

European Boating Holidays

No Experience Necessary. No Licence Required.



FRANCE | ITALY | GERMANY | ENGLAND | IRELAND | SCOTLAND | BELGIUM | HOLLAND



Welcome aboard!

Welcome to the widest selection of beautiful boating holidays in the UK and Europe.

Discovering the beauty of Europe's stunning lakes, rivers, and canals and their surrounding villages and countryside from the unique perspective of your sundeck is a wonderful way to relax and enjoy quality time with family and friends. It really is the fast way to slow down, as we hope you'll soon find out for yourself. Whether you're looking for an affordable fun time for the family or a relaxing gastronomic break with friends, we promise to give you a wonderful holiday to remember.

Best of all - no experience necessary!

Don't worry if you have never been on a boating holiday before; our boats are so easy to handle that no previous experience is necessary. We give everyone a hands-on demonstration before they set off, as well as an in-depth briefing which covers everything from tying knots to how the oven works. We want you to set off feeling confident and relaxed, so you can enjoy this great holiday adventure.

NEW for 2013

New Cruising locations for the Vision

Our customers have expressed interest in cruising on Le Boat's newest innovative model - the Vision - on more European waterways. We listened and are proud to announce that in addition to France and Germany, you can now cruise with the Vision4 on the Thames and cruise the Vision3 in Belgium, Holland and Ireland. For more detail on the Vision and it's gorgeous interior please see page 56.

Golf and Fishing Itineraries

Golf and fishing are favourite pastimes in Ireland and we know that when you go cruising you want to experience the local activities of the country you're in. So we have put together golf and fishing itineraries to show you the very best golf courses and fishing spots.

Also for golf, have you thought about Italy? There are great golf courses along the waterways and in one week you can choose at least 3 golf courses and still have plenty of free time to explore the Venetian Lagoon.

For details on any of these itineraries, call your holiday specialist.

New Luxury Cruising with Afloat in France

Le Boat is now an elite broker for Afloat in France, part of the Orient-Express collection, offering all inclusive luxury barging. Relax with a glass of wine on your private deck as your crew steers you through the romantic French countryside and then enjoy a gourmet meal by your onboard chef.

WiFi new to Le Boat in select destinations. We are connected so you can be. Ask your agent for all the details.

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Do Something Different Everyday

You choose what you want to do



Stroll through waterside towns

Discover a whole new way to holiday...

Stopping whenever and wherever you want, and for as long as you want, is all part of the fun of a boating holiday. Against a backdrop of ever-changing scenery, you'll soon discover there's plenty to see and do, both on and off the water.

Enjoy impromptu stops at medieval villages to visit ancient castles, or plan an afternoon of fun at an outdoor swimming pool, playing golf, or simply having a picnic beside the water. Along your journey, make the most of colourful markets for shopping and join in with summer festivals that celebrate a more traditional way of life.

Hire bikes to explore beyond the waterways. With flat towpaths alongside most of the canals, it's an ideal way of keeping fit, having fun and collecting your morning baguette!

Going through locks is a fun part of the holiday and gives everyone a chance to be involved. Once you've been through your first lock you'll see they are easy to do. Most locks are automatic and operated by a lock-keeper who will be happy to help you. The locks become great

places to swap stories of your travels with your fellow holidaymakers, where you can often buy home-made honey, jams, bread and cheese, as well as local wines.

At the end of the day, watch the sun set over reed beds, fields and vineyards and moor under the stars, along the quayside or in a marina – the choice is yours.

Cruise through the ages

You're reminded of history at almost every bend in the river, every stop on the canal. From medieval châteaux to splendid gothic cathedrals and ancient castle ruins – to cruise Europe's waterways is to cruise back in time.

Some of our favourite historical cruises include: Medieval Carcassonne, Canal du Midi; Châteaux Josselin and Blain, Brittany; Windsor Castle, River Thames; St. Mark's Square, Venice; Crusader ports of Agde and Aigues Mortes, Camargue; the canals and rivers of Burgundy Nivernais Loire.



A gastronomic delight

Enjoying the delicious cuisine of a new country or region will be the highlight of your holiday! Wherever you cruise, a must is to sample delicious regional produce, local speciality dishes, and of course, regional wines and beers. They taste so much better when sampled in their place of origin.

Cruising areas especially renowned for their food and drink include: Burgundy Nivernais Loire (Sancerre, Chablis); Burgundy Franche-Comté (Bourgignon cuisine; Côte d'Or vineyards); Aquitaine & Lot (foie gras, Bordeaux & Cahors wines); Charente (Cognac); Alsace (Riesling wines, tarte flambée); Italy (Prosecco, antipasti, seafood); Ireland (Guinness, Irish whiskey) Scotland (wild salmon, haggis, Scottish malt whisky).

Fantastic for fishing

Europe's well-stocked rivers are a haven for both rod and line anglers! You can hire an angling dinghy and outboard motor at some of our river destinations to help you reach the most secluded spots of the river. Our base teams will be happy to advise on fishing licences that you might need. See page 73 for more details on our Angling Pack.

Great cruising areas for fishing include: Rivers Seille & Saône, Burgundy; Rivers Lot, Charente and Baïse, South West France; River Shannon & Lough Derg & Lower Lough Erne, Ireland; Mecklenburg & Brandenburg, Germany; River Thames & Norfolk Broads, England.



Don't forget your binoculars

The waterways of Europe are surrounded by beautiful scenery and gentle scenes of nature; each region has its own special charm. From rare orchids to spectacular butterflies; eagles to hoopoes; and otters to swans, the wildlife and birdlife that surround you are stunning. Wherever you cruise, you'll have close-up views of the local wildlife in their daily habitats.

For stunning wildlife and scenery, we recommend: River Lot, Canal du Midi, Aquitaine & Alsace, France; Saarland, Mecklenburg & Brandenburg, Germany, Italy's Friuli regions; River Thames & Norfolk Broads, England; Caledonian Canal, Scotland.

Activities made easy

These symbols are used in the brochure to help describe an area's key features and activities.

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|  | History & Culture |  | Fishing |
|  | Cycling |  | Wildlife |
|  | Swimming |  | Family friendly |
|  | Horse riding |  | Golf |
|  | Gastronomy |  | Watersports |
|  | Wine tasting |  | WiFi |

More Fun For Everyone!

A boating holiday promises many different types of adventure



A great family holiday

Two's company!

If you're looking for a quiet break to recharge your batteries or a romantic getaway, then a boating holiday for two may be just the answer. Choose from our smaller cruisers such as the Cirrus or Sheba which are easy for two to handle.

Le Boat recommends:

Amsterdam, Holland

Cruise past slender 18th century merchant houses towards the bright lights and cosmopolitan flavours of this friendly waterways city. **Base: Strand Horst**

Brugges, Belgium

Perfect for a short break, the cobbled streets of pretty Bruges are a delight to explore, especially by horse and carriage! **Base: Nieuwpoort**

River Charente, France

Visit the famous cognac distilleries and treat yourself to Michelin-starred dining along the banks of this serene river near historic Angoulême. **Base: Jarnac**

Canal du Nivernais, France

With its picture-postcard scenery and delightful vineyards and villages to visit, this is one of the most romantic waterways we know! **Bases: Migennes, Châtel Censoir, Tannay, Decize**

Canal latéral à la Loire, France

Cruise across the elegant Briare Aqueduct and visit the Sancerre hilltop vineyards and charming medieval villages, such as Nevers, along this peaceful waterway. **Bases: Châtillon-sur-Loire, Decize**

Friends just want to have fun!

Sharing a boat with friends, discovering new places to see and new things to do each day is not only great fun, but it's affordable too! Simply go with the flow and enjoy each day as it comes, you'll be surprised by how much there is to see and do on and off the water. Choose boats with en-suite bathrooms and large sundecks, such as the Salsa, Classique, or Crusader. If you can have a spare cabin, so much the better for storing bags and things you buy en route.

Le Boat recommends:

Venice, Italy

For an exhilarating waterways holiday with plenty to see and do, fabulous restaurants and iconic scenery! This is top deck cruising at its most glamorous, with panoramic views over St. Mark's Square from your sundeck.

Base: Casale

Canal du Midi, France

For waterside restaurants, Languedoc vineyards and medieval villages and markets, a cruise on the beautiful Canal du Midi is a journey of a lifetime.

Bases: Castelnaudary, Trèbes, Homps, Narbonne, Port Cassafières

Brittany, France

Celtic charm and fairytale castles make this an appealing region to visit for all ages, especially when you add in the charm of visiting old maritime ports and fabulous seafood restaurants. **Bases: Messac, Nort-sur-Erdre**



Family Adventures!

Taking the children – or grandchildren – on holiday and enjoying family fun is one of life's great pleasures and a boating holiday is an ideal way of making the most of quality time together. Sharing mealtimes, teaching the children phrases of a new language, and exploring new places together, all create special holiday memories which can be treasured forever. Look for boats that have en-suite bathrooms for adult privacy as well as large saloons and sundecks for socialising. Cabins can be made up as singles or doubles and some have bunk beds too.

Le Boat recommends:

River Lot, France

Hire kayaks for the day before heading off to explore underground caves with prehistoric drawings and rock formations. Riverside cycle paths are cut into the rock-face! **Base: Douelle**

Nieuwpoort, Belgium

Belgium's coastline is peppered with sand dunes and long sandy beaches which are less crowded in the summer but just as much fun. **Base: Nieuwpoort**

Caledonian Canal, Scotland

A day out from cruising on Scotland's Caledonian Canal could see you all ride on a steam train along the West Highland railway line, one of the world's most scenic rail journeys, as used by Harry Potter's Hogwart's Express! **Base: Laggan**

Norfolk Broads, England

The home to family boating holidays for generations. Enjoy watersports, seaside resorts and wildlife spotting. **Bases: Horning, Somerleyton**

Mecklenburg, Germany

The lakes of Mecklenburg are perfect for swimming, fishing and bird-watching, or go cycling, hiking, and picnicking in the forests. **Base: Marina Wolfsbruch**

Camargue, France

For a perfect mixture of beach fun, cruising and Mediterranean sunshine the Camargue is our No.1 choice for families! **Bases: St. Gilles, Beaucaire, Port Cassafières**

Cruising in France

A journey of a lifetime in the destination of dreams



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Friends cruising through the beautiful french countryside



Enjoying a glass of wine

Choose from 9 destinations in France to best suit your ideal dream holiday.

The Canal du Midi, listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, was built by Pierre-Paul Riquet in the 17th century and is an amazing feat of engineering. Linking the Atlantic with the Mediterranean, it takes you on a wonderful journey through the sun-drenched vineyards and pretty waterside villages of the Languedoc – France's most prolific wine producing region.

Wind your way under the dappled shade of the plane trees, passing through beautiful oval shaped locks and gliding over spectacular arched bridges and ancient aqueducts. Step ashore to shop in lively markets or to step back in time sightseeing at the many museums and châteaux en-route. Or simply relax and enjoy the amazing scenery from the unique perspective of your sundeck and raise a glass to the wonderful South of France!

The Carmargue hosts many fabulous beach resorts, ancient ports, fishing villages and historic towns.

It also is a wildlife haven and is the only nesting place for graceful flamingos in all of France.

Aquitane in Southwest France provides both cultural and culinary delights with ancient hilltop villages and colourful markets specialising in french delicacies such as truffles.

The River Lot provides a leisurely meander through majestic scenery. The clear waters take you through wide valleys and steep gorges, beneath spectacular limestone cliffs and past cascading waterfalls; a nature lovers dream, popular for wildlife spotting, kayaking and canoeing.

Brittany is full of Celtic charm and fairy tale castles. The unique Breton culture and traditions come to life in this picturesque cruising area with many villages to explore and crêpes to eat.



Gathering sunflowers on the Midi

With a temperate climate, long hours of sunshine and many beautiful parks with leisure and watersports amenities, this is a perfect place to visit, whatever the time of year.

Burgundy offers you fine wine, gourmet cuisine, Michelin-starred restaurants, priceless art collections and exquisite architecture. Choose

from 2 cruising destinations in Burgundy each offering up their own special charms: Franche-Comte and Canal du Nivernais.



Biking for your daily baguette

The Charente is often referred to as the loveliest river in France. Its crystal clear waters are perfect for fishing and swimming. You will pass by beautiful fields of vibrant sunflowers and can explore ancient Roman sites and visit cognac distilleries.

The Loire Valley provides gentle cruising with few locks amongst spectacular views, hilltop vineyards and charming towns and villages.

Alsace, neighboured by Germany, has a distinctly cosmopolitan feel and offers superb cruising to suit all tastes; nature lovers, history explorers and city amenities. The choice is yours.



A lovely picnic next to the canal

Canal du Midi

Relaxed cruising in the Languedoc sunshine



Relaxing with a glass of champagne on the sun deck of the Vision

Bathed in warm sunshine for most of the year, a cruise along the Canal du Midi is a perfect holiday choice for friends and family looking to enjoy the wonderfully relaxed ambience of life along this beautiful, historic waterway. Cited by many as a journey of a lifetime, a cruise along the Canal du Midi takes you on a truly memorable journey through sun-drenched vineyards, old trading ports and the medieval towns and villages of the Languedoc Roussillon – France’s most prolific wine-producing region. You’ll find plenty of places to moor up for sightseeing, wine tasting and much more. Enjoy lazy lunches at waterside restaurants and shop at colourful markets for delicious regional specialities and local wines to enjoy back on deck.

Cruise from any of our four bases on the Canal du Midi or from our base in the historic Roman town of Narbonne on the peaceful Canal de la Robine and tailor your journey to be as cultural, gastronomic or leisurely as you choose.



Touring one of the many wineries

Discover all the charm of The Canal du Midi with this cruise.

The Golden Midi Cruise

Port Cassafières to Castelnaudary

157kms | 62 locks | 45hrs

Waterways: Canal du Midi

The Canal du Midi winds its way through the beautiful Languedoc-Roussillon countryside. Tour the iconic medieval walled city of Carcassonne, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and said to be the inspiration for Walt Disney’s Sleeping Beauty. Visit the old port and honey-stoned town of Castelnaudary, home of the French Foreign Legion and the region’s classic dish, Cassoulet.

Visit the Roman town of Narbonne with its wonderful Gothic cathedral, museums and beaches and shop for antique books in Le Somail, a perfect place to stop and savour the famous slow pace of life on the Midi, emulated by the pretty Cathar town of Argens Minervois.

The small port towns of Trèbes, Homps, Ventenac and Capetang between them have excellent waterside restaurants, local shops and Caves du Vin for buying local wines from the region’s Minervois and Corbières vineyards.



The magnificent locks of Fonsérannes

The magnificent staircase of locks at Fonsérannes lies just outside the vibrant city of Béziers which has commanding views over the Orb Valley and is famous for its summer wine festivals and bull-fighting ferias.

You also are provided with the largest network of bases and the biggest choice of fleet on the Midi when you choose to cruise with Le Boat.



Ventenac at night

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Languedoc Roussillon
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Canal du Midi

A wonderful journey through The Languedoc

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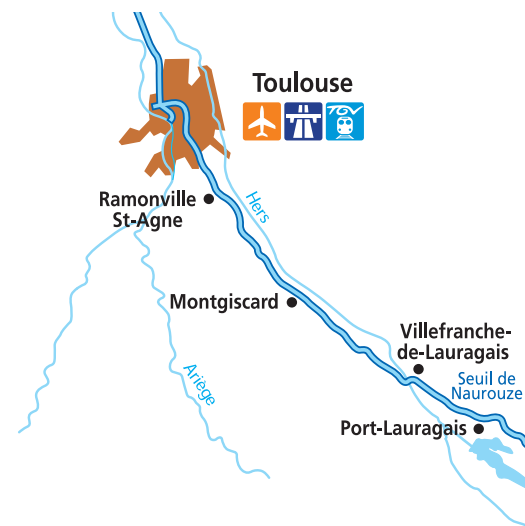
Cruising through Le Somail



The roman town of Narbonne



The antique bookstore of LeSomail



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Captain Le Boat's Useful Info

- Locks are fully automatic, manned and free to use. Opening hours 09:00-18:00 depending on season; closed 12:30 - 13:30. Locks closed on certain Public Holidays; see our website for more information.
- Cruise on both the Canal du Midi and the Camargue on a one-way cruise from our bases at Homps, Narbonne or Port Cassafières.
- The Fonsérannes staircase of locks can get busy. Moor at the top/bottom of the locks and walk or cycle into Béziers for sightseeing.
- Short breaks and longer cruises are available from all our bases along the Canal du Midi.



- Le Boat base
- No Entry
- Canal
- Disused Canal
- Navigable river
- Non-navigable river

Castelnaudary	
Toulouse 71km (E80)	Carcassonne 38km (E80)
Trèbes	
Toulouse 112 km (E80)	Carcassonne 8 km (E80)
Béziers 87km (E15/E80)	Narbonne 60km (E80)
Homps	
Toulouse 129km (E80)	Carcassonne 33km (E80)
Béziers 45km (E15/E80)	Narbonne 30km (E80)
Narbonne	
Béziers 43km (A9)	Montpellier 98km (E15)
Port Cassafières	
Béziers 12km (D37)	Montpellier 74km (E15)
Barcelona 305km (E15)	

You can choose one of our cruising suggestions or create your own itinerary.

1 Week Return Cruising Suggestions

The Sunshine Cruise

Port Cassafières to Narbonne to Port Cassafières

128kms | 46 locks | 27hrs

Waterways: Canal du Midi, Canal de la Robine

The Wine Lover's Cruise

Homps to Carcassonne to Homps

80kms | 42 locks | 23hrs

Waterways: Canal du Midi

The Merchant's Cruise

Narbonne to Carcassonne to Narbonne

158kms | 78 locks | 39hrs

Waterways: Canal du Midi, Canal de la Robine

The Pierre-Paul Riquet Cruise

Trèbes to Béziers to Trèbes

180kms | 54 locks | 37hrs

Waterways: Canal du Midi

The Little Midi Cruise

Castelnaudary to Carcassonne to Castelnaudary

104kms | 62 locks | 39hrs

Waterways: Canal du Midi

Midi-Camargue Highlights Cruise

Narbonne to Agde to Narbonne

148kms | 36 locks | 30hrs

Waterways: Canal de la Robine, Canal du Midi

1 Week One-Way Cruising Suggestions

(Choose to cruise in either direction)

The Canal du Midi Cruise

Homps to Castelnaudary

81kms | 44 locks | 30hrs

Waterways: Canal du Midi

The Midi-Robine Cruise

Narbonne to Carcassonne/Trèbes

87kms | 43 locks | 23hrs

Waterways: Canal du Midi, Canal de la Robine

The Classic Midi Cruise

Homps to Port-Cassafières

77kms | 19 locks | 17hrs

Waterways: Canal du Midi



Domaine des Maels, wine cellar, Argens-Minervois

Short Break Cruising Suggestions

(3, 4 or 5 days) You can do a return-to-base short break from any of our bases in this region.

The Languedoc Short Break

Homps to Le Somail to Homps

40kms | 12 locks | 11 hrs | Days: 3

The Cathar Short Break

(this cruise takes in towns either side of each base)

Homps to Le Somail to Carcassonne to Trèbes

(One Way)

53kms | 27 locks | 18 hrs | Days: 4

The Medieval Short Break

Castelnaudary to Trèbes (one-way)

52kms | 31 locks | 18 hrs | Days: 4



Camargue

Colourful traditions, ancient ports and wonderful wildlife

WiFi
NEW – WiFi!
Please call for more details.



The wild horses of the Camargue

Come to the colourful Camargue! You'll love its bustling Crusader ports, excellent sandy beaches and a traditional lifestyle which includes bull-fighting, Romany gypsy festivals and modern-day gardian cowboys. Fun ways to explore the region include on horseback, by quad bike, sand buggy or jet ski, and with more sunshine here than anywhere else in France, you can enjoy idyllic cruising weather from April right through to the end of October.

Cruise through the lock-free Etang de Thau, famous for its oyster farming tables and have fun on family-friendly beaches at Palavas-les-Flottes, La Grande Motte and Carnon. Visit the AOC Costières de Nimes wine cellars at Gallician; moor up at the ancient port and medieval walled city of Aigues Mortes and visit the historic towns of Marseillan and Frontignan - where delicious apéritifs are made. Eat delicious oysters in Bouzigues where the oyster farming industry first began and visit Agde, one of the oldest towns in France with a rich trading and maritime history. Summer nautical jousting tournaments are fun to watch in Cap d'Agde nearby. Pretty fishing villages of Mèze, Frontignan, le Grau du Roi and Bouzigues provide excellent mooring places too. Finally, the wetlands, étangs (lakes), salt plains and marshes of the Camargue are home to many rare species of birds and wildlife, and are a delight for nature lovers to explore.

Cruise from our three bases in the Camargue, or from selected bases on the Canal du Midi and combine the best of both worlds.





You can choose one of our cruising suggestions or create your own itinerary.

1 Week Return Cruising Suggestions

The Gardian's Cruise

St. Gilles to Etang de Thau to St. Gilles

146kms | 0 locks | 22hrs

Waterways: Canal du Rhône à Sète, Etang de Thau

The Sunshine Cruise

Beaucaire to Sète to Beaucaire

220kms | 2 locks | 37hrs

Waterways: Canal du Rhône à Sète, Etang de Thau

The Crusader Cruise

Port Cassafières to Aigues Mortes

Port Cassafières

168kms | 4 locks | 30hrs

Waterways: Canal du Midi, Canal du Rhône à Sète, Etang de Thau

1 Week One-Way Cruising Suggestions

(Choose to cruise in either direction)

The Seaside Cruise

Beaucaire to Port Cassafières

128kms | 3 locks | 23hrs

Waterways: Canal du Midi, Canal du Rhone a Sete, Etang de Thau

The Flamingo Cruise

St. Gilles to Port Cassafières

98kms | 2 locks | 20hrs

Waterways: Canal du Midi, Canal du Rhône à Sète, Etang de Thau

Short Break Cruising Suggestions

(3, 4 or 5 days) You can do a return-to-base short break from any of our bases in this region.

The Camargue Short Break

Gilles to Aigues Mortes to Palavas-les-Flots to St. Gilles

100kms | 0 locks | 12hrs | Days: 3-4

The Costières de Nîmes Short Break

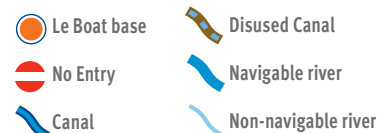
Beaucaire to Aigues Mortes to Beaucaire

100kms | 2 locks | 14hrs | Days: 3



Captain Le Boat's Useful Info

- The Camargue region has few locks, and no locks on the Etang de Thau, so is perfect for anyone new to cruising or looking for an easy cruising experience. You are advised to moor in the harbours at night as passing larger barges could pull you away from makeshift moorings.
- Why not combine a cruise in the Camargue with a trip on the Canal du Midi? You can do a one-way cruise to/from our Canal du Midi bases at Port Cassafières and Homs.
- Short breaks and longer cruises are available from all our bases in the Camargue.



St. Gilles	
Montpellier 56km [Train] (E15) [Plane] [Bus] [Bike]	Nîmes 13km [Train] (E80) [Plane] [Bus] [Bike]
Avignon 102kms [Train] (E15/E80) [Plane] [Bus] [Bike]	
Beaucaire	
Avignon 38km [Train] (D2) [Plane] [Bus] [Bike]	Nîmes 28km [Train] (D999) [Plane] [Bus] [Bike]
Montpellier 71km [Train] (E15) [Plane] [Bus] [Bike]	



Aquitaine

Gourmet cruising through a land of plenty



Dining at a charming waterside cafe

Culture and gastronomy go hand in hand in the sunny region of Aquitaine in South West France, and both can be enjoyed to the full from the waterways. Cruise from our main base at Le Mas d'Agenais through the beautiful Garonne valley on the River Baïse and the Canal latéral à la Garonne through landscapes of cornfields, orchards, and vine-clad hillsides. Discover the medieval charm of ancient Bastide or Royal, towns such Vianne and Nérac,

while a cruise over the one of several Roman aqueducts in the region is an experience to savour. Visit the glassworks at Vianne and enjoy a measure of almond-flavoured Armagnac in its home town of Condom. Kids will love the water park amusements at Agen, otherwise known for all things to do with delicious prunes (try them in chocolate!) and for its fine art museum boasting works of art by Goya, Sisley, and Dufy. Pretty Castelsarrasin is a frequent winner of France's 'Ville Fleurie' competitions while the Abbey and Cloisters at Moissac are world-famous and not to be missed. Cruise to the pink-bricked city of Montauban for chic shopping and one of the best farmers' markets in the region. Don't miss the two-week summer 'Son et Lumière' spectacle celebrating the importance of the waterways to the region in Valence d'Agen, where you can also shop at its excellent weekly markets. Aquitaine's delicious local delicacies include foie gras, wild mushrooms and truffles and wines from nearby world-famous Bordeaux vineyards such as Margaux, St. Emillion, Graves and Medoc are perfect accompaniments, as you might expect. In the past, Aquitaine's picture-postcard scenery inspired many famous artists; today people come here to discover the perfect ingredients for gourmet cruising. Bon appetit!



Having fun in the Aquitaine

You can choose one of our cruising suggestions or create your own itinerary.

1 Week+ Return Cruising Suggestions

The History & Heritage Cruise

Le Mas d'Agenais to Nérac to Moissac to Le Mas d'Agenais

93kms | 52 locks | 45hrs
Waterways: Canal latéral à la Garonne, La Baïse

The Medieval Cruise

Montauban to Buzet to Montauban
93kms | 56 locks | 30hrs | 10 days
Waterways: Canal lateral à la Garonne, Canal de Montech

1 Week One-Way Cruising Suggestions

(Choose to cruise in either direction)

The Arts & Armagnac Cruise

Le Mas d'Agenais to Condom
62kms | 22 locks | 16hrs
Waterways: Canal latéral à la Garonne, La Baïse

The Delights of Aquitaine Cruise

Le Mas d'Agenais to Montauban
123kms | 43 locks | 30hrs
Waterways: Canal latéral à la Garonne, La Baïse, Canal de Montech

Short Break Cruising Suggestions

(3, 4 or 5 days)

The Aquitaine Short Break Cruise

Le Mas d'Agenais to Nérac to Le Mas d'Agenais
80kms | 20 locks | 19 hrs | Days: 4



Captain Le Boat's Useful Info



- Locks are automatic and free to use. Opening hours approx 09:00-18:00 depending on season; closed 12:30 - 13:30. Locks closed on certain Public Holidays; see our website for more information.
- If you wish to cruise onto the River Lot towards Castelmoron, you will need to cross the River Garonne under the guidance of a pilot. A small charge is payable for this service. However in periods of drought or flood, it may not be possible to do this.
- Short breaks and longer cruises are available from Le Mas d'Agenais and Montauban only. Return to base cruises are not possible from Condom.

- Le Boat base
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- Canal
- Non-navigable river

Le Mas d'Agenais	
Bordeaux 110km (E72)	Toulouse 175km (E72)
Bergerac 71kms (N21/E72)	
Montauban	
Bordeaux 209km (E72)	Toulouse 60km (E72)
Bergerac 165km (N21/E72)	



River Lot

A leisurely meander through majestic scenery



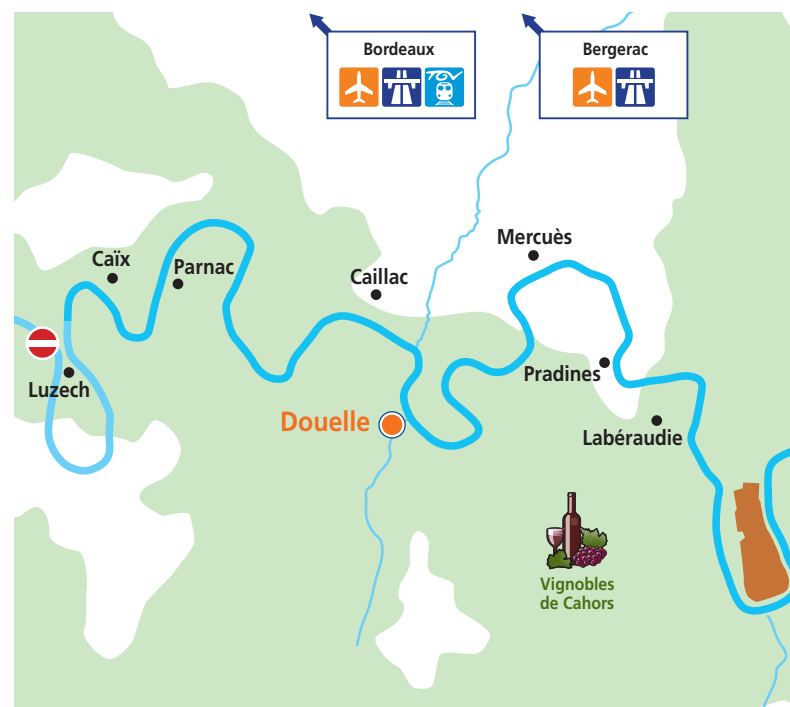
River Lot

The clear waters of the River Lot meander through wide valleys and steep gorges, beneath spectacular limestone cliffs and hilltop villages. They take you on a memorable and unhurried journey through the heart of the Lot and Quercy region to ancient castles, medieval towns and historic châteaux.

From our base at Douelle, you can cruise west as far as the pretty town of Luzech whose 13th century church is dedicated to the local bargemen who once transported local Cahors wine to Bordeaux. An imposing 7th century castle towers over the river at Mercuès while the stunning Pont Valentré has guarded the region's capital, Cahors, since the 14th century. Walk across the bridge and follow the pretty garden trail through the narrow cobbled streets of the Old Town where you can stop in the medieval market square and enjoy delicious foie gras and a glass of full-bodied Cahors wine. Don't fail to visit the pretty 7th century stone village of St. Cirq Lapopie, perched high on the cliffs and home for centuries to craftsmen and artists. The narrow cobbled streets still bear the names of the crafts once made there. Hop on your bikes to visit the Pech-Merle caves near Cabrerets, a natural underground art gallery full of prehistoric cave drawings and remarkable stalagmites. Further upstream, the fortified village of Larnagol and the honey-coloured hilltop village of Calvignac are great places to soak up the tranquillity of the region.

For a change of cruising style, hire kayaks for the day before cooling off with a swim in the river's clear waters. Enjoy a cycle ride with a difference – the towpaths are cut into the cliff face and give stunning views over the river below!

The natural environment of the Lot is home to an amazing variety of wildlife and birdlife, but for the best views over the wonderful Lot countryside, head up to the cliff tops. Tread carefully among the rare orchids and heathers and if you're lucky, you'll see eagles soaring in the skies above. Superb scenery, amazing wildlife, and delicious food and wine – it seems the Lot has it all. What more could you ask for?!



Captain Le Boat's Useful Info

- Due to the sometimes strong river currents, we do not recommend this region if this is your first boating holiday.
- Because the River Lot can occasionally flood, it may be necessary to transfer you to another suitable base.
- Access to shore power facilities on the River Lot is severely restricted.
- There are no lock keepers on the River Lot, but the manual locks are straightforward to operate. Locks are open on Public Holidays in this region.
- Only return-to-base cruises are possible from Douelle.



- Le Boat base
- Disused Canal
- No Entry
- Navigable river
- Canal
- Non-navigable river

Douelle	
Bordeaux 232km (E70/E9)	Toulouse 125km (E9)
Bergerac 107km (E70/E9)	



FRANCE

You can choose one of our cruising suggestions or create your own itinerary.

1 Week Return Cruising Suggestion

The Douelle Cruise

Douelle to Luzech to Crégols to Douelle

128kms | 28 locks | 27hrs

Waterways: Lot

Short Break Cruising Suggestion

(3, 4 or 5 days)

The Douelle Short Break

Douelle to Vers to Douelle

64kms | 16 locks | 12hrs | Days: 3-4



The beauty of St. Cirq Lapopie



River Charente

The loveliest river in France



Charente

The Charente is one of France's most beautiful rivers. Its crystal clear waters are perfect for fishing and swimming and its pretty river banks are home to an abundance of flora and fauna.

From our base at Jarnac you can take a leisurely and gastronomic cruise through the Poitou-Charentes and Charentes-Maritime regions of France. Jarnac – birthplace of Francois Mitterrand and home to Courvoisier – is a charming riverside town with an excellent open-air swimming pool and museum displaying many gifts Mitterrand received as Head of State.

At Saint Brice you can moor up in front of its magnificent Renaissance château for a picnic. You can also enjoy a round of golf on the waterside greens or visit the town's Abbey used by pilgrims following the St. Jean

de Compostella route to Spain. Catch the scent of cognac in the air at the elegant town of Cognac – the roofs on the houses are turned amber-coloured by the alcohol vapours in the air. The world-renowned vineyards of Cognac are everywhere to be seen, so make sure you join a guided tour of the famous distilleries and enjoy a free tasting session to help you decide what to buy! You'll see evidence of Roman times at the pretty town of Saintes, the famous Arc de Germanicus, Roman frescoes and the Amphitheatre ruins are well worth a visit. Visit the excellent maritime museums at the 17th century naval town of Rochefort which lies at the mouth of the Charente. Here you can learn all about its historic sailing and rope-making past before dining on excellent seafood platters by the sea!

Upstream from Jarnac lies the ancient village of Bassac with its 1000 year old Abbey. Discover some of the finest Romanesque art in the region at the church of St. Pierre in Châteauneuf-sur-Charente. Cycle to nearby Mosnac to see its vintage car collection or head to St. Simon, the heart of the region's former boat-building industry. The thriving hilltop cathedral city of Angoulême gives you stunning views over the Charente valley from its ramparts; this is a great city for shopping and enjoying the great café-culture atmosphere, especially in the cobbled streets of the old quarter. Kids will love to visit France's only museum dedicated to cartoons at the 'Centre National de la Bande Dessinée et de L'Image', so it's no surprise that Hergé, creator of Tin Tin, is honoured with a statue here.



You can choose one of our cruising suggestions or create your own itinerary.

1 Week Return Cruising Suggestion

The Fluviale Cruise

Jarnac to Angoulême to Jarnac

88kms | 30 locks | 22hrs

Waterways: Charente

The Cognac Cruise

Jarnac to Rochefort to Jarnac

186kms | 12 locks | 33hrs

Waterways: Charente

The Beautiful Charente Cruise

Jarnac to Cognac to St. Simeux to Jarnac

140kms | 24 locks | 25hrs

Waterways: Charente

Short Break Cruising Suggestion

(3, 4 or 5 days)

The Charente Short Break

Jarnac to Cognac to Saintes to Jarnac

90kms | 10 locks | 16hrs | Days: 3-4

Captain Le Boat's Useful Info

- The Charente runs a regular course and is easy to navigate.
- Swimming in the Charente is possible – please check with the base team for the best locations for swimming.
- There are few locks, which are easy to operate, but no lock keepers. Locks are open on Bank Holidays.
- From St. Savinien to Rochefort the river becomes tidal – affected by Atlantic tides, strong currents and fast changes in river levels. The current can run as fast as 4 knots and the difference between high and low tide can be as much as 5m. Therefore only those with some previous boating and/or sailing experience should set out to visit Rochefort by boat. Alternatively, you can easily moor at St. Savinien and take the train to Rochefort.



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- Non-navigable river

Jarnac	
Bordeaux	122km
(E606)	



Brittany

Celtic charm and fairytale castles



Cruising by a waterside castle

Brittany's network of flower-adorned Napoleonic canals and locks meander through a peaceful landscape of woodland and pastures dotted with medieval towns and fairytale castles.

From Messac, follow the peaceful River Vilaine, with its pretty locks, windmills and rural countryside to Rennes, the capital of Brittany, with its cobbled streets, timber-framed houses and imposing architecture. Enjoy tennis and horse-riding at Betton and the stunning staircase of locks at Hédé. Dinan is a medieval fortified town high on the cliffs above the harbour. Cruising on the River Vilaine you come to Redon with its beautiful St. Sauveur Abbey and lively Monday markets. The River Aff takes you to La Gacilly – a frequent winner of French flower festivals and home to the stunning Yves Rocher botanical gardens. Cruise the Canal de Nantes à Brest through forests and reed plains to picturesque Malestroit where you can enjoy local cider and crêpes, before arriving at Josselin, one of Brittany's most charming small towns where the grounds of its imposing turreted castle sweep down to the water's edge. Cruising from Messac towards the coast, you'll pass under the iron bridge of Port de Roche, decorated with the seals of Napoleon III and Empress Eugenie. At the pretty port of La Roche Bernard you could try Breton Oysters at one of the town's excellent seafood restaurants. Nantes, with its magnificent gothic cathedral, was once the

medieval seat of the Dukes of Brittany and is steeped in history. Cruising again on the Canal de Nantes à Brest, visit the Château at Blain, stopping en-route for a picnic in the forest of Gâvre and a visit to the cider factory at Guenrouët. Finally don't forget to visit the curious monoliths at Langon and the windmill at Guipry.

Brittany is a charming region to explore and with over 600kms of waterways and surrounding countryside waiting to be discovered, you can be sure of a perfect cruising holiday wherever you go.



You can choose one of our cruising suggestions or create your own itinerary.

1 Week Return Cruising Suggestion

The Artisan Cruise

Nort-sur-Erdre to La Gacilly to Nort-sur-Erdre
200kms | 34 locks | 38hrs
Waterways: L'Erdre, Canal de Nantes à Brest, L'Aff, La Vilaine

The Maritime Cruise

Nort-sur-Erdre to La Roche Bernard to Nort-sur-Erdre
240kms | 32 locks | 44hrs
Waterways: L'Erdre, Canal de Nantes à Brest, La Vilaine

The Gardens & Castles Cruise

Messac to Josselin to Messac
208kms | 36 locks | 36hrs
Waterways: La Vilaine, L'Oust, L'Aff, Canal de Nantes à Brest

The Capital Cruise

Messac to Nantes to Messac
280kms | 36 locks | 36hrs
Waterways: La Vilaine, Canal de Nantes à Brest, L'Erdre

1 Week One-Way Cruising Suggestion

(Choose to cruise in either direction)

The Corsaires Cruise

Messac to Dinan
127kms | 57 locks | 30hrs
Waterways: La Vilaine, Canal d'Ille et Rance

The Dukes of Brittany Cruise

Nort-sur-Erdre to Messac
260kms | 18 locks | 35hrs
Waterways: L'Erdre, Canal de Nantes à Brest, La Vilaine

Short Break Cruising Suggestion

(3, 4 or 5 days) You can do a return-to-base short break from Messac or Nort-sur-Erdre.

The Napoleon Short Break

Messac to La Roche Bernard to Messac
152kms | 4 locks | 20 hrs | Days: 4

The Little Brittany

Nort-sur-Erdre to Nantes to Blain to Nort-sur-Erdre
100 kms | 20 locks | 17 hrs | Days: 3-4

The 'Little Venice'

Messac to Redon to La Gacilly to Messac
120kms | 6 locks | 16hrs | Days: 3-4



Captain Le Boat's Useful Info

- Locks in Brittany are mostly automatic with a lock keeper. Locks are open on public holidays.
- Only one-way cruises to or from Dinan are possible.
- Cruising on the River Loire, south of Nantes, is not allowed.



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- Navigable river
- Non-navigable river

Messac	
Rennes 40km	Nantes 85km
(E3)	(E3)
St Malo 111km	(N136/D777)
Nort-sur-Erdre	
Rennes 90km	Nantes 37km
(D178)	(D178)
St Malo 161kms	(D137/N137)
Dinan	
Rennes 54km	Nantes 162km
(D137)	(E3/D137)
St Malo 33km	(D137/N176)

Burgundy: Franche-Comté

Gourmet cruising through a land of plenty



Enjoying a drink at a sidewalk cafe

From dense forests, craggy cliffs, and mountain scenery to rolling pastures, vineyard and peaceful landscapes, Burgundy's network of gentle rivers and canals makes this a delightful cruising region and a haven for all who appreciate unhurried lifestyles, fine wines, gourmet cuisine and stunning scenery.

Set against the backdrop of the Vosges mountains, Fontenoy-le-Château, and nearby Corre are typical medieval Comtois market towns on the banks of the Canal de Vosges. Visit Scey-sur-Saône and Ray-sur-Saône to see splendid châteaux and to enjoy summer festivals and art exhibitions. Our base at Gray has a rich trading history while the old military port town and city of Auxonne on the Petit Saône is where Napoleon started his career. St Jean de Losne is at the heart of Burgundy's waterways. From here the Canal de Bourgogne winds its way to Dijon, the capital of the region and famed for its palatial buildings, opulent facades and rich heritage – as well as mustard! Heading east, cruise on the Canal du Rhône au Rhin as far as Dole and Besançon, towns steeped in history and heritage and well worth visiting. Or choose to head south on the majestic River Saône towards Mâcon, one of the oldest towns in France and known for excellent vintages such as Pouilly Fuissé. Big riverside cities to visit along the Saône include the old Roman towns of

Tournus and Chalon. From our base at Branges; follow the pretty River Seille through meadowlands and fields to the splendid market town of Louhans, capital of the Bresse region and famous for its Monday poultry market. Wine lovers in search of Burgundy's legendary wines might like to cruise along the Canal du Centre through Côte de Beaune's premier cru vineyards. En route you'll see famous names such as Pommard, Chasagne-Montrachet, Rully and Mercurey.



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You can choose one of our cruising suggestions or create your own itinerary.

1 Week Return Cruising Suggestion

The Medieval Markets Cruise

St. Jean-de-Losne to Louhans to St. Jean-de-Losne
293kms | 14 locks | 38hrs
Waterways: La Saône, La Seille

The Pasteur Cruise

St. Jean-de-Losne to Besançon to St. Jean-de-Losne
194kms | 50 locks | 32hrs
Waterways: Le Doubs; Canal du Rhône au Rhin, La Saône

The Saône Cruise

Gray to Corre to Gray
200kms | 30 locks | 38hrs
Waterways: La Saône

The Côte de Beaune Cruise

Branges to Santenay to Branges
176kms | 36 locks | 35hrs
Waterways: La Saône, Canal du Centre

The Grand Vins Cruise

Branges to Macon to Chalon-sur-Saône to Branges
192kms | 8 locks | 32hrs
Waterways: La Seille, La Saône, Canal de Pont de Vaux

1 Week One-Way Cruising Suggestion

(Cruise in either direction)

The Vosges Cruise

Fontenoy-le-Château to Gray
137kms | 27 locks | 30hrs
Waterways: Canal des Vosges, La Saône

The Napoleon Cruise

Fontenoy-le-Château to St. Jean-de-Losne
210kms | 32 locks | 40hrs
Waterways: Canal des Vosges, La Saône

The Wine Lover's Cruise

St. Jean-de-Losne to Chagny to Branges
159kms | 28 locks | 33hrs
Waterways: La Saône, Canal du Centre, La Seille

The Three Regions Cruise

Gray to St. Jean-de-Losne to Branges
193kms | 12 locks | 34hrs
Waterways: La Seille, La Saône

Short Break Cruising Suggestion

(3, 4 or 5 days) You can do a return-to-base short break from any of our bases in this region.

The Petite Bresse Short Break

Branges to Tournus to Branges
88kms | 12 locks | 18hrs | Days: 3-4

The Saône Cruise North

Gray to Scey-sur Saône to Gray
71 kms | 5 locks | 12hrs | Days: 3-4

The Petite Saône

St. Jean-de-Losne to Gray to St. Jean-de-Losne
129 kms | 10 Locks | 16hrs | Days: 3-4



Captain Le Boat's Useful Info

- River Seille: Easy cruising; self-operated locks; numerous well-equipped moorings.
- Grande Saône: Between St. Jean de Losne and Mâcon- 3 large automated locks, manned by lock keepers. A wide, but generally slow-moving river. Mooring on pontoons or in a harbour is compulsory.
- Petit Saône: Easy cruising. Automatic locks operated by a lock-keeper, and self-operated locks.
- Canal des Vosges, Canal de Bourgogne & Canal du Centre - all locks automatic, some operated by lock-keeper.
- Locks open on most public holidays.
- Short breaks and longer cruises are available from all our bases in the Franche-Comté region.



- Le Boat base
- No Entry
- Canal
- Disused Canal
- Navigable river
- Non-navigable river

St Jean de Losne	
Lyon 193km [Train] (E21) [Plane] [Bus] [Bike]	Geneva 242km [Train] (E62/A39) [Plane] [Bus]
Basel/Mullhouse 235km [Train] (E60) [Plane] [Bus] [Bike]	Dijon 45km [Train] (D168) [Plane] [Bus] [Bike]
Gray	
Lyon 242km [Train] (E15/E21) [Plane] [Bus] [Bike]	Dijon 50km [Train] (D70) [Plane] [Bus] [Bike]
Basel/Mullhouse 211km [Train] (E60) [Plane] [Bus] [Bike]	Geneva 274km [Train] (E62/E25/E23) [Plane] [Bus]
Branges	
Geneva 166km [Train] (E62/A39) [Plane] [Bus] [Bike]	Lyon 137km [Train] (E21) [Plane] [Bus] [Bike]
Fontenoy-le-Château	
Basel/Mullhouse 165km [Train] (E54/E23) [Plane] [Bus] [Bike]	Dijon 167km [Train] (E21) [Plane] [Bus] [Bike]



Burgundy: Nivernais Loire

Splendid châteaux, peaceful landscapes and pretty waterways



Pretty locks on the Canal du Nivernais

The charming Canal du Nivernais, reputed to be one of the prettiest in France give access to some of the most beautiful and varied cruising areas in France. Winding south of Paris through medieval villages and cathedral towns, through green pastures and leafy countryside, this former important trading route is a delight to explore. Visit the fabulous Gothic cathedral cities of Sens, Migennes and Auxerre along the River Yonne, stopping en-route at the markets in medieval Joigny and Villeneuve-sur-Yonne. From Auxerre, the Canal du Nivernais flows through unspoilt countryside to the beautiful medieval artisan town of Clamecy which hosts river jousting competitions in the summer. Visit nearby Chablis for a real ‘Grand Cru’ experience or go fishing in Prégilbert. Châtel Censoir heralds a pretty stretch of the canal and south of the old trading port town of Tannay you’ll discover superb châteaux at Chitry-les-Mines and Châtillon-en Bazois. Enjoy watersports, hiking and spectacular aqueducts at Baye, the highest point on the canal, and witness stunning views from the medieval hilltop village of Cercy-la-Tour. You’ll taste wines from the local Irancy vineyards and eat at excellent restaurants wherever you cruise. Along the Canal de Bourgogne discover cultural treasures, splendid châteaux, restaurants and markets at

St Florentin, Tonnerre, Tanlay and Montbard. The Canal latéral à la Loire takes you over the Briare Aqueduct to the hilltop village of Sancerre and its famous vineyards. Visit the pretty book town of La Charité-sur-Loire; the old barge town of Marseilles-les-Aubigny and the Roman town of Nevers all have rich cultural heritages to discover. Decize, situated on an ‘island’ in the middle of the Loire, is a perfect place to start or end your holiday, or for a cruise to the famous Romanesque Basilica at Paray-le-Monial via Digoin, known for its ceramics and excellent fishing.



You can choose one of our cruising suggestions or create your own itinerary.

1 Week Return Cruising Suggestion

The Cathedrals Cruise

Migennes to Sens to Joigny to Migennes

88kms | 20 locks | 21hrs

Waterways: L'Yonne

The Burgundy Châteaux Cruise

Migennes to Ancy-le-Franc (or Montbard) to Migennes

106kms | 46 locks | 29hrs

(Note: you can extend this cruise over 2 weeks to visit Montbard: 206kms | 98 locks | 50hrs)

Waterways: Canal de Bourgogne

The Renaissance Cruise

Châtel Censoir to Chitry-les-Mines to Corbigny to Châtel Censoir

106kms | 52 locks | 34hrs

Waterways: Canal du Nivernais

The Sancerre & Faïence Cruise

Châtillon-sur-Loire to Sancerre to Châtillon-sur-Loire

180kms | 38 locks | 36hrs

Waterways: Canal latéral à la Loire

The Sacre Coeur Cruise

Decize to Digoïn to Paray-le-Monial (or Roanne) to Decize

130kms | 32 locks | 24hrs

(Note: you can extend this cruise over 2 weeks to visit Roanne on the Canal de Roanne a Digoïn: 256kms | 54 locks | 45 hrs)

Waterways: Canal latéral à la Loire, Canal du Centre.

1 Week One-Way Cruising Suggestion

(Choose to cruise in either direction)

The Nivernais Châteaux Cruise

Decize to Tannay

99kms | 72 locks | 35hrs

Waterways: Canal du Nivernais

The Chablis Cruise

Châtel Censoir to Migennes

65kms | 31 locks | 16hrs

Waterways: L'Yonne, Canal du Nivernais

The Classic Nivernais Cruise

Tannay to Migennes

100kms | 50 locks | 28hrs

Waterways: L'Yonne, Canal du Nivernais

The Sparkling Cruise

Châtillon-sur-Loire to Decize

133kms | 26 locks | 27hrs

Waterways: Canal latéral à la Loire

Short Break Cruising Suggestion

(3, 4 or 5 days) You can do a return-to-base short break from any of our bases in this region.

The Faïence Short Break

Decize to La Charité-sur-Loire to Decize

136kms | 34 locks | 30hrs | Days: 5

The Kingfisher Cruise

Châtel Censoir to Vincelles to Châtel Censoir

48kms | 28 locks | 24hrs | Days: 4

The Capital Short Break

Migennes to Auxerre to Migennes

50kms | 38 locks | 19hrs | Days: 4



Captain Le Boat's Useful Info

- Locks open on most public holidays.
- Canal latéral à la Loire: An easy cruising route with automatic locks and lock-keepers.
- Canal du Nivernais: No commercial barges. Well-kept, easy to operate locks with lock-keepers. Sardy staircase near Baye has 16 locks and a lock-keeper to help.
- Canal du Bourgogne: Manual and automatic locks with lock-keepers
- Short breaks and longer cruises are available from all our bases in the Nivernais-Loire region

- Le Boat base
- Disused Canal
- No Entry
- Navigable river
- Canal
- Non-navigable river



Migennes
Paris CDG 185 km (E15)
Châtel Censoir
Paris CDG 230 km (E15)
Châtillon-sur-Loire
Paris CDG 187 km (E15/A77)
Tannay
Paris CDG 246 km (E15)
Decize
Paris CDG 302 km (E15/A77)

Saarland & French Alsace

Cosmopolitan Cruising at it's best



The beautiful timber-framed buildings along the waterways

The tiny French region of Alsace and neighbouring Saarland in Germany is as wonderful as the art and architecture of its cities. This culturally unique region has a distinctly cosmopolitan feel and offers superb cruising to suit all tastes.

On the Eastern French-German border, Hesse is your gateway to a delightful and culturally unique cruising region. One of the most popular cruises takes you from the Sarre valley on the Canal de la Marne au Rhin towards Strasbourg and Boofzheim. Beautiful Lutzelbourg and Saverne – with its rose gardens, Renaissance Palace, as well as Haut Baar Castle for excellent views, are a delight to visit. The Arzviller boat lift – a marvel of modern canal engineering – is an unforgettable experience too.



Excellent timber-framed restaurants adorned with bright red geraniums serving fine Alsatian cuisine and crisp Riesling wines will tempt you at every bend of the waterways. Vibrant and exciting, the UNESCO World Heritage city of Strasbourg is culturally rich and perfect for shopping and sightseeing. Near Boofzheim the amazing Rhine reed plains are home to many varieties of wading birds and perfect for bird-watchers, while just over the German border at Rust is an excellent adventure park for children.

Lovers of Art Nouveau will adore the Baroque arts and architecture in Nancy, especially Place Stanislas and anglers will love superb fishing at Godrexange. Experienced cruisers with a valid boat licence will love the chance to cruise on major European waterways – the exceptionally scenic Sarre and Moselle bring a whole new perspective to river cruising and en route, the historic cities of Metz, Thionville, Trier, Saarbarg, Dillingen and Saarlouis are a delight to visit. Cruising on the Canal du Marne au Rhin, the fertile Sarre valley is a haven for wildlife and flat towpaths are excellent for cyclists too. Have lots of fun on the beautiful Mittersheim Lake, take lots of photos crossing the Saarlalbe aqueduct and enjoy the bustling port of Sarreguemines before reaching cosmopolitan Saarbrücken with its futuristic art galleries, Baroque palaces and café-culture lifestyle.

You can choose one of our cruising suggestions or create your own itinerary.

1 Week Return Cruising Suggestion

The Cosmopolitan Cruise

Hesse to Strasbourg to Hesse
156kms | 68 locks | 37hrs
Waterways: Canal de la Marne au Rhin

The Art Nouveau Cruise

Hesse to Nancy to Hesse
152kms | 42 locks | 25hrs
Waterways: Canal de la Marne au Rhin

The Nature Lover's Cruise

(A licence is required for this cruise)
Saarbrücken to Hesse to Saarbrücken
206kms | 62 locks | 40hrs
Waterways: Canal des Houillères de la Sarre,
Canal de la Marne au Rhin

2 Week Return Cruising Suggestion

The Triple Nations Cruise

(A licence is required for this cruise)
Hesse to Saarbrücken to Metz to Hesse
433kms | 74 locks | 84hrs
Waterways: Canal de la Marne au Rhin;
Canal des Houillères de la Sarre, La Sarre,
La Moselle

1 Week One-Way Cruising Suggestion

(Choose to cruise in either direction)

The Arzwiller Experience

Hesse to Strasbourg to Boofzheim
104kms | 43 locks | 28hrs
Waterways: Canal de la Marne au Rhin,
Canal du Rhône au Rhin

The Dual Nations Crusie

(A licence is required for this cruise)
Hesse to Saarbrücken
103kms | 31 locks | 20hrs
Waterways: Canal de la Marne au Rhin,
Canal des Houillères de la Sarre

Short Break Cruising Suggestion

(3, 4 or 5 days) You can do a return-to-base short break from any of our bases in this region.

The Little Alsace Short Break

Hesse to Saverne to Hesse
116kms | 12 locks | 18hrs | Days: 4

The Little Lorraine Short Break

Hesse to Lagarde to Hesse
71 kms | 14 locks | 16hrs | Days: 4



Captain Le Boat's Useful Info

- A boating licence is required if you wish to cruise from Saarbrücken to Apach along the waterways of Germany and Luxembourg. Please speak to the sales team for further details about obtaining a licence. Licences need to be obtained before you cruise and cannot be obtained 'on the spot' in France.
- Canal de la Marne au Rhin and Canal du Rhone au Rhin - Locks are automatic and easy to operate. Opening hours 07:00 – 19:00 (18:00 Sundays) depending on the season. There is no charge to use them. Locks are closed on certain Public Holidays – see our website or call us for further information.
- Canal des Houillères de la Sarre – manual locks; lock-keeper available to assist. Opening hours 08:30 – 18:30.
- Short breaks and longer cruises are available from our bases at Hesse and Boofzheim. Please ask our sales teams for information regarding short or long breaks from Saarbrücken.



- Le Boat base
- Disused Canal
- No Entry
- Navigable river
- Canal
- Non-navigable river

Hesse	
Strasbourg 74 km	🚢 (E25) 🚰 🚧 🚲 🚶
Boofzheim	
Strasbourg 38 km	🚢 (E25) 🚰 🚧 🚲 🚶
Saarbrücken	
Strasbourg 119 km	🚢 (E25) 🚰 🚧 🚲 🚶

Cruising in Germany

Idyllic and unspoiled waterways



Mecklenburg



The tranquil waterways of Schwarzer see, Reinsburg

Mecklenburg & Brandenburg

Situated in the north east of Germany, the beautiful network of crystal clear lakes and rivers of Mecklenburg form an idyllic cruising area that is as popular with boating and watersports enthusiasts as it is with birdwatchers and fishermen.

Medieval timber-framed villages border the waterways – visit their traditional smokehouses for a taste of the catch of the day! The magnificent lakeside castles at Schwerin, Rheinsberg, Fürstenberg and Neustrelitz punctuate the landscape and provide a glimpse into the aristocratic lifestyles of bygone eras. From our main base at Marina Wolfsbruch, hire dinghies, kayaks and canoes on Lake Müritz or simply drop anchor for a splash in the water before settling back to admire the scenery from your sundeck.

From our base in Potsdam in the Brandenburg

region visit the quirky Dutch Quarter and enjoy open-air summer concerts in the beautiful Sanssouci castle or why not head to the bright lights of Berlin for a city break with a difference. Today its futuristic architecture and pavement cafés sit comfortably alongside

the iconic Brandenburg Gate. Or head further east to the open waters of the Spreewald for an aquatic safari through this vast protected nature reserve lined with pretty villages and pine forests.



Canoeing in Spreewald

Mecklenburg & Brandenburg

Nature reserves, watersports and lakeside castles



Modern Berlin

From our base at Marina Wolfsbruch – an impressive marina with excellent spa and leisure facilities – you can cruise unhurried through the clear waters of the Mecklenburg lake district, which are perfect for swimming and watersports and ideal for nature lovers and bird-watching. Moor up in medieval villages such as Mirow, Rechlin, Röbel, Klink, Plau and Waren with their distinctive waterside houses and narrow cobbled streets. For impressive Baroque grandeur, don't miss the lakeside castles at Schwerin, Rheinsberg, Fürstenberg and Neustrelitz. Our

second base at Jabel provides excellent round-trip and one-way cruising options in this charming region. In the heart of the beautiful Müritz National Park, scenic Lake Müritz and its network of 1,000 or more lakes, is a perfect destination for watersports enthusiasts.



Fishing on Lake Müritz

Hire dinghies, windsurfers, canoes and kayaks for fun on the water or simply drop anchor and enjoy a refreshing swim before relaxing back on deck. The waters are also some of the finest fishing grounds in Europe, making this a consummate destination for line and rod fishermen. On shore, the forests and surrounding villages are great for picnics, hiking and cycling, making this an idyllic destination for families of all ages.

In the Brandenburg region, our base at Potsdam is perfectly placed for visiting the historic city of Berlin – an excellent city for sightseeing from the water. Don't miss the futuristic architecture on Potsdamer Platz, the amazing glass-domed Reichstag building and the famous Brandenburg Gate. Potsdam's quirky Dutch Quarter is great for shopping and its beautiful Rococo Sanssouci Castle often hosts open-air summer concerts – a perfect way to end the day! Visit the enchanting medieval town of Brandenburg with its many historical buildings set over three islands or head further east to the open waters of the Spreewald with its vast nature reserve for undisturbed peace and gentle cruising through meadows, forests and pretty villages.



You can choose one of our cruising suggestions or create your own itinerary.

1 Week Return Cruising Suggestion

The Marina Wolfsbruch Cruise

Marina Wolfsbruch to Mirow to Marina Wolfsbruch

256kms | 30 locks | 37 hrs (licence free)
Waterways: Rheinsberger Gewässer, Müritz-Havel-Wasserstraße, Obere-Havel-Wasserstraße, Zierker See, Stolpsee, Lychener Gewässer, Templiner Gewässer, Röddelinsee, Templiner Stadtsee

The Lakes and Castles Cruise

Marina Wolfsbruch to Plau (Mecklenburg) to Marina Wolfsbruch

215kms | 8 locks | 36hrs (licence free)
Waterways: Rheinsberger Gewässer, Müritz-Havel-Wasserstraße, Müritz-Elde-Wasserstraße, Kleine Müritz, Müritz, Binnen Müritz, Kölpinsee, Fleesensee, Plauer See

The Rheinsberg Cruise

Jabel to Rheinsberg to Jabel

229 km | 8 Locks | 2 Swing bridges | 34hrs (licence free)
Waterways: Jabelscher See, Fleesensee, Malchower See, Petersdorfer See, Plauer See, Kölpinsee, Müritz, Binnenmüritz, Müritz-Havel-Wasserstraße, Rheinsberger Gewässer

The Brandenburg Cruise

Potsdam to Plaue to Potsdam

130kms | 2 locks | 17hrs (licence needed)
Waterways: Templiner See, Schwielowsee, Großer Zernsee, Kleiner Zernsee, Ketziner Havel, Trebelsee, Untere Havel-Wasserstraße, Breitlingsee, Plauer See

The Spreewald Cruise

Potsdam to Bad Saarow to Potsdam

250kms | 12 locks | 2 bridges | 40hrs (licence needed)
Waterways: Untere Havel, Havel, Spree-Oder-Wasserstraße, Spree, Dahme-Wasserstraße, Storkower Gewässer, Scharmützelsee

1 Week One-Way Cruising Suggestion

(Choose to cruise in either direction)

The Berlin Cruise

Potsdam to Marina Wolfsbruch

151kms | 13 locks | 20hrs (licence needed)
Waterways: Untere-Havel-Wasserstraße, Havel-Oder-Wasserstraße, Havel-Oder-Dreieck, Ober-Havel-Wasserstraße



Captain Le Boat's Useful Info



- Locks on the Brandenburg & Mecklenburg waterways are fully automatic and manned or automatic self service. Opening hours 8am – 8pm (May to Oct.) 9am – 4pm (April) daily. There is no charge to use them. Locks do not close on Public Holidays.
- Short breaks and longer cruises are available from all our bases in Germany.
- Our bases at Potsdam, Marina Wolfsbruch and Jabel are all within licence free cruising areas. From Potsdam you can do a short trip to Götting without a licence. To continue your cruise to Brandenburg, or to cruise from Potsdam to Spreewald or to do the one way up to Marina Wolfsbruch, you need to have a licence. Licence need is a minimum of an ICC. For help obtaining a licence before departure, please speak to our sales team. All cruising areas around our base at Marina Wolfsbruch are licence-free and/or do not require a licence until you reach Liebenwalde. Please see map for more details.

- Le Boat base
- Disused Canal
- No Entry
- Navigable river
- Canal
- Non-navigable river

Marina Wolfsbruch
Berlin Tegel 111 km (E55)
Jabel
Berlin Tegel 157 km (E55)
Potsdam
Berlin Tegel 35 km (E51)

Cruising in Italy

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The iconic Gondolas of Venice

Venice & the Venetian Islands

The enchanting city of Venice, its surrounding islands, classic Italian countryside and beaches are yours to discover and enjoy from the superb vantage position of your own sundeck. For both its breathtaking views and the fantastic cruising experience it offers, the Venetian Lagoon is not surprisingly one of our most popular cruising destinations. Venice, in the heart of the Venetian lagoon, is arguably the world's most beautiful water city and a delight to explore. Its many surrounding islands - Murano, Burano, Torcello - provide glimpses into Venetian culture, art and history and are also not to be missed.

From lace-making to glass-blowing, pizza throwing to fishing, Venice is a melting pot of arts, crafts, skills and traditional lifestyles which are a delight to discover.

Friuli & the Northern Venetian lagoon

Explore the northern Venetian Lagoon towards Trieste and discover the old traditions, quieter lifestyle and unspoiled landscapes of the Friuli region. Be among the first self-drive cruisers to enjoy the region's chic seaside resorts, sandy beaches, beautiful fishing harbours, excellent restaurants, friendly Osteria (café-bars), wonderful architecture and beautiful, un-crowded waterways – all from the wonderful vantage of your sundeck. Best of all, the seaside canals and gentle rivers are teeming with wildlife and birdlife, making this an exceptionally relaxing cruise in delightful surroundings.



Strolling the sidewalks of Burano



River Stella, Preconicco

Venice and Friuli

Effortlessly romantic and a delight to discover



St. Marks Square, Venetian Lagoon

From our base at Casale, meander down the Sile River, stopping at the Islands of Murano to see the glassblowers in action and Burano to visit the laceworks. Recreating your own James Bond scenes, cruise past the historic Byzantine architecture of St. Mark's Basilica and the Palazzo Ducale for historic sightseeing. A cruise along the Riviera del Brenta takes you past the impressive Venetian summer villas of the Italian gentry – beautiful Villa Foscari and Villa Pisani are just two that are open to the public. Cruise through beautiful Mira, Dolo and Strà towards Padova, one of Italy's finest historical cities with busy market squares and rich art treasures. The Adriatic beach resorts of Jesolo, Lido, Grado, Caorle, Lignano and Bibione provide a perfect escape for sunbathing, swimming

and ice-creams as you cruise along the peaceful 'Litoranea Veneta' (seaside canals) to nearby ancient towns and fishing villages where you can glimpse a more traditional Italian lifestyle. Dine at tiny fishing harbour restaurants and enjoy a glass of chilled Prosecco in the sunshine!

Spend a day in Treviso and visit the Roman ruins at Aquileia. The gentle River Stella and the Marano Lagoon provide wildlife and bird-watching opportunities as you head towards our base at Precenico in the heart of nature's beautiful Friuli cruising region.

Captain Le Boat's Useful Info



- All the locks and lifting bridges on the Venetian Lagoon and surrounding rivers/canals are automatic. Briccole (wooden posts) mark the navigation channels for cruising.
 - You can only moor in designated cruising areas. It's best to moor up in public mooring places and take a vaporetto (water bus) to popular tourist destinations in the Lagoon.

The Venetian Lagoon can be busy, so some previous cruising experience would be advantageous. Distances and the number of locks/bridges for each journey will depend on the route you take within the Lagoon.

Exclusive private moorings are available for Le Boat customers cruising in the Venetian Lagoon, for which there is a compulsory £70/€80/week or £45/€50/short break supplement for all customers cruising to/from Casale. Note: There is a very limited number of public moorings and private marinas which get extremely busy especially in peak summer months. Exclusive private moorings do not have access to shore power. In the Northern Lagoon (towards Preconico/Trieste) there is wider availability of public moorings and marinas for overnight stays. No mooring supplement is payable for customers cruising between Casale and Preconico.

- Le Boat base
- Disused Canal
- No Entry
- Navigable river
- Canal
- Non-navigable river

Casale	
Venice Marco Polo 22km (A27)	Treviso 10km (SR53)
Preconico	
Trieste 50km (E70)	Treviso 95km (E55)
Venice Marco Polo 97km (E55)	

You can choose one of our cruising suggestions or create your own itinerary.

1 Week Return Cruising Suggestion

The Venetian Classic Cruise

Casale to Islands of the Venetian Lagoon to Casale

120kms | 2 locks | 20hrs
Waterways: River Sile, Venetian Lagoon

The Friuli Venezia Giulia Cruise

Preconico to Marano to Caorle to Preconico

170kms | 4 locks | 4 Swing bridges | 22hrs
Waterways: Litoranea Veneta, River Stella

2 Week One-Way Cruising Suggestion

(Choose to cruise in either direction)

The Jewels of Italy Cruise

Preconico to Caorle to Venezia to Casale

150kms | 4 locks | 6 swing bridges | 35hrs
Waterways: River Sile, Venetian Lagoon, Litoranea Veneta, River Stella



Short Break Cruising Suggestions

(3, 4 or 5 days) You can do a return-to-base short break from any of our bases in this region.

Little Venice Cruise

Casale to Venezia to Casale

80 - 120kms | 2 locks | 15-20hrs | Days: 4

Italian Short Break

Preconico to Grado to Preconico

100kms | 2 locks | 16hrs | Days: 4



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A charming lock on the River Thames

River Thames & The Norfolk Broads, England

The famous River Thames meanders through the beautiful green countryside of southern England past historic towns and cities and quintessential English villages with their riverside pubs and immaculate village greens. This is the home of cricket and afternoon tea, picnics on the riverbank and gentle strolls through Royal Parks, not to mention awe-inspiring towns and cities steeped in history.

The Norfolk Broads is an area of great natural beauty and a haven for wildlife, and is one of England's most popular cruising grounds. Renowned for its rural lifestyle and great boat-building traditions, and synonymous with images of families having fun on the water, this is a great place to enjoy the beautiful Norfolk countryside and an altogether slower pace of life.

Caledonian Canal, Scotland

Set against the magnificent hillsides and mountain ranges of the Scottish Highlands, and surrounded by beautiful scenery as far as the eye can see, the Caledonian Canal stretches between Inverness, the capital of the Highlands in the north, down to Fort William in the south. The Highlands and its waterways steeped in



The scenic Scottish countryside

Celtic mystery, myth and legend, including the mysterious Loch Ness, is a wonderful cruising region to explore.

River Shannon & Lough Erne, Ireland

Come to Ireland for its crystal clear lakes and rivers, dramatic scenery and lush, green landscapes. The beautiful River Shannon and River Erne – and their surrounding network of loughs are easy to cruise and a delight to explore. Discover

Celtic monuments and castle ruins and enjoy evenings in lively pubs full of song and dance. It's no wonder that this lovely country is one of the world's biggest boating holiday destinations.

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Golfing in Ireland

River Thames

Regal cruising through the charming English countryside



Cruising past the historical Windsor Castle, home of the Queen

Our two bases at Benson and Chertsey are ideally placed to explore what is arguably the most beautiful stretch of the River Thames, and cruising in either direction will take you to some of the oldest and prettiest towns and villages in the heart of England. On the banks of the river, Windsor Castle, with its great Royal Park, is still used as a Royal residence today, the flag flies when the Queen is at home.



Enjoy a guided tour and walk among the grazing deer. Other historic landmarks nearby include the famous boys' school, Eton College, Ascot Racecourse and one of England's most important country residences, Cliveden House. Families will love a day at Legoland or Thorpe Park too. The splendid Hampton Court Palace and the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew give an extra regal touch to this cruising region and should not be missed. Towns steeped in history and tradition such as Kingston-upon-Thames, Marlow, Cookham and Pangbourne are perfect places for sightseeing and shopping, not forgetting the famous Henley Rowing Regatta at Henley-upon-Thames and the star-studded summer concerts on the river. Enjoy a fun day at Beale Park wildlife park and perhaps go punting on the river at Oxford with the gleaming spires of its many cathedrals, churches and university buildings as your backdrop. With village greens, olde-worlde pubs, tea rooms, boutiques and antique shops to explore and enjoy, you'll love a boating holiday on the Thames!

Captain Le Boat's Useful Info



- All the locks on the River Thames are automatic and manned by lock-keepers. There is no charge to use them. Open on Bank Holidays. Cruising beyond Teddington Locks towards central London is not permitted.
- Short breaks and longer cruises are available from Benson and Chertsey.

- Le Boat base
- Disused Canal
- No Entry
- Navigable river
- Canal
- Non-navigable river

Benson	
London Heathrow 61km (M25)	Gatwick 120km (M25)
Chertsey	
London Heathrow 17km (M25)	Gatwick 53km (M25)

You can choose one of our cruising suggestions or create your own itinerary.

1 Week Return Cruising Suggestion

The Majestic Cruise

Chertsey to Windsor to Kingston-upon-Thames to Chertsey

70kms | 14 locks | 10hrs
Waterways: The Thames

The Scholars Cruise

Benson to Oxford to Henley-upon-Thames to Benson

186kms | 30 locks | 32hrs
Waterways: The Thames

The Royal Cruise

Benson to Windsor to Benson

155kms | 36 locks | 30hrs
Waterways: The Thames

1 Week One-Way Cruising Suggestion

The Heart of England Cruise

Chertsey to Benson

96kms | 20 locks | 16hrs
Waterways: The Thames

Short Break Cruising Suggestion

You can do a return-to-base short break from any of our bases in this region.

The Willow Tree Cruise

Benson to Marlow to Benson
75kms | 28 locks | 14hrs | Days: 3

The Little Thames Cruise

Chertsey to Henley-upon-Thames to Chertsey
75kms | 18 locks | 16hrs | Days: 3



Norfolk Broads

A nature lovers paradise



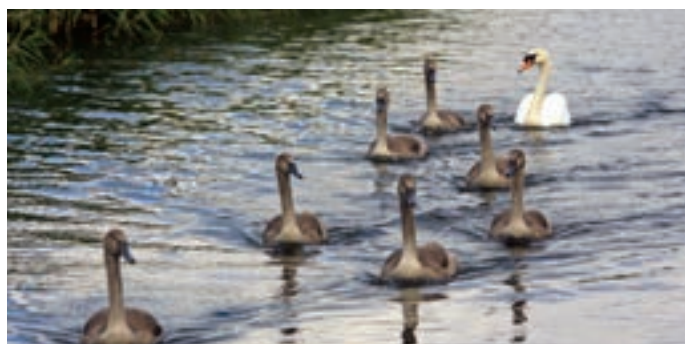
A lovely town in Norfolk Broads

The Norfolk Broads lie at the heart of Britain's passion for boating. Boating holidays are as popular here today as they ever were as more and more people discover how much fun messing about on the water can be

The series of interconnecting shallow lakes and rivers that make up the Norfolk Broads are easy to navigate and have no locks, making this a perfect cruising area for first-time captains. With many watersports and sailing clubs sharing the waterways, regattas and boating festivals are common throughout the summer months. Sailing is especially popular at Hickling Broad and Barton Broad, where Admiral Lord Nelson learned to sail. By the coast at Oulton Broad, spend some time at the Lowestoft Maritime Museum with its superb collection of boats from around the world. The seaside resort of Great Yarmouth makes for a fun day out, as does the Cathedral City of Norwich.

For nature lovers and bird-watchers, the Broads are Britain's largest nationally protected wetland and home to an abundance of many rare species of flora and fauna – especially wading birds and butterflies.

There are lots of secluded hideouts to watch the wildlife where you can also find out about the important conservation work being done to preserve this incredible natural environment.



You can choose one of our cruising suggestions or create your own itinerary.

1 Week Return Cruising Suggestions

North Broads Cruise

Horning to Horsey Mere to Horning

52 km | 0 Locks | 8hrs

Waterways: River Bure, River Thurne

The Three Rivers Cruise

Horning to Oulton Broad to Horning

128kms | 0 locks | 22hrs

Waterways: River Bure, River Thurne, River Waveney

The Southern Broads Cruise

Somerleyton to Beccles to Reedham to Somerleyton

150kms | 0 locks | 25hrs

Waterways: River Yare, River Chet, Oulton Broad, River Waveney

2 Week Return Cruising Suggestions

The Great Norfolk Broads tour

Horning to Oulton Broad to Hickling Broad to Horning

300kms | 0 locks | 50hrs

Waterways: River Yare, River Ant, River Bure, River Waveney, Oulton Broad, Barton Broad, Hickling Broad

1 Week One-Way Cruising Suggestions

(Choose to cruise in either direction)

The Beautiful Broads Tour

Horning to Somerleyton

200kms | 0 locks | 33hrs

Waterways: River Yare, River Bure, River Waveney, Oulton Broad

Short Break Cruising Suggestions

(3, 4 or 5 days) You can do a return-to-base short break from any of our bases in this region.

The Little Broads Short Break

Horning to Wroxham to How Hill Nature Reserve to Horning

25 kms | 0 Locks | 10hrs | Days: 3-4

The Southern Broads Short Break

Somerleyton to Oulton Broad to Somerleyton

25kms | 0 Locks | 10hrs | Days: 3-4



Captain Le Boat's Useful Info

- Short breaks and longer cruises are available in the Norfolk Broads.
- Shallow lakes and no locks make the Norfolk Broads perfect for first-time cruisers.
- All the waterways interconnect so you can cruise in any direction at your leisure. For this reason, cruising hours and distances are approximate only.
- Because of the very low bridges in the Broads, not all our boats are able to pass under all bridges in all areas. Please visit our website or ask our sales teams agents for further information.
- Customers must stay at designated moorings or use a mud anchor to moor.



- Le Boat base
- Disused Canal
- No Entry
- Navigable river
- Canal
- Non-navigable river

Horning	
London Stansted 156km (M11/A11)	Gatwick 155km (M25/M11)
Somerleyton	
London Stansted: 162km (M11/A11)	Gatwick 150km (M25/M11)

Scotland

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Cruising on the Caledonian Canal

Be prepared for a magical journey through the wonderful Caledonian Canal, arguably Scotland's most noble waterway. Cruise through the vast Loch Ness, home to the most famous monster in the world, the islets of the shallower Loch Oich and the wild Loch Lochy, at the foot of which lies Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis. En route, enjoy the watersports at the Great Glen Water Park. Learn about Highland life at the Clansman Centre at Fort Augustus, one of the most picturesque villages on your route. Visit Drumnadrochit – the centre of monster-spotting activities for Loch Ness and a great base for pony trekking. Visit Urquhart Castle which perches on the edge of Loch Ness and spend time in Inverness where you can go dolphin watching in the Moray Firth and even get your own kilt made to order! Return via Gairloch and on to Neptune's Staircase at Banavie overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and Fort William. Along your way, canoeing, windsurfing, sailing and water-skiing are readily available while on-shore; the

Scottish Highlands offer something for everyone. Have fun eagle-spotting, walking and pony trekking, or get on your mountain bikes and cycle the tracks that line the length of the canal. Anglers may like to spend a day fly-fishing for salmon on the River Oich or trolling for salmon on Loch Ness; a 'ghillie' or gamekeeper can be hired for the day to help you. At Banavie, take a gondola up to Anoch Mor beside Ben Nevis to admire the breathtaking scenery. The Mountain Discovery Centre and the World Downhill Mountain bike track await you; cycle down here at your peril! For the younger Harry Potter fans, take time out to enjoy a magical day travelling on the West Highland Railway line - one of the world's most scenic rail journeys as used by Hogwart's Express! Wherever you choose to cruise, you can be sure of tasting fine cuisine at lakeside and village restaurants – wild salmon, game and venison are regional specialities, and don't pass up the chance to try some Haggis, accompanied of course by a glass of fine Highland malt whisky.

Captain Le Boat's Useful Info

- Short breaks and longer cruises are available on the Caledonian Canal.
- Navigation is easy and full of variety on the Caledonian Canal. On the large stretches of open water (Loch Ness, Loch Oich, Loch Ochy) you are never far from sheltered moorings. On the short canal sections there are only ten locks (each way) within the normal cruising range, all operated by keepers.
- Due to the nature of the cruising area, we don't hire bikes from our base at Laggan, but there are mountain bike hire facilities nearby.
- If you would like to hire a ghillie/game-keeper for salmon fishing, please advise the base team well in advance.
- Lifejackets must be worn in locks.



- Le Boat base
- Disused Canal
- No Entry
- Navigable river
- Canal
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Laggan	
Inverness 73km (A82)	Glasgow 200 km (M8/M898)

You can choose one of our cruising suggestions or create your own itinerary.

1 or 2 Week Return Cruising Suggestion The Grand Highland Fling

Laggan to Inverness to Banavie to Laggan

193kms | 10 locks | 35hrs

Waterways: Caledonian Canal, Loch Lochy, Loch Oich, Loch Ness

Short Break Cruising Suggestion

(3, 4 or 5 days)

The Little Highland Fling

Laggan to Banavie to Fort Augustus to Laggan

65kms | 18 locks | 14 hrs | Days: 4



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Ireland

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Lough Key Castle Island

A land of myth and mystery, song and dance, lush landscapes, clear waters and dramatic scenery – Ireland has all the ingredients for a perfect boating holiday! The beautiful Shannon-Erne waterway and its surrounding lakes are one of Europe’s most popular destinations for boating holidays and Emerald Star, sister company of Le Boat, has been helping customers discover the delights of cruising here for more than 40 years. Carrick-on-Shannon, the gateway to both the north and south Shannon cruising region, is a major boating centre and thriving town. Its old-fashioned narrow streets, diversity of shops and traditional Irish nightlife make this a perfect place to start your holiday. The County of Cavan, it is said, has 365 lakes, one for every day of the year and lively Belturbet is perfectly placed to explore this haven for nature lovers and anglers. From the quaint Georgian town of Portumna the River Shannon stretches ahead of you; enjoy the delights of Lough Derg, one of Ireland’s finest lakes and renowned as a place of pilgrimage, or cruise to Lough Ree and beyond. Don’t forget that Ireland is also a fisherman’s paradise - the rivers and lakes are well-stocked with salmon, pike and perch while onshore, golfers love the immaculate greens and challenges of

championship golf courses before relaxing at the 19th hole. Take your bikes to find the hidden treasures of rural villages and small waterside towns which line the waterways - historic castles, grand houses, beautiful parks and ancient monastic settlements are yours to discover, as well as the warm welcome wherever you go.



Enjoying the cruise



Captain Le Boat's Useful Info

- Short breaks and longer cruises are available on the River Shannon, River Erne and interconnecting loughs and waterways.
- High-tech locks makes cruising very easy along the Shannon-Erne waterway. Numerous mooring places available wherever you cruise. Careful attention is required to navigation during windy weather on open waters. All customers are required to watch a short cruising demonstration video prior to departure.
- To cruise on the Shannon-Erne waterway you will need to buy a smart card to operate the locks. Smart cards are available at all our bases and cost approx €13 for 20 units. Locks and bridges on the River Shannon are also charged at approx €1.50 each.
- For further information on golf courses close to the waterways, please visit our website or ask our sales teams/agents for more details.
- Fishing licences are required for all cruising areas except Carrick and cost approx €7 per week. They can be bought locally or at the base. Fishing dinghies and outboard motors to tow behind you can also be hired from all bases.
- If you would like to hire a ghillie/game-keeper for salmon fishing, please advise the base team well in advance.
- Lifejackets must be worn in locks.



The Lough Derg Cruise

Portumna to Killaloe to Portumna
128 kms | 0 locks | 12hrs
Waterways: Lough Derg

1 Week One-Way Cruising Suggestion
(Choose to cruise in either direction)

Northern Shannon Cruise

Belturbet to Carrick-on-Shannon
75kms | 16 locks | 16hrs
Waterways: Shannon-Erne Waterway, River Shannon, Lough Allen, Lough Key

The Celtic Cruise

Carrick-on-Shannon to Portumna
160kms | 5 locks | 2 lift bridges | 20hrs
Waterways: River Shannon

2 Week One-Way Cruising Suggestion
(Choose to cruise in either direction)

The Emerald Isle Cruise

Belturbet to Portumna
235kms | 21 locks | 2 lift bridges | 30hrs
Waterways: Shannon-Erne Waterway, River Shannon, Lough Allen, Lough Key

Short Break Cruising Suggestion

(3, 4 or 5 days)
You can do a return-to-base short break from any of our bases in this region.

The Little Shannon Cruise

Carrick-on-Shannon to Lanesborough to Carrick-on-Shannon
104 kms | 6 locks | 10hrs | Days: 3-4

The Lakelands Short Break

Belturbet to Enniskillen to Belturbet
70 kms | 0 locks | 9hrs | Days: 3-4

The Shannon-Erne Short Break

Belturbet to Ballinamore to Belturbet
62 kms | 12 locks | 12hrs | Days: 3-4

The Angler's Escape

Portumna to Killaloe to Portumna
106 kms | 0 locks | 12hrs | Days: 3-4

You can choose one of our cruising suggestions or create your own itinerary.

1 Week Return Cruising Suggestion

Southern Shannon Cruise

Carrick-on-Shannon to Athlone to Carrick-on-Shannon
200 kms | 8 locks | 4 lift bridges | 32hrs
Waterways: River Shannon, Lough Ree

Lough Erne Upper Cruise

Belturbet to Belleek to Belturbet
130kms | 0 locks | 22 hrs
Waterways: Upper Lough Erne, Lower Lough Erne

- Le Boat base
- Disused Canal
- ⊘ No Entry
- Navigable river
- Canal
- Non-navigable river

Carrick-on-Shannon	
Dublin 154km M4/M6	Belfast 200km A3/N55/N4
Belturbet	
Dublin 127km M3/N3	Belfast 133km M1/A4/A509
Portumna	
Dublin 162km M4/M6	Shannon 106km M7/N52/N65



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Scenic waterways of Bruges

*Woudsend, Holland*

Nieuwpoort, Brugge & Gent, Belgium

Famous for its chocolates and lace, and perfect for a city break, Belgium extends a warm and friendly welcome wherever you go. Peaceful countryside and ancient towns are connected by pretty Flemish waterways which weave their way through this tiny country's historic landscapes. From markets and museums to monuments, masterpieces and memorials – you'll find there is always something to see and do, wherever you cruise.

The long sandy beaches at Nieuwpoort provide a great day's escape, while for many, a holiday in this tiny country would not be complete without a visit to some of the many memorials of the World Wars, particularly those at Ieper.

The beautiful city of Brugge is perfect for shopping and eating out. Its many hump-backed bridges criss-cross a seemingly endless network of pretty canals edged with tempting restaurants, art galleries and boutiques. The imposing Gothic facades of Gent's many grand buildings and churches signify its prestigious past as the country's former capital city.

Following the canals through smaller towns such as Diksmuide, Veurne, Oudenaarde, Oudenburg, Bossuit and Deinze, you'll discover each has their own story to tell - from tapestry weaving and cloth dying to farmers' markets, baking and book-binding. But wherever you cruise you're sure to enjoy a warm welcome and because no one ever seems in a hurry, you don't have to either!

Friesland & Amsterdam, Holland

Boating is a way of life in Holland, so come on board and discover the best way to see this beautiful country!

Make friends with the friendly Dutch nation on the waterways, admire the traditional windmills that border your cruising routes, head off on the waterside cycle routes or moor up in smart new marinas where modern facilities are plentiful and good.

The Friesland region in northern Holland glistens with hundreds of lakes and is perfect for watersports of all kinds. Locks are left open throughout the summer and lift bridges become a great meeting point for fellow cruisers. For a glimpse of a more traditional way of life, cruise to some of Holland's many nearby villages which host a variety of summer art exhibitions and festivals and are a delight to visit and join in the fun. If you're looking for more cosmopolitan cruising, then cruise to Amsterdam, passing colourful fields of tulips and slender 17th century townhouses en-route.

You'll love these friendly waterways!

*Windmill dotted banks of Holland*

Belgium

Friendly cruising on tranquil waterways

NEW!
BASE FACILITIES IN GENT!



The city centre of Gent

Famous for its delicious chocolates, delicate laceworks and many hundreds of varieties of beers, Belgium literally has something for everyone, including a network of tranquil waterways which winds through gentle countryside and historic towns rich with charm and character.

Soaking up the seaside atmosphere on the long sandy beaches at Nieuwpoort is a great way to start or end your holiday. From here, you can cruise the quiet canals



Enjoying the landscape in Belgium

through Diksmuide with its UNESCO protected Bellfry and 'Man in the Moon' symbol of peace. Ieper is home of the Menin Gate where The Last Post is played daily at 8pm in memory of those who fell in the World Wars. For something different, visit the Museum of Bakery in the former Spanish Garrison town of Veurne.

Bruges is a delightful city, often called 'the Venice of the North' because of its many hump-backed bridges and cobbled streets which criss-cross the town in all directions. Take a horse-drawn carriage tour of the city, admiring the beautiful churches, old town hall and market square where you can sit outside and order a plate of 'moules frites' the nation's signature dish. There are more than 300 varieties of beer to choose from too! Buy delicious hand-made chocolates or some delicate lace as a souvenir before cruising on to Gent, the former capital of the country, where you can moor up right in the city centre.

Visit the medieval Patershol district around Gravensteen Castle for great restaurants and bars. Cruise to Deinze on the River Leie on one of the prettiest stretches of waterway, and visit the magnificent Ooidonk Castle. Following the canals through smaller towns such as Oudenarde, Oudenburg and Bossuit, you'll discover each has their own story to tell - from tapestry weaving and cloth dying to farmers' markets and book-binding, making your cruising holiday in Belgium a wonderful journey through history.



Captain Le Boat's Useful Info



- Only one-way cruising is possible from to/from Gent
- All locks and lifting bridges are manned by lock-keepers. Certain locks and lifting bridges are closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays but our two bases provide ample cruising suggestions to compensate. Please visit our website or ask our sales teams/agents for further details
- If you are cruising to Brugge, you follow the main 'ring canal' (an old moat) around the outskirts of the town. You can moor securely in 'La Coupure' a canal inlet protected by a barrier that will be lifted by the harbour master. Mooring fees are approx €10/night
- Short breaks and longer cruises are available from Nieuwpoort

- Le Boat base
- No Entry
- Canal
- Disused Canal
- Navigable river
- Non-navigable river

Nieuwpoort	
Brussels 127km (E40)	Lille 105km (E42)
Calais 79km (E40)	Dunkirk 35kms A82
Gent	
Brussels 56km (E40)	Lille 74km (E17)
Calais 151km (E40)	Dunkirk 108km (E40)

You can choose one of our cruising suggestions or create your own itinerary.

1 Week Return Cruising Suggestion

The Peace Cruise

Nieuwpoort to Ieper to Nieuwpoort
158kms | 14 locks | 40 bridges | 40hrs
Waterways: Lokanaal; Kanaal Plassendale-Nieuwpoort, Ijzer; Kanaal Gent-Oostende, Kanaal Ieper-Ijzer

The Capital Cruise

Nieuwpoort to Deinze to Nieuwpoort
200kms | 5 locks | 37 bridges | 42hrs
Waterways: Kanaal Plassendale-Nieuwpoort, Kanaal Gent-Oostende, River Leie

2 Week Return Cruising Suggestion

The Turrets & Tapestry Cruise

Nieuwpoort to Oudenaarde to Nieuwpoort
350kms | 27 locks | 57 bridges | 80hrs
Waterways: Kanaal Plassendale-Nieuwpoort, Kanaal Gent-Oostende, Leie, Kanaal Bossuit-Kortrijk, Boven-Schelde

1 Week One-Way Cruising Suggestion

(Choose to cruise in either direction)

The Best of Belgium Cruise

Nieuwpoort to Gent

70kms | 8 locks | 18 bridges | 25hrs
Waterways: Lokanaal, Kanaal Plassendale-Nieuwpoort, Ijzer, Kanaal Gent-Oostende, Kanaal Ieper-Ijzer



Short Break Cruising Suggestion

(3, 4 or 5 days)

You can do a return-to-base short break from any of our bases in this region.

Beautiful Bruges Cruise

Nieuwpoort to Brugge to Nieuwpoort
39kms | 15 locks | 2 bridges | 12 hrs | Days: 3-4

Little Flanders Cruise

Nieuwpoort to Ieper to Nieuwpoort
98kms | 6 locks | 16 bridges | 20 hours | Days: 4

Holland

Where boating is a way of life



Canals and tulips of Amsterdam

The Friesland region in northern Holland has a rich trading and maritime history and is renowned for its varied sailing and watersports events and festivals which take place throughout the summer. From our base in Woudsend, a network of 11 beautiful Friesian cities makes for a wonderful cruising region where you can immerse yourself in Dutch lifestyle and culture. Visit IJlst and watch pole-vaulters compete to leap the canals in the Friesland Cup each August; Hindeloopen is a lovely cobbled town on the edge of beautiful Lake IJssel; Stavoren, the oldest city of Friesland, offers lots of seaside fun and is a hugely popular watersports town; follow the poetry paths through Leeuwarden, the capital of Friesland and enjoy open-air street theatre in May; medieval Sloten is renowned for its peacefulness and natural beauty, as well as sailing in the summer; Bolsward has a lively four-day harvest festival each June and is the start and end town of the 11 Cities bike tour each May. With numerous small alleys, art galleries and restaurants, Harlingen on the Wadden Sea is a friendly fishing village to visit. Workum, on the banks of Lake IJssel is very popular for boating and watersports and famous for its earthenware pottery; visit Holland's oldest working planetarium at Franeker and spend time in Dokkum, a beautiful fortified medieval town and place of pilgrimage which stages art festivals and cultural events throughout the summer. Finally, enjoy the lively atmosphere during 'Sneek Week' in August, where the town's reputation as the capital of boating really comes to life!

Cruising one-way to or from our base in Strand Horst, you'll visit lovely towns and villages of Vollenhove, Blokzijl, Giethoorn, Kampen and Elburg. The national passion for cycling makes it easy to explore on two wheels, and the flat landscapes and cycling routes make perfect days out.

Our base at Strand Horst also offers wonderful cruising on the River Vecht past parks and impressive 17th and 18th century slender merchants houses, or you can choose to head to the bright lights of Amsterdam for some cosmopolitan fun!





You can choose one of our cruising suggestions or create your own itinerary.

1 Week Return Cruising Suggestions

The Lakelands Cruise

Woudsend to Workum to Leeuwarden to Woudsend

80 - 200 kms | 0 locks | 10 - 25 hrs
(Depending on the route you choose)
Waterways: River Vecht

The Capital Cruise

Strand Horst to Amsterdam to Strand Horst

180kms | 4 locks | 33hrs
Waterways: River Vecht

10 Day/2 Week One-Way

Cruising Suggestions
(Choose to cruise in either direction)

The Best of Holland Cruise

Woudsend to Loosdrecht to Amsterdam to Strand Horst

160 - 200 kms | 4 - 6 locks | 30hrs - 35hrs
(Depending on the route you choose)
Waterways: River Vecht

Short Break Cruising Suggestions

(3, 4 or 5 days) You can do a return-to-base short break from any of our bases in this region.

The Little Holland Cruise

Strand Horst to Elburg to Spakenburg to Strand Horst

100kms | 0 locks | 10-15 bridges | 12hrs
Days: 3-4

The Mini Friesland Cruise

Woudsend to Sneek to Woudsend

80kms | 4 locks | 9hrs
Days: 3-4

Captain Le Boat's Useful Info



- All locks and lifting bridges are manned by lock-keepers, with breaks for lunch and tea (usually 12:00-13:00 and 16:15-17:15). You need to pay a small charge (€1.50 - €2.50) to pass through locks, so keep small change handy.
- Plenty of marinas for shore power, facilities and canal-side moorings. Small charges may apply.
- To visit Amsterdam, we recommend you moor at Weesp and take one of the frequent trains to the city centre. This takes around 10 minutes. Alternatively moor at Six Haven Marina opposite

Amsterdam Central Station where you can catch a free 24hr ferry to the city centre.

- Short breaks and longer cruises are available from both Strand Horst and Woudsend

- Le Boat base
- No Entry
- Canal
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Woudsend
Amsterdam 120km (E19/E35/A6)
Strand Horst
Amsterdam 69km (E19/E35/A6)

Welcome to our fleet

The very best on the waterways!



Vision middle cabin



Vision kitchen galley



Vision en-suite bathroom

With Le Boat, you simply have more...

Le Boat owns and operates the largest and most stylish fleet of self-drive cruisers on Europe's waterways. We are the only operator to be heavily investing in the development and modernisation of our fleet and network of bases for the enjoyment of future generations.

Whatever your party size or budget, you can be sure Le Boat will have the

perfect boat for you. Because we control the movements of our fleet, we can offer greater flexibility when it comes to planning your holiday.

Think of your boat as a floating villa – with everything you need for a great holiday on board. Our extensive network of 45 European bases opens the doors to cruising on Europe's most beautiful waterways.

Easy anchor grading system

The more anchors a boat has, the more it has to offer, it's as simple as that! Use our anchor grading system to match a boat to your budget and expectations in terms of overall age, style, and comfort. Of course, excellent standards of customer service and support come with all boats - whatever the anchor rating!

⚓ ⚓ ⚓ ⚓ ⚓ ⚓ *The Ultimate cruising experience*

Outstanding boats offering latest marine technology for superior cruising. Superb onboard comforts with modern designer fixtures and fittings. Air-conditioning, Flat screen TV/DVDs, 220V electrical appliances, shore power, en-suite bathrooms to all cabins. Designed for environmentally conscious cruising.

⚓ ⚓ ⚓ ⚓ ⚓ *Excellent and luxurious*

Boats fitted and equipped to a very high standard including modern en-suite cabins, heating and cooling. Easy-cruising features include bow thrusters and shore power.

⚓ ⚓ ⚓ ⚓ *Good quality and stylish*

Good quality boats with high standards of onboard comfort and facilities. All boats equipped with shore power.

⚓ ⚓ ⚓ *Well-presented and comfortable*

Well-presented boats with good standards of onboard comfort and facilities.

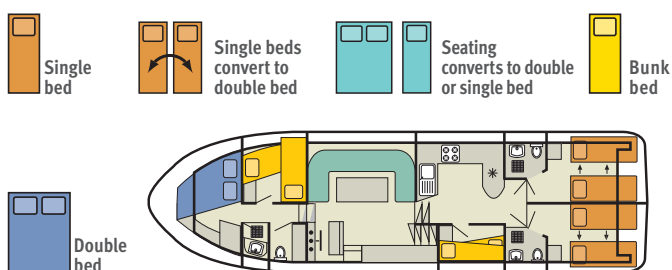
⚓ ⚓ *Affordable and basic*

Basic boats with acceptable standards of onboard comfort and facilities.

Comfortably sleeps:

SLEEPS 12 (10+2) 5 CABINS + SALOON

All our boats are classified according to how many people they comfortably sleep. If a boat is listed as 6+2 it means that it sleeps six people comfortably in cabins, with the option to sleep two further people on a convertible bed/settee in the saloon area.



Boat layouts

Every boat has a layout which shows the internal arrangement of the cabins, bathrooms, saloon, and kitchen galley. Use the layout to see if there will be double, single or bunk beds; whether there are internal steps and how many bathrooms are on board. Many people also like the option of having a spare cabin to store belongings and goods bought during their holiday.



Checking-in

You can expect a warm welcome from our friendly base teams - most of whom speak several languages – when you arrive. Our receptionist will complete any outstanding paperwork and if you haven't already done so, help you choose which itinerary would best suit you and your party. The cabins will be made up according to the number of people in your party and any pre-ordered groceries and, extras will be on board ready for you (see pages 70 - 73 for more information on holiday planning and extras).

Boat handling demonstration

You'll be taken out onto the water for a hands-on cruising demonstration by one of our base team. It's a good idea to appoint one member of your party as Captain so that he or she can be shown how to drive and manoeuvre the boat. Don't forget, a boat needs a skipper and a crew – so teamwork is very important! Depending on your cruising area, you will be shown how to manoeuvre your boat for mooring in marinas or at the side of the quay; how to drive your boat safely and responsibly and where possible, how to go through a lock. It is important that you feel confident before setting off, so rest assured you will be given all the help and advice you need beforehand.

Help & support

We have been helping people discover the pleasures of inland waterway cruising for more than 40 years and our teams are all very experienced and knowledgeable.

Plus, our extensive network of bases means you are never very far from our teams of mechanics who will be able to assist you should you experience any problems or difficulties while you are cruising.

The Le Boat Vision

Book the Vision3 or Vision4 now for the ultimate cruising experience!

Unique to Le Boat – and unlike any other cruiser on the waterways, the Vision boasts the very latest marine and green technology for efficient and effortless cruising. Available as the Vision3 (3 cabins sleeping 6+4) or Vision4 (4 cabins sleeping 8+1), each configuration offers a modern, spacious, and sumptuous interior which will appeal to everyone looking for a luxurious cruising experience. The Vision is available in both hybrid (diesel + electric) and non-hybrid (diesel-only) models, and continues to set new standards of luxury cruising on the waterways of Europe.



Vision4

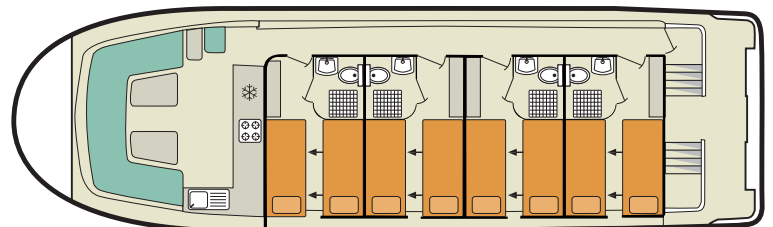


SLEEPS 9 (8 + 1) 4 CABINS + SALOON

[ONLINE TOUR](#)

[NEW DESTINATIONS](#)

4 equal sized twin/double en-suite cabins with regular sized beds.
Saloon sleeps 1 extra.



Size: 49ft x 15ft (14.97m x 4.65m)

Hybrid & Diesel available in France - All regions (except Aquitaine and Brittany); Germany and England –Thames (diesel only)

Vision3

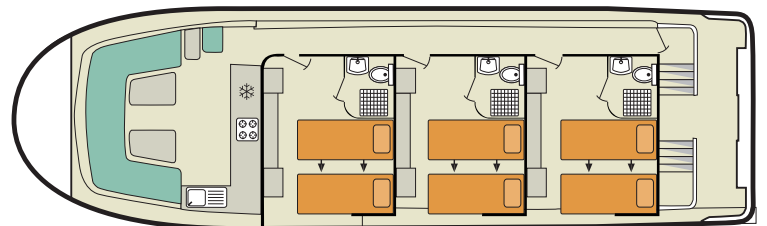


SLEEPS 10 (6 + 4) 3 CABINS + SALOON

[ONLINE TOUR](#)

[NEW DESTINATIONS](#)

3 equal sized twin/double en-suite cabins with regular sized beds and optional fold-down bed suitable for a child or teenager.
Saloon sleeps 1 extra.



Size: 49ft x 15ft (14.97m x 4.65m)

Hybrid & Diesel available in France - All regions (except Aquitaine and Brittany); Germany, Belgium (diesel only), Holland and Ireland (diesel only) (cannot cruise on Shannan Erne Canal, Lough Allen Canal)

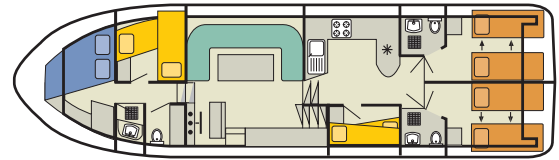
Grand Classique

SLEEPS 12 (10+2) 5 CABINS + SALOON

 ONLINE TOUR



A large, spacious and comfortable cruiser that is perfect for big parties of family and friends. This boat features 2 cabins with convertible beds, 2 cabins with bunk beds and 1 forward cabin with a double bed. There are 3 bathrooms, a large saloon, and sundeck with steering position, all to make this a truly comfortable cruiser.



Size: 14.63m x 4.1m (48ft x 13ft 6ins)

REFURBISHED IN 2012



Available in: France - All regions (except Aquitaine); Germany & Holland

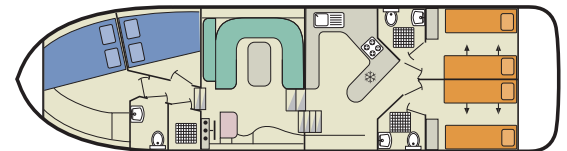
Magnifique

SLEEPS 10 (8 + 2) – 4 CABINS + SALOON

 ONLINE TOUR



Great onboard comfort and style with a touch of luxury. She boasts a modern kitchen, very spacious salon and a large sundeck. There are 2 spacious forward cabins with double beds and 1 bathroom and 2 rear en-suite cabins with 2 single beds convertible to doubles.



Size: 14.5m x 4.1m (47ft x 13ft 6ins)



Available in: France - All regions (except Charente); Germany; Italy; Belgium; Scotland; Holland; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal) & England - Thames

Salsa

A: SLEEPS 10 (8+2)

B: SLEEPS 12 (8+4)

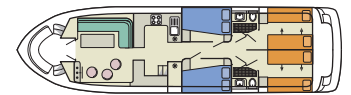
4 CABINS + SALOON

 ONLINE TOUR

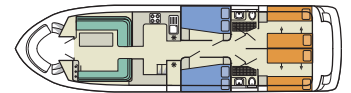


A perfect cruiser for large groups. She has 2 double cabins, 2 twin to double convertible cabins as well as 2 centrally located bathrooms. With a large saloon and upper sundeck there is plenty of space for families and friends.

A



B



Size: 14.25m x 4.1m (46ft x 13ft 6ins)



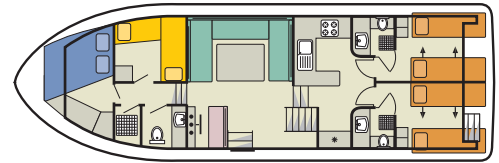
A: Available in: France - All regions; Italy

B: Available in: France - Midi, Camargue, Brittany, Nivernais Loire, Lot, Alsace

Classique Star **SLEEPS 10 (8+2) 4 CABINS + SALOON**



An elegant and spacious cruiser with 4 cabins, one features bunk beds, which is perfect for a family travelling with children, plus 3 bathrooms. The top sundeck with steering position has access to the spacious central saloon also with steering.



Size: 12.8m x 4.1m (42ft x 13ft 6ins)



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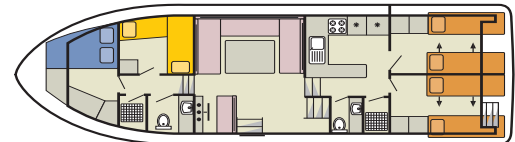


Available in: France - All regions (except Aquitaine, Charente, Brittany, Lot); Germany; Holland; Italy; England - Thames

Classique **SLEEPS 8 – 4 CABINS**



One of our most popular boats is stylish, comfortable and spacious. With 4 cabins, 2 bathrooms, and a spacious interior saloon and sundeck; she is a great cruising boat.



Size: 12.8m x 4.1m (42ft x 13ft 6ins)

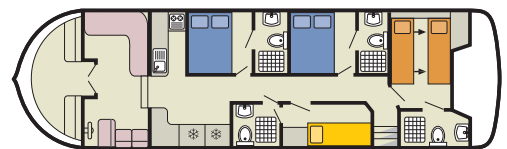


Available in: France - All regions (except Nivernais Loire, Charente, Alsace); Belgium; Germany; Holland; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal); Italy; Scotland; England - Thames

Millau **SLEEPS 8 – 4 CABINS**



The largest and most spacious flybridge model with a great top sundeck and layout. This charming boat has 4 en-suite cabins perfect for a spacious and affordable cruise.



Size: 14.15m x 3.92m (45ft x 13ft 6ins)



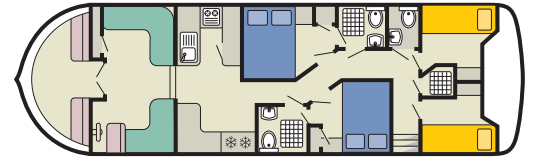
Available in: France - All regions (except Charente, Brittany, Lot, Nivernais Loire)

Tower

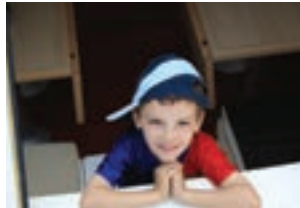
SLEEPS 12 (8+4) 4 CABINS + SALOON



Large and spacious model with a high level sundeck allows the perfect viewing spot for the surrounding scenery. 4 bedrooms, 2 with bunk beds and 2 with double beds. For added comfort, there are 3 bathrooms.



Size: 13.25m x 3.92m (43ft x 13ft)



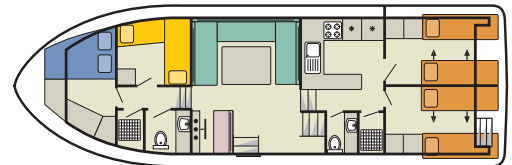
Available in: France - Nivernais Loire

Nautilia

SLEEPS 10 – 4 CABINS + SALOON



Huge upper sundeck makes this a great boat for large groups of family and friends to enjoy alfresco dining or just sight-seeing. She features 4 cabins, one with bunk beds, and 2 bathrooms with separate showers.



Size: 12.8m x 4.1m (42ft x 13ft 6ins)



Available in France - All regions (except Lot)



The Mystique

Stylish and comfortable the perfect cruising boat

The Mystique provides everything you need for a superb holiday on the water with a wonderfully spacious interior throughout. She boasts 3 large en-suite cabins, the forward cabin has a double bed, the 2 rear cabins feature convertible twin to double beds, making this the perfect boat for 3 couples or a group of 6.

The Mystique has air-conditioning and heating throughout so you will be comfortable no matter when you choose to cruise. Her stylish saloon provides access to the very spacious sundeck with fixed table and chairs, making this perfect for a glass of wine as you enjoy the scenery that surrounds you.



Mystique



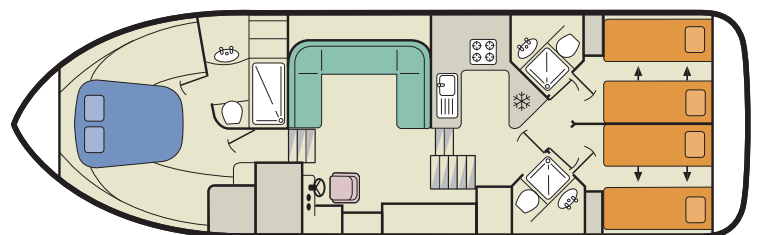
SLEEPS 8 (6 + 2) 3 CABINS + SALOON

ONLINE TOUR

With 3 large en suite cabins, spacious deck, and interior air-conditioning and heating, she is the perfect boat for all seasons.

Size: 14.25m x 4.1m (46.7ft x 13ft 6ins)

Available in: France - all regions; Germany; Belgium; England - Thames; Holland

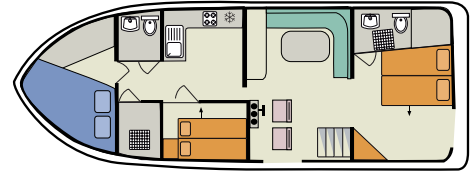


Minuetto

SLEEPS 8 (6+2) 3 CABINS + SALOON



A great choice for stylish cruising on the Venetian waterways with a unique 3 cabin layout and an outdoor shower and sink on the very spacious sundeck. People will notice you as much as they notice Venice!



Size: 13.5m x 4.1m (44ft x 13ft)



Available in: Italy

Elegance

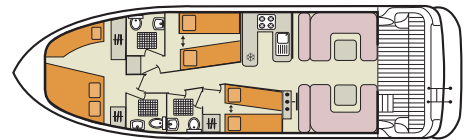
SLEEPS 6 – 3 CABINS



ONLINE TOUR



A beautiful, spacious, and well-appointed boat perfect for cruising in any destination you choose. She has 3 spacious bedrooms, a great sundeck and large patio doors from the saloon onto the rear lower sundeck and seating area.



Size: 13.1m x 4.1m (43ft x 13ft 6ins)

REFURBISHED IN 2012



Available in: France - all regions (except Brittany, Lot; England - Thames; Belgium; Germany; Holland; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal) Italy; Scotland

Royal Classique

SLEEPS 6 – 3 CABINS

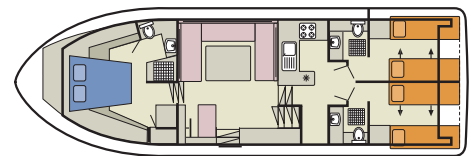


ONLINE TOUR



The most luxurious of the Classique range with 3 en-suite cabins. A new classic look for our Classiques.

The interiors of these boats have been completely revamped using a range of designer soft furnishings fitted to improve their overall appeal. These boats will surely please all who climb aboard.



Size: 12.8m x 4.1m (42ft x 13ft 6ins)

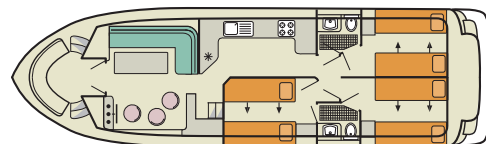
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Available in: France - all regions (except Lot, Brittany, Charente); Germany; Holland

Calypso **SLEEPS 8 (6+2) 3 CABINS + SALOON** **ONLINE TOUR**

Designed for traditional canal boat lovers with all the latest innovations in comfort and equipment. She is exceptionally spacious with 3 cabins, 2 bathrooms plus a large forward saloon and huge sundeck.



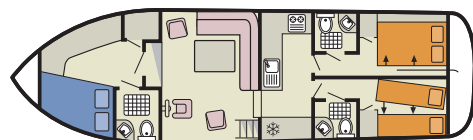
Size: 13.25m x 4.1m (43ft x 13ft 6ins)



Available in: France - all regions; England - Thames.

Continentale **SLEEPS 6 – 3 CABINS** **ONLINE TOUR**

The Continentale has had a complete makeover and now its sleek exterior mirrors the fantastic range of soft furnishings and all new modern facilities on board. Sleeping 6 comfortably in 3 cabins with 3 separate bathrooms, she is an ideal boat for families and groups of friends holidaying together – especially with the spacious sundeck – perfect for alfresco dining.



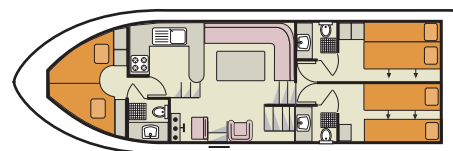
Size: 12.75m x 3.81m (42ft x 12ft)



Available in: France - all regions (except Lot, Charente); Belgium; Italy; England - Norfolk Broads

Crusader **SLEEPS 6 – 3 CABINS**

A smart cruiser offering excellent accommodation for 6 people. She features 3 cabins each with en-suite bathrooms. The large upper sundeck also boasts a second steering position.



Size: 11.9m x 3.9m (39ft x 13ft)



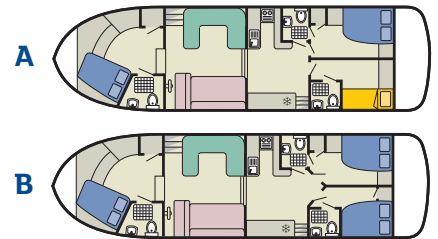
Available in: France - all regions; Germany; Holland; Ireland (Cannot cruise on Lough Allen canal); Italy; Scotland; England - Thames

Emperor

SLEEPS 8 (6+2) 3 CABINS + SALOON



A spacious single level boat, ideal for groups or families. This boat has 2 layouts, both with 3 en-suite cabins and a spacious double front cabin. Layout A has 2 rear cabins with bunk beds and 1 double cabin. Layout B has 2 double rear cabins.



Size: 13.7m x 3.81m (42ft x 12ft)



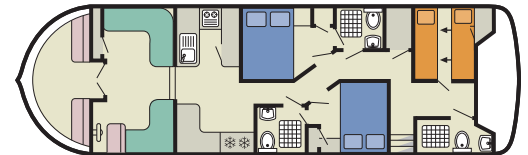
Available in: England - Norfolk Broads

Normandie

SLEEPS 10 (6+4) 3 CABINS + SALOON



Large and comfortable – a very popular family boat with the comfort and convenience of a single level interior with 3 cabins and 3 baths – a practical and cost effective cruiser for up to 10.



Size: 13.25m x 3.92m (43ft x 13ft)



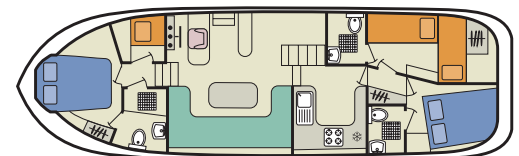
Available in: France - Midi, Camargue, Burgundy, Nivernais Loire

Shannon Star

SLEEPS 8 (6+2) 3 CABINS + SALOON



A comfortable and spacious cruiser with 1 forward cabin with double bed and a small child's bed that can be used for storage and 2 rear cabins; 1 double and 1 with 2 single beds.



Size: 12.8m x 4.1m (42ft x 13ft 6ins)



Available in: Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal)

The Royal Mystique and Royal Mystique 2

Luxury afloat! Super space, privacy and comfort. Perfect for 2 couples cruising together.

The Royal Mystique has everything that you need for the perfect holiday on the water, a spacious interior, air-conditioning and heating, and a very large sundeck – ideal for alfresco dining, enjoying a cocktail and just gazing at the view. The Royal Mystique 2 is the newest version.



Royal Mystique



SLEEPS 6 (4+2) 2 CABINS + SALOON

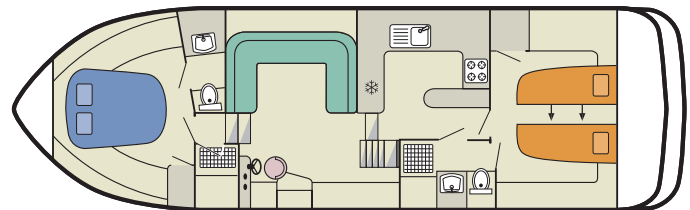
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She boasts 2 exceptionally spacious double cabins. The front cabin has a fixed large double bed; the rear cabin can be arranged as 1 large or 2 singles, both cabins have en-suite bathrooms.

Size: 13.25m x 4.1m (46.7ft x 13ft 6ins)

Royal Mystique available in: France - All regions; Italy. Royal Mystique 2 available in: France all regions, Belgium, England - Thames, Germany, Holland and Ireland

The Royal Mystique 2 has the same layout as the Royal Mystique.



Clipper

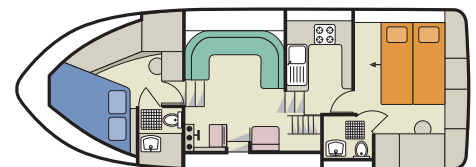
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ONLINE TOUR



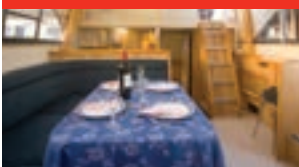
Sumptuously spacious for four – with 2 separate large cabins each with en-suite bathrooms.

The generous saloon is perfect for gatherings and has access to outside decks. The upper sundeck provides a second steering position.



Size: 11m x 3.9m (36ft x 13ft)

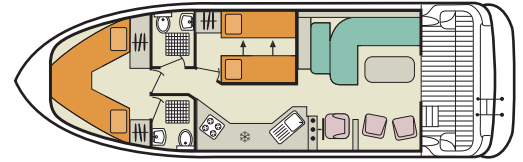
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Available in: France - All regions; Germany; Holland; Italy; Scotland

Caprice **SLEEPS 6 (4+2) 2 CABINS + SALOON** **ONLINE TOUR**

The Caprice is a modern design, with a light and airy interior. The 2 en-suite cabins are located towards the front of the boat, leaving the rear of the boat open for relaxing! The glass sliding doors in the sitting area lead out onto the aft deck of the boat, and steps up to the open upper deck and the secondary steering position. This boat is great for friends or families who are looking for a thoroughly modern cruiser.



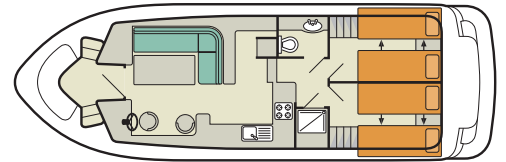
Size: 12m x 3.81m (39ft x 12ft 6ins)



Available in: All cruising destinations/regions except Norfolk Broads. Please note it cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal - Ireland

Tango **SLEEPS 6 (4+2) 2 CABINS + SALOON** **ONLINE TOUR**

The ideal model for a small family or 2 couples in 2 separate cabins. The Tango has outdoor access with a front deck, an upper deck with seating, a secondary steering position and a bathing platform on the rear. All perfect for enjoying your cruising area to its fullest.



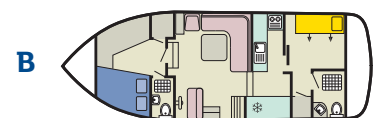
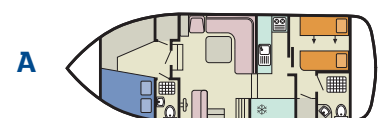
Size: 11.45m x 3.81m (37ft 7ins x 12ft 6ins)



Available in: France - All regions (except Charente); England - Thames

Corvette **SLEEPS 4 – 2 CABINS** **ONLINE TOUR**

Great onboard comfort – a perfect choice for 4 people. A central saloon for eating and drinking leads into a kitchen. The cabins are at the front and the rear of the boat which allows privacy for the occupants. On deck, there is a second steering position, table and chairs for dining alfresco as you watch the world go by.



Size: 11.35m x 3.81m (37ft x 12ft)



Available in: France - All regions (except Charente); Belgium; Italy; Ireland

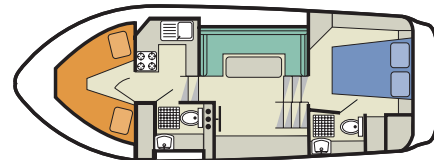
Countess

SLEEPS 6 (4+2) 2 CABINS + SALOON

 ONLINE TOUR



A cruiser that provides modern, spacious and comfortable accommodation. Perfect for a family, this boat has a forward cabin with 2 single beds and bathroom. The large rear cabin has a double bed and is en-suite. The large upper sundeck offers excellent views.



Size: 10.20m x 3.56m (33ft 6ins x 11ft 8ins)



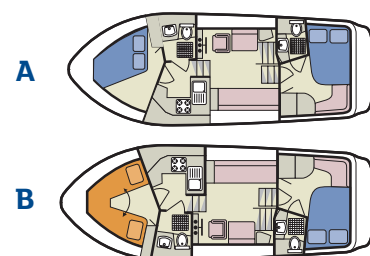
Available in: France - All regions (except Camargue, Lot, Charente); Belgium; Holland; Scotland; England - Norfolk Broads (Some bridge restrictions apply)

Consul

SLEEPS 4 – 2 CABINS



A stylish and practical boat for a small family or 2 couples. She has 2 layouts – the one available in Ireland includes front and rear cabins with double beds. The second layout has the rear en-suite double cabin with the forward cabin having 2 single beds. She also has a rear sundeck with a second steering position and seating.



Size: 10.33m x 3.37m (34ft x 11ft)

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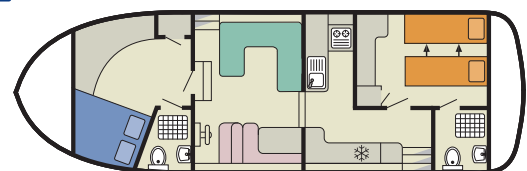
Available in: France - Midi, Camargue; Germany; Ireland, (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal); Scotland; England - Thames

Admiral

SLEEPS 6 (4+2) 2 CABINS + SALOON



A top class boat with sliding roof canopy that maximizes sunshine cruising from the comfort of your saloon. There are 2 en-suite cabins making this boat perfect for a family or 2 couples.



Size: 12.3m x 3.81m (40ft x 12ft)

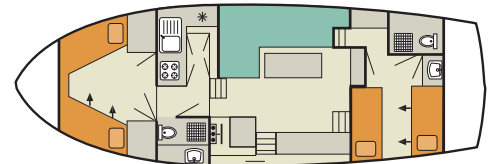


Available in: England - Norfolk Broads

Braemore SLEEPS 6 (4+2) 2 CABINS + SALOON



This handsome cruiser with 2 steering positions and generous accommodation offers 2 cabins and 2 bathrooms, perfect for 2 couples cruising in Scotland.



Size: 10.365m x 3.66m (34ft x 12ft)

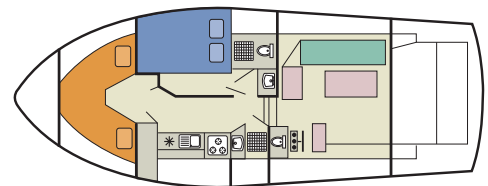


Available in: Scotland

Osprey SLEEPS 6 (4+2) 2 CABINS + SALOON



An excellent family boat with 2 cabins and 1 bathroom. She also has a spacious saloon sporting patio doors to the rear deck for access and fishing.



Size: 11.28m x 3.66m (34ft x 12ft)



Available in: Scotland

Tamaris/Lake Star SLEEPS 6 (4+2) 2 CABINS + SALOON

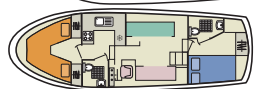


Benefiting from a good sized saloon, this boat is great for socialising. It boasts a rear en-suite cabin with double bed and a forward cabin with 2 single beds (Lake Star) or single bed converting to double (some Tamaris) with separate bathroom.

TAMARIS



LAKE STAR



Size: 9.7m x 3.6m (32ft x 12ft)



Tamaris Available in: France - Midi, Camargue, Burgundy Franche Comté, Burgundy Nivernais Loire; Holland; England – Thames
Lake Star Available in: Ireland

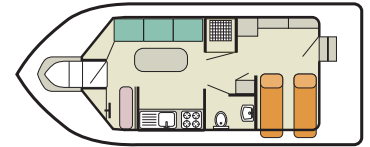
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SLEEPS 4 (2+2) 1 CABIN + SALOON

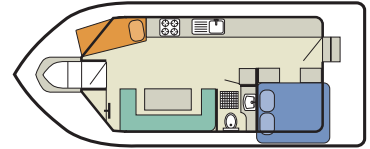


This is the perfect boat for a couples' cruise. It offers a spacious cabin, and a door from the saloon to a forward sundeck perfect for enjoying a glass of wine.

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B



Size: 8.8m x 3.6m (29ft x 11ft 2ins)



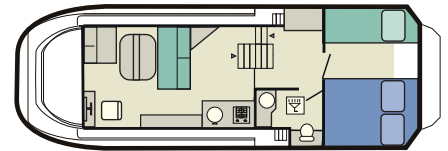
Available in: France - All regions; Germany; Holland; England - Norfolk Broads

Sheba

SLEEPS 5 (3+2) 1 CABIN + SALOON



A superb spacious boat for a couple or young family. The rear cabin has a double bed with a convertible settee perfect for a young child. She also boasts a top sundeck with space for dining and sunbathing.



Size: 9m x 3.4m (29ft 6ins x 11ft 2ins)



Available in: France - All regions; Holland.

What's on board

Stylish décor and comfortable furnishings, as well as light and airy interiors are hallmarks of our fleet. What's more, our boats are so stable on the water you don't have to worry about feeling seasick ~ or spilling your gin and tonic!

At a Glance

- Comfortable beds, pillows, duvets and bed linen
- Fully equipped kitchen with fridge(s), gas oven, stove top, dishes, and utensils
- Towels and tea towels (but not beach towels)
- CD player, TVs & DVD players come as standard on some models or are available (included on the Vision) for rent from some of our bases
- Cruising maps, Boat User Manual, and tourist information
- Safety equipment – life-ring, life-jackets, boat hook, fenders
- Basic first aid kit
- Outside table, chairs and parasols – depending on the model
- Deck equipment – mooring pegs, mallet, mop, bucket, ropes
- Bathroom facilities with hot showers
- Pump-flush toilets (electric flush toilets on some models)
- Warm air heating, fans or air-cooling, or air-conditioning varies according to each model



Le Boat Ownership

Le Boat now offers you the best ways to own the canal boat of your dreams!



Le Boat Ownership Programme

Discover all the benefits and pleasures of owning a new canal boat without the usual drawbacks of traditional ownership. Make the most of your time on the water without worrying about the financial strains and operational hassles of ownership.

Through the Ownership Programme, you purchase a brand new Le Boat model and place her into the Le Boat charter fleet. Each month, you receive a fixed amount of monthly revenue from Le Boat for the duration of your contract.

This fixed amount is constant throughout the term, regardless of whether the boat is chartering or not. This duration is 7 years (with the option to extend to 14 years) and ensures you numerous weeks of holidays!

Benefits of our Ownership Programme

- Yearly usage up to 12 weeks
- Guaranteed monthly revenue
- No operating, maintenance or insurance costs
- Use sister ships from any of our Le Boat bases
- Extension, Trade-in, or GUARANTEED Buyback options at the end of the programme

Our Ownership Fleet

Royal Mystique (see page 64): 2 cabin 2 head 13.25 M

Mystique (see page 60): 3 cabin 3 head 14.25 M

Vision 4 Cabin (see page 56): Hybrid or Standard- 4 cabin 4 head 14.97 M

Vision 3 Cabin (see page 56): Hybrid or Standard- 3 cabin 3 head 14.97 M

Le Boat Private Sales

Own the newest boats in our fleet through our new private sales division. Private sales boats are available for ownership without the Le Boat Ownership Program. Enjoy more choices of cabin configurations, upgrade your boat with equipment and options not available on the Le Boat Ownership Program models, and enjoy the freedom and flexibility of private ownership.

Le Boat Brokerage

The Le Boat range of used Canal boats and Cruisers are not just exceptionally priced, but with such a wide choice of boats and locations, we guarantee you'll find something to fit your needs and budget. Le Boat Brokerage has a buyer friendly website to help you find and purchase that special boat.

Planning Your Trip

We've put together lots of useful information to help you plan, prepare for and enjoy your holiday.



Return cruising

On a return cruise you can visit villages and towns on both sides of the waterway and spend longer in the places you love most. As captain you decide how far you travel in a day – just plan to be back at the base to hand over your boat at the correct time. If you've travelled there by car, you can leave it safely at the base.

In our cruising areas where there is only one base (the Lot and the Charente regions in France and the Caledonian Canal in Scotland) you can explore the waterways in either direction using our suggested cruising itineraries, designed to pass through our customer's favourite places.

One-way cruising

Our extensive network of bases means Le Boat can offer more one-way cruises than any other operator, giving you the best opportunity to see more of your cruising region without retracing your steps. All you have to ensure is that you arrive at your end destination on the correct date and time. At the end of your holiday we can arrange for you to be transferred back to your start base by taxi, or alternatively we can drive your car to you*. Taxi transfers to take you back to the airport or train station can also be arranged. There is an additional supplement for all one-way cruises, payable at the time of booking. Please also note that for operational reasons, the direction of your one-way cruise may need to be changed at short notice, or switched to a return-to-base cruise. Please ask the sales team for more details.

**This service is not available in all countries.*

Short breaks

All our return cruises are suitable for short breaks, or you can choose one of the specific itineraries outlined in the brochure. Short breaks can be booked in advance during low and mid season. In high season, short breaks can only be booked within four weeks of departure. Boats are available for short breaks from 16:00 on the day of departure and must be returned by 09:00 on the last day.

Longer breaks

Longer cruises of 10-11 days or more can also be booked subject to the boat's availability. Many people like to use their boat as a longer term alternative to hotels and villas to allow them to spend more time in their cruising region.

Cruising distance & time

We base our cruising distance estimates on the experience of our teams, working on an average speed of no more than 6km/hr on canals and 10km/hr on rivers. The time taken to go through a lock will vary according to the time of year and how busy the waterway is. We allow an average of 15mins, but this does not take into account waiting times which may also be necessary.

Planning your cruising itinerary

Our cruising itineraries are suggestions only. You can also create your own itinerary as long as it only includes waterways listed in this brochure. We recommend that you buy a detailed Waterways Guide or cruising map to help you plan your holiday – visit our website or speak to our sales team for recommendations. Our online Cruising Companion

also gives lots of detailed information about your cruising area; it has been developed on the back of the extensive local knowledge of our base teams and feedback from our customers.

Captain's Handbook

Our Captain's Handbook gives boat handling advice and rules of the waterways. Taking time to familiarise yourself with the signals and signs you'll see on the waterways as well as procedures for going through locks will ensure you have a safe and happy holiday. But don't forget – everyone is given a hands-on demonstration before they set off, so don't worry! Available online.

Licences

You don't need a special boat licence to hire or drive any of our boats unless you cruise in some areas in Germany. Where licences are required, they need to be obtained in your country before arriving on holiday. Even for cruises in Germany where no licence is required, customers are still required to attend a special 2hr training course prior to departure. For more information – please ask our sales team for advice.

Travel & parking

If you are driving to the base you'll find maps, GPS co-ordinates and address details on our website – or alternatively ask our sales team. If you are arriving by train or plane we can arrange for taxi transfers. Parking facilities vary according to the base you are visiting. Some bases have secure parking and/or garages on site or nearby which can be used for a small charge when booked in advance. Our sales team will be happy to advise you on parking options and costs.

What to pack

Soft bags are much better than suitcases! Remember to bring rubber-soled shoes and leather or gardening gloves are useful when holding the ropes in the locks. Binoculars and a torch are also a good idea.



TVs, mobile phones and WiFi

In some cruising areas you may find it is not possible to get a good TV, mobile phone or internet signal. Coverage is usually better nearer the towns and villages, where there is also often WiFi access too. Please remember that roaming charges can make it very expensive to send and receive information abroad.



Insurance

To protect yourself in case your travel arrangements must change, we strongly recommend taking out our personal travel insurance, even if you are travelling in your own country. If you choose not to purchase our insurance we recommend you make suitable alternative arrangements.

Pets & Vets

A maximum of two well-behaved pets are welcome on board but a pet cleaning supplement is payable. Check our website or ask our sales team for details.

Locks

You will find various different styles of locks on the canals and rivers in this brochure. Most of the locks are automatic and manned by lock-keepers. Opening hours will be advised by your base, as they vary from country to country, and in different cruising regions. Locks are generally open every day but some are closed on Public Holidays. More details on the different types of locks and how to pass through a lock can be found in our Captain's Handbook.

Lock-free cruising

If you're looking for lock-free cruising, then a return-to-base cruise from our base in St. Gilles in the Camargue is a perfect choice. The Camargue and Norfolk areas have few locks to navigate overall.

Age limit

You must be 18 years old to hire a Le Boat self-drive cruiser; 21 years in Ireland. Boats must have at least two adults on board.

Customer guarantee

We want you to enjoy a great cruising holiday and will do our very best to ensure this is the case. In the unlikely event of a breakdown or technical problem that prevents its usage we will send an engineer as soon as possible. If your boat is considered unusable for more than half a day you will be offered compensation based on the daily hire rate.

Great Holiday Extras

Make the most of your time on the water.



New for 2013

Golfing Itineraries

Book Golfing Itineraries in Ireland and Italy! We offer cruises that highlight the best golf courses along routes in Ireland and Italy. You can choose to play golf for a day or to experience a different course everyday. Ask our sales team for more information.

Luxury Cruising with Afloat France

Le Boat is now an elite broker for Afloat in France, an Orient-Express collection all inclusive luxury barging. Carrying between four and 12 guests, these five spacious craft are perfect for a group of family or friends. Charter your own barge or reserve a cabin with other guests.

Renowned as among the finest craft plying the European waterways, these exceptional péniche-hôtels take you from great cities to remote landscapes of forests, fields and hidden villages. Gourmet dining on board and visits to local sights are all part of the experience.

*WiFi is now available in selected destinations.
We are connected so you can be.
Ask your agent for all the details.*



More Extras

Book a Vision Crew!

For an extra touch of luxury, why not book a Captain to drive your boat along the Canal du Midi? We can also arrange for a chef to be on board too, cooking delicious local cuisine for you and your party. Staying on board in one of the en-suite cabins, our Vision Crew will help you make the most of your journey along this historic waterway. This luxury service will only be available from July to September, and only on the Vision, so book early to guarantee crew availability.

Bikes for everyone!

For collecting your morning baguette to exploring more of your cruising area – the vast majority of our customers find bikes very useful to take on board with them. Flat tow paths make for easy cycling, while for the more adventurous, explore further afield. Choose from either cross-country bikes or lighter standard bikes, children's bikes, including tag-along bikes. Child seats are also available for hire from most bases, you can also buy helmets if you forget to bring your own!

BBQs

Charcoal BBQs are prohibited along most waterways. For this reason, we offer gas BBQs which attach to the railings of your boat, giving you the flexibility and fun to have outdoor BBQs whenever you want! An extra lantern to light up the night time skies makes all the difference!



Early boarding & Late check-out

Now even earlier! Why not make the most of your time on the water and pre-book for our Early Boarding and Late Check-Out service, which enables you to collect your boat between 11:00 - 12:00, or from 14:00 on the first day and return your boat by 12:00 on the last day. (Normally our boats are available from 16:00 and need to be returned by 09:00 at the end of your holiday). Please note that this service is not available at our base in Chertsey and due to operational reasons, it may not always be possible to offer this service. Please check with our sales team.

Cleaning service

After a relaxing holiday you probably don't want to spend your last evening cleaning the boat, so why not pre-book our cleaning service and let us take care of this for you. Prices are dependant on boat size/model, so please ask our sales team for more details.

Parasols

Parasols are essential for providing shade while you cruise. They are provided on board your boats for a refundable deposit, so take good care of them!

Comfort cushions

Why not hire a pack of top deck cushions for extra comfort while you cruise. They also double as sunbathing mattresses! Cushions are included on our five and six anchor boats.

Special occasion gift baskets

If you are celebrating a special birthday or occasion, why not pre-order one of our beautifully presented special occasion gift baskets. Full of local delicacies and regional specialities, this is a great way to mark a special occasion.

Angler's pack

For the really keen fishermen among you, our angling pack (dinghy & outboard motor) will help you reach the most secluded stretch of water, and maybe catch the big one! These packs are available in Ireland and a selection of other popular fishing destinations. We can also help you with obtaining fishing permits locally on arrival. We also sell a range of fishing gear at most of our bases if you decide you fancy a spot of fishing! Ask our sales team for further details.



Kayaks

For extra fun on the water, we offer 2-seater kayaks for hire on the Norfolk Broads in the UK. Ask our sales team for further details.

Pre-order your groceries

Take advantage of our advance grocery ordering service which allows you to order a selection of grocery packs which will be ready on board for you when you arrive. This is especially useful if you are not driving to your base, or you will be arriving after supermarkets have closed. Check out our website or ask our sales team for more details.

Eco-pack

Help us preserve the waterways for future enjoyment by buying our Eco-pack of cleaning products and toiletries.





Tropical Island Cruising



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The Moorings, the sister company of Le Boat, has created the most unforgettable yachting holidays in 27 of the world's most beautiful and exotic destinations, for over 40 years! Select from a fleet of new, custom yachts offering the perfect platform and the freedom for family and friends to enjoy the best of their exotic surroundings in comfort and style.

Power Yachts. Escape on the ultimate cruising adventure as you captain an easy to operate, Moorings 37' to 47' power catamaran. No formal qualifications required; plus we offer friendly local captains for hire.

All-Inclusive Crewed Yachts. Our live - aboard Sail or Power Yacht holidays offer the ultimate in privacy, with professional captain and chef at your service! Enjoy gourmet meals, ever-changing surroundings, daily cabin service, open bar and more.

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Le Boat is now an elite broker for Afloat in France, part of the Orient-Express collection with all inclusive luxury barging. Relax with a glass of wine on your private deck as your crew steers you through the romantic French countryside.



Gourmet dining with a menu that includes your onboard chef's original recipes as well as regional specialties and hand-picked wines is part of the charm of this unique journey



Carrying between 4 and 12 guests, these beautifully appointed crafts are perfect for a group of family or friends. We also can provide special themed excursions led by experts in their fields.



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