

Get started

Prepare your stay

What do we provide?

Basically, we provide:

- tea and coffee
- ecological shower gel
- hair dryer
- ecological laundry
- ecological household products,
- quilts

Of course, you will be able to use your shampoo / soap, but since the waste water is sent directly into the water without treatment, it is best if it is environmentally friendly.

Our products are purchased in bulk, so please do not throw away the bottles if at any point you finish one of the products.

Are you staying with us for at least 2 nights?

In this case we also provide:

- Sheets / duvet covers
- Bath towels

Are you staying just one night?

Although this is not ideal for us from a practical point of view, we will try to provide you with bed linen and towels as well.

In some cases, however, you may be asked to bring your own bed linen and towels to facilitate "logistics", especially during periods of continuous reservations.

If we haven't talked about it before finalizing the exchange, don't hesitate to contact us to ask us the question.

To allow as many people as possible to enjoy the accommodation, regarding the management of sheets we generally ask our guests to run a sheets + towels machine during their stay to ensure that there are always enough linens for the guests next.

Is the water drinkable ?

Yes ! No need to worry, the water on the boat is drinkable :)

Parking

There is a large choice for parking.

Free parking

In general, free parking spaces are available along the quays and its access is free (no badge needed)

If you cannot find a place, there are other free parking possibilities in the area.

Covered and secure parking (paid)

There are 2 covered and secure car parks near the boat if you prefer

How to get here?

Address (es) of the boat

The boat's address is as follow: **124 Boat avenue, Anonymous City**

Once on the quay, you will have to look for Pontoon E.

If you are using public transportation:

From the station (~ 30mn): [instructions here](#)

From the airport (~ 1h): [instructions here](#)

You can also use the buttons below to open the route in your usual GPS app!

[Itinéraire via Google Maps](#)

[Itinéraire via Waze](#)

[Itinéraire via Apple Plan](#)

When you arrive

Collect the keys

Access to the pontoons is secured by a badge, so you will need a badge to access them.

The badge - to keep with you when you go out - is in a key box hung to the right of the entrance to the pontoon, on the structure to hang the bikes (see photo)

- Code: 1234

The boat key is in a second key box located on the boat, to the right of the front door.

- Code: 1234

Storage for your luggage

You can store your cabin baggage in the main area, under the raised bench (photo 2).

Larger luggage can be stored under the bed in the master bedroom.

Secondary bedroom bed

The pillows and duvets are in the second and third drawers.

Do not forget the mattress pad which serves as a small "mattress topper" to unify the two mattresses.

You can put your things in the first drawer of the bed.

If you need the second bed, the photos below explain how to unfold it.

Before you leave

Your departure date is approaching, we hope you had a good stay on the Amadeus!

Unless we have indicated something else in our discussions before or during your stay, here is a list of things to think about before you go:

- Do a little cleaning so that the boat is as clean as when you arrived.
- Fill the water tank (see [section Life on a boat](#))
- Put clean sheets back on the master bedroom bed so that it is ready for the next guests, just like it was for you: you should find clean sheets in the bench drawers in the hallway bedroom.
- Take out two clean towels and put them on the bed: you will find them in the toilet closet on the side of the boat entrance
- Put your sheets and towels in the laundry bag located in the entrance bedroom, behind the bench
- If you used the bikes, **put the keys back on the key ring** in the entrance room.
- **Put the boat key back in the lockbox** attached to the entrance.
- **Put the badge back in the lockbox attached to the bike** rack at the entrance to the pontoon.

Optional, but always appreciated :)

Put a little note in **our guestbook** if you feel like it ;)

The house

Practical Information

Wifi

A 4G modem on the furniture in the saloon (the main room of the boat).

The amount of data available is limited to 200GB per month (renewed every 16th of the month).

So please think about future visitors and use it wisely for your useful research. ;)

To quickly connect from a smartphone, you can scan the QRCode in the images below or enter the password shown below.

- Network name: My Wifi
- Password: complicated_password-10394

Bicycles

2 bicycles are at your disposal for your stay:

- one with a female frame
- one with a man frame

They are attached to the sides of the boat with light padlocks, the keys of which you will find in the bedroom at the entrance.

You will find stronger chains in the cupboards behind the cockpit if you want to attach the bike in the city center for example.

Public Transportation

Here you can give practical information for local public transportation in your city.

Kitchen

Tea, coffee and more

We leave **tea, coffee, sugar, oil, vinegar, salt, pepper and spices** at your disposal.

For the coffee we use an Italian coffee machine and we offer you organic ground coffee to fill it.

When cooking, remember to open small windows to prevent mist from accumulating on the windows.

Cooking

The cooking is with gas, the ignition is done via the spark of the gas lighter (normal that there is no flame).

We make sure that there is always a spare bottle when you run out of gas during your stay.

The gas cylinders are located in the housing under the driver's seat as shown in the photo below. Before lifting the seat, make sure to first unfold the wooden shelf which otherwise blocks the seat.

Dishes

For washing dishes, a "tawashi" replaces the traditional sponge.

It is more durable, 100% biodegradable and you can put them in the washing machine!

Maintenance

Housework

All cleaning products are ecological, so as not to pollute the harbor waters. We buy them in bulk by refilling the cans, so don't throw away empty cans! Thank you ;)

If needed, everything needed for cleaning is in the cupboard behind the cockpit.

Unfortunately, Bordeaux Harbor does not yet offer selective sorting, so you can put everything in the same bin.

Trash cans

All-round skips are available on the quay. These are often moved but they are usually found in front of the entrance to one of the pontoons.

Wash you laundry

A washer-dryer is located under the counter to the right of the sink. Be careful not to overload the machine and instead make 2 machines if necessary.

If you wash laundry that does not go in the dryer, you can hang it out on the clothes horse in the bedroom at the entrance (see photos).

Clothespins and a clothes rack are in the drawers of the bed.

Dehumidifier

Depending on the season or sometimes when you are cooking, humidity can be high on the boat and mist can accumulate on the windows (single glazing). To overcome this problem, you can use the dehumidifier located in the entrance bedroom, behind the bench.

Bathroom

Shower

Both bathrooms have a shower, and we usually we recommend that you first use the shower in the master bedroom, which is more spacious and practical.

Yet at the moment the drain pump for this bathroom broke down and we have to get it fixed, **so please use the smaller bathroom.**

Pull the shower curtain so that the toilet and cabinet are well protected.

After the shower or durring if the water collection tray starts to be full, activate the drain pump (white switch on the bathroom cabinet).

The noise changes drastically when the tank is empty but if in doubt you can also check the bow of the boat on the cockpit side if the water continues to flow.

In the cupboards you will find hairdryer and toilet paper.

If you want to use the shower in the small bathroom, consider reinstalling the shower curtain, which is in the cupboard under the sink.

Toilets

To flush the toilet, activate the pump located next to the toilet.

You must press the pedal located under the toilet bowl to open the escape hatch (in the small bathroom you must also lift the pedal manually to close the valve).

When you're cold

Main Area

A fixed electric heater is located in the saloon.

Master Bedroom

An electric auxiliary heater is also available in the closet in the master bedroom.

Secondary bedroom

An electric auxiliary heater is available behind the bench in the secondary bedroom.

When you're hot

Air conditioner

There is an air conditioner behind the bench in the entrance bedroom. It must be placed on the pilot's seat to allow the installation of the evacuation pipe (see photos).

Fan

You will find a fan in the closet behind the cockpit.

Security

Windows

When you leave, close all the windows:

- Lock the three windows of the saloon
- Also close small windows in rainy weather.

Safe

Located in the saloon cabinet, you can configure your own code (the instructions are on the safe).

Please leave it open on the day of departure.

Life on a boat

Access to water

Pressure

On a boat, the water pressure is managed by a pump located in the bilge, which is activated regularly to restore pressure in the pipes. When you notice a drop in pressure (in the shower or the kitchen), leave the faucet on and the pump will eventually activate.

Under-sink filter

In the kitchen, an under-sink filter is installed as a precaution to ensure that all impurities in the water tank are filtered out. Even if the water in the tank is entirely drinkable, we recommend that you fill your water bottles in the kitchen.

For the same reason, you will find that the pressure can be reduced a little (or even a lot) when there is not enough pressure in the pipes. In this case, let the water run and at some point you should hear the pressure pump activate and gradually the flow will improve.

Warning: This can also have an impact on the temperature of the water when you do the dishes, so be careful not to burn yourself!

Possible odors

When the boat is not in use for a while and it has been warm during the period, it may happen that a "sulfur" smell is felt when you turn on the taps for the first time.

This smell will go away as the water flows through the pipes again, but to help a bit you can turn on the hot water for a few minutes to "clean" the pipes.

Noises

During the first few days, it is not unusual to ask yourself a lot of questions about the noises you can hear. So here is a list of noises that you are likely to hear and their meanings.

- Recurring noises coming from the ground in the saloon: this is the water pressure pump, as explained in the previous section
- Noise (lighter) from the kitchen floor: this is the bilge pump, which evacuates water that may enter the bilge. It is activated automatically when a certain level is reached. This happens more frequently when it rains a lot (and that's normal :)
- In the master bedroom, during the night, you will surely hear some noise when the boat is moving, it is generally the moorings which are stretched by the movements of the boat.

Switches position

In the event of a problem (no more water for example), always start by checking that all the buttons, levers and lights are correctly positioned as in the photos below:

- Controllers in the first bathroom
- Cockpit
- Under the counter in the kitchen

I have no more water !

Start by checking the position of the switches, especially the cockpit dashboard. You may have accidentally turned off the pressure pump :)

If after checking the position of all the switches you still have no water, the tank may be empty.

This is usually filled before your arrival and it holds 680L of water, which can last up to 1 week depending on the number of showers and washing machines you do.

If you need to fill it out, here is an explanatory video:

I do not have electricity!

As for the water, start by checking the position of the switches :)

The electricity supply terminal can only provide 3kW of power (ie half the average in a "classic" home).

If you use too many electrical appliances at the same time (all heaters + the washing machine for example), the power may therefore go out. In this case, switch off at least 1 or 2 appliances, or lower their power (for the heaters in particular), then check the following elements:

- Circuit breaker accessible on the white connection terminal directly on the pontoon.
- As the boat is constantly moving, it is also possible that the plug is not properly connected to the terminal. Manually check that the electric cable is correctly plugged into socket n ° 1 of the terminal and on the left side of the boat.
- Electrical circuit breaker located in the entrance bedroom, behind the wine case on the wall. To access it, push the wine box upwards.

Around my home

Where to shop for groceries

Supermarkets

5-10mn walk:

- Lidl
- Leclerc

5-10mn by bike / car:

- Auchan

Organic or local (5-10mn walk)

- Biocoop
- Halles

Where to eat well?

Less than 15mn on foot

- Restaurant 1
- Restaurant 2
- Restaurant 3

15 minutes by tram

- Restaurant 1
- Restaurant 2
- Restaurant 3

and so on

Where to have a drink?

Less than 15mn on foot

- Restaurant 1
- Restaurant 2
- Restaurant 3

A little further

- Other restaurant

What to see in La Rochelle

Famous places in the city center

List here things to visit in the city and its surroundings.

Must see in the La Rochelle area

The great known sites

- List here all the things you would recommend to your hosts in the area