



Pivoine



FRANCE

PIVOINE - SAIL THROUGH SUN-DRENCHED LANDSCAPES

(TOUR CODE: 14929)

STARTS AND ENDS

 Aigues-Mortes to
 Avignon

TRAVEL PERIODS

03 May 26 - 18 Oct 26

EXPERIENCE

 Cruising
 Food & Wine
 Luxury

TRAVEL STYLE

Barge Cruising

Relax into the rhythm of Southern France, explore the sun-kissed landscapes of Provence and glide through Camargue. Welcome onboard Pivoine.

Highlights

- Explore Aigues-Mortes & Lavender Fields in Gallician
- Stroll through Arles, inspired by Van Gogh, to see its Roman heritage and charming streets
- Visit a private winery in the famous wine region of Châteauneuf-du-Pape and sample exquisite reds before heading to Avignon's Palais des Papes

Relax into the rhythm of Southern France aboard Pivoine as you embark on a journey through the sun-kissed landscapes of Provence. Glide through the Camargue, a world of salt marshes, sand dunes and flamingos. Explore the artistic legacy of Arles, where Van Gogh once found inspiration and immerse yourself in the medieval splendour of Avignon with its awe-inspiring Palais des Papes. This luxurious river cruise offers an intimate and personalised experience, allowing you to fully embrace the beauty, history and culture of this enchanting region.

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

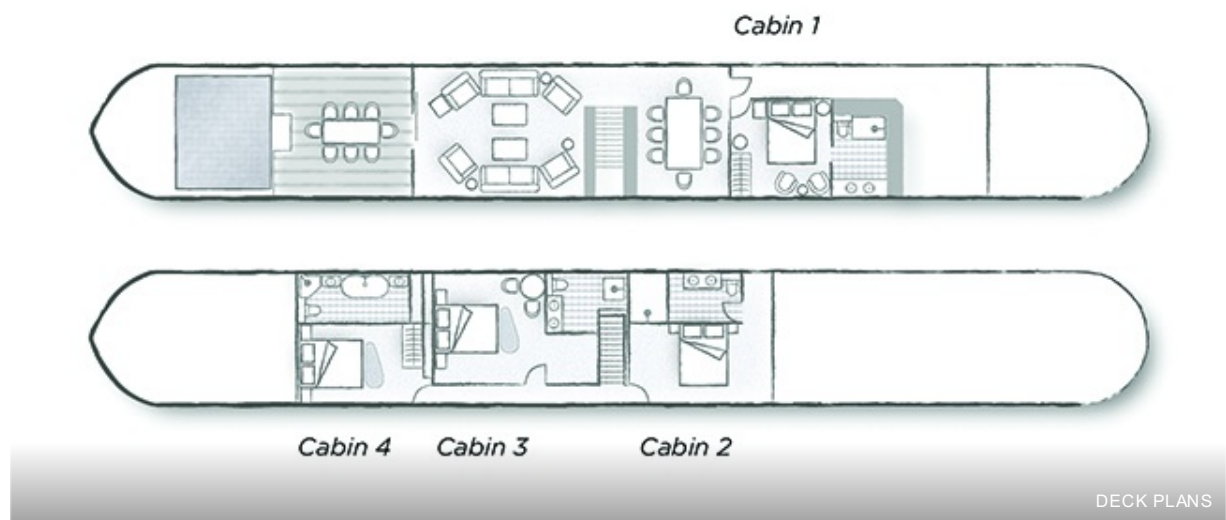
Each cabin aboard Pivoine is a haven of refined comfort, offering the perfect retreat after days spent exploring Southern France. Interiors are dressed in plush fabrics and soft, romantic tones, creating an inviting space to unwind with a morning coffee or evening glass of wine. The gleaming marble ensuite 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 & 2** Aigues-Mortes Gallician

Board Pivoine at approximately 5pm - in the charming medieval town of Aigues-Mortes, only a few kilometres from the shores

of the Mediterranean Sea. Toast the start of your adventure with chilled champagne as you meet your dedicated crew and guide. Soon, Chef serves your first sumptuous dinner of the week, a perfect blend of seasonal delicacies, irresistible wines and balmy views.

After breakfast on day two, your guide may suggest a brief tour of Aigues-Mortes. Return to Pivoine for lunch as the boat begins her journey on the Canal du Rhône à Sète. You might choose to spend the afternoon at a local lavender farm in Gallician. Step into a fragrant dreamland where hues of purple paint the landscape and the air is a symphony of soothing scents. Back onboard, sip a refreshing aperitif to whet your appetite for tonight's sublime dinner.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 3 & 4 Arles Vallabrègues

Pivoine continues her journey to Provence and joins the Petit Rhône to moor in Arles. Enjoy lunch on board before disembarking for a walking tour. 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 including *The Night Café* and *The Starry Night*. This evening, dinner is served at a charming local restaurant.

Day four, follow the majestic River Rhône before reaching Vallabrègues. After lunch, enjoy a short drive to the magnificent Pont du Gard. Take a swim in the tranquil waters that flow beneath this significant piece of Roman history. After your fascinating visit, return to the barge for a delicious dinner, expertly crafted by your chef.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 5 & 6 Roquemaure Avignon

Relax during this morning's picturesque cruise to rural Roquemaure. After lunch, alight with your guide and visit Châteauneuf-du-Pape, formerly the 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 for an enchanting dinner on board.

Today, enjoy a final cruise to Avignon. Make sure you are out on deck to witness the spectacular arrival into the city of the popes. Alight mid-morning for a guided tour of the magnificent Palais des Papes. After your visit, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and time to explore independently. Return to the boat, where Chef is curating your epicurean farewell feast. Relish the enchanting ambience as you exchange stories of your extraordinary trip.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 7 Disembark in Avignon

Your check-out time is scheduled for 09:00am. After breakfast, your crew bid you a fond farewell! Our teams are more than

happy to arrange your transfers to the airport – get in touch to discuss your travel requirements with us.

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

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

LOCAL CURRENCY

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