

Marina in Gallician

*La Petite Camargue  
passionately*



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# *The Gallician port*

A true “nature” getaway, this calm little port consisting of 38 parking places makes the most of an exceptional area in the heart of the Grand Site de France in the Gardoise Camargue, at the foot of the Costières and its vineyards.

Situated in the town of Gallician, an essential place for local Camargue traditions, it is the ideal starting point for discovering the most authentic side of La Petite Camargue.

Enjoy the many itineraries available from the port.

European cycling trips ViaRhôna and La Méditerranée à Vélo, tourist cycling loop trails, green walking paths, ATV trails, GR 653 on the Chemin de Saint Jacques de Compostelle, GR 42 of the Pilat à la Méditerranée, or more than 120km of tagged trails labeled Gard Pleine Nature, are all sources of so much inspiration!



# *The canal from Rhône to Sète*

Originally named "Canal of ponds", the canal from Rhône to Sète winds its way through the Petite Camargue, connecting the canal du Midi, the ponds of Palavas and the watery reeds of the Petite Camargue to the Rhône River and its delta.

Your trip on this waterway will bring you on a discovery of the landscapes and historical landmarks in the Petite Camargue.

Open your eyes to admire the Camargue bulls and their lyre-shaped horns, the wild white herdsmen horses, flamingos, herons, egrets, ibis as well as other typical Camargue birds.



# *The camargue traditions*

The Camargue traditions have made the Petite Camargue what it is, its lifestyle and its landscapes.

The Camargue bulls and horses are the stars of every local “fête votive” or annual festival.

During the “courses camarguaises” or Camargue races, the “raseteurs” or racers, all clad in white, must face the bulls in the ring to capture the festive flair (rosettes, tassels, and strings) attached to the bulls’ horns. The most valliant of the racers, called “cocardiers”, make this sport their career and have their names at the top of the marquee.

The best-known among them, Gandar, Lou Sanglier, Ourias, Galapian, Segren, and many others, have their statues on roundabouts, commemorative headstones or have streets named after them.



# *The fantastic fauna and flora*

Your navigation on the canal from Rhône to Sète will bring you across wide and wet area of the Petite Camargue, labeled Grand Site de France since 2014.

Its ponds and reed-lined wetlands offer an auspicious habitat for plant and wildlife biodiversity, rich and unique, typically found in the Petite Camargue.

Hérons, bitterns, egrets, flamingos, glossy ibis, bearded reedlings, terrapin turtles,...not to mention tamarix, snowflake flowers, and common reeds...

Stopping at the port in Gallician will allow you to take the time to observe, meet, and listen to them all.

How many can you recognize?



# A tailor-made excursion



## Camargue Excursion

Camargue races, Abrivados, Bandidos...

Whether it's meeting the cattle ranchers in their heartland or during the local festivities in Gallician, which take place each year at the end of July, you will experience these traditions, so typically Camarguais.



## Nature Excursion

Enter into the heart of the Grand Site de France in the Gardoise Camargue and open your eyes!

Simply by looking from your boat and pointing your lens at the bank opposite the port of Gallician, in a Natura 2000 zone, or by visiting the Scamandre Regional Natural Reserve, its discovery center and free access trails equipped with lookout points and observation posts.



## Active Adventure Excursion

The Gardoise Camargue offers a wide variety of landscapes to explore whether by foot or by bike, among the vineyards, pastures or the Camargue ponds. Cycling loop trails, ViaRhôna, Méditerranée à Vélo, green walking paths, ATV trails, Chemin de Saint Jacques de Compostelle (GR653), GR 42 of the Pilat à la Méditerranée, these are among the possible excursions designated Gard Pleine Nature that are waiting for you!



## Gourmet Excursion

AOP Costières de Nîmes (Protected wine appellation), IGP Vins des Sables (Protected wine geographical indication), IGP Riz de Camargue (Protected rice geographical indication), AOP Taureau de Camargue (Protected livestock appellation)... The simple mention of these labels demonstrates the extent and quality of the "savoir-faire" of the men and women that call the Petite Camargue home. Enjoy your getaway by discovering the local specialties at the tables of one of two cafés – a local restaurant or directly with the famers themselves.



## Cultural Excursion

Create your route by following the temporary expositions at the harbormaster's office and the Scamandre Centre, the workshops of plastic artist, Pierre Besson, on board his boat moored at the port, and Max Dejardin, nestled in the historic town chapel, or follow the fresques of the Camargue painter Marignan in the harbormaster's office and the Café du Pont. And last, but not least, the architecture: next to the traditional winemakers' abodes and old fishermen's homes, you can also visit the buildings of the cooperative wine cellar as well as the community center, both designated 20th century landmarks.

# The port services



The marina in Gallician offers 38 parking places with 10 reserved for organized excursions.

## Opening hours

High season: April 1st to October 31st

Everyday from 9am to Noon and from 3pm to 8pm, closed Monday morning

Low season: November 1st to March 31st

Monday to Friday from 10am to Noon, closed Holidays.

## Equipment and services for amateur sailors

Reserve your spot with the harbormaster's office or on [www.navily.com](http://www.navily.com) !

### At the dock :



### At the harbormaster's office :



### Location



### More info





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