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«Strong with 25 years of experience, the Nicols shipyard officially launched in 2012 its brand new boat: the NICOLS SIXTO®.

This unit is 13.50 m long and has **three very attractive cabins** and a large living space. This model completes the **Estivale range** that already has the DUO® (1 cabin - 2/4 people) the QUATTRO® (2 cabins - 4/6 people) and the OCTO® (4 cabins - 8/10 people). Two Models of the **SIXTO®** have already been made, tried and tested in 2011 on the Canal du Midi, in the Somail, and on the Canal of the Marne to the Rhine in Alsace at Saverne: it has been an immediate success, and acclaimed by all... We are therefore very happy to present in 2012 this very splendid boat in many bases to answer all the demands (see page 41)!

While awaiting new designs and models, new surprises, **we thank you for your loyalty** and wish you in advance **fabulous cruises in 2012** on board our Nicols Yachts»

Alain MOUSSET

General Manager - Nicol's Yacht

The strong points of Nicols®

- 1- a manufacturer and rental company with 25 years of experience, a large range of boats designed to fulfill the clients requirements
- 2- new boats and continuous innovations
- 3- an elegant and stylish appearance
- 4- bright, spacious and airy boats
- 5- boats suitable for families, with safety in mind
- 6- small bases with a personal touch
- 7- situated on the most beautiful waterways of France, Germany and Portugal (exclusive to NICOLS®)
- 8- a welcome present on your arrival aboard
- 9- your loyalty is rewarded
- 10- not forgetting the heated pool (exclusive to NICOLS®), perfect for children... and for adults !





Navigating is easy!

Even if your boat is equipped with only one inside steering position, or a second rooftop position to navigate under the sun with a panoramic view, you will discover simple controls that are easy to use by beginners: a wheel, a gear lever and a few instruments on the dashboard... navigation aboard a Nicols® boat is as easy as child's play! Just a brief instruction on the day of your arrival will be enough to make of you a real captain!

Warning: do not forget that even if navigation is possible for young people from 16 years, they remain under the captain's responsibility!



Where to stop?

- During your cruise, you're free to stop wherever you like... whilst not disrupting natural fauna, using your good sense and of course not on private property!
- If you choose the peace and quiet of the countryside, remember to respect Nature : don't leave litter.
- If on the other hand you prefer the relative bustle of the towns and villages you pass through on your way, take advantage of the purpose-built ports and mooring sites. Sometimes a modest fee is charged, but these comfortable areas will often give you quick access to the town.

Locks

- How do I go through a lock ? This is a simple, pleasant manoeuvre if a few basic guidelines are followed : always take it slowly, with care, and remain patient if there are other boats waiting.



Manually operated locks are easier with a minimum of two agile people !

- Will I have to pay ? During your cruise you will have to negotiate a number of locks and bridges. Passage through these is free.
- Are they automatic ? Some locks are automatic whilst others are manual, and the lock-keeper may ask you to lend a hand. In the Charente, the locks are operated by the user , thus you are not restricted by timetables. In general, lock-keepers do not work on Bank Holidays (these dates vary according to region : please contact us for more information...)

Canal or River?

Depending on the chosen base of departure, you will have to cruise on canal and /or river. Rivers are naturally wilder than the man-made canals and are therefore more susceptible to the possibility of flooding especially in Spring and Autumn. Some navigation

restrictions may occur as a result of this flooding and for your own safety we may change your departure base or restrict cruising to the canal sections only, rather than cancelling your cruise.

Please make enquiries about the state of the waterways before leaving on your cruise.

Animals

- They are welcome aboard. A supplement of 35 euros will be requested when you embark. Do not forget to bring their belongings: feeding bowl, blanket... Watch over their safety and make sure they cause no harm or damage.



Discovery of the historical heritage

- A cruise is the opportunity to take part in a discovery trip... along the rivers! Cruising on your canal or river, you will discover some exceptional views, often unseen from the road. As you cruise through the towns and villages, take advantage of the touristic patrimony that is awaiting you: museums, castles, classified sites... just right for amateur photographers!

WARNING: the information provided in this document is not contractual.
Characteristics may vary depending on the boats and the areas where you'll navigate.



With our vouchers, let those you love enjoy all the pleasures of cruising **(without a boat license)** on one of our **Nicols®** boats!



For more information, contact us



Helmets are recommended for the children: remember to take your equipment!

Swimming

-You will always find an opportunity for a good swim in the river, at the beaches, along stretches of water, en route or in the swimming pools that some towns and villages offer. Not forgetting the pleasures of the «on-board pool » exclusive to Nicols®, for children as well as for adults! (See details on page 31).

Bicycles

- An absolute necessity for exploring the area where you've moored, little villages, places of interest or simply for going to buy your daily bread. A bike can enhance your enjoyment.



Relaxation

Activities during your cruise won't be lacking! After swimming, fishing, going for a walk or for a bike ride, having a picnic on the banks, or discovering the historical and touristic patrimony available in the towns and villages you pass... you will perhaps find enough time to benefit by relaxing on your boat! Mooring under the cypresses of the Midi Canal, or navigating on the calm waters of a little river.

Fishing

- You can fish in the canals and rivers providing you hold a fishing licence which can be purchased from local fishing tackle shops or from certain newspapers (cost about 30 euros valid for 15 days) so good fishing.



Let's take care of the environment together!

Let's act like citizens and respect our environment: water is a priceless gift and we all need to preserve its quality.

To help you do, on the day of departure NICOLS will provide you with a welcome Kit including some biodegradable cleaning products.

Also please do remember to leave your rubbish bags in the areas provided. Leave no waste behind you. When mooring, be careful not to damage the plants around you.

Working together to protect our environment, we guarantee you a lasting framework for quality; a sure pledge for a successful holiday.

Embark for the most beautiful destinations!



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Grande Lago - Portugal

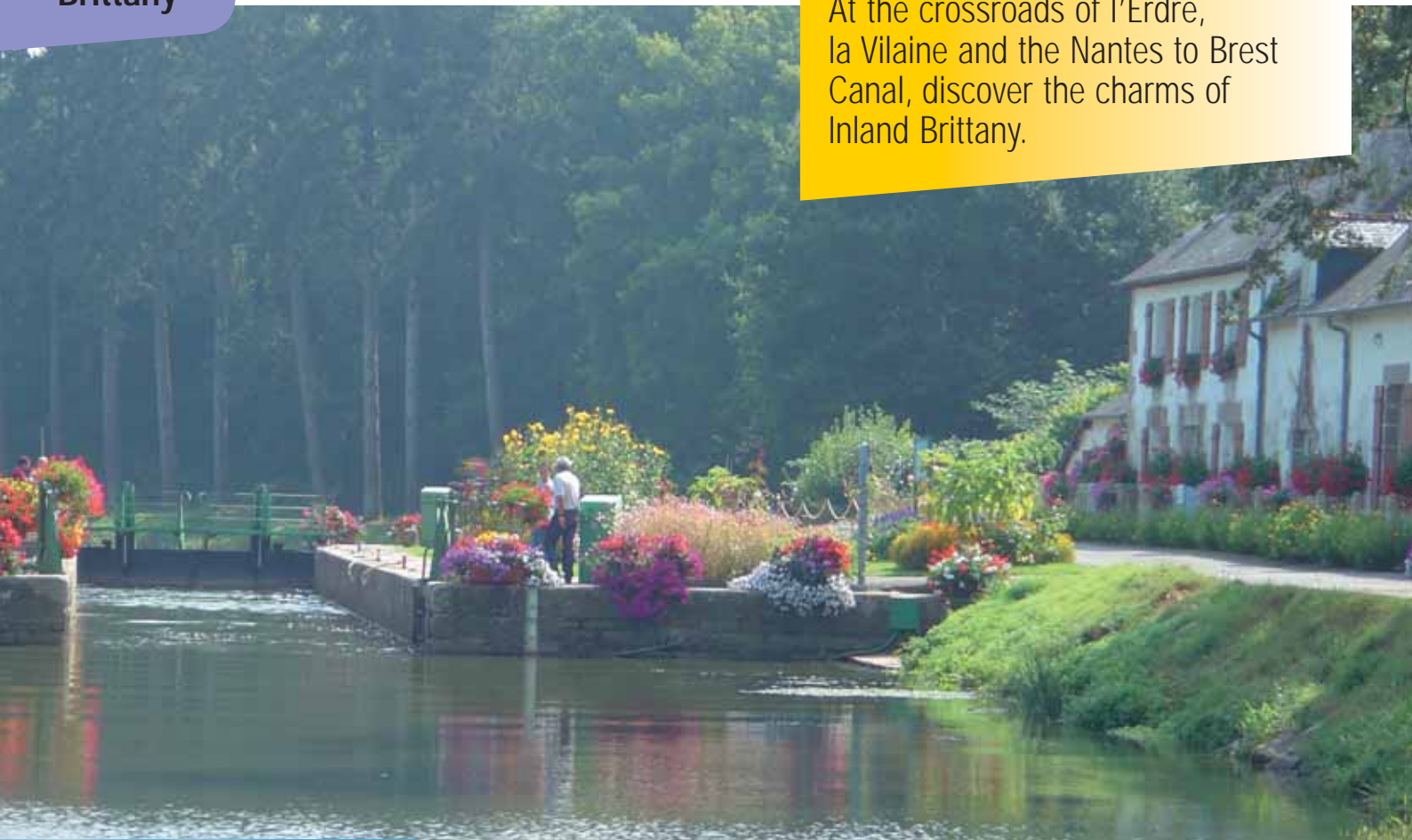




Brittany

Brittany, the land of legends

At the crossroads of l'Erdre, la Vilaine and the Nantes to Brest Canal, discover the charms of Inland Brittany.



Malestroit

▲ Nantes-Brest canal



Engraver - Pascal Bellini - Artist - La Gacilly



Our fleet



From GLÉNAC:

Estivale Duo®, Quattro®, Sixto®, Octo®
Sedan 800, 1000, 1170, 1310
Grand confort 900, 1100, 1350
Pool.

From SUCÉ-SUR-ERDRE:

Estivale Duo®, Quattro®
Sedan 1000, 1170
Grand confort 900, 1100
Riviera 920

The attractions



Waterways devoted entirely to pleasure cruising, its traditions, its seafood, delicious crepes and traditional cider !

From Glénac and Sucé:

Land of magic and mystery, rich in colours and traditions - Brittany is yours for you to discover along the canal from Nantes to Brest, historical treasures and remarkable natural sites : Josselin, with its magnificent castle reflected in the water ; Malestroit and its 15th century houses ; the craftsman village of Gacilly ; Redon founded in 832 or Blain (traditional popular arts museum).

The river Vilaine takes you on to Rennes, capital of Brittany, or Dinan (13th century fortifications) whilst the Erdre up to Nantes provides an enchanting voyage strewn with castles.



Journey



L'île aux Pies



Access to the GLÉNAC base

- Redon (12 km), Rennes (70 km), Nantes (90 km).
- Long 02°133'W / Lat 47°724'N
- A81 (Paris-Rennes - 350 km).
- TGV Redon (12 km), TGV Rennes (65 km), TGV Nantes (105 km).
- Nantes (105 km), Rennes (71 km).

Our cruise suggestions from GLÉNAC

2 Weeks

- ↔ Glénac / La Gacilly / Rennes / Dinan and return.

1 Week

- ↔ Glénac / Redon / Malestroit / Josselin and return, or
- ↔ Glénac / Redon / Nantes and return, or
- ↔ Glénac / Redon / Rennes and return.

Mini-week

- ↔ Glénac / Le Roc-Saint-André / Redon and return.
- ↔ Glénac / La Gacilly / Redon / Messac and return.
- ↔ Glénac / La Gacilly / Blain and return.

2 day week-end

- ↔ Glénac / La Gacilly / Malestroit and return.
- ↔ Glénac / La Gacilly / La Roche-Bernard and return.
- ↔ Glénac / La Gacilly / Guenrouët and return.

Access to the SUCÉ base

- Nantes (20 km), Rennes (115 km).
- Long. 01°31'E / Lat. 47°20'N
- A11 (Paris-Nantes - 380 km).
- 23 - Nantes-Est.
- Nantes (20 km), TGV Paris-Nantes (2h15).
- Paris-Orly (375 km), Nantes (30 km).

Our cruise suggestions from SUCÉ-SUR-ERDRE

2 Weeks

- ↔ Sucé / Dinan and return or
- ↔ Sucé / La Roche-Bernard / Josselin and return.

1 Week

- ↔ Sucé / La Gacilly and return.
- ↔ Sucé / La Roche-Bernard and return.

Mini-week

- ↔ Sucé / Guenrouët and return.

2 day week-end

- ↔ Sucé / Blain and return.



Anjou

Anjou, Drifting by the Castles

Just a few hours from Paris, discover l'Anjou, reputed for its agreeable way of life, its gastronomy, its castles and abbeys.



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the 24th August 2012
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prices instead of
"dark yellow"

Old water mill on the river Mayenne



Malicorne's castle / Sarthe



Terra Botanica : large botanical gardens

Our fleet



From GREZ-NEUVILLE:

Estivale Duo®, Quattro®
Sedan 1000, 1170
Grand confort 900, 1100, 1350
Riviera 1130

From SABLÉ / SARTHE:

Estivale Duo®, Quattro®
Sedan 800, 1000, 1160, 1170, 1310
Grand confort 900, 1100, 1350
Riviera 920, 1130

The attractions



A Locks open all year round, relatively few locks, numerous riverside villages, mild climate, waterways devoted entirely to pleasure cruising. Little traffic.

From Grez-Neuville:

Discover the river Mayenne, dotted with small villages, manor houses, castles and old mills clinging to the river's hillside. Make a stop at Angers, King René's city, also the Abbey in Entrammes and the famous cheeses of Port Salut. In the town of Laval the Naive Art Museum is worth visiting. The Oudon river near Grez-Neuville will also bring you calmness and don't miss the stud farm in the Lion d'Angers.

From Sablé-sur-Sarthe:

The river Sarthe is a calm and nonchalant river meandering through verdant countryside dotted with picturesque villages. There are very few locks along its reaches, so it's ideal for novices. Don't miss the most elegant castle of Plessis Bourré, the imposing Benedictine Abbey of Solesmes, Malicorne, capital of artistic porcelain and the older part of Le Mans town.

Journey



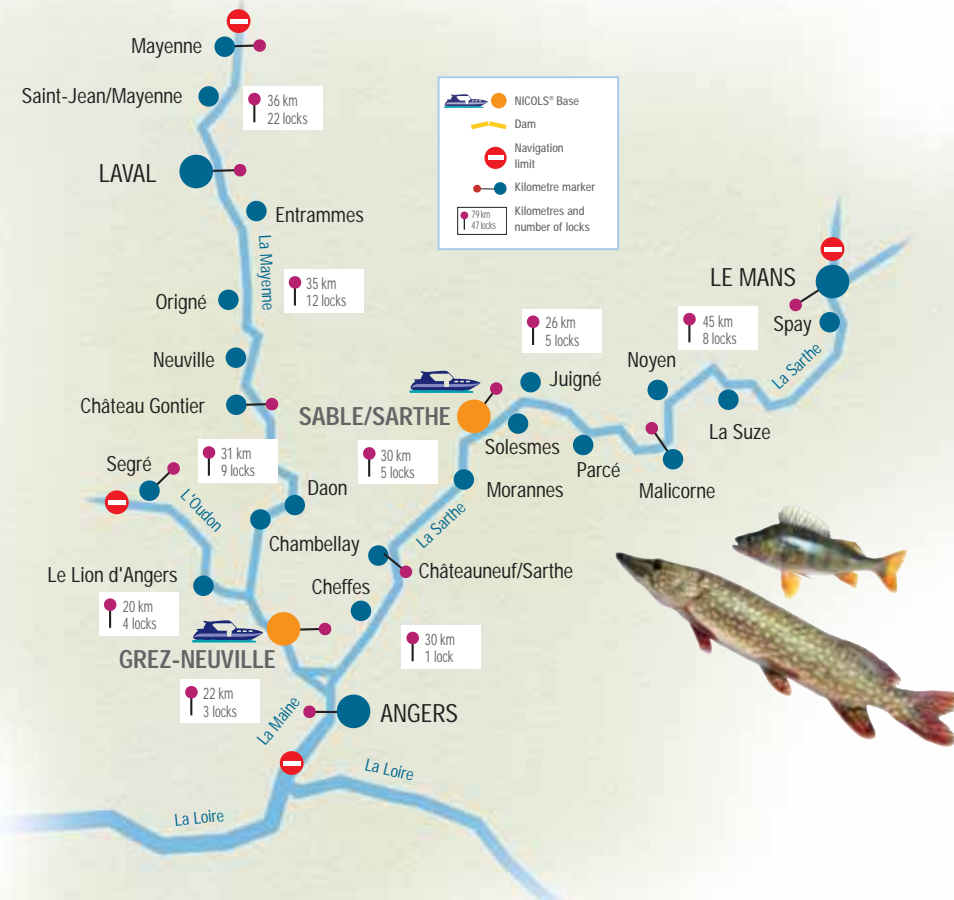
Access to the GREZ-NEUVILLE base

- Angers (25 km).
- Long. 0°41'W / Lat. 47°36'N
- A11 (Paris-Angers 300 km) 17
- TGV Angers (25 km),
- Paris-Orly (305 km),
Nantes-Atlantique (110 km).

Our cruise suggestions from GREZ-NEUVILLE

- 2 Weeks
 Grez-Neuville / Le Mans / Laval and return.
- 1 Week
 Grez-Neuville / Laval / Segré and return.
- Mini-week
 Grez-Neuville / Port-Rhingard (Entrammes) and return.
- 2 day week-end
 Grez-Neuville / Château-Gontier and return.

One way possible between Grez-Neuville and Sablé-sur-Sarthe or inverse.
Navigation time:
11h for 1 mini-week or 1 week.



Access to the SABLÉ base

- Paris (250 km), Rennes (128 km),
Angers (65 km), Le Mans (50 km).
- Long. 0°19'W / Lat. 47°50'N
- A11 (Paris-Sablé 260 km), 10 (13 km)
- Sablé 800 m, TGV Sablé-Paris (1h20).
- Roissy Charles-de-Gaulle (285 km),
Paris-Orly (250 km),
Nantes-Atlantique (160 km).

Our cruise suggestions from SABLÉ

- 2 Weeks
 Sablé / Laval / Le Mans and return.
- 1 Week
 Sablé / Spay / Cheffes and return.
- Mini-week
 Sablé / Malicorne / Spay and return.
 Sablé / Angers and return.
- 2 day week-end
 Sablé / Malicorne and return.





South West

The south West

Enjoy the pleasure of cruising along the River Baïse, the tree-lined Canal or through the gorges of the Lot !



St-Cirq-Lapopie

THE RIVER LOT-QUERCY (departure from Bouziès / St-Cirq-Lapopie) :

A shorter season, inclement river conditions and additional supervision, prices for this region are slightly higher than in others :
(80 € supplement per boat and per cruise).

Our fleet



From BUZET:

Estivale Duo®, Quattro®, Octo®
Sedan 800, 1000, 1010, 1160, 1170, 1310
Grand confort 900, 1100, 1350
Riviera 920, 1130
Pool.

From BOUZIES / SAINT-CIROQ-LAPOPIE:

Estivale Duo®, Quattro®, Octo®
Sedan 800, 1000, 1010, 1170, 1310
Grand confort 900, 1100, 1350
Riviera 920, 1130

The attractions



From Buzet: possibility to cruise both on canal and 2 rivers, automatic locks, cycling path along the canal, natural beauty and cultural inheritance, local specialities : Armagnac, duck breast, Agen prunes, Buzet wines,...

From Bouziès-Saint-Cirq-Lapopie: the cliffs of limestone, the picturesque villages, the gastronomy : stuffed foie gras, goose confit, Cahors wine,...

From Buzet:

A choice of memorable itineraries in the land of King Henri IV and D'Artagnan the Musketeer!

The **River Baïse**, mysterious and bewitching, meandering its way past bastide towns, abbeys and castles of Gascogne, visiting Vianne, Nérac and Condom.

The **Garonne Canal** flows quietly under the plane trees towards the Aqueduct of Agen, the Cloister of Moissac, "the Water Slope" of Montech and through the historic town of Toulouse.

The **Lot - Aquitaine**, joined by the majestic **Garonne River**, runs between the fields of prune trees and carries you to Clairac Abbey and onwards to the mill at Lustrac.

From Bouziès / Saint-Cirq-Lapopie:

A succession of cliffs and caves await you around the tree-lined curves of the Lot. A 74 km-river for your complete pleasure! 17 manual locks, to operate yourself as in former times. The old villages of Quercy with their narrow alleys and mossy, red roofs, the famous Valentré bridge of Cahors, the cliffs of Bouziès, St-Cirq-Lapopie village overlooking the valley, add to the charm of this navigation.



Nérac



Journey

Access to the BUZET-SUR-BAÏSE base

- Bordeaux (110 km), Agen (30 km), Toulouse (150 km).
- Long. 0°18'E / Lat. 44°15N
- A62, Bordeaux-Toulouse, N° 6 Aiguillon (5 km).
- Aiguillon (5 km), Agen (30 km), TGV Paris-Agen (4h).
- Bordeaux-Mérignac (115 km), Toulouse-Blagnac (150 km).

Our cruise suggestions from BUZET-SUR-BAÏSE

- 2 Weeks
 - Buzet / Montech / Valence-sur-Baïse and return (Canal and Baïse).
- 1 Week
 - Buzet / Valence-sur-Baïse and return (Baïse).
 - Buzet / Saint-Vite and return (Lot-Aquitaine).
- Mini-week
 - Buzet - Moncrabeau and return.

Access to the BOUZIÈS / SAINT-CIRQ-LAPIOIE base

- Cahors (35 km), Montauban (100 km), Brive (110 km), Toulouse (150 km).
- Long. 01°38'E / Lat. 44°29'N
- A20, Paris-Toulouse, N° 57 Cahors-Nord (27 km).
- Cahors (35 km).
- Toulouse-Blagnac (150 km).

Our cruise suggestions from BOUZIÈS / SAINT-CIRQ-LAPIOIE

- 1 Week
 - Bouziès-Saint-Cirq-Lapopie / Larnagol / Cahors / Luzech and return (Lot-Quercy).





Midi

Midi beneath the southern sun!



Canal du Midi



Our fleet



From Le SOMAIL:

Estivale Duo®, Quattro®, Sixto®, Octo®
Sedan 800, 1000, 1010, 1170, 1310
Grand confort 900, 1100, 1350, 1350 VIP
Riviera 920
Pool.

From BRAM:

Estivale Duo®, Quattro®, Octo®
Sedan 800, 1000, 1010, 1170, 1300, 1310
Grand confort 900, 1100, 1350
Riviera 920, 1130
Pool.

The attractions



Plenty of sunshine, proximity to the Mediterranean, historical sites (Roman remains), Languedoc wines to accompany the specialities of the south-west. The Canal du Midi classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage.



From Somail:

From the charming small port of Le Somail, cruise away to discover the Canal du Midi in the direction of Carcassonne or if your cruising time permits down to Narbonne close to the Mediterranean Sea. You will cruise on the largest pound of France (52 km without any locks) up to the Fonserannes staircase, situated close to the historical city of Béziers. A few kilometers more of navigation, and you arrive, via Agde, the Etang de Thau, renowned for its oyster beds...






From Bram:

Quite close to Carcassonne, the Canal du Midi offers you its best aspect from the shade of its plane trees, at the foot of the Black Mountains. You can visit numerous small villages and restaurants by the Canal side. In this sunny region, the success of your holiday is ensured cruising along the Canal classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage.

Journey



Access to Le SOMAIL base

-  Narbonne (18 km), Béziers (40 km), Carcassonne (50 km).
-  Long. 02°54'E / Lat. 43°15'N
-  A61, A9, Paris (770 km).
-  TGV Béziers & Narbonne
-  Toulouse (148 km), Montpellier (150 km), Carcassonne (56 km), Béziers (35 km).

Our suggestions from Le SOMAIL




- 2 Weeks
 -  Le Somail / Carcassonne / Agde and return.
- 1 Week
 -  Le Somail / Narbonne / Béziers and return or Le Somail / Trèbes (Carcassonne) and return.
- Mini-week
 -  Le Somail / Trèbes and return or Le Somail / Narbonne and return.
- 2 day week-end
 -  Le Somail / Fonsérannes (Béziers) and return.
 -  Le Somail / Homsps and return.

One way possible between Bram and Le Somail or inverse.
 Navigation time:
 20h for a week or,
 Bram / Etang de Thau and return Le Somail:
 Navigation time: 40h for 2 weeks.

Access to the BRAM base

-  Bram (1 km), Carcassonne (26 km), Toulouse (73 km).
-  Long. 02°07'E / Lat. 43°15'N
-  A61, Toulouse / Narbonne
-  Bram (1 km), Carcassonne (24 km), TGV Toulouse (72 km).
-  Carcassonne (25 km), Toulouse-Blagnac (82 km), Montpellier (178 km).

Our cruise suggestions from BRAM

- 2 Weeks
 -  Bram / Béziers and return.
- 1 Week
 -  Bram / Homsps and return or Bram / Toulouse and return.
- Mini-week
 -  Bram / Marseillette and return or Bram / Villefranche-de-Lauragais and return.
- 2 day week-end
 -  Bram / Carcassonne and return or Bram / Castelnaudary and return.

