Crown Blue Line

The Premier Boating Holiday Company

FRANCE
GERMANY
HOLLAND
IRELAND
ENGLAND
SCOTLAND
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NEW FOR 2004:
CROATIA
USA

Discover Europe's Waterways

An altogether different holiday experience • 2004

Cruise at your leisure and discover a new world with Crown Blue Line...

Crown Blue Line : Excellence in Boating Holidays

With more than 30 years experience providing quality boating holidays in the most beautiful cruising regions of Europe, Crown Blue Line offers an incomparable holiday experience! Wherever you choose to cruise, you will find a warm, friendly and professional Crown Blue Line welcome.

- Our staff are only a phone call away with help and advice, ensuring that your holiday is a truly memorable experience from start to finish.
- You can be confident that you are choosing a first-class holiday on board a fully equipped cruiser designed for the best in comfortable living.

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Cruising the canals and rivers of Europe is an altogether different holiday experience. An opportunity to journey through stunning scenery and experience some of Europe's most beautiful landscapes and regions. All this, at your own pace and in your own time.

Cruise with ease

A licence is not required to cruise on any of the Crown Blue Line boats. Extremely easy to handle, even with no boating experience, you will quickly find yourself enjoying mooring manoeuvres and will cruise through locks with ease. On the first day of your holiday you are given a personal lesson with one of our instructors and then it's over to you and your crew! In the unlikely event that you run into any difficulties during your cruise, our local staff are only a phone call away and will be on hand to help.

Choice of cruising areas

Cruising Information

■ We have our own series of **regional tourist maps** covering suggested cruises. When you book you will receive two exclusive Crown Blue Line Holiday Planners. A **Waterway Map** of your chosen region to enable you to plan your own itineraries, mooring stops and places to visit along the way, and a **Captain's Handbook** which contains locations of our bases, information about the boat, its equipment, locking, navigation and rules of the river and much more... To make the most of your holiday, we recommend you purchase a copy of the specially prepared cruising **Guide** for the region of your choice, either at the time of booking or at your start base. The cost of the Guide is shown on the Booking Form.

ORDER YOUR CRUISING GUIDEBOOK AT THE SAME TIME AS YOU BOOK YOUR BOAT.

(price list included with the booking form).

FRANCE

■ This is our largest cruising ground offering 18 bases to choose from. The beautiful countryside of France varies region to region from the leafy green landscapes of the east to the warm climes and sandy beaches of the south.

ITALY

■ Cruise this enchanting region and experience the art, beauty and passion that this country is famous for. Visit Venice and its romantic lagoon islands and enjoy a prestigious view of the famous landscapes.

GERMANY

■ The unspoilt countryside in Germany is perfect for all sorts of activities - from swimming to canoeing and mountain biking to fishing. Everything is available to make your cruise a truly healthy adventure!

HOLLAND

■ Windmills and waterways welcome you to this country where boats and cruising are a way of life. Here you have the opportunity to enjoy the stunning countryside as well as cosmopolitan towns and cities.

IRELAND

■ The Emerald Isle provides lush landscapes and historic towns to cruise through. Enjoy the craic with the locals at one of the many traditional pubs that line the river.

ENGLAND

■ Often referred to as the King's Highway, the famous River Thames winds its way through the lush green countryside of southern England. Cruising this region takes you to the very heart of quintessential England.

SCOTLAND

■ Enjoy the magic of the Highlands, as you cruise through countryside where hills of silver heather meet azure water. The spectacular countryside has to be seen to be believed.

CROATIA

■ Sparkling coastal waters and hidden towns greet you in Croatia. Enjoy the dramatic backdrop of the majestic Dinaric Alps, as you glide through this beautiful, yet often overlooked country.

USA

■ Cosmopolitan cruising areas give you the chance to experience the USA from a tranquil and beautiful perspective. Explore the calm waters, fishing villages and well-equipped marinas whilst relaxing on your cruiser.

EACH OF CROWN BLUE LINE'S 21 CRUISING REGIONS HAS ITS OWN UNIQUE CHARACTER. CAST OFF IN THE VERY HEART OF FRANCE, CRUISE THROUGH THE SUNNY SOUTH WHERE THE MEDITERRANEAN BECKONS OR EXPLORE THE DELIGHTS OF HOLLAND OR IRELAND. WITH NEW BASES OPENING IN FLORIDA IN THE USA AND ON THE THAMES IN THE UK, THE CHOICE OF CROWN BLUE LINE DESTINATIONS IS LARGER THAN EVER, GIVING YOU EVEN MORE VARIETY OF HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS!

Waterways have long been important routes for culture, trade and communication. Today, you can cruise back in time on the magical rivers and canals at your leisure and enjoy a unique and relaxing holiday. Crown Blue Line are the leaders in boat hire in Europe, offering you spectacular cruising opportunities from 30 bases on board the best quality and most stylish cruisers on the water. You'll enjoy an altogether different holiday with Crown Blue Line! ■

Our cruising suggestions

■ For each region we give typical cruising suggestions - but there are many possibilities and you are free to plan other itineraries as you wish.
■ Each cruising suggestion for one-week gives information on the canals and rivers you'll cruise, attractions along the way and details distances, estimated cruising time and the number of locks.

■ ONE WEEK ⇄ ROUND TRIP

(same base departure / return)

A ROUND TRIP gives you the freedom to stop off at different places on the outward and return legs of the journey; the planning is entirely up to you. And there's no obligation to go right to the end of the itinerary since you can make an about-turn whenever you please. If you just cruised for 2 or 3 hours a day, you would get the chance to stop-over for a half, or even a full day, in any place that takes your fancy.

■ ONE WEEK → ONE-WAY TRIP

(departure from one base - finish at another)

A ONE-WAY TRIP lets you journey from one base to another by a much longer route, giving you the opportunity to discover more places and see different types of landscape. There's no point in turning round - your only task is to hand your boat over at your final base by the appointed time on the appointed day. Choosing this option, you should allow on average for 4-5 hours cruising per day. In this case we can offer to deliver your car to your finish base (see terms and conditions).

■ CRUISES WEEK-END - MID-WEEK

Ideal for a short break. Some Crown Blue Line boats are available for booking for weekends or 3-4 days mid-week cruises.

■ EXTENDED CRUISES 10/11 DAYS - 2 OR 3 WEEKS

Longer cruises are available to suit your itinerary - more time to see and enjoy your chosen region.

Our Special Offers for the 2004 season

This is your chance to discover a new region and a new boat... at a reduced price !

■ **High season family discounts**: CAMARGUE , CHARENTE, GERMANY, IRELAND : 1 child under 16 years: 5% / 2 children under 16 years : 10%

■ **2/3 weeks discount - 7%/10%**: FRANCE, GERMANY, HOLLAND, ITALY, SCOTLAND, ENGLAND : 7% discount for a 14 to 20 day cruise and 10% discount for 21 days or more.
IRELAND: 5 % discount for a 14 to 20 day cruise and 7% discount for 21 days or more.

■ **Groups:** Book two or more boats at the same time and receive a special discount of 7% on Crown Class, Princess Class & Emerald Star boats or a 10% discount on all other boats. Both bookings must be for the same base and start date.

■ **Spring and Autumn Specials:** Can you cruise outside the main season? 5% discount on a Crown or Princess Class boat or 10% discount on all other boats.
Offer valid for FRANCE (Brittany, Charente, Burgundy, Nivernais-Loire and Alsace)

■ **OR Take 10 days and only pay for 7:** Departures on Fridays/Tuesdays and returns on Mondays/Friday
Start your cruise before the 9th May or after 10th September and we will give you a discount or only charge you for 7 days.
Offer valid for HOLLAND, GERMANY AND IRELAND.

Terms :
■ Discounts are for all areas unless specified
■ They can only be taken on cruises of 1 week or more
■ Discounts can be combined up to a maximum of 15%.
■ 10 for 7 discounts cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers

New and enchanting places

A **CROWN BLUE LINE** CRUISE TAKES YOU TO A WORLD WHERE THE PACE OF LIFE DROPS DOWN A GEAR AND EVERY MOMENT IS ONE TO BE RELISHED. ENJOY TIME WITH YOUR PARTNER, YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND RELAX IN EACH OTHER'S COMPANY AS BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE SLOWLY SLIPS BY.

Set off with a feeling of freedom and decide day to day where your stunning inland waterway cruise will take you next. Cruising allows you to immerse yourself in the countryside and experience the history, culture and cuisine of your chosen holiday destination from a refreshing point of view. Where the roads stop, the waterways give you an extraordinary opportunity to pursue paths of discovery into the midst of the otherwise impenetrable countryside. With so much to do and see, we are sure you will choose a Crown Blue Line boating holiday time and time again. ■

Cultural attractions and festivals

■ **Cruise through spectacular history:** The waterways you encounter will lead you to some of the world's most beautiful cities. Your journey will take you through medieval hamlets to Norman cathedrals, Celtic ruins and Renaissance castles.

■ **Delicious local cuisine:** Purchase and enjoy fresh, local produce when you moor up. Whilst in France, buy wine straight from the local producer's cellar, ham and traditional pates at the local charcuterie or fresh fruit and vegetables grown in market gardens. When in Amsterdam, taste the creamy Maasdam cheese and in Scotland or Ireland be sure to try the excellent beer and whisky.

■ **Scented markets:** The local market tradition lives on in many villages and small towns. A delightful atmosphere reigns amongst the delicate scents and aromas of the market stalls. When visiting Holland, take time to walk through the local village squares, scented by the subtle flower market fragrances.

■ **Festive spirit:** From spring to autumn the waterways are awash with the colourful atmosphere of local fetes and festivals. The lively music will lead you to pretty village squares packed with carnival floats. Listen to a folk music concert or a jazz festival in the open air and don't miss a wine producers' procession. When in Ireland, stop off at a traditional pub and let the Gaelic bands and singers work their magic!

An essential feature... bicycles on board!

■ The Crown Blue Line mini bikes and mountain bikes are well worth having on board... They give you the freedom to shop in nearby villages or can be simply for pleasure and the chance to explore the heart of the countryside or town.

Book them at the same time as your boat.

A lock: an unusual stopover!

Locks are part and parcel of life on the river. Most of them are opened and closed by a lock-keeper who will be only too pleased to tell you all what the region has to offer! Some of the locks are automatic and will open as you approach; others are hand-operated.

Spacious and comfortable cruising

Your questions answered

■ Do I need any previous boating experience?
No. Many of our holidaymakers are first timers. All of our boats are easy to handle and no previous experience is required before taking the helm.

■ Do I require a driving permit?
A driving licence is not required in France, Holland, Ireland, Italy or Scotland. After your instruction lesson you will be given a temporary permit for the duration of your holiday. In Germany, a permit is required only for boats over 13 metres in length and only in certain areas.

■ Will I be able to moor easily?
Stop when and where you like - at a marina or in the open countryside. There are plenty of free moorings all along the waterways. In some of the more popular tourist centres there may be a small fee payable for mooring.

WHETHER YOU ARE HOLIDAYING WITH A SMALL OR LARGE GROUP, ON A TRADITIONAL STYLE BOAT OR A MODERN VESSEL, CROWN BLUE LINE HAS CRUISERS TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS. ON BOARD YOU WILL FIND A HIGH STANDARD OF COMFORT AND QUALITY, FINISHED OFF WITH A FEW CROWN BLUE LINE FLOURISHES, ENSURING YOUR BREAK IS AS RELAXING AND ENJOYABLE AS POSSIBLE.

Every Crown Blue Line boat, regardless of its size, has all the facilities aboard that you need for a comfortable and relaxing cruise. In each boat the interior has been carefully designed and furnished and unique CBL flourishes give you that extra touch of contentment aboard. Galleys come fully equipped and spacious cabins and bathrooms offer the utmost in privacy. The large windows in the saloon offer wonderful views of the passing countryside. It is also easy to move when aboard with plenty of free space and easy access directly to the outside. ■

■ Choose your boat
■ Detailed list of equipment and amenities on board

See pages 44 & 45

Your questions answered

■ Are the waterways and locks easy to navigate?
The quiet waterways chosen by Crown Blue Line are largely non tidal, with only the gentlest of currents, making them extremely easy to navigate. The current and levels of most are calmed by locks, many of which are operated by lock keepers or will operate automatically as you approach. Others you will operate yourself. You will enjoy the locks as they provide a fun place to meet with other travellers.

■ How do I know where to go?
The country section of the website describes the different countries you can cruise in and the information on local waterways, situated within the individual base descriptions, outlines the various routes you can follow. You can also view the interactive map to track your course. Once you've chosen and booked your destination, we will send you one of our specially prepared maps showing places to see and things to do. We will also be happy to help you choose - simply give us a call.

■ How far can I go?
Normal cruising speed averages about 8 kph and it takes up to 20 minutes to go through a lock. Plan to cruise no more than 4 to 5 hours each day and you'll cover 30 to 40kms. Remember to allow time for each lock you need to pass through!

■ What boat should I choose?
Crown Blue Line offers a range of different models and styles of cruiser to suit all requirements. Each boat comes fully equipped to give you and your party all the home comforts you need.

■ Start and finish times?
Hire duration is normally one or two weeks. Ten and eleven day periods and short breaks are also available. Normal take over time is between 4pm and 5pm and return time is by 9am on the final day.

■ What happens if we run into any difficulties?
Crown Blue Line is at your service seven days a week. At each of our bases we have bilingual staff, so whatever the problem, simply phone your base and we will be happy to help you.

■ Will I need special insurance?
Your boat is fully insured and you are only responsible for any damage up to the amount of your security deposit. Alternatively you can opt for the damage waiver scheme. See the booking form for further details.

■ Car parking?
All our bases have free outside parking and enclosed parking with a modest charge. Some bases offer undercover parking at a charge.

■ Is it expensive?
A Crown Blue Line holiday represents excellent value for money. The prices are quoted for the boat - simply divide the total cost by the number of people on board and judge for yourself what good value it is!

■ Cancellation: Be Prepared!
It is always disappointing to have to cancel your holiday, especially if you have not prepared for this eventuality and cannot be reimbursed for the cost of your cruise. May we therefore suggest that you take a look at our cancellation plan (4% of the cost of hire). Conditions are indicated on the back of the booking form.

■ How to book your boat?

Our boats are in high demand, so our advice is to book as soon as you can. The earlier you book the better choice you'll have.
Contact Crown Blue Line Reservations or your agent. You'll find the address and telephone number on the back of the brochure and Booking Form.

France southwest

- Midi
- Camargue
- Aquitaine Gascony
- Lot

On the Canal de la Robine / Midi

THE COLOUR AND WARMTH OF THE SOUTH

STUNNING LANDSCAPES AND SPARKLING WATERS WILL GREET YOU IN THIS NATURALLY BEAUTIFUL REGION OF FRANCE THAT CAN BE BEST ENJOYED FROM THE WATER. BE SEDUCED BY THE ENCHANTING LANDSCAPE OF THIS REGION, WHICH IS DOTTED WITH VINEYARDS, CASTLES AND MEDIEVAL VILLAGES. FROM YOU CRUISER YOU CAN ENJOY LONG WALKS IN THE QUERCY COUNTRYSIDE OR EVENING STROLLS ALONGSIDE THE SEA AT ONE OF THE PRETTY COASTAL TOWNS.

From the myriad varieties of wildlife to the incredible rocky panoramas in The Lot, this area provides cruisers with a fantastic and varied holiday backdrop.

There are many historical and architectural delights that you can discover from the comfort of your boat, whilst cruising gently past.

Relax in the balmy climate and enjoy the taste of the Mediterranean through the region's gastronomic delights. Here the cuisine is as varied as the landscape with Spanish and Italian flourishes appearing on many menus alongside the typically French items such as fresh foie gras and rich truffles.

The lock-keepers' houses on the ancient towpaths running alongside the Canal des Deux-Mers, retain the character and charm of a bygone age.

POINTS OF INTEREST, ACTIVITIES AND CUISINE

Midi (PAGES 12 & 13)

■ **The Canal du Midi** that links **Toulouse** to **Sète** is Europe's oldest artificial waterway ■ Explore the stunning hillsides of the Minervois and the sunflower filled fields of Aude and Cather ■ At **Argens**, the 14th century castle dominates the canal and offers a superb view. Sample some excellent liquid relief at **Béziers**, the city of wine ■ Discover **Narbonne**, a Roman city with an ancient port buried in the sands of the lost delta of the Aude ■ Cycle along the side of the Canal du Midi and enjoy it's peaceful surroundings.

Camargue (PAGES 14 & 15)

■ Relax on the sandy beaches that can be accessed at La **Grande Motte**, **Carnon** and **Palavas** ■ Fishing can be enjoyed on the **Etang de Thau** ■ Discover the winding streets of ancient **Aigues-Mortes** ■ Swimming is possible between La Grande Motte and **Cap d'Agde** ■ Enjoy a bowl of mussels in the port of **Bouzigues** ■ Take a trip to some of the smaller towns for fresh bread for breakfast ■ Take photographs of the exotic pink flamingos!

Aquitaine Gascony (PAGE 16)

■ Historic walled villages have their central squares dotted along the **Canal Latéral à la Garonne** ■ There are many spots of historic interest in this region : **Moissac** with its magnificent cloisters, **Nérac**, the capital of the Albret region and **Barbaste** which has an amazing 10 arched Roman bridge ■ Refresh yourself with the red wine in **Buzet** and armagnac in **Condom** ■ Climb the narrow streets of **Meilhan**, a village perched on a huge rock ■ Enjoy a meal by the water's edge.

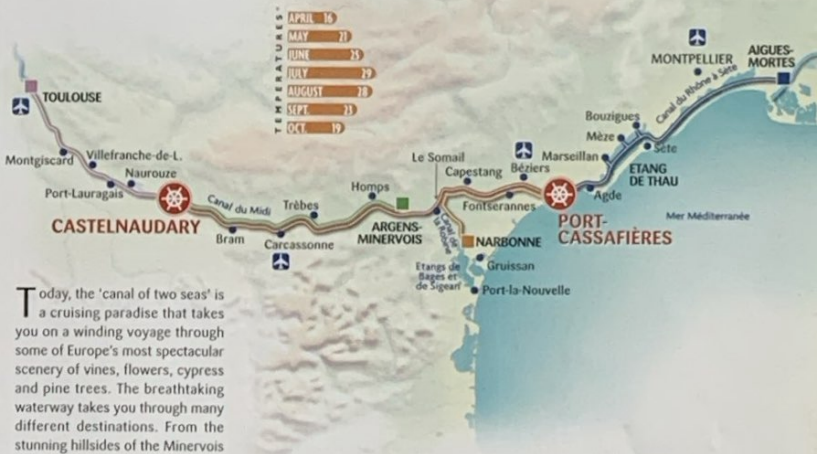
Lot (PAGE 17)

■ Subject of many local folk tales, the Valentré Bridge at **Cahors** is beautiful and intriguing ■ **Luzech**, the last Gallic town to hold out against Caesar ■ The beautiful colours and contrasts of the valleys and vineyards ■ Exploring the cliffs and gorges by canoe or swimming in the clear water ■ Sample some of the rich food and drink from the region including vin noirs and traditional truffles ■ Have an impromptu picnic at one of the many pretty riverside stops.

Midi

CRUISING WITH THE SUNSHINE

THE INTRICATE **CANAL DU MIDI** LINKS TOULOUSE TO SETE AND IS EUROPE'S OLDEST ARTIFICIAL WATERWAY. UNIQUE DUE TO ITS SHEER SIZE AND THE CLEVERNESS OF ITS DESIGN, THE CANAL STANDS AS TESTAMENT TO FRENCH ARCHITECT, PIERRE PAUL RIQUET AND IS A JOY TO NAVIGATE.



Today, the 'canal of two seas' is a cruising paradise that takes you on a winding voyage through some of Europe's most spectacular scenery of vines, flowers, cypress and pine trees. The breathtaking waterway takes you through many different destinations. From the stunning hillsides of the Minervois to the sunflower filled fields of Aude and Cather country and finally to the fine sandy beaches of the Mediterranean. On your journey you can enjoy exciting landscapes and pass vineyards, cherry and peach orchards, ancient cities and countless pretty waterside villages. Sit back, relax and enjoy the welcome gentle breeze as you cruise peacefully through a region that is typically Mediterranean. ■

SUGGESTED ONE WEEK CRUISES

Castelnaudary Toulouse

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Canal du Midi

The Toulouse Cruise: **Castelnaudary** used to be the largest port between **Toulouse** and the Mediterranean and is a picturesque town in which to taste the traditional cassoulet. The canal which you travel on is a beautiful avenue of ancient trees. The towns of **Port Lauragais**, **Naurouze** and **Villefranche** are only a cycle ride away. After a peaceful descent towards **Toulouse**, the Garone, river of golden valleys, takes you into town where the historical landmarks include the St. Sernin Basilica, Capitole Square and Notre Dame de la Grace.

► 130 km • 48 locks
► 26 hr round trip cruising time

Castelnaudary Argens-Minervois

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Canal du Midi

Cruise into history: After passing through several of the Midi's distinctive oval locks, the largest fortress in Europe comes into view in the old city of **Carcassonne**. Further along your cruise, stop off under the shade of the trees at **Trèbes**, a village that always seems to be bathed in sunlight. At **Argens** the 14th century castle dominates the canal and offers a superb view.

► 172 km • 102 locks
► 46 hr round trip cruising time

Castelnaudary Port-Cassafières

OR VICE VERSA

→ ONE-WAY TRIP

Canal du Midi

The Golden Midi Cruise: This cruise covers the **Castelnaudary - Argens** cruise and part of the **Port-Cassafières - Narbonne** cruise.

► 157 km • 64 locks
► 35 hr one-way cruising time

If you are planning to cruise as a couple, this one-way trip is not the best option.

One-way cruises are also available between Port-Cassafières and St-Gilles in the Camargue.

Port-Cassafières Narbonne

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Canal du Midi - Canal de la Robine

The Historic Cruise: There are plenty of chances to enjoy the local specialities, including fantastic crayfish stew, along the route to **Béziers**. Each stop is a pleasure. To the west of the town lie the seven locks at **Fonserannes** which simply must be visited by anyone who loves to cruise. These locks are a marvellous and remarkable engineering feat that have to be experienced. At **Salleles d'Aude**, archaeological finds have revealed some stunning 200 year old pottery and **Narbonne** is an old Roman city. It's old port is now buried in the sands of the lost delta of the River Aude.

► 128 km • 46 locks
► 27 hr round trip cruising time

Port-Cassafières Aigues-Mortes

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Canal du Midi - Canal du Rhône à Sète

The Mediterranean Cruise: This part of the canal passes through the peaceful Etang de Thau, with its pretty fishing ports and inviting restaurants. Further down the canal is **Aigues-Mortes**, a beautiful fortified town where Saint Louis embarked for the Crusades.

► 168 km • 2 locks
► 27 hr round trip cruising time

1 Argens-Minervois 2 Mèze
3 City of Carcassonne 4 Canal de la Robine

Flavours of the region

■ A dish of real cassoulet from Castelnaudary cannot be missed! Made with white beans and selected meats and then cooked in the famous earthenware "cassole", this tasty stew is wholesome and filling. The ultimate speciality of the Etang de Thau is sea food, so take time to enjoy delicious oysters and mussels or a crayfish stew in a traditional inn.

Camargue

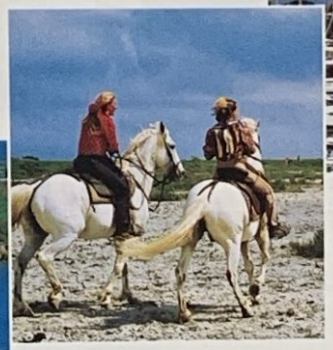
A CRUISE IN THE **CAMARGUE** REGION TAKES YOU ON A JOURNEY TO A PLACE WHERE THE SIMPLE WAY OF LIFE HAS CHANGED LITTLE IN THE PAST CENTURIES. COMBINING UNTAMED COUNTRYSIDE WITH TRADITIONAL VILLAGES AND DELIGHTFUL FISHING PORTS, YOU CAN SPEND UNHURRIED DAYS ENJOYING THE SUNSHINE.

Cruising through this exquisite wildlife haven, you will spot graceful Arab horses and steady brown bulls roaming freely by the riverside. The exotic flourishes of wild pink flamingos, dotted about the lush green landscape, will catch your eye as you pass by. Let the landscape slip by at your own pace along these beautiful stretches of water and relish the abundance of nature all around you. Explore the breath-taking medieval walled town of Aigues-Mortes, and enjoy a coffee and crepe from one of the charming cafés in the main square.

Take time out to watch the world go by at a much more calming rate. Further along the canal, there are many opportunities to stop and enjoy pretty seaside towns and sandy beaches of the Mediterranean coast. ■

Cruising hints

■ Why not cruise in the Camargue out of high season? The weather is fine from February to November and there are no locks!



SUGGESTED ONE WEEK CRUISES

Saint-Gilles Etang de Thau

ROUND TRIP

Canal du Rhône à Sète

A Natural Cruise: With no locks on this stretch of water, you can completely relax as you cruise through this rich and varied area. From the medieval walls of **Aigues-Mortes** to the bustling ports situated on the Mediterranean, this is a cruise of complete contrasts. Take time out to enjoy some fishing along the way.

146 km • no locks
27 hr round trip cruising time

Saint-Gilles Port-Cassafières

OR VICE VERSA

ONE-WAY TRIP

Canal du Rhône à Sète

The Mediterranean Cruise: There are no locks along this cruising ground, leaving you more time to enjoy the view or indulge in some sunbathing on the beaches which can be accessed at **La Grande Motte**, **Carnon** and **Pavalas**. The unique expanse of water of the **Etang de Thau** is a wonderful place to do some exploring. Cruise across the tranquil waters to visit some of it's inviting ports. Finish your trip off at **Béziers**, a city of wine. This is the ideal place to enjoy an aperitif on a balmy evening.

109 km • 2 locks
20 hr round trip cruising time

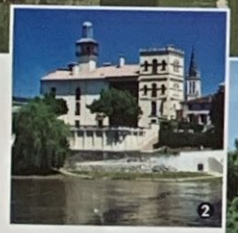
1 Aigues-Mortes 2 The beaches
3 Canal du Rhône à Sète 4 Marseillan

Flavours of the region

■ Seafood lovers will be in their element in the Camargue! Oysters, mussels and crabs are available at almost all restaurants in the fishing ports of the area. Why not indulge in a plate of one of the local fish soups which are rich in fresh ingredients along with a refreshing chilled bottle of Listel wine.

Aquitaine Gascony

France Southwest



A GOURMET EXPERIENCE ■ LET YOUR TASTE BUDS TAKE OVER AS YOU ENTER THIS REGION WHERE GOOD FOOD AND FEASTING ARE WELL-LOVED PASTIMES! EXPLORE MARKETS SET ALONG MEDIEVAL LANES, WHERE **FRESH FOIE GRAS** IS SET OUT ON STALLS NEXT TO HEAPS OF PLUMP LOCAL **STRAWBERRIES**. YOU WILL RECEIVE A WARM WELCOME TO MATCH THE WEATHER WHEREVER YOU STOP.

Nature and history lovers alike will revel in this region. Sunny and simply burgeoning with lush plants such as acacias, alders and poplars, the perfect spots for unplanned picnics are provided by the river's edge, and medieval castles and Roman ruins are dotted along the landscape. Passing through a patchwork of pastoral scenery, gentle plains are streaked with vineyards and dotted with wooded valleys. Cruising calm rivers that are filled with fish, this is a peaceful cruise, perfect for a refreshing time on the water. From both our bases, you'll find the peace, tranquillity and charm of the Canal and the fortified villages on the River Baise. For the experienced crew, there is the dramatic scenery of the River Lot to be explored. ■

SUGGESTED ONE WEEK CRUISES

Le Mas d'Agenais Moissac • Nerac

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Canal latéral à la Garonne - Baise

The Albret Cruise: You will find historic walled villages laid out like draught boards around their central squares dotted all along the Canal Latéral à la Garonne. Take a break in **Agen** before heading for **Moissac** with its magnificent cloisters. Cruise back in the Baise direction and visit **Nérac**, the capital of the Albret region. The peaceful Garonne takes you on your way through rows of stately oaks and elms.

► 204 km • 46 locks
► 38 hr round trip cruising time

Le Mas d'Agenais Condom

OR VICE VERSA

→ ONE-WAY TRIP

Canal latéral à la Garonne - Baise

The Gascon Cruise: Enjoy a magnificent view over the **Marmande** valley from **Meilhan**; a village perched on a huge rock. Return to the Baise on the edge of Albret and then head for **Buzet**. The local red wine is not to be missed in this traditional town! Cruise on to Gascony via beautiful **Vianne** and **Barbaste** with its ten arched Romanesque bridge. Scale the staircase to **Nérac** and see some fine views over the canal. Reach your destination of **Condom**, and enjoy a measure of Armagnac in its home town.

► 62 km • 22 locks
► 16 hr one-way cruising time

Le Mas d'Agenais Lustrac

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Canal latéral à la Garonne-Baise, Garonne, Lot

Countryside Cruise: From **Le Mas d'Agenais** cruise through green countryside and orchards to **Buzet** and on to the Baise and the Garonne rivers. You will eventually reach the River Lot and **Lustrac**. This is a new cruise which takes you past many historic villages and half-timbered houses and offers a wealth of restaurants with menus laden with local delicacies. **Pujols** is one of the most beautiful medieval villages in France.

► 204 km • 19 locks
► 35 hr round trip cruising time

Crossing of the Garonne with pilot: 16 Euros

Cruising hints

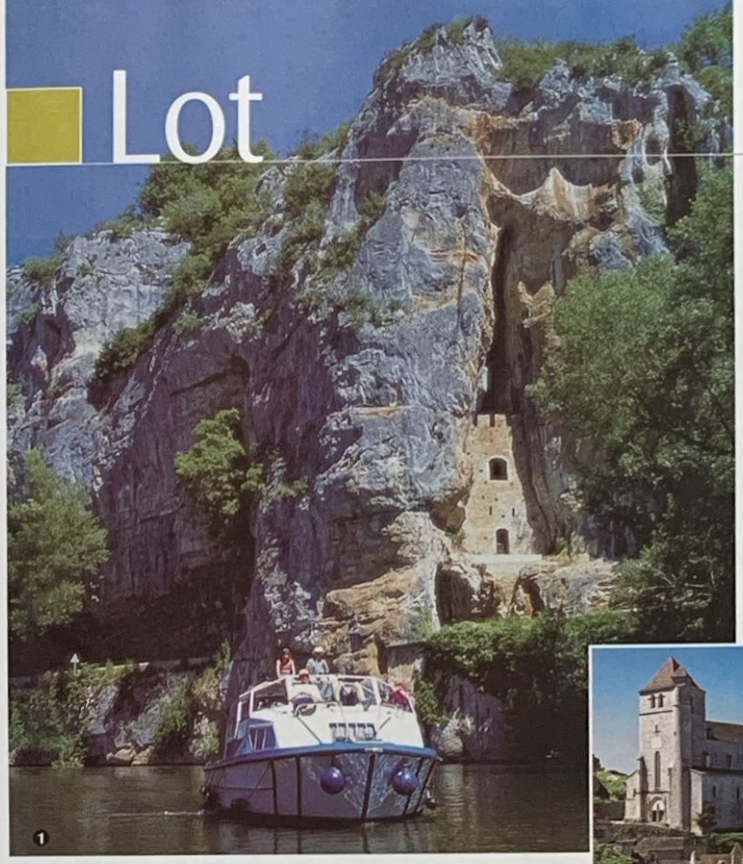
■ From both our bases, you'll find the peace, tranquillity and charm of the Canal and the fortified villages on the River Baise. Also, for the experienced crew, the River Lot and its dramatic scenery.

Flavours of the region

■ Aquitaine and its neighbours are renowned as regions that enjoy their food. Savour the succulent flavour of plump duck and the various recipes that are made from it : liver pate, magrets (of duck or goose) and confits. All of these taste delicious when accompanied by a glass of Buzet or Cahors wine.

1 Nérac
2 Castelmoron 3 Le Mas d'Agenais

Lot



GRANDIOSE GORGES ■ TUCKED BETWEEN TABACCO FIELDS AND WALNUT COPSES IN THE **QUERCY** REGION ARE THE WIDE VALLEYS AND DRAMATIC **GORGES OF THE LOT**. THE RIVER HAS CUT A DEEP PATH THROUGH THE REGION, RESULTING IN THIS CRUISE BENEFITING FROM SOME OF THE MOST FASCINATING SCENERY IN THE WHOLE OF FRANCE.

Many of the highlights of this unspoilt region can only truly be appreciated by river. Grottoes and caverns pepper the landscape and can be explored by those on water that is ideal for swimming. A unique experience is in store for those who cruise along to the foot of the stunning cliffs at Bouzies, and those who explore further will discover the town of St. Cirq-Lapopie, perched high on its rocky slope. After experiencing the wonder of the gorges, take time to view the vineyards and plains that proliferate the banks of the river and turn them into a patchwork of inspiring colours. Back on dry land, a visit to the gastronomic capital of Cahors is highly recommended. Why not sample some delectable black truffles and rich foie gras. ■

Cruising hints

■ We recommend the Lot for boaters who have some experience – it's a spectacular river and a rewarding visit. The locks are unmanned, but straight forward to operate by boat crews.

Douelle Luzech • Cregols

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Lot

Cruise of Marvels: Luzech was the last Gallic town to hold against Caesar's advance. Enjoy the broad panorama over the town for the Oppidum of Impernal. Further along the river, you cannot miss the silhouette of **Mercuès** castle... **Cahors**, with it's Valentré bridge standing guard over the entrance, reflects the landscape and is beautiful and reserved. Perched high up on its cliff the honey coloured houses and red roofs of **St-Cirq-Lapopie** entice you up for a visit that is well worth leaving the river for.

► 128 km • 28 locks
► 27 hr round trip cruising time

Cruise and Ride

■ If you would like to alternate between boating and riding during the week, don't rely on finding stables at every stop. Why not hire your own horse to take with you for the duration of your cruise? This is an even more original way to discover the hidden treasures of The Lot. Detailed itinerary, further information and tariff available on request.

1 Cliffs of Bouziès 2 St Cirq-Lapopie

France West

- Brittany
- Charente

Montertelot locks / Brittany

WATERCOLOUR SCENERY

WESTERN FRANCE SIMPLY EXUDES THE VERY ESSENCE OF THE COUNTRY WITH TRADITIONAL LEGENDS AND FOLKLORE WAITING BEHIND EVERY CORNER. STEEPED IN HISTORY; CASTLES AND REGAL LOOKING BUILDINGS SIMPLY EMERGE FROM THE LANDSCAPE AS YOU CRUISE THROUGH THE HEART OF THE REGION.

With its rugged mix of spectacular coastline, ancient towns and thick bright green woods, this region's rich culture can be seen in customs and dress, which pay colourful homage to days gone by.

Local people frequently celebrate their ancient customs and on many occasions you will be lucky enough to take part in their festivities.

Flower adorned locks and winding wooded valleys can be found on this landscape, where nature simply flourishes.

With Cognac originating from the region and pancakes a popular local dish, you are sure to enjoy the tastes that are on offer whilst you unwind ashore.

Cruising on the Charente, you often catch sight of seemingly timeless cottages and tiny hamlets, a gentle and atmospheric reminder of days gone by.

POINTS OF INTEREST, ACTIVITIES AND CUISINE

Brittany (PAGES 20 & 21)

■ According to Breton legend, there are over 100 castles built along the Erdre, see how many you can spot ! ■ Plenty of opportunities for watersports and walking ■ Visit the beautiful cathedral in the port of **Sucé** ■ Explore **Nantes** and the stunning 15th Century castle of the Dukes of Brittany ■ Thabor Park in **Rennes** is one of the most beautiful gardens in France and well worth a visit ■ Visit **Malestroit** for traditional cider and pancakes ■ Walk through the winding streets of **Dinan** ■ Enjoy the Erdre – called the most beautiful river in France by King Francois I.

Charente (PAGES 22 & 23)

■ Cycling through the pretty countryside ■ Visit **Cognac** and sample some of the famous liquor from the Cognac houses of the town ■ Experience maritime traditions in **Rochefort** ■ Explore the ramparts of **Angoulême** and visit the museum of the Charente paper industry ■ Pick up some tasty **Trois-Pailis** chocolates ■ Discover the 11th century churches of **Jarnac** ■ Splendid chateaux of the region, which are dotted around the landscape.

Brittany

A CRUISE THROUGH HISTORY

FROM ARGOAT TO ARMOR, **BRITTANY** OFFERS 600 KM (400 MILES) OF WATERWAYS FOR YOU TO CRUISE AT YOUR LEISURE. **NAPOLEONIC CANALS** ARE LINED WITH FLOWER ADORNED LOCKS, WIDE RIVERS RAMBLE THROUGH WOODED VALLEYS AND ESTUARIES FLOW INTO THE SEA GIVING YOU SO MANY DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES TO DISCOVER THE WONDERFUL SCENERY ALONG THE BRETON BANKS.

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Rich in Celtic and medieval history, fortresses and granite castles can be spotted rising up in the distance, surrounded by picturesque villages with traditional slate roofs. Cast off and let your imagination run wild in the French land of legends as you drift past thick copses of fragrant hydrangeas and let the fresh air invigorate you. Discover the mysterious facet of old Armorica or the history of the Dukes of Brittany entwined in the countryside. This ancestral land has generated a multitude of myths that are brought to life throughout the year by local festivities. Step ashore to experience the magic of this enticing countryside and take part in these seasonal celebrations. ■

Cruising Boats

■ From our base at Messac we offer a one-way cruise on the Vilaine and the Canal d'Ille et Rance towards Dinan. If you prefer to set out towards the south for an out and back cruise several choices are possible. We especially recommend the cruise towards Malestroit and Josselin on the Canal de Nantes à Brest. Going further west you can reach Blavet but the passage after Rohan is heavily locked and you will need three weeks to complete this cruise. Cruising towards the East, you can enjoy the beautiful river Erdre and explore the city of Nantes.

SUGGESTED ONE WEEK CRUISES

Messac Josselin

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Vilaine - Canal de Nantes à Brest

The Breton Cruise: Narrow waterways snake through dense forest and then run through flat reedy plains on this cruise of contrast. The steep banks on the riverside protect your cruising privacy. Stop off at **Malestroit** for cider and pancakes. Travel on to Château de **Josselin** where, if you are lucky, you can experience one of the many fetes and celebrations that take place.

- 208 km • 36 locks
- 36 hr round trip cruising time

Messac Dinan

OR VICE VERSA

→ ONE-WAY TRIP

Vilaine - Canal d'Ille et Rance

The Traditional Cruise: The Ille-et-Rance canal links the Vilaine to **Rennes** with its appealing old town and numerous shops and boutiques. Thabor Park is one of the most beautiful gardens in France and is well worth a stroll through. At **Port-Réan**, the Boel mill stands majestically out from purple cliffs and is a sight to behold After the **Hédé** flight of locks, you will arrive at **Dinan**. Enjoy a walk through the paved maze of this medieval town.

- 127 km • 57 locks
- 30 hr one-way cruising

Messac Nort-sur-Erdre

OR VICE VERSA

→ ONE-WAY TRIP

Vilaine - Canal de Nantes à Brest - Erdre

The Dukes of Brittany Cruise: Cruising to the Vilaine River from **Messac**, take in the fresh sea air from the Atlantic as you travel towards **La Roche-Bernard**. Stop here and enjoy a fabulous meal of local seafood. Travelling back towards **Redon**, you join the Canal de Nantes à Brest and are surrounded by the green and beautiful Breton flora and fauna as you cruise towards **Nort-sur-Erdre** and **Nantes**, once the residence of the Dukes of Brittany. Admire the many grand and imposing manor homes that line the river on your way back to **Messac**.

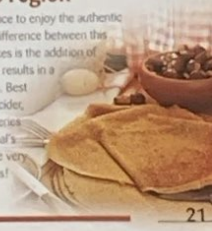
- 260 km • 18 locks
- 35 hr one-way trip

NB : If you are an experienced cruiser you can visit La Gacilly on your return journey from Nort-sur-Erdre. To reach the town, cruise to Redon and then travel to the west, continuing on the Canal de Nantes à Brest.

1 Josselin Castle 2 Dinan
3 La Roche-Bernard 4 Redon 5 Lock of Guélin

Flavours of the region

■ Brittany is the best place to enjoy the authentic recipe for crepes. The difference between this recipe and other pancakes is the addition of black wheat flour which results in a smooth and rich texture. Best enjoyed with a glass of cider, you will find many creperies in villages along the canal's borders offering you the very best of Breton delicacies!



Charente

PICTURE PERFECT SCENERY

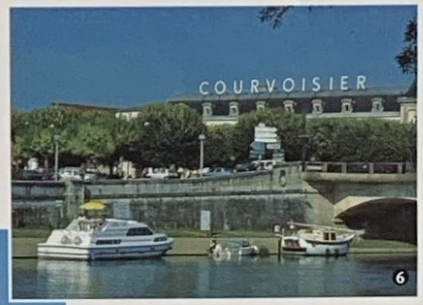
FROM RURAL VINEYARDS DEEP INLAND TO THE HISTORIC PORTS OF THE ATLANTIC COAST, **THE CHARENTE** FLOWS GRACEFULLY THROUGH A REGION FAMED FOR PRODUCTION OF FINE **COGNAC** AND ITS ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL DELIGHTS. YOUR VOYAGE WILL TAKE YOU THROUGH MEANDERING LUSH GREEN COUNTRYSIDE, WHERE BANK-SIDE VINEYARDS AND SLEEPY HAMLETS ENTICE YOU ASHORE.

The river in the region has been described as the most beautiful of the French kingdom, and is one of the most enjoyable to navigate. Hidden away from main tourist destinations, the clear and sparkling waters wind through vineyards and woodland and delivers you to villages that simply exude charm and tranquillity. Whether you choose to cruise toward the sea from Jarnac to visit the historical maritime town of Rochefort or sail upstream to the walls of Angouleme, the serene beauty of the Charente region will accompany you along your way. Stop every now and then on this majestic stretch of water in order to visit some of the impressive Cognac cellars sampling some of the maturing contents. ■

Cruising hints

■ On the Charente there are no lock keepers and you will have to operate the locks yourself. This is not a difficult task and is actually quite fun and a great way of meeting other cruisers. If you have not been boating before, we recommend you do not cruise below Saint-Savinien as the river is tidal.

From St. Savinien to Rochefort, the river flows to the open sea. This part of your cruise requires extra attention to navigation.



SUGGESTED ONE WEEK CRUISES

Jarnac Angoulême

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Charente fluviale

River Cruise: Upstream from **Jarnac**, the impressive silhouette of Bassac Abbey basks in the sunlight. The river lazily meanders around woodlands, offering the time and opportunity to enjoy a cycle ride through the woods. Why not take time to pick up some **Trois-Palis** chocolates? Distant ramparts lure you to **Angoulême** where a museum traces the history of the famous Charente paper industry.

► 88 km • 30 locks
► 22 hr round trip cruising time

Jarnac Rochefort

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Charente Maritime

Maritime Cruise: From the 11th Century churches of **Jarnac** to the castles of **Bourg-Charente** and **Port d'Envaux**, this cruise is steeped in history and architectural delights. The world famous cellars of **Cognac** itself must be visited. After all, what better way to cool off from a day's cruising than sampling the exquisite, age-old brandy?

► 186 km • 12 locks
► 33 hr round trip cruising time

1 3 Saintonge 2 Saintes
4 Garde-Moulin 5 St. Simieux 6 Jarnac

Flavours of the region

■ You cannot visit the area without sampling some of its famous Cognac. Take a tour around a Cognac house and enjoy sampling the smooth after dinner liqueur at the end. Cognac can also be enjoyed as part of a cocktail. If you explore the villages and hamlets you will discover the essence of Cognac and enjoy locally produced liquor which is indigenous to the region. Also try the region's fortified wine, Pineau de Charente. It is recommended to follow this with a plate of oysters from the Marennes-Oleron.

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- Burgundy Nivernais-Loire
- Burgundy Franche-Comté / Vosges
- Alsace-Lorraine

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THE HEART OF FRANCE!

FROM THE VINEYARD COVERED HILLS OF THE **MORVAN** COUNTRYSIDE TO THE LUSH PASTURES OF **DIJONNAIS**, ALONG WITH THE PRESTIGIOUS HISTORY OF THE DUKES OF VALOIS AND THE KINGS OF FRANCE, IT IS EASY TO SEE HOW THESE AREAS ARE RENOWNED AS BEING THE RICHEST IN FRANCE.

Waterways transport you to the heart of Burgundy, through the magnificent and varied landscape of one of France's richest regions. Our bases are situated in beautiful locations that lend themselves perfectly to the thorough navigation of this splendid region. Close to charming villages and towns and set amidst exceptional history in ancestral France, you are in a prime position to discover the myths and legends that are imbued throughout the countryside.

Home to some of France's most famous and enjoyable wines, take time ashore to sample a selection.

To the east, you find golden hop plains, deep forests and enchanting castles in Alsace Lorraine. Proudly French yet with Germanic influences, the rich cultural landscape of the region is exciting to visit, with a large selection of wines, beers and tasty foods for you to enjoy.

Not far from Chagny lie the vineyards, castle and village of Pommard, home of one of the best wines of Burgundy.

POINTS OF INTEREST, ACTIVITIES AND CUISINE

Burgundy Nivernais-Loire (PAGES 26 & 27)

■ Roman and Gothic art and architecture: the catherdral in **Auxerre** ■ Medieval towns such as **Clamecy** ■ Cross the famous viaduct at **Briare**, a superb example of 19th century canal engineering ■ The plains of the Loire Valley; rural countryside broken up from time to time with stately homes ■ Taste the white wine in the cool cellars of **Tannay** ■ Watersports: windsurfing on the lake at Baye.

Burgundy Franche-Comté / Vosges (PAGES 28 & 29)

■ The imposing Vosges mountains ■ Exploring the ancient citadel of **Besançon** ■ Pasteur's birthplace, **Dole**, which spreads out over the hillside ■ The vineyards of the **Macon** region from which rich wines are produced ■ Fishing: a true anglers paradise with trout, perch and eels in abundance ■ Markets: Louhans ■ Historical **Auxonne**, where Bonaparte was garrisoned for three years.

Alsace-Lorraine (PAGES 30 & 31)

■ The sophisticated city of **Strasbourg**: its magnificent cathedral, the buildings and sights of the town known as 'Little France' ■ The hills and valleys of the forests and plains of Alsace ■ Swimming and fishing in the lakes of the **Gondrexange** ■ Following the route of the region's famous wine and beer producers ■ The **St Louis Arzviller** inclined plain on the Canal de la Marne au Rhin - a stunning feat of engineering ■ Riesling and Kugelhof, the famous Alsatian cake made from raisins and almonds.

Burgundy Nivernais • Loire

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DRIFTING ALONG WOODED BANKS...

CRUISING THROUGH THE **BOURBONNAIS** AND **NIVERNAIS** REGIONS, A FEELING OF RELAXATION AND WELL BEING WILL OVERCOME YOUR SENSES. THIS IS A REGION FAMOUS FOR IT'S QUIET WAY OF LIFE AND IS QUINTESSENTIAL FRANCE. SHADED BY ELMS, LIME TREES AND POPLARS, THE WATER OFFERS A PEACEFUL RETREAT AS YOU CRUISE FOR REST AND RELAXATION ABOARD YOUR BOAT.

Your cruise will take you from Norman riches in Charite-sur-Loire to the magnificent glazed tile mosaics of Burgundy rooftops. The Nivernais canal entices you to explore the majestic oak and beech forests, as you pass the occasional Romanesque church and quaint village perched high upon rocky spurs. Cruising in the Nievre area is an exquisite journey for food and nature lovers. Splendid Charolais cows graze the hills and fields whilst hares and pheasants are plentiful in the hedgerows. You will see Morvan traditions of trout fishing and meat drying in the open air as you pass through the lush countryside. Tie up at a town and savour a glass of the speciality honey wine, as you watch the world go by. ■

Cruising hints

■ On the Canal de Nivernais you will find small manual locks and from time to time a lifting bridge which you open yourself. The Yonne on the other hand is a wide river, easy to cruise with electrically operated locks. However, beware of unusual Yonne locks with sloping sides where a crew member should be put ashore before entering. If you opt for a cruise in the Loire valley you will appreciate the gentle slope of the Canal Lateral a la Loire with very few locks.

SUGGESTED ONE WEEK CRUISES

Decize Briare
OR VICE-VERSA
ONE WAY TRIP

Canal Latéral à la Loire

The Potters Cruise: From **Decize**, with its 300 year-old avenue of plane trees, cruise to **Nevers**, famous for its earthenware pottery, where picturesque little streets converge around the Ducal Palace. The town of **La Charité**, with its magnificent abbey, was once a stopping place for pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela. At **Sancerre** taste the unique Crottin de Chavignol goats' cheeses and, of course, the famous wines. At **Briare**, cross the famous viaduct, which is a superb example of 19th century canal engineering.

133 km • 26 locks
27 h one-way cruising time

Decize Baye
ROUND TRIP

Canal du Nivernais

The Gentle Cruise: Drift through the rural countryside of the Loire Valley where from time to time a stately home will rise up on the horizon. With locks covered in greenery and moss covered quays, the peacefulness of this cruise is imbued to all the surroundings and provides the perfect place to stop and meet other boaters. From **Bernay** long gentle curves replace the straight line of the canal, winding in and out of lush surroundings.

144 km • 72 locks
30 hr round trip cruising time

Tannay Migennes
OR VICE VERSA
ONE WAY TRIP

Canal du Nivernais - Yonne

A Relaxing Cruise: Starting from **Tannay** moor along the picturesque banks and enjoy a gastronomic experience. Stop and relax at **Mailly-Le-Château** and walk through the maze of little roads where houses have flowers on their doorsteps. When you reach **Auxerre**, take time to see the magnificent cathedral that is situated in the centre of the town.This is a cruise where forests alternate with golden fields of barley and wheat in the heart of France.

100 km • 50 locks
28 hr one-way cruising time

Decize Tannay
OR VICE VERSA
ONE WAY TRIP

Canal du Nivernais

Nivernais Cruise: This cruise is bound to enrich your senses. You will almost feel like part of the countryside as you cruise through the green landscapes. **Cercy-la-Tour**, **Panneçot**, **Châtillon**, **Mont** and **Mare** offer exceptional panoramas and each village seems unique in its beauty.

99 km • 72 locks
35 hr one-way cruising time

1 Châtillon-en-Bazois 2 Etang de Baye
3 Aquaduct at Briare 4 Cathedral of Nevers

Flavours of the region

■ A treasury of traditional farm produce can be found in the Nievre region. Terrines, cheeses, honey and hydromel (honey wine) are the specialities you cannot afford to miss out on. Try the Matelote eels accompanied by a bottle of exquisite Sancerre.

Burgundy Franche-Comté • Vosges

France Centre

ONE OF FRANCE'S RICHEST REGIONS

FROM THE EASTERN PART OF **BURGUNDY** TO THE FORESTS OF THE **FRANCHE-COMTE** REGION OF FRANCE, WATERWAYS WILL TRANSPORT YOU THROUGH A MAGNIFICENT AND VARIED LANDSCAPE TYPICAL OF THIS REGION. NATURE LOVERS WILL BE SPOILT BY THE LUSH PASTURES OF DIJONNAIS AND THE VINEYARD COVERED HILLS IN THE MACON REGION.

Food and wine enthusiasts are sure to find themselves in paradise. Some of France's best wines originate from the hills of Burgundy and gastronomy is a way of life - quite often fine gourmet restaurants are only a stone's throw from the canal. Each river is a true angler's dream with trout, perch and eels abundant in the waters surrounding your boat. Join the groups of locals on shore and try your luck with a rod. With all these qualities, along with the prestigious history of the Dukes of Valois and the Kings of France, whose architectural and artistic legacies are evident in the buildings of Dijon, it is easy to see how this area is renowned as one of the richest in France. ■

SUGGESTED ONE WEEK CRUISES

Saint-Jean-de-Losne Chagny

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Saône - Canal du Centre

The Great Wine Cruise: **St-Jean-de-Losne** is at the crossing of the waterways and from here the Saône opens majestically. From Seurre to **Verdun-sur-le-Doubs** discover the exceptional greenery which lines the canals. At **Châlon**, a charming town, visit the Nicephore **Niepce** museum and follow it by enjoying a wine tasting at the vineyards of **Chagny**. On the way back you must not miss the vineyards of **Beaune**, **Pommard**, **Nuits-St-Georges** and **Meursault**.

175 km • 28 locks
35 hr round trip cruising time

Saint-Jean-de-Losne Pont d'Ouche

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Saône - Canal de Bourgogne

The Burgundy Cruise: Go slowly up the canal to **Dijon**, capital of the Great Dukes of the Occident, where you'll enjoy wandering through the narrow streets and squares. On to Fleurie and **Pont d'Ouche** which are great spots to unload your bike and pedal up the steep slopes towards **Châteauneuf**. Reward your hard work with a leisurely lunch in one of the charming local restaurants. Follow the paved streets that lead to the town's fortress and enjoy the fabulous view of the Burgundian hills from this unique vantage point.

140 km • 110 locks
45 hr round trip cruising time

Saint-Jean-de-Losne Louhans

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Saône et Seille

The Nature Cruise: Down river to magnificent **Châlon** on your quest for the great wines. At **Tournus**, take the Seille, a meandering little river full of charm. The boat will take you along at its own rhythm from **Cuisery** under a majestic vault of trees and on to the attractive market town of **Louhans**, with its culinary delights. From the greenery of the banks to the beating wings of the birds, all is harmony.

293 km • 16 locks
38 hr round trip cruising time

Saint-Jean-de-Losne Besançon

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Doubs

Gold Hunters Cruise: From **St-Jean-de-Losne** to **Dole**, take the canal and then the river Doubs between to cliffs and wooded slopes of the region. You will then reach **Dole,** Pasteur's birthplace, which spreads out along the hillside. Travelling on to **Oselle**, the golden sands of the Doubs are easy to spot. Once a destination for gold hunters, you might think that some of the precious metal is still under the water! Your arrival at **Besançon** is impressive. The citadel and its fortifications stand out from afar and the town is encircled by the loop of the Doubs.

150 km • 48 locks
32 hr round trip cruising time

Fontenoy-le-Château Charmes

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Canal de l'Est

Flowers and Forest Cruise: Set off and pass through the picturesque village of **Fontenoy**. Continue through beautiful wooded countryside slopes where it is not unusual to catch a glimpse of a doe as well as other wildlife that proliferates the landscape. **Epinal**, the capital of Vosges, is known as the city of flowers and is truly stunning in spring and summer months.

130 km • 130 locks
43 hr round trip cruising time

1 Gray-sur-Saône
2 Beaune 3 Fontenoy-le-Château

Fontenoy-le-Château St-Jean-de-Losne

OR VICE VERSA

→ ONE-WAY TRIP

Canal de l'Est - Saône

The Bonaparte Cruise: Hop on your bike at **Corre** and head to **La Rochère** where you will find the oldest glass and crystal works in France. Small villages en route such as **Scey** with its quaint Spanish houses will make you want to stop off whenever you can. Visit **Gray** where the museum houses Prud'hon's drawings and pastels and travel on to **Auxonne** where the young Lieutenant Bonaparte was garrisoned for three years.

160 km • 33 locks
32 hr one-way cruising time

Fontenoy-le-Château Gray

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Canal de l'Est - Saône

The Vosges Cruise: Cruise as described above as far as **Gray**, then return to **Fontenoy-le-Château.**

200 km • 30 locks
35 hr round trip cruising time

Flavours of the region

■ The rich soil in Burgundy is the perfect starting place for some of the world's best loved wines. Sample Gevrey-Chambertin, Vosne-Romanee, Nuits-St-Georges and Pommard along your journey experiencing the true essence of Burgundy. Their subtle flavours can be enjoyed in wine tastings at many wine cellars in villages along your route.

Alsace-Lorraine

France East

TWINNED BY NATURAL BEAUTY

A LAND OF UNEXPECTED AND FASCINATING CONTRASTS, **ALSACE-LORRAINE** OFFERS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE, FROM PEACEFUL GOLDEN HOP PLAINS TO DEEP FOREST AND ENCHANTING CASTLES. PROUDLY FRENCH YET WITH GERMANIC INFLUENCES, THIS IS A GREAT REGION TO SAMPLE FOOD THAT IS JUST AS SPECTACULAR AS THE SCENERY.

Continue your journey to discover picturesque marshes dotted with local fishermen's half-timbered cottages and villages simply bursting with flowers. Stop off in a small town on your trip to relax with a glass of Riesling wine and indulge in some traditional sweet plum tart. With a rich blend of old and modern buildings, be sure to make Strasbourg a port of call. With its cosmopolitan centre and mountain atmosphere, this city, known as Little France, is viewed from a unique perspective from the water. The idyllic waterway actually takes you straight through the heart of the city and gives you a prime position to view the striking horizons of rugged mountain peaks. ■

Cruising Hints

■ From our main base at Hesse you can cruise west through rural then semi-urban countryside towards Nancy or east towards Strasbourg and the Rhine valley. Further south is our relay base at Boofzheim. Locks are automatic, easy to operate except on the Canal des Houillères de la Sarre where you will be helped by a lock-keeper.

1 Lutzelbourg
2 Strasbourg 3 Saverne 4 Mettlach

SUGGESTED ONE WEEK CRUISES

Hesse Strasbourg

ROUND TRIP

Canal de la Marne au Rhin

The Alsatian Cruise: Disappear into the forested hills and descend the famous **St Louis Arzviller** inclined plane, a magnificent example of modern canal engineering. From beautiful Lutzelbourg cycle the Crystal Route to **Vallerysthal**. Haut-Barr Castle offers a splendid view over the Alsatian plain. Cardinal Rohan's residence at **Saverne** is a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture. Lastly cruise into **Strasbourg**, beautiful city of the Rhine.

- 156 km • 68 locks
- 37 hr round trip cruising time

Hesse Sarreguemines

ROUND TRIP

Canal des houillères de la Sarre

The Forest Cruise: Cruise through forests – the one at **Fenetrange** is exceptional – and lakes with a wealth of gorgeous vegetation. Enjoy peace and quiet beside the **Gondrexange** Lake. After a spot of fishing, treat yourself to the culinary delights of Vosges.

- 160 km • 54 locks
- 35 hr round trip cruising time

Hesse Boofzheim

OR VICE VERSA

ONE-WAY TRIP

Canal de la Marne au Rhin
Canal de la Marne au Rhône

The Wine Cruise: Take the Alsatian cruise route to **Strasbourg**. The canal stretches out to the south of the Alsatian plane and becomes a labyrinth of rivers and lakes which are well known for their many species of wading birds. Flower adorned villages with timbered buildings can be found along the canal and the wine expertise of the region can be sampled along the way!

- 106 km • 43 locks
- 28 hr one-way cruising

Hesse • Metz • Trier Saarbrücken • Hesse

SUGGESTED 2 WEEK ROUND TRIP CRUISE

Canal de la Marne au Rhin, Moselle Sarre, Canal des Houillères de la Sarre

To navigate Germany it is necessary to hold a boating permit

Three Frontier Cruise: On leaving **Hesse** in France, navigate to Luxembourg and Germany on the Moselle and the Sarre. Via **Nancy** and Metz, you will travel to the land of the 'three frontiers' and the centre point of European history. The meandering Moselle leads you to typical villages of the area such as **Remich** and **Stradlbredimus**. Green and vegetated, these banks are home to vineyards of the highest quality.

- 433 km • 74 locks
- 84 hr round trip cruising time

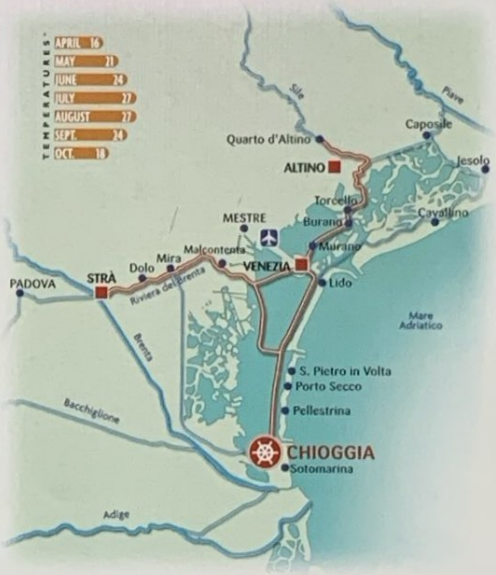
Flavours of the region

■ Alsatian vineyards produce many well-known white wines, such as Riesling, which are perfect accompaniments to tarte flambée, a bacon cream and onion flan, and sauerkraut. The softer Gewurztraminer is great to drink with Kugelhof, the famous Alsatian cake made from raisins and almonds, or a slice of cherry and plum tart.

Italy Venetia

THE LAND OF LA DOLCE VITA!

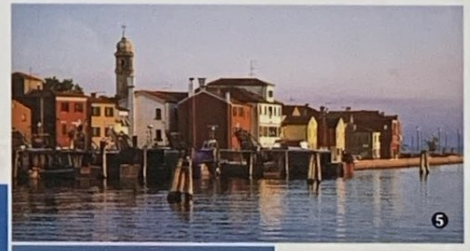
STEEPED IN HISTORY, ART AND ROMANCE, **ITALY** IS RENOWNED FOR THE EXCITING AND INSPIRING SIGHTS YOU CAN FIND AROUND EVERY CORNER. YOU CAN ALMOST SENSE THE MAGIC IN THE AIR OF THIS ENCHANTING COUNTRY AS YOU CRUISE ITS STUNNING WATERWAYS.



Visit many famous spots in the city of Venice and enjoy the prestigious view you receive from being on the water. Around each corner and beneath each bridge lies a different canal, waterway or narrow street, just waiting to be explored. Journey on from Venice to the canals of the Venetian Lagoon and encounter many charming fishing villages located on the various islands, such as Murano and Burano. Green banks, vine-yards, olive groves and magnificent villas built by the Doges of Venice can all be enjoyed whilst cruising along the Brenta canal. For those looking for even more variety, the golden sand of the holiday beaches at Lido and Bibione are perfect for relaxing under the bright Italian sunshine.

Cruising hints

Recommended for clients with some boating experience.



SUGGESTED ONE WEEK CRUISE

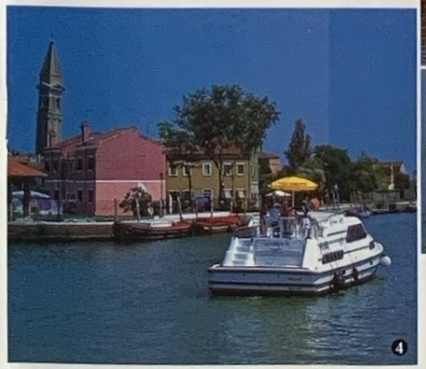
Chioggia • Venice Altino • Strà

ROUND-TRIP

Venice, the Laguna and its islands
La Brenta

Venetian Cruise: Beginning your trip at **Chioggia**, you simply cannot miss the bustling fish market which is based here. Following the canals, you will be led to the traditional fishing villages of **Pellestrina** and **St Piero in Volta** and then on to the unique city of **Venice**. Discover the bell towers and sights of St. Mark's Square before heading north to the beautiful islands and their charming towns.

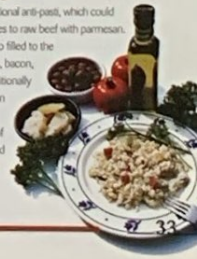
- 171 km • 6 locks
- 30 hr round trip cruising time



1 Venice 2 Strà
3 Chioggia 4 Burano 5 Porto Secco

Flavours of the region

Begin your meal with some traditional anti-pasti, which could consist of anything from fresh olives to raw beef with parmesan. Risi e Bisi (rice and peas) is a risotto filled to the brim with ingredients such as peas, bacon, onion and cheese. This dish is traditionally served on St. Mark's Day. Whilst on Burano, indulge in a busolai. This sweet biscuit, which is the shape of a doughnut, is perfect when dipped into coffee or hot chocolate or as an accompaniment to a dish of delicious ice cream!



Germany Mecklenburg & Brandenburg

UNSPOILED NATURAL PARADISE

ALONG THE VARIED AND BEAUTIFUL WATERWAYS OF **GERMANY**, YOU WILL FIND THE LANDSCAPE ALTERNATING BETWEEN FORESTS, MOORS AND GREEN PASTURES. AS WELL AS TYPICAL LAKESIDE HOUSES ALONG THE BANKS, STUNNING BAROQUE CASTLES STAND TALL IN THE MIDST OF TINY VILLAGES.

Mecklenburg and Brandenburg are two identical regions in historic Prussia which have extensive cruising waterways twisting through protected areas of flora and fauna. From swimming to canoeing and mountain biking to fishing, everything is available to make your holiday as action-packed as you desire! The Crown Blue Line Base is at Marina Wolfsbruch, situated at a stunning new holiday centre which offers a swimming pool, water sports, jacuzzi, sauna and many other amenities including restaurants, bars and shops. ■

Cruising tips

■ If you do not have a navigation permit, you cannot cruise around Zehdecnik. However, there are many other rivers and lakes which can be navigated without permit, giving or a good choice of cruises for 1, 2, 3 weeks or more. You will be spoiled for choice.

SUGGESTED ONE WEEK CRUISES

■ Marina Wolfsbruch Mirow • Lychen

⇄ ROUND TRIP

No licence required!

A Cruise in the Countryside: A chance to get to know your boat on the waterways of **Rheinsberg** and **Zechlin**. After the lock at **Wolfsbruch**, you cruise towards **Canow** as far as **Mirow**. Here you can explore the original Baroque castle and then take to the waterways of **Muritz-Havel** which will connect you to **Fustenberg** and the return trip.

► 200 km • 12 locks
► 30 hr round trip cruising time

■ Marina Wolfsbruch Plau

⇄ ROUND TRIP

No licence required!

A Lakes Cruise: A mixture of rivers and canals on this cruise offer a kaleidoscope of delights for the boating holidaymaker. Visit the historic castle of **Rheinsberg** and discover a whole host of picturesque towns along the way. **Mirow** offers the chance to swim and the magnificent **Muritz** Lake is truly unforgettable.

► 254 km • 16 locks
► 38 hr round trip cruising time

■ Marina Wolfsbruch Potsdam

OR VICE VERSA

→ ONE-WAY TRIP

This cruise is only possible for holders of the Permit S (sports boat) licence.

Brandenburg Cruise: This is a special cruise in the heart of the countryside that passes through the **Potsdam** area of **Berlin** and gives you the opportunity of taking part in a real voyage! Admire the stunning Baroque palace at **Furstenberg** and then cruise on to the nature reserve on the upper reaches of the Havel. A detour to **Himmelpfort** and the moorlands which stretch as far as **Lychen** will satisfy any nature lover. Head toward **Oranienburg** to get back to **Berlin** and continue on the rivers around **Potsdam**.

► 175 km • 16 locks
► 24 hr one-way cruising time

1 On the Havel 2 Berlin
3 Werder 4 Lacustrian (Lake) dwelling
5 Glienicker Bridge 6 Rheinsberg Castle

Flavours of the region

■ Famed for hearty fare, traditional German food can be found in locations all along the cruising area. From thick soups to traditionally cured meats there is something to suit every taste. The famous Sauerkraut must be tried and when cruising Mecklenburg, the numerous fish dishes of the region come highly recommended.

Holland

Friesland • Flevoland • Utrecht • North Holland

WONDERFUL WATERWAY KINGDOM

WINDMILLS TOWER AT THE ENTRANCE OF TOWNS AS IF TO MARK YOUR ROUTE ALONG THE PRETTY DUTCH LANDSCAPE AND THOUSANDS OF PONDS, LAKES, BROOKS AND CANALS FLOW IN EVERY DIRECTION TO FORM A MAGNIFICENT AQUATIC EMBROIDERY. WHEN CRUISING IN **HOLLAND** YOU SOON FIND THAT BOATING IS A WAY OF LIFE.

See p. 4

Coloured flower fields and slender town houses line your route, and the naturally friendly and hospitable Dutch will ensure that your trip is a complete success. Make your way to the Amsterdam canals where you slowly become part of a country in which boating is a way of life. The narrow town houses and cafés with their welcoming sun terraces are typical of this charming city. From the start of your trip at our base, there are so many possible cruising routes that we couldn't possibly mention them all here! Give us a call if you would like more information on these or other routes. ■

Cruising tips

■ Only experienced Skippers should navigate the Rijnkanaal into Amsterdam. It is advisable to moor in Weesp and take one of the frequent trains directly to the city centre.

SUGGESTED ONE WEEK CRUISE

■ Sneek
Grouw • Lemmer

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Friesland

A Gentle Cruise: Sail to **Grouw** and enjoy the nautical base and then move onto the beautiful nature reserve of **Princehof**. Stop when you like to visit the towns en route and it is highly recommended that you sample some of the local bakeries wares! The celebrated potteries in **Workum** and **Makkum** and the picturesque market of **Bolsward** are also great spots to visit.

Depending on the route you choose, between :

- 80 and 200 km • no locks
- 10 and 20 hr round trip cruising time

■ Sneek
Loosdrecht • De Eemhof

OR VICE VERSA

→ ONE-WAY TRIP

Friesland - Flevoland - Utrecht

The Fishermen's Route: Several routes are possible between **Sneek** and **De Eemhof**. Do not miss a trip to Amsterdam, just a short distance from De Eemhof. Whichever route you do decide to take, you will be guaranteed to pass numerous little villages and traditional fishing towns.

Depending on the route you choose, between :

- 160 and 200 km • 4 and 6 locks
- 20 and 25 hr one-way cruising time

■ De Eemhof • Amsterdam
Utrecht • Elburg

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Flevoland - North Holland - Utrecht

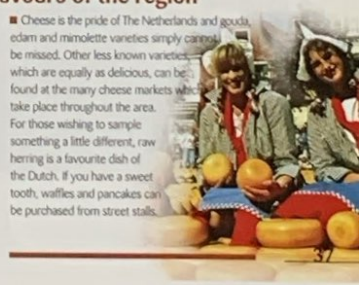
Cruise of the Grosssegler: Set your course for **Amsterdam**. En route, do not miss the castle of **Muiden** and take a stroll through the towns' beautiful lanes. It is advisable to moor in **Weesp** and take the train to **Amsterdam** (10 minutes to the main station in the city centre). Your journey continues along the Vecht, passing old country houses formally weekend residences of wealthy city dwellers during the golden age of maritime trade. Passing through numerous villages you reach **Utrecht**, where you can moor in the city centre - or continue towards **Elburg**. Here you can discover a Dolphinarium in **Harderwijk** and numerous restaurants serving fresh seafood. Further on in **Huizen**, an indoor cart racecourse ensures fun for everybody.

- 180 km • 4 locks
- 33 hr round trip cruising time

1 Friesland 2 Utrecht region
3 Muiden 4 Amsterdam 5 On the river Vecht

Flavours of the region

■ Cheese is the pride of The Netherlands and gouda, edam and mimolette varieties simply cannot be missed. Other less known varieties, which are equally as delicious, can be found at the many cheese markets which take place throughout the area. For those wishing to sample something a little different, raw herring is a favourite dish of the Dutch. If you have a sweet tooth, waffles and pancakes can be purchased from street stalls.



Ireland Shannon & Erne

CROWN BLUE LINE GIVES YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO CRUISE THE WATERWAYS OF IRELAND ON BOARD WELL-APPOINTED BOATS BELONGING TO ITS SISTER COMPANY, EMERALD STAR — IRELAND'S PREMIER BOAT HIRE COMPANY.

SUGGESTED ONE WEEK CRUISE

Carrick-on-Shannon Banagher

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Shannon

Shannon Cruise: No other European river quite matches the majestic Shannon. The scenery is truly breathtaking and the small towns and villages along it's banks offer you a huge choice of the most convivial pubs and restaurants you'll find anywhere. Historic towns like **Athlone**, **Carrick-on-Shannon**, **Banagher** and **Killaloe** combine bustling commercial life with a heritage of earlier times. You'll enjoy exploring old castles, forest parks and out of the way islands and backwaters. You could even chance upon one of the regular town festivals which take place throughout the summer.

► 225 km • 8 locks
► 30 hr round trip cruising time

Carrick-on-Shannon Belturbet

OR VICE VERSA

→ ONE WAY TRIP

Shannon - Erne

The Lakes Cruise: Cruise the Shannon Erne Waterway and discover the restored canal with all of its automated locks. Stop off along the way at the recently opened up Boyle river or cruise into Lough Allen.Visiting some of the bigger towns of **Ballinamore** & **Ballyconnell** you can enjoy a wander around the shops and meet the locals. The lakes of Lough Scur & **Garadice** are interspersed along your way. Swan Island Visitor Farm enable you to have some lunch. Enjoy a friendly Guinness in many of the pubs, discover **White Island** en route to **Enniskillen**. The well-known Buttermarket craft and design centre in Enniskillen is well worth a visit.

► 130 km • 16 locks
► 14 hr one-way cruising time

Portumna Carrick-on-Shannon

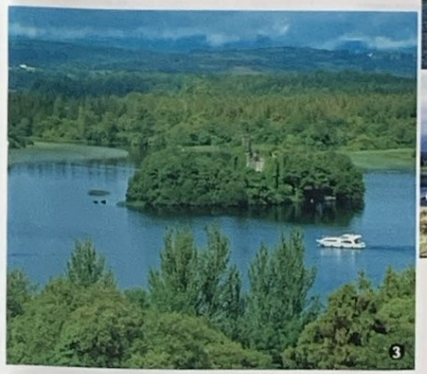
OR VICE VERSA

→ ONE WAY TRIP

Shannon

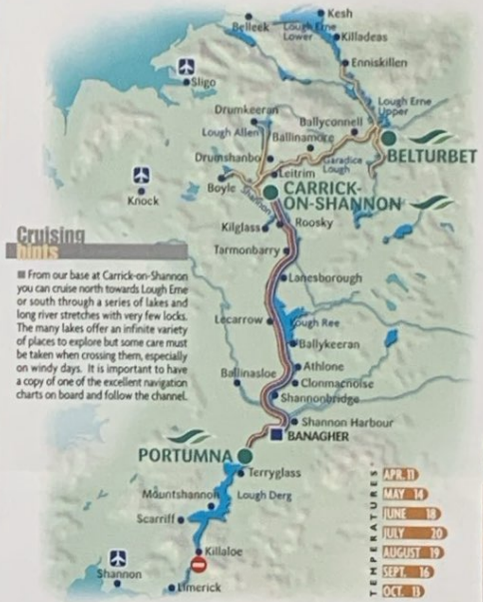
Irish History Cruise: Large lakes and narrow waters set in golden reeds, the Shannon reveals all its many facets on this cruise. With its excellent light, the area is a dream for photographers and painters alike. Cruising to **Shannon Bridge** for the evening, spend time ashore in one of the brightly coloured pubs accompanied by friendly locals and fiddle music.

► 160 km • 5 locks
► 20 hr one-way cruising time



THE EMERALD CRUISE

FAMOUS FOR BEING ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL COUNTRIES ON EARTH WITH ITS CAPTIVATING EMERALD BACKDROP, **IRELAND** OFFERS A STUNNING CRUISING AREA. WITH A FRIENDLY WELCOME WHEREVER YOU STOP AND LASHINGS OF HEARTY IRISH FAYRE TO FUEL YOU ON YOUR WAY, IT'S NO WONDER THAT MANY VISITORS CAN'T HELP BUT RETURN AGAIN AND AGAIN!



Cruising Hints

■ From our base at Carrick-on-Shannon you can cruise north towards Lough Erne or south through a series of lakes and long river stretches with very few locks. The many lakes offer an infinite variety of places to explore but some care must be taken when crossing them, especially on windy days. It is important to have a copy of one of the excellent navigation charts on board and follow the channel.

Glide through the lush and serene landscape, where you will occasionally spot ancient standing stones and intriguing Celtic monuments as well as the remains of castles from days gone by. Ireland's emerald green landscape has not altered in a thousand years. The Irish passions of fishing, golf and horse riding can be enjoyed at many points throughout your journey as can the famous hospitality. Take time out ashore and explore the many warm and welcoming pubs that proliferate the landscape. In no time at all you will be singing along and enjoying the 'craic' with the locals. It's no wonder this tiny country is one of the world's biggest attractions ! ■

■ **Don't forget to book your fishing boat to make your stay in Ireland complete!**

■ Ireland is a paradise for fishermen and, if you want to discover the tiny islands dotted across the lakes, we recommend that you hire a small rowing boat or dinghy with outboard which you will be able to tow easily behind your boat. This will also give you a chance to explore small unspoilt tributaries that are not accessible by larger boats and admire the carpets of water lilies and other aquatic flowers.

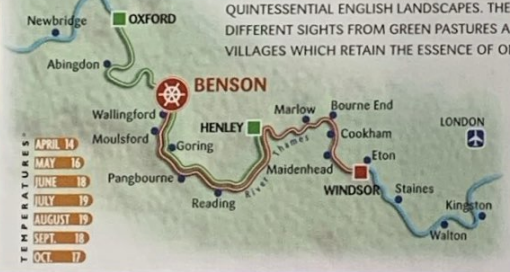
1 Roosky 2 Athlone 3 Castle Island / Lough Key
4 Clonmacnoise 5 Golf Club Lough Ree

Flavours of the region

■ The traditional drink of Ireland is without doubt the famous brown stout beer. The thick, creamy, dark liquid by Guinness or Murphy's, is the perfect accompaniment to a hearty Irish stew, in one of the many pubs along the route of your cruise. Excellent Irish whiskey should also not be missed, and an authentic Irish coffee is a great way to round off your meal !

England The River Thames

ON THE ROYAL RIVER ■ SNAKING SERENELY THROUGH THE HEART OF THE HISTORIC LANDS OF THE CROWN, THE **RIVER THAMES** TRANSPORTS YOU TO QUINTESSENTIAL ENGLISH LANDSCAPES. THE BANKS OF THE RIVER HOLD MANY DIFFERENT SIGHTS FROM GREEN PASTURES AND WOODED HILLS TO CHARMING VILLAGES WHICH RETAIN THE ESSENCE OF OLD ENGLAND.



Discover the varied landscape and small flower bedecked towns, all of which create an atmosphere of timeless charm. Travelling through this region by boat gives you unique access to many famed places. Oxford, the home of the oldest English University and melting pot of British academics, is an exciting spot to explore and the countryside which surrounds it is second to none. Further south, the elegant Windsor castle stands majestically at the centre of the town. Founded by William the Conqueror and a royal residence for over nine centuries, it is well worth a visit. The charm of the countryside will entice you to moor up often on your cruise and enjoy some of the many traditional pubs and restaurants that can be found on the banks of the river. ■

SUGGESTED ONE WEEK CRUISES

■ Benson • Oxford Henley

⇄ ROUND TRIP

The Thames

Traditional Cruise: Head for **Oxford** to experience the ultimate in University towns. On your way back down the river to **Benson**, admire the pastoral countryside of the region. The lush meadows of **Pangbourne** lead on to the busy town of **Reading** with its many shops and cosmopolitan nightlife. **Henley** is a beautiful place to moor and is famous for its regatta and waterside restaurants.

► 186 km • 30 locks
► 32 hr round trip cruising time

■ Benson Windsor

⇄ ROUND TRIP

The Thames

The Queen Cruise: Travel downstream towards **Henley** and navigate through the centre of one of the most charming towns on the Thames. The journey alternates between green pastures and rural locks and eventually leads to the quaint town of **Cookham**. From here you can approach the jewel of the cruise, **Windsor**, and visit the famous royal castle and it's delightful royal park.

► 155 km • 36 locks
► 30 hr round trip cruising time

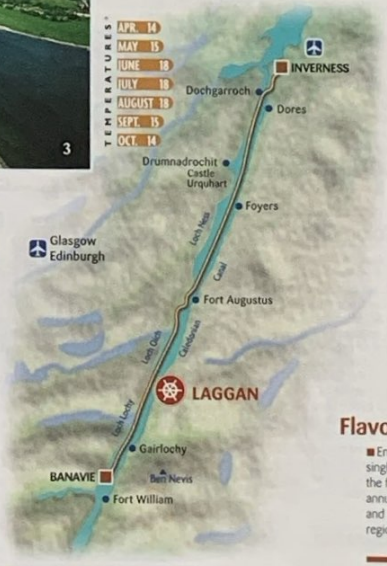
❶ Henley
❷ Windsor
❸ Goring locks

Flavours of the region

■ Locally brewed traditional ales are popular and can be found on tap or in bottles in many of the pubs along the riverside. There are numerous excellent restaurants in villages and towns along the way. Fish and seafood are popular and you will be able to find many dishes containing them along the route. Remember, traditional fish and chips should be sampled straight from the paper !

Scotland The Highlands

THE MAGIC OF THE HIGHLANDS ■ ENJOY THE MYSTERY AND WILDERNESS OF THE SCOTTISH **HIGHLANDS** FROM THE WATER. STEEPED IN ANTIQUITY, THE LUSH GREEN HILLSIDES CLAD IN SILVERY HEATHER SIMPLY EXUDE THE ESSENCE OF CELTIC MYTHS AND LEGENDS. ROUSING HISTORY AND STUNNING LANDSCAPES AWAIT YOUR ARRIVAL IN THE HIGHLANDS.



From Inverness to Fort William, the Caledonian Canal at the heart of the great Glen fault unveils it's magic to you as you cruise past castles and become immersed in untamed nature. Gaze out across the valleys and mountains and wonder at the silence that can be found at the middle of a vast loch, such as the mysterious Loch Ness. Enjoy a game of golf at one of the many beautiful courses or cast off and partake in a spot of fishing. In the evening, why not take time out ashore to enjoy the atmosphere of a traditional Scottish pub and indulge in a dram of fine single malt whiskey. ■

■ Laggan Banavie • Inverness

⇄ ROUND TRIP

Loch Ness

The Loch-Ness Cruise: Amidst the hills and the heather, exciting stops can be found. Visit **Banavie** and enjoy a malt whisky in the distillery. Take the chair lift to a restaurant and admire the grandeur of the scenery. **Mallaig** is a picturesque fishing port on the West Coast and is worth a visit. A stop at mysterious Loch Ness is highly recommended as is a visit to the historic Urquhart castle.

► 193 km • 10 locks
► 25 hr round trip cruising time

❶ Laggan ❷ Urquhart Castle ❸ Loch Linnhe

Flavours of the region

■ Enjoy a traditional Scottish dram of finest single malt whiskey and sample a dish of the famous haggis and turnips, perfect for annual Burns night celebrations. Pheasant and venison are also specialities of the region and should not be missed !

Choice of boat...

With over 700 boats throughout Europe and the USA, Crown Blue Line offers you access to 8 countries and 30 bases

You have already chosen a region and planned a route for your next cruise. Now all you have to do is select your boat from the 40 types available.

■ The right size
It's important that you choose a large enough boat to comfortably accommodate your party. The capacity and dimensions of each boat can be found within each boat's description. When you see two figures e.g. 6 + 2 the first shows the capacity not exceeding two people per cabin while the second shows the number of extra berths, usually in the saloon. The boat photograph will give you an overall impression of the model and the layout plan clearly shows how your party will be accommodated on board. Some layouts differ slightly - but the accommodation will generally be as shown..

■ Special Requirements
It's important to choose the right boat for people with special needs. A low, single level boat with easy access for example, is best suited for those who may have difficulty moving such as the elderly or disabled.

■ Boat Availability
Don't hesitate to ask us about boat availability, start bases and departure dates - these can sometimes change after the brochure is printed.

■ Departure Dates
Each boat has a specific departure day - usually Monday, Tuesday, Friday or Saturday. Once you've chosen your boat and region you should check the departure day when making your booking.

■ Short Breaks
Don't forget that - subject to availability - many of our boats are available for short breaks at certain periods mid week and at weekends. Please ask for details and prices.

■ Your Boat - Ready to go!
Before departure, your boat will have been thoroughly cleaned and all mechanical equipment carefully checked. The full tank of diesel is sufficient for one or two weeks of cruising and the water supply should last about two days before you need to refill at one of the many water points shown in your canal guide.

Additional services !
Onboard your boat, you will find a **Boat Manual** containing the boat's official papers, a complete equipment inventory (kitchen and bedding) as well as information that will help you make the best of your cruise such as regional tourist leaflets and a list of events and festivals along the way. You will also find our culinary pocket dictionary "**Bon appétit**" in 3 languages, to help you unravel the mysteries of restaurant menus and appreciate the local gastronomy, as well as a list of restaurants close to the waterway.

■ If you will be arriving late, you can order your groceries in advance and they will be ready for you on your arrival.

■ We can arrange transfers from the airport or station to your departure base, just give us a call.

With Crown Blue Line, nothing is left to drift...

Check availability of your chosen boat in the Crown Blue Line regions

The figures beside the boat names refer to the boat capacity - see "The right size" section in the left hand corner of this page for more information.

Crown Class

Region	Grand Class 10	Grand Class Elite 10	Classique 8	Classique S 8	Classique S Elite 8	Royal Class 6	Royal Class Elite 6	Calypso Elite 6+2	Crusader 6	Crusader Elite 6	Countess 4+2	Clipper 4	Clipper Elite 4	Consul 4+1	Cirrus 2+2	Cirrus Elite 2+2
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Princess Class / Canal Class

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Sunsail / Emerald Star

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CROWN BLUE LINE OFFERS THE LARGEST CHOICE OF RIVERBOATS IN EUROPE - MORE THAN **40** DIFFERENT TYPES, SOME TRADITIONAL, SOME THE ULTIMATE LUXURY AND ALL OF THEM PERFECTLY EQUIPPED AND SUBJECT TO A RIGOROUS MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME. DEPENDING ON THE TYPE, THEY CAN SLEEP **2** TO **12** PEOPLE.

Our fleet consists of the famous Crown Blue Line boats and other craft belonging to two large partner firms. This enables us to offer the widest possible choice of destinations.

■ The **CBL** fleet includes 3 extensive ranges - **Crown Class**, particularly spacious boats, the latest generation of river cruisers providing the highest level of comfort and amenities in the profession, **Princess Class**, with innovative lines and **Canal Class**, well-appointed traditionally-designed boats.

■ The **Emerald Star** fleet consists of boats specially designed for Irish waterways. They provide the highest level of comfort.

■ The **Sunsail** fleet consists of luxury boats which require basic knowledge of sea-going navigation. ■

The equipment on board

Although the layout and facilities on our boats vary, each is fully equipped to the highest standard.

■ **Galley:** Each galley has generous work surfaces, a sink, cooker with oven and grill, large cupboards and one or two refrigerators depending on the size of the boat. A full range of cooking utensils, cutlery, crockery and glassware is also provided.

■ **Bathrooms:** Depending on the size of the boat, you'll find one, two or even three bathrooms with shower, toilet and in some cases even a bath! All boats have large water tanks with a generous supply of hot and cold water.

■ **Bed Linen:** A complete set of bed linen is provided, including sheets, duvets or blankets. Towels are also provided.

■ **Storage Space:** There is plenty of cupboard and wardrobe space on each boat for storing clothing and belongings and our latest boats have a safe for your valuables.

■ **Electrical Equipment:** Each boat is equipped with a 12 volt system with a cigar lighter fitting to recharge mobile phones and camcorders. A radio cassette and a 12 volt hair dryer are provided. A 220 volt socket is available for electric razors only.

■ **Heating:** All the boats have heating.

■ **Safety Equipment:** You'll find all the required safety equipment on board your boat: first aid kit, fire blanket, fire extinguishers and life jackets. Children's life jackets are also available and should be requested at your base prior to departure.

The Boat Layouts

■ The boat layout and descriptions are for general guidance only. Some boats within classes may have minor variations e.g. bed position, folding or pull out double beds, fridge position and boat colour trims.

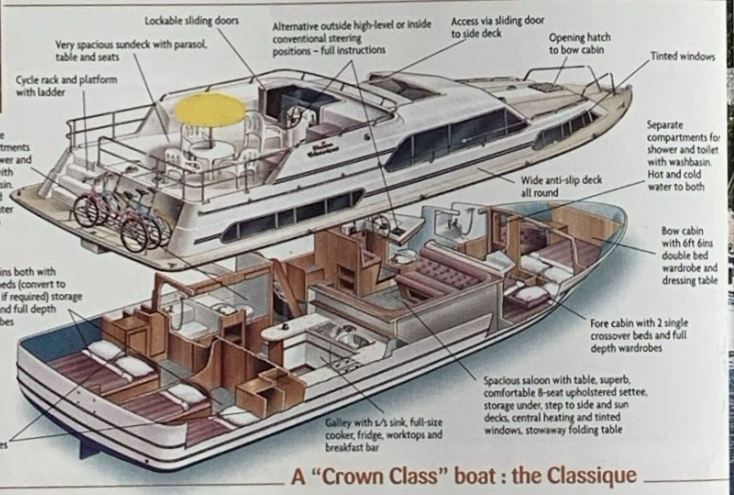
ELITE Boats

■ With air assisted circulation and stylish embroidered bath towels our Elite boats are top of the range. With your booking you get a smart document case which contains a Captains manual and a detailed waterway guide of your cruising area. All these extra special touches make this a holiday experience for the Elite.

Crown Class

Our premier boats...

True to the incomparable Crown Blue Line style, the Crown Class is a new generation of high quality boats with elegant lines, exceptional comfort and superb interior layout; two steering positions, ease of handling and spacious sun deck. ■



A "Crown Class" boat : the Classique

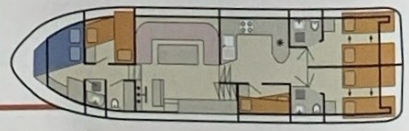
Grand Classique

SLEEPS 10
14.63 x 4.10 M (48ft x 13ft 6ins)

Very spacious and easy to manoeuvre, ideal for big families or groups.

- Two steering positions, one inside and one outside
- Two cabins in the front, one with a double bed, the other with two singles
- Very spacious saloon with settee/dining area and steering position and a side door on to the deck
- Large galley on a lower level, equipped with refrigerator
- Three cabins at the rear, two with either double bed or two singles and one with 2 bunk beds
- Three toilets and showers
- A large sundeck with second steering position, table, chairs and parasol, with a door connecting to the saloon
- Bow thrusters.

■ NB: German law requires that hirers of boats more than 13 metres long must have a recognized pilot's licence



Classique

SLEEPS 8
12.80 x 4.10 M (42ft x 13ft 6ins)

Flagship of the waterways and unrivalled for style, comfort and roominess

- Two steering positions - interior and exterior
- Two forward cabins, one with double berth, other with two single berths
- Huge saloon with settee, folding table and sliding door for access to outside decks
- Large galley on lower level, fully equipped including refrigerator
- Two rear cabins each with single berths convertible to double
- Two separate shower, and toilet compartments, forward and aft

- Spacious upper sun deck, directly accessible from the saloon with second steering position, table, chairs and a parasol.

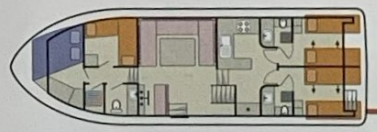
Classique "S"

SLEEPS 8
12.80 x 4.10 M (42ft x 13ft 6ins)

The new generation of Classique, with the latest modifications both inside and out.

The inside layout does not vary much from the previous Classique S design. The following features have been added:

- The rear cabin now has an en suite.
- There is more seating on the deck for comfort.
- There are now three bathrooms.



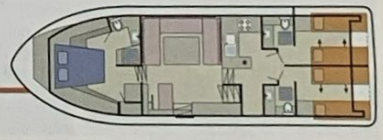
Royal Classique

SLEEPS 6
12.80 x 4.10 M (42ft x 13ft 6ins)

The most luxurious in the Classique range

- Two steering positions - interior and exterior
- Forward cabin with king size bed and en-suite bathroom with shower and toilet
- Spacious saloon with settee, folding table and sliding door for access to outside decks
- Large galley on lower level
- Two rear cabins each with single berths convertible to double, and ensuite shower and toilet compartments
- Spacious upper sun deck, directly accessible from the saloon with second steering position, table, chairs and a parasol

- Air-conditioning
- Bow thrusters.



BOAT LAYOUT PLAN LEGEND Single berth Double berth Seating converts to single/double berth

Crown Class

Calypso

SLEEPS 8 (6+2)
13.25 x 4.10 M (43ft x 13ft 6ins)

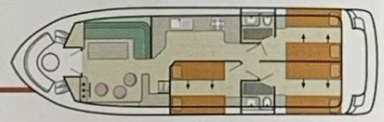
Designed for traditional canal boat lovers, the Calypso benefits from the addition of the latest innovations in comfort and equipment

NEW MODEL 2004

■ Available in the ELITE range

- Two rear cabins with two single beds convertible into one double bed, each with ensuite bathroom
- One central cabin with two single beds convertible into one double
- Large front saloon with steering position, settee that converts into one double bed and direct access to front small sundeck with seating
- Fully equipped kitchenûSecond steering position on large upper sundeck

The Calypso Elite is not equipped with assisted air circulation.



Crusader

SLEEPS 6
11.90 X 3.90 M (39ft x 13ft)

Sister design to the Classique.

- Three separate cabins each with en-suite bathrooms with shower and toilet
- Forward cabin with two single berths
- Saloon with steering position and separate galley on lower level
- Two rear cabins each with single berths convertible to double
- Large upper sun deck with second steering position, table, chairs and parasol.

■ Also available in the ELITE range

Countess

SLEEPS 6 (4+2)
10.20 x 3.56 M (33ft 6ins x 11ft 8ins)

Luxurious and comfortable - superb accommodation for 4 with pull out double in saloon.

- Dual steering from inside and upper sun deck
- Forward cabin with 2 single berths
- Adjacent shower and toilet compartment
- Roomy central saloon with convertible double settee berth
- Double cabin at rear with en-suite shower and toilet
- Full width bathing platform at rear.

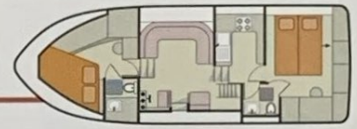
Clipper

SLEEPS 4
11.00 x 3.90 M (36ft x 13ft)

Sumptuously spacious for 4 - in two separate large cabins each with en-suite toilet/shower.

■ Also available in the ELITE range

- Two steering positions, one inside and one outside
- Front cabin with double bed and en-suite toilet and shower
- Generous saloon area with steering position
- Galley on lower level
- Back cabin has two single beds convertible to a double and en-suite toilet and shower
- Rear sun deck with a second steering position
- Bow thrusters in Germany and Holland.



Consul

SLEEPS 5 (4+1)
10.33 x 3.37 M (34ft x 11ft)

Stylish and practical ideal for a family or two couples, with two separate cabins, one at the front and one at the rear.

- Two steering positions
- Front cabin with two singles or one double bed
- Shower and Toilet compartment at the front
- Spacious central saloon, with steering position, settee converts to a single bed
- Large rear cabin, with double bed and en-suite toilet and shower
- Sun deck, with second steering position and seating

Cirrus

SLEEPS 4 (2+2)
8.80 x 3.60 M (29ft x 11ft 2ins)

Generous accommodation for a small family, perfection for two persons. Inside and oustide steering position.

■ Also available in the ELITE range

MODEL 1

- Main rear cabin with two single beds which can be combined to make a double
- Saloon and upper steering positions
- Saloon with settee convertible to double berth
- Door from saloon to forward sun deck sitting area (not in Ireland)
- Rear cabin platform with bicycle storage

MODEL 2

- Main rear cabin with one double bed ■ Toilet and shower in same compartment ■ saloon with single bed sofa and dinette convertible to another single bed

BOAT LAYOUT PLAN LEGEND ■ Single berth ■ Double berth ■ Seating converts to single/double berth

Princess Class

Comfort and space...

A superb class of innovative boats; very comfortable with large sundecks; 2 steering positions, inside and out, wide decks with hand rails - bathing deck at the rear; central heating; bow thrusters (except the Sheba). ■

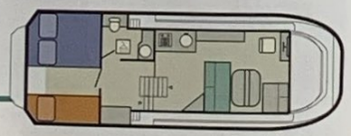
A "Princess Class" boat : the Sheba

Sheba

SLEEPS 5 (2+3)
9.00 x 3.40 M (29ft 6ins x 11ft 2ins)

Superb spacious boat for a couple or small family.

- Aft cabin with double berth and convertible settee single
- Convertible double dinette berth in saloon
- Toilet, wash basin and shower compartment
- Stairs to upper sun deck.



Asteria

SLEEPS 7 (4+3)
10.00 x 3.80 M (32ft 10ins x 12ft 6ins)

Spacious interior for a family.

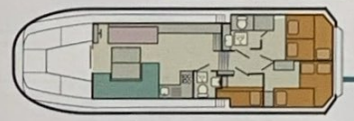
- Two cabins at the rear, each with 2 single beds plus one folding bed (or 1 double and 1 single bed)
- 2 toilet, shower and sink compartments
- Saloon with dinette converting to a single bed, plus a steering position
- Interior staircase leading to rear sundeck, with second steering position
- Bow thruster.

Maya

SLEEPS 10 (6+4)
12.00 x 4.15 M (39ft 4ins x 13ft 7ins)

This model has 3 separate cabins and a spacious saloon - plus raised sundeck

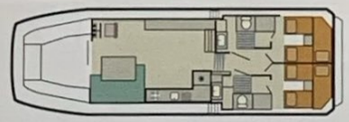
- Rear cabin with 2 single beds and one bunk
- Second rear cabin, with one double plus 1 child bunk
- Third cabin alongside with 2 bunk beds
- 2 toilet, sink and shower compartments
- Saloon with dinette which converts to a double bed, and a steering position
- Interior staircase leading to raised sundeck, and second steering position
- Bow thruster.



Ariane

SLEEPS 8 (4+4)
12.00 x 4.15 M (39ft 4ins x 13ft 7ins)

Similar model to Maya but with one cabin less, therefore more spacious galley and central saloon.



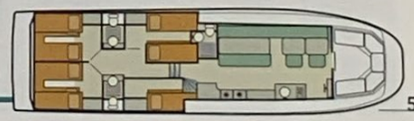
- 2 rear cabins with 3 single beds or 1 double and 1 single (bunk bed)
- 2 toilet shower and sink compartments
- Saloon with convertible dinette and a single bed, plus a steering position
- Interior staircase leading to the raised sundeck, with second steering positon
- Bow thruster.

Cassandra

SLEEPS 12 (10+2)
14.95 x 4.15 M (49ft x 13ft 7ins)

One of our largest boats, with very generous space inside.

- 2 cabins at the rear with 2 single beds (or one double) plus 1 bunk bed
- 1 central cabin with 2 single bunk beds (1 of which can be made into a double bed)
- Central cabin with 2 single bunk beds
- 3 toilet, shower and sink compartments
- Very large saloon with a settee, which will convert to a double bed. Steering position
- Interior staircase leading to rear sundeck, with second steering position
- Bow thruster.

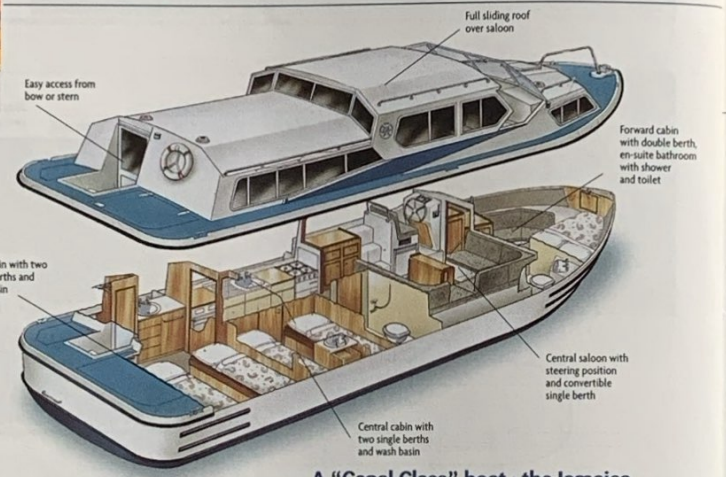


BOAT LAYOUT PLAN LEGEND Single berth Double berth Seating converts to single/double berth

Canal Class

A traditional pleasure...

A great range of comfortable boats designed specifically for the purpose of canal and rive navigation; single level style with large sliding roof, centre cockpit style or with large exterior bridge: A large and varied choice of boats able to accommodate up to 12 people. ■



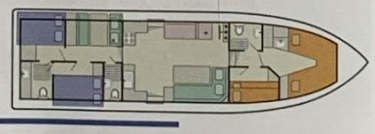
A "Canal Class" boat : the Jamaica

Challenger

SLEEPS 12 (8+4)
13.80 x 3.90 M (45ft x 13ft)

A majestic boat for maximum capacity.

- Two forward cabins one with two single berths and the other with two bunk berths
- Roomy central saloon with steering position, sun roof, galley, and a settee convertible to a double berth
- Two cabins at the rear each with a double berth
- Dining area with convertible double berth
- Three bathrooms each with a shower and toilet
- Large upper sun deck with table, chairs and parasol.



Nautilia

SLEEPS 10 (8+2)
12.80 X 4.10 M (42ft x 13ft 6ins)

This boat is great for large groups as it can accommodate up to ten people! It has two steering positions and a large outdoor terrace!

- Two steering positions
- Two cabins to the front, one with a double bed, the other with two single beds
- Spacious saloon area with a settee that converts to a double bed
- Interior steering position with access to the deck
- Large kitchen with new fixtures
- Two cabins to the rear, each with two single beads that can convert into doubles
- Two bathrooms with showers
- Separate toilets

- Large outside area with second steering position, table, chairs and parasol, accessible directly from the saloon.

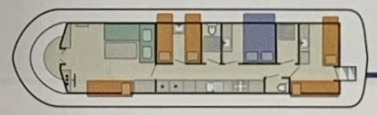
Atlantic

SLEEPS 9 (7+2)
13.40 x 3.70 M (44ft x 12ft)

Big capacity single level boat, ideal for groups or families.

- Generous side decks and low hull for easy access
- Large roof sun deck.

- Spacious forward saloon with full sliding roof, dining area convertible double berth and a settee convertible to single berth
- Adjacent galley with two refrigerators
- Central cabin with two single berths and wash basin
- Bathroom with shower and toilet
- Second central cabin with double berth and wash basin
- Separate rear shower and toilet compartments
- Stern cabin with two single berths and wash basin.

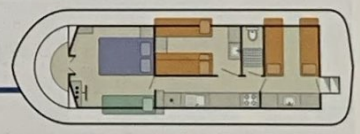


Corsair

SLEEPS 8 (5+3)
11.30 x 3.70 M (37ft x 12ft)

A popular family boat with the comfort and convenience of a single level.

- Spacious forward saloon with one settee convertible to a double berth and a second convertible to a single berth
- Full sliding sun roof over the saloon, with forward steering position
- Central cabin with two single berths and a folding bunk berth and a wash basin
- Bathroom with shower and toilet
- Motor at the stern for quiet cruising
- Rear cabin with two single berths and wash basin
- Large roof sundeck.



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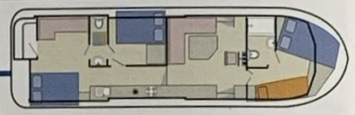
Canal Class

Concorde

SLEEPS 7 (6+1)
12.80 x 3.60 M (42ft x 12ft)

A comfortable boat with two steering positions.

- Front cabin with double berth and single berth, en-suite bathroom with shower and toilet
- Central saloon with steering position and sliding doors giving access to outside deck. Adjacent galley
- Central cabin with double berth
- Stern cabin with double berth or two single berths
- Rear bathroom with shower and toilet with direct access from the central and stern cabins
- Rear upper sun deck with second outside steering position, table, chairs and parasol.



Condor

SLEEPS 7 (6+1)
12.80 x 3.60 M (42ft x 12ft)

Restyled with comfortable flying bridge, one level accomodation, and inside and outside steering positions.

- Front cabin with double berth and single berth, en-suite bathroom with shower or bath, and toilet
- Centre cabin with two single berths
- Separate galley
- Central shower and toilet compartment accessible from the two cabins
- Spacious saloon at the rear with fold away table
- Stern cabin with double berth
- Second steering position on upper sundeck, parasols and chairs.

Jamaica

SLEEPS 7 (6+1)
12.20 x 3.80 M (40ft x 12ft 6ins)

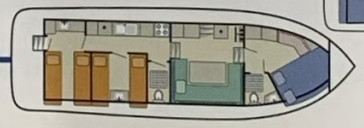
Another well fitted family boat. Spacious central saloon with opening roof.

JAMAICA

- Forward cabin with double berth, en-suite bathroom with shower and toilet
- Central saloon with steering position and convertible single berth (Sleeps 6 only in the Midi - no single berth) .
- Central cabin with two single berths and wash basin
- Second bathroom with shower and toilet
- Rear cabin with two single berths and wash basin
- Full sliding roof over saloon.

JAMAICA "S" Lot and Aquitaine

- Front cabin and saloon similar to standard Jamaica ■ Two central cabins, each with a single berth ■ Connecting bathroom with shower and toilet for each of the central cabins ■ Rear cabin with double berth, wash basin and toilet



Tamaris

SLEEPS 6 (4+2)
9.70 x 3.60 M (32ft x 12ft)

Good looking cruiser offering excellent accommodation with two steering positions.

- Forward cabin with two single berths convertible to a double (not in Alsace and Burgundy)
- Adjacent bathroom with shower and toilet
- Spacious saloon with interior steering position, opening roof, dining table, convertible double berth or two single berths
- Rear cabin with double berth and en-suite bathroom with shower and toilet
- Upper sun deck with second steering position and bench seats.

Tasman

SLEEPS 6 (4+2)
10.40 x 3.70 M (34ft 6ins x 12ft)

Spacious centre cockpit cruiser with large sliding roof.

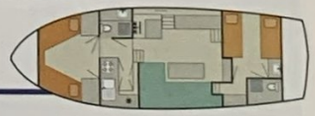
- Forward cabin with two single berths and en-suite bathroom with shower and toilet
- Raised central saloon with dining table, convertible double berth, steering position and fully opening roof
- Separate galley on lower level
- Second bathroom at rear with shower and toilet
- Rear cabin with double berth.

Braemore

SLEEPS 6 (4+2)
10.36 x 3.66 M (34ft x 12ft)

Handsome cruiser with inside and outside steering and generous accommodation.

- Rear cabin with two singles which can combine to make a double with en-suite toilet and shower
- Forward cabin with two single berths or one double
- Forward shower and toilet compartment
- Large high-level saloon with settee convertible to double berth
- Saloon and upper sundeck steering positions
- Sliding door from saloon to side deck.



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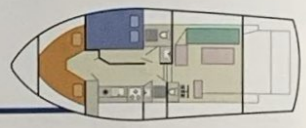
Canal Class

Osprey

SLEEPS 6 (4+2)
11.28 x 3.66 M (37ft x 12ft)

Excellent family boat with rear deck for access and fishing.

- Spacious rear saloon with convertible double berth
- Forward cabin with two singles which can combine to make a double
- Central cabin with double berth
- Two centrally placed toilet/shower compartments
- Patio doors to large rear deck.



Viscount

SLEEPS 5 (4+1)
10.60 x 3.60 M (35ft x 12ft)

Spacious with two living areas separated by the high level central steering position.

- Forward cabin with double berth and single berth, en-suite bathroom with shower and toilet
- Central raised steering position
- Central cabin with double berth, en-suite bathroom with shower and toilet
- Comfortable rear saloon with folding table
- In Alsace - no single berth in forward cabins, but convertible single in rear saloon
- Separate galley.

Colibri

SLEEPS 5 (4+1)
10.70 x 3.20 M (35ft x 10ft)

Centre steering model offering comfortable accommodation.

- Twin part sliding roof and refurbished interior
- Forward cabin with two single berths, en-suite bathroom with shower and toilet
- Central saloon with sliding roof, steering position, and convertible single berth
- Stern cabin with double berth
- Central bathroom with shower and toilet
- Raised rear upper sun deck.

Comet

SLEEPS 4
8.80 x 3.60 M (29ft x 11ft 3ins)

An attractive boat with maximum living space for 4 people

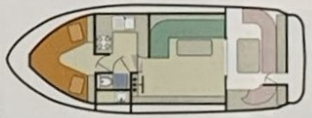
- Forward cabin with two single berths convertible to double, en suite bathroom with shower and toilet
- Rear cabin with double berth, en-suite bathroom with shower, bath and toilet
- Saloon with interior steering position
- Raised sun deck with second steering position.

Consort

SLEEPS 4 (2+2)
9.45 x 3.50 M (31ft x 11ft 6ins)

Smart cruiser offering excellent accommodation.

- Spacious centre saloon with sun roof, steering position, and dining area convertible double berth
- Forward cabin with 2 single berths
- Bathroom with wash basin, shower and toilet
- Aft sun-deck with seating and bathing platform.



- In Scotland, the interior arrangement of the Consort is different.

Capri

SLEEPS 3 (2+1)
8.30 x 2.90 M (27ft 4ins x 9ft 8ins)

Superbly chic!

- Forward cabin with two large single berths or double (no double berth in Ireland)
- Saloon with a galley and dining table, convertible into single berth
- Raised exterior steering position with opening roof
- Large rear deck with seating and folding canopy
- Second shower on rear deck (not in Burgundy).

BOAT LAYOUT PLAN LEGEND Single berth Double berth Seating converts to single/double berth

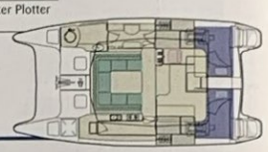
Panther 34

SLEEPS 6 (4+2)
10.30 x 4.95 M (34ft 6ins x 16ft 10ins)

Unique Catamaran design for fast, stable cruising with large saloon and fly deck area.

- Two rear double cabins, plus a saloon area, which converts into a double bed
- Single bathroom with separate shower room
- Internal and external steering stations
- Fully air-conditioned, with DVD / VCR player, microwave, stereo, blender, toaster and hair-dryer all on board
- Cruising speeds of 14-18 Mph
- Fully equipped with Electronic Charter Plotter and GPS.

USA only

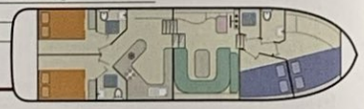


* Magnifique

SLEEPS 10 (8+2)
14.50 x 4.10 M (47ft x 13ft 6ins)

Spacious and comfortable, this boat is great for larger families and groups of friends.

- Two steering positions - interior and exterior
- Two forward cabins, both with double beds
- Separate shower and toilet
- Huge saloon with convertible double settee, folding table and door to outside deck
- Large galley on lower level, fully equipped including microwave oven
- Two rear cabins each with two single berths that can convert to doubles, and en suites comprising shower, toilet and washbasin
- Spacious sundeck with seating
- Bowthrusters
- Air Conditioning.

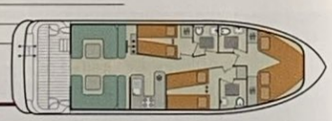


* Elegance

SLEEPS 8 (6+2)
13.10 x 4.10 M (43ft x 13ft 6ins)

The Caprice's big brother with a thoroughly modern design with the emphasis on comfort, space and light.

- Two steering positions - interior and exterior
- One forward cabin with either a double bed or two single beds
- Two mid cabins with one double bed or two single beds
- Light and spacious saloon with two settees that convert into single beds
- Fully equipped galley
- Three showers, wash basins and toilets
- Large outside terrace
- Bowthrusters
- Air Conditioning.



* Caprice

SLEEPS 6 (4+2)
12.00 x 3.81 M (39ft x 12ft 6ins)

With ample headroom, this boat is light and airy. The size of the windows allow you to benefit from every minute of sunshine!

- Two steering positions - interior and exterior
- One forward cabin with one double or two single beds
- Mid cabin with one double bed or two single beds
- Good size saloon with settee that converts to a double bed
- Excellent, fully equipped galley
- Two showers, two toilets, two washbasins
- Spacious outside terrace
- Air conditioning.

* *Also available in Ireland with Emerald Star. Please note - specifications differ between countries*

Glen Star

SLEEPS 10 (8+2)
12.80 x 4.10 M (42ft x 13ft 6ins)

A spacious and airy boat that is perfect for larger groups.

- Two steering positions - interior and exterior
- 0Two forward cabins, one with a double bed, one with two singles
- Two rear cabins, one double bed and one berth adaptable as a double bed or two singles
- Settee in the saloon converts to a double
- Two showers, washbasins and toilets
- Colour TV and VCR.

Cannot cruise on the Lough Allen Canal

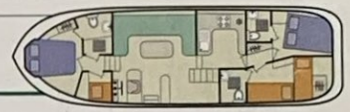
Shannon Star

SLEEPS 9 (7+2)
12.80 x 4.10 M (42ft x 13ft 6ins)

The flagship of the Emerald Star fleet, this boat was built exclusively for the company.

- Two steering positions - interior and exterior
- Two forward cabins, one with a double bed, one with a single berth
- Good sized saloon with settee convertible to a double bed
- Two rear cabins, one with double bed, one with two single bunks
- Three showers, toilets and wash basins
- Well sized galley
- Colour TV and VCR.

Cannot cruise on the Lough Allen Canal

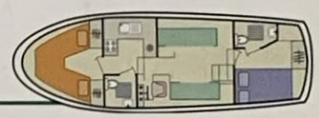


Lake Star

SLEEPS 7 (4+3)
9.80 x 3.70 M (32ft x 12ft)

- Two steering positions - interior and exterior
- Forward cabin with two singles or one double bed
- One rear cabin with double bed
- Fully equipped galley
- Spacious saloon with two settee - one convertible to a single berth, one convertible to a double.
- Two showers, washbasins and toilets.

Benefiting from a good sized saloon, this boat is great for socialising



Mountain Star

SLEEPS 5 (4+1)
10.50 x 3.80 M (34ft x 12ft 6ins)

- Two cabins - one with double berth and one with two single bunk beds
- Medium sized saloon with settee that converts to a single berth
- Fully equipped galley
- One bathroom with shower, wash basin and toilet
- Aft platform accessible from the living area.

A boat that has been specially designed for Emerald Star, it provides a bright and spacious environment for cruising

Town Star

SLEEPS 3 (2+1)
9.00 x 3.20 M (29ft x 10ft 6ins)

- Indoor steering position
- One forward cabin with double bed
- Convertible settee makes a single berth in the saloon
- One bathroom with one shower, washbasin and toilet
- Sheltered deck aft, directly accessible from the living area.

The ideal boat for 2 people.

BOAT LAYOUT PLAN LEGEND: Single berth | Double berth | Seating converts to single/double berth

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