

13 to 18 august 6 days / 206 km

ROUTE

The idea of linking up the Garonne to the Mediterranean dates back to the Antiquity and Emperor Augustus, and was later shared with Charlemagne, Francois 1er and Henri IV. This helped opening the region and made it easier for trade since it saved time (gained from not going 3000km around Spain), lives (less encounters with pirates and storms) and money (a tax was to be paid when crossing). Pierre Paul Riquet was the first one to find a way to supply the canal with water. This gigantic construction work began in 1662 and lasted 20 years, among which 12 were dedicated to the actual building, which required 12 000 men. It was classified world heritage by the UNESCO on the 7th of December, 1996. It was the largest artificial canal at the time, and Saint Féréol was the largest artificial lake. Pierre Paul Riquet was also the one to set up numerous benefits for the canal workers: paid holiday, social security, incapacity benefit, retirement... You will spend four nights in the city of Carcassonne, which will give you the opportunity to discover a unique citadel.

SIGHTSEEING

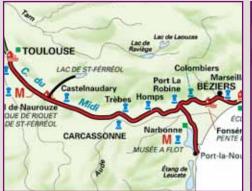
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People always come back to the Canal du Midi, for along the way, as you row together for kilometers and cross locks (outside water, in a carriage), you share a great group experience, enjoy a wellorganized tour and are amazed at the surrounding beauty: the water and its bordering trees, the charming lock keeper houses...

REQUIRED LEVEL

The whole tour has a southern touch. partly because of the locks 'names «Aygues vives, Négra, Gardouche, Marseillette, Puycheric ... », the civil engineering structures such as «épanchoir, déversoir, pont de Pigasse, tunnel de Malpas...», or else the names of the different regions crossed along the way : « le Lauraguais, le Minervois, le Carcassés, le Biterrois ».

You will be fascinated by the richness as well as the secrecy of the local heritage. Since this tour is famous and attracts many foreigners you will have the opportunity to improve your language skills: English, Dutch, German, African, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese..



PRATICAL INFORMATION

from Toulouse to Béziers. Canal du Midi

115 €: without accommodation, including

one diner + dancing. Other meals available

470 €: with accommodation, 5 nights

included and 11 meals included.

TOUR DURATION 6 days, 13 - 18 august 2018

TOUR PLACE

in addition (15€ each).

BOATS







Recreational double scull, recreational fourperson sculling boats FEES



Bike rental: 41 € cart rental: 40 € FOR COMPANIONS

Identical fees

SEAT RENTAL 76 seats available, 13 €/day

SAFETY

Supervision: 25 people Safety assurée depuis la berge

PROVISIONAL PLANNING



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Day 1: 30am to 12am - 22,8 km from Toulouse to Ayguevives / 2.30pm to 5pm - 21,8 km from Ayguevives to Port Lauragais Day 2: .30am to 11.30am - 14,7 km from Port-Lauragais to Castelnaudary - 2.30pm to 5pm - 16,6 km from Castelaudary to Bram Day 3:8.30am to 11.30am - 24,5 km from Bram to Carcassonne / 3pm to 5pm - 12,7 km from Carcassonne to Trèbes Day 4:8.30am to 11.30am - 21,5km from Trèbes to La Redorte / 2.30pm to 5pm - 21,4km from La Redorte to Ventenac Day 5:8.30am to 11.30am - 27,4km from Ventenac to Capestang / 2.30pm to 5pm - Capestang-Béziers - Festive evening Day 6: Tidying of the equipment and departure after lunch



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Welcoming of participants on the previous day from 3pm, on Paul Sabatier alley in Toulouse