

# 71% THE STATE OF WATER



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## SARA-LA-KÂLI



According to legend, two witnesses to Jesus' crucifixion were abandoned by enemies on a boat and washed up on the coast of the Camargue in southern France. Also on board was her dark-skinned servant Sara, who begged to ensure the survival of the shipwrecked. She became the patroness of travelers. Her relics are kept in the fortified church of Les-Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer. Every May 24th, Travelers from all over the world meet to honor Black Sara or Sara-la-Kâli. Her statue is carried into the sea in a procession.



The ritual reminds us of similar rituals in India, in which the goddess Durga or Kali are carried into the water. The streets vibrate with joy. Do you expect a savior or a rock star? The energy is contagious, we become part of the flow. Sara, big sister. She is hugged, kissed and wetted with sea water. Tough guys go soft. After Sara has merged with the sea, the tension ebbs. A deep stillness and connection remains. Bon Voyage! See you next year.







