

SELF-DRIVE BOATING HOLIDAYS IN EUROPE AND UK 2025

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

Discover the beauty of stunning lakes, rivers and canals, quaint villages and historic towns 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 in the UK or Europe. Enjoy fishing, swimming, visiting ancient castles, playing golf, or cycling in the countryside.

Cruise the waterways in comfort, with no experience or licence required. Choose from a wide range of self-contained, fully equipped boats with something to suit everyone's needs. Boat hire is available in 16 destinations in Europe, including France, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Ireland, Scotland and England. A self-drive motor cruising holiday is perfect for a couple, a group of friends or a family.

Boats are fully equipped: cabins have comfortable beds with linen and towels supplied, bathrooms have hot showers, and the galley kitchen is supplied with dishes, utensils, cooking pots and more.



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.

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.

Cruise in Alsace, with its unique mix of French and Germanic influences and a choice of canal or river cruising, and the iconic Arzwiller inclined plane boat lift. Our two bases in Alsace are both conveniently close to Strasbourg.



For a **FREE QUOTE** on your self-drive boating holiday or to check availability for your proposed dates, cruise duration, your budget, 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 2025

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

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 cost increases the closer you get to peak European Summer season (July and August).

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. Cruising in Autumn offers similar advantages, with cooler weather, quieter towns and beautiful views as the leaves begin to change colours.

Usual start days: Friday / Saturday / Sunday / Monday (unless a Short Break or a Long Hire)

Category	Boat (Sleeps)	Hire cost per boat per week, from...
Luxury	Liberty (4+1)	\$3539
Premier	Horizon 5 (10+2)	\$4819
	Horizon 4 (8+1)	\$4069
	Horizon 3 (6+1)	\$3949
	Horizon 2 (4+1)	\$2929
	Horizon 1 (2+3)	\$2669
Comfort Plus	Vision 4 (8+1)	\$3699
	Vision 3 (6+1)	\$3389
	Vision 2 (4+2)	\$3999
	Minuetto 8+ (8+2)	\$4139
	Mystique (6+2)	\$3919
	Royal Mystique A (4+2) & Royal Mystique B (4+2)	\$3139
Comfort	Magnifique (8+2)	\$3049
	Salsa A (8+2) & Salsa B (8)	\$3169
	Calypso (6+2)	\$2739
	Royal Classique (6)	\$2419
	Elegance (6)	\$2389
	Clipper (4+2)	\$2069
	Tango (4+2)	\$2569
	Caprice (4+2)	\$1889
	Value	Grand Classique (10+2)
Classique Star (8+2)		\$2499
Classique (8)		\$2239
Shannon Star (6+2)		\$1689
Continentale (6)		\$2789
Crusader (6)		\$2099
Countess (4+2)		\$2059
Lake Star (4+2)		\$1479
Consul (4)		\$1619
Corvette A (4) & Corvette B (4)		\$1669
Cirrus A (2+2) & Cirrus B (2+2)		\$1839
Capri (2+1)		\$1433

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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Hire of your fully equipped boat includes a boat handling demonstration, technical support seven days a week, and onboard cruising information, maps and tourist information. Linen and bath towels are supplied for each person and the kitchen is extensively supplied with dishes, cutlery and cooking equipment.

Not included: one-way fee, cleaning fee, marina services, mooring fees, lock fees, travel to/from the base.

Fuel deposit is payable before you cruise, around €375 per week, and is then applied towards the fuel charge (for fuel, gas, onboard systems and engine wear and tear, based on the number of hours you run the engine) and paid after you return. **Fuel charge** is an hourly rate of between €11 - €30 per hour, depending on the standard//size of boat. A week of cruising is on average 26 hours.

Refundable Damage Deposit is between €2320 - €3415, paid before you cruise, and you may choose to pay the Non-refundable Damage Liability Reduction (DLR) which reduces the Damage Deposit amount.

Optional extras which can be added include bicycle hire (adult and child bikes available); hire of a skipper; priority boarding and/or late check-out; barbeques, lanterns and deck cushions; stand-up paddleboards; WiFi; special occasion gift baskets; eco-cleaning products; parking and/or car transfers. Ask about pricing and availability when booking.



Contact Outdoor Travel for more details and reservations:

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