



Pivoine



## FRANCE

# PIVOINE - CRUISE THROUGH PROVENCE & CAMARGUE (TOUR CODE: 14928)

### STARTS AND ENDS

Avignon to  
Aigues-Mortes

### TRAVEL PERIODS

05 Apr 26 - 18 Oct 26

### EXPERIENCE

Cruising  
Food & Wine  
Luxury

### TRAVEL STYLE

Barge Cruising

Sail Southern France in unrivalled luxury and get up close to the Provence & Camargue nature reserve's wild wonders.

## Highlights

- Explore the legendary wine region with a guided visit to a private winery
- Discover the Roman heritage and artistic legacy of Arles, where Van Gogh created many of his masterpieces
- Enter the serene waterways of the Camargue, a nature-lover's paradise filled with wild horses, flamingos and lavender fields

Step aboard Pivoine and enter a world of carefree serenity. Cruise through the sun-kissed beauty of Provence and the Camargue, where golden sand dunes give way to shimmering salt marshes and wild white horses roam alongside vibrant flamingos. Discover the historic charm of papal Avignon and the artistic allure of Arles, once home to Van Gogh. Along the way, uncover the hidden corners of France, far from the crowds. This intimate and personalised journey invites you to slow down, soak in the scenery, and fall in love with southern France's quiet magic.

*Kindly note: The Pivoine is exclusively available for private charter for up to 8 guests & available in the reverse direction.*

# INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights onboard the Pivoine in your own private sanctuary - with a capacity to welcome up to eight guests
- Table d'hôte meals and complimentary beverages, daily breakfast and French fine dining experience served onboard
- All excursions including exclusive use of the onboard bicycles alongside the river
- Dedicated Host service
- A dedicated tour guide and an itinerary tailored to your preferences
- Roundtrip transfers to/from the luxury barge within France & Geneva

# ITINERARY

## Facilities onboard Pivoine

### Pivoine Cabins

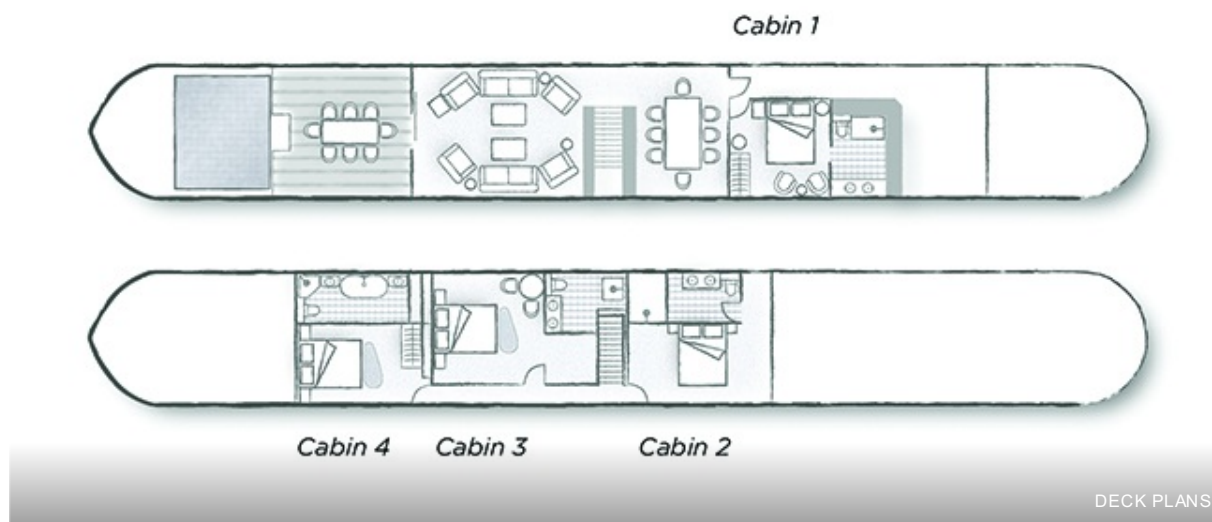
Each cabin aboard Pivoine is a haven of refined comfort, offering the perfect retreat after days spent exploring Southern France. Interiors are dressed in plush fabrics and soft, romantic tones, creating an inviting space to unwind with a morning coffee or evening glass of wine. The gleaming marble ensuite bathrooms add a touch of elegance, while thoughtful touches such as Diptyque toiletries, bathrobes and slippers elevate the experience. Whether you choose a king or twin bed configuration, each cabin is designed with serenity in mind, complete with ample storage and sockets for two-pin 220-volt plugs.

Beyond the cabins, Pivoine offers chic spaces to relax and reconnect with the rhythm of river life. Step out on deck for a refreshing dip in the heated alfresco pool or settle into the lounge to sample handpicked cheeses and wines. Every element of your stay has been crafted to ensure effortless luxury and total ease.

### Wining & Dining

Pivoine offers a gourmet journey like no other. Hop off with your private chef to meander through the stalls of local markets and pick up ingredients behind the imaginative dishes and delicious menus made from produce sourced along the way.

## DECK PLANS



## Day 1 Avignon

You're welcomed aboard Pivoine in Avignon by your dedicated crew and guide. Toast the

start of your adventure with chilled champagne. After settling into your generous cabin, enjoy an early-evening cocktail cruise past the famous medieval bridge, Pont Saint-Benezet (also known as the Pont d'Avignon) and moor in rural Roquemaure. Later, enjoy your first gastronomic experience on board, a perfect blend of seasonal delicacies, irresistible wines and balmy views.

Dinner

Day

2

## Cruise to Avignon

After a delicious breakfast of tempting pastries and local treats, enjoy an excursion to marvel at the historic Pont du Gard, a monumental, three-tiered aqueduct built by the Romans in the first century. Return to Pivoine for lunch and cruise to Avignon. Make sure you are out on deck to witness the spectacular arrival into the city of the popes. Your guide escorts you on a short drive to Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the former summer residence of the Avignon popes, but now most famous for its stunning wines. Visit a private winery and taste their prestigious reds, before returning to Pivoine late afternoon. Enjoy a fabulous dinner on board.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day

3

## Cruise to Vallabrègues

After breakfast, step out on a walking tour of Avignon. This stunning walled city was the home of the Popes from 1309-77. Visit the magnificent Palais des Papes, the former papal palace – don't miss the gardens with views across the river to Villeneuve-lès-Avignon. Enjoy free time to shop, sit in a gorgeous square watching the world go by or sample Avignon's café society. After lunch at a local restaurant, return to the boat and cruise to Vallabrègues, our mooring for the night. Dinner is served on board.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Day **4**

## Cruise to Arles

Today, cruise past the two spectacular fortresses of Beaucaire and Tarascon. After a delicious lunch on board and arrival in Arles, join your guide for a fascinating walking tour of this historical city. With extraordinary Roman ruins, shady boulevards and colourful houses baking beneath the sun, Arles famously inspired the artist Van Gogh to paint hundreds of works here from 1888-9. Return to the boat late afternoon. Tonight, dinner is served at a charming local restaurant.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **5**

## Cruise to Gallician

During this morning's cruise, you leave the Rhône and enter the Canal du Rhône à Sète, gateway to the Camargue – a spellbinding haven for pink flamingos and other wildlife. After lunch on board, your guide takes you to visit a lavender farm. Step into a fragrant dreamland where hues of purple paint the landscape and the air is a symphony of soothing scents. Back on deck, unwind with an aperitif before dinner is served.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## Cruise to Aigues-Mortes

Today, continue cruising in the Camargue and try to spot flamingoes, wild bulls and white horses. Reach the medieval walled city of Aigues-Mortes and alight for a walking tour with your guide. Aigues-Mortes was where Louis IX launched two Crusades to the Holy Land in 1248 and 1270. Drenched in fascinating history, the imposing walls, ramparts and towers also conceal a charming and lively hub of shops, markets and cafes. Back on board, your chef is busy preparing your epicurean farewell feast. Relish the enchanting ambience as you exchange stories of your extraordinary trip.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## Disembark in Aigues-Mortes

Savour a final breakfast on board before it is time to disembark by 9:00am.

*Please note, in exceptional circumstances it may be necessary to alter the route without prior notice.*

Breakfast

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
French	EUR

- This itinerary may be subject to change. On alternate weeks, the cruise will be in the reverse direction.

**Supplier Booking Conditions Apply**

Due to the boutique nature and limited capacity of this travel experience, under our Bookings Conditions this package classifies as “Booking Type 2 – Travel Experience where we act as agent only”. Your contract for the delivery of travel arrangements will be with the principal supplier and will be subject to their Booking Conditions. We will advise you prior to confirming your booking the full details and Booking Conditions of the principal supplier. Our responsibility to you where we sell travel arrangements as agent for the supplier is specified in the ‘Responsibility’ section of our Booking Conditions.

**Excluded**

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Drinks from the premium list, or drinks ordered during excursions
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package