

ENGLISH COUNTY CRUISES



NARROWBOAT
HOLIDAYS IN
ENGLAND & WALES



The Great Escape . . .

An English County Cruise is your key to beauty, tranquillity and adventure.

The beauty and infinite variety of Britain's landscape - the tranquillity of cruising in a fine boat on gentle waterways - and the adventure of exploration.

It is a uniquely satisfying way of escaping from the pressures of everyday life to a contrasting world of rolling countryside, historic towns, waterside inns, stately homes, breathtaking aqueducts, awe-inspiring tunnels and the quiet habitat of the water vole, heron and kingfisher.

Escape alone, take a partner or go with family and friends.

Break out to a good holiday of fun out in the open, full of interest and good fellowship and in the care of the best hire boat company on the waterways.



"We waved goodbye to our guide, with the bells of Marbury Church chiming in the distance on a lovely Friday evening early in May and this set the scene for what was to be one of the most enjoyable and relaxing holidays we have ever experienced."

Brenda Castledine, Waterways World.



. . . on Britain's Waterways

It's great fun afloat . . .

There is fun afloat for everybody because there is so much to do and to look at and nothing to worry about.

Gaze at a countryside that is one of the most delightful in the world - the result of over 2000 years of constant human activity.

Explore ancient castles, stately homes, venerable towns - all treasure houses of beautiful and interesting things and with fascinating histories.

Shop and browse in the alleyways and high streets of country towns and villages; or for contrast, moor in the heart of our biggest cities and see how different they appear when visited by water.

Dine and drink in waterside pubs, village tea shops, grand hotels, exotic restaurants or in one of the many unpretentious but excellent value restaurants and small hotels to be found in most of our towns. The variety of eating and drinking is wonderful and there are few better places for a picnic than on the decks of your boat.

Cook, if you enjoy it; explore at leisure your gifts as a creative chef in the galley of your boat; it is comprehensively equipped - fresh produce and wine are bought along the waterways.

Wildlife abounds, particularly in the quiet wooded cuttings and hedgerows; a whole holiday can be occupied with binoculars, cameras and identification books.

Steering your boat is a fascinating hobby in itself. Boat handling on the waterways is a precise art in giving immense satisfaction and hours of absorbing activity.

And much, much more; reading, talking and companionship, listening to music, making music, drawing and painting, route planning, walking and fishing, lock working, lazing, sleeping and nothing at all to worry you.

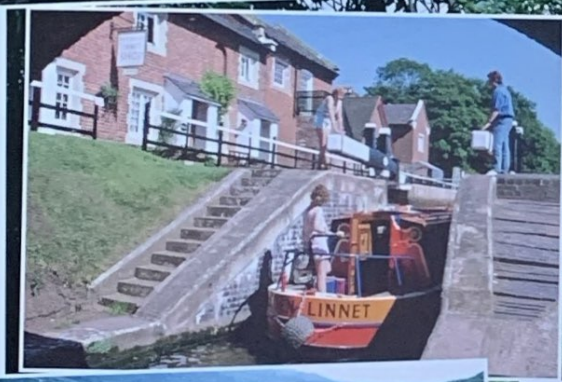
All in a fine narrowboat that carries constant comfort, protection and entertainment.

It is near to heaven - which some define as fun all the time!



. . . for all the family!

M e m o r i e s a r e m a d e o f t h i s !



L o a d s o f s u m m e r f u n !

W e t a k e g r e a t c a r e !

Pre-cruise service. Each boat is thoroughly polished and cleaned inside by ladies from the local villages who take great pride in Wrenbury's "golden" boats and in their immaculate condition on handover.

When boarding you will find a boat that radiates an air of cleanliness, quality and tastefulness, in keeping with our reputation for providing the best kept boats on the canals.

The English County Cruises' engineering service is unique on the British Waterways. Apart from undergoing detailed engine and equipment checks, each boat is taken into our modern drydock workshop and lifted from the water by a hydraulically operated gantry so that the hull plating and stern-gear can be methodically examined. At this stage all the exterior paintwork is refurbished. Our rigorous turn-round service takes over five hours and it ensures that every customer goes out in a safe, smart and properly functioning



craft which looks like 'new'.

Quietness. We install water-jacketed engines which are quieter than oil-cooled types. We put them on special mountings with GKN Aquadrive transmissions; the result is impressively quiet power with reduced vibration. We are in the same town as Rolls Royce; although we don't claim the silence of the 'best cars in the world' we share a parallel pride in making the 'best boats on the canals'.

Tuition. We welcome first timers and provide for every newcomer a boating



expert to explain the controls and correct navigation techniques. He will guide you for the first few miles of your cruise and take you through lift-bridges and a lock. We pride ourselves on this uniquely thorough free tuition service because the best boats look even better when handled by considerate and competent crews. Also, competence will enhance your pride and enjoyment. It is surprising how quickly - once the

fundamentals are correctly and unhurriedly demonstrated - a group of novices becomes a skilled and integrated crew; a delight to watch and the envy of those who never learn properly, because they were sent out with brief and inadequate instruction by a thoughtless boatyard.

Winter overhauls. Our fleet is a modern one and we have a programme of regular refurbishment. However, boats - like houses - should be judged by condition, design and equipment and not by age. A well designed, immaculately maintained older boat will look and function much better than an ill-designed and neglected newer one. Look at any of our boats and you will find it hard to tell how old it is. They all look new - as indeed they are - in the vital aspects of equipment, performance and condition. This is because we expend large sums on a carefully prepared winter overhaul



programme.

What some boatyards do every few years - and call a major overhaul - we do every year as a matter of routine, so determined are we to maintain our reputation for operating the 'best boats'. Every boat is lifted from the water in the best equipped workshop in the industry and undergoes a 10 day programme of intensive overhaul by a five-man team. Thus do we look after the safety, comfort and trouble-free pleasure of our customers' holidays.



The English County Cruises Experience. All our boats are modern and up-to-date with equipment. They are the best on the canals, being beautifully kept inside and out. It is a memorable experience to sail in one.

They are powered by 4-cylinder water-cooled diesel engines on special mountings and with advanced design transmissions which probably make our fleet the quietest of all.



In our uncertain climate it is a comfort to know that the hot water central heating system is also the best on the canals, with large domestic type radiators supplied from a gas-fired boiler which also heats the tap/shower water and an ample sized airing cupboard.

All the boats have drawers, cupboards and clothes hanging space. Each is fitted with a full-sized gas cooker and an electric refrigerator in a modern kitchen. There is a wash basin to most sleeping cabins. The toilets are white glazed and flushed with fresh water - much like home. All boats have a shower



cubicle. All saloons have radio, stereo tape players, TV, carpets and velvet dralon cushioning.

Each berth has a foam cushion mattress, blankets, duvet and pillow with freshly laundered sheets and pillow case.

Wall pictures, curtains, bowls of flowers and gleaming varnish give a final touch of tastefulness and luxury to your floating holiday home.

Apart from Goldcrest II's traditional stern, all the control decks are spacious and have safety rails and locker top seats. The two high-mounted seats for the skipper and mate become useful tables when the boat is moored and the deck is used for open air meals. The forward cockpit has seats and rails and the whole of the cabin roof becomes an extensive sunbathing deck on sunny days.

We put constant thought, care and dedicated thoroughness into the design and improvement of our fleet because we believe that only the best is good enough for our customers; long years of experience lie behind the the whole operation.

S p a c e , c o m f o r t a n d l u x u r y !

Golden Martlet Golden Plover

4/5 Berths 14m 46ft

A very versatile class of cruiser with one double berth plus three singles. On all boats two couples can have double berths as the rear cabin berths convert to a large low-level bed. They all have carpets and velvet dralon cushioning.



Golden Swan

4 Berths 14.6m 48ft

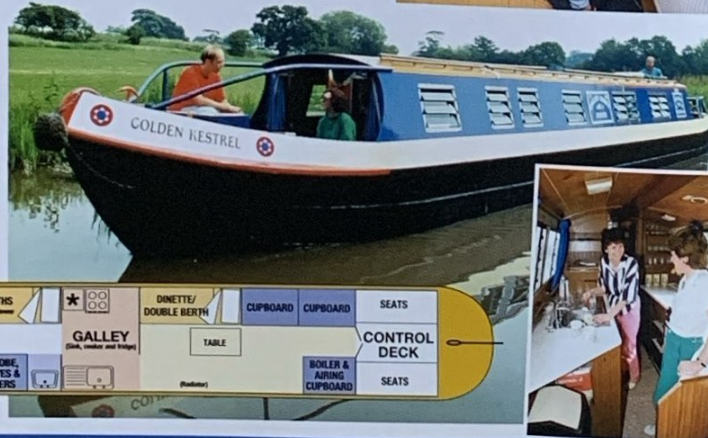
This class provides accommodation for two couples in separate cabins, both in double beds. An alternative is one double, plus two singles. Carpets and velvet dralon cushioning in the saloon and sleeping cabin complete the high standard of accommodation.



Golden Kestrel Golden Heron

6 Berths 16.8m 55ft

This class provides accommodation for two couples in separate cabins, both with double beds, plus another cabin with two single beds. An alternative is one double plus four singles. Carpets and velvet dralon cushioning in the saloon and sleeping cabin complete the high standard of accommodation.



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'The Best Hire Cruisers on the Narrow Canals'

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Llangollen Canal: Bridge No. 20

Dear Holidaymaker

We thank you for your interest in our boats and have pleasure in sending our 1995 brochure and free Wrenbury Region route planner, together with our booking form and price list.

We are a straightforward, friendly family company and we understand family needs. We don't put up our prices by 20% and then offer a 'bargain discount'. We keep our value for money price structure fair and as simple as possible.

With this in mind, we:

Offer an all inclusive price with no hidden charges

Give special rates for families

Genuinely reduce rates on certain craft

Have frozen our 1994 prices for 1995 -
truly beating inflation!

All this without reducing our famed high standards and reputation for operating the finest narrowboats available for hire on the canals.

If you wish to see our boats at Wrenbury Mill you may be sure of a warm welcome at any time. If you can only visit at weekends in Winter, please ring us first to make an appointment.

We hope that we will have the pleasure of welcoming you aboard in 1995!

Yours sincerely

Steven Wade

Steven Wade
Director

The boats of the Golden Martlet, Golden Swan and Golden Kestrel classes are designed for compactness and economy allied with comprehensive facilities and a high standard of equipment. They are fine craft, easily handled and excellent value for the hire fee.

The four boats of the Goldfinch class have been built to meet an increasing demand for extra luxury and spaciousness. They are tastefully appointed with polished hardwoods, quality soft furnishing, gleaming brasswork, clock, barometer, carpets and pictures. The long saloons have 'relaxer' chairs, colour TV, stereo tape player and drinks cabinet; ideal for a house party on water and elegant relaxation. The two double-bedded cabins each have en suite toilet and shower compartments. The underwater design and well planned control decks make them a joy to handle and the advanced transmission systems give impressively quiet and vibration-free power; indeed, a well known boating journal has called one "a Rolls Royce of the canals".

Goldcrest II and Golden Wren shown opposite have even greater refinement. There are CD and video players in the saloon and a 240 volt power system supplies a microwave oven and toaster in the galley, where there is also a high level oven and hob top.

The furnishings are of an exceptionally high standard. Both boats are for discerning skippers who want the best lifestyle available in hireboats - the extreme opposite of "messaging about in boats".

Goldfinch Golden Merlin Golden Linnet Golden Dove

4/6 Berths 18.9m 62ft
This superior class provides three separate cabins with double beds (one fixed) or, alternatively, two doubles (one fixed) plus two singles. Two shower/toilet compartments, U-shaped galley and open lounge with relaxer chairs complete your comfortable and spacious living area. (See above for more details.)



Golden Wren

2/4 Berth 15.8m 52ft

This super-luxury class provides splendid accommodation in two separate cabins, both with double beds or, alternatively, one double and two singles. Open lounge with relaxer chairs, 240v., CD, video, microwave oven and toaster all create an unrivalled quality equalled only by Goldcrest II. (See centre for more details.)



Goldcrest II

6/8 Berths 21.3m 70ft

On a larger scale - this super-luxury class provides four separate cabins with double beds (two fixed) or, alternatively, three doubles (two fixed) plus two singles. Two shower/ toilet compartments, U-shaped galley, 240v., microwave oven, open lounge with relaxer chairs, video and CD all add up to true luxury afloat. Goldcrest II also meets the demand of the traditionalist, with an engine room well forward of a short, elliptical steering platform - qualities appreciated equally by novices and experts. (See centre for more details.)



Value for Money - All this for one Fee

The English County Cruises range of services and equipment astonishes many visitors. No other boatyard provides so much under one inclusive weekly fee. There are no irritating extras. A full Check List is given below.

A boat created and cared for like no other craft.

- ★ Hydraulic 'lift-out' from the water for hull checking (unique).
- ★ Refurbishment of paintwork before each voyage.
- ★ 5-hours cleaning and servicing work every turn-round.
- ★ Value Added Tax (17½%).
- ★ Diesel Fuel - no matter how far you go.
- ★ Gas for heating and cooking - no matter how much you use.
- ★ Velvet dralon upholstery.
- ★ Freshly laundered sheets and pillow cases.
- ★ Blankets and Duvets.
- ★ Expensively equipped kitchen (full inventory on request).
- ★ Electric fridge.
- ★ Full size 4-burner cooker with grill and oven.
- ★ Vanitory units. Hair Dryers.
- ★ Wash basins to most sleeping cabins.
- ★ White-glazed toilet flushed with fresh water.
- ★ Boat-wide shower-room.
- ★ Central heating with domestic-type radiators.
- ★ Airing cupboard.
- ★ Carpets.
- ★ Big decks with safety rails and seats fore and aft. (Goldcrest's stern has steering platform only).
- ★ Black and White T.V.
- ★ Water cooled diesel engine for quieter running.
- ★ GKN Aquadrive transmission for reduced vibration.

PLUS - FOR GOLDEN WREN, GOLDFINCH CLASS & GOLDCREST II

- ★ En-suite showers and toilet to each double bedded cabin.
- ★ Very high standard of internal woodwork and furnishings.
- ★ "Relaxer" chairs in spacious saloon.
- ★ Brass Barometer and Clock.
- ★ Toilet soap.
- ★ Colour T.V.

PLUS - for GOLDEN WREN and GOLDCREST II ONLY

- ★ 240v Electric system, Microwave Oven, Toaster, Video and CD Players.
- ★ Hob top and high level oven.
- ★ Hand and bath towels.
- ★ Kitchen paper roll, foil, cling film.
- ★ Cook's apron and gloves.
- ★ Shaver point 240 volt A.C.
- ★ Radio and stereo tape-player.
- ★ Cleaning fluids, polish, dusters, crockery towels.
- ★ Toilet rolls.
- ★ Hand torch.
- ★ Guide book to the canals.
- ★ Instruction manual.
- ★ Television point: 3-pin 3 amp socket 12v D.C.
- ★ Buoyancy Aids.
- ★ Waterproofs - one set only for the steerer.

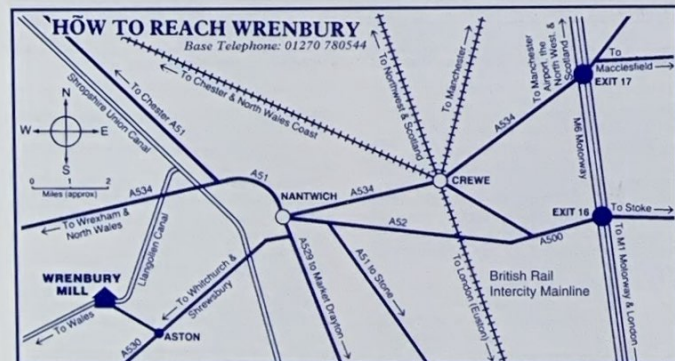
PLUS these FREE FACILITIES:

- ★ Dogs and Cats - no charge for Fido and Felix
- ★ Parking - including extra cars and caravan - Free (but at owners risk).
- ★ Hire of buoyancy aids - even for baby - Free.
- ★ Hire of steerer's waterproofs - Free.
- ★ Cot-side for baby - Free.
- ★ Boat handling tuition - an hour with an expert - Free.
- ★ Payment on arrival - on request - better than 'bonding'.
- ★ Payment by instalments - on request.
- ★ Provisions put on board.
- ★ Get-you-back Service (in case of canal stoppage).
- ★ Route Planning Service Our boatyard director (Steven Wade) has travelled much of the waterways and is always happy to provide verbal advice or written itineraries.
- ★ 24-hour 'on call' service for emergencies.
- ★ 'Rapid-Response' Technical Service - Engineers are always available 9.00 to 17.00 hours.

BOAT SAILING DAYS

FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Golden Martlet	Golden Plover
Golden Swan	Golden Heron
Golden Kestrel	Golden Wren
Golden Dove	Goldfinch
Golden Merlin	Golden Linnet
	Goldcrest II

OPEN: 9.00 to 18.00 hours every day during season.
10.00 to 18.00 hours Sunday.



As you near Wrenbury - look for the church. From there our base is about 400 yards along the road signposted to Cholmondeley, next to a lift bridge and opposite a pub named The Dusty Miller.



The Blue Riband Club seal is your guarantee of quality. To maintain high standards, an independent inspector visits twice a year without prior notice. Failure to meet standards results in loss of status.

G e n e r a l

Booking. It is wise to book early. Simply make a telephone call to ensure that the period you want is available and then send a completed order form the same day by 1st class post.

Cancellation Scheme. We recommend that you use our Cancellation Scheme and send - at the time of booking - a payment of 40p for every £10 of the total hire fee. This small charge will free you of liability under Clause 2 of the Conditions if ill fortune compels you to cancel your booking.

Stereo Tape Players and Radio. Radios and two-track stereo cassette tape players are fitted on all our boats.

Shaver Points. All boats have 240V shaver points.

Lost Property. Property left aboard after a cruise will be kept for four weeks for collection or return by post if requested. Please refund postage. Thereafter goods will be disposed of to charity.

Embarkation and Return. Point of embarkation and return is at Wrenbury Mill at the times stated below.

All boats are available by 3.15pm on the day of departure and must be vacated on the day of return by 9.30am. If you return late and delay the next party you will be obliged to compensate them.

Please don't arrive early at Wrenbury in the hope of embarking early. Our thorough turnaround service takes nearly all the time available up to embarkation hour and our staff - much as they would dislike keeping you waiting - would not let you aboard until all items on the check lists were completed.

Late Arrival. Our staff finish at 6.00pm on turn around days but special arrangements can be made for late arrivals providing 48 hours notice has been given, otherwise boat handling instruction will be given the following morning.

Canal Guides and Maps. Each boat has a canal guide-map onboard as part of its essential navigational equipment. However, a selection is on sale at Wrenbury for those who wish to buy their own, either personally or by post.

Taxi Services. Taxis are available at Crewe Rail Station and we will on request, arrange a taxi back to the station after your cruise (approx. cost £12.00 each way). Taxis are similarly available to and from Manchester International Airport (approx. cost £35.00 each way).

Inventories. All boats are fully and expensively equipped. Articles showing wear or diminished

appearance are promptly replaced. Everything needed for bright efficiency in the galley and elegant living will be found aboard. A full inventory will be sent on request.

Overseas Visitors. Nearly a third of our visitors come from other countries; many come year after year. We give them all a very special welcome - not only because they are guests in our friendly land but because many will have flown thousands of miles to visit us and may be feeling the strangeness of jet-lag and a new environment. They instantly feel in good hands at Wrenbury and very soon relax to enjoy the uniquely happy adventure of an English County Cruise. If you have a special requirement, like overnight hotel bookings or car hire advice, please tell us in the space provided on the booking form. Touring advice and aid is always available. Do not let towels encroach on your limited air line baggage allowance; bath and hand towels are provided free, except for a small laundry charge.

Pets. Healthy vaccinated dogs and cats are welcome but please keep them off the bedding. Animal hairs are un-hygienic and difficult to remove and a charge will be deducted from the deposit if special cleaning is necessary.

Car Parking. Car parking is free, but at the owner's risk.

Provisions. These will be ordered, on request, from a local trader and put on board before you arrive. Please order at least ten days before your holiday.

Canal Shop. The shop at our base stocks a wide range of gifts and useful articles connected with canal holidays. It does not stock food. Provisions can be obtained from nearby village shops.

Television Sets. All boats are provided with television sets free of charge: colour sets on Golden Wren, Goldfinch class and Goldcrest II, monochrome on all other craft. A few colour sets are available in place of monochrome sets at an extra charge of £12.00 per week. Early application is advisable in the space for 'special requirements' on the booking form. TV reception can be disappointing on some parts of the canals, particularly in valleys and woods and near large buildings. If you wish to bring your own set please make sure that it will work from a 12 volt DC supply and that it is fitted with a 3 amp round pinned plug (3 pins).

Safety. Our boats are fitted out by experienced craftsmen at Wrenbury Mill or by a leading constructor. They all meet the latest safety requirements in construction and equipment, particularly for the sophisticated electrical and propane gas installations. To fine construction we add diligent maintenance in the best equipped workshop in the industry. After each voyage every boat is lifted from the water, so that the hull and sterngear may be checked, and all equipment is tested for correct working. All boats carry three fire extinguishers and a first aid box; there is even a fire-smothering blanket near each cooker.

Buoyancy Aids. These are available free of charge and should be ordered in the space provided on the booking form.

Pump-out Toilet Tanks. All our boats have anti-pollution toilets with holding tanks. If the tank needs pumping out at one of the many pump-out stations we will refund the fee on production of a receipt.

Lock Cills. Each lock has a cill at either end to accommodate the secure closing of the lock gates. Boat hirers are asked to ensure that the boat is kept to the centre of the lock's length in order to avoid damaging the rudder which in turn could prejudice the return of your damage deposit.

Guns on Boats. Hirers are warned that it is a Bye Law offence to "shoot or otherwise propel any stone, shot, bullet or other missile from, into or over any vessel or canal". Canal includes the towpath, land and buildings under the control of British Waterways.

What should I take? Much depends on the weather. Because of our variable climate, be prepared for a heat-wave in summer and a downpour at anytime! You should be equipped with rainwear and with waterproof footwear for muddy towpaths. A warm top garment is needed for the occasional chilly summer evening, and at most times during the spring and autumn. Rubber or plastic-soled shoes are essential for a safe grip on deck, and gloves can be a comfort when holding the tiller. A change of clothes for evenings out should not be forgotten, and need not be very formal.

Cotsides. A cot-type railing along the open side of a berth will be fitted to protect a baby if you tick the space on the Booking Form.

Licences - Permits. Our boats are licensed to travel on all BW cruising waterways but you are responsible for any licences or fees required by other waterway authorities. Please consult us if in doubt.

Waterproofs. One set of waterproofs per boat (for the steerer) is provided free if requested in advance of arrival by ticking the space on the booking form.

I n f o r m a t i o n .

The Cost for everything - 1995 - There are no extras

★ STAR VALUE HIRE FEES - Look for the ★ at the top of the columns for special rates for smaller parties.

Class		Golden Martlet Golden Plover		Golden Swan	Golden Kestrel Golden Heron		Goldfinch Golden Dove Golden Linnet Golden Merlin		Golden Wren	Goldcrest II				
Number in Crew		★3/4	★5	4	★4	5/6	★4	5/6	4	★6	7/8			
February 25		490	515	545	605	635	785	820	720	945	990			
March		4	490	515	545	605	635	785	820	720	945	990		
		11	490	515	545	605	635	785	820	720	945	990		
		18	510	540	570	630	660	850	890	780	1020	1075		
		25	530	560	590	655	685	880	925	810	1060	1115		
April		1	530	560	590	655	685	880	925	810	1060	1115		
		8	530	560	590	655	685	880	925	810	1060	1115		
		15	590	625	660	730	765	945	995	870	1140	1195		
		22	530	560	590	655	685	880	925	810	1060	1115		
Easter		29	530	560	590	655	685	880	925	810	1060	1115		
		May		6	530	560	590	655	685	880	925	810	1060	1115
				13	530	560	590	655	685	945	995	870	1140	1195
				20	610	645	685	755	790	1010	1060	930	1215	1280
Bank Hol.				27	775	820	865	955	1005	1275	1335	1165	1530	1610
June		3	630	665	705	780	820	1045	1095	900	1255	1320		
		10	675	710	750	830	870	1075	1130	990	1295	1360		
		17	715	775	795	880	925	1140	1200	1050	1375	1445		
		24	755	795	840	930	975	1205	1265	1110	1455	1525		
July		1	755	795	840	930	975	1275	1335	1165	1530	1610		
		8	775	820	865	955	1005	1275	1335	1165	1530	1610		
		15	795	840	890	980	1030	1275	1335	1165	1530	1610		
		22	815	860	910	1005	1055	1305	1370	1200	1570	1650		
		29	815	860	910	1005	1055	1305	1370	1200	1570	1650		
		August		5	815	860	910	1005	1055	1305	1370	1200	1570	1650
				12	815	860	910	1005	1055	1305	1370	1200	1570	1650
				19	815	860	910	1005	1055	1305	1370	1200	1570	1650
Bank Hol.				26	755	795	840	930	975	1205	1265	1110	1455	1525
September		2	675	710	750	830	870	1075	1130	990	1295	1360		
		9	590	625	660	730	765	945	995	870	1140	1195		
		16	530	560	590	655	685	850	890	780	1020	1075		
		23	490	515	545	605	635	785	820	720	945	990		
October		30	490	515	545	605	635	785	820	720	945	990		
		7	490	515	545	605	635	785	820	720	945	990		
		14	490	515	545	605	635	785	820	720	945	990		
		21	530	560	590	655	685	850	890	780	1020	1075		
		28	490	515	545	605	635	785	820	720	945	990		
		Nov. 4 to Dec. 9		575	605	640	705	740	915	960	840	1100	1155	
Xmas & New Year		740	780	820	905	950	1175	1235	1080	1415	1485			

All prices are in pounds sterling and are for one boat for one week. Value Added Tax (VAT) is included at the current rate of 17%.

Conditions of Hire

1. A boat is booked when the Company has received a completed and signed booking form, with the deposit, and an acknowledgement has been sent to the hirer. The deposit is 20% of the hire fee.
2. The hirer is responsible for the whole of the hire fee and the balance must be paid three weeks before the hire is due to begin (6 weeks for overseas orders) unless later payment has been agreed in writing by the Company. Should the hirer cancel the booking the Company will try to re-let the boat but if unsuccessful the hirer remains responsible for the hire fee.
3. The Company shall not be held responsible for delays caused by damage to its boats or by obstruction or closure of the canal system, nor shall it be responsible for any delays due to late return of the previous hirers.
4. The Company shall not be liable for loss or damage to the hirer's or passengers' property nor

- for personal injury to the hirer or passengers.
5. The hirer shall return the boat in clean condition and shall pay for the repair or replacement of any equipment lost or broken by his party. A deposit of £60.00 (£90.00 for Golden Wren, Goldfinch Class and Goldcrest II) is to be paid in cash on arrival; this will be re-paid after the end of the cruise, provided the boat and its equipment are returned clean and undamaged - and on time.
6. The Company may refuse, at any time, to carry any hirer or passenger, without explanation, and in such case(s) an appropriate proportion of the hire fee will be returned and the hirer will have no further claim.
7. Except when with a Company skipper, the hirer is responsible for safe navigation and the correct operation of locks and moving bridges. The hirer shall at all times show due consideration for the safety and rights of canal users. In the event of accident the hirer

- shall tell the Company as soon as possible and give details and names and addresses of witnesses. At no time shall the hirer admit liability.
8. Hirers shall not cruise after dark and shall at all times observe the regulations of the canal and river authorities and obey the reasonable requests of waterways officials.
9. Like all operators of transport the Company reserves the right to make an oil products surcharge or to allocate supplies. This would be done only under very exceptional circumstances and a surcharge would not be made within 4 weeks of your holiday.
10. Hirers shall not allow fire-arms or live bait aboard the Company's craft.
11. If VAT is changed the above prices shall be amended accordingly.
12. Cars parked and luggage stored at Wrenbury Mill shall be at owners' risk.

Bargain Rates and Generous Allowances

MULTI-WEEK DISCOUNTS

If you book more than one week per season the following discounts are allowed:

2nd week □ 5% 3rd week □ 7% 4th week □ 10%

LOYAL FRIENDS DISCOUNT

If you have booked with us before we are delighted to welcome you back with a 5% discount □ for your first week in 1995.

CHEAPER for COUPLES

If only two people travel, we allow 15% off all 4-berth rates. (But no other discounts).

FREE CRUISING FOR YOUNGSTERS SCHEME

We want to help families - and particularly children and their friends - to enjoy our boats and the waterways, so we let children under 15 years old have free berths on the following boats:

GOLDEN KESTREL CLASS and GOLDFINCH CLASS.

If your crew totals 5 or 6 and includes 1 or 2 youngsters - You pay ONLY THE 4-BERTH RATES.

GOLDCREST II

If your crew totals 7 or 8 and includes 1 or 2 youngsters - YOU PAY ONLY THE 6-BERTH RATE.

Happy Holiday Letters

Many customers take the trouble to write us 'thank you' letters and these are a great encouragement to our hard working staff at Wrenbury Village Mill, who do their best to make sure that all our customers have a happy English Country Cruise. Here are some received during the past few seasons - all unsolicited:

I am writing first of all to say how much we enjoyed our first canal cruise on the "Golden Wren", and to say our enjoyment was enhanced by the marvellous quality of all facets of "English Country Cruises". We would particularly like to acknowledge the good natured and effective support of Adam in getting us used to the realities of narrowboat control, the pleasant help of M. Watson, and the smiling bearded face that greeted us the Dusty Miller when our cruise was ending. We know others have said it, but it nonetheless warrants repeating: your service (people) and facilities (boats and fittings) are truly superb!
We so enjoyed our experience with you folks that we brag about it whenever our friends give us a chance, and we would like to "do it all over again!"
A.J. KAYLL Ontario, Canada.

The boat was excellent. Very comfortable and beautifully fitted out. Thank goodness for the efficient radiators! They were much appreciated. May I say how much we appreciated your friendly and efficient service. You have a quality product, unequalled on the canal. It was a pleasure dealing with your company.
I will do my best to recommend your service to some of my contacts and hopefully I will soon be back at Wrenbury.
BRIAN G. BURGESS,
Farnham, Surrey. (Golden Merlin)

We all thoroughly enjoyed our trip. The Llangollen Canal was beautiful, the aqueducts were stunning and the Welsh and English Countryside breathtaking. We cannot thank English Country Cruises enough for their help and wonderful service. The Goldcrest II was comfortable and deserving of its title "Queen of the Fleet".
Thanks again for your help and tutelage.
THE PERRY'S,
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada.

I have travelled in ships of all shapes and sizes but have rarely been so comfortable as I was on your beautifully fitted-out Goldcrest II. Many congratulations to everyone for the care and thought which went into the preparation of putting such a lovely craft on to the canals. I enjoyed every moment of the holiday (as a crew guest) and, if age (I am 72!) and health allows, I hope I will be able to persuade more of my friends to take holidays on your boats, naturally, with me as a guest!
BERNADINE PICTON-HUGHES
Pwll-Glas, Ruthin, N. Wales.

Thank you for once more making it possible for us to enjoy a really great week on the Shropshire Union. The cleanliness and comfort of GOLDEN PLOVER plus the interest and care afforded to us by you all continues to send us back to Wrenbury to enjoy the lovely countryside of Cheshire.
LEN & NINETTA LOW
Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

Please convey our sincere thanks to all members of staff whose professionalism is first class.
After boarding at Wrenbury we were so very impressed with the boat, staff and equipment provided, even down to the washing up liquid. Nothing at all could be faulted. You all need praising for the excellent services provided. Our six days aboard Golden Linnett exceeded all expectations and we will both look back with fondest memories of our canal holiday.
Best wishes to you all,
VAL & PHIL DUNNE
Nantwich, Cheshire.

May I... say how much we enjoyed the cruise on GOLDFINCH: the boat was absolutely splendid. The luxury of this class has to be seen and enjoyed to be believed. This is our first time with your company but we certainly will not be the last. We have been with many companies during the 20 odd years on the canals but none can come anywhere near your standards of service on or off the water. The reception and help given by your staff makes one feel really wanted and not just a paying passenger and almost everyone we spoke to, including other boatyard managers... said yours were the best boats afloat and a credit to hire boats.
BERYL & GLEN LEWIS-GOUGH
Prestwich, Manchester.

Needless to say, we four beginners, all about 60 years of age, were slightly apprehensive about managing the 62 foot Golden Linnet and about the condition of the boat. We want you to know that our two weeks on the Llangollen & Shropshire Union canals proved to us that we had no reason for apprehension. The introduction to the boat and its handling by your competent engineer "Rex" gave us confidence to start out on our trip. The boat was in immaculate condition and everything on it worked to our satisfaction. We assure you that our selection next time will most definitely be a boat from ECC.

RALPH W. KAUFMANN
Willow Street, Pa. USA.

We all had a thoroughly good time on your boat and looking back it seems incredible we did so much. It certainly is a relaxing holiday: we had got the locks off to a T by the end of the week. Your company has been recommended to so many people we must be boring them with our tales. I do believe we are hooked. Thank you very much for all your help.
Mrs. M. BRIGGS
Ascot, Berkshire (Golden Kestrel)

Just a brief note to say thanks again for a superb holiday. As usual the boat was immaculate and we really enjoyed chatting to everyone at the boatyard. It becomes difficult after so many trips to think of nice ways of saying how good the boat was, how friendly the welcome, nothing was too much trouble; it's part of the holiday not just picking up the boat.
See you next year,
ROBERT & DEBBIE BARKER
Lincoln, Lincolnshire.

I just had to write to thank English Country Cruises for another wonderful holiday on the canals. "Golden Linnett" was just as good as last year. What more could we want?! Once again many thanks to all at Wrenbury, best wishes.
STEPHEN YOUNG
Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

I am writing to let you know how much we all enjoyed our holiday on board the "Golden Plover". The whole holiday was delightful from start to finish. The boat behaved very well. Many people back home asked us how we got on, and I think from our enthusiasm I believe we have made not a small number of converts. Needless to say your company was mentioned in dispatches!
We have never been on the canals before and this holiday was an excellent introduction to the art. Please convey my thanks to everyone at ECC who were involved in organising our holiday, especially Jenny Monk and Adam. Everyone's attitude towards us, the customer, was exemplary and a company like yours deserves to prosper.
Thanks once again.

PAUL RICÔT
Enfield, Middlesex.

We had a wonderful holiday on GOLDEN and MARTLET. This was our second holiday with you, and we are hoping in the future to come with you again. It's true what people say, "Your Boats are the Rolls Royce of the River".
Please send your new brochure when it is ready.
Mrs. J. GOWER
GraveSEND, Kent.

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	to	
	to	

Name: (Mr/Mrs/Miss)

Address:

Post Code

Telephone: (Home No.) (Business No.)

I heard of you through

Total number in party:		Pets	1 set of Steerer's Waterproofs (indicate size)	Buoyancy Aids					Boat Handling Instruction ★ see below Tick here if required ☐
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Credit Card: Card No: Expires:

Please make the booking detailed above: I am over twenty years old and I agree to the conditions of hire.

Signature Date

My intended cruising route is

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If you do not have a member in your party with experience of handling canal boats, we will, on request, arrange free instruction with an expert for the first hour of your cruise. Please tick box above.

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What should I take? Much depends on the weather. Because of our variable climate, be prepared for a heat-wave in summer and a downpour at anytime! You should be equipped with rainwear and with waterproof footwear for muddy towpaths. A warm top garment is needed for the occasional chilly summer evening, and at most times during the spring and autumn. Rubber or plastic-soled shoes are essential for a safe grip on deck, and gloves can be a comfort when holding the tiller. A change of clothes for evenings out should not be forgotten, and need not be very formal.

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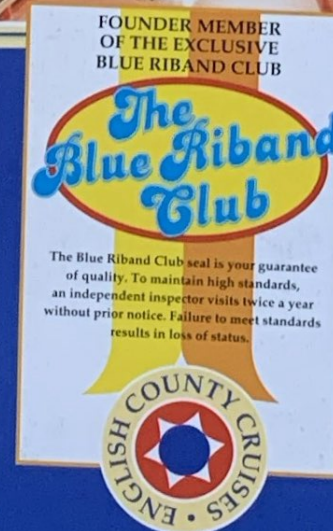
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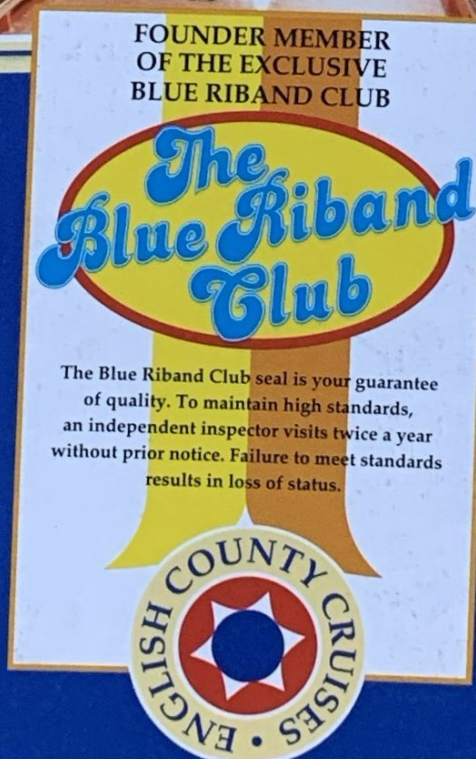
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If you have any query - no matter how small - special requirements, or changes in arrangements, please contact us directly and immediately. It will be dealt with personally, quickly, and without fuss. There is no substitute for the confidence gained by booking a holiday with a soundly financed, friendly family company that offers personal service. English County Cruises provide this confidence. It is just one of the many things that support our high reputation. Relax and enjoy your waterway holiday with us.



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