

CANAL & WATERWAY HOLIDAYS IN ENGLAND WALES & SCOTLAND

Includes Stratford-upon-Avon, the Midlands, Llangollen Canal in Wales, Bath & most major canal rings



Our traditional narrowboat canal and waterway holidays offer the best boating experiences with a host of award winning, experienced fleet operators. With carefully selected bases, a range of cruising routes and a substantial fleet of fully equipped, carefully crafted, quality narrowboats (all independently inspected each year by the English Tourism Council) we believe you are guaranteed quality, fun, safety and the most relaxing holiday you can imagine.

Gliding along the calm canals, you can sit back and enjoy the quintessentially English countryside. Notice the towpaths where horses and men once pulled the canal boats. Visit picturesque villages with atmospheric country pubs and eateries. If you are feeling energetic stop and stroll along quiet country walking paths.

Outdoor Travel can help you plan a unique canal boat holiday that you will remember for a lifetime. Whilst the canals are narrow, the locks exact and the bridges low, the operation of these boats is simple and we have a wide range of boats for you to choose with various cabin layouts. There are different bed (double, twin, bunk) and bathroom configurations and a variety of bases across England, Wales and Scotland.

Starts: WEEKLY (Saturdays), MID-WEEK (Monday to Friday) or LONG WEEKEND (Friday to Monday)

For a **FREE QUOTE** on your UK boating holiday or to check availability: call or email us with 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.

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NARROWBOAT BASES IN ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND

Explore Victorian England's industrial heritage from the unique perspective of canals that were built as part of the industrial revolution. See the Anderton boatlift - a stunning feat of 19th Century engineering that carries two boats at a time or the Llangollen canal in North Wales with the famous Pontcysyllte Aqueduct.

Discover the urban environments of London, Manchester and Birmingham or the small mill towns of Lancashire by traditional narrowboat. See medieval England in many of the towns and villages. Visit historic Tewkesbury with its timber-framed buildings and traditional overhanging eaves and a maze of alleyways behind the main streets. Be awed by Worcester Cathedral, the vision of Bishop Wulfstan in the 11th Century.

Take a short break holiday from Gayton – not an hour from London yet far from the maddening crowd. Enjoy cruising through rural countryside with lovely canal-side pubs and restaurants. Stroll through the streets of Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of Shakespeare with its many gardens and shops and moor beside the Royal Shakespeare Theatre Company with tickets for a play.



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BOAT CLASS (no of berths)	2025 WEEKLY BOAT HIRE COST (7 NIGHTS)		
	Prices shown in UK Pounds (£) - call us for the Australian dollar equivalent rate. Season costs and any specials are applied on quotation.		
	From... Low season: (March)	Other seasons: (April, May, June, mid-September, October)	To... High Season: (July, August, early September)
Nene (2+2)	£ 799	Ask for a quote	£ 1699
Grebe (2+2) Weaver (2+2) Kestrel (2+2) Bunting (2+3)	£ 899	Ask for a quote	£ 1799
Wren (2+2) Swift (2+2) Finch (2+3)	£ 899	Ask for a quote	£ 1899
Heron (4+1) Plover (4+1)	£ 1099	Ask for a quote	£ 2299
Dove (4+2) Spirit (4+2) Duck (4+2) Eagle (4+3) Swallow (4+4) Woodpecker (4+4)	£ 1199	Ask for a quote	£ 2499
Partridge (4+2) Lark (4+2) Sandpiper (4+2) Thrush (4+2) Gull (4+2) Mist (6+2)	£ 1299	Ask for a quote	£ 2799
Goose (6+2) Warbler (6+2) Owl (6+4)	£ 1399	Ask for a quote	£ 2799
Tern (6+4) Wagtail (6+4)	£ 1399	Ask for a quote	£ 2899
Sanderling (6+2) Swan (8+4)	£ 1499	Ask for a quote	£ 2999

Holidays start **Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday.**

Hire times: **2.30pm pick-up, drop-off by 9.30am**

Short Breaks and Extended 10, 11 or 14 hires are also available. Long hires can offer significant savings. Ask for a quote on the short breaks and extended hires available for your dates.

The prices above include: Boat hire for 7 nights, accident damage waiver, bed linen, towels (1 medium-sized bath towel and 1 hand towel per crew member), e-handbook in advance and initial tuition on arrival, boat licence for all Canal and River Trust controlled navigations, buoyancy aids, welcome pack (including dish washing liquid, toilet roll, sponge and tea towel), car parking if necessary. Free WiFi is included on all boats, but it requires a network signal and has limited data, with an option to purchase more if required.

In addition to the hire charge you will be required to pay: The cost of fuel is not included in the hire cost. Fuel deposit of £110 per week is payable with your holiday booking, paid in Australian dollars with your booking. The boat is ready fuelled for your arrival and when you return the boat the balance is refundable after deducting fuel used. If you have used fuel in excess of the deposit, you will be asked to pay the difference.

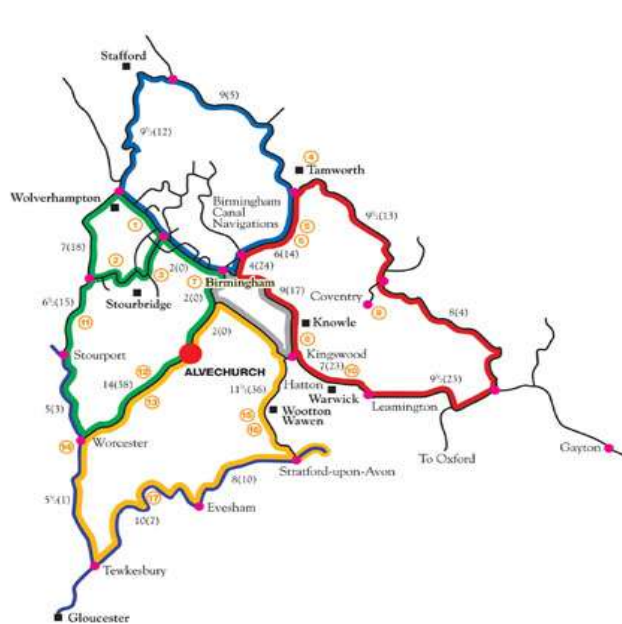
There is **no cancellation protection plan** offered with these boat hires. We strongly recommend you have travel insurance with cancellation cover for your holiday - check the booking conditions carefully for details.

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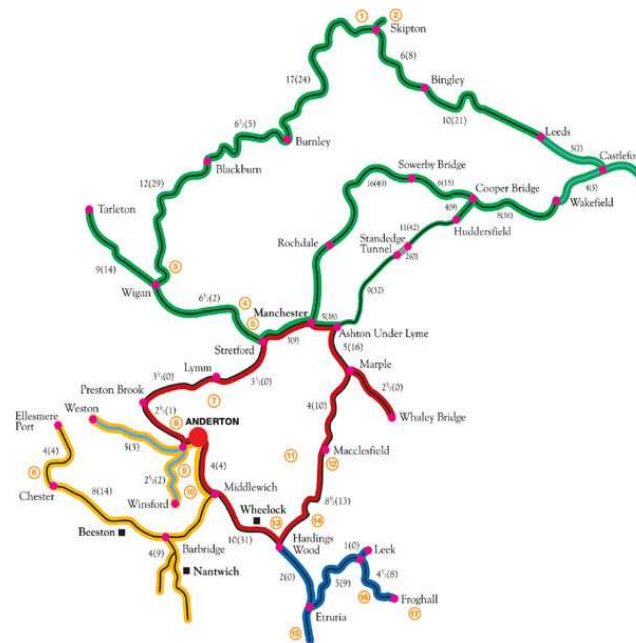
Base information – here is a selection of SOME of the more popular routes:

Coloured circuits or 'Rings' can be followed from the main bases for those who have time and who want a circular route. Talk to us or the base staff as to which ring is possible, the time it can take (given delays for locks and other canal traffic) and the direction.

Narrowboats must be returned to the starting base – one-way hires are not allowed.



Alvechurch



Anderton

Alvechurch in the Midlands (including Warwick and Stratford on Avon)

The marina is situated on the Birmingham Level of the Worcester / Birmingham Canal with around 25 miles of lock free cruising available. Alvechurch is a village in rural Worcestershire just off junction 2 of the M42. It also has a railway station near the Marina with daytime trains every 30 minutes to Birmingham and Redditch.

Places of interest that can be visited from Alvechurch include: Black Country Museum, Stuart Crystal Glassworks, Merry Hill Shopping Centre, Tamworth Snowdome, Drayton Manor Park and Zoo, Kingsbury Water Park, Birmingham (Brindley Place, National Sealife Centre, Symphony Hall, National Indoor Arena, Jewellery Quarter Discovery Centre), Packwood House (National Trust), Coventry Cathedral, Warwick Castle, Severn Valley Railway, Avoncroft Museum of Buildings, Bromsgrove, Hanbury Hall, Worcester Cathedral, Mary Arden's House (Shakespeare's Mother), Edstone Aqueduct, Pershore Abbey.

There is a canal side English pub on Alvechurch Marina serving drinks and reasonable bar food. This cosy canalside pub was once the old Weighbridge office for offloading coal barges to horse and cart for local deliveries. It is now transformed into a friendly hostelry, which is an ideal place to start and finish your holiday.

Anderton for northern England

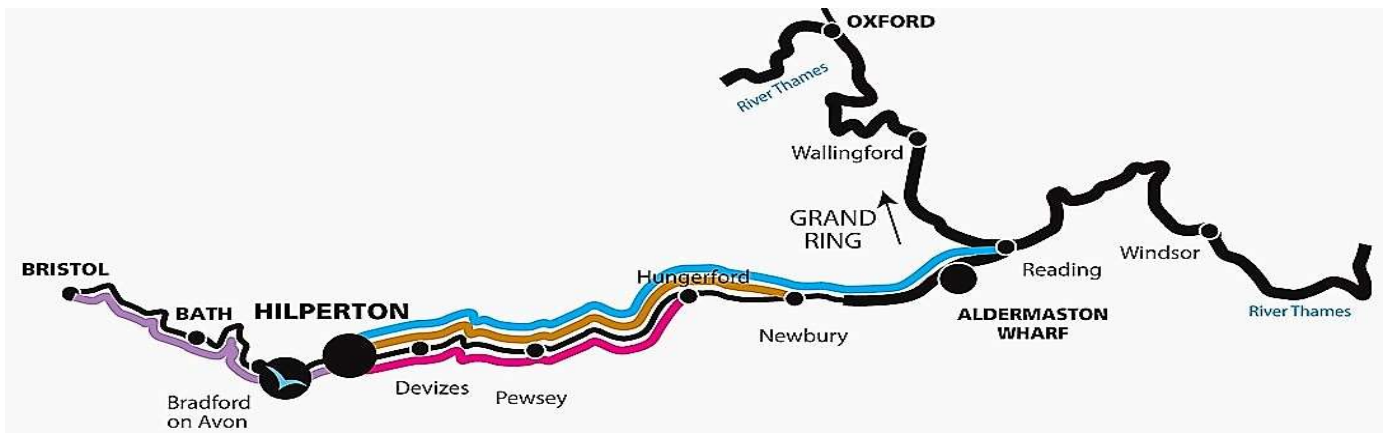
The marina is adjacent to the famous Anderton Boat-lift and situated just outside the Cheshire town of Northwich on the Trent and Mersey canal. It has lock free cruising to Middlewich and only one lock with a six-inch level difference, connecting to the Bridgewater canal with its lock free run to Manchester.

Places of interest that can be visited from Anderton include: Bancroft Mill, Barnoldswick, Skipton Castle, Wigan Pier and Museum, Dunham Massey Hall and Park, Barton Swing Aqueduct, Chester (Roman City), Tatton Park, Anderton Boat-lift, Salt Museum, Northwich, Weaver Flashes, Jodrell Bank Radio Telescope, Macclesfield Silk Museum, Heartbreak Hill, Little Moreton Hall, Eturia Industrial Museum, Consall Nature Park.

Hilperton near Bath and Bristol

Bath and return, Bristol and return, Bradford On Avon / Bottom of Caen and return, Devizes and return, Hungerford and return, Newbury and return, Reading and return

Hilperton Marina is superbly situated on the Kennet and Avon canal on the outskirts of Trowbridge in Wiltshire. The marina provides excellent cruising in one direction through the quaint town of Bradford on Avon to the world heritage site of Bath (around 8 hours cruising to the West) and onto the City of Bristol mooring in its floating harbour. In the other direction you can go up the magnificent Caen Hill lock flight to the county town of Devizes, on through the ancient Savernake Forest to eventually reach the Thames at Reading.



Gayton in the East Midlands

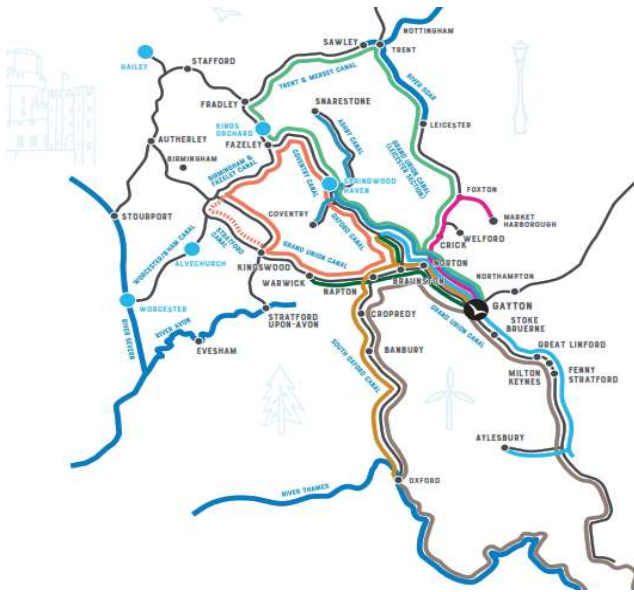
Market Harborough and return, Aylesbury and return, The Grand Ring, To Coventry and return, To Snarestone and return, The Warwickshire Ring, East Midlands Ring

Wrenbury Mill for North Wales

Chester and Ellesmere Boat Museum, Llangollen Canal, Four Counties Ring. Located beside the Llangollen Canal on the outskirts of Wrenbury in Cheshire, between the towns of Whitchurch and Nantwich and near to the Roman city of Chester, this area offers pretty scenery and access to the Llangollen canal with features such as the 1007ft **Pontcysyllte Aqueduct**. Visitors starting from Wrenbury Mill are spoilt for route choices. For those with limited time, **Blackwater Meadow** is the closest marina to the Llangollen canal for a 4 night midweek short break.

Goytre Wharf in South Wales

Brecon National Park, Cwmbran, Brecon, Talybont-on-Usk, Crickhowell (ask for route maps)



Gayton



Wrenbury Mill



Falkirk for Scotland

Glasgow and return, Bowling and return, Edinburgh and return, Edinburgh and Glasgow

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TYPES OF NARROWBOATS AVAILABLE:

The first impression when you step inside our Canal Boats is one of unexpected space and light. For people who have not been on a narrowboat before the interior comes as a surprise, as the compact nature of the boat is well mitigated by clever design. When you unpack, you'll find we have anticipated your storage needs, with plenty of wardrobes and drawer space, but it's when you start to live on board that our boats come into their own.

Central heating, running hot and cold water to the shower, basin and sink (there are two showers and basins on the larger boats), flushing toilets, full cooking facilities and fridges, TV, radio and an inventory of equipment that seem never ending.

The controls are as simple as can be - start/stop, forward/reverse, left / right. A child could drive one of our boats, in fact, under supervision they often do. All our boats are Tourist Board inspected and given an English Tourism Council star rating each year so you can be assured that the highest standards are maintained. We have a range of Canal Boats starting from 2-4-berth and going up to 10-12-berth. We are happy to provide you with advice and information about meeting your holiday needs. See below for a list of boats, images and specification:

2 - 5 BERTH CANAL BOATS

We have a selection of different classes of 2 - 5 Berth Canal Boats ranging in size from 40 to 63 feet with a range of facilities and cost. See the images below from inside a typical 2 – 5 Berth narrowboat:



Typical sleeping arrangements and boat layouts:

Two Cabins: Choice of a double or 2 low level singles (1 with pipe bed over) in rear cabin, 1 dinette double.

General Facilities:

Radio Cassette, Colour TV, radiator heating, 150-gallon water tank, 12-volt mobile phone charging point, cruiser stern, towels and welcome pack.

Kitchen Facilities:

Fully equipped kitchen / galley with a 4-burner gas cooker - complete with grill and oven, refrigerator, sink and drainer, work surfaces and plenty of storage space.

Bathroom Facilities:

Shower, hand basin, shaver socket and a flushing toilet.

4 - 5 BERTH NARROWBOATS

Typically, a 49ft Bunting Class narrowboat with a quiet water-cooled diesel engine, simple drive controls and a full radiator central heating. There is hot and cold running water supplied from a 150-gallon water tank and a double filtered drinking water system. A 2kw inverter supplies 240-volt electricity to appliances / sockets on the boat. It features carpeting in the saloon and bedroom, a security box and full operational instruction and buoyancy aids.

Fitted with radio CD player, colour television and DVD player, hairdryer, vacuum cleaner, 12v Mobile phone charging point, 1 medium size towel per person plus 1 hand towel per bathroom. Welcome pack including a bottle of washing up liquid, dishcloth, tea towel, floor cloth, toilet roll and bin liner. Waterproof clothing and an umbrella are provided for the helmsman.

Typical sleeping arrangements:

Sleeps up to 5. Choice of fixed double or two single berths in the forward cabin with interior sprung mattresses, and optional dinette double in saloon. Freshly laundered bedding provided for each person.

General Facilities:

Fully equipped galley with 4-burner gas cooker complete with grill and oven, refrigerator, sink and drainer, work surfaces and storage space, microwave oven, toaster and filter coffee machine. All the necessary saucepans, cooking utensils, crockery and cutlery are provided.

Bathroom Facilities:

Bathroom with a hand basin, electrically operated flush toilet and hipbath/shower. 240v shaver socket.

6 - 8 BERTH NARROWBOATS

We have a selection of different classes of 6 – 8-berth Canal Boats ranging in size from 56 to 69-feet with a range of facilities onboard, ideal for a group of friends or a family.



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Typical sleeping arrangements:

One fixed double, 1 dinette double, choice of double or two singles in each of the rear cabins.

General Facilities:

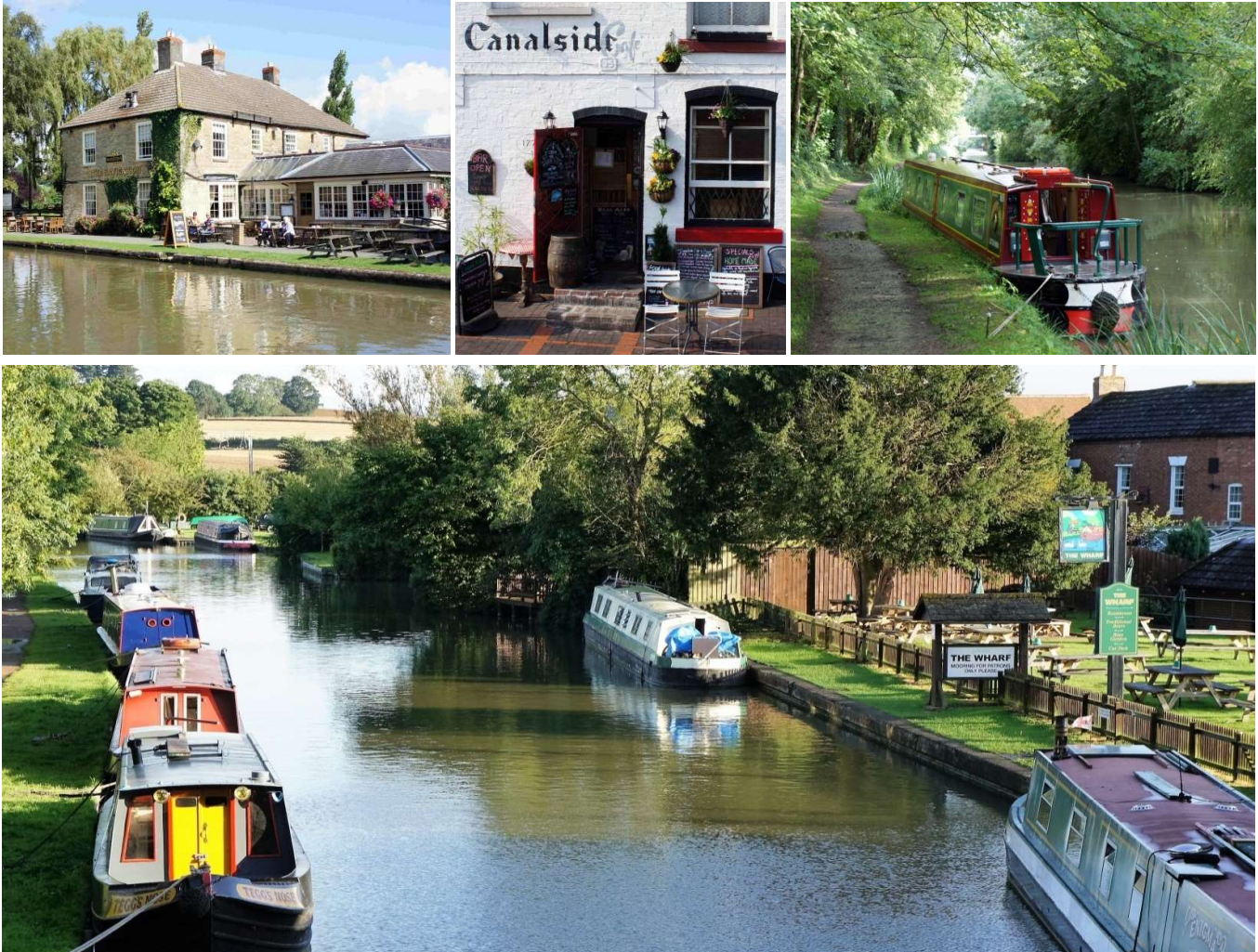
Radio / CD, colour TV and DVD, carpet, vacuum cleaner, 150 gallon water tank, 12v mobile phone charging point, 240 volt Sockets, hairdryer, security box, semi-traditional stern, towels and Welcome Pack.

Kitchen Facilities:

Fully equipped galley with 4-burner gas cooker complete with grill and oven, refrigerator, microwave oven, toaster, filter coffee machine sink and drainer, work surfaces and storage space.

Bathroom Facilities:

Two Bathrooms with Hand basin, Shaver Socket, Electric Flush Toilets, Hip Bath/Shower or Shower.



Outdoor Travel offer a wide range of narrowboats for you to choose with various cabin layouts - with different bed (double, twin, bunk) and bathroom configurations – available from a variety of fleets from a wide range of bases across England, Wales and Scotland. We need to know your proposed start date and cruise duration (ie full week or long-weekend), your budget, and total number of passengers and preferred sleeping arrangements and number of bathrooms and of course your preferred cruise region.

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