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HOTEL BARGING, BOATING, NARROWBOATS IN THE UK & EUROPE + **LOW COST EUROPE FARES**

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EUROPEAN SELF-SKIPPERED MOTOR CRUISING HOLIDAYS

EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNTS FOR 2017 *

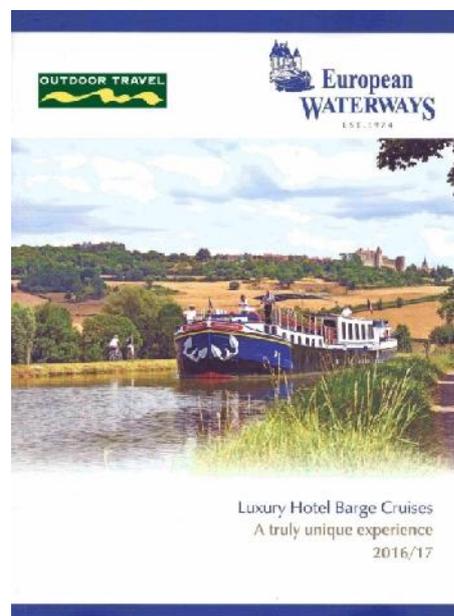
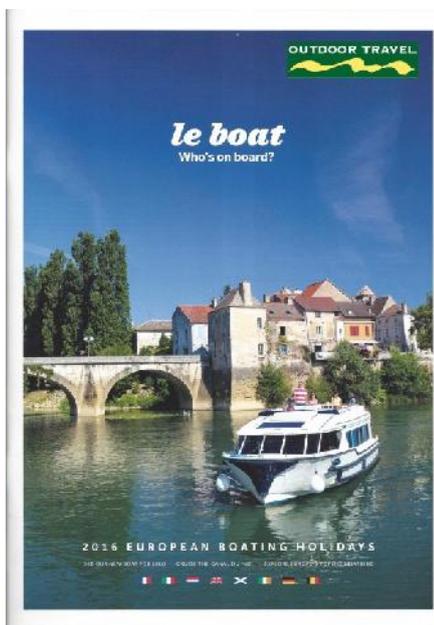
Early-bird discounts from boating holiday specialists Outdoor Travel offer savings of up to 15%* on self-skippered motor cruising along the canals and rivers of Europe and the UK in 2017, for all NEW bookings made before **31st August 2016**.

Discover the beauty of stunning lakes, tranquil rivers and canals, quaint villages and rural countryside from the unique perspective of the motor cruiser sundeck. Stopping whenever and wherever you choose to picnic, explore or take a bike ride is all part of the fun on these holidays. Enjoy fishing, swimming, visiting ancient castles, playing golf, or simply relax and take in the peace and quiet in the countryside.

Lying in the south-west corner and known for its remarkable wines and gourmet cuisine, the region of **Aquitaine**, near the famous city of Bordeaux epitomises the best of gastronomy and boating in France. The canal Latéral á la Garonne and the River Baïse wind through meadows, vineyards, orchards and medieval villages that make each and every stop worthwhile. Taste foie gras, wild mushrooms and regional cheeses, visit Castets-en-Dorth's 12th Century Château du Hamel and Nérac's Château Henry IV or coordinate your boating holiday with the Buzet Wine Festival held every August in Nérac and visit the Buzet Wine Cave.

Prices start from \$1085 (inclusive of the Early-Bird Discount) for one week on board the Capri TS (2+1 berth – ideal for a couple) cruising in Aquitaine in 2017. An 8-berth Nautilia, ideal for families or a group of friends, costs from \$2145 for a week. The price includes a fully equipped boat with towels and linen, a boat handling demonstration, technical support and on board cruise and tourist information.

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LUXURY HOTEL BARGING IN FRANCE

SPECIAL OFFERS FOR LAST MINUTE BOOKINGS IN 2016 *

Free hotel accommodation: Outdoor Travel is offering a **free hotel night** for new bookings on all remaining 2016 departures on selected luxury hotel barges in France. The hotel stay includes breakfast, can be used pre- or post-cruise, and is combinable with any other current offer. Booking deposits must be made by **11th September 2016** for travel before **31st October 2016**.

Stay one night in a “St Honoré” room at the sophisticated, historic Hotel Westminster in central Paris. Considered the crown jewel of authentic Paris hotels, Hotel Westminster (<http://warwickhotels.com/westminster/rooms/>) is near Place d’Opéra, minutes from Jardin des Tuileries and Place Vendôme. Or perhaps stay in a Comfort Suite, including breakfast, at the Clarion Suites Hotel in Narbonne, south-west France (<http://www.mouliindugua.com/>). This charming hotel set beside the Robine Canal and five minutes from the historic city centre, renowned for its Roman landmarks and bustling market.

Discount offers for all NEW cruise bookings made by 11th September 2016 *

L’Art de Vivre – Burgundy

Per charter – save €6000 off per 8-person charter on selected August & October departures

Panache – Alsace & Lorraine

Per cabin – save €1500 off per cabin on selected August & September departures

Renaissance – Loire & Burgundy

Per charter – save €6000 off per 8-person charter on selected August to October departures

La Bella Vita – Venice & the Po Valley, Italy

Per cabin – save €1500 off per cabin on selected August & October Departures

Clair de Lune – Canal du Midi

Per charter – save €4500 off per 6-person charter on selected August & October departures

L’Impressionniste – Southern Burgundy

Per cabin – save €1500 off per cabin on selected October departures

Rosa – Gascony & Bordeaux

Per cabin – save €1500 off per cabin on selected August & September departures

La Belle Epoque – Northern Burgundy

Per cabin – save €1500 off per cabin on selected August & October departures

Per cabin – save €750 off per cabin on selected September departures

Scottish Highlander – the Scottish Highlands

Per cabin – save €1500 off per cabin on selected September departures

Per cabin – save €750 off per cabin on selected October departures

** All special offers are subject to availability and may be changed at any time. Terms & Conditions apply – please ask for details.*

Cruise with Panache in Alsace & Lorraine



Suggested itinerary *

Sunday – Arrive in Strasbourg and transfer to the barge in Krafft

Meet in Strasbourg and transfer by private chauffeured minibus to Panache for a Champagne welcome and the first opportunity to meet your crew. Perhaps there is time for a walk or cycle ride before dinner on board.

Monday - Krafft to Strasbourg

Our day starts with a morning cruise, across the Gran Ried wetlands and home to an abundance of birdlife, to arrive at the historic city of Strasbourg. Later, we enjoy a tour of the beautiful 'capital city of Europe' including, of course, a visit to the 12th Century Gothic pink sandstone cathedral, home to an astronomical Renaissance clock and soaring spire. We visit Place Gutenberg and explore La Petite France, a pedestrian area brimming with half-timbered houses, boutique shops and cafés. Dinner is served on board the barge.

Tuesday - Strasbourg to Hochfelden

After breakfast, our cruise takes us past the European Parliament building on the outskirts of Strasbourg and on through the Brumath Forest to our picturesque mooring at Hochfelden. This afternoon we enjoy a scenic drive into the rolling Vosges hills on the Route des Grands Vins, where the finest wines of Alsace are produced, and a private tasting of Gewürztraminer, Pinot Noir and Riesling wines at a long-established winemaker, such as Domaine Pfister. Dinner is ashore this evening at a traditional Alsatian restaurant.

Wednesday - Hochfelden to Saverne

This morning's guided tour is at the famous Meteor Brewery, founded in 1640, the last privately-owned brewery in Alsace. Returning to Panache, we cruise further along the canal, with good walking and cycling opportunities, to the enchanting town of Saverne where history traces back over 2,000 years to the Gallo-Roman Times. We moor near Château de Rohan, also known as the 'Versailles of Alsace'. Dinner on board.

Thursday - Saverne to Lutzelbourg

Early risers might have the optional today to visit a local bakery to watch skilled patissiers preparing their delicious creations before we cruise to our mooring at Lutzelbourg. In the afternoon, we visit the mountaintop village of La Petite Pierre with its medieval castle, then tour the outstanding René Lalique collection and see over 500 exceptional examples of Art Nouveau and Art Deco glassware. Nearby Wingen-sur-Moder is the World War Two battleground where American infantry fought with distinction. Dinner is at a local restaurant.

Friday - Lutzelbourg to Niderviller

Enjoy cruising through Alsatian countryside and visit the Lehrer Crystal glassworks. We ascend the Arzviller boat elevator 450 feet up the mountainside in minutes. After lunch on board, we enjoy a tour of Sarrebourg, including visits to the 13th Century chapel containing Marc Chagall's remarkable stained-glass window and the impressive museum of Roman and Medieval artefacts. On our return we enjoy a candlelit cruise through the two Arzviller tunnels to our final mooring at Niderviller. Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

Saturday - Day 7 Niderviller

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to Strasbourg.

** This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. On alternate weeks the cruise is in the reverse direction.*



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To see the European Waterways brochure click-on here: <http://bit.ly/1MfPLka>

For Hotel Barging Dates / Prices, booking and conditions form: <http://bit.ly/20elelq>

View a short video on canal barging: <http://bit.ly/1BB05N2>

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SELF-SKIPPERED MOTOR CRUISERS

Early booking discounts for 2017 & new boats in the fleet

A boating holiday can be exactly the kind of getaway you want it to be. Whether that is a restful break in the countryside or an action-filled adventure exploring the sights, the choice is yours. You can stop at any time and for as long as you like, free from schedules or itineraries. Relax on deck or take a bicycle to explore the towns and villages along your chosen route. No need for a boating licence or previous experience, the boats are easy to handle and expert tuition is given when you collect your boat.

Boating holiday specialists Outdoor Travel are offering huge savings on **EUROPEAN BOATING HOLIDAYS** for 2017 with an early bird discount as well as some great news on the successful launch of a new cruiser.

Save up to 15% off 1 to 4-star self-skippered motor cruisers or 5% off 5-star self-skippered motor cruisers on the canals and rivers of Europe in 2017, for NEW bookings made by **31st August 2016** (before the new 2017 prices are set).

Boat hire is available in all of the most popular destinations in Europe, including France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Poland, Ireland and Great Britain.

Special offers: Valid for all confirmed bookings made by 31st August, 2016, minimum duration 7 nights unless specified (not applicable to the Horizon series).

Offers can be combinable with other offers up to 15% maximum. All offers are valid on all seasons and all destinations. Offers can withdraw at any time and are subject to availability.

Collision Damage Waiver: CDW may be purchased in advance, as a cost, to the booking. However, CDW no longer eliminates all liability as in previous years. Instead, the amount of deposit taken at the base is significantly reduced, thus reducing the customer's liability.

		Option 1		Option 2
		CDW Daily Rate (varies by destination)	Security Deposit is payable at base if CDW is purchased	Security Deposit Is payable at base if CDW is NOT purchased
Cat.1	Town Star, Consort, Capri TS, Sheba	\$22 - 25	€300	€2000
Cat.2	Cirrus A&B, Consul, Lake Star, Tamaris, Mountain Star	\$27 - \$31	€400	€2250
Cat.3	Clipper, Caprice, Tango, Corvette A&B, Countess Crusader, Horizon, Horizon 2-S, Shannon Star, Nautilia	\$31 - \$37	€500	€2500
Cat.4	Elegance, Calypso, Continentale, Horizon 3, Horizon 4, Classique, Classique Star, Grand Classique, Magnifique, Minuetto, Mystique, Royal Classique, Royal Mystique, Salsa A&B	\$38 - \$46	€750	€2750
Cat.5	All Vision Models	\$55 - \$63	€1000	€3250

For full pricing, including local currencies, please contact our sales team.

Star rating changes

We have downgraded the 'star-rating' on some of our boats to reflect their age. Of course they continue to be well-maintained and in excellent condition:

Continentale– now 2 stars

Countess– now 2 stars

Royal Classique– now 3 stars

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EXPANDING HORIZONS FOR THE HORIZON FLEET

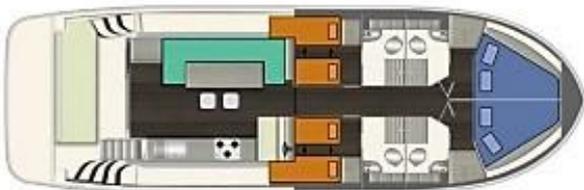
Last year saw the successful launch of the new Horizon cruiser, a 2-cabin / 1-bathroom boat, designed especially for couples and small families. For 2017, we are pleased to announce the arrival of NEW two, three and four en-suite cabin versions, to join the Horizon family. Each of them will have a similar layout and the same high spec and quality finish as the original Horizon model.



How the Horizon fleet looks

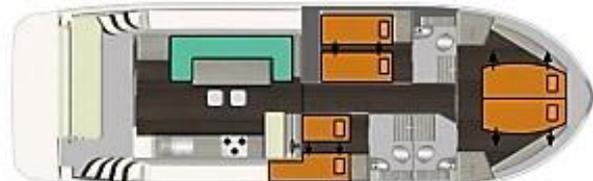
Horizon 4 **NEW**

Sleeps: 9 (8+1) - 4 cabins + saloon
Size: 13m x 4.3m (42ft 8in x 14ft 1in)



Horizon 3 **NEW**

Sleeps: 7 (6+1) - 3 cabins + saloon
Size: 13m x 4.3m (42ft 8in x 14ft 1in)



Horizon 2-S **NEW**

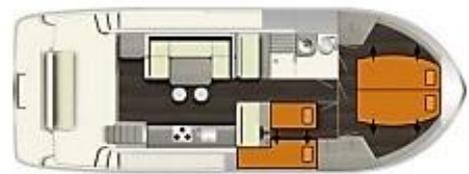
Sleeps: 5 (4+1) - 2 cabins + saloon
Size: 11.5m x 4.2m (37ft 7in x 13ft 7in)



Horizon

Sleeps: 4 (2+2) - 1 master cabin + 1 smaller cabin
Size: 11.5m x 4.2m (37ft 7in x 13ft 7in)

Note: The settee in the saloon no longer sleeps a 5th passenger on this particular model



Why the 'S'? For two couples and want a little extra privacy, the Horizon 2-S is perfect as it has two en-suite cabins. The master bedroom is smaller than the original Horizon, and the second bathroom does not have a separate shower cubicle, but otherwise this boat enjoys exactly the same spacious saloon and sundeck.

UK NARROWBOAT CANAL BOAT HOLIDAYS

BE YOUR OWN CAPTAIN AND CREW ON THIS SELF-CATERING HOLIDAY & SAVE

We can offer a 15% early booking discount for 2017 bookings made before the end of October 2016.

A traditional narrowboat canal holiday from Outdoor Travel offers you the very best boating experience with a host of award winning fleet operators, carefully selected bases, a range of cruising routes and a substantial fleet of fully equipped, carefully crafted high quality narrowboats.

Cruise to Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon and watch a play or to the cathedral city of Worcester with its magnificent cathedral. Explore the Midlands, Black Country or the industrial history of Birmingham (a city it is said with more canals than Venice), Coventry and the North. Visit Bath, the Pontcysyllte viaduct on the

Llangollen Canal or the Brecon canal in Wales, cruise between Edinburgh and Glasgow, Outdoor Travel offers all the most popular British cruising rings.



For holiday details see: <http://bit.ly/1KSXzK9> and download the narrowboat brochure: <http://bit.ly/1x0svkY>

LOW COST FLIGHTS TO EUROPE FOR 2017 FROM JUST \$1395



Yes, you are reading it correctly, we are offering return airfares to Europe including taxes from just \$1395 – limited availability and strictly limited time - call Yvette, Kristen or Lucie at Outdoor Travel today on (03) 57 501044 to get a bargain on these fares travelling with the best airlines: <http://bit.ly/2aPq5Mj>

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