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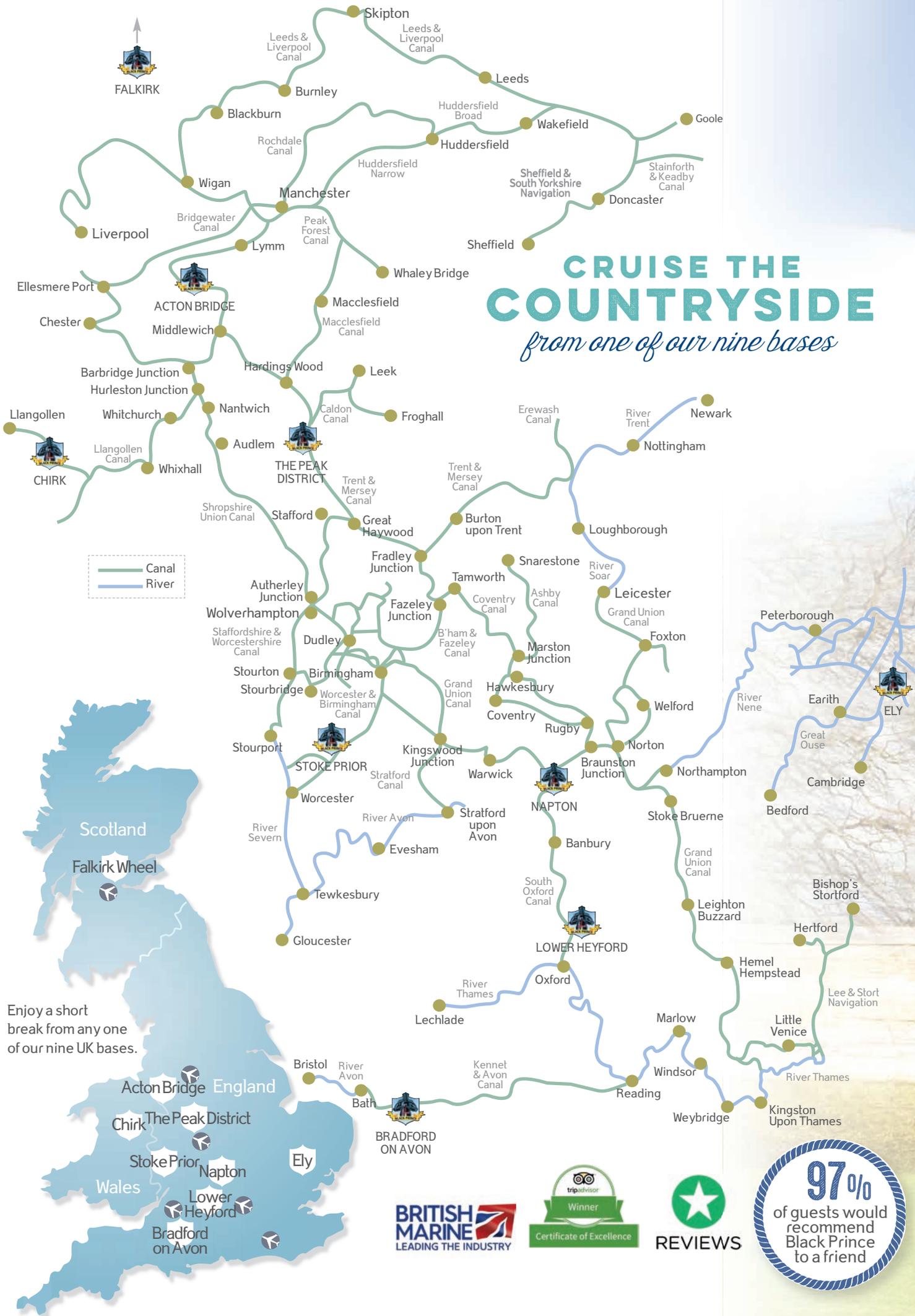
If this is your first time considering a narrowboat holiday, then get ready for a whole new adventure. With over 40 years experience, our purpose-built, hand crafted boats are designed to provide you with the best waterways memories. Each centrally-heated boat is kitted out with everything you need, from boating equipment to bed linen and towels, plus a TV and free WiFi.

We look forward to welcoming you on board very soon.



Stuart Attridge, Director

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CRUISE THE COUNTRYSIDE

from one of our nine bases

— Canal
— River

Enjoy a short break from any one of our nine UK bases.



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of guests would recommend Black Prince to a friend

PLANNING YOUR NARROWBOAT *adventure*



Choose where you'd like to begin your cruise from one of our nine UK locations.



You can enjoy a long or short break from any of our nine bases, please check our departure days on page 47.



Each base offers a variety of routes and we show selected routes on the base pages. However, most journeys are flexible, meaning you can travel at your own pace.



Select the type of boat you'd like to travel on – there are various configurations to suit your party. Individual boat specifications begin on page 42.



Live availability can be viewed online and you can book online or call us to talk to one of our experienced team, we can then reserve a boat for you. Prices are enclosed and start from as little as £150*pp. *Based on 4 people for a short break in March.

Try a **SHORT BREAK...**

Short breaks are available from each of our nine UK bases, ideal if you've never taken a canal holiday before, or you simply like the idea of a relaxing weekend on the water.

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NEW TO NARROWBOATING?

You can enjoy a narrowboat holiday without having any previous boating experience. On your arrival at the canal-side base, our expert team will go through everything you need to know, from operating the boat to recommendations on your route. Our handovers are industry accredited and for peace of mind there's round-the-clock assistance should you need help.

There's lots more information on our website, including virtual tours of our boats and videos.

Simply go to www.black-prince.com.



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Try a
**SHORT
BREAK**

A short break makes a great introduction to narrowboating. You can enjoy a three or four night holiday from each of our nine canal-side bases and all the routes are flexible, meaning you can cruise at your own pace.

Check out each of the nine bases here in this brochure and also online at www.black-prince.com/bases. The route maps show the cruises you can enjoy in each area. We've included additional details to give you an idea of how long each leg of the journey will take, how many locks there are and an average day's cruising time.

If you are looking for an easy short break then there are selected routes which have no locks or a small number of locks to navigate.

**EASY &
LOCK-FREE**
routes

SEE PAGES 12, 21,
24, 36 & 39

**NO
EXPERIENCE
necessary**

Acton Bridge to Manchester | Travel lock-free on the Bridgewater Canal to Manchester.

Chirk to Llangollen | Cruise along the Llangollen for an easy two / three day trip.

Bradford upon Avon to Bath | Enjoy a leisurely cruise to Bath with just one lock to navigate en route.

If you're looking for an easy route then you should also consider our Scottish base at Falkirk. All the locks and swing bridges in Scotland are manned by Scottish Canals staff, so the hard work is done for you!



106 • 8 • 6
miles • locks • hrs/day

EXPLAINING OUR MAPS...

Each route shows the total number of miles, locks and suggested hours per day travelling for the complete holiday.

Each section of the map shows a set of 3 figures denoting the number of miles, locks and time for each leg of the route.

13 • 29 • 9



LIFE ONBOARD!

If you've never holidayed on a narrowboat, be assured they are fitted with all the home comforts you could wish for.

Our boats are continually updated and include double beds, full sized shower, central heating, WiFi, flatscreen tv with freeview and dvd player as well as a fully fitted kitchen.

There's a full inventory of what you'll find onboard on P.41 and 360° tours of our boats online.

To take a look around go to www.black-prince.com.



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Tour
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CHESHIRE

ACTON BRIDGE

**BASED NEAR NORTHWICH IN CHESHIRE,
ACTON BRIDGE IS A GREAT PLACE FOR
EXPLORING A NUMBER OF ROUTES.**

Travelling north, you meet the Bridgewater Canal which takes you lock-free to Manchester. From there you can travel to the Leeds-Liverpool Canal, or continue on the Cheshire Ring via the Peak Forest and Macclesfield. As well as the vibrant city of Manchester, this is a beautiful route with constantly changing scenery. From south of the base you can travel on the Four Counties Ring, or meander up to Chester and beyond to the Ellesmere Port Boat Museum.



TRY A SHORT BREAK...

Travel south from the base on the Trent & Mersey Canal, turning at Middlewich onto the Middlewich arm to Barbridge Junction.

Cruise through the glorious Cheshire countryside taking in the town of Middlewich.

16 LOCKS / 20 HRS RETURN CRUISING TIME

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LIVE AVAILABILITY
ONLINE



My partner and I (from Australia) hired a canal boat from the Acton Bridge base for four weeks. Danny and his crew could not have been more helpful. Boat was ready and waiting, spotless, well equipped. We loved the experience and had a very different view of a small part of Britain. Having talked to many people along the canals, Black Prince boats were certainly some of the best around and we can certainly recommend them.

jbdfr
5* review

1. Chester
2. Salford Quays
3. Anderton Lift





86 • 6 • 5

miles • locks • hrs/day

EASY ROUTE

WIGAN & RETURN

A very pleasant and easy run with many miles of lock-free cruising. Leaving the base you travel on the first British canal built by the Duke of Bridgewater to transport coal to Manchester. On this you can see the mine entrances, together with the Barton Swing Bridge over the Manchester Ship Canal, where the canal is swung to let large ships through. At Wigan, the Pier Museum and Trencherfield Mill Steam Engine (the world's largest), are well worth a visit.

A Museum of Science and Industry | The Lowry | Old Trafford **B** Barton Swing Aqueduct **C** Worsley **D** Wigan Pier and Museum **E** Trencherfield Mill Steam Engine



REMINDER!
example:
13 • 29 • 9
miles • locks • hours
per each leg of the route



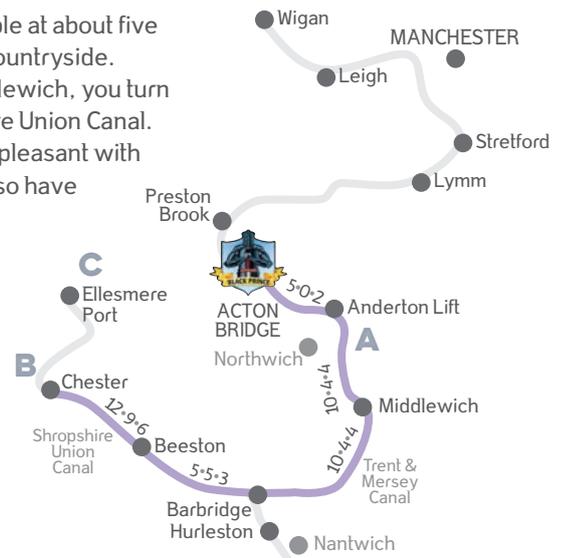
84 • 44 • 5

miles • locks • hrs/day

CHESTER & RETURN

A slightly more active route, but still easily manageable at about five hours per day, this trip includes varying canals and countryside. Travelling southwards past the old salt mines to Middlewich, you turn onto the Middlewich arm to join up with the Shropshire Union Canal. The trip to the Medieval city of Chester is particularly pleasant with the canal built next to the old city walls. You should also have time to visit the boat museum at Ellesmere Port.

A Salt Mines **B** Chester | Zoo and Gardens | 'The Rows' Shopping Area | Roman Ruins **C** Boat Museum



1. The Lowry
2. Old Trafford
3. Trencherfield Mill
4. Chester Roman Ruins
5. Lyme Hall
6. Mow Cop
7. Chester
8. Little Moreton Hall



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98 • 92 • 8

miles • locks • hrs/day

THE CHESHIRE RING

An active route of around eight hours per day, the Cheshire Ring is one of contrasts. Travelling northwards over the Bridgewater Canal and lock-free to Manchester, where the city's canals are currently being improved. After this, into the Peak District on the Macclesfield Canal, with its pretty stone villages. Just north of Stoke on Trent, you meet the Trent & Mersey Canal travelling through the many locks to Middlewich and its history of salt, then home.

A Museum of Science and Industry | The Lowry | Old Trafford **B** Barton Swing Aqueduct
C Little Moreton Hall **D** Mow Cop **E** Harecastle Tunnel



141 • 102 • 5

miles • locks • hrs/day

THE FOUR COUNTIES RING

A relaxing fortnight, travelling southwards to Stoke on Trent via Middlewich. Passing through the red-watered Harecastle Tunnel (the result of local iron workings) and continuing past the Wedgwood factory to Stone and Great Haywood, joining the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal. Just north of Wolverhampton, you meet the Shropshire Union Canal with its extravagant cuttings and embankments, carrying you up to Barbridge and the Middlewich arm. If time permits, a diversion along the Caldon Canal is well worthwhile.

A Salt Mines **B** Harecastle Tunnel **C** Wedgwood
D Stone **E** Shugborough Hall
F Churches Mansion **G** Nantwich



WORCESTERSHIRE

★ STOKE PRIOR

**SITUATED IN A LOVELY SPOT,
STOKE PRIOR IN WORCESTERSHIRE
IS A BASE THAT OFFERS PLENTY OF OPTIONS.**

Enjoy a relaxing short break to Worcester and take in the Droitwich ring, or choose from a variety of routes along the Stourport Ring, the Avon Ring and the Warwickshire Ring, where you can visit Birmingham and Stratford-Upon-Avon. For those that enjoy a challenge, the Tardebigge locks are nearby – the longest flight of locks in the UK, totalling 35!



TRY A SHORT BREAK...

Take the Droitwich Canal link from the Worcester & Birmingham Canal to Worcester via the River Severn. This pretty route in the Worcestershire countryside, is easily reached from our Stoke Prior base.

46 LOCKS / 8 HRS CRUISING TIME PER DAY

*Worcester Cathedral,
accessible from Routes A, B & C*

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We have just completed the Stourport ring in a brand new shiny Jessica Ellen. It was by far the best boat we have ever hired. Well designed interior. Good engine. Very responsive handling. Staff at Stoke Wharf very efficient and helpful. All in all a superb experience. We would definitely hire from them again.

 L Atkins
5* review



1. Gas St. Basin
2. Shakespeare's Birthplace
3. The Mailbox





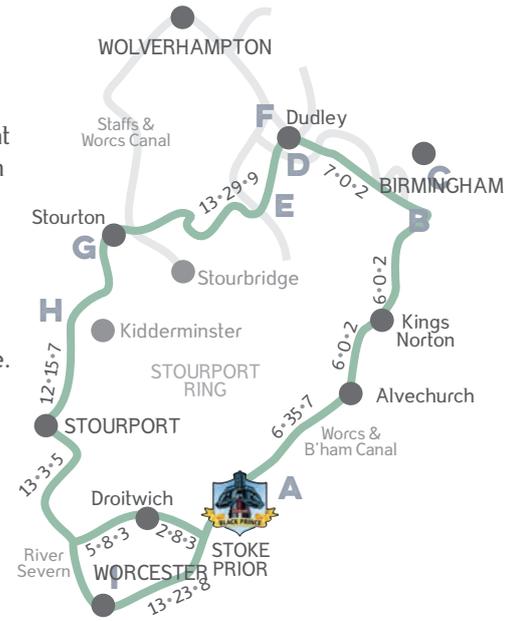
76 • 105 • 6

miles • locks • hrs/day

THE STOURPORT RING

Leaving Stoke Prior, you encounter the UK's longest flight of locks at Tardebigge, after which there is lock-free cruising to Gas Street Basin and the International Convention Centre, via the very pleasant Birmingham University, Botanical Gardens and Cadbury World. Cutting through Netherton Tunnel to Merry Hill and the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal, you encounter some beautiful countryside leading to the River Severn at Stourport. At Worcester you leave the Severn, and climb gently back to Stoke Prior through open countryside.

A Tardebigge Flight **B** Cadbury World **C** Gas Street Basin | International Convention Centre | Library of Birmingham | Bullring Shopping Centre | Symphony Hall | Mailbox | Sea Life Centre **D** Black Country Museum | Dudley Zoo & Castle **E** Netherton Tunnel **F** Merry Hill Shopping Centre **G** Kinver Edge **H** Severn Valley Railway **I** Worcester City Cathedral | Cricket Ground Racecourse | Royal Worcester China | Commandery



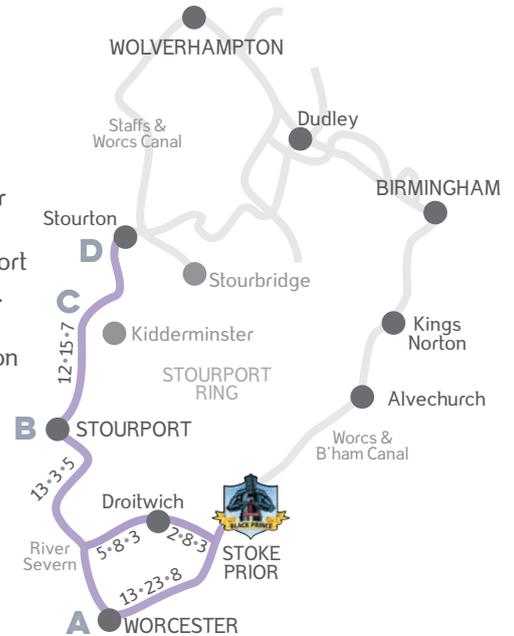
76 • 82 • 7

miles • locks • hrs/day

STOURTON & RETURN

This is the most leisurely route from Stoke Prior travelling south to Worcester, turning upstream onto the River Severn, past Worcester Cathedral and cruising along the picturesque river for the next 13 miles. There are three manned river locks on the journey to Stourport on Severn, before changing to the Staffordshire & Worcester Canal. On the way to Stourton the Cookley and Kinver areas must be one of the most beautiful lengths of canal in the country – turn at Stourton and return on the same route to Stoke Prior.

A Worcester City | Cathedral | Cricket Ground | Racecourse | Royal Worcester China | Commandery **B** Stourport **C** Severn Valley Railway **D** Kinver | Kinver Edge



1. Birmingham Town Hall
2. Black Country Museum
3. Worcester
4. Severn Valley Railway
5. Library of Birmingham
6. Stratford Upon Avon
7. Warwick Castle
8. The Cube at The Mailbox



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120 • 130 • 5
miles • locks • hrs/day

THE AVON RING

Up the Tardebigge flight to the North Stratford Canal at Kings Norton, and onto the South Stratford Canal, where the canal character changes with split bridges and 'barrel roofed' cottages. At Stratford you can moor opposite the theatre before joining the River Avon (Avon licence required). The Avon, different again, meanders down to Tewkesbury, through Evesham where you join the River Severn for a short trip up to Worcester, before returning home. An easy two week trip.

A Tardebigge Flight **B** Stratford upon Avon | Shakespeare Theatre | Butterfly Safari | Museum | Ann Hathaway's Cottage | Mary Arden's House (canalside) **C** Evesham Almonry **D** Tewkesbury Abbey **E** Upton upon Severn **F** Worcester City | Cathedral | Cricket Ground Racecourse | Royal Worcester China | Commandery



Additional River Avon licence required (non-refundable) – can be purchased from Stratford upon Avon Visitor Centre



130 • 190 • 6
miles • locks • hrs/day

THE WARWICKSHIRE RING

Up the Tardebigge flight to the North Stratford Canal at Kings Norton, you will then continue to the Grand Union Canal. Travelling south, you progress through the Hatton Flight, via Warwick and Leamington Spa to Napton and Braunston. From Braunston, you travel on the North Oxford & Coventry Canal to Fazeley (perhaps taking in the Ashby Canal or Coventry itself), and then head into the centre of Birmingham via Farmer's Bridge locks. Home down the Worcester & Birmingham Canal via Tardebigge. A more active fortnight.

A Tardebigge Flight **B** Hatton Locks **C** Warwick Castle **D** Coventry Cathedral **E** Drayton Manor Park & Zoo **F** Gas Street Basin | Bullring Shopping Centre | International Convention Centre **G** Cadbury World



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STAFFORDSHIRE

★
PEAK DISTRICT

**SITUATED ON THE RE-DEVELOPED
NATIONAL GARDEN FESTIVAL SITE IN
STAFFORDSHIRE, THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST
POPULAR BLACK PRINCE STARTING POINTS.**

On site, there is an exciting Water World, dry ski-slope, multi-screen cinema, ten pin bowling and shopping centre – and that's before you get on the water! The variety of routes is wide with the Cheshire Ring and Four Counties being favourites. You travel through some of the waterways' most beautiful scenery, along with the pure contrast of the Potteries, Royal Doulton, Cheddleton Mill and Wedgwood industries. For the more energetic there's Alton Towers near the end of the Caldon Canal.



TRY A SHORT BREAK...

Take the Caldon Canal to Leek, through the Churnet Valley. A quiet canal through beautiful countryside with very good canal side pubs.

18 LOCKS / 14 HRS RETURN CRUISING TIME

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ONLINE



The Black Prince staff at the Stoke-on Trent marina were first class. Our narrowboat "Mollie" was immaculate with everything we needed and spotlessly clean. The Caldron canal and the Leek extension were perfect for our Tuesday-Saturday break. It provides a great variety of locks, basins, a tunnel and both urban and countryside canal.

IParker
5* review

1. Peak District
2. Churnet Valley
3. The Potteries





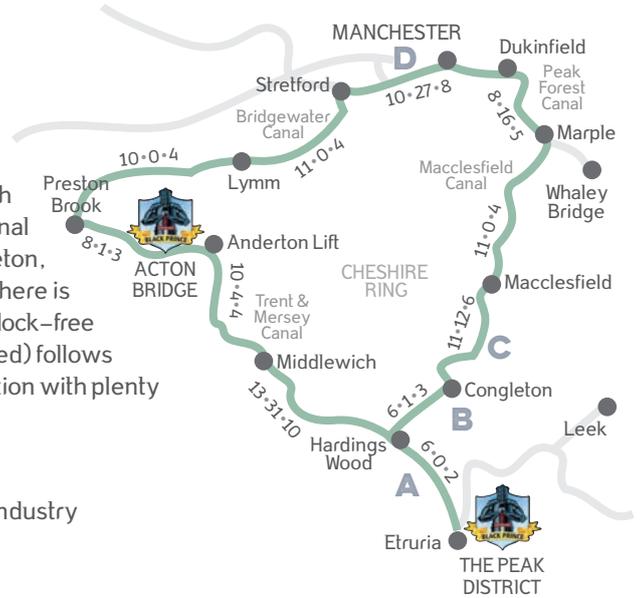
110 • 92 • 9

miles • locks • hrs/day

THE CHESHIRE RING

A more active route; you travel northwards through the Harecastle Tunnel and join the Macclesfield Canal via a fly-over. This is a lovely canal through Congleton, Macclesfield and Marple to Manchester. The canal here is currently being improved, but has some way to go. A lock-free section of the Bridgewater Canal (where it all started) follows until Middlewich, passing the Anderton Lift. A section with plenty of locks takes you back home to Stoke.

- A** Harecastle Tunnel
- B** Mow Cop
- C** Little Moreton Hall
- D** Museum of Science and Industry
- E** Biddulph Grange Garden



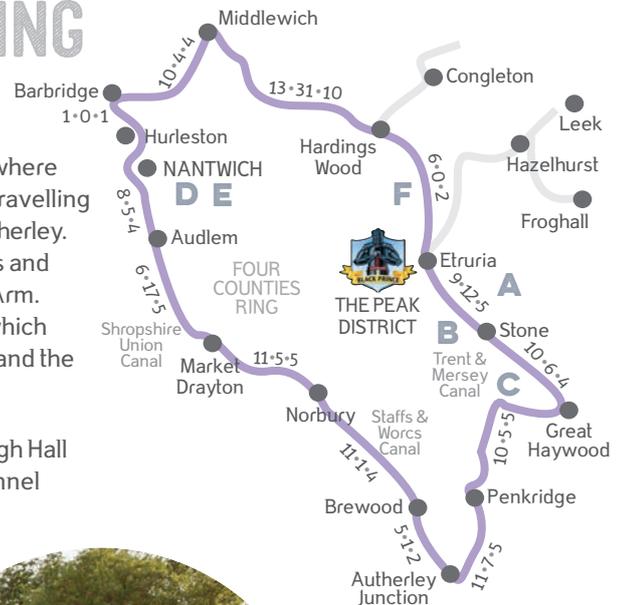
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miles • locks • hrs/day

THE FOUR COUNTIES RING

Another more active route, you travel southwards from the marina past the Wedgwood factory and through the canal town of Stone to Great Haywood, where you meet the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal. Travelling westwards, you join the Shropshire Union Canal at Atherley. The 'Shroppie' with its impressive architecture, banks and cuttings, carries you northwards to the Middlewich Arm. At Middlewich you rejoin the Trent & Mersey Canal which carries you back to Stoke through a number of locks and the Harecastle Tunnel.

- A** Wedgwood
- B** Stone Market Town
- C** Shugborough Hall
- D** Churches Mansion
- E** Nantwich
- F** Harecastle Tunnel



1. Little Moreton Hall
2. Salford Quays
3. Mow Cop
4. Biddulph Grange Garden
5. Alton Towers
6. Shugborough Hall



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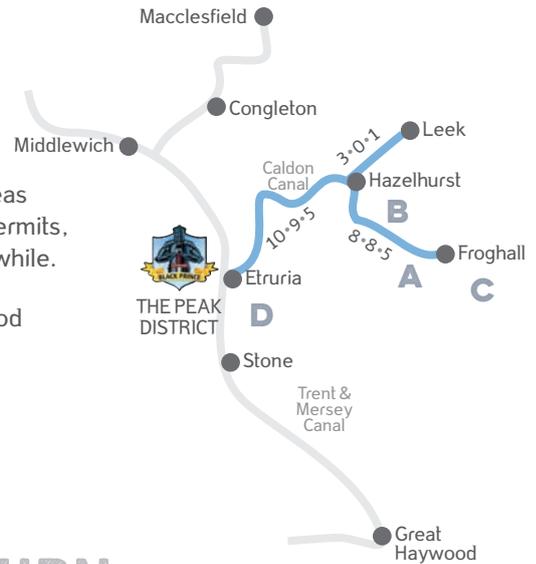


42 • 34 • 4
miles • locks • hrs/day

CALDON LEEK CANALS

An easy week down one of the most beautiful and quiet canals of them all. From the junction near the marina, you progress up the locks to the outskirts of Stoke via factories and parks. Here you encounter progressively more picturesque countryside as you enter the Churnet Valley. The Leek branch contains no locks from the junction, whereas the Froghall branch descends to the River Churnet. If time permits, a trip down the Trent & Mersey Canal to Stone is well worthwhile.

A Churnet Valley **B** Flint Mill **C** Alton Towers **D** Wedgwood



82 • 26 • 6
miles • locks • hrs/day

EASY ROUTE

WHALEY BRIDGE & RETURN

An easy week, travelling into the Peak District to the end of the Peak Forest Canal at Whaley Bridge. Travelling north through the Harecastle Tunnel, you join the Macclesfield Canal at Hardings Wood. The Macclesfield Canal skirts the edge of the Peak District through the small towns of Congleton, Macclesfield and Marple, before turning onto the Peak Forest Canal to Whaley Bridge.

A Harecastle Tunnel **B** Mow Cop
C Bosley Locks **D** Clarence Mill



REMINDER!
example:
13 • 29 • 9
miles • locks • hours
per each leg of
the route



WARWICKSHIRE


NAPTON

**IDEALLY SITUATED IN THE HEART
OF THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE,
OUR BASE AT NAPTON OFFERS A NUMBER OF
INTERESTING ROUTES FOR BEGINNERS TO
THE MOST EXPERIENCED NARROWBOATERS.**

The top attraction is the Warwickshire Ring, designed to suit the more energetic boater with its 101 miles of contrasting sights of countryside mixed with city life. Visit the home of Shakespeare at Stratford Upon Avon, the spires of Oxford and historic Coventry, or simply cruise through the picturesque countryside of the East Midlands and enjoy the beautiful quiet villages and many excellent pubs.



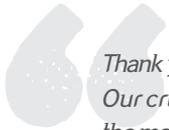
TRY A SHORT BREAK...

Through Braunston on the Grand Union Canal, taking the Leicester arm and branching off to Welford. Lovely countryside with a few villages, encountering a tunnel and a mix of broad and narrow locks.

26 LOCKS / 22 HRS RETURN CRUISING TIME

*Warwick Castle,
accessible from Route B*

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Thank you Black Prince for an amazing holiday experience. Our cruise down the South Oxford Canal was one of the most relaxing, yet hard-working holidays we've ever had. A great chance to switch off from modern technology and live life in the slow lane!

 S Bond
Customer Survey



LIVE AVAILABILITY
ONLINE

1. Symphony Court
2. Coventry Cathedral
3. Gas Street Basin





106 • 8 • 6
miles • locks • hrs/day

EASY ROUTE

SNARESTONE & RETURN

An easy route for the first timer with only a few locks through rural England. Leaving the broad Grand Union Canal at the busy junction of Braunston, turning up the North Oxford Canal into narrow locks near Rugby at Hillmorton, where the Canal & River Trust Architectural Unit is based. At Hawkesbury you encounter the lock with the smallest lift on the system at 6 inches. The lock-free, rural Ashby Canal is very quiet and extremely peaceful, with few boats to disturb you.

A Market Bosworth **B** Battle of Bosworth Battlefield
C Coventry Cathedral **D** Canalside Golf Course



100 • 95 • 8
miles • locks • hrs/day

THE WARWICKSHIRE RING

Sometimes known as the Midlands Ring, this is a route of contrasts. Starting on the wide locks of the Grand Union Canal to the Hatton Flight, you continue into Birmingham. Alternatively you can divert at Kingswood via the North Stratford Canal through Kings Norton and onwards into the city. Leaving the city via narrow canals to Fazeley, you return southwards past Coventry. Diversions into Coventry, Stratford Upon Avon, or onto the Ashby Canal should be considered but don't forget to allow extra time for this.

A Warwick Castle **B** Stratford upon Avon – Shakespeare Theatre | Butterfly Safari | Museum | Ann Hathaway's Cottage | Mary Arden's House
C Cadbury World **D** Gas Street Basin | Bullring Shopping Centre | International Convention Centre | National Sea Life Centre | Think Tank | Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery **E** Drayton Manor Park & Zoo **F** Coventry Cathedral



Travel to Kingswood junction and turn onto the North Stratford canal joining the Worcester Birmingham canal at Kings Norton visit Cadbury Bournville and Gas Street Basin the heart of Birmingham's canal network. Return via Farmers Bridge and Aston Locks onto the Birmingham and Fazeley canal to Rugby.

EXTENDED
Route
2 WEEKS

104 • 121 • 8
miles • locks • hrs/day

1. Christ Church College, Oxford
2. Blenheim Palace
3. Library of Birmingham
4. Bodleian Library
5. Merton College, Oxford



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102 • 78 • 8

miles • locks • hrs/day

OXFORD & RETURN

A busier week down the meandering Oxford Canal, which is one of the oldest in the country and follows the contours of the land. The only town on the way is Banbury and there are some lovely villages such as Thrupp, Lower Heyford and Shipton-on-Cherwell, with stone built houses, cosy pubs, ancient churches and village greens.

A Claydon 'Bygones' Museum **B** Banbury | Castle Quay Shopping Centre | Tooley's Historic Boatyard & Chandlery | Floating Restaurant **C** Blenheim Palace **D** Thrupp **E** Oxford | University of Oxford | Bodleian Library | Ashmolean Museum | Botanic Gardens | Covered Markets



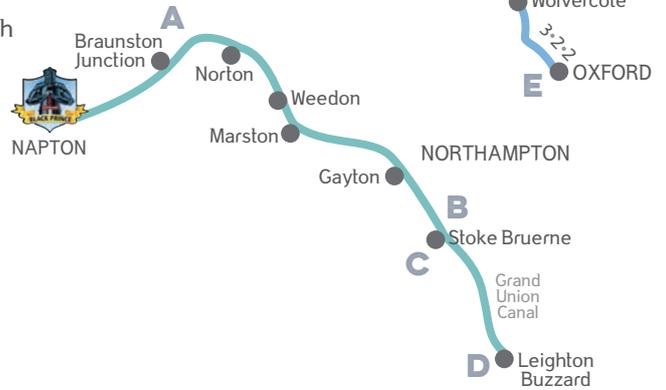
94 • 82 • 7

miles • locks • hrs/day

GRAND UNION SOUTH & RETURN

A real countryside cruise taking you south through pretty scenery to Stoke Bruerne, a picture postcard village where the main street is the canal; home of the Waterways Museum. Further south over the River Ouse Aqueduct to Leighton Buzzard before retracing your steps.

A Braunston Tunnel **B** Blisworth Tunnel **C** Stoke Bruerne Waterways Museum **D** Leighton Buzzard Market Town



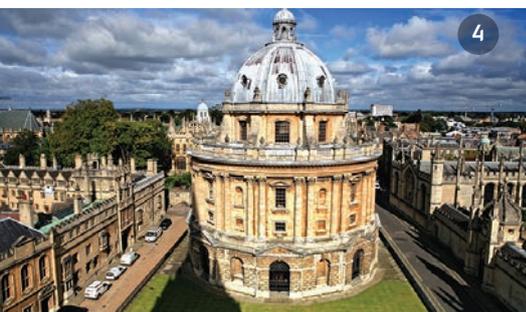
62 • 60 • 6

miles • locks • hrs/day

STOKE BRUERNE & RETURN

Another pleasant and easy route cruising on the broad Grand Union Canal where the locks are 14 feet wide, allowing you to share the work with another boat. The start of this trip is lock-free until you get to Braunston Junction; a hive of activity. Cruising onwards you encounter more locks and the turning to Northampton before entering the 3,056 yards Blisworth Tunnel which opens out into the canal village of Stoke Bruerne with its Waterways Museum.

A Blisworth Tunnel **B** Stoke Bruerne Waterways Museum **C** Weedon Antiques Centre



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OXFORDSHIRE

LOWER HEYFORD

**A FANTASTIC STARTING LOCATION,
LOWER HAYFORD IS PERFECT FOR TAKING A
STEP BACK IN TIME AND EXPLORING BEAUTIFUL
HISTORIC SITES IN THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND.**

Oxford, the 'City of Dreaming Spires' is only a 7–8 hour cruise from the base making it a perfect short break. And further afield are the historic towns of Windsor, Marlow and Hampton Court, all situated on the River Thames.



TRY A SHORT BREAK...

There are a selection of short breaks from this base, including return journeys to Banbury, Oxford and Cropredy. Take 3 or 4 days to enjoy a leisurely weekend or midweek break.

*Hampton Court Palace,
accessible from Route B*

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We had a wonderful 2 weeks aboard a Black Prince narrowboat. The boat as always was clean and comfortable. I would recommend Black Prince to anyone, whether or not they were experienced. Always a pleasure to use their boats and next year's boat is already booked. Thanks to all the staff.

G H Vickers
5* review

1. Banbury
2. Windsor Castle
3. Changing of the Guard, Windsor Castle
4. Blenheim Palace
5. Richmond upon Thames





76 • 36 • 5

miles • locks • hrs/day

OXFORD, LECHLADE & RETURN

Heading south on the South Oxford Canal from Lower Heyford, you will cruise through farmland to the pretty village of Thrupp, with a selection of pubs and an award winning tea room nearby. Take in the world famous Blenheim Palace – just a short taxi ride away. Continue cruising south to the moorings close to Isis lock for an easy walk into Oxford – the City of Dreaming Spires. Join the River Thames (*a licence will be required and can be purchased from the lock, roughly £80 for one week*). Head north on the River Thames passing the outskirts of Wytham Great Wood, onwards through scenic open countryside and under the oldest bridge on the River Thames – an impressive triple-arched 13th Century stone bridge. Continue through beautiful countryside to the pristine village of Kelmscott, meandering on to the market town of Lechlade. Take a stroll around this idyllic Cotswold town with its excellent antique shops, or sample one of the many pubs and cafés before making the return journey.



A Thrupp **B** Blenheim Palace **C** Oxford | University of Oxford
| Bodleian Library | Ashmolean Museum | Botanic Gardens
| Covered Market **D** Cotswold Wildlife Park | Buscot Park

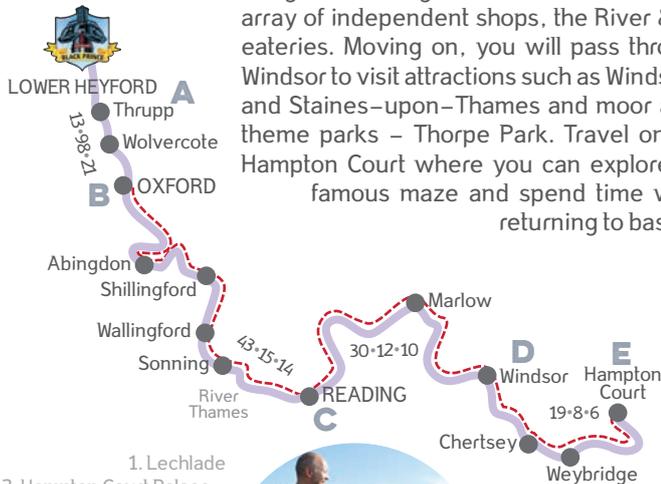


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miles • locks • hrs/day

HAMPTON COURT PALACE & RETURN

From the base at Lower Heyford, cruise through farmland to the pretty village of Thrupp with its nearby pubs. Continue south to the beautiful city of Oxford – the City of Dreaming Spires. Famous for being the home of one of the most prestigious universities in the world, Oxford also has many museums, shops, pubs and restaurants to explore. Leaving Oxford, join the River Thames (*a licence will be required and can be purchased from the lock, roughly £80 for one week*). Travel through the historic market towns of Abingdon and Wallingford, stopping at riverside pubs along the way and onwards to Basildon, where there are moorings for the Beale Park wildlife park. Continue on to the pretty village of Sonning and the attractive market town of Henley-on-Thames and visit the fantastic array of independent shops, the River & Rowing Museum or some of the many pubs, bars and eateries. Moving on, you will pass through Marlow and Cookham cruising on to the town of Windsor to visit attractions such as Windsor Castle and Legoland. Cruise on towards Runnymede and Staines-upon-Thames and moor at Penton Hook marina to visit one of the UK's biggest theme parks – Thorpe Park. Travel on past the towns of Chertsey and Weybridge to reach Hampton Court where you can explore the home of Henry VIII, visit the grand gardens and famous maze and spend time walking the corridors steeped in Tudor history before returning to base.



A Blenheim Palace **B** Oxford | University of Oxford
| Bodleian Library | Ashmolean Museum |
Botanic Gardens | Covered Market **C** Reading
D Windsor Castle | Legoland **E** Hampton Court Palace

1. Lechlade
2. Hampton Court Palace
3. Oxford
4. Henley on Thames
5. Marlow
6. Bodleian Library



Additional River Thames
licence required
(non-refundable).



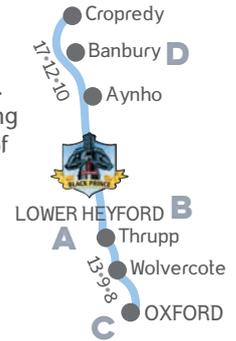
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miles • locks • hrs/day

OXFORD, CROPREDY & RETURN

Head south on the South Oxford Canal from Lower Heyford and cruise to the pretty village of Thrupp, with a selection of pubs and an award winning tea room nearby. Take in the world famous Blenheim Palace – just a short taxi ride away. Continue cruising south to the moorings close to Isis lock for an easy walk into Oxford– the City of Dreaming Spires, enjoying all of the history the city has to offer. Head back north through Wovercote and Lower Heyford, continuing on to the old town of Banbury with its Market Place, Castle Quay shopping centre, cinema, 10 pin bowling and famous Tooleys Boatyard. Enjoy the beautiful countryside as you head for the picturesque village of Cropredy where you can relax before returning to base.



A Thrupp **B** Blenheim Palace **C** Oxford | University of Oxford | Bodleian Library | Ashmolean Museum | Botanic Gardens | Covered Market **D** Banbury



28 • 18 • 5
miles • locks • hrs/day

OXFORD & RETURN

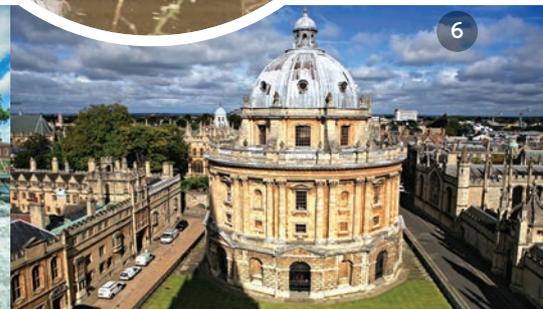
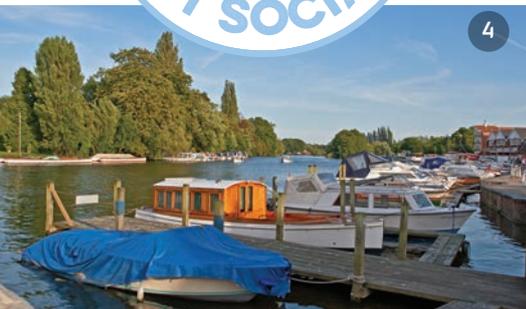
A great weekend city break or a more relaxed midweek break, allowing extra time to explore the City of Oxford. Head south on the South Oxford Canal cruising through pretty farmland heading into a deeply wooded stretch, meandering through pretty villages, stopping off at canalside pubs. A short taxi ride from Thrupp is the world famous Blenheim Palace, well worth a visit. Continue cruising down the South Oxford Canal to the moorings close to Isis lock for an easy walk into Oxford– the City of Dreaming Spires. Famous for being the home of one of the most prestigious universities in the world, Oxford hosts many museums, shops, pubs and restaurants to explore. Turn at the moorings for the return journey back to the base at Lower Heyford.



34 • 24 • 6
miles • locks • hrs/day

CROPREDY & RETURN

More suited to a midweek break, but can be done over a weekend with longer cruising hours per day. Your journey heading north will pass through pretty farmland past Upper Heyford. Continue through the Cherwell Valley to Somerton Deep Lock and on to the wharf at Aynho with its canalside pub. Cruise through several lift bridges (*many of which will be left open for boaters to pass straight through*) and on to the town of Banbury where you can walk through the Old Town, visit the Market Place and Banbury Cross, the Castle Quay shopping centre or entertain yourselves at the cinema, 10 pin bowling or the famous Tooleys Boatyard / Banbury Museum. Continue cruising through the peaceful countryside to the quiet, picturesque village of Cropredy– home to the annual Fairport Convention. Moor along the towpath before the winding hole and take a short walk into the village for a pub meal, before turning your boat for the journey back.



CAMBRIDGESHIRE



**BEGIN YOUR RELAXING HOLIDAY
FROM OUR BASE IN ELY, OVERLOOKED
BY ITS MAGNIFICENT CATHEDRAL.**

From the picturesque heart of the Fenland waterways of Cambridgeshire there is a selection of routes that will see you cruising through cities, towns and villages along the beautiful waterways, making Ely the ideal base to begin exploring.

Most relaxing and hassle free. Using locks was easier than we thought it would be and there was a good map/guide provided. Great way to see ancient towns and landscape, saw lots of wildlife including a dolphin!

A Martin
Customer Survey

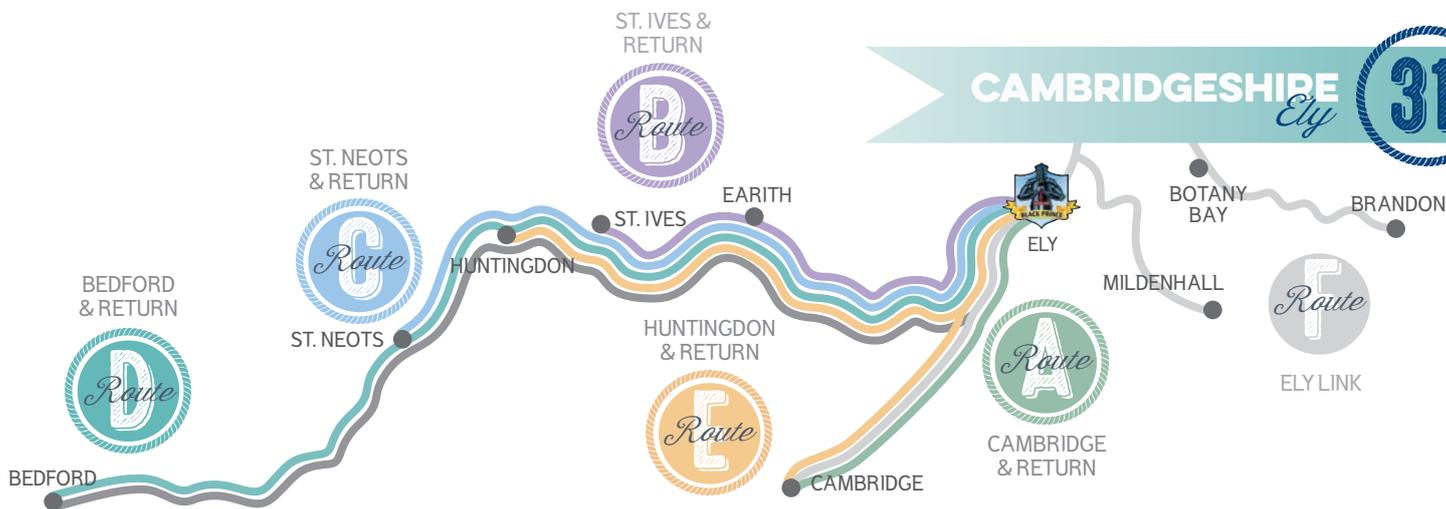
*Clare College, accessible
from Routes A, E & F*



TRY A SHORT BREAK...

There are a selection of short breaks from this base, including return journeys to Cambridge, St. Ives and St. Neots. Take a 3 night weekend or midweek break and enjoy the slow pace of life on the water!

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CAMBRIDGE & RETURN

38 • 3 • 4
miles • locks • hrs/day

From our base in the city of Ely with its beautiful cathedral, you will cruise the unspoilt waters of the River Ouse to Wicken Fen, a stunning wetland nature reserve. Continuing on the River Cam to Cambridge, visit the world famous University and discover many cultural highlights, including King's College Chapel and enjoy a stroll through the backstreets.



ST. IVES & RETURN

45 • 3 • 4
miles • locks • hrs/day

Cruise from Ely on the Old West River to Earith village where you can enjoy some wonderful birdwatching. Move on then to the historic market town of St. Ives, with its 15th century Chapel Bridge and Norris Museum and Library.



ST. NEOTS & RETURN

77 • 9 • 8
miles • locks • hrs/day

From our base in Ely, take the Old West River and on to the historic market town of St. Ives, with its 15th century Chapel Bridge, Norris Museum and Library and moving on to the Oliver Cromwell Museum in Huntingdon. From there, cruise on to Buckden with its famous Great Tower (where Catherine of Aragon was once imprisoned), ending at the market town of St. Neots.



BEDFORD & RETURN

107 • 16 • 5
miles • locks • hrs/day

Taking the Old West River from our base in Ely, make your way to the historic market town of St. Ives, with its 15th century Chapel Bridge, Norris Museum and Library and moving on to the Oliver Cromwell Museum in Huntingdon. From there, cruise on to Buckden with its famous Great Tower (where Catherine of Aragon was once imprisoned), ending at the market town of St. Neots. Continue on to Bedford where you'll find a bustling town with great facilities for all the family, including ten-pin bowling, cinemas and a swimming pool.



HUNTINGDON & RETURN

89 • 8 • 4
miles • locks • hrs/day

Cruising from our base in the city of Ely with its beautiful cathedral, travel the unspoilt waters of the River Ouse to Wicken Fen, a stunning wetland nature reserve. Continuing on the River Cam to Cambridge, visit its world famous University and discover its cultural highlights, including King's College and enjoy a stroll through the backstreets. Return to Popes Corner and cruise south to the historic market town of St. Ives, with its 15th century Chapel Bridge and Norris Museum and Library. Moving on through the pretty villages of Houghton, Wyton and Hemingford Grey to reach Huntingdon, home to the Oliver Cromwell Museum.



ELY LINK

191 • 20 • 4
miles • locks • hrs/day

From the charming city of Ely, with its huge cathedral, you can cruise the unspoilt waters of the Little Ouse, Great Ouse, Old West, Cam and Lark rivers stopping off along the way in Cambridge, with its famous University. Be sure not to miss King's College. Other highlights include historic St. Ives, the Oliver Cromwell Museum in Huntingdon and the Medieval town of Mildenhall. Continuing on to Bedford, you'll find something for the whole family, including ten-pin bowling, cinemas and a swimming pool.

WILTSHIRE

★
BRADFORD ON AVON

A PICTURESQUE START TO YOUR JOURNEY FROM THE WILTSHIRE TOWN OF BRADFORD ON AVON.

This base offers cruises to suit all levels of experience. Heading west will take you over aqueducts, under bridges and through locks to the World Heritage City of Bath, a gentle day's cruise from the base. For the more experienced cruisers a week will provide adequate time to cruise through Bath and onto Bristol, travelling through countryside along the River Avon.

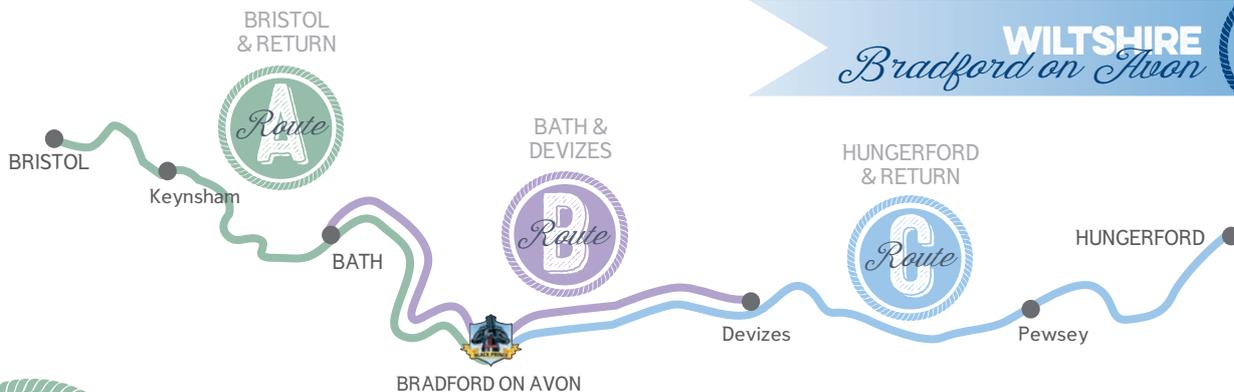


Roman Baths, Bath
accessible from routes A & B

TRY A SHORT BREAK...

*A short break to both Bath
and Devizes is available
for those who love an
energetic canal holiday.*

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52 • 28 • 4
miles • locks • hrs/day

BRISTOL & RETURN

A leisurely one week cruise through Bath and Keynsham to Bristol and return. The beautiful city of Bath plays host to the meeting of the Avon Navigation and the Kennet and Avon Canal. Arguably only York and Chester on the inland waterways can muster such an appealing backdrop. The Avon is actually navigable for a short distance upstream of the canals junction with the river at the tail of Bath Bottom Lock. It's a detour well worth making. Spring tides occasionally lick their salty tongues up as far as Keynsham. Bristol is the hometown of such disparate characters as John Cabot, Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Cary Grant. It is a terrific city full of atmospheric passages and corners, alleyways and stairways as befits a former sea-trading port.



44 • 86 • 12*
miles • locks • hrs/day

BATH & DEVIZES

*12 hours cruising time per day includes the Caen Hill flight (8 hours/day if avoiding this section).

Head west for a leisurely cruise to Bath and return. Heading east you will encounter several wide locks as you approach Devizes. You can choose to climb the Caen Hill flight but many prefer to moor up and walk or cycle to Devizes. It is possible to combine all of this into one short break – a canaloholics 'ideal short break'.



72 • 120 • 8
miles • locks • hrs/day

HUNGERFORD & RETURN

A busy week's cruise through the pretty villages of Wilcot, Pewsey, Crofton and others and with lots of locks. Pewsey repays the trouble to walk down from the wharf. A weather beaten statue depicting King Alfred marks the right-angled entrance into the High Street. Wiltshire blends into Berkshire and a change of county brings a change of mood as the waterway approaches Hungerford, where the imposing parish church of St. Lawrence overlooks swing-bridge 85.



©Barry Teutenberg

It was our first canal experience so we were a little nervous at first but a lovely chap talked us through the boat from top to bottom. We were given some driving lessons on the canal which was perfect. The superb Black Prince company made for an absolutely amazing holiday experience.

★ Dave
5* review

1. The Crescent, Bath
2. Pulteney Bridge, Bath
3. Bristol Harbour
4. Thermae Spa, Bath
5. Clifton Suspension Bridge



NORTH WALES

★
CHIRK

**BASED ON THE BREATHTAKING
LLANGOLLEN CANAL IN NORTH WALES,
CHIRK'S LOVELY MARINA IS SITUATED AT THE
HEART OF THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE.**

With much to offer, the Llangollen Canal meanders gracefully through the beautiful countryside where the World Heritage Site – the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct – spans across the Dee Valley. Such a feat of engineering is sure to take your breath away. Cruise the Montgomery Canal where a four mile length of the canal has been restored giving you the chance to cruise this once dormant, sleepy waterway.



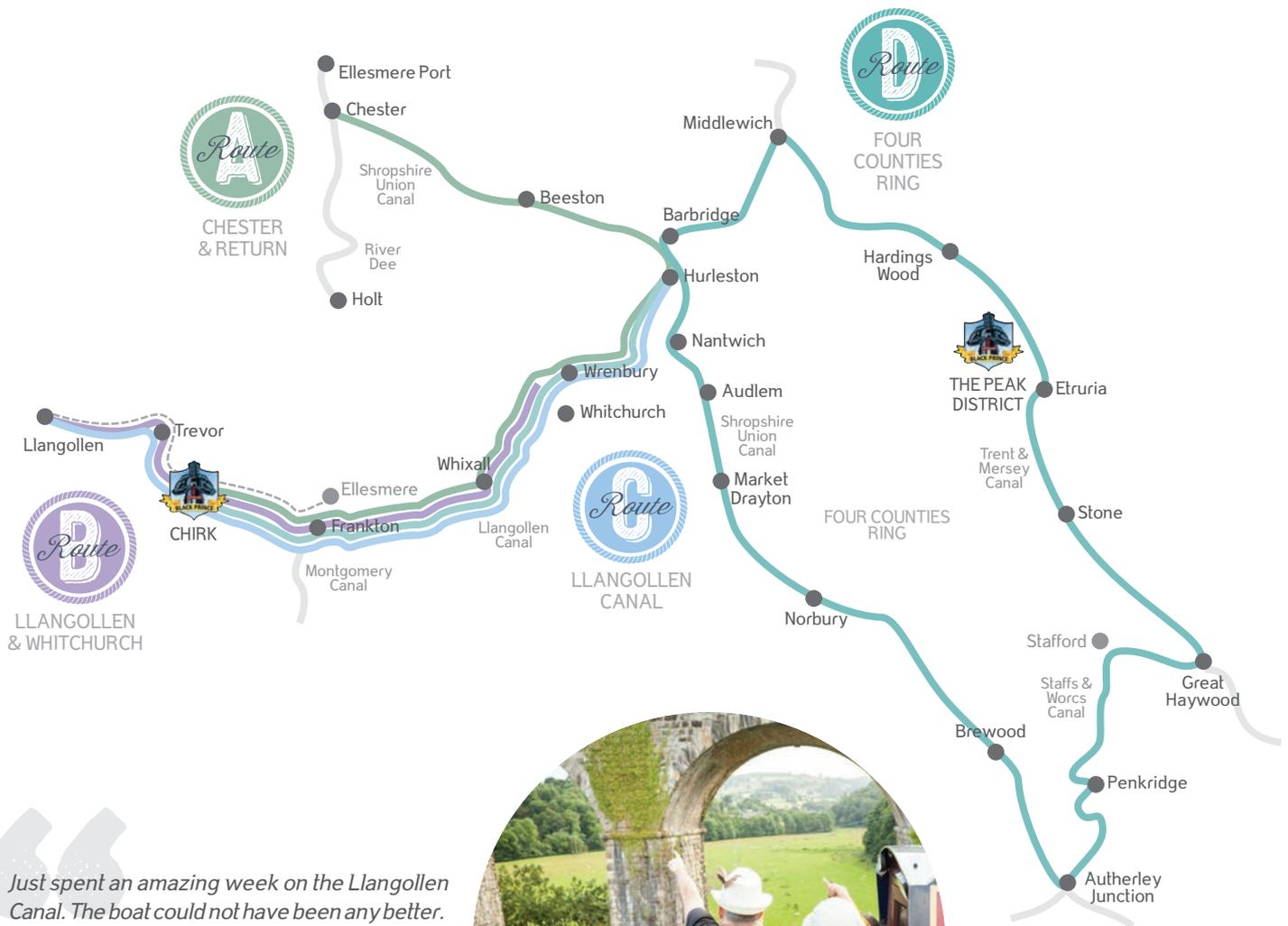
TRY A SHORT BREAK...

See the best part of the Llangollen Canal, crossing the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and travelling along the Dee Valley to the marina. Then back past Chirk to Ellesmere through 2 locks and over the Chirk Aqueduct.

4 LOCKS / 16 HRS RETURN CRUISING TIME

*Pontcysyllte Aqueduct,
accessible from
routes A, B & C*

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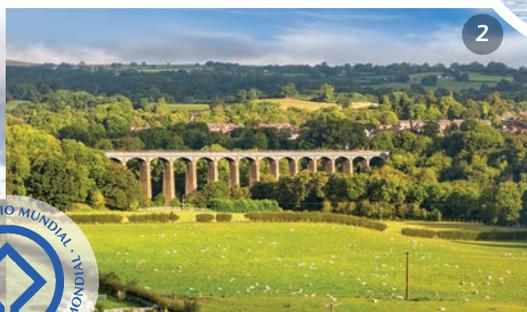


Just spent an amazing week on the Llangollen Canal. The boat could not have been any better. 68" 6 berth 'Kaye' was fantastic. Staff at Chirk Marina were friendly and very helpful. The canal itself was very picturesque and not as busy as I'd expected. Would thoroughly recommend this as a holiday. Will definitely do it again.

 S Digby
5* review



1. Chirk Castle
2. Pontcysyllte Aqueduct
3. Llangollen Canal
4. Chester





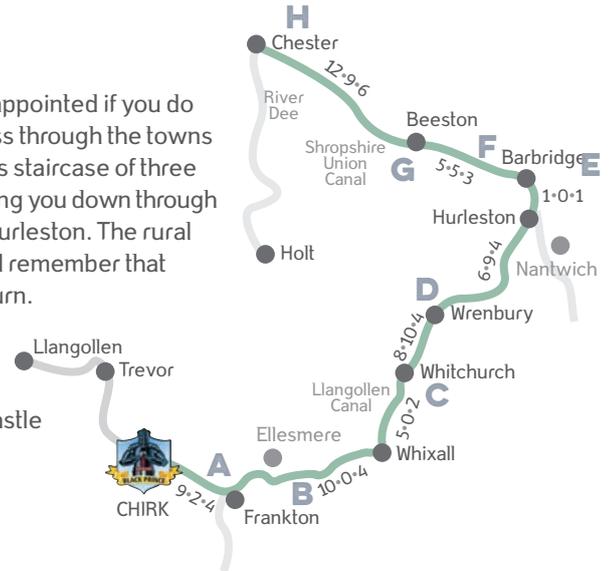
112 • 70 • 9

miles • locks • hrs/day

CHESTER & RETURN

A more challenging route, and you should not be disappointed if you do not reach Chester. Travelling down the canal, you pass through the towns of Ellesmere and Whitchurch to Grindley Brook with its staircase of three locks. From here the locks become more frequent, taking you down through lovely countryside to the Shropshire Union Canal at Hurleston. The rural atmosphere continues through to Chester. You should remember that the Llangollen Canal flows so it will take longer to return. A visit to Llangollen itself is also well worthwhile.

A Chirk Aqueduct **B** Ellesmere **C** Whitchurch
D Wrenbury **E** Nantwich **F** Bunbury **G** Beeston Castle and Market **H** Chester—Medieval Town
 | Zoo and Gardens | The Rows Shopping Area



60 • 4 • 4

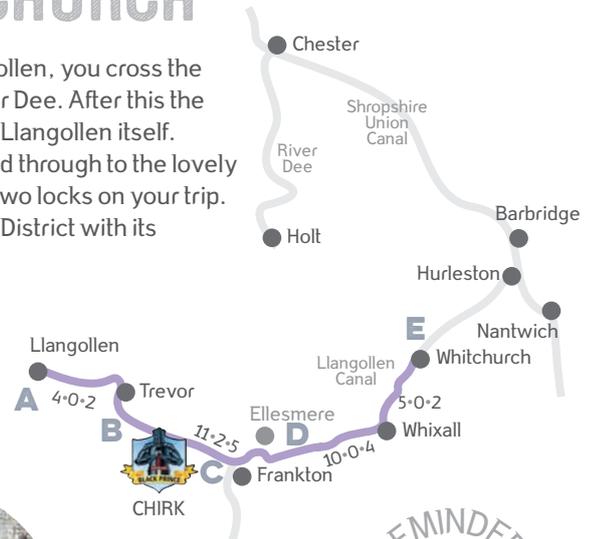
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EASY ROUTE

LLANGOLLEN & WHITCHURCH

A very pleasant and easy route. Travelling first to Llangollen, you cross the famous Pontcysyllte Aqueduct 120 feet above the River Dee. After this the canal perches on the side of the lovely Dee Valley up to Llangollen itself. Retracing your steps you encounter Chirk Aqueduct and through to the lovely small town of Ellesmere after passing through the only two locks on your trip. After Ellesmere you travel through the Shropshire Lake District with its meres to the market town of Whitchurch.

A Llangollen **B** Pontcysyllte Aqueduct
C Chirk Aqueduct **D** Ellesmere **E** Whitchurch



REMINDER!
example:
 13 • 29 • 9
 miles • locks • hours
 per each leg of the route



1. Cholmondeley Gardens
2. Cholmondeley Castle
3. Quarry Bank Mill
4. Ellesmere
5. Chirk Aqueduct



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SCOTLAND

FALKIRK

OUR BASE, LOCATED AT THE FALKIRK WHEEL, BOASTS ONE OF THE MOST STUNNING BACKDROPS ANYWHERE ON THE CANALS.

Our Scottish base is ideally situated half way between Edinburgh and Glasgow. Go up through the wheel and three locks and then travel into Edinburgh on the long lock-free Union Canal. You will pass over the magnificent Almond Aqueduct and travel through villages such as Linlithgow and Ratho, home of the Edinburgh Canal Centre. For those going to Glasgow, the Forth and Clyde has more locks and swing bridges and meanders through splendid scenery and villages such as Auchinstarry and Kirkintilloch to Cadder Village and on to Glasgow.



TRY A SHORT BREAK...

Travel to Edinburgh, through the Falkirk Wheel and three locks and then lock-free to Edinburgh. You will pass over the Almond Aqueduct and through pretty canal villages such as Ratho and Linlithgow.

6 LOCKS / 24 HRS RETURN CRUISING TIME

Edinburgh, accessible from routes A&B

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GLASGOW & EDINBURGH

136 • 14 • 6
miles • locks • hrs/day



EDINBURGH & RETURN

66 • 6 • 3
miles • locks • hrs/day

EASY ROUTE



It is an excellent way to relax and enjoy the scenery and wildlife. We went on the Falkirk wheel – absolutely brilliant. Then down the 16 locks to the kelpies – the lock volunteers who did these for us were great fun and made the trip.

A Davies
Customer Survey



1. University of Glasgow
2. The Kelpies
3. Linlithgow Palace
4. Falkirk Wheel
5. Edinburgh



WELCOME ABOARD

★
CHOOSE YOUR BOAT

WE ARE CONTINUALLY INVESTING IN OUR FLEET TO ENSURE THE VERY HIGHEST STANDARDS FOR OUR VISITORS.

Our specialist Black Prince team hand-build the boats for our holiday fleet, constantly innovating the design and technology. All boats offer water-cooled engines, full central heating, airing cupboards, showers, superior macerator toilets, cookers, fridges (with small freezer unit), flat screen televisions with Freeview, radios, CD and DVD players, USB sockets and free WiFi.



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WHAT YOU'LL FIND ONBOARD...

IN THE GALLEY

4 ring cooker, oven & grill
Stainless steel sink
Washing up bowl
Dish draining rack
Refrigerator (4 cubic ft with small freezer unit)
1 Kettle
1 Frying pan
3 Saucepans & lids
1 Pudding basin
1 Colander
1 Casserole
1 Mixing bowl
1 One pint jug
1 Water jug
1 Bread board
1 Bread knife
1 Grater
1 Mixing bowl
1 Carving knife
1 Carving fork
2 Cooks knives
1 Wooden spoon
1 Sugar bowl
1 Cruet set
1 Teapot
1 Fruit bowl
1 Pair scissors

4 Serving spoons
1 Fish slice
1 Tea strainer
1 Tin opener
1 Bottle opener
1 Corkscrew
1 Grillpan
1 Enamel plate
1 Pedal bin
1 Potato masher
1 Pair oven gloves
1 Toast rack
2 Tea towels
1 Dishcloth
Washing-up liquid
Sponge scourer
Soap
Toilet paper

ON THE TABLE

One of each per berth:
Dessert knife
Table knife
Dessert fork
Table fork
Teaspoon
Dessert spoon
Soup spoon
Tea plate
Dinner plate
Cereal bowl

Cup & saucer
Mug
Egg cup
Beer glass
Wine glass

BEDDING & TOWELS

Duvets and covers
1 Pillow per berth
1 Interior sprung
Mattress/cover per bed
1 Set of linen
1 Pillowcase / bed
1 Bath towel / person
1 Hand towel / bathroom
1 Shower mat / shower

FOR CLEANING

1 Toilet brush & stand
1 Dustpan & brush
1 Bucket
1 First aid kit

NAVIGATING

1 Boarding plank
1 Boat pole
1 Boat hook
1 Water hose
1 Life ring
2 Mooring spikes

1 Club hammer
2 Double windlasses
1 Umbrella

EXTRAS AT OUR BASES

Roasting tin
Butter dish
Cafetière
Extra pillows
Extra windlasses
(£5 returnable deposit)
Cot Sides

WATER & WASHING

110 gallon freshwater tank
Running hot & cold water by automatic pump to wash basin, shower & sink
Flush pump-out toilet & shower with full height bi-fold door

HEATING

Central heating boiler & hot tank with airing cupboard

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

240v shaver point (for shaver only)
Hair dryer
12v/USB charger
LED lighting throughout
Flatscreen TV + Freeview/DVD player
Radio/CD player
WiFi
All boats have a 240v socket
1kW capacity max

All of our boats have a security safe

HEADROOM

Over 6' 3"

ENGINE

Water cooled with single lever control

NB: Boats in the same class are similar in all essential respects although details may vary from boat to boat

FREE WIFI
included

All our boats benefit from: • Double glazed front windows • Double beds 6'3" x 4' and Single beds 6'3" x 2' all with interior sprung mattresses • Full central heating with radiators and airing cupboard • Flat screen TV with Freeview/DVD player • Radio/CD player • Full size shower with bi-fold door • 240v Hairdryer • 110 gallon hygienic stainless steel water tank • 4 ring cooker /oven/grill • Electric fridge with freezer compartment • 12v/USB point for phone / camcorder / iPod / iPad charging • Security safe • Macerator toilets to discrete tanks • Cruiser stern • WiFi • 2 auto-inflating lifejackets Interior finishes may vary from those shown in the photographs.





WELCOME ABOARD!

All Black Prince boats offer the same high quality fixtures and fittings, with a similar bow (front) and stern (back). The names reference the different sized boats that we offer, from a 2 berth to a 10 berth, and the varying layouts.

With the exception of the Duchess 2 and Princess 2, all boats have the option of either single or double berth configurations – see the outline drawings below.

Some boats can also sleep extra people by using the lounge area at night.



LOW SEASON *from*
per week | short break

£999 £675

HIGH SEASON *from*
per week | short break

£1599 £1079

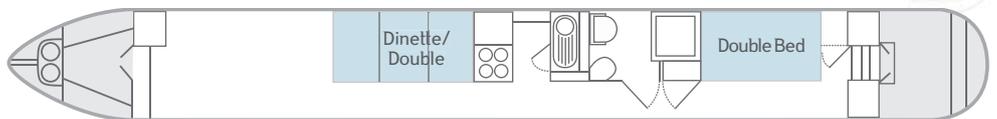
DUCHESS 4

LOW SEASON *from*
per week | short break

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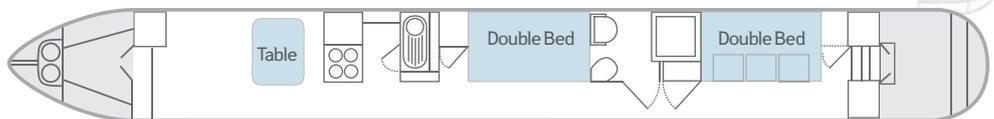
HIGH SEASON *from*
per week | short break

£1779 £1179

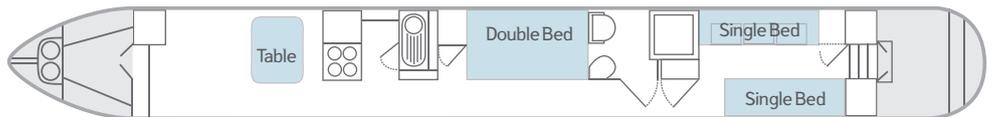


DUCHESS 2 Length: 52ft | Sleeps: 2/5 | Double beds: 1* | Single beds: 0*

A disc bed can be added and used in the lounge area at night, enabling 1 extra person to be accommodated.



DUCHESS 4:2 Length: 58ft | Sleeps: 4/5 | Double beds: 2



DUCHESS 4:3 Length: 58ft | Sleeps: 4/5 | Double beds: 1 | Single beds: 2

A disc bed can be added and used in the lounge area at night, enabling 1 extra person to be accommodated.



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DUCHESS 6
PRICE GUIDE

LOW SEASON *from*
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£1349 £899

HIGH SEASON *from*
per week | short break

£2375 £1549

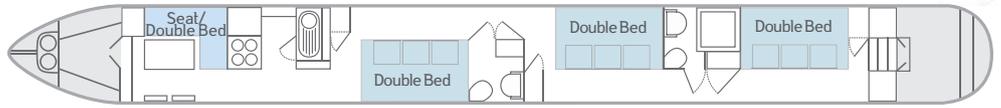
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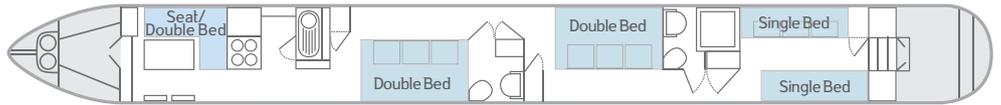
£1449 £999

HIGH SEASON *from*
per week | short break

£2649 £1779



DUCHESS 6:3 Length: 69ft | Sleeps: 6/8 | Double beds: 3* | Single beds: 0*
** Plus 1 optional bed in the lounge*



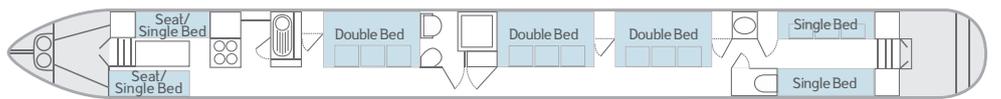
DUCHESS 6:4 Length: 69ft | Sleeps: 6/8 | Double beds: 2* | Single beds: 2
** Plus 1 optional bed in the lounge*



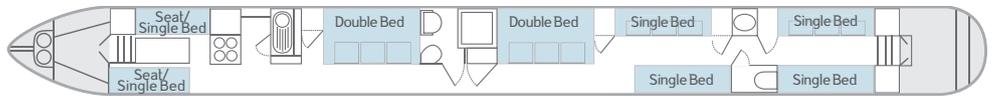
DUCHESS 6:5 Length: 69ft | Sleeps: 6/8 | Double beds: 1* | Single beds: 4
** Plus 1 optional bed in the lounge*



DUCHESS 6:6 Length: 69ft | Sleeps: 6/8 | Double beds: 0* | Single beds: 6
** Plus 1 optional bed in the lounge*



DUCHESS 8:5 Length: 70ft | Sleeps: 8/10 | Double beds: 3 | Single beds: 2*
** Plus 2 optional beds in the lounge*



DUCHESS 8:6 Length: 70ft | Sleeps: 8/10 | Double beds: 2 | Single beds: 4*
** Plus 2 optional beds in the lounge*



PRINCESS 2
PRICE GUIDE

LOW SEASON *from*
per week | short break

£899 £599

HIGH SEASON *from*
per week | short break

£1549 £1049

PRINCESS 4

LOW SEASON *from*
per week | short break

£1049 £699

HIGH SEASON *from*
per week | short break

£1779 £1179

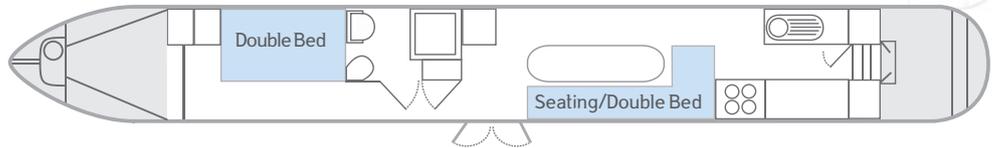
PRINCESS 6

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per week | short break

£1249 £849

HIGH SEASON *from*
per week | short break

£2099 £1389



PRINCESS 2:1 Length: 47ft | Sleeps: 2/4 | Double beds: 1*

*Fold down double in the lounge



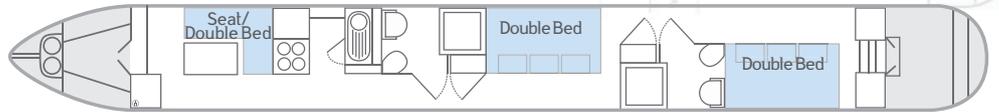
PRINCESS 4:2 Length: 52ft | Sleeps: 4/6 | Double beds: 2*

*Plus 1 optional bed in the lounge



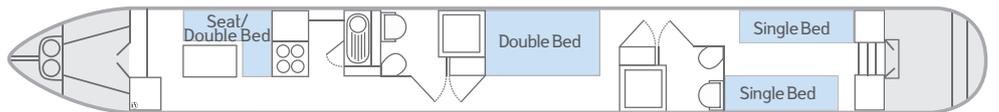
PRINCESS 4:3 Length: 52ft | Sleeps: 4/6 | Double beds: 1* | Single beds: 2

*Plus 1 optional bed in the lounge



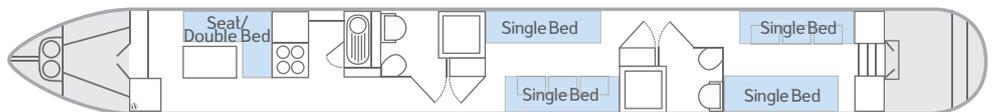
PRINCESS 6:2 Length: 62ft | Sleeps: 6 | Double beds: 2*

*Plus 1 optional bed in the lounge



PRINCESS 6:3 Length: 62ft | Sleeps: 6 | Double beds: 1* | Single beds: 2

*Plus 1 optional bed in the lounge



PRINCESS 6:4 Length: 62ft | Sleeps: 6 | Double beds: 0* | Single beds: 4 *

Plus 1 optional bed in the lounge



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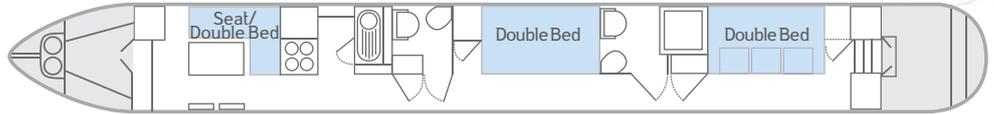
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LOW SEASON *from*
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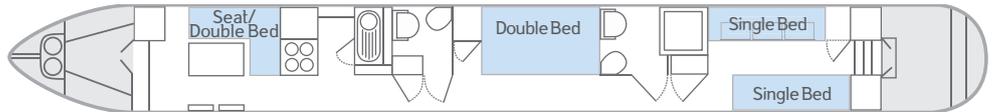
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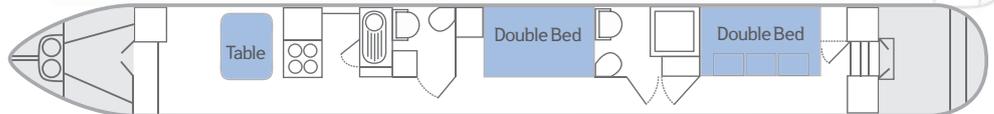
SHAKESPEARE 4:2 Length: 58ft | Sleeps: 4/6 | Double beds: 2*

*Plus 1 optional bed in the lounge

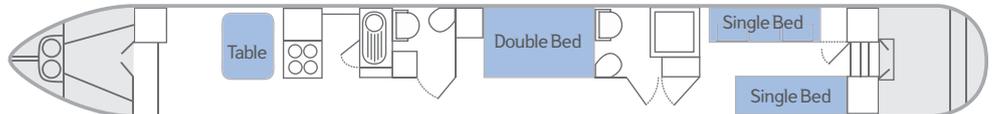


SHAKESPEARE 4:3 Length: 58ft | Sleeps: 4/6 | Double beds: 1* | Single beds: 2

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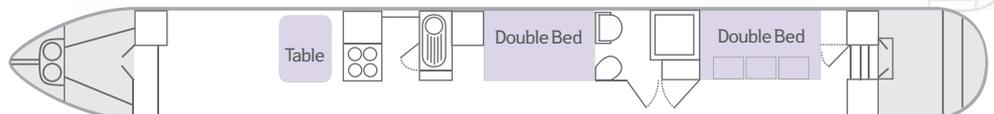


LAUTREC 4:2 Length: 62ft | Sleeps: 4/5 | Double beds: 2

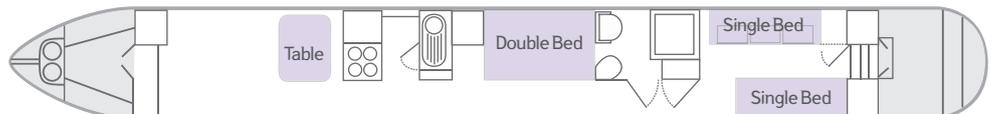


LAUTREC 4:3 Length: 62ft | Sleeps: 4/5 | Double beds: 1 | Single beds: 2

A disc bed can be added and used in the lounge area at night, enabling 1 extra person to be accommodated.



COUNTESS 4:2 Length: 62ft | Sleeps: 4/5 | Double beds: 2



COUNTESS 4:3 Length: 62ft | Sleeps: 4/5 Double beds: 1 | Single beds: 2

A disc bed can be added and used in the lounge area at night, enabling 1 extra person to be accommodated.

LAUTREC 4
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per week | short break

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YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



Do I need previous experience / a licence?

No previous experience of narrowboating is necessary. Our boats are easy to operate and our Black Prince team will provide a full induction on your arrival at the base. You do not need a driving licence for a narrowboat and the boat itself is licenced by us for CRT waterways. However, there are certain stretches of river that you do need a river licence to navigate – these are the River Avon, River Nene and River Thames (you can purchase these on the day).

What's the minimum crew required?

A minimum of two people will be needed to crew a Black Prince boat. This is so you can easily control the boat through locks and swing bridges. We regret we cannot hire to single-handed boaters, however experienced.

Which route should I choose?

There are plenty of routes to choose from that would suit beginners through to the more active boater. If you want to potter along then choose a route where you don't have to travel a lot of hours in one day and don't have many locks to tackle. Alternatively, if you want something more adventurous and to cover a greater distance then go for the longer routes such as one of the Rings. You can plan your route using the guides on the base pages plus our teams can provide advice on arrival. Maps are also available to purchase from the bases.

What's included in the hire charge?

All the necessary boating equipment will be provided, plus everything for a self-catering holiday – a full list is provided on page 41. Damage Waiver and WiFi are all included in the cost. Please note that the WiFi requires a network signal and there may be some areas where the signal is poor. It is suitable for browsing and email but not for downloading or streaming.

Will I have to fill up with diesel and water?

The boat has a 110 gallon water tank which should be refilled daily from water points along the canal. Your boat will have a full tank of diesel which is adequate for 2 weeks. The diesel fuel you have used will be charged upon return of the boat and the cost per litre will be slightly lower than supermarket prices. (2018 – average cost £12–15 per day). The boats will typically use between 1.2–1.7 litres per hour depending on driving style. The central heating systems are oil fired, which will also use diesel during colder periods.

Can I bring my pet?

We have a large selection of pet friendly boats. There is a charge of £30 each, maximum 2 pets. Please keep them off the furniture and bedding. The intention to bring pets must be clearly stated at time of booking as some boats are pet-free.



Can I charge my laptop and mobile?

Yes there is a 12v/USB charger point on each boat and 1700w inverters are also on board that powers the built-in hairdryer, unfortunately, hair straighteners will not work so please do not bring them with you.

Where can I stop at night?

You can stop for the night almost anywhere along the canal bank, much of the canal network is managed by the Canal & River Trust. Watch out for prohibited signs, such as by the water taps, or where it is unsafe, such as on a bend or close to a lock. Riverbanks, however, are private property, so mooring, except in designated spots provided by the navigation authority or a boating association, is at the discretion of the landowner.

Do we have to pay for mooring?

Mooring on the towpath is free in the majority of situations, however, you may encounter a charge if you choose to moor up at a privately owned marina, wharf or basin.

What time is the boat available from?

Boats are available between 2.30pm and 3.30pm Saturdays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays or from 9.30am on Wednesday departures. They should be returned and vacated by 9.30am or 2.30pm on return days as specified on your confirmation. If a boat is returned late or unclean, it will cause a delay for the next hirer. In this event, we reserve the right to charge additional costs.

Where can I park my car?

All our bases have free car parking, but we are unable to accept responsibility for loss or damage to customers' vehicles.



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BOAT AVAILABILITY

How can I make a booking?

You can book safely and securely online or call one of our experienced team members for knowledgeable advice. We require 25% deposit to confirm the booking, with the balance due 8 weeks before your departure date. Please see page 48 for details of our Cancellation Protection Scheme to cover any costs of cancellation.

Do I need insurance?

The price of your holiday includes a Damage Waiver, which covers you in the event of damage, loss or accident to your boat or its inventory during your holiday (See page 48). Black Prince has its own Cancellation Protection Scheme in the event you need to cancel your holiday after you have paid in full, please ask for details at time of booking. It is advisable to have your own personal holiday insurance to cover personal possessions and health.

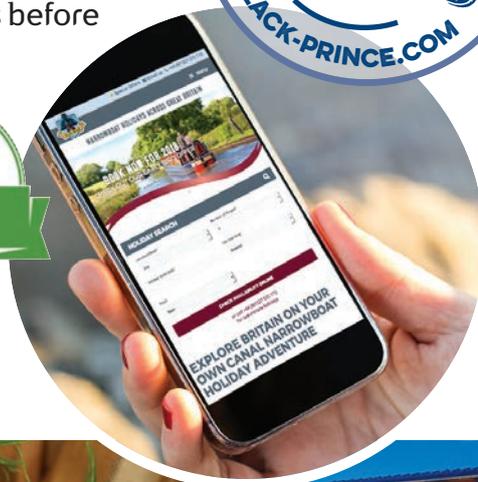
I have a disability, can I take a canal boat holiday?

The lead boaters need to have a reasonable level of fitness to operate the boat and the open / close the locks when required. However we have welcomed guests of varying levels of ability on our cruises, we would just ask that you call our reservations team so that we can answer any specific enquiries you may have, including levels of accessibility and power sources required.

Can I fish?

Fishing is allowed on canals at any time but an Environment Agency rod licence is required. You can purchase this from any Post Office or online at www.gov.uk. You may also need a permit depending on which stretch of water you wish to fish. Please do not keep live bait on the boat.

Take a look at our latest news and offers at WWW.BLACK-PRINCE.COM or sign up for our newsletter to see our offers before anyone else.



ACTON BRIDGE

Sat 2.30pm – Tues 9.30am | Tues 2.30pm – Sat 9.30am
Princess 2 | Princess 4 | Shakespeare 4 | Duchess 4
Princess 6 | Duchess 6 | Duchess 8

Fri 2.30pm – Mon 9.30am | Mon 2.30pm – Fri 9.30am
Duchess 4 | Duchess 6

STOKE PRIOR

Sat 2.30pm – Tues 9.30am | Tues 2.30pm – Sat 9.30am
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Lautrec 4 | Princess 6 | Duchess 6 | Duchess 8

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PEAK DISTRICT

Sat 2.30pm – Tues 9.30am | Tues 2.30pm – Sat 9.30am
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NAPTON

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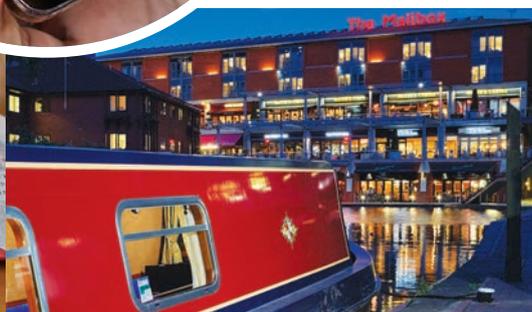
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Princess 2 | Shakespeare 4 | Lautrec 4



CANCELLATION PROTECTION SCHEME

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

When booking a Black Prince Holiday, you will naturally be looking forward to a relaxing break. Unfortunately, circumstances can sometimes intervene and so we therefore offer the Black Prince Cancellation Protection Scheme as detailed below.

Once a deposit has been paid and your booking confirmed, a contract exists which renders you **liable for the whole of the hire charge** even if you are prevented from taking your holiday. Black Prince has arranged a Cancellation Protection Scheme which offers protection against this liability under the qualifying circumstances detailed below. In this event, all liability for any balance charges due will be absolved and if part or all of such charges have already been paid, they will be refunded (less the cancellation scheme fee). This scheme only covers full cancellation and not a partial refund. If you choose not to take the Cancellation Protection Scheme and subsequently have to cancel your holiday, we will try to re-let your boat. If successful, we will refund your payment minus a 15% re-letting charge.

Qualifying Circumstances

1. Death, injury, illness or pregnancy (certified in all cases by a qualified medical practitioner), jury service or witness call of any member of the party listed on the booking form at the time of booking.
2. Death, injury or illness (certified in all cases by a qualified medical practitioner) of the spouse, partner, parent, step-parent, parent-in-law, brother, sister, children or step-children of the hirer or any member of the party.
3. Redundancy of the hirer, providing that the hirer qualifies for payment under the Redundancy Payment Act 1965.
4. Cancelled leave orders in respect of the UK police and military personnel.

Warranty – This scheme is subject to a warranty at the time of completing the proposal that each proposer and each person on whose state of health the holiday depends is in good health, free from physical or mental defect, not subject to any chronic or recurring illness, and is not under treatment of any kind.

CANCELLATION PREMIUMS

COST OF HOLIDAY *Please ensure all passengers' names are given at the time of booking.*

up to £600	£40.00
£601–£800	£45.00
£801–£1000	£50.00
£1001–£1200	£55.00
£1201–£1400	£60.00
£1401–£1600	£65.00
£1601–£1800	£70.00
£1801+	£75.00



The Accidental Damage Waiver Scheme is included in the cost of your holiday and covers you in the event of damage, loss or accident to your boat or its inventory during your holiday. Please ensure all passenger names provided when you book online or over the phone, to ensure you are covered.

Exclusions – In the event of any of the following being reported, we shall claim the full cost of repairs, replacement or compensation:

1. Speeding (reported or witnessed). The limit is 4mph.
2. Negligent, malicious or intentional damage to the boat, its inventory, third party property, the canal or river and its structures.
3. Damage to the rudder, skeg or transmission due to cill damage in a lock.
4. Return of the boat late or in an unclean condition.



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CONDITIONS OF HIRE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. Definitions: In these conditions and agreement: "The Company" means Black Prince Holidays Ltd. "The Hirer" means the person or persons named on the booking confirmation. Where there is more than one Hirer they shall be individually responsible and liable under this agreement. "The Conditions" means the conditions set out in this form. "The price" means the price for the booking set out in the booking confirmation. "The start date" means the date when the booking starts as set out in the booking confirmation. "The end date" means the date when the booking ends as set out in the booking confirmation. "The period of hire" means the period between the start date and the end date.

2. Booking Agreement: A booking is a legally binding contract. The contract includes these conditions which the Hirer accepts having read and agreed them. The entire contract between the Company and the Hirer is contained in these Conditions and the booking form and no representations, terms, warranty or condition expressed or implied shall be deemed to be or have been made or agreed or imported by reference to any other writing, advertisement or conversation. No agent, servant or representative of the Company has any right to alter or vary or waive any of these conditions. Nor is any such person authorized to undertake any liability whatsoever on behalf of the Company. These conditions can only be varied with the written permission signed by a Director or the General Manager of the Company. The Hirer acknowledges that no statement or representation which may have been made by or on behalf of the Company induced the Hirer to enter into the contract and that any such statements or representations do not form part of the contract. Any liability of the Company and any remedy of the Hirer in respect of any such statement or representation is excluded save in so far as liability in respect of any particular statement or representation may not be excluded by law. In accepting a booking, the company's responsibility does not extend beyond the provision of the boat and in particular there is no warranty that any particular route will be available for navigation during the period of hire. Where more than one boat is booked on the same booking form each boat shall be deemed to be the subject of a separate contract. Bookings for optional extras are taken subject to availability on the start date.

3. Group Bookings, Age Limits and Unsuitable Hirers: The Hirer must be aged 25 years or over. Though there is no age limit for driving the boat, the Hirer warrants that whenever the boat is driven by a person aged under eighteen years they will always be under the close supervision of a competent adult. Where a boat is occupied by a group comprising mainly young persons, the Hirer warrants that at all times a responsible person aged more than 25 years will be in charge of the group. The Company may at its discretion cancel any booking made in contravention of this condition before or at the start date. In this event any money paid will be forfeit and any balance payment will remain due unless the Company is able to re-let. If the Company is able to re-let the Hirer will remain liable for 15% of the price to cover administration expenses. The Company may at its discretion cancel the booking and refuse to hand over the boat to any person or group who in its opinion is not suitable to take charge on the grounds of age, inexperience, suspected influence of alcohol or drugs or any reason that may adversely affect the safety of any person, or commercial interests of the Company. In this event (and provided that the Hirer is not in breach of other parts of the agreement) the Company will refund any monies paid and the contract shall be discharged without further liability on either party. The Company may repossess the boat at any time if in the opinion of the Company the Hirer is unsuitable for the reasons given above or if the Hirer is not behaving responsibly or if the boat or any persons are at risk. In this event the Hirer shall remain liable to pay the hire price and no refund shall be due.

4. Cancellations and Changes: The agreement including the payment terms is a legally binding contract and may not be cancelled or amended except as provided in the Conditions. Should the Hirer wish to cancel or amend the booking they must advise the Company immediately by telephone and at the same time send written confirmation by Recorded Delivery post. The company reserves the right to levy an administration charge of £35 for any alteration to a booking made by the hirer after it has issued a booking confirmation. In the event of a cancellation, the deposit will be forfeited and the hirer will pay the balance price on the due date. The Company may at its discretion waive the balance price if it is successful in re-letting the boat for the whole of the hire period. It is therefore strongly recommended that the hirers protect themselves against cancellation liability by taking out cancellation protection. In the event of any claim being disallowed for any reason the hirer remains liable for the full hire charges. In the event of the operator being unable to re-book the boat the hirer will remain responsible for the full hire price unless covered by a cancellation protection scheme.

5. Hire Period, Collection and Return of Boat: The hire period is as shown in the booking confirmation. The Company will endeavor to have the boat ready for the Hirer at the time specified on the start date. The hirer must notify the company of any likely delay in arrival as soon as possible by fax or telephone. Before the Hirer departs with the boat the Company will give the Hirer such instructions, demonstrations and trials as it thinks fit and require the hirer to check and sign for the contents, inventory and Boat Acceptance. In the event that the boat is not available because of circumstances beyond the company's control the Company may substitute a boat of similar accommodation but if no such boat is available the Company shall refund any payments made but shall not otherwise be liable and the contract shall be discharged. The boat shall be returned to the company's hire base and be vacated in a clean and tidy condition no later than the time specified on the end date. Hirers are responsible for ensuring that their cruising schedule allows time for unforeseen contingencies so as to permit their return and vacation of the boat by the scheduled time. Breach of this condition will incur an additional charge of up to £75 per hour or part thereof. In addition, the Hirer will be liable for any extra costs and/or damages incurred by the Company as a result of the boat not being available on time for the next Hirer. Where the Company has to recover a boat and return it to the base, the Hirer shall be liable for all the costs involved. Where operational circumstances make it necessary the Company reserves the right to require the boat to start from or return to a place other than its normal base of operation. In such circumstances the Company will where necessary provide transport to the original base. The Hirer is responsible to return the boat to its originating base. If the Hirer fails to do so except for unavoidable cause the Hirer will be liable to pay to the Company, the cost of recovering the boat.

6. Prices and Payment: Prices are inclusive of VAT and are subject to any change in the VAT rate prior to the settlement of the price in full. The booking confirmation and booking statement are not VAT invoices. Prices are in pounds sterling. Hire cost includes navigation licenses for waterways operated by the Canal & River Trust covering most UK canals but not UK river navigations (including but limited to Thames, Upper & Lower Avon, Wey) where the hirer can purchase a visitor license in advance or on arrival at additional cost. The Hirer shall reimburse the Company on demand for any expenses incurred in the conversion of foreign currencies, bank charges, special clearance, re-presenting cheques, processing payments or otherwise in obtaining cleared sterling funds of the amount due on the due date. Payment is not made until cash or cleared funds have been received by the Company. The booking deposit must be sent with the booking application and unless otherwise stated is 25% of the total price. The balance of the price is due not less than 8 weeks before the hire start date. Time of payment shall be of the essence of the contract. For bookings made within 8 weeks before the hire start date payment in full must accompany the booking form. Without prejudice to any other rights of the Company it may charge interest (both before and after any judgement) at the rate of 3% over the company's bankers base lending rate on any monies due from the due payment date until the date of payment and interest shall accrue from day to day.

7. Insurance: The company insures the boat and its equipment and inventory against public liability risks. The company's insurance does not cover personal accidents or loss or damage to personal effects. Hirers and their crews are advised to take out their own personal insurance cover. The price includes a £50 compulsory accidental damage waiver per booking. Accidental damage waiver excludes damage arising from speeding, contact with a lock sill causing damage to the rudder, skeg or stern gear, TV aerials, chimneys, malicious or intentional damage to the boat. Also excluded is malicious or intentional damage to other boats and property and the late return of the boat and return of the boat in unclean condition. The Hirer will indemnify the Company against all costs, damage, expenses, liability and claims howsoever arising from the negligence, neglect or default of the Hirer to the extent that they are not covered by the company's policy.

8. Safety and Other Rules: The Hirer agrees to comply with the following rules at all times for the health and safety of the persons on the boat and other persons and for safeguarding the boat and other property: -

Not to tow other craft or allow the boat to be towed except under professional assistance in the event of breakdown or emergency.

Not to cruise between sunset and sunrise. The boat is only equipped for cruising during daylight hours. To observe all speed limits, not to race and not to cruise at a speed which creates a breaking wash or disturbs or inconveniences other waterway users.

Not to take or have on the boat without the company's prior written permission any dinghies, canoes, inflatables, portable heaters, bicycles, vehicles, lighting equipment, TV sets, electrical appliances, (other than razors) inflammable liquids or substances, gas cylinders, barbecues, car batteries, fire arms or any other items which might create dangers or hazards.

Not to use the boat for business purposes.

Not to allow on the boat at any time more persons than the maximum number of births and under no circumstances more than 12 persons.

To give way to laden or unladen cargo boats, sailing craft, rowing boats and other human propelled craft.

Not to take the boat to sea or on tidal waters. This includes the lower tidal Thames between Teddington and Brentford. Not to have or carry any live fishing bait on the boat.

At all times to observe all byelaws, navigational limits or instructions and advice of Canal & River Trust and other navigational authorities and the Company and their respective officers and employees.

The Company reserves the right at its discretion without liability to restrict cruising areas or routes in the light of prevailing conditions.

9. Accidents: The Hirer is in charge of the boat and is responsible for its safe navigation and return. In the event of any accident or damage to the boat other craft or the waterway the Hirer must:-

1 Obtain and record the name and registration number of the other boat and names and addresses of all parties involved including the other boat owners and other hirers.

2 Notify the Company by telephone immediately with full details of the accident including damage incurred.

3 NOT IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ADMIT OR ALLOW OTHER PERSONS ON THE BOAT TO ADMIT LIABILITY TO ANY OTHER PERSON.

4 Not to carry out or have carried out repairs without the consent of the Company.

5 Obtain and follow the company's instructions.

In the event of an accident the Company may repossess the boat and the hiring contract shall then terminate without liability on the Company. In the event that the Company's insurance cover is prejudiced or invalidated by any failure on the part of the Hirer to comply with the provisions of this condition the Hirer shall indemnify the Company in respect of all liability claims, loss, damage or expenses incurred. The Hirer is liable for and shall indemnify the Company against any claim or charge made by any Navigation Authority for damage to waterway property or loss of water.

10. Maintenance, Repairs, Damage and Breakdown: The Hirer shall take reasonable care of the boat its equipment and contents and shall return them at the end of the hire period in accordance with the company's instructions and in good clean and tidy order and condition. The Hirer shall notify the company in the event of breakdown, damage, theft or loss and shall provide full details and comply with the company's instructions. The Hirer must not undertake or have undertaken any repairs, adjustment or service without the company's prior approval. Any repairs or replacements by the Hirer without the company's approval will not be accepted. The Hirer shall be responsible for getting the boat off mud banks or other grounding and for removal of weeds, rope and other matter from propellers. The Hirer shall notify the Company if any of these operations cannot be carried out without risk of accident or damage. The Hirer shall have no claim on the company as a result of breakdown or failures of the boat and its equipment or for any delays caused by repairs to the boat. The Hirer shall comply with the company's instructions; otherwise the Hirer shall be liable for any loss or damage incurred.

11. Hirer's Property: Vehicles may be left in the company's car parks at the owner's risk. The company will be under no liability for any loss of or damage to vehicles or contents of the hirers or other people's property on the boat or elsewhere or howsoever caused except by the company's negligence or that of those for whom the Company is responsible. Hirers are particularly advised not to leave any valuable or portable items in the car. The Company shall take such action as may be necessary to silence car alarms in the company's car parks and to recover the costs from the Hirer. The Company may return hirer's property left behind if claimed and following the receipt of payment for postage and packing (minimum charge £10). Property not claimed within two months from the end date will be disposed of by the Company.

12. Fuel, Gas, Water etc.: The boat is handed over ready fuelled. The cost of the fuel is to the hirer's account, and will be charged upon return of the boat to the yard at the end of the holiday. As a result of an EU ruling the tax will be similar to normal road diesel, and the price charged is likely to be 10p to 15p per litre below average supermarket prices. The boats will typically use between 1.2 litres and 1.7 litres per hour depending on driving style. In addition, the central heating systems are oil fired, which will use diesel during colder periods. Whilst water supply and moorings on the canals are normally free of charge, any costs incurred are the responsibility of the Hirer. Where pump-outs are required to toilet tanks, the cost is the responsibility of the Hirer unless carried out at the company's base.

13. Pets: Pets are allowed on the boat but must be put on the booking form. Hirers must provide their own pet baskets or blankets. All pets must be properly house trained or caged as appropriate, must not be left unattended, and must not be allowed on bedding or chairs. Pets are not covered under the company's insurance policy and the Hirer shall be liable for the cost of any damage or extra cleaning required. A maximum of two pets are allowed per boat. There is a charge of £30.00 per pet payable at the base on arrival.

14. Complaints: The Hirer shall check the boat its contents and equipment fully immediately after taking possession of the boat. In the unlikely event of any alleged deficiencies or shortcomings the Hirer must notify the Company before the boat leaves the boat yard. The Hirer shall sign the Boat Acceptance form before departure and thereafter the Hirer is completely responsible for the boat, its equipment and its operation until it is handed back to the Company at the end of the period of hire. Any shortcomings subsequently discovered shall immediately be notified to the Company by telephone in order to give the Company the opportunity to take any necessary remedial action. The Company shall not be liable in respect of any matter which is not so notified immediately and in any event shall not be liable in respect of any matter which is notified after the end of the hire period, as the boat may then have been taken over by another hirer and may not be available for inspection.

15. Exemption: The Company shall not be liable for any matters arising from any cause beyond the company's reasonable control or not due to the company's negligence or wilful default (without limitation) death or personal injury of Hirers their crew and passengers, loss or damage to property, nonfulfillment or interruption of the booking or delays, breakdowns, mechanical problems, defects, damage, restrictions or obstructions, repairs or damage to waterways, non-availability of routes, navigational works, storms, floods, droughts, ice, shortage of water or other weather conditions, rationing, shortage or non-availability of fuel or in respect of any consequential loss, damage, expense, injury, or claim. Hirers are recommended to take out personal holiday insurance cover.

16. Brochure: The specification of boats, their accommodation, facilities and equipment in the brochure is intended as a general guide but the Company shall not be liable in the event of any differences in the boat supplied and reserves the right to make modifications. Layout plans are for guidance only and are not to scale and may have steps which are not shown. If the hirer's party includes any infirm persons, the Hirer should make relevant enquiries at the time of booking. The Company reserve the right to change boat specifications without prior notice.

17. Disputes: Any dispute difference or question which may at any time arise out of the booking contract may be referred to the company's sole discretion to a single arbitrator to be agreed between the parties or failing agreement to be nominated upon application of either party by the President of the Birmingham Law Society. The decision of such arbitrator (acting as an expert and not as an arbitrator) including any direction as to payment of fees and costs in the arbitration shall be binding on both parties.

18. Jurisdiction: The contract between the Company and the Hirer shall be deemed to have been made in England and shall be governed in all respects by English law. The Hirer shall submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts provided that the Company at its option may bring any legal proceedings against the Hirer from courts in any other country.

19. Waiver: No indulgence, forbearance or delay by the Company shall constitute any bar to its enforcement of its rights at any time and no waiver in respect of any breach shall operate as a waiver in respect of any other subsequent breach.

20. Third Parties: No person who is not a party to this Agreement may enforce any term of this Agreement. The parties agree that the Contracts (Rights of third Parties) Act 1999 shall not apply to this Agreement or to any agreement or document entered into pursuant to this Agreement.



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