



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

SOS European emergency number **112**  **Marseilles treatment center for poisoning** **+33 (0)4 91 75 25 25**

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

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

Along the way

Bar and restaurant

- 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)

Rent a bike

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Don't miss

- Crossing the Grand Rhône on the Bac de Barcarin ferry
- The "Bois François" woods
- The Tour Saint-Louis (tower)
- Going through the canal locks between the Rhone and the Mediterranean

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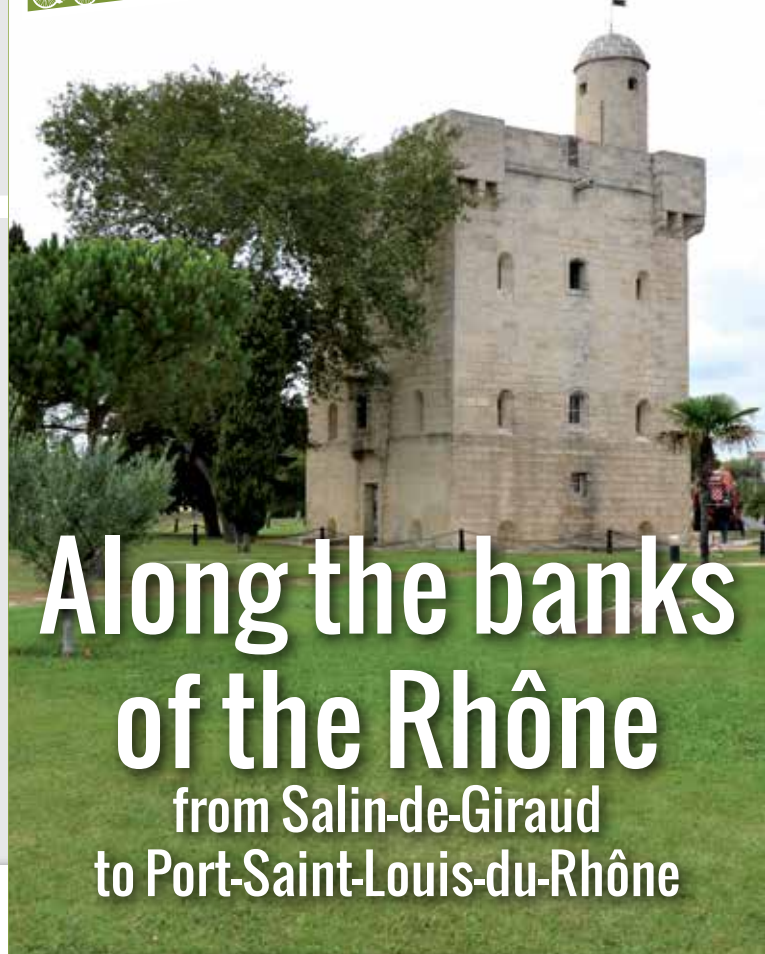
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Along the banks of the Rhône

from Salin-de-Giraud to Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône

	mountain bike					
	trekking bike					
	city bike					
	1h30 to 3h				3h to 4h	

 **Starting point :**
• Salin-de-Giraud Tourism Office
• Port-Saint-Louis Tourism Office

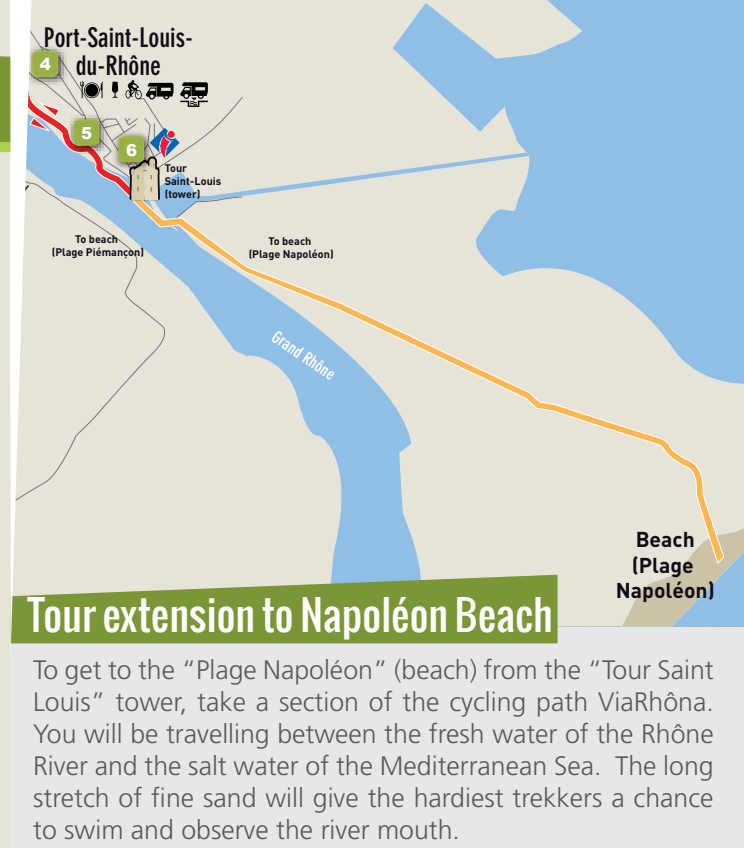
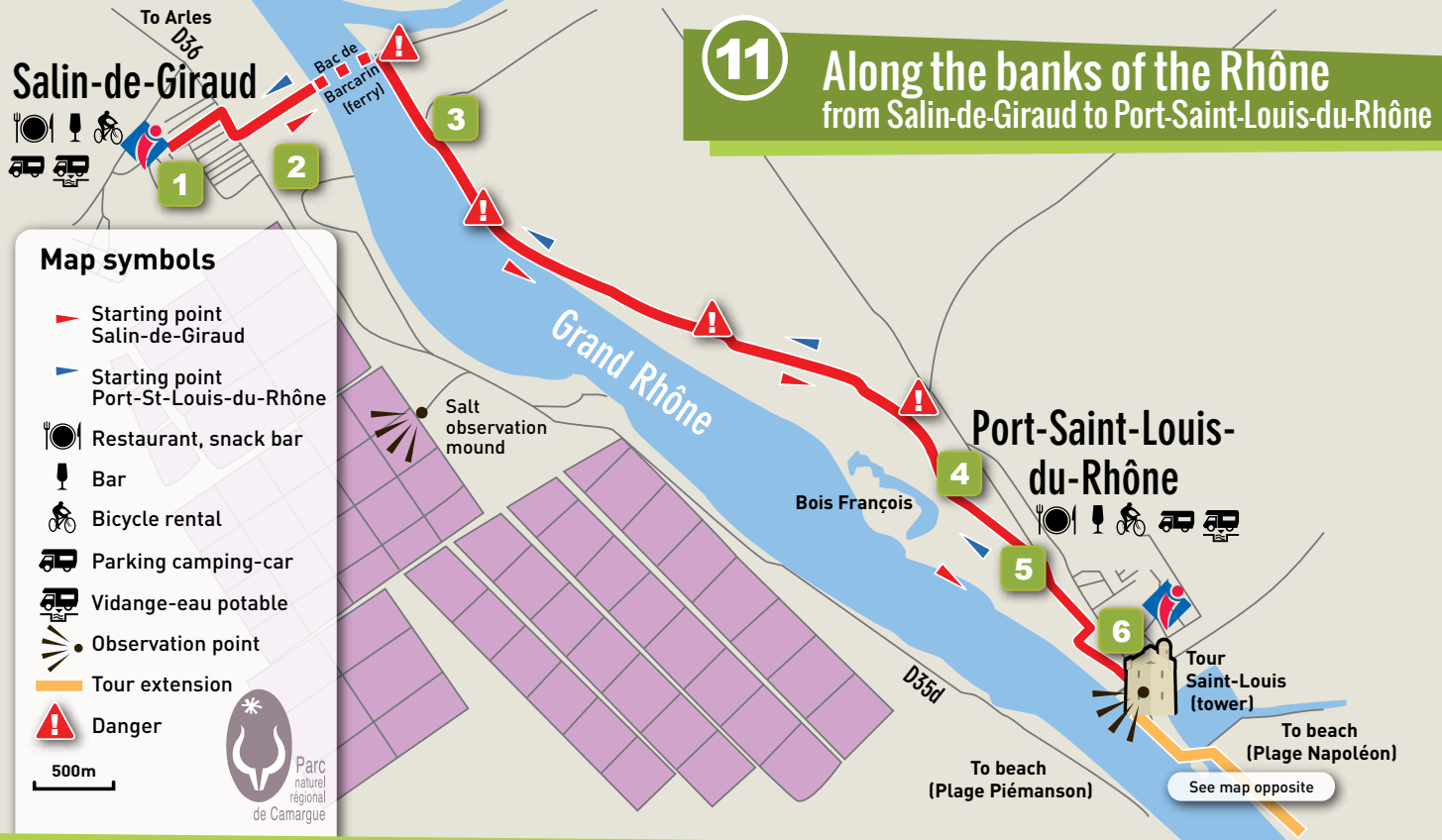
 **Distance :** 18 km round trip

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

 **Take note :** No particular difficulties



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To get to the “Plage Napoléon” (beach) from the “Tour Saint Louis” tower, take a section of the cycling path ViaRhôna. You will be travelling between the fresh water of the Rhône River and the salt water of the Mediterranean Sea. The long stretch of fine sand will give the hardest trekkers a chance to swim and observe the river mouth.



Point de vue sur le Rhône de la Tour Saint-Louis

How to get there

- **From Salin-de-Giraud** : start at the Tourism Office, Place Tournayre
- **From Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône** : start at the Tourism Office, Tour Saint Louis (tower)

From Salin-de-Giraud :

1 Take the main road, Route D36, toward the Bac de Barcarin ferry **2**. Cross the Rhône on the ferry, free for pedestrians and cyclists. On the opposite bank of the Rhône, as soon as you get off the ferry **3** take route D35 (danger logo) which will take you to Port-

Saint-Louis-du-Rhône **4**. As you enter the town turn right on Avenue Gabriel Péri to the “Abri du Rhône” port **5** where small boats can take shelter before arriving at the river mouth. Continue along the river bank (picnic grounds) until you reach the cycling trail along the Rhone, “**les allées du Rhône**”. Take this trail to the **Tour Saint-Louis tower** where the Tourist Information Center is located **6**.

From Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône :

Follow the above instructions in the opposite direction.