

Anjodi – Information Sheet

Barge Specifics



Former purpose: Ex Freight Barge carrying grain between Amsterdam and Paris

Year of construction: 1929

Dimensions: 100ft (30.5m) x 16ft 6" (5.05m)

Year converted to a Hotel Barge: 1983

Generators: 2 x 220 volts generators (which are housed in soundproofed cocoons)

Main Engine: 185 HP Perkins Turbo

Maximum Speed: 10 knots

Water and fuel capacity: 9 tons of water and 3 tons of fuel

Your Crew on board

Crew of 4: Captain, Tour Guide/Deckhand, Chef and Housekeeper

Nationality of Crew: The Crew are mostly British and speak both English and French

Accommodation on board

Maximum 8 passengers/4 staterooms

4 Staterooms can be configured with twin beds or a double bed. However, twin beds are highly recommended.

All cabins have en-suite shower and WC a fitted closet with hanging space under the beds for soft sided cases once emptied.

Wash gel, hand soap, shampoo, towels, bathrobes and hairdryers are provided.

The ceiling height is approximately 2 metres.

Climate Control

Each cabin has individually controlled reversible air conditioning

Computer and Telephone

Complimentary Wi-Fi is available on board for use with your own appliances. Connectivity can be limited in remote locations.

There is no passenger phone on Anjodi

Currency

The local currency in France is the Euro.

Credit or debit cards are not accepted on board.

Dining Room & Saloon

The comfortable saloon is 13ft x 21ft (3.9m x 6.4m) and the height is approximately 6ft 6" (2m). It is traditional and has lovely varnished hardwood and brass throughout.

There are 2 red leather sofas, a coffee table and a fully stocked bar with a drinks cabinet & fridge. The dining table seats 8 guests.

Electricity

Anjodi is wired for 220 and 240 volts but not 110 volts. We suggest you bring an adapter for your particular appliance, which corresponds to the standard French 2 pin plugs. If you wish to use an electrical appliance on board, please speak to a crew member on arrival to ensure it is suitable for the barge's electrical system.

Responsibility cannot be held for unforeseen voltage fluctuations which sometimes occur when swapping from one voltage system to another.

Excursions

The Anjodi minibus is air conditioned and is a long wheelbase Mercedes Sprinter 215 which seats 8 passengers plus driver. It is used for transfers and excursions during your cruise.

Facilities on board

- 6 person hot tub
- 8 Bicycles
- A small library of books and maps
- A collection of board games
- Boules
- Hi-Fi system with CD player with a selection of CD's
- Guest i-Pods can be connected to the Hi-Fi system

Food and Drink

All meals on board are prepared fresh by your chef and most meals are a set menu (there is no choice available).

We are able to arrange special meals, e.g. vegetarian / no fish / vegan etc and we are able to cater for any preferences or allergies. However, it is important that we are notified of any specific requirements at least 8 weeks prior to your departure date. Failure to notify us in advance of your cruise may result in disappointment on board.

There is no assigned seating for meals and the dining table on Anjodi seats all guests at single sittings.

Breakfast: Your day on Anjodi starts with a wholesome and balanced variety of breakfast foods, along with fresh breads and pastries, freshly-squeezed orange juice and hot beverages.

Lunch is usually buffet style with colourful salads, pates and cold meats accompanied by hot soup or entrée, delicious deserts and a selection of regional cheeses accompanied by quality wines selected by the chef.

Dinner is a candlelit four course gourmet experience where our chef showcases his repertoire of dining delights. Harmonising food and wine is essential to the dining experience and our chef selects only the best of locally produced wines to compliment the cuisine.

Captain's Farewell Dinner is held on the last night of your cruise. Guests may choose to dress slightly formal.

Drinks included in the cruise price: Non-alcoholic beverages and regular or decaffeinated tea and coffee, whole or low fat milk, are offered with all meals. The well-stocked bar is open 24 hours, which includes wines, spirits, beers and soft drinks. All wines are provided with meals and there is a Champagne welcome on arrival.

Food and Drink continued

Drinks not included in the cruise price: Some brands of Champagne and special vintage wines, however these can be purchased in advance of your cruise at cost price – please let us know if you would wish to purchase any of these items.

Laundry

We recommend you bring sufficient clean clothing for your cruise. There are no laundry facilities on board and we generally cruise through rural areas where laundrettes are few and far between.

Luggage/What to pack

Please try and fit everything for your cruise into one reasonably sized suitcase per person. Soft bags are preferable. There is only enough space on the barge and minibus for up to 8 suitcases and 8 pieces of hand luggage.

Practical comfort and relaxed is the norm aboard Anjodi and for most excursions. The dress code for dinner is relaxed and informal, however, for the Captain's Dinner on the last evening, guests tend to dress up a little.

The weather in the South of France is generally warm. June, July. August is the warmest often being in the mid 30's °C/top 80's °F.

Suggested things to pack:

- Light clothing including shorts and T-Shirts. A sweater or lightweight jacket is recommended for evenings and the air-conditioned interiors
- During spring and autumn, you may need medium weight clothing. A lightweight raincoat for showery times would be advisable
- In summer, a sun hat can be useful
- Comfortable walking shoes with textured non-slip soles are recommended
- Anjodi has a hot tub so don't forget your swim wear. Towels are provided

Medical

Please let us know in advance of your cruise if you require frequent or ongoing medical attention.

The crew are unable to administer medicines but can accompany you to a chemist for you to purchase any necessary medicines. Due to your cruise often being in a rural location, we recommend you bring all necessary medication with you.

Doctors are usually not far away for an urgent consultation and the Emergency Services can be called if required.

Problem during your Cruise

If you have a problem during your holiday, please give us the immediate opportunity to make things right. Please bring any concern to the private attention of your Captain who will often be able to solve any issue immediately.

Restricted Mobility

Please let us know in advance of your cruise if you have a physical disability and require any assistance.

Anjodi has a boarding ramp with a single rope handrail and there are 3 steps on to the deck. There are 8 steps between the deck and the Saloon and 3 steps from the Saloon to the cabin level. There are adequate handrails throughout.

All passengers should be able to manage 15 steps (including 3 from the boarding ramp). There is a 12" (30cm) lip in each cabin to access the bathroom and also within the bathroom to the shower area.

Wheelchairs cannot be used on-board and can only be used to assist on excursions where there are often cobbled streets. Sometimes rough ground may hinder a wheelchair.

If you would like us to provide a wheelchair for your arrival, please notify us at least 8 weeks before arrival. There is a small hire charge of approximately €100 which should be paid directly to the barge Captain on arrival.

Safety and Security

Once on board your Captain will talk you through the Cruise Safety Procedures. Safety instructions are detailed on the last page of this document.

Please note that we cannot be responsible for any valuables that you bring on board. We strongly recommend that you do not bring valuables with you unless required and that you ensure that all valuables are covered by your travel insurance.

Safes are provided in each cabin except Lavande. The cabin doors are not usually locked, for safety reasons.

Smoking

We have a strict non-smoking policy for safety reasons and for the comfort of your fellow passengers.

If you would like to smoke we request that you smoke outside or on the deck away from other guests.

Sundeck

The Sundeck on Anjodi is 12ft x 22ft (3.6m x 6.7m) and for al-fresco dining and relaxing there is a table, 8 reclining chairs and the 6 person hot-tub. There is a large parasol providing shade.

Tipping

Gratuities are not included in the cruise fare. Tipping is entirely discretionary but is greatly appreciated by the crew.

All tips should be given to the Captain and are shared between the whole crew on board.

Please note gratuities can only be made on board by cash payment.

Transfers

For details of the Anjodi vehicle, please see "Excursions". The approximate transfer duration between Narbonne and Anjodi is 1 hour.

Water

Tap water in France and on board Anjodi is potable and bottled water is available.

Safety Instructions on Anjodi

On arrival the Captain will talk you through the Cruise Safety Procedures on board. In addition, it is important that all passengers are familiar with the safety instructions detailed below.

- Please follow the instructions of the Captain and crew at all times
- Remember that decks can be slippery. Please wear non-slip shoes and do not run or jump whilst on board
- Do not walk on the side or rear decks or outside the guard rails
- Passengers are not permitted in the engine rooms, technical areas or crew accommodation at any time, or in the galley or wheelhouse unless accompanied by a crew member
- Do not embark or disembark the barge unless the gangplank and handrail are in place or the crew have advised that it is safe to do so. Never do so when the barge is moving
- Be careful when the vessel is being moored up with the barge ropes. In particular do not step into a loop in the rope or try to release the mooring rope from a bollard
- Keep clear of any overhead obstructions and remain seated if on deck whilst the barge passes under bridges with restricted headroom
- Do not attempt to touch the sides of any lock or bridge
- Do not open lower deck portholes whilst the barge is moving
- Life jacket preservers are located in designated lockers in your cabin or in designated deck lockers. Once on board, please take the time to identify their location and read the instructions
- For fire safety reasons, smoking is not permitted anywhere inside the barge
- The barge's equipment such as the hot-tub and bicycles must only be used following preparation by the crew. Use of the bicycles and the hot tub is at your own risk. Breakable glasses are not permitted in the hot tub and alcohol consumption is not advised
- There is an open bar policy on board. However, excessive alcohol consumption can be dangerous, particularly in a warm climate and in proximity to deep water and the Captain has the discretion to withhold alcohol if safety to passengers or crew is at risk

In an emergency

- Keep calm. Do not return to your cabin to recover your possessions
- If you discover a fire on board, sound the fire alarm and notify a crew member immediately. If possible, close doors behind you to confine the fire. Please take the time to identify the location of fire alarms and fire extinguishers
- If the alarm sounds or you hear repeated continuous lasts on the barge horn, you must, if possible, assemble on the sundeck for further instructions
- If you discover water below deck, notify a crew member immediately and go to the sundeck to await further instructions
- If you are in your cabin and the way to the sundeck is obstructed, follow the signs to the alternative fire exit. Please take the time to identify all fire exits
- There is a defibrillator in case of cardiac arrest, instructions are in English and located by the machine
- The emergency number for fire, police or medical assistance on all public phone networks is 112

Please ask a member of the crew on board if you require any further safety advice