

The « Petit-Rhône » is the branch of the Rhône River delta which separates two administrative regions -- Provence-Alpes-Côtes d'Azur and Occitanie -- between the Bouches-du-Rhône (13) and the Gard (30) departments. It also symbolizes the separation between the "Petit Camargue" (in the Gard) and the "Grand" Camargue. It leaves the Greater Rhône River north of Arles and flows into the Mediterranean Sea near Les Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer.

The Bac du Sauvage ferry

The ferry has been crossing the Petit-Rhône since 1974 and was completely renovated in 2004. It is powered by two side paddle-wheels, and moves along a cable with no possibility of changing directions. It leaves every half hour. Check the timetable at the Tourist Office in Les-Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer



Along the way you will see "gardians'" huts. The hut has white-washed walls and a thatched roof (made with marsh reeds). The form of these huts is original: the walls are straight except the north-west side, facing the mistral wind, which has the form of an apse (round) to better resist the wind. At the top of the apse roof there is usually a cross or a horn which was formerly used to anchor the hut to the ground on windy days.

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 and avoid the mistral wind.



Bar and restaurant

- Bars et restaurants des Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer
- La table de Sylvéréal : +33 (0)4 66 73 74 35
- La Régie de Frigoulès, route de Cacharel : +33 (0)4 90 97 52 92

Rent a bike

- Le Vélociste (Saintes-Maries) : +33 (0)6 25 32 07 03
- Le Vélo Saintois (Saintes-Maries): +33 (0)4 90 97 74 56
- 100% Camarque (Sylvéréal) : +33 (0)6 09 56 06 47

Don't miss

- The town of Les Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer (Notre-Dame-de-la-Mer church and crypt)
- Boat cruise on the Petit-Rhône (Le Tiki) +33 (0)4 90 97 81 68
- Canoeing on the Petit-Rhône (Kayak Vert) +33 (0)6 09 56 06 47



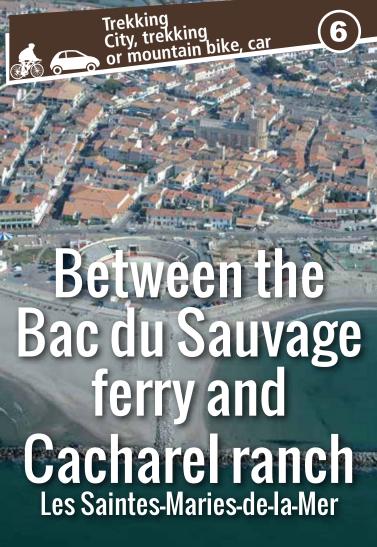
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Starting point : Les Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer Tourism Office



Distance : 30 km loop

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Take note:

- Dangerous crossings : the Sylvéréal bridge and Route D570 at Pioch Badet
- Check the timetable for the Bac du Sauvage ferry crossings at the Saintes-Maries Information Center







Between the Bac du Sauvage ferry and Cacharel ranch Les Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer

How to get there

• Start from the Tourist Information Center at Les-Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer, Avenue Van Gogh.

400m after the bridge turn right on the narrow road (toward S33) and go through **Astouin** 4. At the next crossroads turn right, then 500m later, turn left (D38b). At the Y-shaped fork, take the road to the left to **Pioch-Badet** 5. At the crossroads in the center of the hamlet cross Route D570 (A Caution, dangerous road) and take Route D85a toward Arles-Pioch-Badet by the **Cacharel Road** (Route de Cacharel). For 10 kilometers you will go along beside first the Consecanière and then the Impérial ponds (étangs).

Possible alternate route through **Cabanes de Cambon** 6 on Route D38.