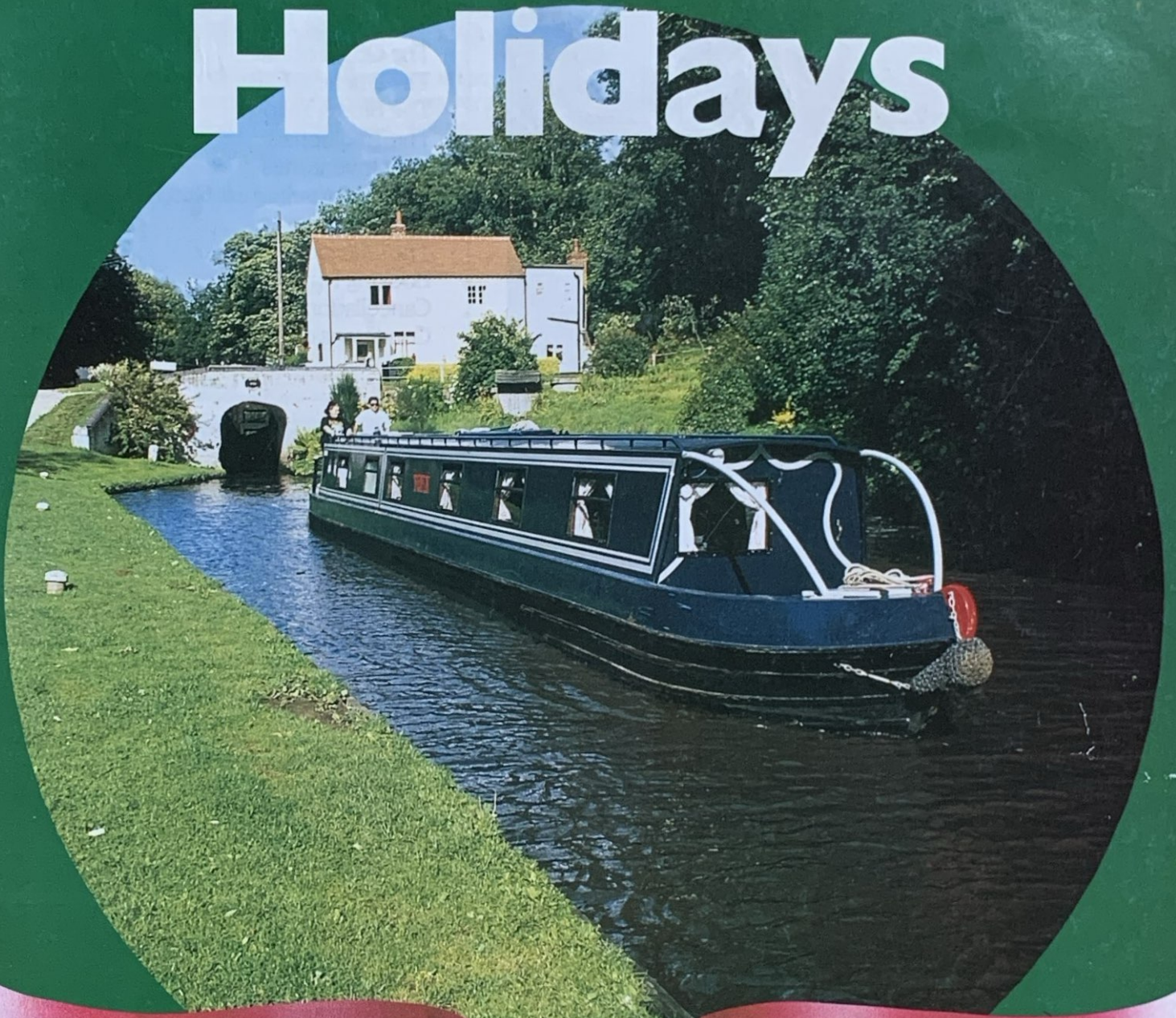


Black Prince

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Holidays



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Good Morning

Welcome to the new brochure. After the great success of the Duchess fleet introduced last year, we have been building more boats, so that they are now running from all bases, and we hope that they will be more easily available. We are also delighted that due to the continuing low inflation and interest rates, we are actually able to reduce some of our prices compared with 1993. We have also increased the second week discounts, and widened the Springer offer. All good news, which justifies our decision to continue building boats through the recession of the past few years to keep our fleet, we believe, the youngest on the canals.

We would like to thank our regular customers and friends, who come with us every year, for their continuing support and advice. Not only are they the mainstay of our business, but also through them we receive comments, advice and help, enabling us to continually improve our boats, and bring in the new designs which have made our fleet so successful.

We have tried to make the brochure as easy to understand as possible. The prices quoted are all inclusive (with the exception of the damage waiver and optional insurance). This means that, unlike some, there are no extra charges for diesel, gas, pets, linen, extra passengers, car parking etc, etc. With us the price you see is the price you pay.

If you would like further information or advice, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help.

Tim Parker

Tim Parker
Director



The QE Class

Introduced in 1989 this class has become the most successful canal boat design ever, with around 50 boats now in service. Full details on page 18.



The New Duchess

New to the Black Prince fleet it is the largest 4 berth that we offer, with plenty of room to relax and all the luxury trappings of our QE Class. Full details on page 20.



The Blue & Yellows

The narrowboats that brought Black Prince fame, which have all been replaced and updated over the last few years, provide a comfortable but economical holiday. Full details on page 22.



The Traditionals

Widely felt to be the best traditionals on hire today. Comfortable and practical interiors (especially the poster-bed) make this class a must for the enthusiast. Full details on page 24.



Maiden Voyage?

Yes, the locals are friendly.

Everybody on the canal (except possibly the fishermen) talk and help each other. It matters not whether you are a novice or a professional, a hirer or an owner, a walker or a canalman. One of the great things on the canals is the friendliness.

No, you won't make a fool of yourself.

Boating is an inexact science and so no-one gets it right all the time. But nobody worries and the boat is built to withstand all sorts of indiscretions.

Yes, you will master it, and quickly.

About 30% of our customers have never been near a boat before and we will not let you go until we are confident of you. Remember you are only going at 4 mph.



Yes, beds can be left made up.

On all QE and Duchess boats beds are left up all the time and on the other boats some of the beds are left made up. All beds come complete with sheets, pillows and duvets.

No, it's not all working and washing up.

Whilst all the boats come with a fully fitted kitchen many people choose to eat at the plentiful pubs on the canal side. For many the boats are their major trade and so they provide beautiful food at most reasonable prices. Most pubs started as hostels for the working boater (the Motorway Cafes of the nineteenth century!), and the publicans are frequently very knowledgeable on the canals.

Yes, there is central heating and hot showers.

All our boats are equipped with gas central heating and a storage tank to provide copious hot water, together with an airing cupboard and everything you would expect at home.

Yes, we will come out at night if you have a problem.

We run a 24-hour emergency service if you have a problem. At night we will always come out for an emergency.

No, canals are not deep.

Most canals are between three and five feet deep. If you have the misfortune of falling overboard it is best to walk to the side (but do it quickly so no-one takes a photograph!).

Yes, there is plenty of interest.

There is masses of wildlife from butterflies to birds on the canal system. The canals are kept in such a way to encourage their proliferation and ducks and swans expect to be fed!

No, the loo's aren't thunderboxes.

On all QE and Duchess boats we fit Microphor toilets more usually fitted to luxury private boats (we are the only company to do this). On the Blue & Yellows and Traditional boats we fit hygienic recirculating toilets.



Yes, children love canal boat holidays.

In fact if they are into double figures they will probably take over. They just love to drive the boat, under supervision of course (and where else could they do that?). If you have active children try a canal with plenty of locks and see how long it takes to master them. It is very rare for children to get bored since there is always something for them to do and the environment is new. Driving, locking, tying up, planning, pushing off, walking or just keeping the boat ship shape. But where you have youngsters be sure to have life jackets (available free).

No, it has not been modernised.

By and large the canals have not been 'beautified'. Much of the structure is as it was 200 years ago, although some of the old warehouses have gone or have been converted. Great effort has been made to improve the canals sympathetically, particularly where they pass through cities.

No, you won't get lost.

We can provide a range of maps from our shops on any of the bases for the route you choose. If you are uncertain when you get to a particular junction, just ask. Remember the locals are friendly. We have never lost a boat yet!

Yes, the boats are comfortable.

Boats are designed to be as comfortable as home with all the same facilities, although naturally with a little less space! Beds are normally 6'3" long and there is storage in each room. If you wish, do come and see one at any of our bases, but ring first to ensure that the boat you would like to see is available for inspection.

Yes, you will enjoy it.

Providing that you do not want discos, kiss me quick hats or to be constantly 'organised'! If you want a relaxing yet active holiday, with beautiful countryside and friendly people, this is for you.

There is no need to rush, no need to hurry, no need to go anywhere or do anything unless you want to. You will find that you will adjust to the new pace of life, absorb the surroundings and relax. It is as we always say 'surely the fastest way of slowing down', and isn't that what holidays are for?



Yes, dogs are welcome.

But please, please keep them off the upholstery and bedding. We welcome all sorts of pets from budgies to rude parrots. There is no charge but please bring pets' bedding or cages.

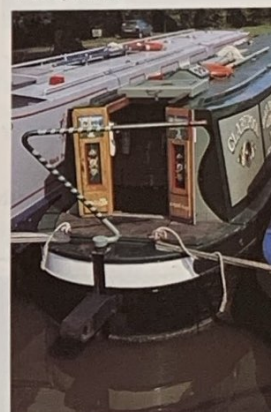
Yes, the four Black Prince classes do have different 'back ends'.



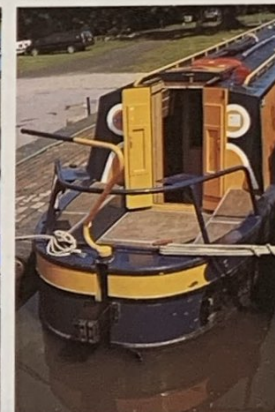
The QE Class



The Duchess Class



The Traditional Class



The Blue & Yellows Class

Yes, you can bring bikes and canoes.

Both are welcome but do be careful of storage on your trip. If you put them on the roof they can easily get wiped out by the bridges or trees. You should buy a licence from British Waterways to cover the timing of your holiday.

No, you needn't bring the kitchen sink.

We supply not only that but also tea towels, washing-up liquid etc., soap and toilet rolls, and towels on QE and Duchess boats. We will also send you a grocery requirements list prior to your voyage. (It's simple really, just bring yourself and the G & T!)



Short Breaks

**FROM UNDER
£39 PER PERSON**

How about a few days away with Black Prince?



Choose a 3 night and 3 full days break leaving our Stoke Prior, Chirk, Napton or Silsden bases Saturday afternoon to Tuesday afternoon, or Wednesday morning to Saturday morning. And from Stoke on Trent you can now start any day of the week except Mondays.

Simply look up the week of your choice in the price chart and take **40% OFF** the weekly charge. For example the 10-berth Clipper on April 23 could cost as little as **£39 per person**.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

Introduced last year the Black Prince Shared Ownership scheme has already proved most popular. It is ideally suited to those people who have a love for the canals, but perhaps have neither the cash, nor the time to run a boat themselves. The boat is sold in one twelfth shares, enabling the purchaser to enjoy between two and six weeks on the canal each year, depending on time of season. For the regulars it is a more cost effective way of getting afloat than hiring each year. Black Prince can manage the boat for you, reducing the time required to just one meeting per year with your co-owners. **If you are interested, please give us a ring and ask for the Shared Ownership Brochure Pack.**



Bingley Five Rise. A 'staircase' of locks lifts the canal 60ft up the side of the Aire Valley on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal. Opened to the ringing of church bells two centuries ago, it leads to 16 lock-free miles of cruising – and Ilkley Moor!



Stoke Prior

Situated in a lovely spot, very close to both the M5 and M42, Stoke Prior is a base for those who want a more active holiday, situated as it is at the bottom of the Tardebigge flight of locks. Routes from here include the Avon and Stourport rings. Despite what some competitors may say, the Avon ring, taking in Worcester, Evesham and Stratford on Avon is a two week cruise, and attempting it in one means long arduous hours. The Stourport ring on the other hand can be comfortably completed in one week by a beginner, passing through the centre of Birmingham, with Cadbury's Garden Factory, the University and Botanical Gardens all beside the canal.

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All boats start on Saturday.

SUGGESTED ROUTES

Allow 3-4 lock miles per hour (locks + miles).

One week routes

Gloucester and return. A leisurely trip to Worcester and on the Severn to Gloucester. A beautiful trip with cathedrals to see, as well as the restored docks and new National Waterways Museum at Gloucester.

84 miles 52 locks

Stourport Ring. Up the Tardebigge flight of locks through Birmingham with its large number of canals and basins, past Bourneville Garden Factory to Worcester with all its museums and Royal Worcester Factory.

83 miles 118 locks

Two week routes

Avon Ring. A lovely trip on both the Severn and Avon, as well as the Worcs. and Birmingham canal and Stratford canal, with all its Shakespearian connection, barrel roofed lock cottages and split bridges. Avon licence required.

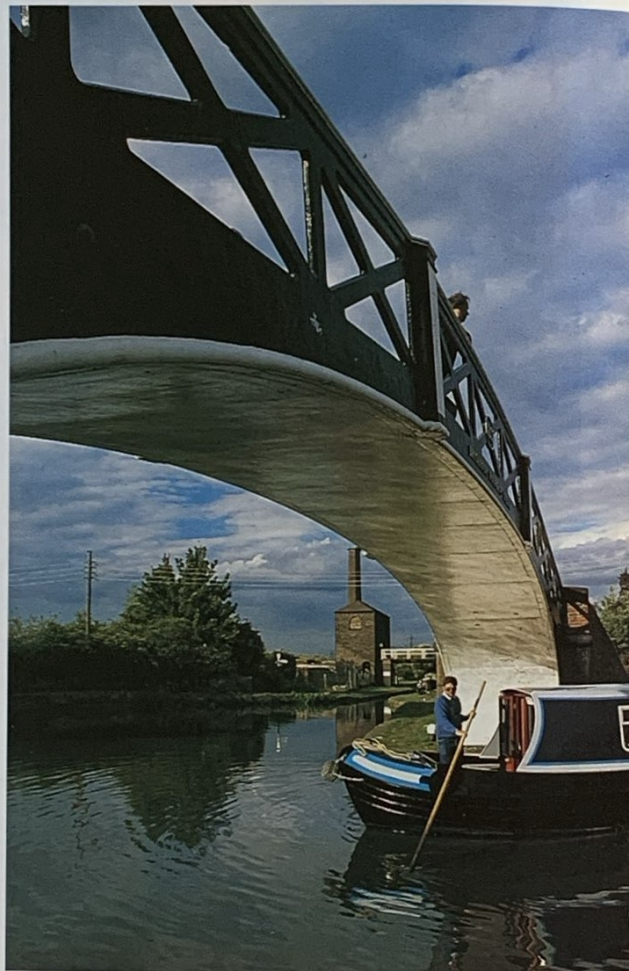
109 miles 129 locks

Midlands Ring. Up the Tardebigge Flight and down to Warwick with its castles, museums and gardens through beautiful country. At Braunston north, with perhaps a diversion up the Ashby, return home via Farmers Bridge in Birmingham.

126 miles 189 locks



During the warmer months the Blue Damselfly is a frequent visitor, seen here settling on the common Yellow Iris.



1 Steeped in history, Hawkesbury Junction was a hive of activity in its commercial heyday. Nowadays "Sutton Stop" as it was known to Boatmen, is a pleasantly landscaped area with welcoming pub and excellent moorings.



2 Take a canal trip into the "Singing Cavern", step back in time in an authentic Victorian working village, go "into the thick" in a convincingly reconstructed Coal Mine. The Black Country Museum is a must for travellers along the Birmingham Canal.



3 Llanthony Warehouse, home of the National Waterways Museum, is the centrepiece of the tastefully restored Gloucester Docks Complex and boasts three floors of exciting static and working exhibits.



4 The Patrick Collection Motor Museum houses a first class display of vintage and contemporary vehicles, and has convenient moorings on the Worcester & Birmingham Canal alongside



The little Harvest Mouse is often seen along the river banks amongst the reeds and in the cereal fields.



5 These "Barrel-roofed" cottages are unique to the Southern Stratford Canal, a particularly attractive waterway, running through Shakespearian country and joining the River Avon in the midst of the historic town of Stratford upon Avon.

SUGGESTED ROUTES

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One week routes

Caldon and Leek canals. A relaxing week on a beautiful canal passing many large beautiful gardens on the way. The Cheddleton Flint Mill and an underground coalmine are worth a visit.

43 miles 34 locks

Cheshire Ring. Through the Harecastle tunnel, turning left on to the Macclesfield canal, past stone mills and houses. Take time to visit Whaley Bridge, and home via Marple and Manchester. Rochdale licence required.

108 miles 93 locks

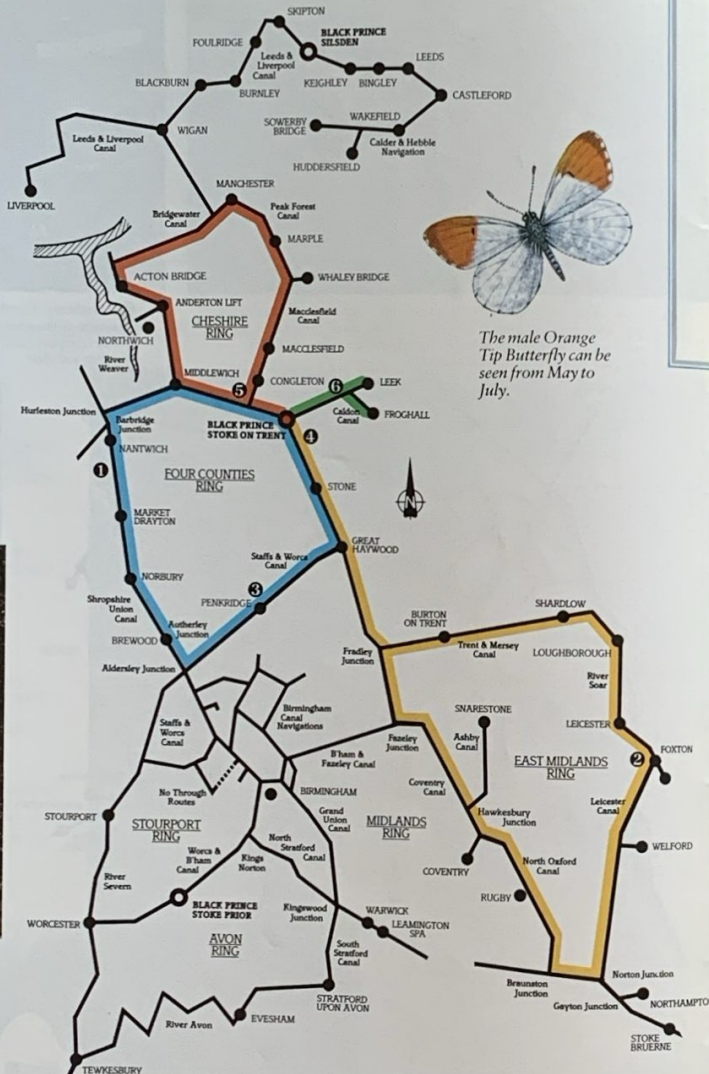
Four counties ring. South from the Marina, past the Wedgwood pottery, through many places of interest on the Trent and Mersey, Staffs and Worcs and Shropshire Union canals, and home through the Harecastle Tunnel.

110 miles 94 locks

Two week route

East Midlands ring. South on the Trent and Mersey via Fradley junction and Burton on Trent to the River Soar. Home past Leicester to Norton and Braunston junctions.

230 miles 151 locks



The male Orange Tip Butterfly can be seen from May to July.



1 One of the prettiest ports of call along the Shropshire Union Canal is Audlem Wharf. A spot of shopping in the superb Audlem Mill Craft Workshop and Gift Shop can be followed by a refreshing drink in the aptly named "Sproppie Fly" pub!

Picking insects off the water's surface is a favourite pastime of the Pied Wagtail.



2 The remarkable story of the Foxton Inclined Plane is captured in a small but popular Museum alongside Foxton Locks in Leicestershire, a redoubtable attraction in their own right!

Stoke on Trent

Situated on the re-developed National Garden Festival Site, this is one of the newest and most popular Black Prince starting points. There's the exciting Water World (a swimmer's paradise), dry ski-slope, multi-screened cinema, bowling . . . and that's all before you get on the water!

The variety of routes is popular indeed with the Cheshire Ring and Four Counties Ring being favourites. You travel through some of the waterways most breathtaking scenery along with the pure contrast of the Potteries, Royal Doulton, Cheddleton Mill and Wedgwood industries. And for the more energetic there's Alton Towers near the end of the Caldron Canal.

The base here is open seven days a week so if you'd like to look over our boats you'd be more than welcome.

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† Friday start.

† Saturday start.

* Sunday start.



4 An important part of the Stoke on Trent pottery industry, the Etruscan Bone Mill situated alongside the canal houses a working Museum, opened by well known personality Fred Dibnah in 1991.



5 "Tickets please!" Emerging from the 3000 yard Harecastle Tunnel on the Trent & Mersey, narrowboats are greeted by the Tunnel Keeper.

6 Cheddleton flint mill with its two working water wheels on the Caldron Canal is well worth a visit.



8 Gailey Roundhouse is now the only one of its kind on the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal and houses an excellent canal shop and chandlery.

Chirk

Based in North Wales on the Llangollen Canal, Chirk is our brand new custom-made marina. It is situated on the site of the new Chirk Golf & Country Club where tennis, golf and other leisure facilities will be available for our holidaymakers.

The Llangollen Canal is undoubtedly one of the most spectacular canals in Great Britain today. It meanders slowly and gracefully through the beautiful Dee Valley, where you will cross the world famous Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, an amazing feat of engineering. The surrounding area is steeped in wonderful history, Chirk Castle and Castell Dinas Bran being a fine example.

At the end of the canal is the charming town of Llangollen itself, home of the 'Eisteddfod'.

Another lovely route from Chirk is to visit the walled city of Chester, where the canal travels very close to the city centre. Definitely a must for lovers of our British Heritage.

Our base is open 7 days a week, so if you would like to come to view our boats, or even just call in for a chat, you will be most welcome.

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1 Thomas Telford's Pontcysyllte aqueduct, towering 120 ft astride the Dee Valley is a magnificent feat of engineering, even by today's standards, and is the highlight of a cruise along the beautiful Llangollen Canal.

2 Cruising round the impressive King Charles Tower, Chester.

3 Visitors to Llangollen can experience a similar pace of life on the town's own steam railway with breathtaking views of the Dee Valley and the opportunity to visit the canal's feeder at Horseshoe Falls.



SUGGESTED ROUTES

Allow 3-4 lock miles per hour (locks + miles).

One week routes

Llangollen & Whitchurch. A beautiful easy cruise with only 2 locks each way. Cruise up to Llangollen over the Pontcysyllte aqueduct, and then down through the Shropshire lakes and tunnels to Whitchurch and back.

57 miles 4 locks

Chester. A more rigorous cruise with locks and lift bridges, leaving the Llangollen for the Shropshire Union to visit the beautiful walled city of Chester, with its splendid cathedral and museum.

115 miles 70 locks

Two week routes

Cheshire ring. Via Middlewich, past the Anderton Lift, the Bridgewater canal to Manchester, and then the beautiful Peak Forest and Macclesfield canals. A lovely route, with plenty of interest. Rochdale licence required.

197 miles 142 locks

The 4 Counties ring for the more experienced crew, including the Llangollen, Shropshire Union, Staffs and Worcs., and Trent and Mersey. Including the long Harecastle Tunnel near Stoke. Rural splendour and a challenge to all.

188 miles 136 locks



4 Boats of all shapes, sizes and colours can be seen on a family day out at the Ellesmere Port Boat Museum. A good reason to venture north of Chester on the Shropshire Union Canal.

5 Tolly addicts will be assured of a fun day out at Granada TV Studios in Manchester, close to the Bridgewater Canal. Stroll down the famous "Coronation Street" and even sample a pint in the Rovers Return!



7 Two types of Blue & Yellow transport in the Ceiriog Valley traversed by the splendid Chirk Aqueduct.



6 One of many "lift" bridges on the Llangollen Canal, sited on an attractive wooded embankment on the approach to Llangollen, itself famed for its International Music Eisteddfod.



A high pitched "chee" announces the arrival of Britain's most brilliantly coloured bird, the Kingfisher, perched here on a Lesser Reed Mace.



1 An unusual footbridge across the Birmingham & Fazeley Canal leads to the nearby Drayton Manor, with landscaped gardens and Theme Park, there is something for all the family.



2 Cropredy Lock on the Oxford Canal



3 The tranquility of narrowboating captured at Shipton-On-Cherwell, South Oxford Canal



4 Picturesque Red Hill Lock on the River Soar

Napton

Ideally situated at the head of the Oxford canal, Napton is a base for a large number of interesting routes. On circular routes, the East Midland ring goes through contrasting scenery from Leicester to the River Soar. The Midlands ring also has the contrasts with beautiful countryside around Warwick, then industry near Birmingham and Spaghetti junction. Trips of great beauty can also be achieved, for instance Stratford on Avon, Oxford, or a visit to the Waterways Museum at Stoke Bruerne. We will have a strictly limited number of boats at this base, and we believe it will be a most popular starting point.



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One week routes

Stoke Bruerne/Northampton. An easy week down the Grand Union, through the Blisworth Tunnel of 3056 yards to the canal village of Stoke Bruerne with its fascinating waterways museum, and on to Northampton before returning.

53 miles 60 locks

Oxford. The South Oxford canal is one of the oldest in the country, planned before 1790. It provides delightful cruising with stone built hamlets, cosy pubs, ancient churches and quiet village greens.

96 miles 78 locks

Two week routes

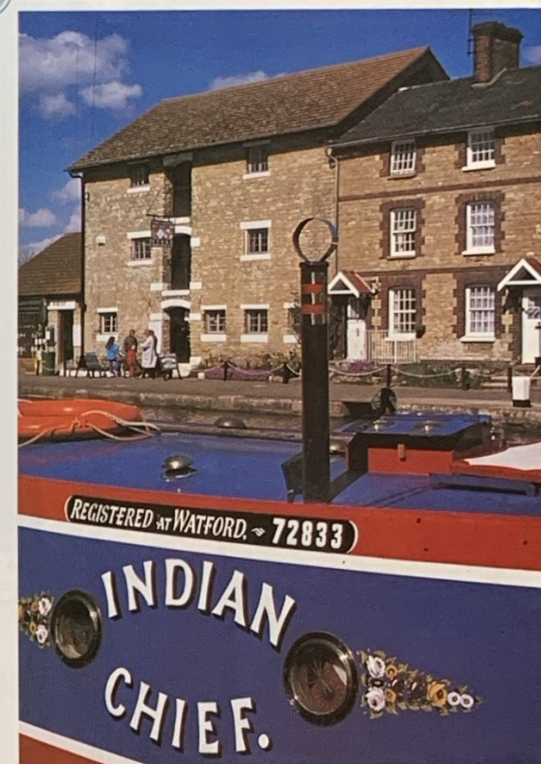
Midlands Ring. Up past Warwick, Farmers Bridge and Gas Street basin and east to Fazeley Junction. Home down the Coventry canal, with a possible diversion up the Ashby, via Coventry with its magnificent cathedral, and Rugby.

103 miles 107 locks

Leics. and Warwickshire Ring. Through Warwick and Birmingham, past Drayton Park Manor Zoo to Fradley Junction with the famous Swan Pub. Shardlow, with almost intact 18th century inland port, is reached just before the Soar and then home via Foxton and Norton.

170 miles 167 locks

6 Cruising through the heart of Birmingham, an array of colourful working Narrowboats can be seen in the well known Gas Street Basin. Take in a concert in the superb acoustics of the National Indoor Arena, or sample the many and varied attractions that the second city has to offer.



5 The "Jewel in the Crown" of the Grand Union Canal, the Canal Museum is situated in the pretty village of Stoke Bruerne, and is a popular stop for boaters.



Silsden

The name of the Leeds & Liverpool Canal belies the majestic beauty of this trans-pennine waterway. It is the longest single canal in Britain and yet the least crowded. Our newly renovated base at Silsden is near to some of the canal's most stunning scenery. Travelling west through the 17th century village of Kildwick towards Skipton the 'Gateway to the Dales'. Skipton is an ancient and bustling market town boasting a 14th century church, a castle and Craven Court, an old world shopping courtyard.

Beyond Skipton you will encounter beautiful and dramatic scenery through the dales countryside with its rugged moorland, limestone caves and gorges. Further west is the near mile long Foulridge Tunnel where in 1912 a cow swam the full length of the tunnel and was revived with alcohol!

For the experienced boater, a beautiful 2 week cruise can be taken to York. As this involves some tidal waters, we will need to arrange the trip with British Waterways. Whilst it takes some prior organisation the scenery more than makes up for any extra work. Please ring us for full details.

Alternatively if you decide to travel east from Silsden, you can take a ride on a restored steam train and travel to Haworth Parsonage, home of the Brontes. Further east and on to the famous Bingley Five Rise built in the 1770's - well worth a visit.

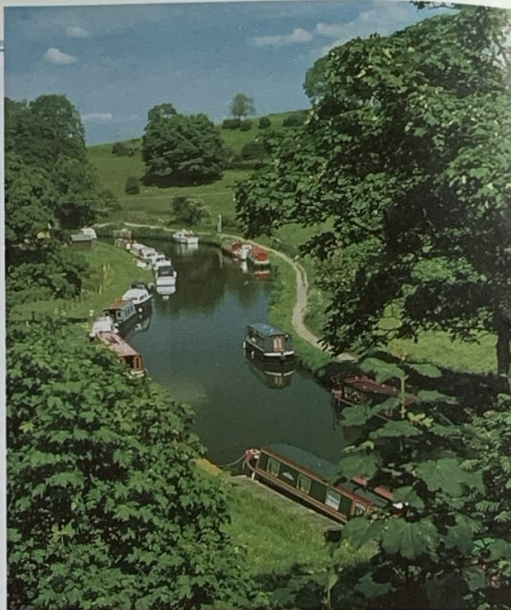
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The Common Blue adds a startling touch of colour to the meadows of swaying buttercups.



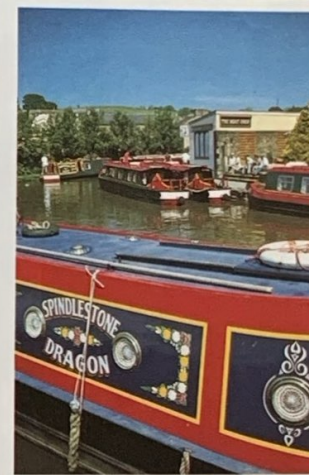
1 At East Marton on the Pennine Section of the Leeds & Liverpool Canal a section of towpath becomes part of the Pennine Way long distance footpath.



2 Typical Pennine scenery is to be found near the pretty village of Gargrave.



1 The unique "Double Bridge" at East Marton is a well known feature of the canal system.



4 One of the highlights of the Leeds & Liverpool Canal is visiting Skipton where you can moor your boat close to the town centre.



2 Finger Post at Higherland Lock.



4 The magnificent 14th century Skipton Castle dates back to Norman times and is a popular attraction for visitors by canal.

SUGGESTED ROUTES

Allow 3-4 lock miles per hour (locks + miles).

One week routes

Leeds. A leisurely week travelling east from the base, through Keighley to the famous five rise locks at Bingley. Past these is the model workers village of Saltaire, built in 1850, to Leeds.

56 miles 58 locks

Burnley. A beautiful week cruising through the dales and lovely villages like the 17th century village of Kildwick, and Skipton. After Skipton you pass through the bleaker hills of the Pennines to Burnley.

74 miles 60 locks

Two week routes

Wigan. Through the Foulridge tunnel and on to Burnley. Next on the route is the Weavers Triangle, one of the best 19th century industrial districts in the country. Through Blackburn to Wigan and its locks.

150 miles 128 locks

Full length of Leeds and Liverpool to Wigan in the West and Leeds in the East. A beautiful holiday with contrasts of the industry, dales and the pennines. As good as any in the country.

206 miles 186 locks



4 The recently built but "olde worlde" style Craven Court centre is a handsome feature of the excellent shopping to be found in Skipton and was opened by no less than H.R.H. Prince Charles.



3 Bingley Five Rise. A "staircase" of locks lifts the canal 60 ft up the side of the Aire Valley on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal. Opened to the ringing of church bells two centuries ago, it leads to 16 lock-free miles of cruising - and Ilkley Moor!

The QE Fleet

Introduced in 1989 the QE fleet has become the most successful canal boat design ever, with around 50 boats in service. Its features of fixed beds, Microphor toilets and large front windows make it the most popular of the Black Prince fleets. On the top of the range Princess there is a microwave, toaster, electric kettle and deep freeze. All boats come as standard with spring interior mattresses, colour T.V., radio and towels.



PRICES

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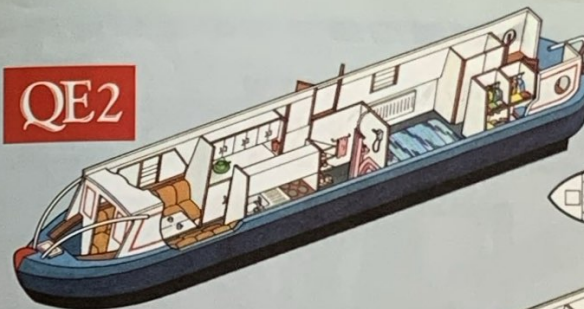
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All other Winter weeks		450	570	660	755
March	12	430	545	660	755
	19	430	545	660	755
	26	540	680	825	940
April	2	540	680	825	940
	9	430	545	660	755
	16	430	545	660	755
	23	465	590	715	815
	30	485	610	745	845
May	7	500	635	770	880
	14	540	680	825	940
	21	570	725	880	1005
	28	715	905	1100	1255
June	4	590	745	910	1035
	11	625	790	965	1100
	18	645	815	990	1130
	25	680	860	1045	1190
July	2	695	880	1075	1225
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	13	715	905	1100	1255
	20	715	905	1100	1255
	27	645	815	990	1130
September	3	590	745	910	1035
	10	540	680	825	940
	17	485	610	745	845
	24	445	565	690	785
October	1	430	545	660	755
	8	430	545	660	755
	15	485	610	745	845
	22	485	610	745	845
	29	430	545	660	755
Christmas & New Year 1994/95		485	610	745	845
All other Winter weeks		430	545	660	755

Interior finishes may vary between boats.

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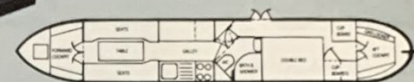
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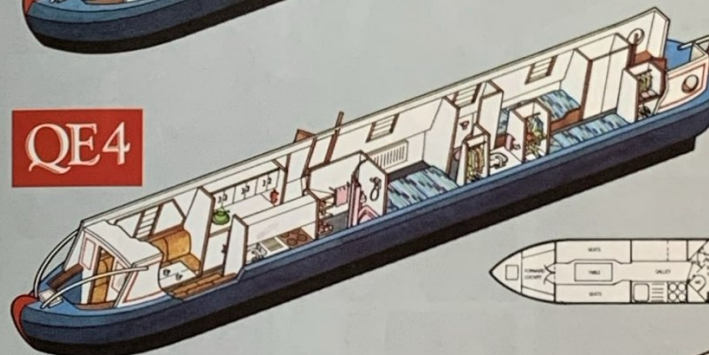


2/4 BERTH: 43 ft

1 DOUBLE, 2 OPTIONAL SINGLES IN LOUNGE.

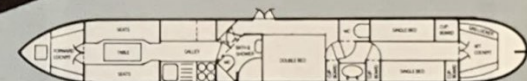


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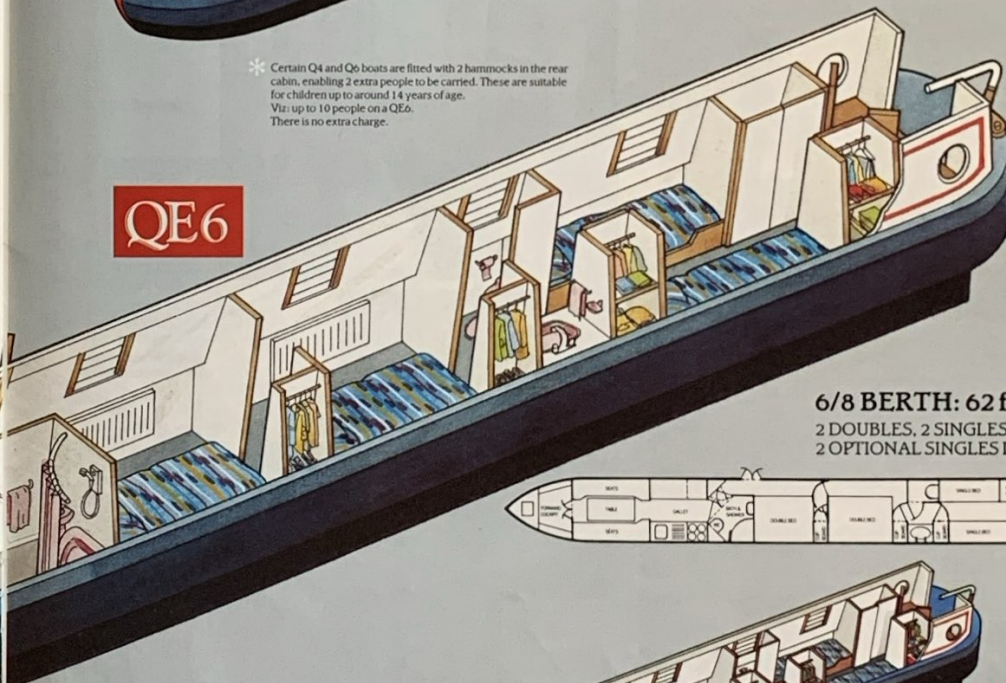
4/6 BERTH: 54 ft

DOUBLE, 2 SINGLES, PLUS 2 OPTIONAL SINGLES IN LOUNGE.



* Certain Q4 and Q6 boats are fitted with 2 hammocks in the rear cabin, enabling 2 extra people to be carried. These are suitable for children up to around 14 years of age. Viz: up to 10 people on a QE6. There is no extra charge.

QE6

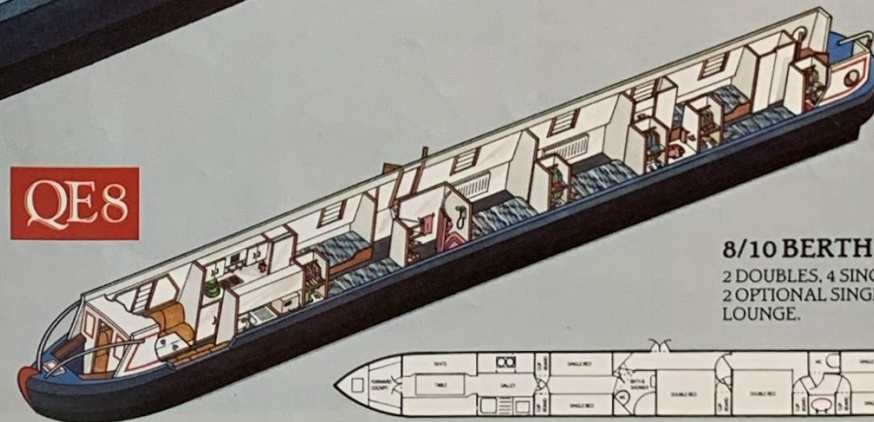


6/8 BERTH: 62 ft

2 DOUBLES, 2 SINGLES, PLUS 2 OPTIONAL SINGLES IN LOUNGE.

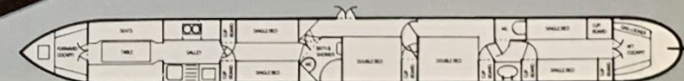


QE8



8/10 BERTH: 70 ft

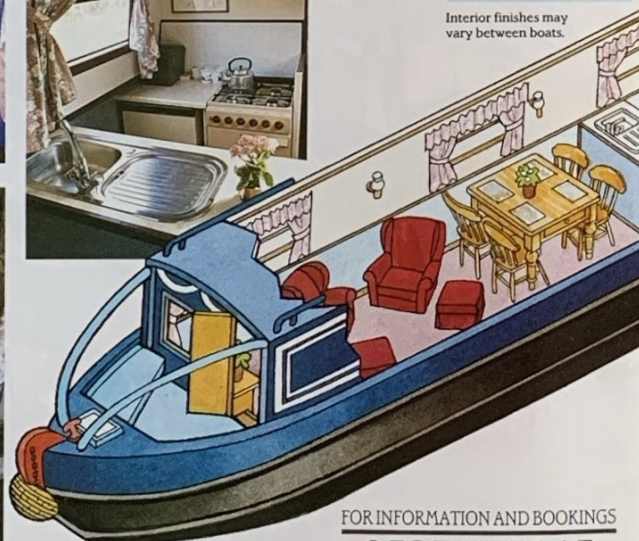
2 DOUBLES, 4 SINGLES, PLUS 2 OPTIONAL SINGLES IN LOUNGE.



DUCHESS

A NEW BLACK PRINCE CLASS

Following trials in 1992, the Duchess class is being introduced into the fleet from 1993. It is the largest 4 berth that we offer, with plenty of room to relax in its 60' length. The fully carpeted lounge area features armchairs and a free-standing dining table and chairs. Duchess class boats come complete with interior spring mattresses, colour T.V., radio, towels, and are fitted with a Microphor toilet.

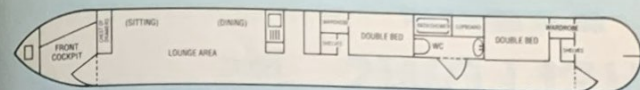


PRICES	
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Christmas & New Year 1993/94	715
All other Winter weeks	570
March	12 570
	19 570
	26 715
April	2 715
	9 570
	16 570
	23 620
	30 640
May	7 665
	14 715
	21 760
	28 950
June	4 785
	11 830
	18 855
	25 905
July	2 925
	9 925
	16 925
	23 950
	30 950
August	6 950
	13 950
	20 950
	27 855
September	3 785
	10 715
	17 640
	24 595
October	1 570
	8 570
	15 640
	22 640
	29 570
Christmas & New Year 1994/95	640
All other Winter weeks	570

Interior finishes may vary between boats.

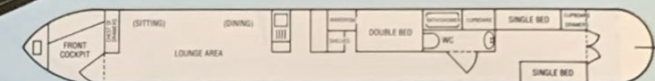
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4 BERTH : 60 ft
TWO DOUBLE BEDS

4.2



4 BERTH : 60 ft
ONE DOUBLE, TWO SINGLE BEDS

4.3



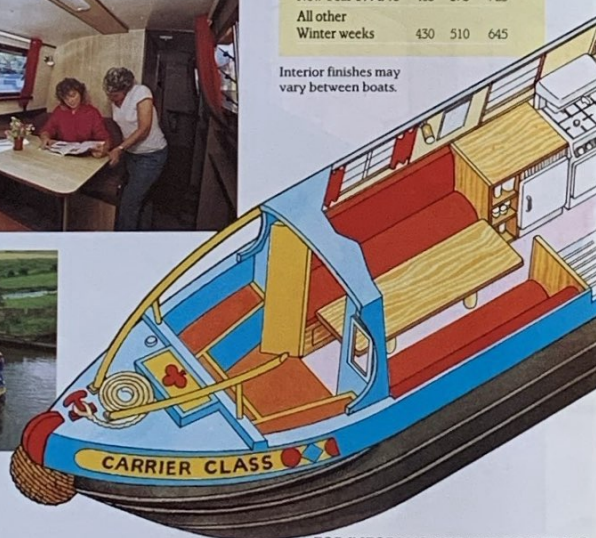
● Certain Duchess 4.3 boats are fitted with a hammock enabling 1 extra person to be carried. This is suitable for children up to around 14 years of age. There is no extra charge.



THE BLUE & YELLOWS



The fleet that made the name of Black Prince in the 1980s, the Blue & Yellows have all been replaced and updated over the last few years. Virtually all of the boats have quiet water cooled engines and are fitted out to provide a comfortable but economical holiday. As with all Black Prince boats, there is central heating, airing cupboards and copious amounts of hot water available for showers.



Interior finishes may vary between boats.

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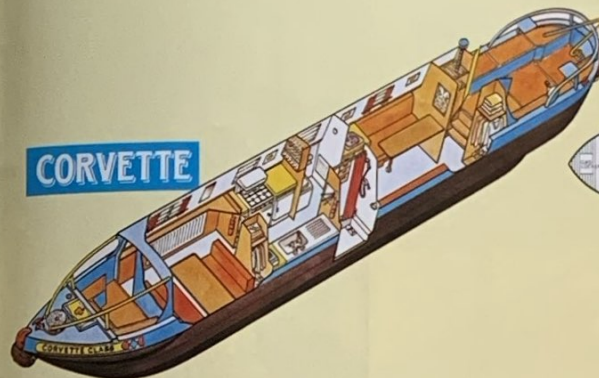
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	CORVETTE	CARRIER	CLIPPER
Christmas & New Year 1993/94	565	670	805
All other Winter weeks	450	535	645
March	12 430	510	645
19 430	510	645	
26 540	640	805	
April	2 540	640	805
9 430	510	645	
16 430	510	645	
23 465	555	700	
30 485	575	725	
May	7 500	595	755
14 540	640	805	
21 570	680	860	
28 715	850	1075	
June	4 590	700	885
11 625	745	940	
18 645	765	970	
25 680	810	1020	
July	2 695	830	1050
9 695	830	1050	
16 695	830	1050	
23 715	850	1075	
30 715	850	1075	
August	6 715	850	1075
13 715	850	1075	
20 715	850	1075	
27 645	765	970	
September	3 590	700	885
10 540	640	805	
17 485	575	725	
24 445	530	670	
October	1 430	510	645
8 430	510	645	
15 485	575	725	
22 485	575	725	
29 430	510	645	
Christmas & New Year 1994/95	485	575	725
All other Winter weeks	430	510	645

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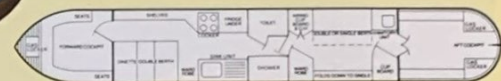
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CORVETTE

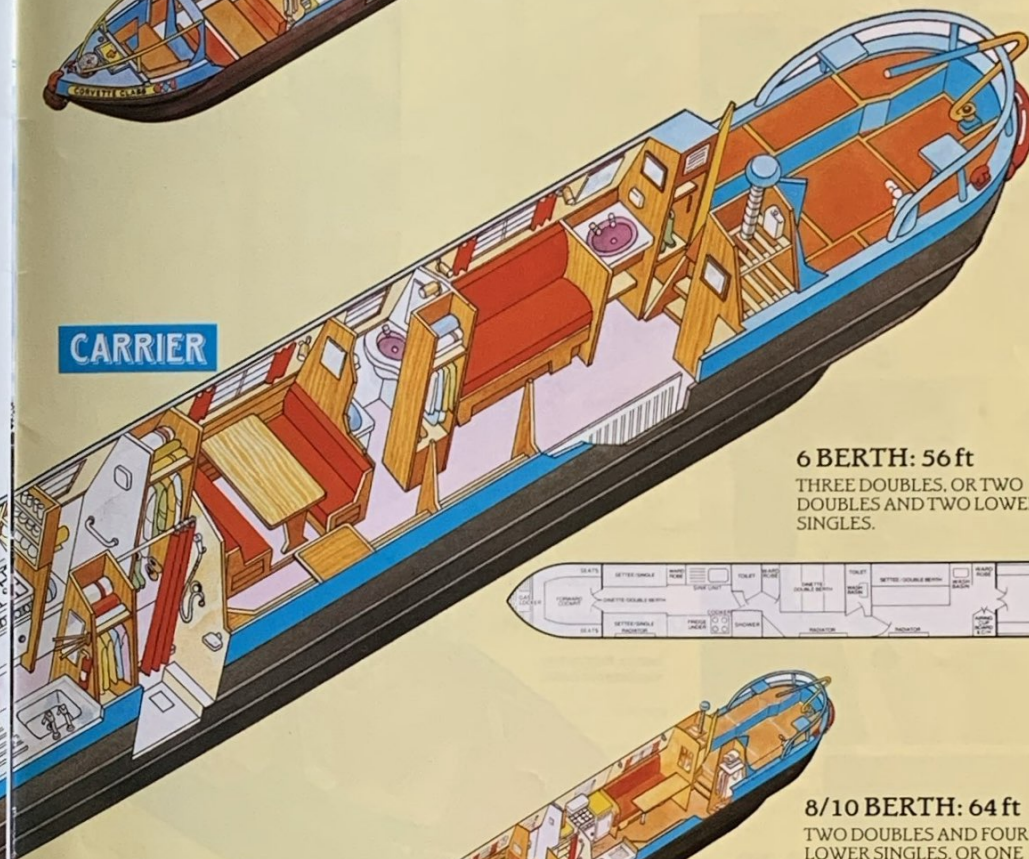


4 BERTH: 47 ft

TWO DOUBLES, OR ONE DOUBLE AND TWO LOWER SINGLES

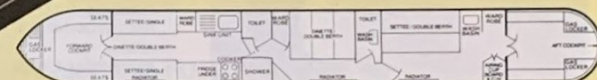


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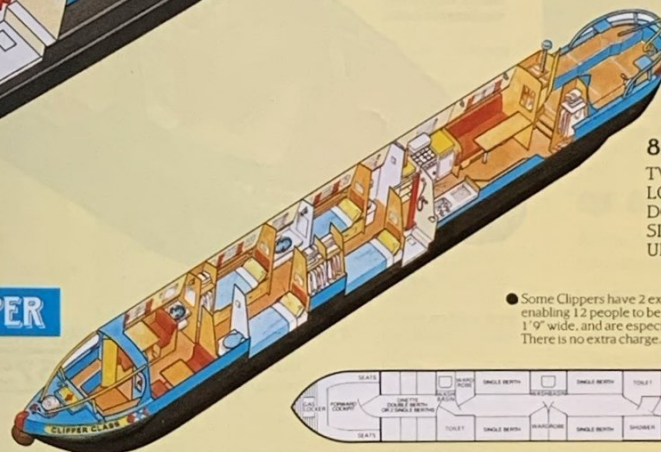


6 BERTH: 56 ft

THREE DOUBLES, OR TWO DOUBLES AND TWO LOWER SINGLES.



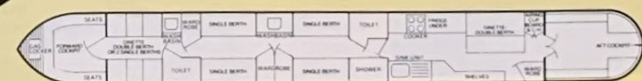
CLIPPER



8/10 BERTH: 64 ft

TWO DOUBLES AND FOUR LOWER SINGLES, OR ONE DOUBLE AND SIX LOWER SINGLES. TWO ADDITIONAL UPPER SINGLES.

Some Clippers have 2 extra bunks in the middle cabin enabling 12 people to be carried. These bunks are 1'9" wide, and are especially suitable for children. There is no extra charge.



TRADITIONALS

Designed to provoke the aura of the traditional working boat of the early part of the century, the Black Prince Traditionals are widely felt to be the best traditionals on hire today. We have compromised to update on engines and interiors to provide more comfort than would have been expected in those days, with water cooled engines, fitted double beds, but with the traditional interior decor. All boats have full central heating, airing cupboards and hipbath/shower.



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Christmas & New Year 1993/94	625
All other Winter weeks	500
March	12 475
	19 475
	26 595
April	2 595
	9 475
	16 475
	23 515
	30 535
May	7 555
	14 595
	21 635
	28 795
June	4 655
	11 695
	18 715
	25 755
July	2 775
	9 775
	16 775
	23 795
	30 795
August	6 795
	13 795
	20 795
	27 715
September	3 655
	10 595
	17 535
	24 495
October	1 475
	8 475
	15 535
	22 535
	29 475
Christmas & New Year 1994/95	535
All other Winter weeks	475

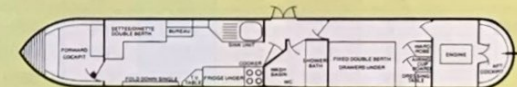
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TRAD 4

4 BERTH: 50 ft

ONE FOUR-POSTER DOUBLE, 1 ORDINARY DOUBLE OR 1 DOUBLE & 2 SINGLES.



STANDARD INVENTORY FOR ALL BLACK PRINCE BOATS

Galley equipment

- 1 Kettle
- 1 Frypan
- 3 Saucepans and lids
- 1 Pudding basin
- 1 Colander
- 1 Casserole
- 1 Mixing bowl
- 1 One pint jug
- 1 Water jug
- 1 Bread bin
- 1 Bread board
- 1 Bread knife
- 1 Grater
- 1 Plastic mixing bowl
- 1 Carving knife
- 1 Carving fork
- 2 Cooks knives
- 1 Wooden spoon
- 1 Butter dish
- 1 Sugar bowl
- 1 Cruet set
- 1 Teapot
- 1 Fruit bowl
- 2 Ashtrays
- 1 Scissors

- 4 Serving spoons
- 1 Fish slice
- 1 Tea strainer
- 1 Tin opener
- 1 Bottle opener
- 1 Corkscrew
- 1 Grillpan
- 1 Enamel plate
- 1 Pedal bin
- 1 Potato masher
- 1 Pair oven gloves
- 1 Toast rack
- 3 Tea towels
- 1 Dishcloth
- 1 Washing-up liquid
- 1 Soap pads
- 1 Soap
- 1 Toilet paper
- 1 Matches
- 1 Table Equipment
- One each of the following per berth:
- 1 Dessert knife
- 1 Table knife
- 1 Dessert fork
- 1 Table fork
- 1 Teaspoon
- 1 Dessert spoon

- Soup spoon
- Tea plate
- Dinner plate
- Cereal bowl
- Cup and saucer
- Mug
- Egg cup
- Tumbler
- Wine glass
- Tray
- Bedding
- Duvets and covers
- 1 Pillow per bunk
- 1 Mattress pad per bunk
- 1 Set of linen
- 1 Pillowcase per bunk
- Cleaning Equipment
- 1 Broom
- 1 Toilet brush and stand
- 1 First aid kit
- 1 Dustpan and brush
- 1 Bucket
- 1 Floor cloth
- Navigation Equipment
- 1 Boarding plank
- 1 Boat pole
- 1 Boat hook
- 1 Water hose

- 1 Life ring
- 2 Mooring spikes
- 1 Club hammer
- 2 Double windlasses
- 1 Deck mop
- Available at Bases
- Rolling pin
- Extra windlasses*
- Carving dish
- Roasting tin
- Potato peeler
- Palette knife
- Soup bowl
- * £5 per windlass returnable deposit.
- Headroom: Over 6'1".
- Engine: Diesel with single lever control.
- Water and washing facilities: 100 gallon freshwater tank.
- Running hot and cold water by automatic pump to wash basin, shower and sink. Flush pump-out toilet and shower.

- Galley: 4 burner cooker with oven and grill, stainless steel sink unit and refrigerator.
- Heating: Gas central heating boiler and hot tank with airing cupboard.
- Electrical equipment: 240v shaver point (for shaver only); 12v TV socket; electrical lighting throughout; radio; colour TV on QE boats.
- NB: Boats in the same class are similar in all essential respects although details may vary from boat to boat.

QE & DUCHESS CLASS

- All the items listed under Standard Inventory plus
- Cooking by 4 ring hob, oven and grill
- Interior sprung mattresses
- Duvets and covers
- Towels
- Colour television
- Hair dryer

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BERTHS		QE2	CORVETTE	TRADITIONAL 4	DUCHESS	QE4	CARRIER	QE6	CLIPPER	QE8		
		2/4	4	4	4	4/6	6	6/8	8/10	8/10		
Christmas & New Year 1993/94		565	565	625	715	715	670	825	805	940	Christmas & New Year 1993/94	
All other Winter weeks		450	450	500	570	570	535	660	645	755	All other Winter weeks	
March	12	430	430	475	570	545	510	660	645	755	12	March
	19	430	430	475	570	545	510	660	645	755	19	
	26	540	540	595	715	680	640	825	805	940	26	
April	2	540	540	595	715	680	640	825	805	940	2	April
	9	430	430	475	570	545	510	660	645	755	9	
	16	430	430	475	570	545	510	660	645	755	16	
	23	465	465	515	620	590	555	715	700	815	23	
	30	485	485	535	640	610	575	745	725	845	30	
May	7	500	500	555	665	635	595	770	755	880	7	May
	14	540	540	595	715	680	640	825	805	940	14	
	21	570	570	635	760	725	680	880	860	1005	21	
	28	715	715	795	950	905	850	1100	1075	1255	28	
June	4	590	590	655	785	745	700	910	885	1035	4	June
	11	625	625	695	830	790	745	965	940	1100	11	
	18	645	645	715	855	815	765	990	970	1130	18	
	25	680	680	755	905	860	810	1045	1020	1190	25	
July	2	695	695	775	925	880	830	1075	1050	1225	2	July
	9	695	695	775	925	880	830	1075	1050	1225	9	
	16	695	695	775	925	880	830	1075	1050	1225	16	
	23	715	715	795	950	905	850	1100	1075	1255	23	
	30	715	715	795	950	905	850	1100	1075	1255	30	
August	6	715	715	795	950	905	850	1100	1075	1255	6	August
	13	715	715	795	950	905	850	1100	1075	1255	13	
	20	715	715	795	950	905	850	1100	1075	1255	20	
	27	645	645	715	855	815	765	990	970	1130	27	
September	3	590	590	655	785	745	700	910	885	1035	3	September
	10	540	540	595	715	680	640	825	805	940	10	
	17	485	485	535	640	610	575	745	725	845	17	
	24	445	445	495	595	565	530	690	670	785	24	
October	1	430	430	475	570	545	510	660	645	755	1	October
	8	430	430	475	570	545	510	660	645	755	8	
	15	485	485	535	640	610	575	745	725	845	15	
	22	485	485	535	640	610	575	745	725	845	22	
	29	430	430	475	570	545	510	660	645	755	29	
Christmas & New Year 1994/95		485	485	535	640	610	575	745	725	845	Christmas & New Year 1994/95	
All other Winter weeks		430	430	475	570	545	510	660	645	755	All other Winter weeks	

Hire charges in pounds per week. Prices shown include V.A.T. at current rates. V.A.T. will be charged at the rate applicable on the date of takeover of the boat. If the rate changes before the final invoice is issued, the invoice will show the new rate. If the rate were to change after payment of the final invoice, it would be necessary for the difference to be collected on the day of arrival. Boats starting on Fridays and Sundays are charged at the same rate as those in the same class starting on Saturdays.



Special Offers

DISCOUNT WEEKS

10% OFF YOUR SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT WEEKS, providing they follow consecutively.

'BOUNCER'

Sometimes clients have to cancel at the last minute leaving boats available. We therefore introduced 'Bouncer' in 1991 with great success. It is for those who do not mind which Black Prince Base they travel from.

BOUNCER 20% OFF BROCHURE PRICE, per week, when you depart from our choice of Base.

Simply decide on your choice of boat and ring the booking office for a code which will guarantee you the discount that you have chosen.

We will notify you at least 14 days prior to departure date of your base. We will discuss your preference with you if more than one choice is available. Please note that the number of 'Bouncers' is strictly limited both on classes and weeks and may be sold out early.

'SPRINGER'

For holidays commencing from 28 May to 9 July only we are offering **A SECOND WEEK AT HALF BROCHURE PRICE** where it follows on from the first week.

'EARLYBIRD'

For all 1995 holidays confirmed by 30 September 1994 you can enjoy your holiday at **1994 BROCHURE PRICES**. Charges will be the same as the equivalent week(s) in 1994.

SCHOOL DATA PACK

Available free from Black Prince for all School and Youth Club leaders. Written by one of our regular School team leaders it explains everything needed to organise a party trip.

NOTE: Only one money-off Special Offer can be taken for any one holiday during 1994.

Some of your questions answered

Many of you will be thinking of taking a canal holiday for the first time. We hope that the answers below will show how easy it is to become skipper of your own boat. The booking office will be happy to answer any other questions.



MAKING A BOOKING

When you make a provisional booking, please confirm it in writing on the booking form within six days, with the appropriate deposit. The booking form must be signed or the booking cannot be confirmed, and you are then entering a legal contract which cannot be broken by either party. We therefore strongly recommend that you take out the Holiday Cancellation Insurance scheme shown on Pages 30. This ensures that you are covered for cancellation due to sickness or accident.



BOOKING OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Saturday
9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Sunday
9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Black Prince Holidays offices will be closed at Christmas and the New Year.



WHAT ITEMS ARE INCLUDED IN THE HIRE FEE?

Our boats are hired complete with a full inventory of domestic items, listed on page 25. Many companies charge extra for gas, diesel, car parking, pets, V.A.T. and bed linen. All are included in our prices.



WILL I HAVE TO FILL UP WITH GAS/DIESEL/WATER?

The hire price includes 20 gals of fuel and 2 gas bottles per week. The boat normally carries sufficient for 3 weeks cruising, the 100 gal water tank can be refilled daily from waterpoints along the canal.



CAN I HIRE A TELEVISION SET?

All boats are wired for a 12v Black and White portable television which can be hired at £10.00 per week (V.A.T. inc). Q.E. and Duchess Class boats have a colour T.V. as standard. Please pay the Base Manager.



CAR PARKING

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



WHAT BEDDING IS PROVIDED?

For every berth on Black Prince boats we provide a foam mattress, duvet, one pillow, one pillow case, one mattress pad and linen. The Q.E. and Duchess class narrowboats also have towels included in their standard inventory, and interior sprung mattress.



CAN I BRING A PET?

We are quite happy for you to bring your well controlled pet with you, but please keep it away from bedding. There is no charge.



EMBARKATION AND RETURN

Boats will normally be available between 2.30 pm and 4 pm on the afternoon of departure. Boats should be returned by 9 am and vacated by 9.30 am. If a boat is returned late, it will cause a delay for the next hirer, unless we spend extra to turn it round. In this event we reserve the right to charge for the late return, or if it is returned in a dirty state.



GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS

A grocery list will be sent to you with the final invoice. If you require any of the items, simply fill in the form and they will be waiting for you. Please pay the Base Manager.



CANCELLATION SCHEME

This is given in greater detail on page 30, and we would suggest that you read it carefully. Where not covered and cancellation becomes necessary, we will do our best to relet the boat on your behalf. If successful, we will charge you 15% (V.A.T. inc.) to cover our administrative costs, but if we are unsuccessful, you will be liable for the full hire fee.



PUMP-OUT TOILETS

All of our boats are fitted with pump-out toilets and full details of their operation, (which is simple), will be given on your arrival. Details of pump-out stations will be found in the manual supplied with each boat.



GETTING UNDER WAY

Most first time customers find this the most worrying aspect, but the one they get used to most quickly. Full instruction is given before your departure and covers all aspects of 'canal lore' and use. In addition the manual provides valuable information and reminders on safe navigation. If you plan to use any of the rivers, please inform our Base Manager on arrival since flooding can cause navigations to be closed.



BOAT OPERATION MANUAL

A comprehensive manual will be given to you as you are shown how the boat works. It remains with you on your holiday, and contains detailed information of the equipment and appliances. Useful telephone numbers are also included.



SAFETY AND BUOYANCY AIDS

Each boat is equipped with a lifebelt, and buoyancy aids are available free of charge. These come in four sizes to suit toddlers to adults and will be individually fitted before you leave.



LICENCES AND PERMITS

Fishing is allowed provided you have an appropriate Regional water Authority Rod Licence. Many clubs will not object to fishing from boats, but some will require you to buy day tickets.

Your boat is licenced for British Waterways Board canal and river navigations. Special licences are required for the Upper and Lower Avon navigations, River Nene, River Thames and the Rochdale Canal. Payment of these licences is the responsibility of the hirer. Further details can be obtained from the booking office. Licences can be purchased before commencement of the trip.



BICYCLES AND CANOES

Both can be carried on the boat, but please be careful of the paintwork. In the case of canoes, these must have a B.W.B. licence.

BOOKING FORM

Black Prince Holidays Ltd.,
Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire B60 4LA.
Telephone 0527-575115. Fax 0527-575116

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

MY CHOICE OF CLASS	START DATE	DATE	MONTH	YEAR
	NUMBER OF NIGHTS			
MY CHOICE OF BASE	NUMBER OF PASSENGERS:			

Title	Surname	Initials
NAME _____		
ADDRESS _____		

POST CODE THIS IS ESSENTIAL		
DAYTIME TEL NO _____		
EVENING TEL NO _____		

MAPS & BOOKS

The Nicholsons Selection

	No. of copies	Price each	Total £
No. 1 The South	—	£10.00	—
No. 2 Central	—	£10.00	—
No. 3 The North	—	£10.00	—
No. 4 The Thames	—	£6.00	—
TOTAL £			—

Other selections of Books and Maps including Waterways World and Lockmaster Gateway series are available at our Bases along with TV sets, and Souvenirs.

I wish to pay by Visa/Mastercard, please charge to my account. My card number is	
VISA	_____
Signature	Expiry date
_____	_____
MasterCard	_____
Name (on card)	_____

CANCELLATION PREMIUMS

UP TO £600	£20.00	£1001 TO £1200	£35.00
£601 TO £800	£25.00	£1201 TO £1400	£40.00
£801 TO £1000	£30.00	OVER £1400	£45.00

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL PASSENGER NAMES OVERLEAF

TRAVEL AGENTS STAMP

ABTA No.

PLEASE TICK A BOX TO TELL US WHY YOU CHOSE BLACK PRINCE HOLIDAYS

- BOOKED BEFORE ☐
- SAW A BOAT ☐
- RECOMMENDED ☐
- TRAVEL AGENT ☐
- RADIO ☐
- TV PROGRAMME ☐
- BOAT RALLY ☐
- ADVERT ☐
- *Which? ☐
- OTHER _____

TOTAL BOAT HIRE COSTS £			
EXTRAS	CODE	QTY	
DAMAGE WAIVER FEE	01	YES	£25.00
CANCELLATION PREMIUM See foot of this page	02	YES/NO	£
COTSIDES	08		FREE
TOTAL OF MAPS/BOOKS Shown left	09		£
TOTAL HOLIDAY COST			£
DEPOSIT			£
This should be 1/5th (20%) of hire plus Cancellation Premium and payment for Maps/ Books if applicable			
BALANCE			£
Due 6 weeks before departure			

* CAN YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY OF THE SPECIAL OFFERS TO SAVE YOURSELF SOME MONEY? - SEE PAGE 27

TO BE VALID THIS BOOKING FORM MUST BE SIGNED. YOUR SIGNATURE CONFIRMS THAT YOU ARE OVER 21 YEARS OLD AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE CONDITIONS OF HIRE AS SHOWN INSIDE BACK PAGE.

Signature

Date

HOLIDAY CANCELLATION SCHEME UK HOLIDAYS ONLY

WE HAVE ARRANGED A SPECIAL INSURANCE, WHICH ONLY REQUIRES YOU TO COMPLETE THE SIMPLE PROPOSAL FORM. ILLNESS, INJURY OR DEATH MAY PREVENT YOU FROM TAKING YOUR HOLIDAY AS PLANNED, RESULTING IN FINANCIAL LOSS.

Cover Provides
Reimbursement of boat hire charges (paid or contracted to be paid by the Insured and otherwise irrecoverable) following necessary cancellation of the holiday or journey consequent upon death or injury or illness of the insured or the friend with whom the insured is travelling or the Husband, Wife, Father, Mother, Father-in-law, Mother-in-law, Brother, Sister, Child or close business associate of the insured.

Warranty
The policy is subject to a warranty at the time of completing the proposal, that each proposer and each person on whose state of health the journey depends is in good health, free from physical or mental defect and is not subject to any chronic or recurring illness, nor is under treatment of any kind.

Special Exclusions
1. Suicide, intoxication, insanity, pregnancy and/or childbirth.
2. Manual work in connection with any business or trade.
3. Motor cycling, mountaineering, hunting, racing (other than on foot) and winter sports.
4. The first £5.00 of any claim, except in respect of children under five years and adults over seventy years, where the first £10.00 of any claim.
5. Death, injury or illness of relatives not mentioned above.
6. Death of, injury to or sickness sustained by the Proposer or any member of his party occurring after the holiday commences.

Please note that the cancellation cover is only valid if applied for when you book, in the space provided for it on the booking form, and that the scheme only covers cancellation of the whole hiring.

A part of the hire fee cannot be returned in the event of one or more members of the party dropping out for whatever reason.

In the event of a claim, please advise Black Prince Holidays Ltd, as soon as possible.

As will have been seen from the booking conditions, you as hirer are responsible for the full hire charges, even if you are unable to take your holiday.

This cancellation scheme has been arranged for your protection and you are strongly recommended to accept.

DAMAGE WAIVER SCHEME

The Damage Deposit Waiver Scheme was introduced several years ago as an optional alternative to the standard damage deposit. Because of its popularity, we have decided to standardise on the waiver scheme. This means that for a once and for all non-refundable payment of £25.00, you will be covered in the event of any damage/loss or accident to your boat or its inventory during your holiday. This will be included in the final invoice sent to you.

Special exclusions to Damage Waiver

1. Speeding (reported or witnessed).
2. Malicious or intentional damage to the boat, its equipment, the waterway, other boats or structures.
3. Damage to rudder or skeg, due to sill damage in locks.
4. Return of boat in an unclean condition.

In the case of any of the above being reported, we shall claim the full cost of repairs, replacement or compensation.

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CONDITIONS OF HIRE

Please read these conditions carefully. They are part of the agreement and contain legal obligations and liabilities of the Hirer.

1. Definitions

Prices are inclusive of VAT, subject to changes in VAT rate before you have paid the price in full. The booking confirmation and booking invoice are not VAT invoices.
Prices are in pounds sterling. The Hirer shall reimburse the Company on demand for any expenses incurred in the conversion of foreign currencies, bank charges, special clearance, re-presenting cheques, processing payments or otherwise in obtaining cleared sterling funds of the amount due on the due date. Payment is not made until cash or cleared funds have been received by the Company.
The booking deposit must be sent with the booking application. The deposit is 20% of the total.
The balance of the price is due not less than 42 days before hire start date. Time of payment shall be of the essence of the contract. For bookings made within 42 days before hire start date you must pay the full price with booking form.
Without prejudice to any other rights of the Company it may charge interest (both before and after any judgment) at the rate of 3% over the Company's bankers base lending rate on any monies due from the due payment date until date of payment and interest shall accrue from day to day.

2. Booking Agreement

A booking is a legal agreement. Submission of a completed booking form is an offer by the Hirer to hire and the booking agreement is made only if and when the Company confirms the booking by written booking confirmation. Telephone bookings do not create legal agreements and any offer by the Company to hold a reservation is not legally binding. The agreement includes these conditions which the client accepts having read and agreed them. The entire contract between the Company and the Hirer is contained in these Conditions and the booking form and no representations, terms, warranty or condition expressed or implied shall be deemed to be or have been made or agreed or imposed by reference to any other writing, advertisement or conversation. No agent, servant or representative of the Company has any right to alter or vary or waive any of these conditions. Nor is any such person authorised to undertake any liability whatsoever on behalf of the Company. These conditions can only be varied with written permission of the Company signed by a director of the Company. The Hirer acknowledges that no statement or representation which may have been made by or on behalf of the Company induced the Hirer to enter into the contract and that any such statements or representations do not form part of the contract. Any liability of the Company and any remedy of the Hirer in respect of any such statement or representation is excluded save in so far as liability in respect of any particular statement or representation may not be excluded by law.
Extras: Bookings for T.V. sets and other optional extras are taken subject to availability on start date.

3. Group Bookings, Age Limits and Unsuitable Hirers

The Company's prior written consent is required for bookings by persons under 21 years old. A Hirer who wants to make a booking must provide full details with booking form and be prepared to give further information. The Company may at its discretion cancel any booking made in contravention of this condition before or at the start date. In this event any money paid will be forfeit and any balance payment will remain due unless the Company is able to re-let. If the Company is able to re-let the Hirer will remain liable for 15% of the price to cover administration expenses.
The Company may at its discretion cancel the booking and refuse to hand over the boat to any person or group who in its opinion is not suitable to take charge on the grounds of age, ill health, disability, inexperience, suspected influence of alcohol or drugs or any other reason. In this event the Company will refund any monies paid and the contract shall be discharged without further liability on either party.
The Company may repossess the boat at any time if in the opinion of the Company the Hirer is unsuitable for the reasons given above or if the Hirer is not behaving responsibly or if the boat or any persons are at risk. In this event the Hirer shall remain liable to pay the hire price and no refund shall be due.

4. Cancellations and Changes

The agreement (including payment terms) is a legally binding contract and may not be cancelled or amended except as provided in the Conditions. A Hirer who wants to cancel or change a booking must notify the Company immediately by telephone and at the same time confirm in writing. If such written notice is not given the deposit will be forfeit and the Hirer will pay the balance price on the due date. The Company may waive the balance price (or part of it) at its discretion if the boat is re-let.
The Hirer may protect against cancellation liabilities by taking out the Company's cancellation insurance, and it is strongly recommended that hirers avail themselves of this cover.

5. Hire Period, Collection and Return of Boat

The hire period will normally be available between 2.30 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the start date and the boat will be returned by 9.30 a.m. at the latest on the end date or as otherwise shown in the booking confirmation.
The Hirer must notify the Company of any late delivery in writing as soon as possible by letter or if that is not practicable by fax or telephone.
Before the Hirer takes the boat over the Company may give the Hirer such instructions, demonstrations and trials as it thinks fit and require the Hirer to check and sign the contents and hand over inventory.
In the event that the boat is not available because of circumstances beyond the Company's control (for example damage, mechanical breakdown, late return) the Company may substitute a boat of similar accommodation but if no such boat is available the Company shall refund any payments made but shall not otherwise be liable and the contract shall be discharged.
The boat must be returned to the base and vacated by the Hirer by 9.30 a.m. on the end date and the Hirer is responsible to allow enough time to ensure prompt return. In the event of delay the Hirer shall be liable to pay the sum of £20.00 per hour or part hour of the delay in returning the boat or giving possession and to indemnify the Company in respect of all other expenses and losses it may sustain by reason of such delay. This condition is strictly enforced in the interest of subsequent hirers of the boat because the Company may not have time to fit out and deliver the boat on time to subsequent hirers. The Hirer is responsible to return the boat to the base. If the Hirer fails to do so except for unavoidable cause the Hirer will be liable to pay to the Company the cost of recovering the boat.
The Company reserves the right without liability to hand the boat over at and/or to require the boat to be returned to a site other than the designated boat yard if operational circumstances make this necessary.

6. Prices and Payment

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7. Insurance and Security Deposit

The Company insures the boat and equipment and against public liability risks. The policy does not cover personal accident or the Hirer's personal belongings and the Hirer is advised to make his own insurance arrangements.
The Company's policy excludes damage arising from speeding, sill damage, rudder or stem gear, T.V. aerials, chertneys, malicious and intentional damage, other vessels and their equipment, the waterway, late return of boat and return of boat in unclean condition.
The Hirer will indemnify the Company from and against all costs, damage, expenses, liability and claims howsoever arising from the negligence, neglect or default of the Hirer to the extent that they are not covered by the Company's policy. The Hirer will pay a damage waiver at the same time as payment of the price.
8. Safety and Other Rules
The Hirer agrees to comply with the following rules at all times for the health and safety of the persons on the boat and other persons and for safeguarding the boat and other property:
Not to tow other craft or allow the boat to be towed excepting only professional assistance in the event of breakdown or emergency.
Not to cruise after sunset or before sunrise. The boat is equipped only for daytime use.
To observe all speed limits, not to race and not to cruise at a speed which creates a breaking wash or disturbs or inconveniences other waterway users.
Not to take or have on the boat any dinghies, canoes, inflatables, portable heaters, bicycles, vehicles, lighting equipment, T.V. sets, electrical appliances (other than electric racers), inflammable liquids or substances, gas cylinders, car batteries, fire arms or any other items which might create dangers or hazards without the Company's prior written permission.
Not to use the boat for business purposes.
Not to allow to be on the boat at any time more than 12 persons.
To give way to laden or unladen cargo boats, sailing craft, rowing boats and other human propelled craft.
Not to take the boat on to sea or tidal waters.
To cruise only on British Waterways approved canals and rivers.
Not to have or carry any live bait on the boat.
At all times to observe all byelaws, navigational limits or instructions and advice of British Waterways and other navigational authorities and the Company and their respective officers and employees.
The Company reserves the right at its discretion without liability to restrict cruising areas or routes in the light of prevailing conditions.

9. Accidents

The Hirer is in charge of the boat and is responsible for its safe navigation. In the event of any accident or damage to the boat, other craft or the waterway the Hirer must:
Obtain and record the name of any other boat and names and addresses of all parties involved including the other boat owner and other hirers.
Notify the Company by telephone immediately with full details of the accident including damage incurred.
NOT IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ADMIT OR ALLOW ANY OTHER PERSONS ON THE BOAT TO ADMIT LIABILITY TO ANY OTHER PERSON.
Not carry out or have carried out any repairs without the consent of the Company.
Proceed in accordance with and follow the Company's instructions.
In the event of accident the Company may repossess the boat and the hiring contract shall then terminate without liability on the Company.
In the event that the Company's insurance cover is prejudiced or invalidated by any failure on the part of the Hirer to comply with the provisions of this condition the Hirer shall indemnify the Company in respect of all liability claims, loss, damage or expenses incurred.
The Hirer is liable for and shall indemnify the Company against any claim or charge made by any Waterway Authority for damage to waterway property or loss of water.



10. Maintenance, Repairs, Damage and Breakdown

The Hirer is responsible for and will keep and maintain the boat and its equipment and contents and shall remain the same at the end of the hire term in accordance with the Company's instructions and in good clean and tidy order and condition.
The Hirer shall notify the Company immediately by telephone in the event of breakdown, damage, theft or loss and shall provide full details and comply with the Company's instructions. The Hirer must not undertake or have undertaken any repairs, adjustment or service without the Company's prior approval. Any repairs or replacements by the Hirer without the Company's approval will not be accepted.
While the boat and the contents are insured the Hirer shall be primarily liable to indemnify the Company in respect of any damage or loss arising from any failure of the Hirer to comply with his obligations under the conditions or from carelessness or negligence.
The Hirer shall be responsible for getting the boat off mud banks or other grounding and for removal of weeds, rope or other matter from propellers. The Hirer shall notify the Company if any of these operations cannot be carried out without risk of accident or damage and shall comply with the Company's instructions. Otherwise the Hirer shall be liable for any loss or damage incurred.

11. Hirer's Property

Vehicles may be left unattended in the Company's car park. The Company will be under no liability for any loss of or damage to vehicles or contents of the Hirer's or other persons property on the boat or elsewhere or howsoever caused except by the Company's negligence. Hirers are particularly advised not to leave any valuable or portable items in the car. The Company shall take such action as may be necessary to silence car alarms in the Company's car park and to recover the costs from the Hirer. The Company may return Hirer's property left behind on the boat if claimed and following receipt of payment for postage and packing (minimum charge £10.00). Property not claimed within two months from the end date will be disposed of by the Company.

12. Fuel

The boat is handed over ready fuelled and the price includes the cost of fuel consumed.
The Company may make a fuel surcharge if there is a material increase in fuel costs or duty.
Refuelling may only take place at the premises of suppliers designated by the Company.

13. Pets

Pets are allowed on the boat.
Hirers must provide their own pet baskets or blankets.
All pets must be properly house trained or caged as appropriate, must never be left unattended, and may not be allowed on bedding or chairs.
Pets are not covered under the Company's insurance policy and the Hirer shall be liable for any damage or loss caused by them.

14. Complaints

The Hirer must check the boat and its contents and equipment fully on arrival at the boat yard and notify the Company of any alleged deficiencies or shortcomings before the boat leaves the boat yard.
The Hirer must sign the Handover Form upon taking the boat over and the Hirer will be responsible for any items which are subsequently found to be missing or damaged. Any shortcomings subsequently discovered must be notified to the Company by telephone immediately in order to give the Company the opportunity to take any necessary remedial action.
The Company shall not be liable in respect of any matter which is not so notified immediately and in any event shall not be liable in respect of any matter which is notified after the end of the hire period. The boat may then have been taken over by another hirer and may not be available for inspection. Letters should bear the Company's booking reference.

15. Exemption

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

16. Brochure

The specifications of boats, their accommodation, facilities and equipment in the brochure are intended as a general guide but the Company shall not be liable in the event of any differences in the boats supplied and reserves the right to make modifications. In particular alterations may occur during rebuilding or refitting, boats within classes may differ, colours may vary layout plans are for guidance only and are not to scale and boats may have steps which are not shown. If the Hirer's party includes any infirm persons the Hirer should make relevant enquiries at the time of booking.

17. Disputes

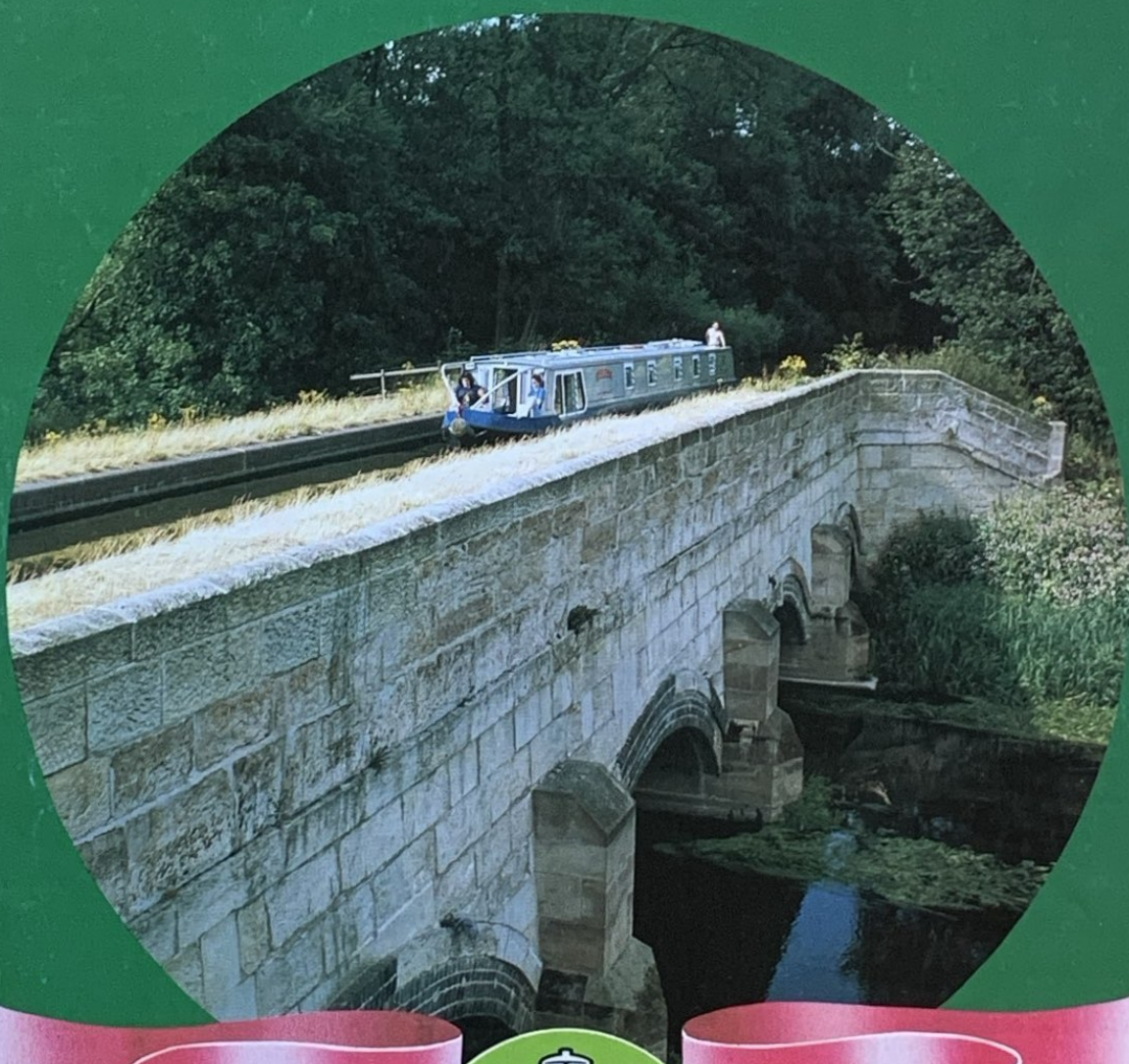
Any dispute difference or question which may at any time arise out of the booking contract may be referred at the Company's sole discretion to a single arbitrator to be agreed between the parties or failing agreement to be constituted upon the application of either party by the President of the Birmingham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

18. Jurisdiction

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

19. Waiver

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



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