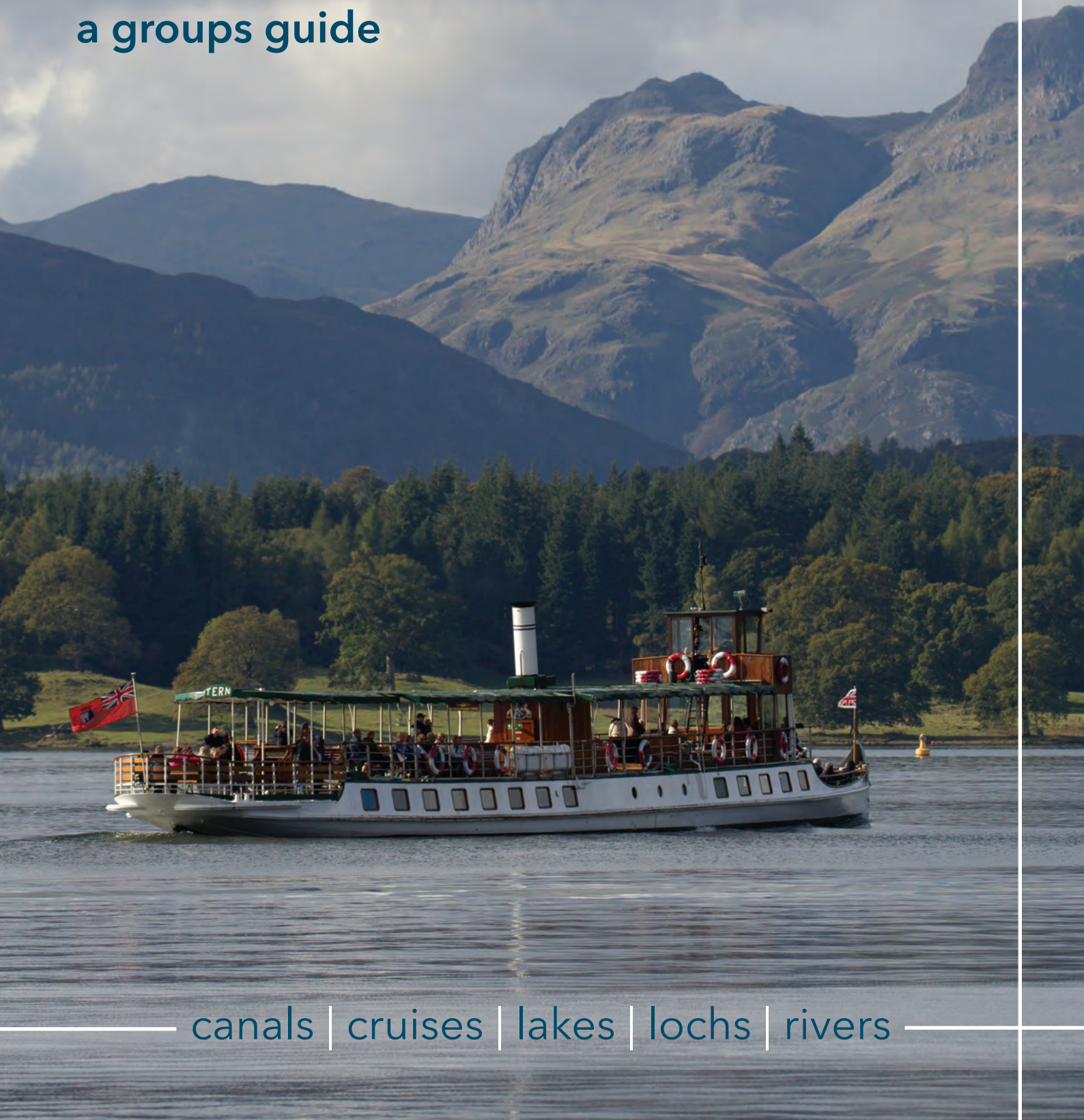


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We are delighted to bring you the second edition of Boats of Britain. Last year's first edition was brilliantly well-received by Group Travel Organisers, Coach Operators and Tour Operators and we received some lovely feedback.

In the same style as the Heritage Railway Association Guide, Boats of Britain brings you directory listings of the best boating companies, operators and destinations in Britain. These companies welcome groups and offer a wide array of experiences, trips and cruises that will enhance any itinerary.

Organised alphabetically to make it easier for readers to find a boat, we hope that this publication will help you book the perfect trip and give your group a nautical adventure to remember. We love to hear organisers' thoughts, so if you have any comments please send them over to us at info@blueprintmedia.org.uk.

This is another exciting year at Blueprint Travel Media and we have many new ideas in the pipeline for 2019 and beyond. If there is a specific publication you would like us to start producing then get in touch with your suggestions.

Nick Bevan
Managing Director



Inglesham



Credit: Mike Gallagher, Cotswold Canals Trust

Take a Tripboat to the Far Flung Reaches of the UK's Waterways Network

According to The Inland Waterways Association (IWA), there are 6,500 miles of inland waterways in the UK of which 4,700 miles are currently navigable. Many of these areas are rarely visited and often get overlooked. The IWA's Silver Propeller Challenge aims to encourage boaters to visit some of the more out of the way places.

The Silver Propeller Challenge is open to everyone, not only people with their own boat, any type of vessel may be used, including powered or unpowered craft hired locally.

There are over 20 locations that can be visited by trip-boat. These are located across the length and breadth of England, Scotland and Wales, so why not check them out and visit with your group? It will definitely be a day to remember and your group can say that they have been to places on the canal that most other people have never had a chance to see.

We have a few suggested locations that can be reached via trip-boat. If you would like to see a full list of all the Silver Propeller locations, please visit:

www.waterways.org.uk/silverpropeller



Forest Locks, Chesterfield Canal

Credit: Jan Warsop

SOUTH WEST & SOUTH WALES

Bridgwater Dock, Somerset: Bridgwater Dock is on the Bridgwater & Taunton Canal. Most recently, the Somerset Space Walk has been opened along the canal towpath. Boat trips and unpowered craft are available from Maunsel Lock.

SOUTH EAST

Inglesham Junction, Thames & Severn Canal, Gloucestershire: Take a trip-boat from Lechlade along the Thames & Severn Canal to the River Thames at the Round House.

EAST

Kempston Mill, Bedfordshire: Located above Bedford, Kempston Mill is the current head of navigation on the River Great Ouse. The Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterways Trust runs the John Bunyan trip-boat from Bedford.

EAST MIDLANDS

Chesterfield and Cascade Winding Hole, Derbyshire: The Chesterfield Canal offers two Silver Propeller destinations, either side of the collapsed Norwood Tunnel. The Chesterfield Canal Trust operates trip-boats to visit both locations.

WEST MIDLANDS

Southern Portal of the Dudley Tunnel, Dudley, West Midlands: Boat trips through the Dudley Tunnel and Limestone Caves provide an unforgettable underground boating experience. Boats depart from the Dudley Canal & Tunnel Trust visitor centre near the Black Country Museum.

NORTH WEST & NORTH WALES

Liverpool Docks, Liverpool: The Liverpool Canal Link opened in 2009 and made the Liverpool Docks much more accessible. The link runs from Stanley Dock Locks on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal via the Albert Dock to the South Docks. Cruises are available from the Albert Dock.

NORTH EAST

Melbourne Basin on the Pocklington Canal, East Yorkshire: Melbourne Basin is at the head of the current navigation on the Pocklington Canal. The canal itself is known for its wildlife, it is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest for much of its length.

SCOTLAND

Lochrin Basin, Edinburgh: This basin is the eastern terminus of the Union Canal after its 32-mile journey from Falkirk, where it was reconnected to the Forth & Clyde Canal in 2002 by the Falkirk Wheel. Boat trips are available from the basin.



Paul Strudwick, Deputy Chairman of the Inland Waterways Association (IWA) and Chairman of IWA London Region, has been boating since the age of 11 and has owned a boat on the canals for over twenty-five years, moored mainly in the London area. Paul is the architect of IWA's Silver Propeller Challenge and is committed to IWA's campaign for as many waterways users as possible to visit the far flung reaches of our beautiful waterways network.



The Best of Windsor is Viewed from the River with French Brothers

References to the riverside town of Windsor during the winter can be traced right back to Alexander Pope's 1713 poem 'Windsor Forest' in which Pope describes the brisk and snappier months in the royal borough, in a rather foreboding forecast.

'Thy trees, fair Windsor! Now shall leave their woods, and half thy forests rush into my floods, Bear Britain's thunder, and her cross display, to the bright regions of the rising day; Tempt icy seas, where scarce the waters roll, where clearer flames glow round the frozen pole; Or under southern skies exalt their snails, Led by new stars, and borne by spicy gales!'

Fortunately for passenger boating at Windsor, Pope's prophecy does not ring true; in fact French Brothers Passengers Boats operate all the year round serving both the local community and visitors to Windsor.

A family run business for over forty years, French Brothers pride themselves on maintaining an active presence on the ever-changing stretch of river from which they operate. Their fleet

of sixteen craft can be seen cruising from the birthplace of democracy Runnymede, home of the signing of the Magna Carta, through historic Windsor, still revelling in its Royal Wedding festivity, onto Maidenhead, home to the famous millionaires row and Isambard Kingdom Brunel's sounding arch; a quieter stretch of the river, which attracts travellers looking to get away from a neighbouring and more lively cousin. Offering public, group and private sailings they are somewhat of a household name in the local area.

As well as their more commonly known trips, during the summer months groups can cruise either a single or return journey downstream as far as Hampton Court, experiencing the six locks to be negotiated along the way. Not for the traveller who wishes to get anywhere in any sort of hurry, the company's longest cruise accommodates those whose travelling aspiration is about the journey and not necessarily the destination. However, Hampton Court Palace, sat just a stone's throw from the far reaching river's edge, offers a picturesque

view that could have easily been plucked from an old history book. A time-transcending feast for the eyes, the palace is a welcome and breathtaking sight on arrival upon docking.

Not wanting to be overlooked by its upstream neighbour, Windsor Castle continues to attract guests in large numbers. Last year's Royal Wedding saw Windsor Castle have one of its most successful years to date and the display of the Royal Wedding outfits attracting avid royalists and those simply curious to catch a glimpse of the special dress. Some of the finest views of the castle can be seen from the river, offering a perspective that more or less remains unchanged since it was first built in the days of William the Conqueror.

Also popular with groups are French Brothers lunch and tea cruises which offer unique views of Windsor Castle across the Crown Estate; Her Majesty's very own back garden, as well as picturesque views from Windsor itself travelling downstream from Boveney lock. The village of Boveney is Anglo-Saxon in origin and interestingly means "above island". Some exciting and innovative changes have been made for the 2019 group offering. French Brothers have adapted with the market shift and have launched brand new luxury afternoon tea and lunch cruises which started this season.

Loyalty to the groups market is something French Brothers take great responsibility for. Offering affordable and stimulating excursions for groups, which can range from schools to University of the 3rd age, is something this company works extremely hard to maintain. In what is all too often described as a 'tourist town' French Brothers recognise the importance of attracting everyone to Windsor, wishing to showcase the river to all different types of group.

Lovingly restored to their former glory, the golden age of steam is returned to the Thames with the aid of French Brothers sister company 'Thames Steam Packet Boat Company'. Built in 1898 and 1905, two of the last working genuine coal fired steamboats on the upper Thames, SL Nuneham and SL Streatley, are now some of the busiest vessels on the river, regularly booked out for private functions and scheduled public trips throughout the summer season, including steamboat tea cruises. Hired



by none other than Her Majesty the Queen, guests can have a rare opportunity to cruise in the style of monarchs past and present.

French Brothers never miss an opportunity to spread festive cheer, offering Christmas group lunch and tea cruises as well as the ever popular options for private charter for corporate events and social functions. With fully heated weatherproof vessels they are operational all year round. Groups have the opportunity to enjoy the Thames in the more strapping months in the comfort of heated boats, whilst taking advantage of the beautiful views of the winter scenery on the river.

Whatever the weather it is always the season to go messing about in boats. If you are choosing a group, public or private event, historic Windsor and beyond is best viewed from the river; tranquil, steeped in history and ready to welcome visitors far and wide.

www.frenchbrothers.co.uk



Clear the Decks of Plastic for Healthier Rivers and Seas

Wherever your watery haven – canal, coastal waters, lake, loch or river – you will have noticed the rise in plastic pollution in recent decades. We must ensure our boats aren't floating plastic palaces – by cutting down onboard, we'll save it going overboard. **The Marine Conservation Society** has some tips.

There's no doubt about it, Blue Planet II, (BBC1 November 2017) had a lasting effect on the nation. Images of plastic in our seas and the terrible impact it's having on marine life and habitats had thousands scurrying to the coast to pick up litter.

Almost 15,000 volunteer cleaners at our annual Great British Beach Clean last September, found more tiny little pieces of plastic and polystyrene than any other material on UK beaches. Almost 30% of the litter they recorded came from us, the public – stuff we have a hand in helping to get to the beach.

Last year, working with waterways charity Thames21, MCS ran a series of river cleans along the Thames and its tributaries and found that more than 80% of litter recorded

was made up of single-use items such as metal drink cans, food packaging and plastic drinks bottles. 80% of ocean litter comes from land, channelled there by our rivers, which are being harmed by a variety of different pollutants, including large amounts of plastic.

MCS runs an annual Plastic Challenge every July, where we ask people to give up single-use plastic for the entire month. It's not easy. We love plastic and what's not to love? It's a material that has changed our lives. But in its single-use form it's strangling the planet. We can, and must, curb our reliance on single use plastic at home, at work, and on the water.

To find out more about the Plastic Challenge and receive hints, tips and challenges visit www.mcsuk.org/plastic-challenge/.

NEXT TIME YOU'RE GOING AFLOAT:

- Take a reusable water bottle and coffee cup with you everywhere you go.
- Pack food in re-usable tubs - ditch the clingfilm.
- Choose clothes that are 100% natural if you're washing your kit whilst afloat. Our modern, lightweight clothes invariably contain plastic threads which shred into microfibres with every wear and wash.
- Pick pizza in cardboard as opposed to more exotic take-outs served in lidded plastic containers.
- If you're boating with babies - avoid ready prepared food in single-use pouches. Go for glass bottles instead and then re-use them for your spices or home prepared baby food.
- Replace your shower gels and shampoo bottles with bars and use toothpaste in a tin with a bamboo brush.
- Wet wipes may be handy on board but they're an environmental disaster - check their content and never use ones containing plastic and NEVER flush wipes down the loo - the urgent problem of wet wipes, which often contain plastic, was clearly highlighted during our river cleans with Thames21 last year - they made up 77% of all items removed on the tidal Thames foreshore, and an average of 1,000 at the four cleans we did there!
- For the sake of the oceans, opt out of the single-use life on our waterways.



To find out more about The Marine Conservation Society's brilliant work visit www.mcsuk.org

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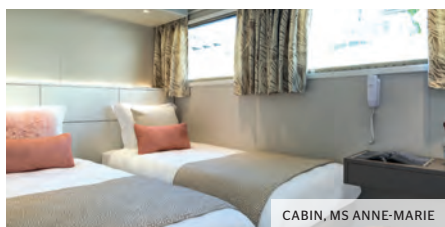


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Alderney Wildlife Trust
 Allen Gardiner River Cruise
 Anglesey Boat Trips
 Bancroft River Cruisers
 Basingstoke Canal
 Bateaux London
 Bay Island Voyages
 Beans Boats
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 Blue Funnel Cruises
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 Caledonian Discovery
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 Dudley Canal Trust
 English Holiday Cruises
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Alderney Wildlife Trust

Boats: *Sula of Braye*

Trips include sailing round the island to view wildlife and the historic forts and bunkers along the coast, or a shorter trip to see puffins and gannets around some of the smaller islets.

There are opportunities to see plenty of other bird life as well as seals later in the summer and we offer occasional trips to the Islet of Casquets with its iconic lighthouse.

All trips are guided by a wildlife or history expert who will provide you with information as you sail and answer any questions about the island and the amazing nature that calls it home.

What else is in the area? Alderney is the third largest Channel Island and close to the harbour you can find some lovely restaurants and a hotel. Up the hill into the town of St Anne there is a museum, guided town tours, cinema, walking guides, pubs, restaurants and much more.



Periods of Operation:..... Apr - Sep
Ticket Price:..... £25
Group Discount:..... No
Pre-Booking Essential:..... No
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... Yes
Disabled Access:..... No
Catering Facilities:..... No
Alcohol Licence:..... No
Coach Parking:..... No
Length of Cruise:..... 1.5 Hours
Number of Stops:..... 0

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Allen Gardiner River Cruise

Boats: *Allen Gardiner*

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3-hour a la Carte Lunch

3-hour a la Carte Supper Cruises.

What else is in the area?

Ipswich Haven Marina

Ipswich town



Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:..... £20
Group Discount:..... No
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... No
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 3 Hours
Number of Stops:..... 0

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Anglesey Boat Trips

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What else is in the area?

Beaumaris is a beautiful historic Edwardian town, castle and jail, right on the coast.



Periods of Operation:..... Mar - Dec
Ticket Price:..... £20
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... Yes
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... No
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 1 Hour
Number of Stops:..... 0

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Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:..... £7
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... Yes
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 45 Mins - 1 Hour
Number of Stops:..... 0

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Basingstoke Canal

Boats: *Rosebud*

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Periods of Operation:..... Mar - Sep
Ticket Price:..... £6
Group Discount:..... No
Pre-Booking Essential:..... No
Guided Commentary:..... No
On-Site Museum:..... Yes
Disabled Access:..... No
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... No
Coach Parking:..... No
Length of Cruise:..... 2.5 Hours
Number of Stops:..... 0

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What else is in the area?

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Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:..... £35
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... Yes
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
Coach Parking:..... No
Length of Cruise:..... 1-2 Hours
Number of Stops:..... 0

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With a variety of trips run on a daily basis we really do have something for everyone.



Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:..... Varies
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... No
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... No
Catering Facilities:..... No
Alcohol Licence:..... No
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 2 Hours
Number of Stops:..... 0

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Boats: *Seafarer, Sea Trout, Sarah Jane*

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We spend time getting in close and turning to allow plenty of opportunity for photos. Inquisitive seals also frequently pop out around the boat.



Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:..... N/A
Group Discount:..... No
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... No
Catering Facilities:..... No
Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 3 Hours
Number of Stops:..... 0

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Blackwater Boats

Boats: *Blackwater Dawn*

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Blackwater Dawn is a widebeam boat with a covered foredeck that seats up to 12 persons. Trips and charters throughout the summer including Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Our speciality is private charters - ideal for that special day out or perhaps a celebration. Children welcome and participation with operation of the traditional locks is encouraged.



Periods of Operation:..... Mar - Sep
Ticket Price:..... £5.50
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... No
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... Yes
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... No
Coach Parking:..... Drop off
Length of Cruise:..... 1 Hour
Number of Stops:..... 0

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Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:..... £8
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... Yes
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 1-6 Hours
Number of Stops:..... Varies

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Broads Tours

Boats: *Queen of the Broads, Belle of the Broads, Vintage Broadsman, Cordon Rouge*

There is no better way to experience the Broads National Park than with Broads Tours' award-winning river trips. Conveniently located in the 'capital of the Broads' – Wroxham – and with ample free coach parking, Broads Tours run regular double-decker boat trips enabling your guests to enjoy the best the Broads has to offer.

Step on board and discover stunning riverside gardens, including the former holiday home of George Formby, wooded rivers and beautiful Broads. The trip is a nature lovers dream as an expert skipper will teach you about the wonderful Broads environment, which is home to 25% of all of Britain's rarest wildlife, and help you to spot everything from Great Crested Grebes, to Marsh Harriers and Kingfishers.

History and heritage buffs will enjoy learning about everything from the origin of the Broads as medieval peat diggings, to thatching and our unique old sailing barges – Wherries. The trip is ideal for those with restricted mobility as there is wheelchair access plus good onboard toilet facilities and a licensed bar serving hot and cold drinks with snacks.



Periods of Operation:..... Apr - Oct
Ticket Price:..... £8.50+
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... Yes
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 1-2 Hours
Number of Stops:..... 0

The Bridge, Wroxham, Norwich, Norfolk, NR12 8RX
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Caledonian Discovery

Boats: *Ros Crana, Fingal of Caledonia*

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Guests have the option to enjoy an exhilarating day of cycling or walking the Great Glen, canoeing on Loch Ness, perhaps experiencing the very best of Scottish wildlife up close, or relaxing and enjoying the spectacular world pass by. At the end of the day they get together for a home-cooked meal on board using only the freshest ingredients, share stories of their adventures and make plans for the following day before retiring to their en-suite cabin to prepare for the next day's activities. All activity instruction is provided by the friendly, fully qualified crew.



Periods of Operation:..... Apr - Oct
Ticket Price:.....POA
Group Discount:.....Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
Guided Commentary:.....Yes
On-Site Museum:.....No
Disabled Access:.....No
Catering Facilities:.....No
Alcohol Licence:.....No
Coach Parking:.....No
Length of Cruise:.....4-7 Days
Number of Stops:.....5 or 9

The Slipway, Corpach, Fort William, PH33 7NB

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Canal Cruises of Riley Green

Boats: *Romance*

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The multi-award-winning Canal Boat Cruises is owned and operated by the Yates family and has been delighting passengers both young and old since 2006. There really is something for everyone.



Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:..... £10
Group Discount:.....Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
Guided Commentary:.....Yes
On-Site Museum:.....No
Disabled Access:.....Yes
Catering Facilities:.....Yes
Alcohol Licence:.....Yes
Coach Parking:.....Yes
Length of Cruise:.....1-3 Hours
Number of Stops:.....0

Riley Green Marina, Bolton Road, Hoghton, Preston, SL6 2ED

01254 202967 | info@canalboatcruises.co.uk | www.canalboatcruises.co.uk

Cardiff Boat Tours

Boats: *Princess Katharine*

Princess Katharine is a warm, comfortable water taxi, offering a 30-minute trip between Cardiff Bay and Bute Park in the heart of Cardiff city centre.

Passengers can get off and explore either end or do an hour round-trip from either end. Full recorded commentary, telling the history and sights along the way, is available.

There is also a toilet on board. Family tickets are available.

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Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:..... £4
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... No
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... No
Catering Facilities:..... No
Alcohol Licence:..... No
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 0.5 Hours
Number of Stops:..... 0

Lower Boardwalk, Cardiff Bay, CF10 4PZ

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ChesterBoat

Boats: *The Lady Diana, The Mark Twain, The Jackie*

Set sail on the beautiful River Dee with ChesterBoat, a family-owned cruise operator with over 30 years' experience, delivering first-class experiences to our guests.

Our trips range from Half-Hour and Two-Hour Cruises, taking in Chester's spectacular views and fascinating history, to Party Nights Afloat which are ideal for a night out with a difference.

We also host private charters celebrating weddings, anniversaries, or entertaining corporate guests. We have a fully-stocked bar offering everything from a well-earned cup of tea to a cold glass of fizz. Get in contact for more details.



Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:..... £7.50
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... No
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... Yes
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
Coach Parking:..... Drop Off
Length of Cruise:..... 0.5 - 3 Hours
Number of Stops:..... 0

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City Centre Cruises

Boats: *LS Lowry, Emmeline Pankhurst*

At 12 o'clock we set sail from Castlefield when your meal's first course is served and the captain starts his live commentary, giving interesting and historical facts about the canals and landmarks along the route for groups of up to 50 guests.

Then we arrive at Pomona Lock and the boat is lowered onto the Manchester Ship Canal where we cruise to Salford Quays and the upper reaches of the canal whilst you enjoy the main course.

We then moor up at Salford Quays under The Lowry Footbridge where guests disembark for an hour and a half to explore the Quays. You can visit The Lowry Theatre and Galleries, The Lowry Outlet Mall, The Imperial War Museum - North or perhaps take a stroll around Media City UK – the home of the BBC in the North.

At 3 o'clock we set sail for the return journey to Castlefield, again via Pomona Lock. With background music playing you can then enjoy the homemade dessert followed by tea and coffee.

Arrival back at Castlefield is at 4 o'clock where your coach will be waiting.

Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:..... -
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
Guided Commentary:.....Yes
On-Site Museum:.....No
Disabled Access:..... No
Catering Facilities:.....Yes
Alcohol Licence:.....Yes
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 3-4 Hours
Number of Stops:..... -

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Condor Ferries

Boats: *Condor Liberation*

Enjoy a high-speed ferry service from Poole to the Channel Islands on board *Condor Liberation*. Carrying cars and passengers in speed and comfort, Condor will whisk you to Guernsey in just 3 hours and Jersey in 4½. Cruise from Poole Harbour and enjoy great views of Dorset's Jurassic Coast from the outdoor sun deck.

On board, everyone enjoys pre-allocated seating and the foot passenger luggage allowance is a generous 25kg. If you are on four wheels then just pack your car!

Treat yourself to a hot and tasty, freshly-cooked breakfast and indulge in retail therapy in our Adore duty free shop, which offers famous brands and luxury items at duty free prices.

For those who need to keep connected, high speed Wi-Fi is available throughout the ship and upgrades for faster speeds can be purchased so you never miss a thing. There is also a dedicated Kids Zone on board to keep the little ones entertained.



Periods of Operation:..... Apr - Sep
Ticket Price:..... £33
Group Discount:.....Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
Guided Commentary:.....No
On-Site Museum:.....No
Disabled Access:.....Yes
Catering Facilities:.....Yes
Alcohol Licence:.....Yes
Coach Parking:.....Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 3 Hours
Number of Stops:.....0

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CroisiEurope Cruises

Boats: *Various*

For over 42 years, CroisiEurope has been offering quality cruises at affordable prices onboard its fleet of 56 ships and hotel barges that sail on some of the most beautiful waterways in the world.

Inspired itineraries include iconic favourites such as the canal cruises in France, the Seine, Danube, and Rhine, as well as lesser known rivers such as the Guadalquivir and Guadiana in Spain, the Elbe, the Po and the Sava. CroisiEurope also offers a unique African cruise safari on Lake Kariba combined with a four-day stay in a luxury lodge overlooking the Zambezi and overnights in Johannesburg and Victoria Falls.

Onboard, guests can relax in their light and spacious en-suite cabins or socialise in the stylish panoramic lounges and bars while soaking up the laidback lifestyle. One of the highlights of any cruise is the outstanding cuisine prepared by the onboard culinary team who strive to tempt guests' taste buds with classical favourites and local delicacies paired with a generous selection of wines from each region the ships are sailing through.

On all CroisiEurope cruises, guests will enjoy fascinating excursions with knowledgeable guides with an opportunity to immerse themselves in local culture. While most tours take guests to the must see sights, CroisiEurope also offers options for more active guests.



Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:.....Varies
Group Discount:.....Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
Guided Commentary:.....Yes
On-Site Museum:.....N/A
Disabled Access:.....Yes
Catering Facilities:.....Yes
Alcohol Licence:.....Yes
Coach Parking:.....Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 3 - 21 Days
Number of Stops:.....Various

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Dartmouth Steam Railway & River Boat Company

Boats: *Paddle Steamer Kingswear Castle*

Enjoy a nostalgic cruise along the lower reaches of the River Dart, where the sounds and smells will transport you back in time to an era when these ships were the life blood of the community.

This relaxing tour starts and ends in Dartmouth and passes Bayards Cove, Warfleet Creek, both Dartmouth and Kingswear Castles, Britannia Royal Naval College, Noss boat yard, the quaint village of Dittisham and the Greenway Estate, former home of the late Dame Agatha Christie. The cruise takes approx 1.25hrs.

The paddle steamer *Kingswear Castle* is the last remaining coal-fired paddle steamer in operation in the UK today. She was built in 1924 at Philip & Son of Dartmouth and plied her trade between Totnes and Dartmouth until 1965 (her engines are even older, dating back to 1904, eight years before the sinking of the Titanic).

In her heyday when this impressive ship was the life blood of the river Dart, she could carry almost 500 passengers.



Periods of Operation:..... Jun - Sep
 Ticket Price:..... £11.50
 Group Discount:..... Yes
 Pre-Booking Essential:..... No
 Guided Commentary:..... Yes
 On-Site Museum:..... No
 Disabled Access:..... No
 Catering Facilities:..... No
 Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
 Coach Parking:..... No
 Length of Cruise:..... Varies
 Number of Stops:..... Varies

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Dolphin Spirit Inverness

Boats: *Dolphin Spirit, Dolphin Mischief*

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The cruiser seats 65 passengers comfortably and is fully accessible for those with limited mobility. We have a heated inside cabin, along with 2 outer deck spaces for maximum viewing opportunities.

The trips run at 10am, 12 noon, 2pm and 4pm daily throughout the season, with live commentary on all trips. We may see dolphins, seals and otters on each trip along with a variety of sea birds, however sightings cannot be guaranteed.

We offer a generous discount of 25% for group bookings with a minimum of 10 passengers, and booking ahead is recommended for large groups to avoid disappointment.



Periods of Operation:..... Mar - Oct
Ticket Price:..... £18.50
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... No
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... Yes
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... No
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 1 Hour
Number of Stops:..... 0

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Dudley Canal Trust

Boats: *Electra*

Embark on this spectacular 6-hour voyage aboard our open-topped boat *Electra* and you'll enjoy a fascinating tour right through the heart of the Black Country, taking in both the Dudley and Netherton Tunnels.

It's an incredible odyssey right through the Black Country, introducing visitors to the area's magnificent feats of waterway engineering, enticing natural beauty and its historic industrial landscape.

Our knowledgeable Skippers will guide you around the area, pointing out areas of interest and regaling you with Black Country stories. Please bring a packed lunch and drinks, though our café the Gongoozler (named after the term for someone who likes to sit and watch canal life) will be open prior to departure for you to enjoy a breakfast or buy hot drinks and snacks. Picnics can be prepared with advance bookings.

Please note the Skipper reserves the right to reverse the journey route, this will not affect your experience in any way.



Periods of Operation:..... Mar - Oct
Ticket Price:..... £19
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... Yes
Disabled Access:..... No
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... No
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 6 Hours
Number of Stops:..... 1

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Periods of Operation:..... Apr - Oct
Ticket Price:.....£275
Group Discount:.....Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
Guided Commentary:.....Yes
On-Site Museum:.....Yes
Disabled Access:.....No
Catering Facilities:.....Yes
Alcohol Licence:.....Yes
Coach Parking:.....Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 3-7 Days
Number of Stops:..... 3-7

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Essex Waterways - Chelmer Cruises

Boats: *Victoria, Albert, Blackwater Dawn*

Victoria

Victoria operates private cruises from above the lock at Paper Mill. We offer a minimum of 2 hours with catering options and a licensed bar for up to 43 people. There is disabled access and facilities on-board. The cruise includes passage through the lock.

Albert

Albert also operates private hire cruises from below the lock at Paper Mill. We offer a minimum of 2 hours with catering options, tea/coffee and soft drinks for up to 12 people. There is disabled access and facilities on-board. The cruise includes passage through a lock.

Blackwater Dawn

Blackwater Dawn operates public trips from Heybridge Basin. The trips will be approximately 1 hour with a capacity of up to 12 people.



Periods of Operation:..... Apr - Oct
Ticket Price:..... Various
Group Discount:..... No
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... No
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... Yes
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
Coach Parking:..... No
Length of Cruise:..... 2-4 Hours
Number of Stops:..... 0

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Forth Boat Tours

Boats: *Various*

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The Blackness Castle, Three Bridges Cruise includes a complimentary cream tea and operates all year round. During the month of December, we offer mince pies and mulled wine. Take in views of Blackness Castle, the ship that never sails and which is featured in the TV series *Outlander*, and the films *Outlaw King* and *Mary Queen of Scots*. There are also views of Limekilns village, mentioned in Robert Louis Stevenson's *Kidnapped*. You will also see the Three Bridges as you have never seen them before.



Periods of Operation:..... -
Ticket Price:..... Various
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... Yes
Catering Facilities:..... No
Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 90 Mins
Number of Stops:..... -

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Foxton Canal Museum

Boats: N/A

The Foxton Canal Museum is a fantastic interactive space for canal enthusiasts, families and anyone who wants to find out more about the amazing history of Foxton Locks. Located in the beautiful countryside of Leicestershire by the listed Foxton Locks and Scheduled Ancient Monument, the Inclined Plane Boat Lift, the museum tells the story of the pioneering lift, the history of locks and the tales of the people who lived and worked on the canals. Visitors can gain an understanding and appreciation of the incredible piece of Victorian engineering, through animation and an interactive boiler game as well as informative videos, interpretation boards and artefacts.

The museum also hosts temporary exhibitions twice a year relating to different aspects of the waterways from the art of the canals to the design and engineering of it.

Groups can enjoy a site tour and museum visit and then go on a boat trip from the bottom of the locks up the Grand Union Canal towards Leicester.



Periods of Operation:..... Feb - Dec
 Ticket Price:..... £3
 Group Discount:..... Yes
 Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
 Guided Commentary:..... Yes
 On-Site Museum:..... Yes
 Disabled Access:..... Yes
 Catering Facilities:..... No
 Alcohol Licence:..... No
 Coach Parking:..... Yes
 Length of Cruise:..... -
 Number of Stops:..... -

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Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
 Ticket Price:..... N/A
 Group Discount:..... Yes
 Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
 Guided Commentary:..... No
 On-Site Museum:..... No
 Disabled Access:..... Yes
 Catering Facilities:..... Yes
 Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
 Coach Parking:..... No
 Length of Cruise:..... Varies
 Number of Stops:..... Varies

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Fred.Olsen River Cruises

Boats: *Brabant*

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Periods of Operation:..... Apr - Oct
 Ticket Price:..... N/A
 Group Discount:..... Yes
 Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
 Guided Commentary:..... No
 On-Site Museum:..... No
 Disabled Access:..... No
 Catering Facilities:..... Yes
 Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
 Coach Parking:..... No
 Length of Cruise:..... 5+ Nights
 Number of Stops:..... Varies

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French Brothers Ltd

Boats: *Various including modern and steam vessels*

Established in 1978 as a family run passenger boat company, French Brothers continue today as a family run operation on the upper Thames with public, group and private sailings. Their fleet of sixteen craft can be seen cruising from the birthplace of democracy Runnymede, home of the signing of the Magna Carta through historic Windsor, still revelling in its Royal Wedding festivity, onto Maidenhead, home to the famous millionaires row and Isambard Kingdom Brunel's sounding arch; a quieter stretch of the river, which attracts travellers looking to get away from a neighbouring and more lively cousin. French Brothers never lose sight of the finest detail priding themselves on customer satisfaction with a cruise to suit all tastes.

With 2 hour and 40 minute cruises running frequently from The Windsor Promenade, fantastic views of the castle and beyond are readily available, making it easy for people to experience the best view in town from the river even if they are on a restricted time schedule. Cream Tea Hampers are available as an online exclusive for the longer sailings.

French Brothers offer a full range of sailings from departure points at Windsor, Runnymede and Maidenhead. Especially for groups are our intimate 2 hour lunch and tea cruises leaving from Runnymede, Windsor, and Maidenhead. Served on china, groups can dine in our comfortable lower saloon with a choice of Ploughmans or shepherds pie for a lunch option whereas the cream tea includes a selection of finger sandwiches, teacakes and scones.



Periods of Operation:..... Apr - Sep
 Ticket Price:..... N/A
 Group Discount:..... Yes
 Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
 Guided Commentary:..... Yes
 On-Site Museum:..... No
 Disabled Access:..... Yes
 Catering Facilities:..... Yes
 Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
 Coach Parking:..... Yes
 Length of Cruise:..... N/A
 Number of Stops:..... 3

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Grove Ferry River Trips

Boats: *The Ellen Mary*

Launched in March 2010. A green electric powered boat is available for a sedate river cruise along the River Stour in Kent. You will be able to pass through scenic areas of outstanding beauty unreachable by foot or car and get close to local wildlife.

The quiet, electric boat will aid the sighting of many wild birds and animals, permitting close encounters. The *Ellen Mary* is the ideal platform for photographing the area and the wildlife. The boat will seat up to 12 passengers comfortably and is safe for kids.

Why not enjoy a relaxing 1-hour river trip or book for a private voyage? Either way you get close to nature and can glean some of the areas history from the skipper before finally returning to The Grove Pub and Inn - our mooring location.



Periods of Operation:..... Mar - Oct
 Ticket Price:..... £10
 Group Discount:..... No
 Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
 Guided Commentary:..... Yes
 On-Site Museum:..... No
 Disabled Access:..... Varies
 Catering Facilities:..... No
 Alcohol Licence:..... No
 Coach Parking:..... Yes
 Length of Cruise:..... 50 mins
 Number of Stops:..... 0

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Periods of Operation:..... Mar - Sep
Ticket Price:..... £95/50
Group Discount:..... No
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... No
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... No
Coach Parking:..... No
Length of Cruise:..... Varies
Number of Stops:..... 0

Stornoway Harbour, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, HS1 2DF
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Periods of Operation:..... All Year
Ticket Price:..... £16.50
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... No
Guided Commentary:..... No
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... Yes
Catering Facilities:..... No
Alcohol Licence:..... No
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 10 Mins
Number of Stops:..... 2

Quay Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 2HB
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Jet Stream Tours

Boats: *Various including Jacob Marley*

Jacob Marley is the latest addition to our fleet and shares her name with the Ghost of Ebenezer Scrooge from the Charles Dickens book, *A Christmas Carol*. *Jacob Marley* is a Class V and VI passenger vessel capable of carrying 98 persons on the River Medway and Thames.

She is of a catamaran design which ensures that she is stable and has little movement when underway. This makes her ideal for all the family to enjoy being on the water without the worry of getting seasick.

On board we have a bar selling a variety of refreshments, a toilet and large panoramic windows, ideal for sightseeing whatever the weather.

She can accept wheelchairs from Rochester pier, however access to the outside decks and toilet facilities are currently limited. Our operational limits allow us to run all-year round in the River Medway but during the summer we can extend our cruises into the Thames Estuary.



Periods of Operation:..... Mar - Oct
 Ticket Price:..... £10
 Group Discount:.....Yes
 Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
 Guided Commentary:.....Yes
 On-Site Museum:..... N/A
 Disabled Access:.....Yes
 Catering Facilities:.....Yes
 Alcohol Licence:.....Yes
 Coach Parking:..... Yes
 Length of Cruise:.....1 Hour
 Number of Stops:.....0

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John Bunyan Boat

Boats: *John Bunyan*

John Bunyan is a purpose-built passenger boat designed to fit through the locks at Bedford. It carries up to 50 passengers. It has panoramic windows, a disability access lift and a toilet, both of which can take a medium-sized wheelchair.

Up to four wheelchairs can be accommodated per cruise as one wheelchair takes up 4 passenger spaces. There is a fore deck for passengers who wish to enjoy the fresh air and a café/bar service for drinks and snacks. Meals such as fish and chips, ploughman's lunches, cream teas, etc. are available to order (in advance).

The cruise is along the River Great Ouse with lovely views of Bedford Embankment. There are a number of embarkation points which can be arranged to fit in with coach/tour operators' requirements. We can also provide discos, jazz trios, folk bands, singers etc. for your party requirements.



Periods of Operation:..... Apr - Oct
 Ticket Price:..... £12
 Group Discount:..... Yes
 Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
 Guided Commentary:.....Yes
 On-Site Museum:.....No
 Disabled Access:.....Yes
 Catering Facilities:.....Yes
 Alcohol Licence:.....Yes
 Coach Parking:..... Yes
 Length of Cruise:..... 2 Hours
 Number of Stops:.....0

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Jones the Boats

Boats: *Eirlys, Tommy*

Jones the Boats runs hourly public trips from 11am daily across the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, 127 feet above the River Dee. A live commentary brings history to life, enhanced by views up the Dee Valley.

The on board bar serves hot and cold drinks and there is a toilet on board. Groups of over 20 can explore more of the World Heritage Area during trips of 2 hours or more. On our restaurant boat, *Tommy*, a maximum of 20 passengers can enjoy a meal as they travel. The minimum number is 10, but on Sundays we offer a 2-hour cruise with a 2 course roast meal with no minimum number. Booking for this is essential.

In 2018, we introduced a 2-hour trip with an Afternoon Tea on board. This will run on the first Thursday of each month – again, booking is essential. On shore, we have a car park, picnic area, café and toilets.



Periods of Operation:..... Mar - Oct
 Ticket Price:..... £7.50
 Group Discount:..... Yes
 Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
 Guided Commentary:..... Yes
 On-Site Museum:..... Yes
 Disabled Access:..... Yes
 Catering Facilities:..... Yes
 Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
 Coach Parking:..... Yes
 Length of Cruise:..... 45 mins
 Number of Stops:..... 0

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Kentish Lady Hire Cruisers

Boats: *Kentish Lady*

The *Kentish Lady* river boat offers a unique experience of the River Medway from 1-hour daytime trips to 3-hour day or evening cruises and with its fully licensed bar is also the perfect setting for a private charter to cater for wedding receptions, parties and special events.

The single-deck catamaran river boat weaves its way through Maidstone where history is around every corner. The best way to see the sights and splendour of the magnificent countryside is through the boat's huge glass windows in the comfort of your own seat or outside on the front or rear decks.

One-hour or three-hour cruises available. Private Charter also possible - bespoke packages for wedding receptions and special occasions including buffet and DJ entertainment. New for 2019 there is a boat trip offering a unique and exclusive visit to Allington Castle.



Periods of Operation:..... Apr - Oct
 Ticket Price:..... N/A
 Group Discount:..... No
 Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
 Guided Commentary:..... Yes
 On-Site Museum:..... No
 Disabled Access:..... Yes
 Catering Facilities:..... Yes
 Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
 Coach Parking:..... Yes
 Length of Cruise:..... 1-3 Hours
 Number of Stops:..... Varies

Undercliffe Boathouse, Bishops Way, Maidstone ME15 6XG
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Lady Florence River Cruise

Boats: *Lady Florence*

Lady Florence River Cruise Restaurant provides a unique and exciting dining experience. Serving wholesome food and drinks, freshly prepared on board. Informative commentary given throughout the cruise. Available for private charter, or individuals may book independently sharing with other passengers. Operates all-year round, with a cosy coal fire in winter.

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What else is in the area?

Orford Castle
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Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:..... £20
Group Discount:..... No
Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
Guided Commentary:.....Yes
On-Site Museum:.....No
Disabled Access:.....No
Catering Facilities:.....Yes
Alcohol Licence:.....Yes
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 3 Hours
Number of Stops:.....0

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Lagan Boat Company NI Ltd

Boats: *The Mona, The Joyce Too*

The Lagan Boat Company have operated for 21 years on the River Lagan and Belfast Harbour, specializing during the summer in daily Titanic Harbour Boat Tours at 12.30, 2.00 and 3.30pm, and in the winter Saturday and Sunday at 12.30 and 2.00pm (weather permitting). The cruises pass by the Titanic Quarter where the former Harland & Wolff Works were once located, the tour continues round into the Musgrave Channel to see Belfast's large breeding seal colony. This illustrates the changes with the Harbour from its industrial heritage to a vibrant area where locals and tourists visit. We also hire the boats out for private tours and parties can be arranged for up to 60 people.

The Mona is an original wooden passenger vessel from the South of England, previously known as the "Cornish Belle" with 2 outside decks and an enclosed and heated salon with toilet facilities on board. This boat is wheelchair accessible. She is insured and MCA licensed to carry 78 passengers and this popular vessel is ideal for views of the Harbour.

The Joyce Too is the ideal boat for groups and parties as she is all at one level with a large table in the centre and the blinds are rolled up if the weather is good to allow the fresh air in. Insured and Licensed by the MCA to carry 58 passengers.



Periods of Operation:..... All Year
Ticket Price:..... £12
Group Discount:..... No
Pre-Booking Essential:..... No
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... Yes
Disabled Access:..... Yes
Catering Facilities:..... No
Alcohol Licence:..... No
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 60 - 70 Mins
Number of Stops:..... 0

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Loch Katrine

Boats: *Steamship Sir Walter Scott*

Loch Katrine has two cruise ships to take you on the beautiful Loch, to admire the amazing landscape which changes from season to season. All you have to do is decide, based on your available time, which route interests you most or which ship you would like to experience.

The 118-year old Steamship *Sir Walter Scott* still plies the waters of Loch Katrine to this day. The vessel is powered by its original Matthew Paul Triple expansion engine which passengers can view through the open engine covers. Many of the ship's original features are still fitted and used every day. It is the very last of its kind in regular passenger service in Scotland.

Loch Katrine is one of Scotland's hidden gems. You can use our cruise vessels to take you onto the loch to admire the amazing landscape which changes from season to season.



Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:..... £14
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... Yes
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 1 Hour
Number of Stops:..... 0

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Loch Lomond Boating Holidays

Boats: *Aries*

Aries is a Linssen GS 36.9AC all steel luxurious motor yacht (36ft). It is designed and built by the renowned Dutch boat builders, Linssen, to provide great comfort and maximum utilisation of space.

The two comfortable cabins, one forward and one aft, each have their own en-suite facilities, so can accommodate up to four guests. However, the salon, which is between the two cabins, has a sofa that can be converted to an additional double bed. The cabins and dining/salon areas are beautifully furnished to reflect local Scottish heritage and influences and the galley is comprehensively equipped.

The aft deck area offers alfresco enjoyment but does have a canopy to provide complete enclosure and protection should it be necessary! *Aries* is equipped with an autopilot, navigation plotter and a cabin heater and air conditioning. It also has an anchor so, with its own tender in support, it is possible to anchor amongst the 22 islands around Loch Lomond and go ashore to explore these unspoilt locations.



Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:.....Varies
Group Discount:.....No
Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
Guided Commentary:.....Yes
On-Site Museum:.....No
Disabled Access:.....No
Catering Facilities:.....Yes
Alcohol Licence:.....N/A
Coach Parking:.....Yes
Length of Cruise:.....Varies
Number of Stops:.....Varies

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London Canal Museum

Boats: *N/A*

This is a museum, not a boat, but boats play a big part, as you would expect! See inside the cabin of the narrowboat *Coronis*, and learn how people lived in the days when whole families lived afloat in tiny cabins. On selected Thursdays and Sundays in 2019, there are tunnel boat trips through London's longest canal tunnel, with a commentary on board. On other days you can charter your own boat for your group. The museum tells the story of London's canals and also of the Victorian ice trade. Ice was imported in bulk from Norway and stored underground in circular wells, one of which you can see from the museum.

Tunnel boat trips carry just 12 at a time but groups can be split between trips. These trips should be booked in advance – you can book on the museum website. If a boat trip is not an option, the museum can provide pre-booked guides to take you on a walking tour along the towpath as an add-on to your visit. Groups of 20 or more are given an introductory talk and all groups can order tea, coffee and biscuits. The museum is not only close to water but also to numerous cafes and restaurants so lunch won't be a problem.



Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:.....£5
Group Discount:.....Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:.....No
Guided Commentary:.....Yes
On-Site Museum:.....Yes
Disabled Access:.....Yes
Catering Facilities:.....No
Alcohol Licence:.....No
Coach Parking:.....No
Length of Cruise:.....50m
Number of Stops:.....0

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MBNA Thames Clippers

Boats: *Various*

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Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
 Ticket Price:.....Varies
 Group Discount:.....Yes
 Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
 Guided Commentary:.....No
 On-Site Museum:.....No
 Disabled Access:.....Yes
 Catering Facilities:.....No
 Alcohol Licence:.....Yes
 Coach Parking:.....Yes
 Length of Cruise:..... 1 Hour
 Number of Stops:..... 22

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Nantwich Canal Centre

Boats: *Jus-Today*

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What else is nearby?

Historic town of Nantwich



Periods of Operation:..... Apr - Oct
 Ticket Price:..... £110
 Group Discount:..... No
 Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
 Guided Commentary:.....Yes
 On-Site Museum:.....Yes
 Disabled Access:.....Yes
 Catering Facilities:.....Yes
 Alcohol Licence:..... No
 Coach Parking:.....Yes
 Length of Cruise:..... 8 Hours
 Number of Stops:..... N/A

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Periods of Operation:..... Apr - Oct
Ticket Price:.....Varies
Group Discount:..... No
Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
Guided Commentary:..... No
On-Site Museum:.....No
Disabled Access:.....No
Catering Facilities:.....Yes
Alcohol Licence:.....No
Coach Parking:..... No
Length of Cruise:.....Varies
Number of Stops:.....Varies

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Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
 Ticket Price:.....Varies
 Group Discount:.....Yes
 Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
 Guided Commentary:.....Yes
 On-Site Museum:.....No
 Disabled Access:.....Yes
 Catering Facilities:.....Yes
 Alcohol Licence:.....Yes
 Coach Parking:..... Free
 Length of Cruise:..... 1 Hour
 Number of Stops:.....0

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Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
 Ticket Price:..... £10
 Group Discount:..... Yes
 Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
 Guided Commentary:.....Yes
 On-Site Museum:..... No
 Disabled Access:.....Yes
 Catering Facilities:.....Yes
 Alcohol Licence:.....Yes
 Coach Parking:..... Yes
 Length of Cruise:..... 3 Hours
 Number of Stops:.....0

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Periods of Operation:.....Feb-Dec
Ticket Price:.....£19
Group Discount:.....Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... No
Guided Commentary:.....Yes
On-Site Museum:.....No
Disabled Access:.....Yes
Catering Facilities:.....No
Alcohol Licence:.....Yes
Coach Parking:..... No
Length of Cruise:..... 50 Mins
Number of Stops:.....0

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Sabrina Boat

Boats: *Sabrina*

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Periods of Operation:..... Mar - Oct
Ticket Price:..... £8
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
Guided Commentary:.....Yes
On-Site Museum:.....No
Disabled Access:.....Yes
Catering Facilities:.....No
Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
Coach Parking:.....Yes
Length of Cruise:.....45 Mins
Number of Stops:..... 1

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Seasearcher Boat Trips

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Sightseeing trips operate, weather permitting, from 12 noon daily during school holidays and weekends from Easter to the end of September.



Periods of Operation:..... Mar - Sep
Ticket Price:.....Varies
Group Discount:.....Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
Guided Commentary:.....Yes
On-Site Museum:.....No
Disabled Access:.....Yes
Catering Facilities:.....Yes
Alcohol Licence:.....No
Coach Parking:.....No
Length of Cruise:.....1-3 Hours
Number of Stops:.....0

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Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:.....£4.50+
Group Discount:.....Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
Guided Commentary:.....No
On-Site Museum:.....No
Disabled Access:.....Yes
Catering Facilities:.....No
Alcohol Licence:.....No
Coach Parking:.....No
Length of Cruise:.....20 Mins
Number of Stops:.....1

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Skipton Boat Trips

Boats: *The Cobbydale*

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Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
 Ticket Price:..... £8
 Group Discount:..... Yes
 Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
 Guided Commentary:..... Yes
 On-Site Museum:..... No
 Disabled Access:..... Yes
 Catering Facilities:..... Yes
 Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
 Coach Parking:..... No
 Length of Cruise:..... 1 Hour
 Number of Stops:..... 0

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Periods of Operation:.....Mar-Aug
Ticket Price:.....£29
Group Discount:.....Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
Guided Commentary:.....Yes
On-Site Museum:.....No
Disabled Access:.....Yes
Catering Facilities:.....Yes
Alcohol Licence:.....No
Coach Parking:.....No
Length of Cruise:.....1-3 Hours
Number of Stops:.....0

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Periods of Operation:.....Apr - Oct
Ticket Price:.....Varies
Group Discount:.....No
Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
Guided Commentary:.....No
On-Site Museum:.....No
Disabled Access:.....No
Catering Facilities:.....Yes
Alcohol Licence:.....No
Coach Parking:.....No
Length of Cruise:.....1-5 Days
Number of Stops:.....Varies

Dunbeg, Oban, Argyll, PA37 1PX

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Steam Yacht Gondola

Boats: *Steam Yacht Gondola*

Gondola was rebuilt from the original 1859 *Gondola* in the late 70s – originally an add-on for tourists on the Furness Railway line. Passengers can enjoy the nostalgia of a steam-driven cruise as the Victorians once did.

Gondola's carriages reflect the design of the railway carriages of the era with a plush first class saloon and modest third class. *Gondola* cuts silently through the water with the majestic figurehead of Sid the golden sea serpent at the bow of her streamlined hull.

You can watch the steam engine in action at close quarters, explore the boat and listen to the crew's commentary on her long history on the lake and her close association with Swallows and Amazons.

Hop off at various jetties around the lake and combine your cruise with a wonderful Lakeland walk or disembark at Brantwood House and visit the historic home of John Ruskin.



Periods of Operation:..... Mar - Oct
Ticket Price:..... £12
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... No
Catering Facilities:..... No
Alcohol Licence:..... No
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 45 Mins
Number of Stops:..... 1-4

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Steamship Shieldhall

Boats: *SS Shieldhall*

SS Shieldhall is a heritage cargo / passenger steamship included in the National Historic Fleet, based in Southampton and operated by a team of dedicated volunteers.

Launched on the Clyde in 1955, she was built on classic lines and retains her original machinery and traditional wheelhouse. Withdrawal from commercial service in 1985, she was purchased by charity The Solent Steam Packet Limited which continues to operate *Shieldhall* today. It's access all areas on board *Shieldhall*! As part of your cruise, see *Shieldhall's* impressive engine room with its original steam engines at work and the bridge, with its traditional instruments and gleaming brasswork; admire the ship's steam assisted steering gear (similar to that used on *Titanic*); talk to the captain and her crew; listen to the commentary of the sights of Southampton Water and The Solent; pass close to the Great Ocean Liners and container ships; walk the teak decks; enjoy some deck games; relax in the Saloon with a wide range of refreshments including tea/coffee, real ale, a range of *Titanic* Ales, wine, ice cream and hot and cold food, available on all trips. Children will have fun with an interactive *Shieldhall* Passport, collecting stickers from various stations on board!

Enjoy the cruising style of yesterday, as it used to be – today!



Periods of Operation:..... May-Sep
Ticket Price:..... £5 - £25
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... Limited
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 2-4 Hours
Number of Stops:..... 1

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Stuart Line Cruises

Boats: *Pride of Exmouth, Tudor Rose*

Pride of Exmouth

Our flagship vessel, *The Pride of Exmouth*, was purpose-built for Stuart Line Cruises in 2003 and The River Exe has been her home ever since. With her license allowing her to cruise along the Devon coastlines, she can be spotted sailing along the Jurassic Coast, as well as along the South Devon coastline as far as Torquay and Brixham, where she ventures every Thursday during the Summer months.

Tudor Rose

Originally built on the River Thames in London, she has been operating here on The River Exe with us since 1990. Most commonly, she can be spotted along the Exe Estuary operating our 'River Exe' and 'Round Robin' cruises, making easy work of ambling all the way up the River to Topsham, when the tides allow.



Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
 Ticket Price:..... From £7.50
 Group Discount:.....Yes
 Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
 Guided Commentary:.....Yes
 On-Site Museum:.....No
 Disabled Access:.....Yes
 Catering Facilities:.....Yes
 Alcohol Licence:.....Yes
 Coach Parking:.....Yes
 Length of Cruise:.....Varies
 Number of Stops:.....Varies

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Thames Rivercruise

Boats: *Caversham Princess, Devon Belle, Princess Marina*

Thames Rivercruise operates multiple boats on the mid and upper Thames. The *Caversham Princess* is the flagship, comfortably accommodating 120 people. She is multi-decked with a full bar and galley on board - the perfect venue for larger groups.

The *Caversham Lady* has recently undergone a full re-fit and provides a large single decked platform to view the Thames, with disabled access, a full bar and galley available.

There are two veterans of the fleet, the boutique and stylish *Princess Marina*, fitted to a very high standard for smaller parties, and the Little Ship of Dunkirk - *Devon Belle*.

The *Devon Belle* is a wooden boat, painstakingly brought back into service in 2018. An old lady, she is packed with character (and a bar) and is now very happily cruising the tranquil and beautiful reaches of the Thames.



Periods of Operation:..... Mar - Dec
 Ticket Price:..... £6.50
 Group Discount:.....Yes
 Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
 Guided Commentary:.....Yes
 On-Site Museum:.....No
 Disabled Access:.....No
 Catering Facilities:.....Yes
 Alcohol Licence:.....Yes
 Coach Parking:.....Yes
 Length of Cruise:.....Varies
 Number of Stops:..... Multiple

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Boats: *Various including Nuneham and Streatley*

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In the afternoon you can enjoy a traditional afternoon cream tea as the boat makes its return to Runnymede. Choose either of the single journeys or both for a full return trip. Groups of over 40 have the option to select their own date.



Periods of Operation:	Apr - Sep
Ticket Price:	N/A
Group Discount:	Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:	Yes
Guided Commentary:	Yes
On-Site Museum:	No
Disabled Access:	Yes
Catering Facilities:	Yes
Alcohol Licence:	Yes
Coach Parking:	Yes
Length of Cruise:	N/A
Number of Stops:	3

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Tonbridge River Trips

Boats: *Enid May*

Launched in April 2015. A new, green, electric powered boat is available for a sedate river cruise on the River Medway from Tonbridge in Kent. The river trips are available from the Big Bridge. The electric launch *Enid May* will run trips in the Tonbridge area and is the ideal platform for photographing the area and the wildlife.

The boat will seat up to 12 passengers comfortably and is safe for kids. Why not enjoy a relaxing 50-minute river trip or book for a private voyage? Either way you get close to nature and can glean some of the area's history from the skipper before finally returning to your starting point by the castle.

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Periods of Operation:..... Mar - Oct
Ticket Price:..... £10
Group Discount:..... No
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... Varies
Catering Facilities:..... No
Alcohol Licence:..... No
Coach Parking:..... No
Length of Cruise:..... 50 Mins
Number of Stops:..... 0

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Top Sail Charters

Boats: *Hydrogen, Thistle*

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A commentary isn't provided as guests usually prefer to enjoy the tranquility of the river, but handouts are given with points of interest en route and the crew are always very happy to answer questions.



Periods of Operation:..... Mar - Dec
Ticket Price:..... £23
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... No
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... No
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
Coach Parking:..... No
Length of Cruise:..... 2-4Hours
Number of Stops:..... 0

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Boats: N/A

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Periods of Operation:.....Varies
Ticket Price:.....Varies
Group Discount:.....Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
Guided Commentary:.....Varies
On-Site Museum:.....Varies
Disabled Access:.....Varies
Catering Facilities:.....Varies
Alcohol Licence:.....Varies
Coach Parking:.....Varies
Length of Cruise:.....N/A
Number of Stops:.....N/A

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Trent River Cruises

Boats: *The Trent Lady, The Nottingham Crusader*

Trent River Cruises are the proud operators of *The Trent Lady* and *The Nottingham Crusader* riverboats, sailing on the River Trent in Nottingham. We offer a range of different cruise packages, including Sightseeing Cruises, Afternoon Tea, Traditional Roast Dinner or Sunday Carvery Cruises, Murder Mystery Cruises, Disco Party Cruises, Hen Party Cruises, Corporate Events, Cruises for Tour Operators, Christmas Cruises and much, much more.

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Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:..... £10
Group Discount:.....Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:.....Yes
Guided Commentary:.....Yes
On-Site Museum:.....No
Disabled Access:.....Yes
Catering Facilities:.....Yes
Alcohol Licence:.....Yes
Coach Parking:.....Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 3 Hours
Number of Stops:.....0

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Ullswater 'Steamers'

Boats: *Lady of the Lake, Raven, Western Belle, Lady Dorothy, Lady Wakefield*

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Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Jan
Ticket Price:..... £11
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... No
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... Yes
Catering Facilities:..... No
Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 140 Mins
Number of Stops:..... 4

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Boats: *Wiggonholt*

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Periods of Operation:..... Apr - Oct
Ticket Price:..... £6-12
Group Discount:..... No
Pre-Booking Essential:..... No
Guided Commentary:..... No
On-Site Museum:..... Yes
Disabled Access:..... Yes
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... No
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... Varies
Number of Stops:..... 0

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Boats: *Various*

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Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:..... £14.48
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... No
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... Yes
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... Varies
Number of Stops:..... Varies

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Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:..... £9
Group Discount:..... Yes
Pre-Booking Essential:..... No
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... Yes
Catering Facilities:..... Yes
Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... Varies
Number of Stops:..... Varies

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Windsor & Maidenhead Boat Company

Boats: *The Georgian, Southern Comfort, Pink Champagne*

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Last year saw the arrival of the great detective, Sherlock Homes, for our Murder on the Thames cruise. We have also teamed up with brilliant Darvilles of Windsor to offer loose leaf with our Afternoon Tea Cruises.



Periods of Operation:..... Jan - Dec
Ticket Price:..... N/A
Group Discount:..... No
Pre-Booking Essential:..... Yes
Guided Commentary:..... Yes
On-Site Museum:..... No
Disabled Access:..... No
Catering Facilities:..... No
Alcohol Licence:..... Yes
Coach Parking:..... Yes
Length of Cruise:..... 3 Hours
Number of Stops:..... 0

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