



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)
- Snack of the campsite « Les Bois Flottés » (Salin de Giraud) : +33 (0)4 90 58 25 09

Rent a bike

- Relais du Bois Sacré - Réparation (Salin-de-Giraud) : +33 (0)4 90 58 93 03
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Don't miss

- Crossing the Grand Rhône on the Bac de Barcarin ferry <http://www.smttdr.fr/bacs-de-barcarin/horaires>
- The "Bois François" woods
- The Tour Saint-Louis (tower)
- Going through the canal locks between the Rhone and the Mediterranean

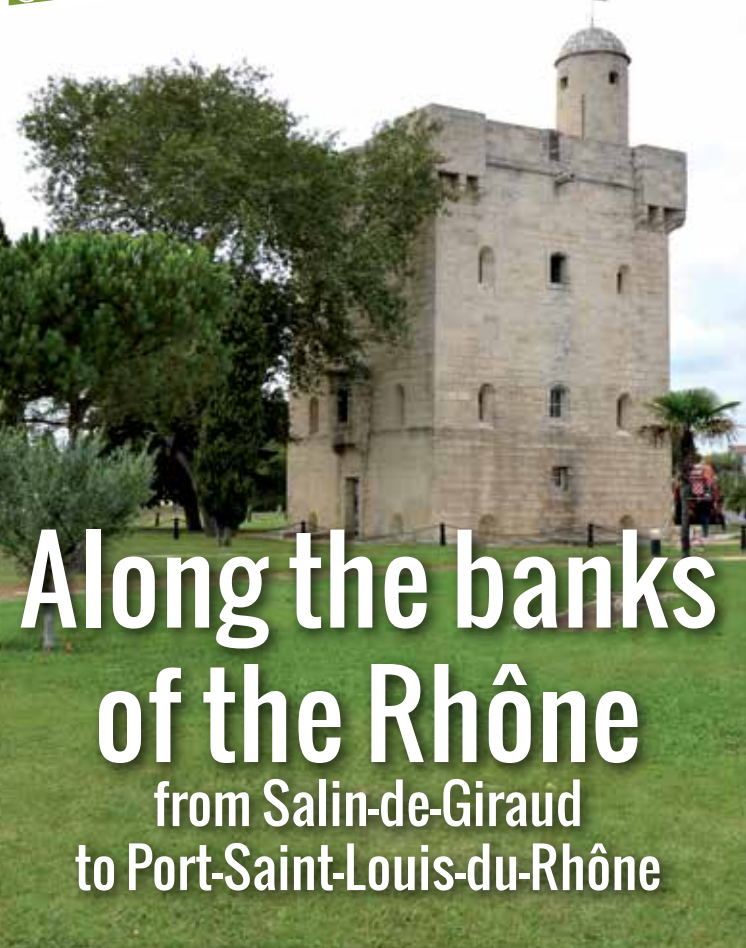
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Along the banks of the Rhône from Salin-de-Giraud to Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône

	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

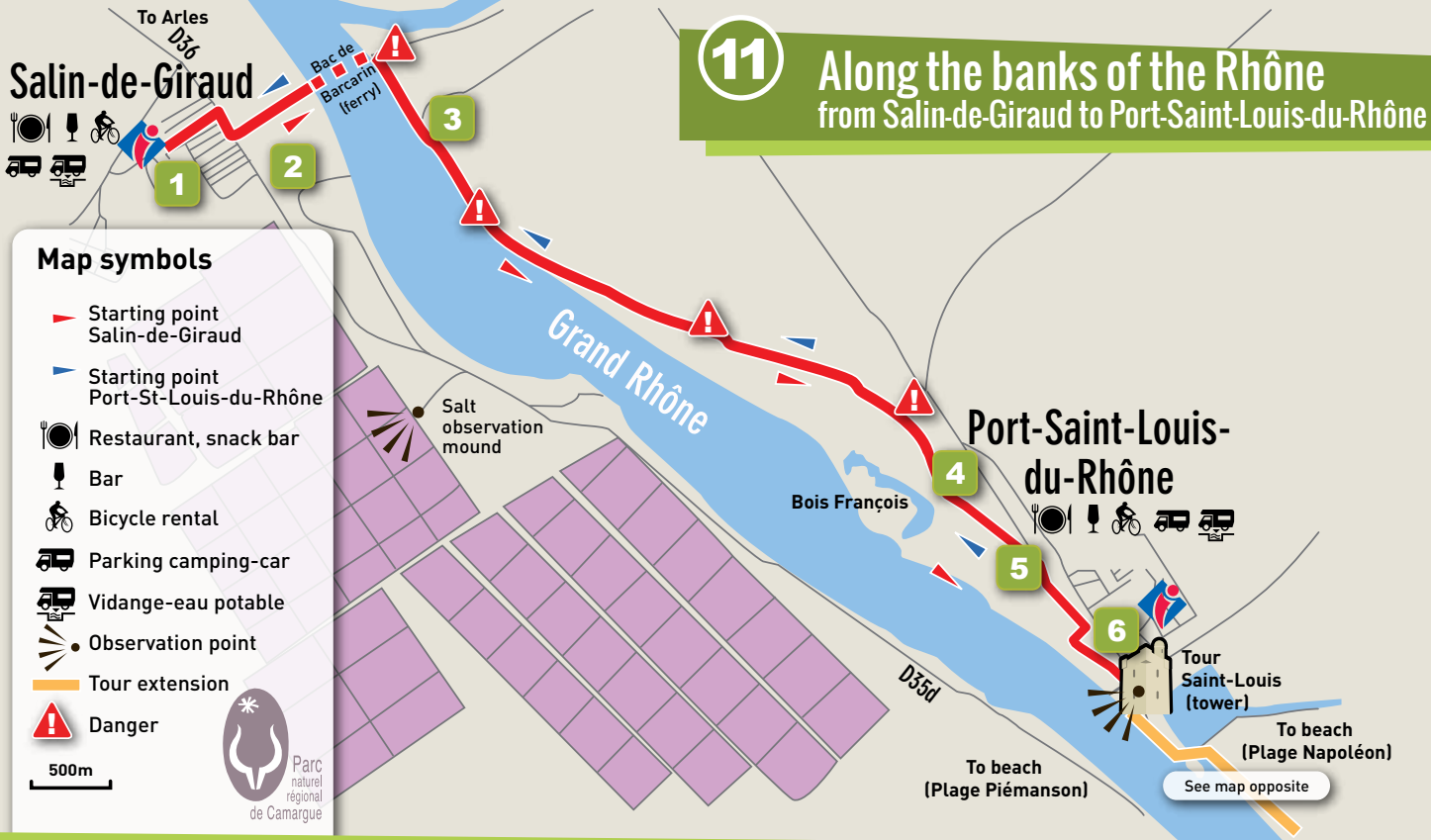
 **Extension to Napoléon Beach :** +15 km round trip

 **Take note :** No particular difficulties

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Tour extension to Napoléon Beach

To get to the “Plage Napoléon” (beach) from the “Tour Saint Louis” tower, take a section of the cycling path ViaRhône. 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.



How to get there

- **From Salin-de-Giraud** : start from the Tourism Office, Boulevard Tournayre.
- **From Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône** : start from the Tourism Office, Tour Saint Louis Tower.

From Salin-de-Giraud :

From the Salin-de-Giraud Tourism Office **1**, take the main road D36 and follow directions for the Bac-de-Barcarin **2**. Cross the Rhône on the ferry, free for cyclists and pedestrians. On the opposite bank, as soon as you get off the ferry **3**, follow on the right the signs for the “Plage Napoléon” (beach) via the ViaRhona (a bumpy path for mountain and trekking bikes only) for 4 kms beside the dike. Continue on

the D35; at the roundabout at the entrance to the town take Avenue Gabriel Péri on your right for 1.3 km then turn right onto the rue Jules Guesde to the “Abri du Rhône” Port **4**. From the “Port Abri” **5**, a port where small boats can take shelter before the Rhone River mouth, continue along the banks of the Rhone (picnic tables) and join up with the ViaRhona again along the river bank “des allées du Rhône” to the Tour Saint-Louis Tower housing the Tourism Office **6**. It is possible to continue on to the beach, 8 km.

Leaving Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône :

Follow the above instructions in the opposite direction.