                 | inkl. |

\*including rental bike insurance

## Services

- 7 nights on board in double cabins with shower / WC
- All port, bridge and lock fees
- Welcome drink
- Bed linen and towels (no bath towels)
- Digital travel documents
- Guided bike tours according to programme
- Cabin cleaning (1x per week)
- Coffee and tea in the afternoon
- Short city walks according to programme
- Helmets for rent
- Rental bike, surcharge for ebike
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)
- Guided tour of Arles
- Daily cycling tour briefing, on-board tour guide
- Full board (7 x breakfast, 6 x packed lunch, 6 x dinner)

## Not included services

- Dinner (1x)
- Admission fees and excursions
- Drinks on board and tips for tour guide and crew

## Basic price per person

|                                       |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Double cabin, season A                | 1229,- |
| Double cabin, season B                | 1629,- |
| Double cabin, season C                | 1729,- |
| Double cabin, season D                | 1829,- |
| Surcharge double cabin for single use | 980,-  |

## Child reduction on basic price

No child discount is offered on this trip.

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### Languages Travel documents

→ German, English

### Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- Changes: Changes are possible on boat trips due to weather, water level or technical conditions and remain reserved.
- Arrival dates:
  - Avignon – Aigues-Mortes (FR-PRSAV-08G): every second Saturday from 06.04. – 19.10.2024
  - Aigues-Mortes – Avignon (FR-PRSAM-08G): every second Saturday from 30.03. – 26.10.2024
- Bringing your own bicycles and e-bikes is unfortunately not possible on this trip due to the lack of space on deck.
- The assignment of the ship Caprice or L'Estello will be decided by the local cooperation partner depending on availability.
- Guaranteed departure with a minimum of 12 participants
- Extra nights: availabilities and prices on request

### Equipment of our rental bikes

- Comfortable saddle
- Bike lock
- Luggage rack
- Helmet for hire
- Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- Unflat Schwalbe Marathon Plus tyres or comparable
- Waterproof pannier
- Waterproof handlebar bag with map holder

### Journey to Avignon / Aigues-Mortes

- Nearest airports: Montpellier, Avignon, Marseille
- Train station: Avignon, Aigues-Mortes

### Parking in Avignon / Aigues-Mortes

- Avignon: Public parking garages, cost about 20 € per day.
- Aigues-Mortes: Public parking lots and parking lots, cost between 20 – 30 € per day. Parking P8, rue Jeanne Demessieu is free of charge.
- Reservation by Radweg-Reisen is not possible.

### Return trip to Avignon / Aigues-Mortes

- On your own by train, connections several times a day, 1 x change, duration approx. 2 hours.

### Travel documents

- 1 set (per booked cabin) consists of: Voucher, travel information with description of the daily stages
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## Stages description

### Day 1: Individual arrival to Avignon

From 17.00 the crew of your trip by bike and boat in Provence and the Camargue awaits you for embarkation. Your ship is at the Quai de la Ligne. From there you will see the remains of the former 900 m long bridge Pont d'Avignon. Due to flooding of the Rhône, four of the former 22 arches are still preserved today. Perfect for a first souvenir photo.

### Day 2: Round trip Avignon, approx. 30 km

After your first night on the hotel ship, you'll swing onto the saddle for the first time and discover the area around Avignon. You will cross the Île de la Barthelasse, one of the largest river islands in Europe. Between vineyards and orchards you cycle to Villeneuve-Lés-Avignon. During a guided tour you will learn more about the former city of the popes. Your ship awaits you back in the port of Avignon in the evening.

### Day 3: Avignon – Aramon (boat), Round trip Aramon, approx. 40 km

Start the day with a hearty breakfast while your boat takes you to Aramon in the morning. Strengthened and rested, you will cycle to the Pont du Gard. Take your time to visit this architectural masterpiece. Did you know that this imposing bridge contains one of the best preserved water channels from Roman times? In Aramon you will spend the night with a wonderful view of Mont Ventoux.

### Day 4: Aramon – Vallabrègues (boat), Round trip Vallabrègues, approx. 35 km

Castles and chateaux are on your program. First, your boat will take you to Vallabrègues. Discover the beautiful village right on the banks of the Rhône before cycling to Barbentane. Located between the rivers Rhône and Durance, you will find the beautiful castle. Cycle to the next highlight of your trip by bike and boat in Provence and Camargue, the Abbey of Saint Michel de Frigolet, visible from afar, perched on a hill. Before you arrive back in Vallabrègues, make a detour in medieval Boulbon.

### Day 5: Vallabrègues – Arles, approx. 55 km

First along the Rhône, then through the beautiful Provençal countryside with limestone cliffs and olive trees you cycle to Saint Rémy de Provence - known as the birthplace of Nostradamus. One of the most beautiful villages in France, Les-Baux-de-Provence is certainly worth a detour. The village is dominated by the large castle ruins. Afterwards it is not far by bike to Arles, where your ship is waiting for you on the banks of the Rhône.

**Day 6: Arles – Saint Gilles, approx. 25 km, Saint Gilles – Aigues Mortes (boat)**

Today begins with a guided tour of Arles. Let yourself be inspired by the numerous Roman and Romanesque buildings, which also inspired Picasso and Van Gogh. After lunch you will reach the Franquevaux. A short boat ride will take you to Aigues-Mortes in the Camargue, where you will spend the night on board.

**Day 7: Round trip Aigues Mortes, approx. 55 km**

Discover the quaint town of Aigues-Mortes with its fully preserved city walls and beautiful squares lined with restaurants and cafes. Not far away is the historic fishing village of Le-Grau-du-Roi. Over the

years, this idyllic village has become a vacation resort. And rightly so! Here you will find a 10 km long, fine sandy beach. A swim in the sea is certainly a fitting end to your trip by bike and boat in Provence and Camargue.

**Day 8: Individual departure**

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.

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# Boat descriptions

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## **MS L'Estello**

The MS L'Estello is a classic passenger ship with a feel-good atmosphere. Look forward to the comfortable cabins, which are all equipped with air conditioning and portholes. Plenty of natural light floods into the large, maritime living room. In the restaurant with its large windows, you can enjoy not only the food but also the view. After your cycling days, relax in the cosy saloon or on the covered sun deck.

### **Facts about the ship:**

- 10 cabins with 7 – 8 m<sup>2</sup>
- 1 with double bed, 9 with separate beds, each cabin with 2 portholes
- shower / WC, air-conditioned
- Built 1937, converted to passenger ship 1990
- 2 passenger decks
- 10 outside cabins
- Maximum occupancy: 20 passengers
- Length: 39 m
- Width: 5.2 m
- Amenities: Restaurant on the main deck, partly covered sun deck, saloon
- Languages on board: German, English



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## **MS Caprice**

Originally, the MS Caprice was a cargo ship. She was converted into a passenger ship and freshly renovated in 2009. You can feel at home in the cosy cabins, which are air-conditioned and have small portholes. The crew will be happy to pamper you in the cosy restaurant with wooden floor and then serve you a drink in the saloon with open bar. On the sun deck with seating, you can relax after a day of cycling and enjoy the evenings.

### **Facts about the ship:**

- 11 cabins with 7 - 8 m<sup>2</sup>
- 1 single cabin, 2 double cabins, 8 twin cabins with non-opening portholes
- shower / WC, air-conditioned
- Year of construction 1926, renovation 2009
- 2 passenger decks
- Maximum occupancy: 21 passengers
- Length: 38,9 m
- Width: 5 m
- Facilities: Restaurant on main deck, sun deck, bar
- Languages on board: German, English, French