

2008  
Season

# The Barge Company

*Relax, Unwind and Let the World Float by...™*



## The Recently Refurbished 'ATHOS' is our 'Barge of the Month' - October 2007 -



*A valued group of Barge Company repeat clients recently cruised on her during August 2007 and upon their return speedily e-mailed us to say:*

*"Hi Marie,  
The Athos is definitely THE BEST barge we have traveled on.  
Roomy cabins and very comfy beds.  
The crew was fabulous also. We all had a great time!"*



In April 2007 The Barge Company enjoyed another visit to the glorious [Athos](#)—one of our favourite barges—cruising in the south of France, so we were already confident that these clients would have a fantastic time. You dedicated, repeat clients of The Barge Company will remember the [Athos](#) as the welcoming 12 person hotel-barge that cruises between Salleles d'Aude and Marseillan on the Canal du Midi and a short stretch of the Canal de la Robine close to Narbonne. But no more! **During the early spring of 2007 she was lovingly transformed into the much more spacious and comfortable 10 person hotel-barge that she is today.** Her six snug cabins were masterfully converted in a new configuration to become only five, with greatly improved, totally newly created bathrooms with classic navy blue and white tiles, and much more space for clients to enjoy. Her newly enlarged and refurbished cabins are a pleasure to behold; totally fresh and with gloriously crisp, new white linens, complimented by the addition of navy blue cushions and tasteful paintings on the cabin walls. We send our congratulations to Captain Julian and Barge Manager wife Danielle on a job well done!

## More about the 'Athos'...Plus More Pictures of the New Cabins.!



Two of the newly created fresh double/twin cabins on the upgraded [Athos](#) barge on the Canal du Midi.



## Fresh, New Bathrooms...

The [Athos'](#) new en suite bathrooms have been given the same loving touch as the new cabins, and are the picture of simple style and classic elegance. Pure white tiles enhanced with decorative navy blue designs to set off the 'boaty' feel to this barge, work wonderfully (as seen below—and note those luxury 'Occitane' bath products!)



## Her Fascinating Itinerary...

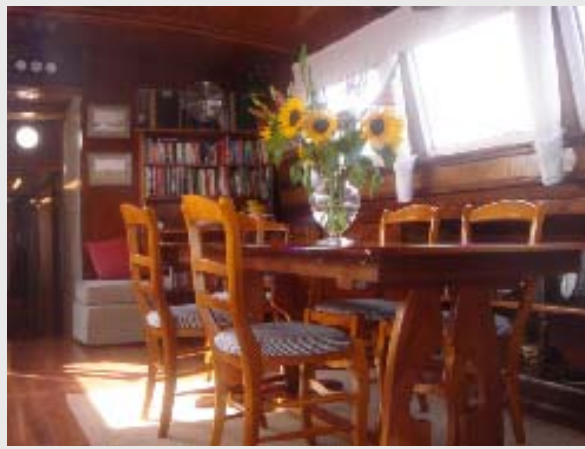
The [Athos'](#) itinerary takes you very close to the Mediterranean Sea, thus day trips to the seaside are always possible, in addition to the many suggested nearby excursions already on your itinerary. The climate in this region is the best you will find anywhere in France, therefore swimming, sunbathing, splashing about in rivers, kayaking, horse-riding, and much much more, is all possible. Family groups particularly enjoy this range of activities because it means several generations of the family can easily enjoy the same cruise.

Athos' cruises are between Salleles D'Aude and Marseillan or reverse, which is more or less between Narbonne and Montpellier. Owner-operated by Danielle and Julian (a lovely, and thoroughly professional Anglo-Canadian couple) Farrant and their dedicated crew, you are always made to feel exceedingly welcome on board. Gourmet food and wine from the region is savoured in great comfort each day from breakfast time through lunchtime when wines will be served to accompany the courses served or to accentuate the choices that are laid before you in a buffet-style lunch. In the evening, either inside the large and spacious interior saloon - or alternatively on deck at the long table set out for this purpose - you will dine once more on food that has been prepared with loving care and *savoir faire*. Seated at the large dining table, you can relax and be waited on in splendour whilst admiring the wonderful scenery—of which you form a part—of vineyards, poppy fields and oceans of sunflowers. Simply watch the sun go down and anticipate the following days adventures...

**For full details of the Athos barge's itinerary, please [click here](#).**



The comfortable saloon area (above left), your dedicated crew crossing the salt lake lagoon called the *Etang de Thau* (above right), the large dining table set up for a fine luncheon on deck (below left) and the other part of the indoor saloon with bookshelves in background (below right).



The Athos accepts charter bookings of 6 to 10 guests, and will also accept cabin-only bookings subject to availability. For a large family cruise, a special group of friends or a romantic get-away for two, the [Athos](#) is ideal and will be delighted to welcome you aboard.

**For full details and prices of the [Athos](#) barge, please [click here](#).**