

OUTDOOR TRAVEL

SELF-DRIVE BOATING HOLIDAYS IN EUROPE AND UK 2024

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 19 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.

Boat hire cost includes hire of a fully equipped boat, a boat handling demonstration, technical support and onboard 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.



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 2024

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)	\$4,069	France, Holland & Germany
10+	Premier	Horizon5 (10+2)	\$5,689	France, Holland & Germany
8+	Comfort	Magnifique (8+2)	\$3,749	All countries
8+	Premier	Horizon4 (8+1)	\$5,289	France, Holland, Germany & England
8+	Premier	Horizon4 Plus (8+1)	\$5,169	France, Holland, Germany & England
8+	Comfort Plus	Vision4 (8+1)	\$4,399	France, Holland, Germany & Ireland
8+	Comfort Plus	Vision4 SL (8+1)	\$4,259	France & Germany
8+	Budget	Classique Star (8+2)	\$3,029	France, Holland, Germany, Italy & England
8+	Budget	Classique (8)	\$2,729	All countries
8+	Comfort	Salsa A (8+2)	\$3,429	France & Italy
8+	Comfort	Salsa B (8+4)	\$3,389	France
6+	Comfort Plus	Mystique (6+2)	\$4,289	France, Germany, Italy & England
6+	Comfort Plus	Vision3 (6+3)	\$4,069	France, Holland, Germany, Belgium, Italy & Ireland
6+	Comfort Plus	Vision3 SL (6+4)	\$4,029	France, Germany & Ireland
6+	Comfort Plus	Vision3 Master (6+1)	\$3,789	France
6+	Premier	Horizon3 (6+1)	\$4,669	France, Germany & Ireland
6+	Comfort	Calypso (6+2)	\$3,399	France & England
6+	Comfort	Royal Classique (6)	\$3,329	France, Holland & Germany
6+	Comfort	Elegance (6)	\$2,899	All countries
6+	Budget	Continentale (6)	\$2,579	France, Belgium, Italy & England
6+	Budget	Crusader (6)	\$2,769	All countries, except Belgium
4+	Comfort Plus	Vision2 (4+2)	\$3,759	France
4+	Comfort Plus	Royal Mystique A (4+2)	\$4,419	All countries, except Scotland
4+	Comfort Plus	Royal Mystique B (4+2)	\$4,069	All countries, except Scotland
4+	Premier	Horizon2 (4+1)	\$3,909	France, Holland & Ireland
4+	Comfort	Clipper (4+2)	\$3,069	All countries, except Belgium & England
4+	Comfort	Tango (4+2)	\$2,849	France & England
4+	Comfort	Caprice (4+2)	\$2,739	All countries
4+	Budget	Countess (4+2)	\$2,359	France, Holland, Belgium, Scotland & England
4+	Budget	Consul (4)	\$2,439	France, Germany, Scotland, Ireland & England
4+	Budget	Corvette A (4)	\$2,369	France, Belgium, Italy & Ireland
4+	Budget	Corvette B (4)	\$2,169	France & Ireland
2+	Premier	Horizon 1(2+3)	\$3,489	France, Holland, Germany, Italy, Ireland & England
2+	Premier	Horizon 1 Plus (4+1)	\$3,669	France, Holland, Germany, Italy, Ireland & England
2+	Budget	Cirrus A (2+2)	\$1,789	France
2+	Budget	Cirrus B (2+2)	\$1,649	France, Holland, Germany & Belgium
2+	Budget	Capri TS (2+1)	\$1,489	France & England
2+	Budget	Sheba (3+2)	\$1,739	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 cost increases 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
- Marina services, Mooring fees, Lock fees
- 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 - \$600	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.	\$40 - \$80 per day, in France \$45 - \$92 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 depends 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	From €250 - €750	If you pre-paid the CDW with your booking. Prices dependent on type of boat and duration.
if CDW was not pre-paid:	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	€230 per short break €350 for 1 week €450 - €550 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)	€12 - €30 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 \$160 each	Subject to operational constraints. Not Vision boats.
WIFI	From \$84 per week	France Only
Cleaning Service	From \$160 - \$285	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 \$110 - \$210 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.

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