

The creation of Salin-de-Giraud

At the end of the 19th century Pechiney and Solvay created factories specializing in extracting and commercializing industrial salt, which led to the creation of the town of Salin-de-Giraud. Before that, Cistercian monks had harvested salt here temporarily in the 13th century, but in the middle of the 19th century the company founded by Henri Merle developed 5000 ha of salt flats, and Solvay soon followed. Local workers but also workers from Italy, Armenia and Greece were hired to prepare the land and harvest the salt. Their descendants are still present today and work for the Salins du Midi.

Emergency numbers

SOS European emergency number **112**

Marseilles treatment center for poisoning **04 91 75 25 25**

15 **18** **17** **3250**

! Caution! Consult the weather forecast before starting and avoid the mistral wind.

Trek Bike / Hiking **10**



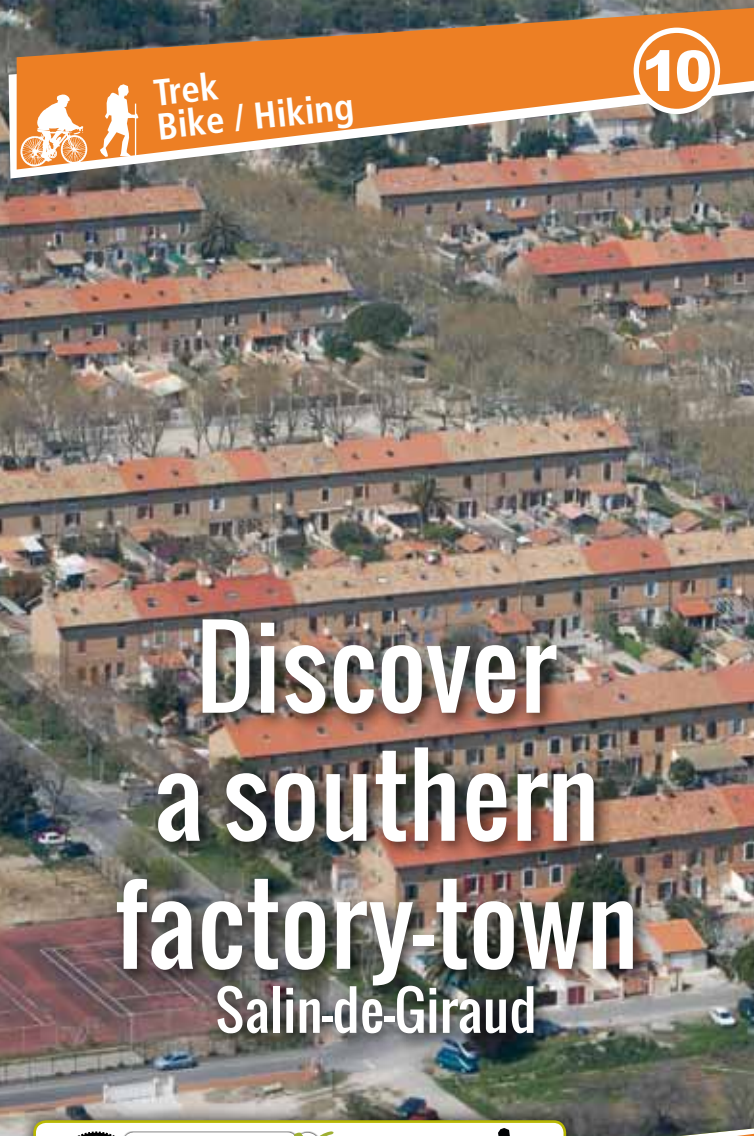
Crossing the Rhone River

The Rhone River has been crossed at Salin-de-Giraud since 1933. The first ferry was powered by a windlass, but was destroyed during WWII. A new diesel ferry was introduced in 1955. In 1957 a railway ferry was added for transporting salt. The fourth Barcarin ferry (Bac de Barcarin) was inaugurated in 1987 and the fifth in 2012. These are the ferries used today to cross the river from one bank to the other.



Along the way

- Bar and restaurant**
- La Camargue Restaurant – 04.42.86.88.52
 - Les Saladelles Restaurant – 04.42.86.83.87
 - Bar des Sports – 04.42.86.81.15
 - Bar de l'amitié – 06.82.70.01.58
 - Restaurant Chez Germaine – 04.86.63.60.05
- Rent a bike**
- Restaurant Chez Germaine (Salin-de-Giraud) – 04.86.63.60.05
 - Bois Sacré Service Station (Salin-de-Giraud) – 04.90.58.93.03
 - 8 km away - Mas Saint-Bernard (Salin-de-Giraud) : 04.42.48.80.69
- Don't miss**
- The town church
 - The Greek Orthodox church
 - The Barcarin church
 - The Solvay factory-town section
 - The village arena
 - The Badin music kiosk



Discover a southern factory-town Salin-de-Giraud

mountain bike ✓
trekking bike ✓
city bike ✓

0h30 to 1h

1h30

The Solvay factory village

The Solvay village was built between 1896 and 1902 by the Belgian company Solvay which imported this architectural style, using red bricks, from Belgian mining towns. The buildings reflect the company hierarchy, from the director's residence to the row houses for the workers. This paternalistic company built a hospital, schools, a post office, a movie theater, a stadium, an arena and a club house (Cercle Solvay).



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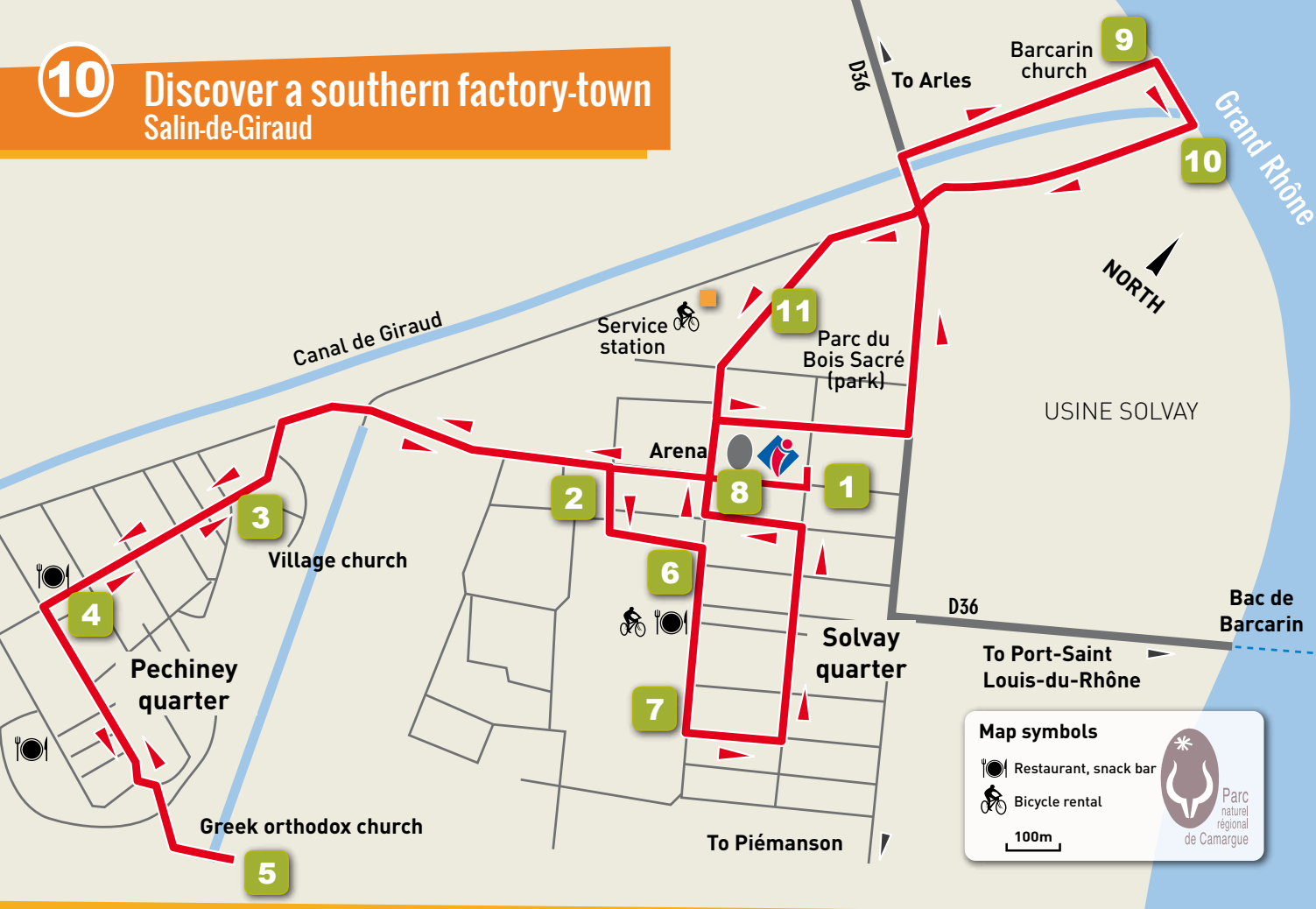


- Starting point :** Salin-de-Giraud Tourist Office
- Distance :** 6 km
- Take note :** No particular difficulties



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From the **Tourist Information Center** 1, turn right on the Boulevard de la Gare and go by the **Place des Gardians** (square) 2. At the roundabout turn left toward the “Gendarmerie”. Go by the **village church** 3 and enter the **Pechiney Quarter**. Continue along the Boulevard de la Camargue to **Place Adrien Badin** (square) 4. After the music kiosk, turn left on the rue du Jeu de Mail then go straight at the roundabout to the **Greek orthodox church** 5. Turn back, go by the school and cross the Place des Gardians to reach the Solvay quarter 6. At the stop sign on the Boulevard des Arènes, turn right and continue as far as rue Mireille 7. At the end of the street, turn left to return toward rue Pierre Tournayre, then turn left in rue de Provence. At the end of the street go across toward the **arena** 8, then take the first street on the right. At the crossing turn left and continue on until you reach the sign indicating the end of the village of Salin-de-Giraud, then turn right toward the Barcarin Quarter. When you reach the **Barcarin church** 9, take the dike on your right that opens onto the river. 10 A path on your right leading to the former Solvay loading platform will bring you back to the village. Come back to the **Tourist Office** going by the **Parc du Bois Sacré** (park) 11, on your left, and the arena.

How to get there

Start from the Tourism Office in Salin-de-Giraud. In the village at the red light go straight ahead then take the first right toward the city center. The Tourism Office is located on rue Tournayre, 150 m before the arena..



Greek orthodox church



Barcarin church