



## The mouth of the Rhône River

The formation of the Rhône River delta, century after century, has modeled the river mouth. Bad floods in 1711 formed the present Grand Rhone river bed. River boats and sea-going vessels go from the Rhône to the Mediterranean through the Saint Louis canal locks. You can reach the mouth of the Rhône on foot from Napoléon Beach (Plage Napoléon) by going north-west (2h one way).

## The “Tour Saint Louis” (tower)

This four-sided tower measures 15m high and 9.65m wide. It was built out of white limestone from quarries in Beaucaire and Fontvieille that arrived by boat. It has two levels and a roof-top terrace, fortified by a crenelated parapet. It was built in 1737 and contains the largest ornithological collection in the Camargue, with temporary exhibitions and a magnificent 360° view of the Rhône River mouth, the Saint-Louis canal, the town of Port St Louis and the salt marshes.



## The wooded river banks

Most of the vegetation in the Camargue is influenced by salt : the riversides with their alluvial embankments are the only spots where luxuriant vegetation can develop. These wooded river banks are composed of white poplars, ash and elm trees. Closer to the water grow indigo bushes, rushes, reeds and swamp irises. Many species of birds and mammals also live in this environment, where they find shelter.

## Emergency numbers



European  
emergency number  
**112**



Marseilles treatment  
center for poisoning  
**+33 (0)4 91 75 25 25**



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**Caution! Consult the weather forecast before starting :  
the Camargue is regularly exposed to the mistral wind**

## Along the way

### To eat and drink

- Bars and restaurants in Salin de Giraud
- Bars and restaurants in Port Saint Louis du Rhone (Culinary specialties include seafood and shellfish, particularly Carteau mussels and oysters. Inquire at the Tourist Information Center)
- Restaurant « Les Bois Flottés » (Salin de Giraud) :  
+33 (0)4 90 58 25 09

### Rent / repair a bike

- Relais du Bois Sacré - Rental and repair (Salin-de-Giraud) :  
+33 (0)4 90 58 93 03
- Vélo Camargue - Rental only (Salin-de-Giraud) : +33 (0)4 90 58 25 09  
ou +33 (0)6 25 14 85 96
- Capitainerie (Port Saint Louis du Rhône) : +33 (0)4 42 86 39 11

### Don't miss

- Crossing the Grand Rhône on the Bac de Barcarin ferry  
<http://www.smtdr.fr/bacs-de-barcarin/horaires>
- The “Bois François” woods
- The Tour Saint-Louis (tower)
- Going through the canal locks between the Rhone and the Mediterranean



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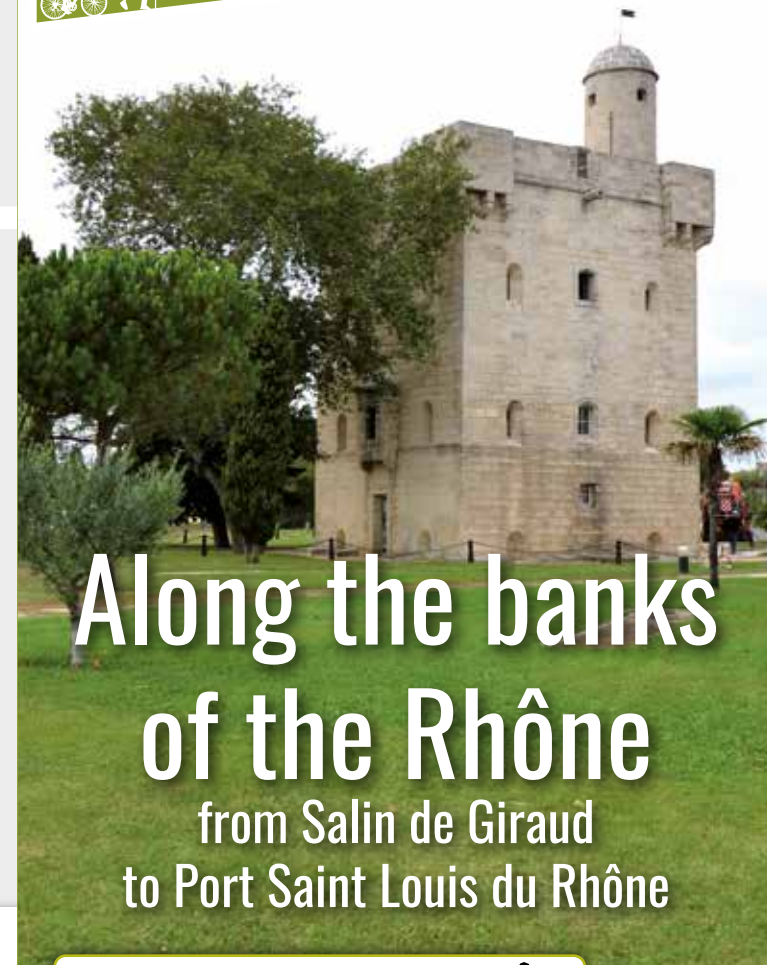
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# Along the banks of the Rhône

from Salin de Giraud  
to Port Saint Louis du Rhône



mountain bike  
city bike

**1h30 to 3h**



**3h to 4h**



### Starting point :

- Salin de Giraud Tourism Office
- Port Saint Louis Tourism Office



**Distance : 18 km round trip**

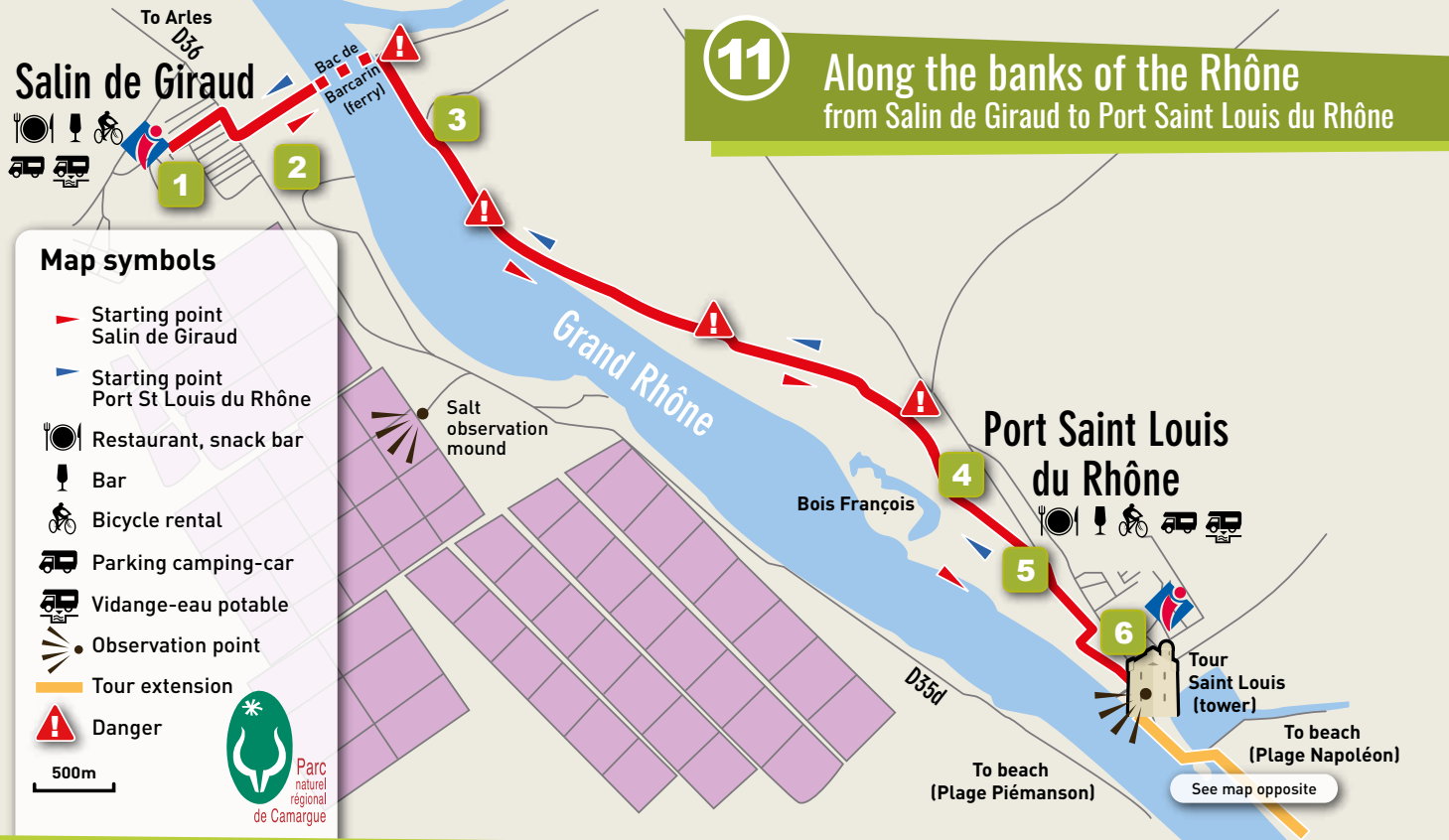


**Extension to Napoléon Beach :  
+15 km round trip**



**Take note : No particular difficulties**





## How to get there

- **From Salin de Giraud** : start from the Tourism Office, Boulevard Tournayre.
- **From Port Saint Louis du Rhône** : start from the Tourism Office, Tour Saint Louis Tower.

## From Salin de Giraud :

From the Salin de Giraud Tourism Office **1**, take the main road D36 and follow directions for the Bac-de-Barcarin **2**. Cross the Rhone on the ferry, free for cyclists and pedestrians. On the opposite bank, as soon as you get off the ferry **3**, follow on the right the signs for the "Plage Napoléon" (beach) via the ViaRhona (a bumpy path for mountain and trekking bikes only) for 7km beside the dike, leading to the

Tour Saint Louis tower.

At the mid-point, you can observe the «Port Abri» **4**, a port where small boats can take shelter before the Rhone River mouth.

Before reaching the Tour Saint Louis tower, enjoy the wonderful view on the Rhône River **5**.

The Tour Saint Louis tower houses the Tourism Office **6**.

It is possible to continue on to the beach (8km).

## Leaving Port Saint Louis du Rhône :

Follow the above instructions in the opposite direction.