

OUTDOOR TRAVEL

SELF-DRIVE BOATING HOLIDAYS IN EUROPE AND UK 2022

Includes France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Italy, England, Scotland & Ireland

Discover the beauty of the UK and Europe's stunning lakes, rivers and canals and their surrounding villages and countryside from the unique perspective of the sundeck on your private self-drive motor cruiser. Stopping whenever and wherever you want is all part of the fun on a river or canal boat holiday. Enjoy fishing, swimming, visiting ancient castles, playing golf, or biking in the countryside.

Cruise the waterways in comfort, no experience or licence required and a wide choice of self-contained, fully equipped boats to suit everyone's needs. Boat hire is available in all of the most popular destinations in Europe, including France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Ireland and Great Britain. With 17 destinations in 8 countries around Europe and the UK, a self-drive motor cruising holiday is ideal for a couple, a group of friends or a family.

Boat hire cost includes hire of a fully equipped boat, a boat handling demonstration, technical support and on board cruise and tourist information. Cabins have comfortable beds with linen and towels supplied, bathrooms have hot showers, and the galley kitchen is fully equipped with dishes, utensils, cooking pots and more.

OUTDOOR TRAVEL
THE ACTIVE HOLIDAY COMPANY

SELF-DRIVE BOATING HOLIDAYS
IN EUROPE

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Who's on board?

NO LICENCE REQUIRED • NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

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For a **FREE QUOTE** on your European self drive boating holiday or to check availability for your proposed start date and cruise duration, your budget, total number of passengers, preferred number of beds/cabins and the region you wish to cruise:

Call OUTDOOR TRAVEL on 1800 331 582 for details or reservations

SELF-DRIVE BOATING HOLIDAYS - HIRE PRICES 2022

The price list shows the low season price per week (7-nights) – call us for a quote for the week you are cruising.

Prices in AU\$		Usual start days: Friday / Saturday / Sunday / Monday (unless a Short Break or a Long Hire)		
Sleeps	Category	Boat	Hire cost per boat per week, from...	Countries where boats are available (See brochure for more details)
10+	Comfort	Grand Classique (10+2)	\$3,419	France, Holland & Germany
10+	Premier	Horizon5 (10+2)	\$4,905	France, Holland & Germany
8+	Comfort	Magnifique (8+2)	\$2,999	All countries
8+	Premier	Horizon4 (8+1)	\$4,709	France, Holland, Germany & England
8+	Premier	Horizon4 Plus (8+1)	\$5,989	France, Holland, Germany & England
8+	Comfort Plus	Vision4 (8+1)	\$3,739	France, Holland, Germany & Ireland
8+	Comfort Plus	Vision4 SL (8+1)	\$3,989	France & Germany
8+	Budget	Classique Star (8+2)	\$2,699	France, Holland, Germany, Italy & England
8+	Budget	Classique (8)	\$2,479	All countries
8+	Comfort	Salsa A (8+2)	\$2,839	France & Italy
8+	Comfort	Salsa B (8+4)	\$3,079	France
6+	Comfort Plus	Mystique (6+2)	\$3,819	France, Germany, Italy & England
6+	Comfort Plus	Vision3 (6+3)	\$3,409	France, Holland, Germany, Belgium, Italy & Ireland
6+	Comfort Plus	Vision3 SL (6+4)	\$3,719	France, Germany & Ireland
6+	Comfort Plus	Vision3 Master (6+1)	\$3,719	France
6+	Premier	Horizon3 (6+1)	\$4,019	France, Germany & Ireland
6+	Comfort	Calypso (6+2)	\$2,879	France & England
6+	Comfort	Royal Classique (6)	\$2,779	France, Holland & Germany
6+	Comfort	Elegance (6)	\$2,569	All countries
6+	Budget	Continentale (6)	\$2,479	France, Belgium, Italy & England
6+	Budget	Crusader (6)	\$2,159	All countries, except Belgium
4+	Comfort Plus	Vision2 (4+2)	\$3,699	France
4+	Comfort Plus	Royal Mystique A (4+2)	\$3,089	All countries, except Scotland
4+	Comfort Plus	Royal Mystique B (4+2)	\$3,879	All countries, except Scotland
4+	Premier	Horizon2 (4+1)	\$2,769	France, Holland & Ireland
4+	Comfort	Clipper (4+2)	\$2,189	All countries, except Belgium & England
4+	Comfort	Tango (4+2)	\$2,379	France & England
4+	Comfort	Caprice (4+2)	\$2,109	All countries
4+	Budget	Countess (4+2)	\$1,899	France, Holland, Belgium, Scotland & England
4+	Budget	Consul (4)	\$1,689	France, Germany, Scotland, Ireland & England
4+	Budget	Corvette A (4)	\$1,689	France, Belgium, Italy & Ireland
4+	Budget	Corvette B (4)	\$1,719	France & Ireland
2+	Premier	Horizon 1(2+3)	\$2,469	France, Holland, Germany, Italy, Ireland & England
2+	Budget	Cirrus A (2+2)	\$1,519	France
2+	Budget	Cirrus B (2+2)	\$1,339	France, Holland, Germany & Belgium
2+	Budget	Capri TS (2+1)	\$1,179	France & England
2+	Budget	Sheba (3+2)	\$1,419	France, Holland & Belgium

* As a general rule, boat hire is cheaper either earlier or later in the cruising season, which starts in March and ends in October. Boat hire increases in cost the closer you get to the European Summer season, which is July and August.

Boats may not be available at every base or country. See the brochure for details of your preferred boat and base.

SHORT BREAKS (& LONG HIRES): All our return cruises are suitable for 3, 4 or 5 night short breaks, or you can choose one of the specific itineraries outlined in the brochure. Short breaks can be booked in advance during low and mid-season. Longer cruises of 10 or 11 days, 2 weeks and more can also be booked subject to availability and are recommended for routes such as the Canal du Midi. Ask for more details.

DISCOUNTS & SPECIAL OFFERS: Contact us for boat availability as well as current discounts and special offers.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE COST OF YOUR HOLIDAY

YOUR BOAT HIRE INCLUDES:

- Fully Equipped Boat
- Towels and Linen for each person (not beach towels)
- Boat Handling Demonstration
- Technical Support seven days a week
- On board Cruising Information, Maps

YOUR BOAT HIRE DOESN'T INCLUDE:

- One Way Fee
- Fuel, Gas, Engine Wear and Tear or Fuel Deposit
- Damage Waiver (CDW) or Security Deposit
- Compulsory or Optional Extras
- Travel to/from the base
- Personal Travel Insurance

COMPULSORY EXTRAS – Not included in your boat hire, but must be paid:

PRE-PAID IN AUSTRALIA – IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS, WITH YOUR BOAT HIRE BOOKING		
One-way supplement	\$100 - \$400	Supplement for starting at one base and ending at another. The cost is dependent on route and cruise direction.
Non refundable collision damage waiver (CDW) The CDW is an optional, non-refundable cost which will reduce the refundable Security Deposit amount which is paid at the base on boat pick-up.	\$34 - \$68 per day, in France \$36 - \$77 per day, in other countries	The CDW is either pre-paid when you make your booking. Or you can purchase the CDW locally and pay in local currency. It is highly recommended but is not compulsory. The cost is dependent on type of boat, location and duration of cruise. If you purchase the CDW in advance this will be added to your booking and you will be provided with the cost of purchasing the CDW during the booking process which will be added to your overall holiday cost. In addition, you will pay a sum of between €250 and €750, depending on the size of your boat, as Security Deposit upon arrival at the Le Boat Base. Please see Terms and Conditions for more details. If you choose not to purchase/pre-pay the CDW then please see below.
Moorings Supplement	From \$140 per week	Compulsory for bookings in Scotland and in Italy (from/to Casale)
PAID LOCALLY – ON ARRIVAL AT THE BOAT BASE		
Security deposit	The Security Deposit is compulsory and is paid on arrival. It is refundable if the boat and/or equipment is returned undamaged, or if there is no accidental damage or injury to third parties. Please see Terms and Conditions for more details. The Security Deposit will be taken prior to embarkation and if you do not pay we reserve the right to cancel your booking without further liability and without any right to a refund and you will not be entitled to continue with the charter. The Security Deposit amount depends on whether you chose to pre-pay the CDW with your booking:	
if CDW was pre-paid: or if CDW was not pre-paid:	From €250 - €750	If you pre-paid the CDW with your booking. Prices dependent on type of boat and duration.
	From €2,250 - €3,250	If you chose not to pre-pay the CDW with your booking. Prices dependent on type of boat and duration.
Engine hour (Fuel) deposit	€150 per short break €275 for 1 week €400 - €500 for longer hires	Before departing on board your boat, you will be asked to leave an engine hour (fuel) deposit (payable locally). Prices dependent on hire duration. The cost of fuel consumption will be calculated at the end of your holiday and either a refund made or the additional balance requested.
Engine hours (Fuel, gas, engine wear and tear)	€7 - €22 per hour	Fuel charges are calculated on a per hour basis (or per litre in Scotland). Ask for details of likely fuel charges based on your planned route and boat size. Your base will advise all fuel charges incurred at the end of your holiday, and they are subject to change.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS – Not included in your boat hire, may be added when booking, at extra cost:

PRE-PAID IN AUSTRALIA – WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR BOOKING		
Bike hire	From \$70	Per bike, for one week. Child bikes also available.
Priority Boarding/Late Check-out	From \$155 each	Subject to operational constraints. Not Vision boats.
WIFI	From \$84 per week	France Only
Cleaning Service	From \$135 - \$245	Dependent on boat size.
BBQ	From \$74 per week	Gas BBQ + 2 gas bottles, subject to availability
Comfort Cushions (Packs of 2)	From \$11 for 2 cushions per week	Pack of 2 outdoor, top deck cushions
Grocery Packs	From \$75 - \$140 per pack	Various types, must be pre-ordered, subject to availability

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Our self drive boats cruise many regions in Europe, including but not limited to popular destinations in France. The waterways of Burgundy, including the Canal du Nivernais and River Yonne, are just two hours south of Paris, and our bases allow a wide range of cruising opportunities with access to charming villages, medieval architecture, rural countryside, acres of vineyards, and the fine wine and cuisine for which Burgundy is famous.

Cruise in Alsace which borders Germany (and indeed has shifted hands between France and Germany many times over the centuries), and offers a uniquely Alsatian mix of French and Germanic culture and influences. Cruising in Alsace offers a choice of canal or river cruising (or both, if time permits) as well as the iconic Arzwiller inclined plane boat lift. Our two bases in Alsace are both conveniently close to Strasbourg.

The Canal du Midi, in the southwest of France, is the best-known of the French waterways; the entire canal, built in the 17th Century, is a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site. A cruise along the Midi is a journey through time, through a region steeped in history, including the fortified city of Carcassonne. Further along the canal is the 'Grand Bief' – a 54-kilometre lock-free stretch of leisurely cruising, flanked by an avenue of plane trees.

Cruising in Autumn offers similar advantages, with cooler weather, quieter towns and beautiful views as the leaf colours begin to change. The region of Aquitaine in France with its history, culture, rich food and renowned wine is particularly delightful at this time of year.

Take advantage of the Spring when the weather is generally mild and pleasant, flowers and trees are in bloom, and tourist attractions lack the overwhelming crowds of the European summer. Cruise in Holland for access to the colourful tulip fields and gardens of the Dutch countryside and some of the largest flower gardens in the world, with millions of tulips, daffodils, hyacinth and other flowers.

Outdoor Travel can help you plan a unique self drive boat holiday that you will remember for a lifetime.

Contact Outdoor Travel for more details and reservations:

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