

Cruise the rivers and
lakes of Ireland
with
carrickcraft

A photograph of two white Carrickcraft motorboats with blue accents, docked at a long wooden pier. The pier is made of weathered wooden planks and extends from the bottom center towards the middle of the frame. The boats are positioned on either side of the pier, facing away from the viewer. The water is a deep blue, and the background is a dense line of green trees under a clear sky. The text 'Boating holidays on the River Shannon and Lough Erne' is overlaid on the lower half of the image, following the perspective of the pier.

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Ireland's Welcoming Waterways

Have you always wanted to go to Ireland for a holiday? Have you always wanted to go on a boating holiday? You can do both by hiring a boat from Carrickcraft.

700km of unspoilt waterways - the longest non-commercial waterway in Europe - give you access to sights and sounds not available to the weary land-traveller. Think of your boat as your cottage on the water. Everything you need for your holiday is on board - kitchen, bathroom, bedrooms, living room. Just go with the flow and do what you want - fish, cycle, visit heritage sites, eat out, eat in, visit a music pub, go waterskiing, go horse-riding. All this and more is available along the shores of the Shannon and Erne.

We have a full range of boats from 2 berth to 8 berth and no experience is necessary - in fact half of our customers have never been on a boat before. From Belleek in the north to Killaloe in the south, the Erne and Shannon offer some of the most spectacular cruising in Europe. You can start your cruise in any of three marinas - one on the picturesque Erne and two on the mighty

Shannon. One-way cruises are a Carrickcraft speciality and mean you can start at one marina and finish at another.

Before you arrive, we will send you our Holiday Planner which gives details of all the pubs, restaurants, sights and activities along the river.

On your arrival at the marina, you will be given a short classroom session and safety briefing, followed by a hands-on instruction on the boat. We will give you a highly-detailed chart of the entire waterway which is simplicity itself. Once you are comfortable with the handling of the boat you are cleared for departure. And where you go is up to you.

For your convenience, we have divided the waterway into three distinct areas - the Erne, the Upper Shannon and the Lower Shannon. We advise that each of these is considered a week's holiday - you can do more if you wish, but that means lots of motoring which is not really the point of a relaxing holiday.



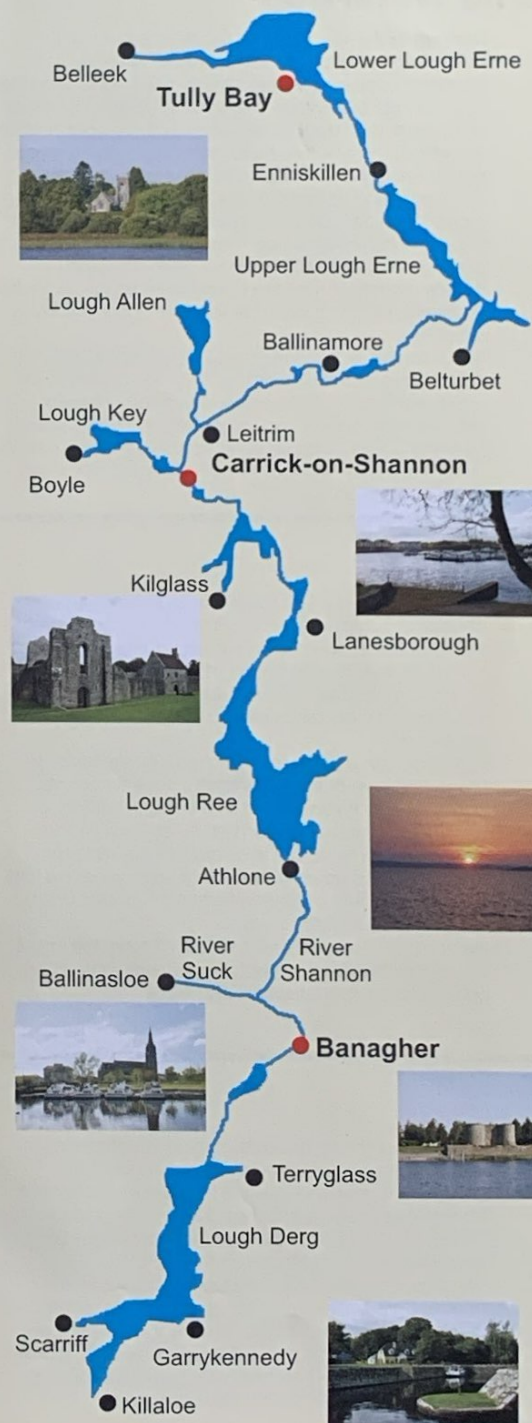
Travel to Ireland has never been easier with flights from every major UK airport to Dublin and many more to Shannon, Knock and Belfast. We can't book your flights, but look on the websites of all major airlines.

Carrickcraft operate a coach transfer service from Dublin and Shannon Airports every Saturday, making your journey easy to plan. The journey from Dublin takes 2 to 3 hours.

There are also several ferry services across the Irish Sea with crossing times as short as 1 hour. Contact us for details of booking and prices. Irish roads are much better than they used to be with many new motorways now open.

Your journey time will be about 3 hours from Dublin to Carrick or Banagher and about the same from Belfast to Tully Bay.

The Shannon and Erne



The River Shannon flows slowly through the rural heartland of Ireland. Initially made navigable in the early 1800's, the river was used to move goods from Dublin along the Grand Canal and then along the length of the river (actually, it was used to move Guinness from Dublin along the Grand Canal and then along the length of the river, but that's another story....)

The railways made the canals redundant and many fell into disrepair. But as the Shannon only has 5 locks between Leitrim and Killaloe, the river continued to be used, but now by pleasure boaters. The small harbours and quay walls survive to this day and offer an ideal mooring place in the centre of the towns and villages along the way. As the number of boats on the Shannon has increased, there has been a corresponding increase in mooring capacity in popular towns and villages. And in addition to the towns, extra moorings in more remote places have been added where you can truly get away from it all.

Lough Erne had a varied past as a commercial waterway with much of the traffic being large pleasure steamers taking passengers around the lake and to islands for lunch picnics. In the latter half of the 20th century, many new moorings and jetties were installed around both lakes and a thriving pleasure boating industry was born. Even now, the Erne is very unpopulated and during the week you can find yourself alone on a remote jetty in the middle of nowhere.

Just as the railways were coming to the fore and with spectacularly bad timing, the Ballinamore and Ballyconnell Canal was opened to link the Shannon to the Erne. From the time of its official opening in 1860 until it fell into disrepair in 1869, a total of eight boats are recorded as paying for passage. In 1994, in a historic move by the British and Irish Governments, the canal was restored and modernised. Today, many pleasure boats pass through from Upper Lough Erne to Leitrim and on to the Shannon (or the other way, of course!)

Some of the tributaries to the Shannon are also navigable: Lough Key is accessible along the River Boyle and through the Clarendon Lock. Recently, the River Suck to Ballinasloe in County Galway was dredged and opened for navigation.

The large lakes of Lough Erne, Lough Ree and Lough Derg were mapped by the British Admiralty in the 1830s and these charts exist to this day. They are not suitable for navigation, but make a fascinating record of the lakes 170 years ago.

Where do you want to go?

Lough Erne and Shannon-Erne Waterway

Carrickcraft's marina station on the Erne Waterway System is at Tully Bay on Lower Lough Erne and from here a vast network of interconnecting loughs, rivers and backwaters unfolds that take a lifetime to explore. These waters are framed by magnificent country - lush green rolling meadows give way to craggy uplands with spectacular cliffs that then lead on to uninterrupted open moorland. This is truly breathtaking lakeland, unrivalled throughout Europe.

From the loughs the night sky is jet black and studded with a panorama of brilliant stars. The long summer days are so peaceful - hardly another boat will interrupt your calm. There are numerous free moorings along the waterway, many on uninhabited islands - just you and your family.

Lower Lough Erne, the most northerly of the two loughs, is a great expanse of open water fringed by mountains and dotted with islands. Upper Lough Erne is filled with dozens of islands, so it is more like a meandering river than a lake. Some of the islands have jetties and offer the perfect lunchtime picnic stop.

Heritage features high on the Lough Erne tour - a perfectly preserved 12th century round tower on Devenish Island is easily reached by boat - and if you like your heritage older, there are some 6th century carvings on White Island - again easily accessible by boat. And for something more active, there are watersports centres on both lakes, offering sailing, waterskiing and kayaking. Enniskillen, lying between the two loughs, is a picturesque market town and fascinating heritage centre. By day this busy town brims with shops, museums, a sport centre and castle. By night, Enniskillen comes alive with happy holiday merriment from the wealth of original pubs, clubs and restaurants that offer delicious international culinary delights.

The Ballinamore and Ballyconnell Canal was re-opened in 1994 and links the Erne to the Shannon at Leitrim. The canal itself is a delightful cruise, meandering through a series of rivers, canals and loughs, with the odd colourful pub and eating place along its banks. There are 16 locks along the canal - but they are all hydraulically controlled, so life couldn't be any easier.

The Upper Shannon

The marina at Carrick-on-Shannon was the first marina opened by Carrickcraft over 30 years ago. The town has changed, but move a mile up or down river and it could be the same place as 1974.

The north Shannon is probably the most lively section of the river. There are plenty of small villages along the way with good moorings and facilities.

North takes you to Lough Key, one of the most scenic areas of the Shannon reached via a meandering river and one (manned) lock. Visit Rockingham Forest Park and climb the tower for spectacular views of the lake. Head up to Boyle with its pubs and restaurants for the evening.

An alternative northwards journey takes you to Lough Allen along a narrow canal and through Drumshanbo. Or head up to Lough Erne through Leitrim and the Shannon-Erne Waterway.

South from Carrick takes you to the Jamestown Canal, built to bypass Jamestown and Drumsna. Travel through

the Albert Lock and into Lough Boderg where you can choose to continue down the Shannon or head off into the Inner Lakes - remote even by our standards.

Further south is the little village of Dromod or you can continue to Rooskey - another lock! But don't worry, all the Shannon locks are operated by a lock-keeper and easy to use.

Lanesborough is your next port of call, the entrance to Lough Ree, one of the larger lakes on the system. You can head into Portlunny with a new, larger harbour, or head south towards Glassan with its fabulous lakeside golf course. Or tie up at the award-winning Wineport Restaurant for a gourmet delight. Straight across the lake is Hodson Bay with a modern hotel and facilities and home to Athlone Golf Course.

The southerly part of this section is at Athlone, the largest city on the River Shannon with shops, restaurants, hotels, pubs, cinema, sports facilities and more.

The Lower Shannon

You can't beat Banagher' goes the old saying - so that's where Carrickcraft based their southern marina.

Banagher in County Offaly is ideally placed to cruise the Shannon south from Athlone, but a whole week could be spent happily cruising Lough Derg. With mountains sweeping down to the water, Derg is quite different to the cliffs of Lower Lough Erne or the flatlands of Lough Ree. Quaint villages such as Garrykennedy, Mountshannon and Terryglass have Award-winning pubs and restaurants. On the Western shore, take the tiny winding Scarriff River to Scarriff village. The journey up the tree-lined river with branches hanging over the water is an experience in

itself - just watch out for boats coming the other way! And when you've had enough of lakes, head north through Banagher and take the River Suck to Ballinasloe. The newly-opened harbour has good mooring adjacent to the town. Head back through Shannonbridge, one of many Napoleonic defences on the river and on to Clonmacnoise. Renowned throughout the world, this is an early Christian settlement of great importance. You should have time to call in to Athlone, the largest town on the river with shops and restaurants. Head back down to Banagher for your final night with its great choice of pubs and restaurants and a lively night-life.

What do you want to see?



Travelling times from Tully Bay:

Belleek:	2 hours
Kesh:	3 hours
Enniskillen:	4 hours
Belturbet:	6 hours
Ballyconnell:	9 hours
Ballinamore:	12 hours
Leitrim:	16 hours



Travelling times from Carrick-on-Shannon:

Leitrim:	1 hour
Drumshanbo:	3 hours
Boyle:	3 hours
Dromod:	3.5 hours
Rooskey:	4 hours
Lanesborough:	8 hours
Portlunny:	10 hours
Glassan:	11 hours
Athlone:	12 hours



Travelling times from Banagher:

Shannonbridge:	2 hours
Clonmacnoise:	3 hours
Athlone:	4 hours
Portumna:	2.5 hours
Terryglass:	3 hours
Mountshannon:	5 hours
Scarriff:	6 hours
Garrykennedy:	4 hours
Killaloe:	6 hours

What do you want to do?

Heritage

Ireland is awash with fascinating heritage sites, dating from the 6th Century to the present day. To provide protection from invaders, many of the fortifications were built on islands or close to rivers. For the normal land-based traveller, these can be tiresome and difficult to reach - but with your own private motor cruiser, you can just tie up alongside and view at your leisure. On Lough Erne, you can visit Devenish Island with its spectacular round tower, White Island with a selection of 6th Century carved figures or Enniskillen Castle. On Lough Key, you can visit Boyle Abbey and cruise past Castle Island. On the Shannon, you can visit Portumna Castle, Clonmacnoise or Holy Island. But more than these are the random towers and ruins along the waterway, seemingly forgotten for centuries. The Napoleonic Tower at Banagher and Old Crom Castle are just two such examples of Ireland's rich history. Some of the sites have excellent visitor centres or museums where you can discover more about the site and its past.



Clonmacnoise



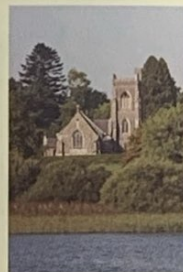
Devenish Island



Tower at Banagher



Castle Island, Lough Key



Crom Church, Lough Erne



Old Crom Castle



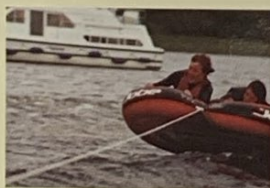
Boyle Abbey



Holy Island, Lough Derg

Watersports

Kayaking, sailing and waterskiing are all available at various places on the river - and if you have your own kayak, sailing dinghy or speedboat, bring it with you. We have good slipways at all our marinas and plenty of little creeks and streams (for the kayakers), open lakes (for the sailors) and sheltered bays (for the waterskiers). Or just potter about in the supplied rowing dinghy.



Enjoying the summer!



Sailing on Lough Derg

Fishing

Fishing is very popular and there is no close season. Fishing from your cruiser allows you the option of moving to where the action is - and when you find a good spot, you can stay there! Think of your cruiser as a cottage that moves - there are numerous excellent places to tie up - and you can then start to fish seriously. We can also supply fishing dinghies up to 14' long and outboard motors.



Tie up where the fish are biting



Or take the dinghy to small creeks

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tariff 2007

ALL PRICES IN EURO (€) per boat per week

Start Date	Season	Waterford	Clare	Kilkenny	Wexford	Mayo	Carlow	Kerry
17th Mar to 27th Apr	A	1,499	1,175	999	1,139	792	630	561
28th Apr to 11th May	B	1,749	1,371	1,189	1,329	924	735	655
12th May to 8th June	C	1,999	1,567	1,359	1,519	1,056	840	748
9th June to 6th July	D	2,249	1,763	1,529	1,709	1,188	945	842
7th July to 24th Aug	E	2,499	1,959	1,699	1,899	1,320	1,050	935
25th Aug to 7th Sep	D	2,249	1,763	1,529	1,709	1,188	945	842
8th Sep to 14th Sep	C	1,999	1,567	1,359	1,519	1,056	840	748
15th Sep to 28th Sep	B	1,749	1,371	1,189	1,329	924	735	655
29th Sep to 26th Oct	A	1,499	1,175	999	1,139	792	630	561

SPECIAL OFFERS

Available from all marinas

- Early booking discount - Book before the 31st January 2007 and receive a 10% discount
- Child discounts - For one child under 16, deduct 5% from the entire boat rental
For 2 or more children under 16, deduct 10% of the entire boat rental
- Two weeks offer - Book a two-week holiday in the A, B or C season and get the second week half price (cannot be combined with any other offer and excludes Bank Holidays)
- 10 days offer - Book a 10 day holiday in the A, B or C season and only pay for 7 (cannot be combined with any other offer and excludes Bank Holidays)

Maximum combined discount 15%.

TRANSFERS - per person

The following rates are for coaches operated in conjunction with other tour operators. For flights arriving after 18:00, there may be a surcharge.

Saturday: Dublin Airport to Banagher, Carrick or Tully	€33 single	€59 return
Saturday: Knock Airport to Carrick or Tully	€33 single	€59 return
Wednesday: Dublin Airport to Carrick	€36 single	€69 return
Belfast Airport to Tully / Shannon Airport to Banagher	Price on request	Price on request

RETURNABLE INSURANCE EXCESS

You will be required to leave a returnable insurance excess when you collect your boat from the marina. This excess will be returned in full when the boat is returned undamaged to the correct marina. The quickest and safest means of payment is by Credit Card. Cheques can not be accepted for insurance deposit.

	Insurance Excess	Excess reduction to €100
Waterford	€1,000	€100
Wexford	€800	€80
Clare, Kilkenny	€700	€70
Mayo, Kerry, Carlow	€600	€60

Excess Reduction Example: You will be liable for the first €700 of damage or loss to a Clare Class boat. However, by paying a one-off non-refundable fee of €70, you can reduce this to €100. (Only available for hires of 7 days or more).

DIESEL FUEL

You will be required to pay for any diesel fuel used during your holiday. It is difficult to tell how much, as some of you will motor a lot, and some of you will not. The average bill is €70 per week for a Carlow and €120 per week for a Waterford.

RESERVATIONS OFFICE

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Erne Charter Boat Association

Extras must be booked when booking cruiser to ensure availability

BICYCLES

€42 per bicycle per week

There are numerous places to visit along the riverbank, but many more slightly further away. For easy access to these, why not hire a few bicycles for the duration of your holiday? By it's nature, the riverbank is flat, and steep hills are few and far between. There is room to stow the bicycles on the deck of your cruiser so that they are readily available for that quick dash up to the shops!



FISHING DINGHY

From €36 per week

We can offer a choice of dinghy to take on your holiday. You will be supplied with an appropriate dinghy for your cruiser as part of your hire, but you may like an extra dinghy or an outboard motor.

Extra 12' dinghy	€36	With outboard	€100
Extra 14' dinghy	€46	With outboard	€110

The 12' dinghy will be either a Pioner 12 or a FunYak 370. The 14' dinghy will be the new FunYak 440. The 440 has three rows of seats, making it ideal for fishing. NOTE: all dinghies and outboards are subject to availability.



OUTBOARD MOTOR for your dinghy

€100 per week including upgrade to 12' dinghy

Increase the enjoyment of your dinghy with a 4hp 4-stroke outboard. Quieter, easier to start and more environmentally friendly, a 4-stroke outboard is the ideal choice. Price includes 10 litres of petrol.

PETS

€70 per booking

Pets are only allowed on the Mayo Class and Kerry Class cruisers. For those going on other classes of boats, we can recommend excellent kennels close to the marinas for your pet.

ONE-WAY HIRES

€80 per booking

A Carrickcraft speciality, a one-way hire allows you the time to see much more of the river than would otherwise be possible. Start from any Marina and finish from any other. Ideal option for air-travellers as we can collect you from the airport, take you to one marina, you cruise to a different marina, and we take you back to the airport! You will be advised of the direction of your one-way about 2 weeks before you arrive. Please note that this charge does not include the cost of moving you, or your car, back to the marina from which you started.



GROCERY PRE-ORDER SERVICE

Save time when you get to the marina

We can arrange to have a box of groceries delivered to your boat before you arrive, so that you can get going as quickly as possible. Just contact us after you have booked and we will send you a shopping list (or look out for it on the website on our links page).

If you have any questions about extras or other services, please do not hesitate to contact us.

DETAILS OF HIRER

Name of Captain (to whom all correspondence will be addressed)

Address of Captain

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Country

Daytime Telephone.....

CHOICE OF CRUISER & DURATION

1st choice cruiser.....

2nd choice cruiser.....

Start date..... Number of Days.....

CRUISE MARINA

Start and Finish in Carrick.....

Start and Finish in Banagher.....

Start and Finish in Tully Bay.....

Carrick to Banagher one-way.....

Tully to Carrick one-way.....

Tully to Banagher one-way (14 days only).....

Please note that one-way hires may be in the opposite direction to that shown - you will be notified of the direction 2 weeks before departure. Also please note that the one-way hire supplement does not include the cost of moving you or your car back to where you started.

EXTRAS

Bicycles (number).....

Extra Dinghy..... 12' ☐ 14' ☐

Pet (Mayo and Kerry Class only).....
With Outboard..... ☐

TRANSFERS

Please arrange transfers as follows:

Arrival Airport.....

Flight Number.....

Arrival Time.....

Departure Airport.....
Flight Number.....
Departure Time.....

PAYMENT

Deposit of €100 per person €.....

Transfers in full €.....

Total €.....

If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to Carrickcraft.
If paying by Credit Card, please complete all details even if already given by telephone.

VISA/Mastercard/Switch/Laser

Expiry Date Switch Issue Number CCV Number (last 3 digits on back of card)

I authorise you to debit my card with the above amount immediately and the balance of hire 6 weeks before the start date

Name and address of cardholder

Signature of Cardholder

Captain's Declaration - I certify on behalf of all people included on this booking form, by whom I am authorised to make this booking, that we have read the Conditions of Hire in this brochure and agree that this booking is made subject to these conditions.

Captain's Signature..... Date

Send completed form to: Carrickcraft, Kinnego Marina, Oxford Island, Lurgan, Co. Armagh, N. Ireland

Fax +44 (0) 28 3834 4995

conditions of hire

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Luxury Sedan - 4 + 2 berth

Wexford Class

4 + 2 Berth - 11.0m x 3.8m (36ft x 12.6ft)

Carrickcraft's latest arrival, designed for the perfect holiday. Easy to handle, comfortable and with a unique cabin layout, this is one of the most interesting hire boats in Ireland.

Ideal for a family of four or four singles.

- Unique forward cabin with either island Queen-size double or two single beds.
- Two side-cabins with single bed, wardrobe and bedside shelf.
- Push-button electric toilet flushes quietly and efficiently.
- Separate shower compartment with power shower.
- Full central heating with demisters on windscreen and heated towel rail in toilet compartment.
- Four forward-facing helm seats.
- Comfortable helm to starboard with excellent visibility and easy access to deck from both sides.
- Large bright saloon with convertible double bed.
- Fully-equipped galley with three-ring cooker and oven/grill.
- Two fridges - one for your food and one for bottles and cans.
- Large cockpit with seating and table.
- Quiet Nanni diesel engine and powerful bow-thruster.

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Feels like you are driving from outside - or stand up!



Fully fitted galley with 2 fridges



Bright saloon



Spacious helm



Roomy cockpit



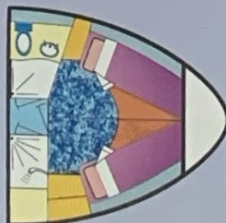
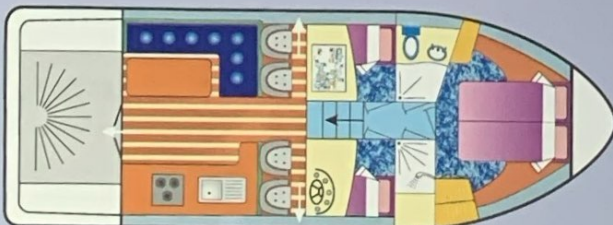
Forward cabin can be 2 singles.....or a Queen-size double



Single bed in side-cabin



Electric toilet



6 + 2 berth boats

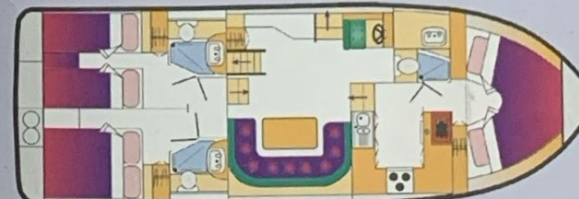
Waterford Class

6 + 2 Berth - 11.9m x 3.9m (39ft x 12.8ft)

Carrickcraft's largest family cruiser, beautifully fitted and offering luxurious comfort and space. The ideal cruiser for three couples or two families.

- 3 ensuite cabins, all with double or twin beds.
- Impressive, luxurious and spacious saloon.
- Well equipped galley with large fridge and eye-level grill/oven.
- Dual steering positions inside and on flybridge - bowthruster fitted.
- Large sundeck with all-round seating.
- Bathrooms with showers, basins and wc's and heated towel rails.
- Fitted with long-range fuel tanks.
- Available for one-way hires.

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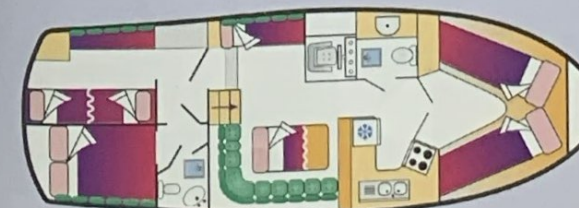
Clare Class

6 + 2 Berth - 11.3m x 3.8m (37ft x 12.6ft)

An elegant and spacious cruiser designed and fitted to Carrickcraft's own specifications - a true family boat. An ideal cruiser for three couples and two children.

- 3 cabins, one with double bed (aft), one with bunk beds (port aft) and one with 2 single beds forward (convertible to double).
- Convertible double bed in spacious saloon.
- Dual steering inside and outside.
- Large sundeck with all-round seating.
- 2 bathrooms with showers, basins and wc's.
- Fitted with long-range fuel tanks.
- Available for one-way hires.

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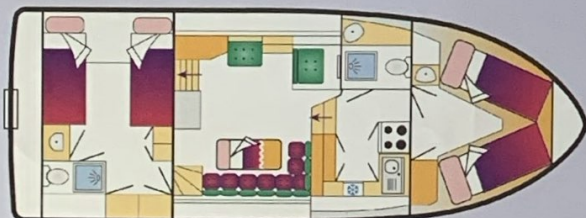
4 + 2 berth boats

Kilkenny Class

4 + 2 Berth - 10.4m x 3.8m (34ft x 12.6ft)

Designed and built exclusively for Carrickcraft to cruise the Irish waterways. A superb dual-helm cruiser for two couples or for a family of four. Low decks ensure easy access.

- 2 cabins, both with two single beds convertible to a double.
- Convertible double in saloon.
- Impressive and spacious saloon and galley.
- Dual steering positions inside and on flybridge.
- Sundeck at upper helm.
- 2 ensuite bathrooms with showers, basins and wc.
- Fitted with long-range fuel tanks.
- Available for one-way hires.



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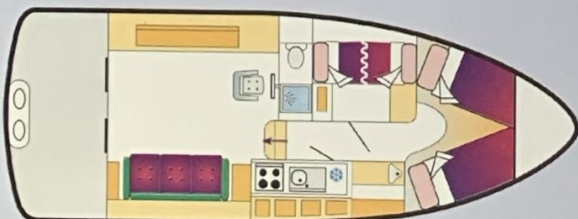


Mayo Class

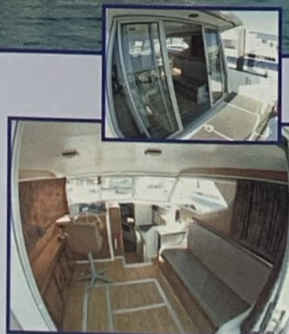
4 + 2 Berth - 10.0m x 3.8m (33ft x 12.6ft)

Popular cruiser with fishermen with large aft cockpit area, but equally popular as a family boat. Although modern in looks, rated as a Classic Craft.

- 2 cabins, one with 2 single beds convertible to double and one with bunk beds to port.
- Large spacious saloon and well-equipped galley.
- Spacious aft cockpit with deep well opens directly from saloon.
- 1 Bathroom with shower, basin and wc.
- Excellent all-round visibility from saloon.
- Large front deck.
- Excellent boat for the fisherman.



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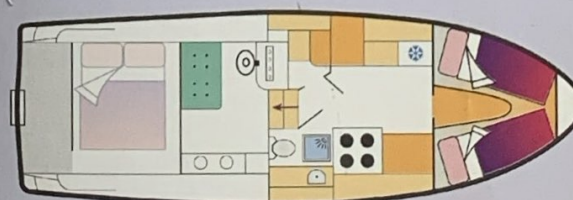
2 + 2 berth boats

Carlow Class

2 + 2 Berth - 8.25m x 3.10m (27ft x 10.2ft)

A highly manoeuvrable cruiser built and fitted to Carrickcraft's own specification, unique to the Irish Waterways. Maybe the smallest boat for hire but one of the most popular.

- Main cabin with convertible seating into 2 single beds or one double bed.
- Double bed in cabin under steering position.
- Spacious galley area and saloon.
- Raised inside steering position in wheelhouse.
- Large aft cockpit with access directly from wheelhouse.
- 1 bathroom with shower, basin and wc.
- Available for one-way hires.



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Kerry Class

2 + 2 Berth - 9.15m x 3.10m (30ft x 10.2ft)

A traditional, spacious aft-cockpit cruiser popular with couples and fishermen. Easily distinguishable as an older boat, the Kerry still represents excellent value for money.

- 1 sleeping cabin with 2 single beds convertible to a double forward.
- Convertible double in dinette area of main saloon.
- Airy and spacious main saloon and galley.
- Large open aft-deck opens directly from main cabin.
- 1 bathroom with shower, basin and wc.
- Detachable hood over aft cockpit.
- An old favourite.



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Angling A coarse fishing license may be required for some areas. Our marinas will advise you on arrival. For salmon and trout, a license is required. Tackle may be hired locally and a bait pre-ordering service is available on request.

Tuition All hirers are required to attend a classroom briefing on navigation and safety matters, followed by a practical demonstration on your own cruiser.

Charts and Maps A detailed set of charts of the complete waterway together with helpful notes is supplied to all hirers on arrival at the marina. Carrickcraft or your Travel Agent will supply you with a copy of our Holiday Planner before you arrive.

Clothing We recommend either proper boating shoes or rubber-soled shoes which offer some grip on wet surfaces. Suitable shoes are available to purchase at the Marina. Bring waterproofs and don't forget sunglasses to protect against UV light reflected by the water. Suncream is also advisable.

Equipment The boat is fully equipped with cutlery, crockery, cooking utensils, bed linen, hand towels and binoculars.

Fuel All cruisers are diesel-powered and handed over to you with a full tank of fuel at the start of your holiday. When you return to the marina at the end of your holiday you will be charged only for the fuel you have used.

Breakdowns In the unlikely event of a breakdown or emergency, fully stocked repair vans and high-speed rescue-craft are stationed at all our marinas.

Water Your cruiser will have a full tank of water at the start of your holiday. Water is available at most of the jetties and harbours, and you are advised to top up regularly.

Moorings Moorings are free at all public jetties and harbours (except Athlone which makes a small charge).

Food and Drink Pre-ordering We offer a grocery and drinks pre-ordering service and forms will be sent to you in advance of your journey (or available on our website). The food and drink will then be waiting on board when you arrive.

Radios A car-type radio is installed in all cruisers and there is a 12-volt socket for charging mobile phones. The Waterford and Wexford have a CD player, other boats have a cassette player.

Insurance Insurance for accidental damage and public liability is included in the price of your hire. This is subject to an excess, the amount dependant on the type of boat. This insurance does not include cover for personal injury or personal effects and clients are strongly advised to arrange such insurance before travelling.

Travel to Marinas We can offer an inclusive arrangement for travel to and from the marina by coach transfer from all main airports or we can arrange a private taxi transfer. Please contact us for more details.

Car Parking Free parking is available at all marinas but this is not undercover.

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