

MORE THAN  
**50**  
YEARS  
ON THE WATER

Cruising region in CANADA  
**NEW**  
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# *le boat*

Who's on board?

## BOATING HOLIDAYS

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY OR LICENCE REQUIRED



FRANCE | ITALY | GERMANY | NETHERLANDS | BELGIUM | IRELAND | ENGLAND | SCOTLAND | CANADA



# HOW TO PLAN YOUR LE BOAT ADVENTURE

Our brochure makes planning an adventure with Le Boat easy, just follow these few simple steps:

## 1 CHOOSE YOUR DESTINATION *page 6-37*

Le Boat operates in 17 unique destinations across 9 countries, so we know we have the perfect holiday destination for everyone!

## 2 CHOOSE YOUR BOAT *page 38-55*

Whether you are a large group of friends, a couple or a family, our impeccably maintained fleet has a boat for every party-size and budget.

## 3 CHOOSE YOUR EXTRAS *page 56-57*

From bicycle hire to grocery packs our holiday extras are the perfect accompaniments to any cruise.





# You're in safe hands

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## YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

We've been doing this for a long time, so you can rely on us to offer exceptional service and a wealth of helpful advice and knowledge to ensure you have the best time on the water!



## OUR BOATING EXPERTS

Our enthusiastic staff are boating experts and will be on hand to help you every step of the way. With an unparalleled knowledge of boating holidays and often proficient in multiple languages, our staff can answer any questions you might have before, during or after your cruise.



## MORE CHOICE

We have Europe's largest fleet of self-drive boats, as well as boats in Canada, and the widest choice of fabulous boating destinations to choose from! This means you're more likely to find availability on the boat and destination that best suits you. And, thanks to our huge network of bases, we are also able to offer the biggest selection of one-way cruising routes than any other operator.



## QUALITY AND RELIABILITY

Every year we heavily invest in the maintenance of our fleet - as well as the production of new boats - to ensure they are in great shape for you to enjoy. In fact, over the past 7 years we've spent over €30M on building 175 brand new Horizon boats - that's more than any other boating operator.



## YOUR MONEY IS SAFE

Le Boat are part of Travelopia, who own the world's largest collection of specialist travel brands and we benefit from the financial support and security they provide.



“ From booking, check-in, handling lesson, information provided, return and check-out... the whole process was easy, hassle-free and super enjoyable. We will 100% be back for another trip.

M. Pickett (Feefo review)



“ Everything about this type of holiday is great. Staff are knowledgeable and are always on hand to help, without being patronising.

R. King (Feefo review)

“ Staff were very helpful, boat was suitable for our needs, weather was lovely and the canal is beautiful. The lockkeepers were really helpful. We greatly enjoyed just mooring up when and where we chose. It felt like a real community on the canal.

Anonymous (Feefo review)

“ Excellent from start to finish, could not fault any part of this experience.

S. Lovatt (Feefo review)



# NEW TO BOATING HOLIDAYS?

*No experience necessary,  
no licence required!*

*If you've never been on a boating holiday before, the concept is simple. We provide you with a boat, which will be your home and transport for the duration of your holiday. Pick it up from one of our many bases, situated along some of the most beautiful waterways in Europe and Canada, and the rest is entirely up to you. Go where you want; do as you please. The only requirement is that you return it back to the base on time.*

## IT'S EASY PEASY!

Not many of our new customers have driven a boat before. However, they quickly realise how easy it is and soon become confident navigating the waterways. Our base teams will tell (and show) you everything you need to know, to make sure you are completely happy with the controls. And the predeparture, arrival and on board information we provide has been thoughtfully put together to ensure you have relevant and helpful information at hand exactly when you need it.



## GET A HEAD START

For boating 'newbies' – why not check out our helpful boat handling videos, safety advice and other online resources? Reviewing this before your holiday can aid your understanding of what you are told during the pre-departure briefing and will help you to become confident with the boat and the waterway more quickly.

## IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE BOAT

Boating is a lot of fun and a most relaxing way of getting about. However, you will treasure the moments you leave your boat just as much. The waterways provide you with an ever-changing playground and somewhere new to explore, every day.





## PLAN YOUR TIME IN DETAIL OR TAKE EACH DAY AS IT COMES – WHATEVER SUITS!

There is a waterways map on board which makes it very clear where you can and can't go. Other on-board information tells you approximately how long it will take you to travel from point to point, where you can moor and what you can expect to find in each waterside town or village. Some people like to plan their holiday itinerary in fine detail. Others enjoy waking up each morning and chatting about what to do that day, around the breakfast table.

## IT'S ALL ON BOARD

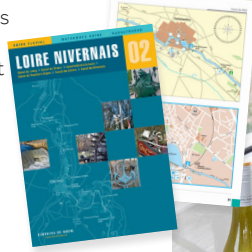
All our boats have comfortable cabins; hot water, showers and toilets; dining tables and fully-equipped kitchens – everything you'll need to be self-sufficient for the duration of your holiday. You can travel from place to place, without the need to keep unpacking and packing again! For more about our boats, see pages 40 - 57.

## CRUISE FOR AS LONG AND AS FAR AS YOU WANT

In many of our boating regions, we have more than one base, which means you can either return your boat to the same base you started from, or you can cruise one-way between two bases. You can book any duration from a three-night short break to a two-week holiday, or even longer. We won't allow you to book a duration that doesn't allow enough time to get to your destination base. We've provided helpful cruising suggestions on our destination pages, to show you how long it will take to cruise between bases. An average of three to four hours cruising a day is quite a nice pace.

## LOCKS ARE EASY... AND GOOD FUN!

Going through locks is an enjoyable part of your holiday. It gives everyone on board the chance to get involved, no matter their age or experience. You'll quickly get the hang of them and enjoy the crew camaraderie and the opportunity to chat with fellow boaters. The types of lock vary by region, whether manually-operated or electric; automatic or manned by a lock keeper.



## SEE OUR SUGGESTED ITINERARIES ONLINE

Although our holidays offer the freedom to go where you please and stop when you want, we understand that sometimes it's just easier to have a plan – and even better if that plan is already made for you. So we've put together a range of suggested itineraries for each of our cruising regions to help you decide which route is best for you and to show you what your holiday might look like once you're there. Remember though – they are just suggestions. Although your start and end base are fixed once booked – what you do in between can be flexed and changed as you go along.





# CANADA

NEW

Trent-Severn



Montreal

NEW

Ottawa

Smiths Falls

Rideau Canal

Peterborough

Trenton

Toronto

Kingston

Carrick-on-Shannon

Shannon & Erne

Portlanna

IRELAND

NEW DESTINATION



Saint-Cirq Lapopie, Lot

Campbellford, Trent-Severn



Venice



Netherlands



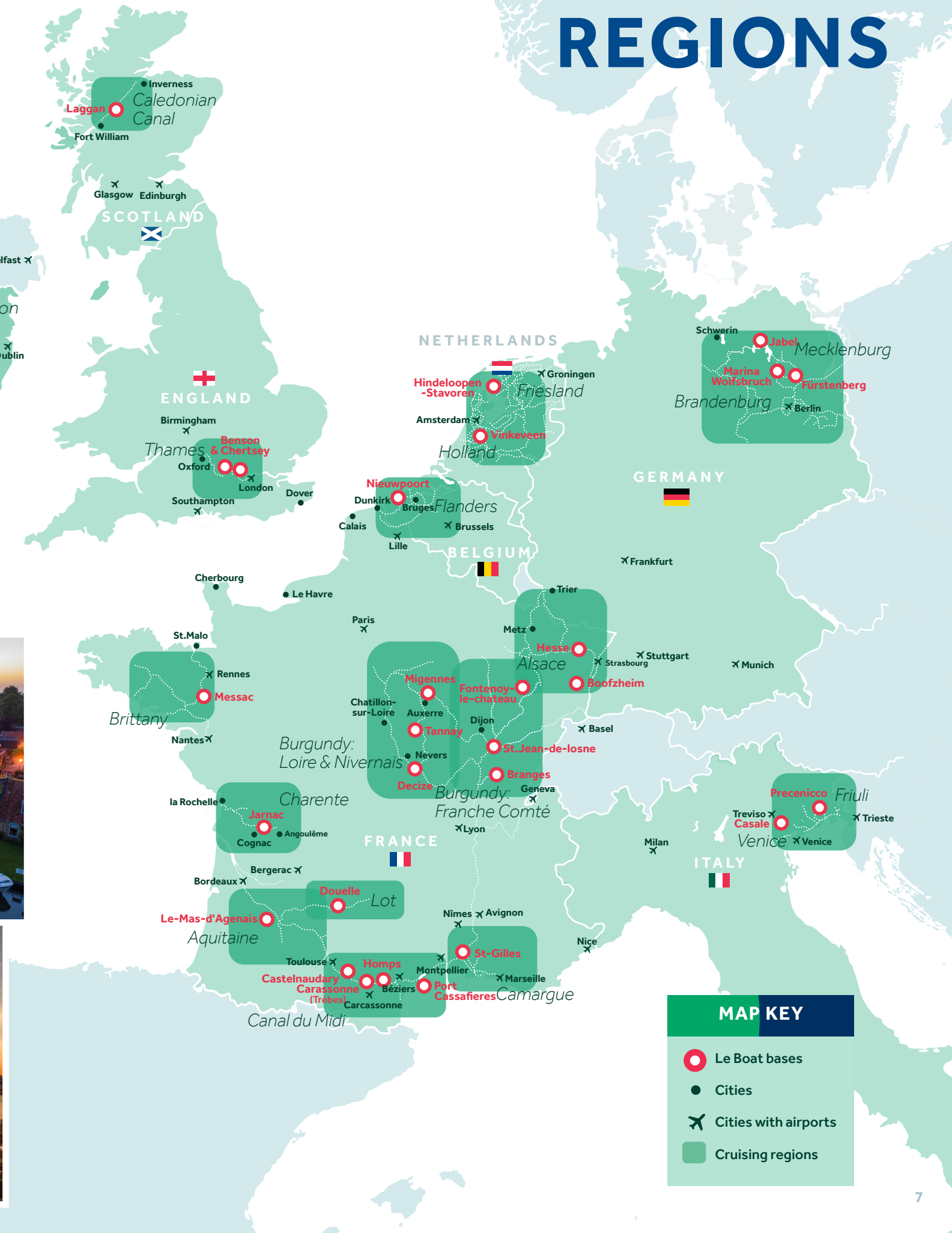
Aude, Canal Du Midi



Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Canada



# OUR CRUISING REGIONS



## MAP KEY

- Le Boat bases
- Cities
- Cities with airports
- Cruising regions






# STEP 1: CHOOSE YOUR DESTINATION



## p16-17 ■ ■ Canal du Midi

The Canal du Midi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a wonderful journey through the sun-drenched vineyards and pretty villages of the Languedoc - France's most prolific wine producing region.

*Especially great for:*




-  Wine-tasting
-  Castles and Cathar history
-  Cycling

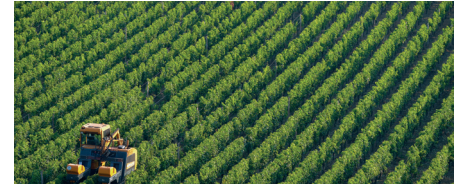


## p18 ■ ■ Camargue

The Camargue hosts many fabulous beach resorts, ancient ports, fishing villages and historic towns. It also is a wildlife haven and is one of the few nesting sites for graceful flamingos in all of France.

*Especially great for:*




-  Beaches and seaside fun
-  Amazing wildlife
-  Delicious seafood



## p19 ■ ■ Aquitaine

Aquitaine in south-west France provides both cultural and culinary delights with ancient hilltop villages and colourful markets specialising in French delicacies such as truffles.

*Especially great for:*




-  Wine-tasting
-  Cycling
-  Glorious gastronomy



## p20 ■ ■ Lot

Discover majestic scenery, wide valleys and steep gorges; spectacular limestone cliffs and cascading waterfalls; a nature-lovers dream, popular for wildlife-spotting, kayaking and canoeing.

*Especially great for:*




-  Swimming and fun in the river
-  Fishing
-  Breathtaking scenery



## p21 ■ ■ Charente

Supposedly the 'loveliest river in France', the crystal clear waters of the Charente are perfect for swimming in. Pass fields of vibrant sunflowers, ancient Roman sites and cognac distilleries.

*Especially great for:*




-  Swimming and fun in the river
-  Fishing
-  Historical monuments



## p22 ■ ■ Brittany

Full of Celtic charm and fairy-tale castles, unique Breton culture and traditions come to life in this picturesque cruising region, with many pretty villages and lively towns to explore.

*Especially great for:*




-  Fairytale castles
-  Delicious seafood
-  Lively cities and culture



## p23 ■ ■ Alsace

Alsace, neighbored by Germany, has a distinctly cosmopolitan feel and offers superb cruising to suit all tastes; nature-lovers, history buffs and city explorers. Alsace has it all!

*Especially great for:*

-  Famous white wines
-  Cosmopolitan cities
-  Breathtaking scenery



## p24-25 ■ ■ Burgundy: Loire & Nivernais

The Nivernais Canal is reputed to be one of France's prettiest and the Loire provides gentle cruising with few locks. Both offer spectacular views, hilltop vineyards and charming towns and villages.

*Especially great for:*




-  Wine-tasting
-  Cathedrals
-  Cycling



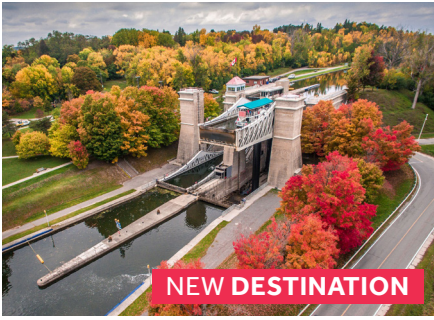
## p26-27 ■ ■ Burgundy: Franche Comté

As well as fine wines and gourmet cuisine, the landscapes of this region are rich with the natural beauty of pine forests, mountain scenery, rolling pastures and meadows of flowers.

*Especially great for:*

-  Wine-tasting
-  Swimming and fun in the river
-  Glorious gastronomy





**NEW DESTINATION**

**p12-13** 🇨🇦 Trent-Severn

Cruise to the heart of the Kawartha Lakes and enjoy spectacular waterside forests, hiking trails and watersports. Reconnect with Mother Nature in our newest cruising region.

*Especially great for:*

- Big lakes & watersports
- Hiking and walking trails
- Breathtaking scenery



**p30-31** 🇩🇪 Germany

With dramatic lakeside castles, historic cities, modern café culture, protected nature reserves and crystal clear lakes, this stunning region is a haven for watersports enthusiasts and nature lovers.

*Especially great for:*

- Big lakes and watersports
- Waterside castles and palaces
- Big city art and culture



**p35** 🇮🇪 Ireland

Discover castle ruins and Celtic monuments, surrounded by verdant green countryside. Go fishing, play a round of golf or just relax while experiencing the genuine warmth and hospitality of the Irish.

*Especially great for:*

- Golf
- Fishing
- Lively villages and a warm welcome



**NEW BASE IN OTTAWA**

**p14-15** 🇨🇦 Rideau Canal

Bookended by vibrant Ottawa and bustling Kingston, both teeming with culture, the Rideau Canal (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) connects a series of wide open lakes, home to endless outdoor pursuits and watersports.

*Especially great for:*

- Big lakes & watersports
- Big city art and culture
- Breathtaking scenery



**p32-33** 🇳🇱 Netherlands

The rivers and lakes of Holland and Friesland will provide glimpses of beautiful windmills, waterside villages, vast lakes and colourful fields. And don't miss a day trip to vibrant Amsterdam.

*Especially great for:*

- Big lakes and watersports
- Cycling
- Big city art and culture



**p36** 🇬🇧 England

The River Thames provides a magical combination of lush green countryside, historic castles, royal palaces & gardens and countless attractions to keep the most restless of travellers entertained.

*Especially great for:*

- Castles, palaces and stately homes
- Theme parks and family attractions
- Big city art and culture



**p28-29** 🇮🇹 Italy

Venice and its surrounding islands will enchant you with opulent architecture, vibrant culture and spectacular vistas. By contrast, the rural charm of the Friuli region will surprise and delight.

*Especially great for:*

- Big city art and culture
- Beaches and seaside fun
- Golf



**p34** 🇧🇪 Belgium

Historical monuments, gothic facades, ancient towns, famous Belgian chocolate and pretty humpback bridges make Belgium an enchanting destination with a vast tapestry of charms.

*Especially great for:*

- Beaches and seaside fun
- Historic monuments and war memorials
- Belgian beer



**p37** 🇸🇬 Scotland

Steeped in Celtic mystery, myth and legend, such as the tale of the Loch Ness monster, this breathtaking region has the majestic mountains of the Scottish Highlands for a backdrop – stunning!

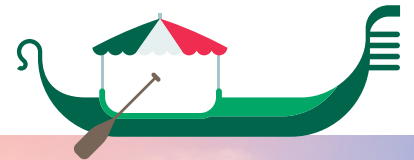
*Especially great for:*

- Fishing
- Breathtaking scenery
- Outdoor pursuits



# NEED INSPIRATION?

*If you need a little help picking your perfect Le Boat destination, why not take a look at some of our suggestions, ideal for the following groups of people and interests.*



## A ROMANTIC ESCAPE

Just the two of you? Head to Holland (p32-33) where you can cruise past tulip fields, cycle the flat countryside towpaths and immerse yourself in the culture and bright lights of Amsterdam. Or Belgium (p34) offers delightful Bruges along with picturesque canals, pretty scenery and chocolate! And not forgetting Italy (p28-39) and the most romantic city in the World – Venice!

## FAMILY FUN

Head to the sunny south of France, where the Camargue (p18) offers amazing wildlife, sandy Mediterranean beaches, horse-riding, quad-biking and more.

Or the captivating River Thames (p36) is packed full of fun and thrills with wildlife and theme parks, woodland trails, activity centres and countless parkland for picnics and running wild in.

## GROUP ADVENTURES

Sharing a boat with friends and discovering new places to see and new things to do each day is not only great fun, but it's affordable too! The Thames (p36) and the Canal du Midi (p16-18) are teeming with waterside attractions and sites of interest, while Amsterdam (p34-35), Berlin (p30-31) and Venice (p28-29) make a good 'city and countryside combo' to suit a mix of holiday desires! The Camargue (p19), Lot (p20), Mecklenburg (p30), Friesland (p32) and Scotland (p37) are all good if your group is particularly active and enjoy outdoor pursuits.







## HISTORY AND HERITAGE

The Cathar castles of the Canal du Midi (p16-17), including the impressive walled city at Carcassonne, will enthral history buffs, while Celtic Brittany (p22) has its fair share of enchanting chateaux to visit. Or explore royal Windsor Castle and Hampton Court Palace on the historic Thames (p34).

## SCENERY AND COUNTRYSIDE

The waterways meander past glorious countryside in whichever destination you choose. However, the rugged highlands of Scotland (p37) are particularly stunning; the perfect escape from it all. Alternatively, get away to the peaceful Nivernais and Loire (p25-26) with pretty cobbled French villages, vineyards, forests and countryside. Or the vast lakes and leafy forests of the Rideau Canal in Canada (p14-15) will take your breath away.



## GLORIOUS GASTRONOMY

Crusty French bread, fine wine and delicious cheeses await you in all of our French regions, although a cruise through Aquitaine (p19) will also reward you with Agen prunes, foie gras, truffles and Bordeaux wine. And, with its wealth of gastro pubs, exquisite riverside eateries and Michelin-starred restaurants, the Thames (p36) is also a food-lovers paradise.

## SWIMMING AND WATERSPORTS

A cruise in one of our beautiful river destinations, such as the River Lot (p20) and River Charente (p21), or the open lakes of Mecklenburg in Germany (p30-31), Friesland in the Netherlands (p32-33) and the UNESCO Rideau Canal & Trent-Seven Waterway in Canada (p12) will allow you to swim straight from your boat. Kayaking, and sometimes sailing, is popular in these destinations and you can also hire stand-up paddle boards from Le Boat to take with you (selected destinations only). For fun in the sea, try the Mediterranean beaches of the Camargue (p18) or the Adriatic coast in Friuli, Italy (p28-29).

## FISHING

Our river destinations make perfect fishing grounds. You can hire angling dinghies with your boat hire in the Lot (p20), Charente (p21), Germany (p30-31), Netherlands (p32-33) and Ireland (p35) so you can reach the most secluded spots. Scotland (p37) is also a great destination for the avid angler. Ask us about fishing licences.

## AND THERE'S MUCH MORE...

Whether you love golf, fishing, cycling, gastronomy, wine tasting, wildlife, swimming or watersports - we have a choice of perfect destinations for you. Visit our website or call our expert team for recommendations.





# Trent-Severn Waterway and the Kawartha Lakes

## *Journey through an enchanting, natural paradise*

Our newest cruising region, and our second in Canada, the Trent-Severn Waterway (a National Historic Site of Canada) stretches 386km and passes through the stunning Kawartha Lakes in central Ontario. If you are looking to escape from it all, experience the great outdoors and reconnect with nature (and family and friends) then this is the region for you.



▲ Pass through Peterborough Lift Lock, the highest lift lock in the world.





- ▲ The remote island setting of Lovesick Lock, a tranquil overnight mooring.
- ▶ Enjoy spectacular canoeing, kayaking and SUPing in one of the world's greatest freshwater destinations
- ▶ A vibrant mix of shopping, dining and cultural experiences in Bobcaygeon, home to the world renowned Kawartha Dairy Ice Cream.  
Soak up arts and culture in Coboconk and explore neighbouring Balsam Lake Provincial Park. ▶
- ▼ Venture across Ranney Falls suspension bridge, not far from the main waterway.



## CRUISING SUGGESTIONS

All cruises must start and finish in Peterborough.

DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS
1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	Peterborough > Peterborough/Ashburnham > Bobcaygeon > Peterborough	25	22
	Peterborough > Peterborough/Ashburnham > Campbellford > Peterborough	22	12
10 TO 14 NIGHTS RETURN CRUISING	Peterborough > Peterborough/Ashburnham > Bobcaygeon > Coboconk > Kirkfield Lift Lock > Peterborough	38	28
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Peterborough > Peterborough/Ashburnham > Hastings > Peterborough	14	4
	Peterborough > Peterborough/Ashburnham > Lakefield > Lovesick Island > Peterborough (min. 4 nights)	15	18

SUGGESTIONS ONLY. YOUR START AND END BASE IS FIXED ONCE BOOKED. WHAT YOU DO IN BETWEEN IS UP TO YOU.



**i Locks:** The locks are hydraulic and are all manned by Parks Canada staff.

**Moorings:** A mandatory fee will be added to your booking which covers all overnight mooring at Parks Canada Sites (shore power is not included with mooring fees). Other private mooring options are available at local marinas for a fee, which is payable locally.

**Boating Season:** Our boating season in Canada runs from mid-May to early October.

**Boats:** Our Canada fleet is comprised solely of boats from our premier Horizon fleet.

## TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD

### Ottawa

Peterborough 3hrs 15 min

### Toronto

Peterborough 1hr 45 min

Ask us about taxi transfers to our bases in Canada - we can recommend the best taxi companies to use.



# Rideau Canal

Combine waterside wilderness with big city culture

We took our boats to the Rideau Canal in 2018 and this cruising region, our first outside of Europe, has skyrocketed in appeal and popularity every year since. Cruise effortlessly on a chain of lakes, rivers and canals that run from Ottawa to Kingston. Find your own frontier spirit and engross yourself in the region's spellbinding natural wonders, quaint towns and not forgetting Canada's vibrant capital city. Whether you are after breath-taking nature or vibrant culture, the UNESCO-listed Rideau Canal has it all.



▲ Our premier Horizon boats.

## CRUISING SUGGESTIONS

You can take a one-way cruise between either of our bases in this region, in either direction. Or you can book a return-to-base cruise (3 nights minimum) from any base.

DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS
1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	Smiths Falls > Portland > Jones Falls > Smiths Falls	27	12
	Smiths Falls > Newboro > Smiths Falls	33	20
	Ottawa > Long Island > Manotick > Burritts Rapids > Upper Nicholsonsons > Merrickville > Ottawa	30	30
	Smiths Falls > Merrickville > Burritts Rapids > Long Island > Smiths Falls	34	20
10 TO 14 NIGHTS RETURN CRUISING	Smiths Falls > Merrickville > Long Island > Ottawa > Smiths Falls	43	36
	Smiths Falls > Merrickville > Burritts Rapids > Upper Nicholsonsons > Long Island > Manotick > Ottawa > Smiths Falls	43	38
	Smiths Falls > Newboro > Kingston > Smiths Falls	50	30
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Smiths Falls > Perth > Smiths Falls	10	8
	Smiths Falls > Merrickville > Smiths Falls	13	10
	Ottawa > Manotick > Long Island > Ottawa	9	10

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▲ Ottawa, Ontario



▲ The pretty limestone town of Perth with its lively local culture, quaint boutiques and active markets.



▲ Rideau Ferry - home to a beautiful 10 acre recreation area on the shores of Lower Rideau Lake.





“ Navigating from lake to lake in the middle of the Canadian forests is probably the best of the boating holidays: for the landscapes of course, but also for the kindness of the lock keepers and the relaxed climate. An experience not to be missed under any circumstances...”

Fabienne Ernst ”

- ▲ Walk to Rock Dunder - one of the highest points of the region for spectacular views.
- ▶ Smiths Falls is both the location of one of our bases and a hub of outdoor activity and adventure –the ideal place for a breath of fresh air.
- ▶ Find Ottawa’s only working museum in Manotick. Watson’s Mill is both a fascinating museum and one of the only remaining operating grist mills in North America!
- ▶ Taste the locally inspired brews of Perth Brewery, Cartwright Springs Brewery, or Whitewater Brewing Co.
- ▶ Voted Canada’s prettiest village, Merrickville, home to a vibrant artisanal community and often dubbed the ‘Jewel of the Rideau’.
- ▶ Pamper yourself with a wine-tasting and tour, followed by a lake-view lunch at the Scheuermann Vineyard and Winery in Westport.

### TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD

#### Ottawa

Smiths Falls – 1 hr

#### Toronto

Smiths Falls – 3 hrs 45 mins, Ottawa - 4 hrs 45 mins

#### Montreal

Smiths Falls – 2 hrs 30 mins, Ottawa - 2 hrs 25 mins

#### Kingston

Smiths Falls – 1 hr 25 mins, Ottawa - 1 hr 50 mins

Ask us about taxi transfers to our bases in Canada - we can recommend the best taxi companies to use.



### TRANSFER TIMES BY RAIL

#### Ottawa

Smiths Falls – 45 mins

#### Kingston

Smiths Falls – 1 hr 15 mins, Ottawa - 1 hr

#### Montreal Central

Smiths Falls – 3 hrs, Ottawa - 3 hrs

#### Toronto Union

Smiths Falls – 3 hrs 30 mins, Ottawa - 5 hrs



**Locks:** Locks on the Rideau are fun and easy! These traditional locks are operated by hand, the old fashioned way, by a team of three to four lockkeepers.

**Moorings:** A mandatory fee will be added to your booking which covers all overnight moorings at Parks Canada sites as well as in some town/village marinas. See page 62 for more details. Other mooring options are available for a fee, which is payable locally.

**Boating Season:** Our boating season in Canada runs from mid-May to early October.

**Boats:** Our Canada fleet is comprised solely of boats from our premier Horizon fleet.



# Canal du Midi

*A wonderful journey through the old Languedoc region of southern France*

*Bathed in warm sunshine for most of the year, a cruise along the Canal du Midi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the perfect holiday choice for friends and families looking to enjoy the wonderfully relaxed ambience of life along this beautiful, historic waterway.*



## CRUISING SUGGESTIONS

You can take a one-way cruise between any of our bases in this region, in either direction, except between Trèbes and Port Cassafières. Or you can book a return-to-base cruise (3 nights minimum) from any base.

DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS
1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	Port Cassafières > Narbonne > Port Cassafières	27	44
	Homps > Carcassonne > Homps	20	42
	Castelnaudary > Carcassonne > Castelnaudary	21	48
1 WEEK ONE-WAY CRUISING (Choose to cruise in either direction)	Port Cassafières > Castelnaudary	33	63
	Homps > Castelnaudary	20	45
	Homps > Port-Cassafières	13	18
10 TO 14 NIGHTS RETURN CRUISING	Carcassonne (Trèbes) > Béziers > Carcassonne (Trèbes)	36	58
	Homps > Le Somail > Homps	11	12
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Homps > Le Somail > Carcassonne > Carcassonne (Trèbes) (4 nights one-way)	19	40
	Castelnaudary > Carcassonne (Trèbes) (4 nights one-way)	14	31

**SUGGESTIONS ONLY. YOUR START AND END BASE IS FIXED ONCE BOOKED. WHAT YOU DO IN BETWEEN IS UP TO YOU.**

▶ Pretty Le Somail with its antiquarian bookshop and lovely restaurants.



All locks are electric and free to use. Some are automatic, but most are manned. The Fonsèranes staircase of locks can get busy and have specific hours of operation which may slow your progress along the canal. If you are on a return-to-base cruise and wish to save time by not passing through them, you can still see Béziers by mooring at the top or bottom and walking or cycling into the city.





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*Le Somail located between Narbonne and Béziers is very picturesque. Its small stone bridge so characteristic. There's a barge for a grocers, an old bookshop, cathedral and a number of pleasant bistros at the edge of the water.*

**Mrs Hagard**

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- ▲ Ancient walled city and the World Heritage listed stronghold at Carcassonne.
- ▶ Cathédrale St-Nazaire in Béziers.
- ▶ Visit the Cathar Castle. Château de Minerve, the site of a ten week siege during the Cathar crusades.
- ▶ The staircase of locks at Fonsérannes and the aqueduct bridge over the River Orb.
- ▶ The Roman town of Narbonne with its impressive Gothic Cathedral, lively streets, pedestrianised precincts and the famous Merchant's Bridge.



### TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD

#### Toulouse

Castelnaudary - 50mins • Carcassonne (Trèbes) - 1hr 10mins • Homps - 1hr 30min

#### Carcassonne

Castelnaudary - 35min • Trèbes - 20mins • Homps - 35min

#### Béziers

Homps - 1 hrs 30 mins • Port Cassafières - 20mins





# Camargue

Colourful traditions, ancient ports and wonderful wildlife

You'll love it's bustling seaside resorts, by day and by night, excellent sandy beaches and traditional lifestyle which includes local festivals, jousting and modern-day cowboys.



Excellent seafood restaurants and pretty fishing villages. Don't miss oysters in Bouzigues.



▲ Sandy Mediterranean beaches and sunshine from April to October.

- ▶ Abundant bird and wildlife in the wetlands and lakes, including pink flamingos. May - June is the best time for birdwatching.
- ▶ AOC Costières de Nîmes wine cellars at Gallician.
- ▶ Saint-Gilles and its beautifully-restored historical centre.



▲ Horse riding, quad biking, sand buggies and jet skiing.



Ancient port and medieval walled city of Aigues-Mortes.



The Camargue region has few locks, and no locks on the Etang de Thau (it's an inland sea water lake), so it's perfect for anyone new to cruising or looking for an easy cruising experience. You are advised to moor in the harbours at night as larger barges passing by could pull you away from makeshift moorings.

## CRUISING SUGGESTIONS

You can take a one-way cruise between either of our bases in this region, in either direction. Or you can book a return-to-base cruise (3 nights minimum) from any base.

DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS
1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	St. Gilles > Etang de Thau > St. Gilles	22	0
	Port Cassafières > Aigues Mortes > Port Cassafières	28	4
1 WEEK ONE-WAY CRUISING <i>(Choose to cruise in either direction)</i>	St. Gilles > Port Cassafières	17	2
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	St Gilles > Aigues Mortes > Palavas-les-Flots > St. Gilles	13	0

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## TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD

- Montpellier**  
St Gilles - 45mins
- Nîmes**  
St Gilles - 30mins
- Avignon**  
St Gilles - 45mins
- Marseille**  
St Gilles - 1hr 30mins





# Aquitaine

## Cosmopolitan cruising at its best

Culture and gastronomy go hand-in-hand in the sunny region of Aquitaine in south-west France, and both can be enjoyed in full from the waterways. In the past, Aquitaine's picture-postcard scenery inspired many famous artists. Today people come here to discover the perfect ingredients for gourmet cruising.



Armagnac tasting in its home town of Condom.



Moissac's world-famous abbey and cloisters.



Chic shopping and culture in Montauban and Agen.



Roman aqueducts.

- ▶ Glassworks at Vianne.
- ▶ Art Museum at Agen boasting works by Goya, Sisley and Dufy.
- ▶ Flower-adorned Castelsarrasin and one of the best farmer's markets in the region.



Locks are automatic and free to use.

It is no longer possible to access the River Lot while cruising in the Aquitaine region.



## CRUISING SUGGESTIONS

All cruises must start and finish in Le Mas d'Agenais.

DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS
1 WEEK+ RETURN CRUISING	Le Mas d'Agenais > Nérac > Moissac > Le Mas d'Agenais	39	52
	Le Mas d'Agenais > Moissac > Le Mas d'Agenais	31	36
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Le Mas d'Agenais > Nérac > Le Mas d'Agenais (min. 4 nights)	15	22

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## TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD

### Bordeaux

Le Mas D'Agenais - 1hr 10min

### Toulouse

Le Mas D'Agenais - 1hr 40min

### Bergerac

Le Mas D'Agenais - 1hr 15min



# Lot

## An active adventure through majestic scenery

The clear waters of the River Lot meander through wide valleys and steep gorges, beneath spectacular limestone cliffs and hilltop villages.

7<sup>th</sup> century stone village of Saint-Cirq Lapopie, perched high on the cliffs and home for centuries to craftsmen and artists.



◀ The iconic arches and towers of Pont Valentré in Cahors.



▲ Cycle along the tow path cut into the cliff face with stunning views of the river below.



▶ Hire standup paddleboards and explore, or swim in the river.

**i** We do not recommend this region if this is your first boating holiday, as river currents can sometimes be strong.

All locks are manual and user-operated. There are no lock-keepers on the River Lot. As such, a good level of fitness is required from at least two crew members.

Access to shore power facilities on the River Lot is severely restricted.

- ▶ The cave drawings and stalagmites of the Pech-Merle caves near Cabrerets.
- ▶ Pretty Luzech with its 13<sup>th</sup> century church.
- ▶ The 7<sup>th</sup> century castle at Mercuès.

### CRUISING SUGGESTIONS

All cruises **must** start and finish in Douelle.

DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS
1 WEEK+ RETURN CRUISING	Douelle > Luzech > Tour-de-Faure > Douelle	26	28
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Douelle > Vers > Douelle (min. 4 nights)	13	16

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### TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD

- Bordeaux**  
Douelle - 2hrs 30mins
- Toulouse**  
Douelle - 1hr 25mins
- Bergerac**  
Douelle - 1hr 30mins

“ What a stunning river running through steep sided cliffs bordered by small pretty villages. Be sure to stop in Vers and book a table at the Hotel de la Truite Dorée, a gem!  
  
The service was good the food better and the Malbec better still! ”



Mr and Mrs Robinson





# Charente

The loveliest river in France

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



Cognac whiskey distillery guided tour and tasting session.



Excellent maritime museums and delicious seafood in the naval town of Rochefort.



The Roman town of Saintes with its famous Arc de Germanicus, Roman frescoes and Amphitheatre ruins.

**i** There are only a few locks on the River Charente. They are all manually-operated with no lock-keepers. As such, a good level of fitness is required from at least two crew members. Locks are open on public holidays.

From St. Savinien to Rochefort the river becomes tidal – affected by Atlantic tides, strong currents and fast changes in river levels. 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.

- ▶ Thriving hilltop cathedral city of Angoulême for stunning views, café culture and shopping.
- ▶ Impressive renaissance châteaux.
- ▶ Fine Romanesque art at the church of St. Pierre in Châteauneuf-sur-Charente.
- ▶ Vintage car collection at Mosnac.





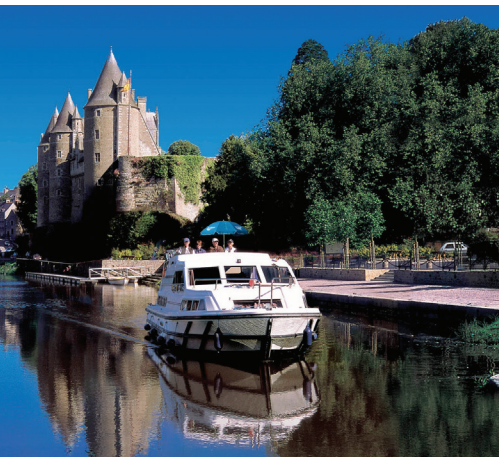
# Brittany

## Celtic charm and fairytale castles

Brittany is a charming region to explore. Its 600km of waterways and Napoleonic canals meander through a peaceful landscape of woodland and pastures, dotted with medieval towns and fairytale castles.



▲ Medieval fortified town of Dinan, high on the cliffs above the harbour.



◀ Imposing turreted castle in the beautiful town of Josselin with its timber houses and pavement cafés.



Historic Nantes with its magnificent Gothic cathedral, Castle of the Dukes of Brittany and floral gardens. Visit Les Machines de l'île, home to the Grand Éléphant. ▼



▲ Breton oysters and excellent seafood restaurants in the sailing harbours of La Roche Bernard.

- ▶ Beautiful St. Sauveur Abbey, cloisters and lively Monday markets in Redon.
- ▶ Stunning Yves Rocher botanical gardens in La Gacilly and the Photo Festival throughout the summer.
- ▶ Rennes with its bustling markets (especially on Saturdays), cathedral, Parliament building, museum, science centre and planetarium.

**i** Locks are manual or electric and all of them have a lock keeper.

### TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD

- Rennes**  
Messac - 30mins
- Nantes**  
Messac - 1hr
- St. Malo**  
Messac - 1hr 15mins

## CRUISING SUGGESTIONS

All cruises must start and finish in Messac.

DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS
1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	Messac > Josselin > Messac	35	36
	Messac > Nantes > Messac	44	36
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Messac > La Gacilly > Messac (min. 4 nights)	16	6

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# Alsace

## Cosmopolitan cruising at its best

The tiny French regions of Alsace, and neighbouring Saarland in Germany, are blessed with breathtaking scenery and are renowned for the art and architecture of their cities.



Exceptionally scenic Sarre and Moselle rivers (licence required).



Marvel of modern engineering – the St-Louis / Arzviller Boat Lift.



The Place Stanislas in Nancy, one of the most beautiful squares in the world and a must for Art Nouveau lovers.



Rose Garden, Château des Rohan (above) and excellent views from the sumptuous Haut Barr Castle in Saverne

- ▶ UNESCO World Heritage city of Strasbourg for culture, shopping, dining and its monumental cathedral.
- ▶ Thermal baths and the stunning stained-glass cathedral in Metz.
- ▶ Watch crystal blowing demonstrations at Cristal Lehrer at the bottom of the Arzviller Boat Lift.



A boating licence is required if you wish to cruise from Saarbrücken City to Apach along the waterways of Germany and Luxembourg. Please speak to our 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.

All locks are automatic and easy to operate.

### CRUISING SUGGESTIONS

You can take a one-way cruise between either of our bases in this region, in either direction (allow at least 7 nights). Or you can book a return-to-base cruise (3 nights minimum) from either base.

DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS
1 WEEK+ RETURN CRUISING	Hesse > Strasbourg > Hesse	35	68
	Hesse > Nancy > Hesse	28	50
	Hesse > Saarbrücken > Hesse	38	62
1 WEEK ONE-WAY CRUISING (Choose to cruise in either direction)	Hesse > Strasbourg > Boofzheim	24	44
	Hesse > Saverne > Hesse (min. 4 nights)	15	28
2 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	Hesse > Saarbrücken > Metz > Hesse (Licence required)	71	75
	Hesse > Lagarde > Hesse	11	14
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Hesse > Mittersheim > Hesse (min. 4 nights)	14	26

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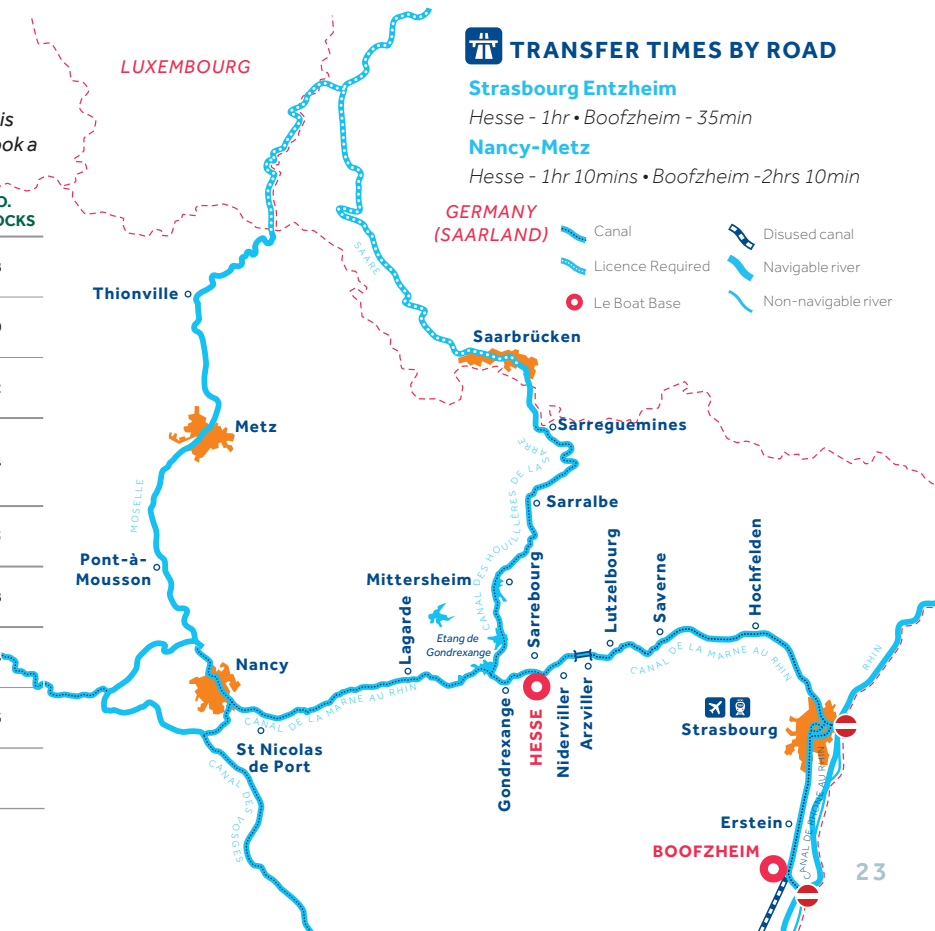
### TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD

#### Strasbourg Entzheim

Hesse - 1hr • Boofzheim - 35min

#### Nancy-Metz

Hesse - 1hr 10mins • Boofzheim - 2hrs 10min





# Burgundy: Nivernais & Loire

Splendid châteaux, peaceful landscapes and pretty waterways

The charming Canal du Nivernais, Canal Lateral à la Loire and Canal de Bourgogne provide access to some of the most beautiful and varied cruising areas in France.



## TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD

### Paris CDG

Migennes - 1hr 50mins • Tannay - 2hrs 45mins • Decize - 3hrs

### Paris Orly

Migennes - 1hr 30mins • Tannay - 2hrs 30mins • Decize - 2hrs 40mins

### Basel/Mulhouse

Migennes - 3hrs 50mins • Tannay - 3hrs 50mins • Decize - 4hrs 10mins

### Dijon

Migennes - 2hrs • Tannay - 1hr 50mins • Decize - 2hrs 20mins

## CRUISING SUGGESTIONS

You can take a one-way cruise between any of our bases in this region, in either direction. Or you can book a return-to-base cruise (3 nights minimum) from any base.

DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS
	Migennes > Mailly-le-Château > Migennes	27	56
	Migennes > Ancy-le-Franc > Migennes	33	64
1 WEEK+ RETURN CRUISING	Tannay > Châtel Censoir > Chitry-les-Mines > Tannay	24	52
	Decize > Paray-le-Monial > Decize	30	38
	Migennes > Pont-sur-Yonne > Migennes	21	24
1 WEEK ONE-WAY CRUISING (Choose to cruise in either direction)	Decize > Tannay	27	70
	Tannay > Migennes	24	49
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Decize > La Charité-sur-Loire > Decize (min. 5 nights)	25	28
	Migennes > Auxerre > Migennes	11	20

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“ I will always remember our wine tour in the Nivernais Loire. The Sancerre vineyards stretched as far at the horizon and as the sun set, turning the leaves from green to golden, we sampled wine made from the very grapes that surrounded us. Wine, nature, good company - life is good! ”

**Richard - UK**



▶ The huge Cathedral Saint-Cyr, the impressive Palais des Ducs (left) and other historical gems in the Roman city of Nevers.



**i** On Canal Lateral a la Loire, Canal du Nivernais & Yonne River (Migennes to Chatillon-sur-Loire to Migennes via Decize), most locks are manual with lock keepers. The Sardy Staircase near Baye has 16 locks and a lock keeper to assist. There are a few lifting bridges, operated by pushing a button.

On Canal de Briare & Canal du Loing (Chatillon-sur-Loire to Migennes via Montargis), most locks are automatic without lock keepers.

A train operates between Paris and Migennes almost every hour



▶ Impressive Briare Aqueduct.

- ▶ Fishing in Prégilbert or Paray-le-Monial.
- ▶ Magnificent châteaux in Chitry-les-Mines and Châtillon-en-Bazois.
- ▶ Stunning views from the medieval hilltop village of Cercy-la-Tour.
- ▶ Famous Romanesque Basilica at Paray-le-Monial.
- ▶ Cycle along the perfectly flat tow paths between Auxerre and Decize and along the Canal de Bourgogne.



▶ Watersports, hiking and spectacular aqueducts at Baye.

Fabulous Gothic cathedrals and churches in Migennes, Sens, Auxerre (right) and Nevers.





# Burgundy: Franche-Comté

Natural beauty in the heart of France

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



## TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD

### Lyon

St Jean-de-Losne - 1hr 50mins • Fontenoy-le-Château - 3hrs 40mins • Branges - 1hr 30mins

### Geneva

St Jean-de-Losne - 2hrs 20mins • Fontenoy-le-Château - 3hrs 50mins • Branges - 1hr 30mins

### Dijon

St Jean-de-Losne - 40mins • Fontenoy-le-Château - 2hrs • Branges - 1hr 20mins

### Basel/Mulhouse

St Jean-de-Losne - 2hrs 20mins • Fontenoy-le-Château - 1hr 45 mins • Branges 2hrs 50mins

## CRUISING SUGGESTIONS

You can take a one-way cruise between any of our bases in this region, in either direction. Or you can book a return-to-base cruise (3 nights minimum) from any base.

DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS
1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	St. Jean-de-Losne > Louhans > St. Jean-de-Losne	37	14
	St. Jean-de-Losne > Besançon > St. Jean-de-Losne	37	52
	St. Jean-de-Losne > Chagny > St. Jean-de-Losne	26	28
	Branges > Chagny > Branges	28	32
1 WEEK ONE-WAY CRUISING (Choose to cruise in either direction)	Fontenoy-le-Château > St. Jean-de-Losne	33	32
	St. Jean-de-Losne > Chagny > Branges	27	30
2 WEEK ONE-WAY CRUISING	Fontenoy-le-Château > Branges	50	38
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Branges > Tournus > Branges	10	6
	St. Jean-de-Losne > Dôle > St. Jean-de-Losne (min. 4 nights)	16	18

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◀ Palatial buildings, opulent facades and rich heritage in Dijon – it's like a mini-Paris!



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*At the exit of the Rhone-Rhine canal you'll find a small corner of hidden paradise. The majestic, century old trees line the canal giving Dole a relaxing feeling of splendor and enchantment.*

**Brigitte and Armel Herbé**

”



▲ Hospices de Beaune with its colorful tiled roof and captivating tour around the old hospital.

◀ Wine tasting at Côte de Beaune's premier 'cru' vineyards, with famous names such as Pommard, Chassagne-Montrachet, Rully and Mercurey.



River Saône: Easy cruising; self-operated locks; numerous well-equipped moorings.

Grande Saône: Between St. Jean de Losne and Mâcon – 3 large electric locks, manned by lock keepers. A wide but generally slow-moving river. Mooring on pontoons or in a harbour is compulsory.

Petite Saône: Easy cruising. Automatic locks, some operated by a lock keeper, but most are user-operated.

Canal de Bourgogne: All locks are manual and are operated by a lock keeper.

Canal du Centre: Electric locks - most are user-operated.

Canal des Vosges: All locks are automatic, some are operated by a lock keeper.



▲ St Vincent's Cathedral and the busy Friday and Sunday markets in Chalon-sur-Saône.

▼ Dôle and Besançon (below) – towns steeped in history and charm.

- ▶ Splendid châteaux and summer festivals in Scey-sur-Saône and Ray-sur-Saône.
- ▶ Bresse chicken from Louhans, famous for its Monday poultry market.
- ▶ Church of St Philibert in the bustling Roman town of Tournus.
- ▶ St John's Eve Festival in Fontenoy-le-Château in August.
- ▶ Historic Mâcon, one of the oldest towns in France, with its cathedral, châteaux, Museum of Fine Arts and theatre.





# Venice & Friuli

*Effortlessly romantic & a delight to discover*

Our cruising grounds in Italy offer two completely different experiences. Venice and the surrounding lagoon offers opulence, action and everything you'd expect from this world-famous water city. The waterways in the Friuli region offer a quieter escape where the pleasures of rural Italy and the Adriatic coast provide boating magic at a slower pace.

▶ Sparkling Prosecco, indulgent Gelato and divine Italian gastronomy.



**i** All locks and lifting bridges in the Venetian Lagoon and surrounding waterways are automatic.

In the Lagoon, it's best to use public mooring places and catch a ferry over to tourist destinations.

Moor only in designated cruising areas.

Exclusive private moorings are available for Le Boat customers cruising in the Venetian Lagoon for which there is a compulsory supplement to / from Casale. They are located on Mazzorbo (for Burano), Vignole (for Venice) and in Chioggia. Note: Exclusive private moorings do not have access to shore power. The number of public moorings and private marinas are limited.

The colourful streets of Burano and its famous lace-making. ▼

▲ Venice – the most romantic city in the world with its many attractions including St Marks Basilica, the Palazzo Ducale and the Grand Canal.

## CRUISING SUGGESTIONS

You can take a one-way cruise between either of our bases in this region, in either direction (allow at least 5 nights). Or you can book a return-to-base cruise (3 nights minimum) from either base.

DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS / LIFTING BRIDGES
1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	Casale > Treviso > Venice > Chioggia > Casale	22	2/0
	Preckenico > Marano Lagunare > Caorle > Preckenico	17	4/2
2 WEEK ONE-WAY CRUISING (Choose to cruise in either direction)	Preckenico > Caorle > Venice > Casale	24	4/6
	Casale > Venice > Casale	10	2/0
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Preckenico > Marano Lagunare > Grado > Aquileia > Preckenico (min. 4 nights)	14	2/0
	Preckenico > Marano Lagunare > Lignano Riviera > Preckenico	7	0/0

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- ▶ The ancient University city of Padova – the City of Science - its buildings, ambience and art exude splendour and magnificence.
- ▶ Ancient towns and fishing villages along the peaceful Litoranea Veneta.





▲ Glass-blowing on Murano.

“ Cruising the Lido towards the west, the surprise at the end is: Chioggia!

A small Venice. Canals everywhere filled with small boats that form a beautiful palette of colours and the fishing port with its many trawlers, plus the lively market with its eels, sardine fillets, cicadas etc. This is Italy!

Mr Rainjonneau



▲ The Adriatic beach resorts of Jesolo, Lido, Grado, Caorle, Lignano and Bibione.

### TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD

#### Venice Marco Polo

Casale - 15mins • Preceniccio - 1hr

#### Treviso

Casale - 20mins • Preceniccio - 1hr

#### Trieste

Preceniccio - 1hr





# Mecklenburg & Brandenburg

## Nature reserves, watersports and lakeside castles

The clear waters of Germany beckon those wishing to combine spectacular scenery with fascinating German culture. This unexpected boating heaven will captivate your senses and have you coming back for more.

“ We anchored in a nice bay of one of the many lakes in the Mecklenburg region. My family and I spent the whole afternoon jumping into the clear waters, swimming, having fun on the paddle boards and lazing in the glorious sunshine. We enjoyed one of the most beautiful summer sunsets ever and danced until the stars came out - that's what boating holidays are all about...freedom, independence, joy and just being together! ”

Steffi - Germany



▲ Water sports in the beautiful Lake Müritz National Park – windsurfing, paddleboarding, kayaking or swimming.



▲ Vibrant Berlin with its many attractions and bustling nightlife – don't miss the futuristic Potsdamer Platz, the Reichstag building and the famous Brandenburg Gate. You can reach Berlin on cruises of 10 days or more, or take a train from Fürstenberg.



▲ The medieval villages of Mirow, Rechlin, Röbel (above), Klink, Plau and Waren with their distinctive waterside houses and narrow cobbled streets.



▲ The Baroque lakeside castles at Schwerin, Rheinsberg (above), Fürstenberg and Neustrelitz.



**i** Locks on the Brandenburg & Mecklenburg waterways are free, fully automatic and manned or automatic self service.

Overnight mooring on canals is not permitted in Germany. You may drop anchor in a lake or moor in a marina at your own expense.

All our German bases are within licence-free cruising areas. To continue your cruise to Brandenburg, you need to have a minimum of an ICC licence. For help obtaining a licence before departure,

please speak to our Sales Team. All areas around our base at Marina Wolfsburg are licence-free until you reach Liebenwalde. Please see map for details.

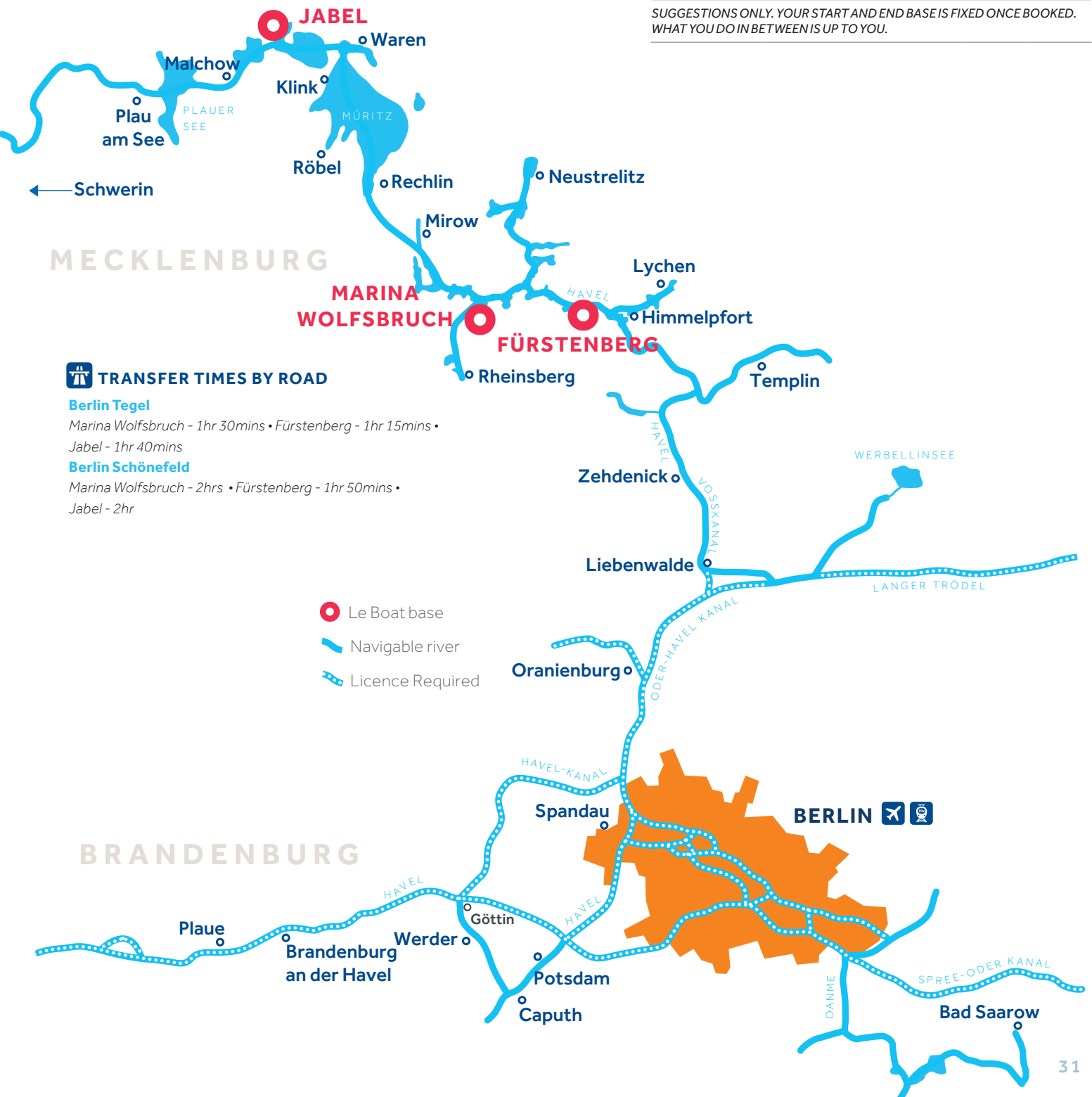
Although our boats can lead you to the very heart of Berlin, it's a little too far to get to within a week or less. To enjoy a day out here, we recommend you take a train - its only one hour from Fürstenberg. You are only allowed to take your boat into parts of Berlin's 'Government District' before 10:30 or after 19:00.

### CRUISING SUGGESTIONS

You can take a one-way cruise between Jabel and Marina Wolfsburg or Jabel and Fürstenberg, in either direction. Or you can book a return-to-base cruise (3 nights minimum) from any base.

DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS
1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	Marina Wolfsburg > Rheinsberg > Mirow > Neustrelitz > Lychen > Templin > Marina Wolfsburg	37	32
	Marina Wolfsburg > Rheinsberg > Plau am See > Marina Wolfsburg	31	8
	Fürstenberg > Waren > Neustelitz > Fürstenberg	23	16
1 WEEK ONE-WAY CRUISING <i>(Choose to cruise in either direction)</i>	Marina Wolfsburg > Rheinsberg > Jabel	20	4
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Marina Wolfsburg > Neustrelitz > Marina Wolfsburg	10	8
	Fürstenberg > Lychen > Templin > Fürstenberg (5 nights)	16	14

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# Holland & Friesland

## Where boating is a way of life

*In 't Groene Hart (The Green Heart) the waterways give unbridled access to lush green countryside and plenty to see and do in a fascinating collection of historic and lively towns. In the north, among the glistening lakes of the Friesland region, a network of 11 beautiful cities is yours to explore from our base in Hindeloopen, a lively fishing village with quirky cobbled streets full of history and Dutch character. There are sandy beaches and excellent facilities near by.*



▲ Take a day trip to visit the museums, markets and lively streets of Amsterdam.



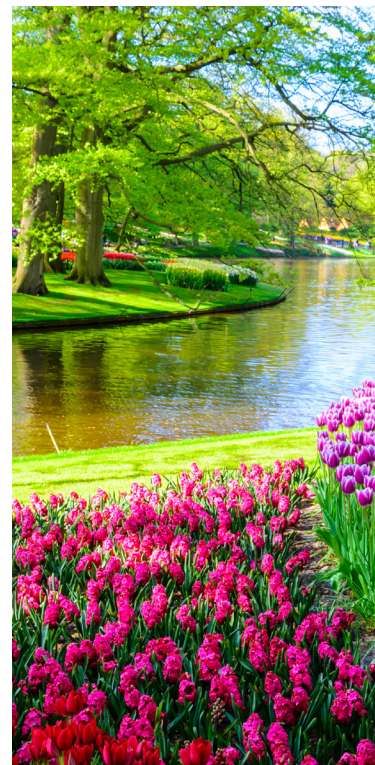
Vincent Zuidema

Watersports on the beautiful lakes of Friesland. ▲



- ▲ Famous for its cheese, beautiful Gouda has a weekly cheese market and a cheese making demonstration at De Waag.
- ▶ Museums, churches, restaurants and shops in lively Utrecht. Climb the 465 steps of the Dom Tower for views as far as Amsterdam.
- ▶ Explore the alleyways, art galleries and eateries of Harlingen, a fishing village on the Wadden Sea.
- ▶ The beautifully restored 13<sup>th</sup> century Muiderslot Castle and now a fascinating national museum.

▼ Head north of Amsterdam to Edam, Alkmaar cheese market and the iconic Dutch windmills at Zaanse Schans.









# Flanders

## Friendly cruising on tranquil waterways

Famous for its delicious chocolates, delicate lace-works and many hundreds of varieties of beers, Belgium's network of tranquil waterways wind through gentle countryside and historic towns rich with charm and character. The Westhoek region is said to have the most peaceful and beautiful waterways in Europe.



▲ Belgian chocolate, lace, beer and the nation's signature dish moules frites.

**i** All locks and lifting bridges are manned by lock-keepers or are remote controlled. It is not possible to visit Bruges on a 3 night short break from Nieuwpoort. Please allow 4 nights or longer.

If you are cruising to Bruges, 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 €12/night.

Public moorings are available at the very centre of Bruges, Ghent and Veurne.



▲ Pretty Bruges with cobbled streets, pretty churches and humpback bridges – take a horse-drawn carriage tour of the city.



▲ Historic Ghent brimming with art and culture.



▶ Magnificent Ooidonk Castle in Deinze.

### CRUISING SUGGESTIONS

All cruises **must** start and finish in Nieuwpoort.

DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS/ LIFTING BRIDGES
1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	Nieuwpoort > Bruges > Ghent > Nieuwpoort	25	4/36
2 WEEK RETURN CRUISING (Choose to cruise in either direction)	Nieuwpoort > Bruges > Ghent > Oudenaarde > Kortrijk > Nieuwpoort	43	16/38
	Nieuwpoort > Ieper > Veurne > Nieuwpoort	14	8/11
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Nieuwpoort > Bruges > Nieuwpoort (min. 4 nights)	14	4/28
	Nieuwpoort > Ieper > Nieuwpoort	12	6/4

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- ▶ The long sandy beaches at Nieuwpoort and Oostende.
- ▶ The UNESCO protected belfry at Diksmuide and famous 'Man in the Moon' symbol of peace.
- ▶ Small quaint villages and pretty towns like Oudenaarde.

### TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD

- Brussels**  
Nieuwpoort - 1hr 20mins
- Lille**  
Nieuwpoort - 1hr 10mins
- Calais**  
Nieuwpoort - 50mins
- Dunkirk**  
Nieuwpoort - 25mins





# Shannon & Erne

Cruise through the land of enchantment

A land of myth and mystery, song and dance, lush landscapes, clear waters and dramatic scenery – Ireland has all the ingredients for a perfect getaway.



Lough Key Forest and Leisure Park – family fun come rain or shine!



Belleek Pottery – the oldest pottery maker in Ireland and in the country's top five tourist destinations.



“ I'd heard of Irish hospitality but it wasn't until we visited Carrick on Shannon that we really learned the meaning! Enjoying a pint of Guinness and learning how to Irish dance with the locals in a 300-year-old thatched pub is a moment I'll never forget. ”

Ela - Poland



- ▶ Salmon, pike, bream and roach – a fisherman's paradise.
- ▶ The immaculate greens and challenges of numerous championship golf courses in Enniskillen, Glasson (Lough Ree) and Athlone.
- ▶ The Castle and 18<sup>th</sup> Century Folk Museum in Athlone.

**i** Lifejackets must be worn in locks. Numerous mooring places are available. To cruise on the Shannon-Erne waterway, you will need to buy a smart card to operate the locks, which are available at all bases and cost approx €13 for 20 units. Locks and bridges on the River Shannon cost approx €1.50 each.

## TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD

- Dublin**  
Carrick-on-Shannon - 2hrs  
Portumna - 2hrs 10mins
- Belfast**  
Carrick-on-Shannon - 2hrs 35mins
- Knock**  
Carrick-on-Shannon - 1hr  
Portumna - 1hr 40mins
- Shannon**  
Carrick-on-Shannon - 3hrs 30mins  
Portumna - 1hr 10mins

## CRUISING SUGGESTIONS

You can take a one-way cruise between either of our bases in this region, in either direction (allow at least 5 nights). Or you can book a return-to-base cruise (3 nights minimum) from either base.

DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS
1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	Carrick-on-Shannon > Athlone > Carrick-on-Shannon	22	6
	Portumna > Mountshannon > Scarriff > Killaloe > Portumna	17	0
	Carrick-on-Shannon > Belturbet > Carrick-on-Shannon	29	34
	Portumna > Athlone > Portumna > Mountshannon > Portumna	27	4
2 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	Carrick-on-Shannon > Enniskillen > Carrick-on-Shannon	36	34
	Carrick-on-Shannon > Belleek > Carrick-on-Shannon	46	36
1 WEEK ONE-WAY CRUISING (Choose to cruise in either direction)	Carrick-on-Shannon > Portumna	19	5
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Carrick-on-Shannon > Lanesborough > Carrick-on-Shannon	14	6
	Portumna > Killaloe > Portumna	14	0
	Portumna > Shannonbridge > Athlone > Terryglass > Portumna	17	4

SUGGESTIONS ONLY. YOUR START AND END BASE IS FIXED ONCE BOOKED. WHAT YOU DO IN BETWEEN IS UP TO YOU.



# Thames

## Regal cruising along the famous River Thames

Our two bases at Benson and Chertsey are ideally placed to explore what is arguably the most beautiful stretch of the River Thames. Cruising in either direction will take you to some of the oldest and prettiest towns and villages in the heart of England.

**i** All the locks on the River Thames are electrically operated and there is no charge to use them. They are generally manned by lock keepers during the day, but can be self-operated when they are not, except after dark when navigation is not permitted.

Cruising beyond Teddington Lock towards central London is not permitted. While you cannot navigate your boat into central London, it is easily accessible by train

### CRUISING SUGGESTIONS

You can take a one-way cruise between either of our bases in this region, in either direction (allow at least 4 nights). Or you can book a return-to-base cruise (5 nights minimum) from either base.

DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS
1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	Chertsey > Windsor > Kingston-upon-Thames > Chertsey	14	18
	Benson > Oxford > Henley-on-Thames > Benson	24	30
	Benson > Windsor > Benson	24	34
1 WEEK ONE-WAY CRUISING <i>(Choose to cruise in either direction)</i>	Benson > Kingston-upon-Thames > Chertsey	23	30
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Chertsey > Marlow > Chertsey	14	20
	Benson > Chertsey (5 nights one way)	15	22
	Benson > Henley-on-Thames > Benson	12	18

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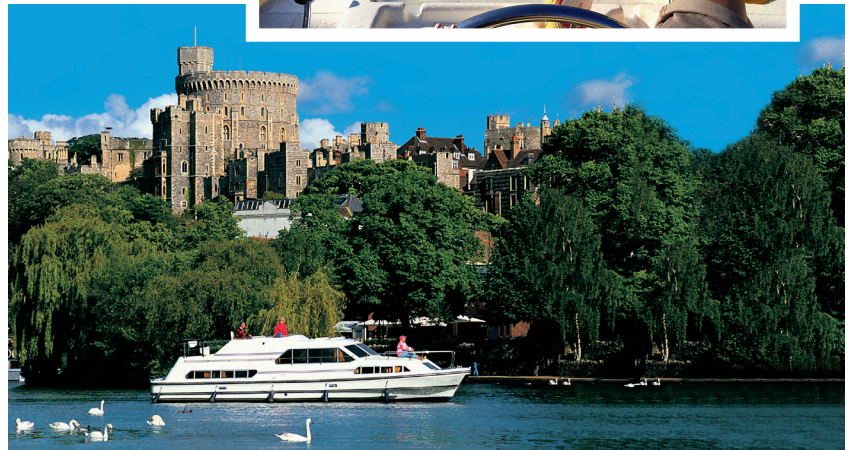


Thrills and theme park fun for the kids at Legoland, Thorpe Park and many other attractions.

Royal Hampton Court Palace and gardens, a former residence of King Henry VIII.



The royal residence of mighty Windsor Castle and Windsor's sprawling Royal Park.



- ▶ Many riverside pubs and restaurants to enjoy.
- ▶ The dreaming cathedral spires of Oxford and its world famous university.
- ▶ The very grand Cliveden Country Estate with its impressive gardens – and a maze! Quick access by train to central London for a day trip to England's vibrant capital city.

### TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD

**London Heathrow**  
Benson - 45mins • Chertsey - 15mins

**London Gatwick**  
Benson - 1hr 20mins • Chertsey - 35mins

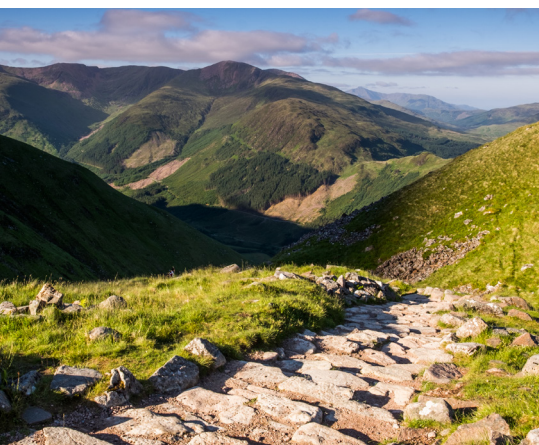




# Caledonian Canal

## A serene escape from modern life

Be prepared for a magical journey along the wonderful Caledonian Canal, Scotland's most noble waterway, with the dramatic and wild Scottish Highlands as your backdrop.



- ▶ Tour the Ben Nevis Whisky Distillery (Fort William).
- ▶ Spot the fabled Loch Ness Monster and visit the exhibitions at Drumnadrochit.
- ▶ Afternoon tea at Glengarry Castle (Invergarry).
- ▶ A host of excellent canal-side golf courses notably Fort Augustus, Torvean in Inverness and Fort William Golf Clubs.

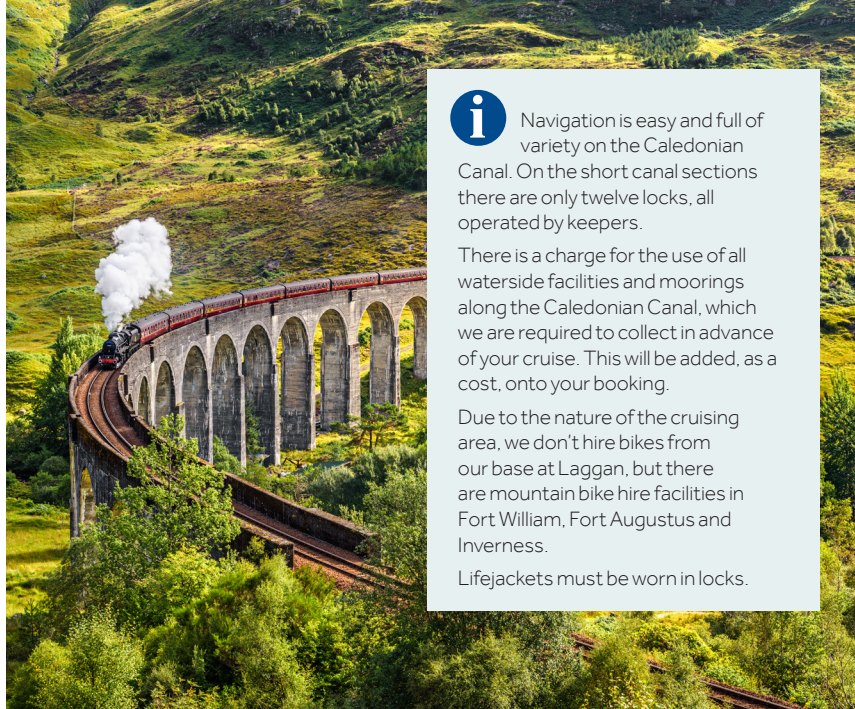
### TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD

- Inverness**  
Laggan - 1hr 20mins
- Glasgow**  
Laggan - 3hr 20mins
- Fort William**  
Laggan - 1hr

Ride the West Highland Railway of Harry Potter fame (Banavie).

Historic Inverness and beautiful views from its castle.

Walk up Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain.



**i** Navigation is easy and full of variety on the Caledonian Canal. On the short canal sections there are only twelve locks, all operated by keepers.

There is a charge for the use of all waterside facilities and moorings along the Caledonian Canal, which we are required to collect in advance of your cruise. This will be added, as a cost, onto your booking.

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 in Fort William, Fort Augustus and Inverness.

Lifejackets must be worn in locks.



### CRUISING SUGGESTIONS

All cruises **must** start and finish in Laggan.

DURATION	ROUTE	HOURS	LOCKS
1 OR 2 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	Laggan > Inverness > Banavie > Laggan	25	24

3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Laggan > Banavie > Fort Augustus > Laggan	13	12
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SUGGESTIONS ONLY. YOUR START AND END BASE IS FIXED ONCE BOOKED. WHAT YOU DO IN BETWEEN IS UP TO YOU.



# STEP 2: CHOOSE YOUR BOAT

*With over 40 models to choose from, you are sure to find a boat to suit your party-size, budget and expectations.*

## PREMIER

These outstanding boats are the newest models in our fleet, and with that comes up-to-date engineering and an array of modern & carefully considered features and fittings. Our Premier boats all boast an impressively spacious top deck area, with barbecue hotplate and coolbox as standard. The saloon and kitchen areas are light and spacious with over-sized windows, the bathrooms are roomier and both front and rear thrusters make mooring and manoeuvring a breeze. You'll be the envy of the waterway on board a boat from our Premier range!



## Comfort

## Comfort plus

Good-quality, stylish and well-equipped boats of varying ages, designs and styles. Please check individual listings to check which features are on board each model. All Comfort and Comfort Plus boats have electric-flush toilets and the ability to hook up to a shore power supply as standard. The newer of these boats (Comfort Plus) are more spacious and have air conditioning.

## Budget

These older boats are our 'much-loved classics'. Although the décor is more traditional and the features and fittings are basic, they are clean, superbly maintained and are equipped with all the essentials for a comfortable stay – including bed linen and towels.

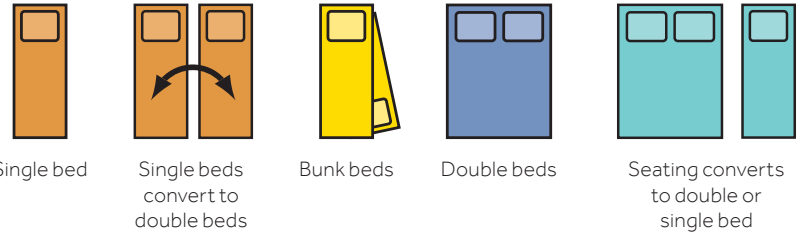






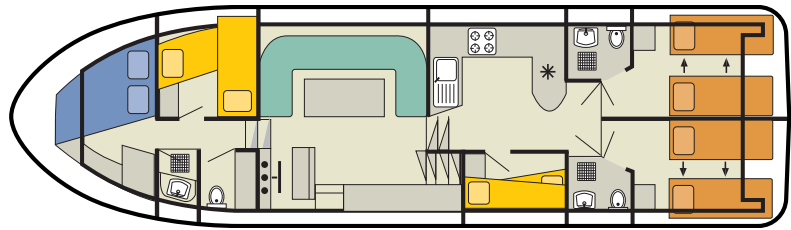
### Comfortably sleeps

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 or a smaller cabin.



### 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.



### Checking-in

To ensure a quick and hassle-free arrival, you will be asked to complete many checking processes at home, prior to your departure. This includes the completion of an online 'Guest Information Form' and there is a safety video, which your whole party must watch.

When you arrive, you can expect a warm welcome from our friendly base team, many of whom speak several languages. Our receptionist will complete any outstanding paperwork and will offer advise, recommendations and answer any questions you have about your cruising region. Any pre-booked groceries and extras will be on board ready for you (see page 58 for more information about holiday 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 2nd-in-charge and a crew – so teamwork is very important! Your nominated Captain and 2nd-in-charge will be shown how to manoeuvre your boat for mooring; 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.



### 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!

### AT A GLANCE

- 01 Comfortable beds, pillows, duvets and bed linen.
  - 02 Fully-equipped kitchen with fridge(s), gas oven, stove top, dishes & utensils, towels & tea-towels (but not beach towels).
  - 03 Cruising maps, Boat & Navigational Manual, and tourist information.
  - 04 Safety equipment – life-ring, life-jackets, boat hook and fenders.
  - 05 Basic first aid kit.
  - 06 Outside table, chairs and parasols - depending on the model.
  - 07 Deck equipment - mooring pegs, mallet, mop, bucket, and ropes.
  - 08 Bathroom facilities with hot showers.
  - 09 Warm air heating, fans or air-cooling, or air-conditioning varies according to each model.
- Air cooling uses canal/river water to produce cool air which is blown out through vents whereas air conditioning is thermostatically controlled and can keep the internal temperature up to 10°C below the external temperature. Please note: the performance of both systems significantly reduces if canal/river temperature is too high.



PREMIER

# The Horizon fleet

*Designed and built exclusively for Le Boat, we carefully listened to our customers and challenged ourselves to design a range of boats that tick all of the boxes in terms of social/communal space, ease of handling, accessibility and on-board features.*





**SEE PAGES 44 - 55 FOR DETAILS  
AND DECK PLANS OF ALL OUR BOATS**

Their clever design has kept them low and narrow enough to access all of the waterways on which we operate. Yet inside, the high ceilings, roomy showers, spacious saloons/kitchens and oversized windows make them light and airy, with plenty of room to comfortably enjoy your holiday.

Above deck, the outside space is equally as spacious, with built-in barbecue hotplates and ample seating to enjoy alfresco dining together with family and friends. Separate sunbathing areas allow you to soak up the rays without getting in the way.

The Horizon fleet has five different models to choose from (sleeping from 2-12 people). Our smallest Horizon boat (Horizon 1) is perfect for couples has one ensuite cabin and a second cabin for extra storage or for two additional people), for large groups (our largest Horizon 5 has 5 ensuite cabins) and everything in between. If you're looking for modern, thoughtful and comfortable design – look no further.



**Bow AND stern thruster for easier handling and wide walkways for easy access**



**Large sliding glass doors to outside seating. Backrest flips so you can face either direction.**



**Spacious 'fundeck' with table and barbecue hotplate**



**Sunbathing area**



**Comfortable cabins**



**Roomy and comfortable saloon and kitchen with generous headroom, over-sized windows for uninterrupted views**





Comfort plus

SEE **PAGES 46 - 51** FOR DETAILS  
AND DECK PLANS OF ALL OUR BOATS

# The Vision fleet

*Our Vision range continues to turn heads on Europe's waterways, with its sleek design, enviable sundeck space and onboard features.*

They are impressively large, yet easy to manoeuvre. Which makes mooring and passing through locks a breeze.

Each Vision model - unique to Le Boat - boasts a contemporary, stylish and spacious interior that is sure to please any cruiser expecting the best that boating in Europe has to offer. The ensuite cabins are large and, on the 3, 3SL, 4 and 4SL versions - are of equal size so everyone on board can enjoy the same space. On top, you'll discover a huge upper sundeck for countless hours of sunbathing and relaxing with a

premier view of the captivating landscapes and wildlife along the water's edge. On cooler evenings and hotter days, you'll enjoy onboard heating or air conditioning comfort. With a stylish design and advanced features, the Vision is the perfect river cruiser to explore the wonders of Europe on a dream holiday.

The newer Vision SL models have a staircase which provides direct access from the sundeck to the galley, otherwise they are the same as the Vision 3 & 4.



Available with 2,3 AND 4 cabins, all cabins en-suite with air conditioning





# Same boat. Same comfort. **Better experience!**

Some of our customers told us that they found our Vision boats to be a little complicated to use and operate. So, we have made some BIG technical changes to the boat's controls and onboard systems... and now they are a lot easier, much like new Horizon boats.

For those who have experienced the Vision before, you'll see little change. You'll find the same great space, layout and features as before. The only thing notably missing is a joystick, which we've replaced with easy-to-use Bow AND stern thrusters to propel the front and rear of the boat sideways. You will notice a more straight-forward pre-departure briefing and a more relaxed feeling as you cruise and operate the boat with greater confidence.



Modern fully equipped kitchen



Spacious sundeck



Barbecue hotplate



Easy to access sundeck







# Sleeps 10+

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## Horizon 5 & 5 PLUS

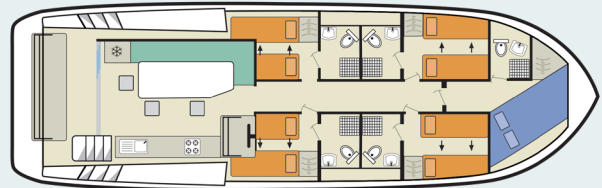
Sleeps: 12 (10+2) / 5 ensuite cabins + saloon

Size: 14.99m x 4.35m (48ft 8in x 14ft 1in)



**Horizon 5** available in: France - all regions (except Brittany, Charente, cannot cruise on Baïse River in Aquitaine); Germany; Netherlands, Canada, Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal).

**Horizon 5 PLUS** available in France (Canal du Midi and Nivernais region).



Please note: there is only space to comfortably seat 10 adults around the saloon table. The sundeck can easily seat 12 people however.



Comfort

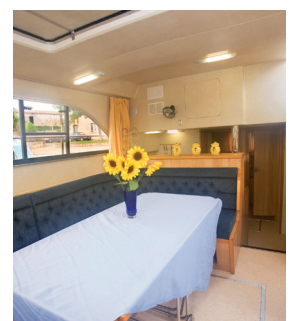
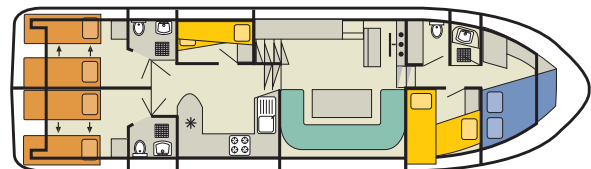
## Grand Classique

Sleeps: 12 (10+2) / 5 cabins + saloon

Size: 14.63m x 4.10m (48ft x 13ft 6in)



Available in France - all regions (except Aquitaine); Germany; Netherlands



*Royal Mystique and Mystique*



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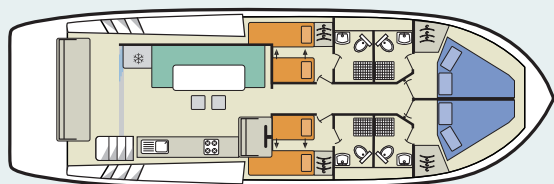
# Horizon 4 & 4 PLUS

Sleeps: 9 (8+1) / 4 cabins + saloon  
Size: 13.50m x 4.35m (42ft 8in x 14ft 1in)



**Horizon 4** available in: France - all regions (except Aquitaine); Germany; England; Netherlands; Belgium; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal); Canada.

**Horizon 4 PLUS** available in France (Canal du Midi region) and Canada.



**Comfort plus**

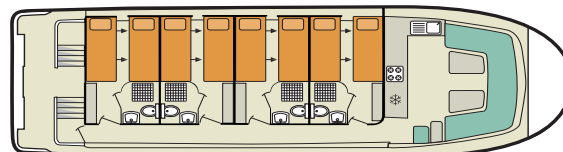
# Vision 4 & 4 SL

Sleeps: 9 (8+1) / 4 cabins + saloon  
Size: 14.97m x 4.65m (49ft x 15ft)



**Vision 4** available in France - all regions (except Brittany – cannot cruise on Baise River in Aquitaine); Germany; Netherlands; Ireland (cannot cruise on Shannon-Erne Canal, Lough Allen Canal)

**Vision 4 SL** available in France – Canal du Midi, Camargue; Germany



The SL model has stair access to the sundeck from the saloon.



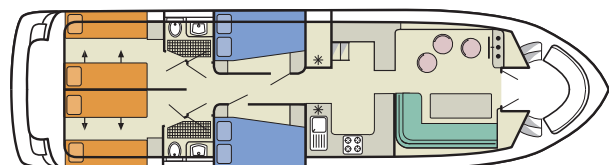
**Comfort**

# Salsa (A & B)

Salsa A Sleeps: 10 (8+2) / 4 cabins + saloon  
Salsa B Sleeps: 12 (8+4) / 4 cabins + saloon  
Size of both: 14.25m x 4.10m (46ft x 13ft 6in)



Salsa A available in France - all regions; Italy  
Salsa B available in France - Midi, Camargue, Brittany, Burgundy  
Nivernais Loire, Lot, Alsace



Salsa A has one convertible double settee in the saloon (as shown above) and the Salsa B has two.



**Comfort**

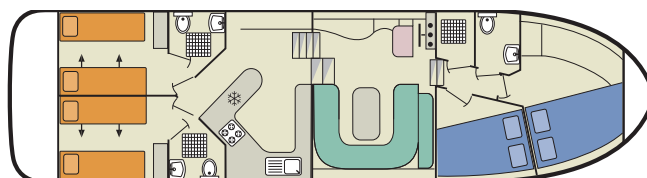
# Magnifique

Sleeps: 10 (8+2) / 4 cabins + saloon  
Size: 14.50m x 4.10m (47ft x 13ft 6in)



Please note, this boat does not have a flatscreen DVD player in Italy

Available in France - all regions; Germany; Italy; Belgium; Scotland; Netherlands; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal); England





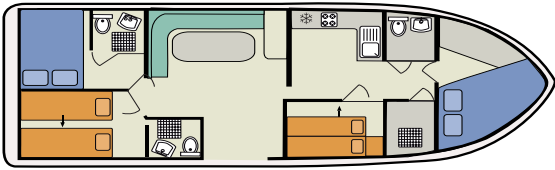
Comfort plus

# Minuetto 8+

Sleeps: 10 (8+2) / 4 cabins + saloon  
Size: 13.50m x 4.10m (44ft x 13ft)



Available in Italy



Budget

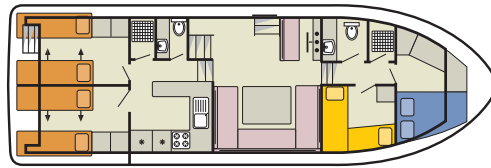
# Classique

Sleeps: 8 / 4 cabins  
Size: 12.80m x 4.10m (42ft x 13ft 6in)



Please note, this boat does not have shore power in England.

Available in France - Aquitaine, Brittany, Burgundy Franche-Comté, Canal du Midi, Camargue; Belgium; Germany; Netherlands; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal); Italy; Scotland; England



Budget

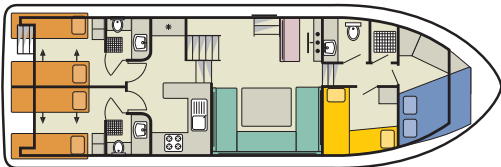
# Classique Star

Sleeps: 10 (8+2) / 4 cabins + saloon  
Size: 12.80m x 4.10m (42ft x 13ft 6in)



Please note, this boat does not have a flatscreen DVD player in Italy

Available in France - all regions (except Aquitaine, Charente, Brittany, Lot); Germany; Netherlands; Italy; England





Sleeps **6+**

 Bimini Sun Shade

 Flat Screen DVD Player

 Dual Steering Positions

 Shore Power

 Air Conditioning\*

\*See page 43 (What's on board) for more details.

 Bow Thruster

 Electric Toilet

 Heating

 Barbecue hotplate on sundeck

 Air Cooling\*

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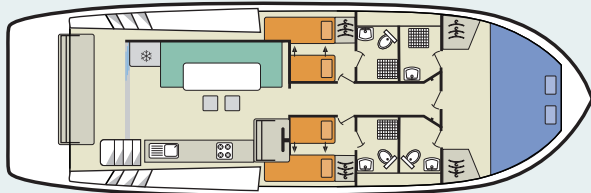
## Horizon 3 & 3 PLUS

Sleeps: 7 (6+1) / 3 cabins + saloon  
Size: 13.50m x 4.35m (42ft 8in x 14ft 1in)



**Horizon 3** available in: France - Burgundy Franche-Comté, Canal du Midi, Brittany, Lot, Alsace; Germany; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal); England; Netherlands, Canada.

**Horizon 3 PLUS** available in France (Alsace-Lorraine region) and Canada.



Comfort plus

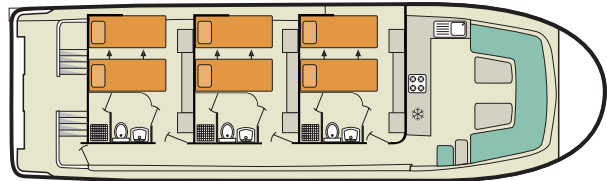
## Vision 3 & 3 SL

Sleeps: 9 (6+1+2 children\*) / 3 cabins + saloon  
Size: 14.97m x 4.65m (49ft x 15ft)



**Vision 3** available in France - all regions (except Brittany - cannot cruise on Baïse River in Aquitaine); Germany; Netherlands; Italy; Ireland (cannot cruise on the Shannon Erne Canal and the Lough Allen Canal)

**Vision 3 SL** available in France - Canal du Midi, Camargue; Germany



The SL model has stair access to the sundeck from the saloon.

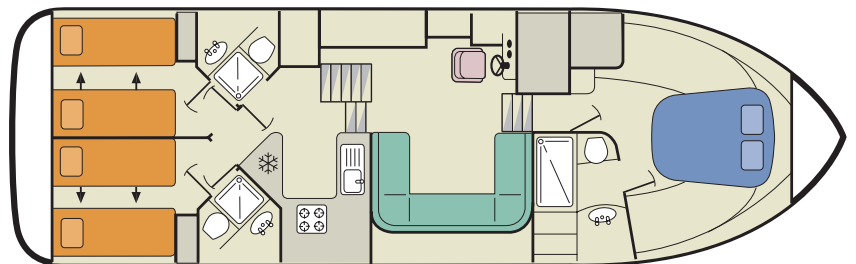


\*Two cabins have a drop-down bunk suitable for one child (70kg max).

Comfort plus

## Mystique

Spacious, and yet intimate. Perfectly suited for the discerning boater with a large family or group of friends.



Sleeps: 8 (6+2) / 3 cabins + saloon  
Size: 14.25m x 4.10m (46ft 7in x 13ft 6in)



Available in France - all regions; Italy; Netherlands; England





Sleeps **6+**

 Bimini Sun Shade

 Flat Screen DVD Player

 Dual Steering Positions

 Shore Power


 A/C Air Conditioning\*

\*See page 43 (What's on board) for more details.

 Bow Thruster

 Electric Toilet

 Heating

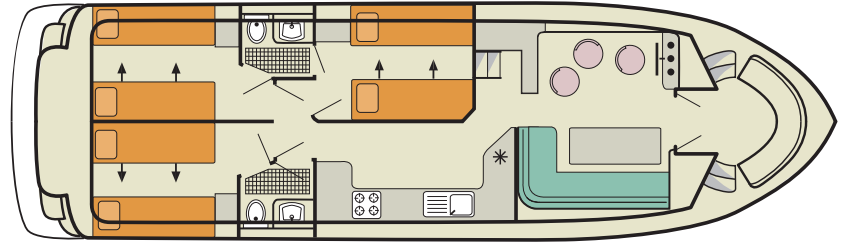
 Barbecue hotplate on sundeck

 Air Cooling\*

Comfort

# Calypso

A great boat for a large family. It has a great seating area at the front of the boat with access to/from the bright and airy saloon.



Sleeps: 8 (6+2) / 3 cabins + saloon  
Size: 13.25m x 4.10m (43ft x 13ft 6in)



Available in France - all regions; England



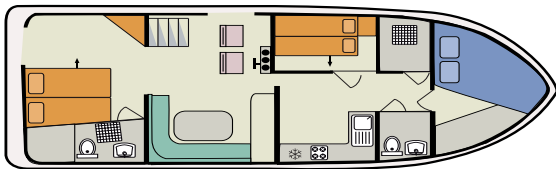
Comfort

# Minuetto 6+

Sleeps: 8 (6+2) / 3 cabins + saloon  
Size: 13.50m x 4.10m (44ft x 13ft)



Available in Italy



Comfort

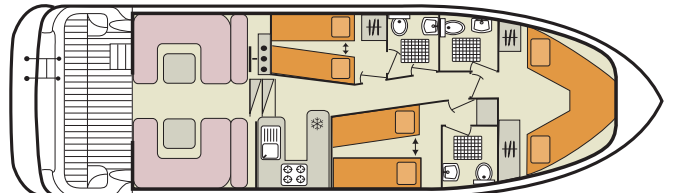
# Elegance

Sleeps: 6 / 3 cabins  
Size: 13.10m x 4.10m (43ft x 13ft 6in)



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

Please note, this boat does not have a flatscreen DVD player in Italy or cabin air cooling in England.





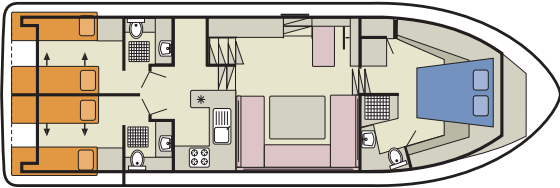
Comfort

# Royal Classique

Sleeps: 6 / 3 cabins  
Size: 12.80m x 4.10m (42ft x 13ft 6in)



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



Budget

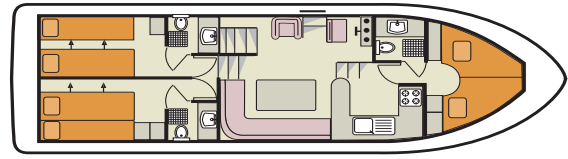
# Crusader

Sleeps: 6 / 3 cabins  
Size: 11.90m x 3.90m (39ft x 13ft)



Please note, this boat does not have shore power in England.

Available in France - all regions; Germany; Netherlands; Ireland (cannot cruise on the Lough Allen canal); Italy; Scotland; England



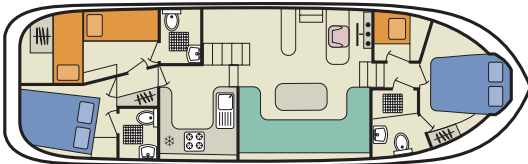
Budget

# Shannon Star

Sleeps: 8 (6+2) / 3 cabins + saloon  
Size: 12.80m x 4.10m (42ft x 13ft 6in)



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



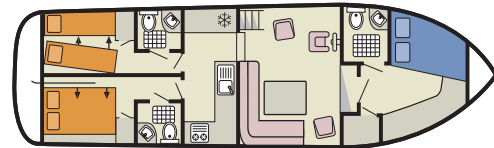
Budget

# Continentale

Sleeps: 6 / 3 cabins  
Size: 12.75m x 3.81m (42ft x 12ft)



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





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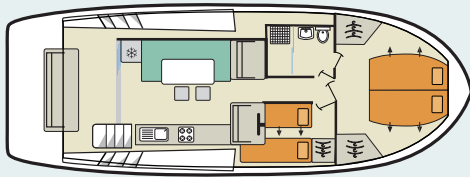
# Horizon 1 & 1 PLUS

Sleeps: 5 (2+3) / 1 master cabin + 1 smaller cabin + saloon  
Size: 11.50m x 4.25m (37ft 7in x 13ft 7in)



**Horizon 1** available in all cruising regions. Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal).

**Horizon 1 PLUS** available in France (all regions except Charente, Lot and Camargue) and Canada.



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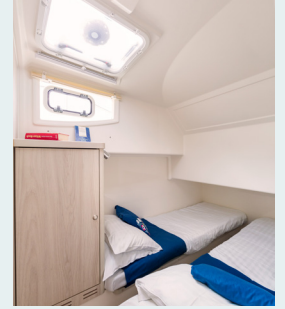
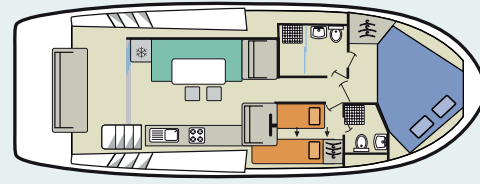
# Horizon 2 & 2 PLUS

Sleeps: 5 (4+1) / 2 cabins + saloon  
Size: 11.50m x 4.25m (37ft 7in x 13ft 7in)



**Horizon 2** available in: France - all regions (except Brittany, Charente) ; Italy; Netherlands; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal); Canada.

**Horizon 2 PLUS** available in France (Brittany and Canal du Midi regions) and Canada.



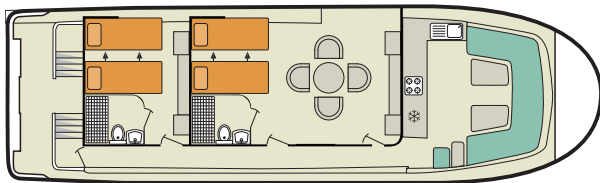
Comfort plus

# Vision 2

Sleeps: 6 (4+2) / 2 cabins + saloon  
Size: 14.97m x 4.65m (49ft x 15ft)



Vision 2 available in France – Canal du Midi



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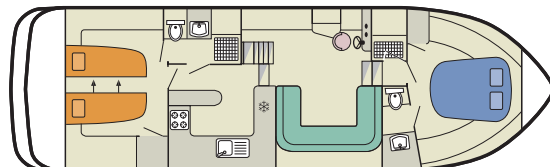
# Royal Mystique (A & B)

Sleeps: 6 (4+2) 2 cabins + saloon  
Size: 13.25m x 4.10m (43ft 6in x 13ft 6in)

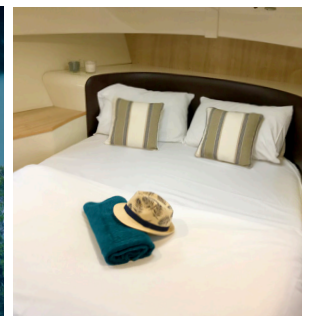


**Royal Mystique A** available in France - all regions; Italy; Belgium; England; Germany; Netherlands; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal)

**Royal Mystique B** has no generator, so the air-conditioning and microwave will only work when connected to a shore power supply.



Royal Mystique B available France - Canal du Midi; Camargue





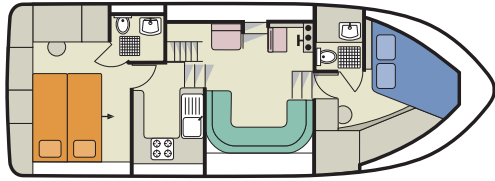
Comfort

# Clipper

Sleeps: 6 (4+2) / 2 cabins + saloon Please note, this boat does not have a flatscreen DVD player in Italy  
 Size: 11.00m x 3.90m (36ft x 13ft)



Available in France - all regions (except Brittany); Germany; Netherlands; Italy; Scotland, Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal)



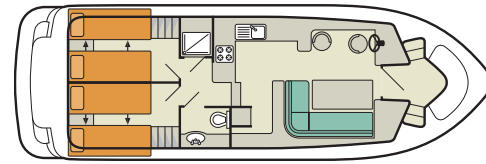
Comfort

# Tango

Sleeps: 6 (4+2) / 2 cabins + saloon  
 Size: 11.45m x 3.81m (37ft 7in x 12ft 6in)



Available in France - all regions (except Charente, Aquitaine); England



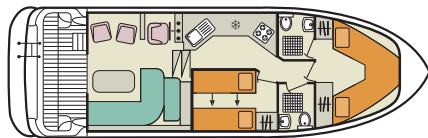
Comfort

# Caprice

Sleeps: 6 (4+2) / 2 cabins + saloon  
 Size: 12.00m x 3.81m (39ft x 12ft 6in)



Available in all cruising regions (except Canada). Please note, it cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal - Ireland. The forward twin cabin converts into a double, except in Germany, Scotland and Burgundy Nivernais Loire



Please note: there are five steep steps to climb to access the sundeck and upper steering position. This boat does not have shore power in England.



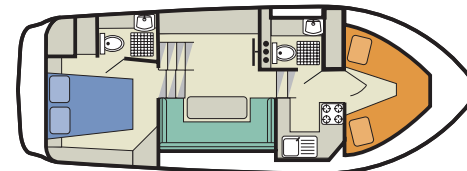
Budget

# Countess

Sleeps: 6 (4+2) / 2 cabins + saloon  
 Size: 10.20m x 3.56m (33ft 6in x 11ft 8in)

Please note, this boat does not have shore power in England.

Available in France - all regions (except Camargue, Lot, Charente); Belgium; Netherlands; Scotland; England





Sleeps **4+**

 Bimini Sun Shade

 Flat Screen DVD Player

 Dual Steering Positions

 Shore Power

 Air Conditioning\*

 Bow Thruster

 Electric Toilet

 Heating

 Barbecue hotplate on sundeck

 Air Cooling\*

\*See page 43 (What's on board) for more details.

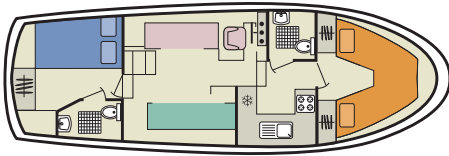
Budget

## Lake Star

Sleeps: 6 (4+2) / 2 cabins + saloon  
Size: 9.70m x 3.60m (32ft x 12ft)



Lake Star available in Ireland



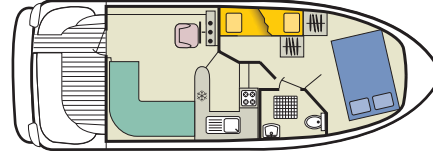
Budget

## Mountain Star

Sleeps: 5 (4+1) / 2 cabins  
Size: 10.50m x 3.80m (34.5ft x 12.5ft)



Available in Scotland



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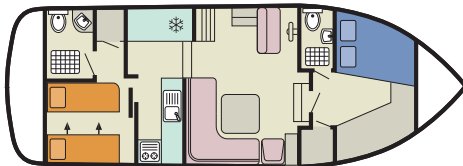
## Corvette (A & B)

Both sleep: 4 / 2 cabins  
Size of both: 11.35m x 3.81m (37ft x 12ft)



Corvette A available in France - all regions (except Charente); Belgium; Italy; Ireland; Netherlands

Corvette B available in France - Burgundy Franche-Comté, Canal du Midi, Camargue, Burgundy Nivernais Loire; Ireland



Corvette B has bunk beds in the rear cabin. Corvette A as shown.



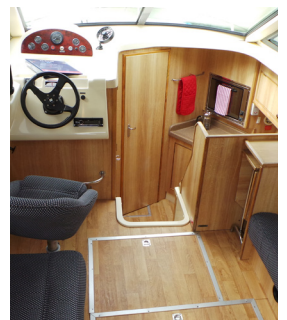
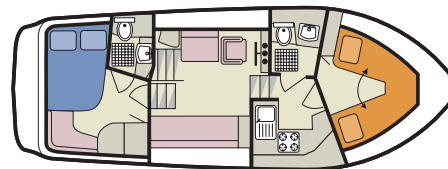
Budget

## Consul

Sleeps: 4 / 2 cabins  
Size: 10.33m x 3.37m (34ft x 11ft)



Available in France - Canal du Midi, Camargue, Charente; Germany; Scotland; England; Ireland





Sleeps **2+**

 Bimini Sun Shade

 Flat Screen DVD Player

 Dual Steering Positions

 Shore Power

 Air Conditioning\*

\*See page 43 (What's on board) for more details.

 Bow Thruster

 Electric Toilet

 Heating

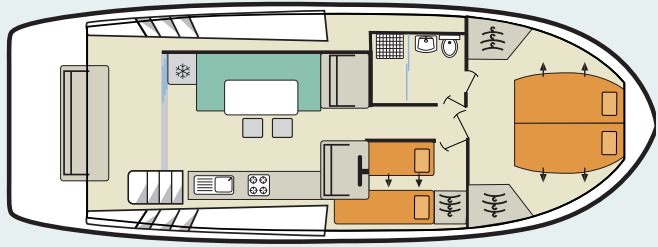
 Barbecue hotplate on sundeck

 Air Cooling\*

PREMIER

# Horizon 1 & 1 PLUS

Perfect for a couple or a small family. It has, by far, the biggest sundeck of any boat of its size on the waterways.



Sleeps: 5 (2+3) / 1 master cabin + 1 smaller cabin + saloon  
Size: 11.50m x 4.25m (37ft 7in x 13ft 7in)



Horizon 1 available in all cruising regions. Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal)  
Horizon 1 PLUS available in France (all regions except Charente, Lot and Camargue) and Canada.

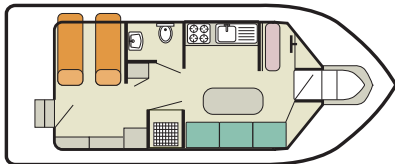
Budget

# Cirrus A

Sleeps: 4 (2+2 children) / 1 cabin + saloon  
Size: 8.80m x 3.60m (29ft x 11ft 2in)



Cirrus A available in France - all regions



Please note, this boat does not have shore power in Brittany





Sleeps **2+**

 Bimini Sun Shade

 Flat Screen DVD Player

 Dual Steering Positions

 Shore Power

 Air Conditioning\*

\*See page 43 (What's on board) for more details.

 Bow Thruster

 Electric Toilet

 Heating

 Barbecue hotplate on sundeck

 Air Cooling\*

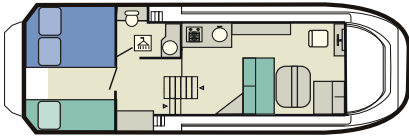
Budget

## Sheba

Sleeps: 5 (3+2) / 1 cabin + saloon  
Size: 9.00m x 3.40m (29ft 6in x 11ft 2in)



Available in France - all regions (except Charente); Netherlands; Belgium



Please note: when rear on to the dock, the Sheba can only be accessed via a vertical 4-rung ladder. There is easier, step-on access to the side of the boat, but only when it is possible to moor side-on and if the dock / quayside is high enough to step easily.



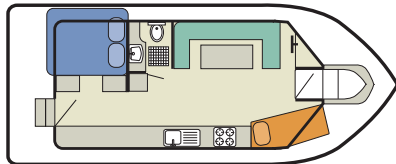
Budget

## Cirrus B

Sleeps: 4 (2+2 children) / 1 cabin + saloon  
Size: 8.80m x 3.60m (29ft x 11ft 2in)



Cirrus B available in France - all regions (except Lot, Brittany); Germany; Netherlands; Belgium



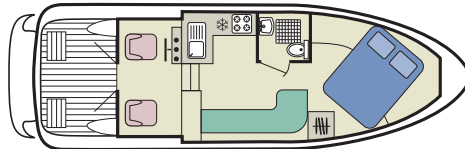
Budget

## Capri / Town Star

Sleeps: 3 (2+1) / 1 cabin + saloon  
Size: 9.00m x 3.20m (29ft 6in x 10ft 6in)



Capri available in France - Canal du Midi, Camargue, Brittany; England.  
Town Star available in Ireland





# STEP 3: CHOOSE YOUR EXTRAS



Explore life beyond the river. Hire a bike to take with you. Child bikes and child seats are also available.





## PET FRIENDLY

A Le Boat holiday is a great escape for dog-lovers who want to travel with their pets too. A maximum of two pets are very welcome on board, although a pet cleaning supplement is required.

## TOP DECK CUSHIONS

Why not hire cushions for extra comfort while you cruise? They also double as sunbathing mattresses.

## CLEANING SERVICE

Let us take care of the final clean of your boat.



Prebook your extras  
prior to departure for the best rates



## BARBECUE

Attach a gas barbecue to the railing of your boat to dine al-fresco. Charcoal barbecues are prohibited on most waterways.

## WI-FI

Connect up to five devices to the internet wherever there is mobile coverage. Available in France only.

## EARLY CHECK-IN / LATE CHECK-OUT

With Early Check-in, you can arrive at our base from 11am, rather than 3pm. With a Late Check-out, you can check out at reception at 12pm on your last day, rather than 9am.

*And there's more... for details about all the above extras, as well as our **special occasion gift baskets, stand up paddle boards, cleaning packs and angling dinghies**, please visit our website or give us a call.*

Early check-in and late check-out is not available on Vision, Horizon 5 & Horizon 5 PLUS models. Barbecues and top deck seat cushions are already provided on Premier & Comfort Plus boats. Not all extras are available at all bases, please check website or ask our Sales Team for details. To ensure availability, we advise you to pre-book extras prior to departure. Extras requested and paid for at base are subject to higher rates. Pre-booked extras are subject to our standard cancellation terms and conditions.

\*terms and restrictions apply – please see website.







# Your holiday price



River Thames, England

## OUR BOAT HIRE PRICES INCLUDE:

- A fully equipped boat
- Towels and linen for all passengers (not beach towels)
- Onboard cruising and boat information, plus map
- Boat handling demonstration
- Technical support seven days a week

## OUR BOAT HIRE PRICES EXCLUDE:

- Travel to and from the base
- Fuel, gas and engine wear and tear (see Engine hours below)
- Boat damage protection (see below)
- Optional holiday extras (see page 56-57)
- Personal holiday and cancellation insurance

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

To protect yourself in unforeseen circumstances or in case your travel arrangements change, we strongly recommend taking out personal travel insurance, even if you are travelling in your own country.



## DAMAGE PROTECTION

All customers are required to pay a security deposit on arrival at the base. If your boat and/or equipment is returned damaged, you will be charged up to the value of this deposit at the end of your holiday.

The amount of deposit required, and thus your liability, may be significantly reduced by purchasing a non-refundable Collision Damage Waiver (CDW) which can be added in advance, or paid locally at the base, as a cost to your booking.

## FINES, LEVIES AND CHARGES

You will be responsible for any fees or fines levied by, without limitation, the water police, emergency units, salvage/towing companies which are as a result of you and your party's negligent acts or omissions or unacceptable behaviour. We may, at our discretion, make a charge at base to cover the value of any such fees or fines.

## ENGINE HOURS

Onboard equipment will record how many hours you run your engine for during your cruise and you will be charged an hourly rate when you return your boat – payable at your end base in local currency. This cost covers the fuel you use to power the boat's engine and onboard systems (such as heating), as well as gas and general engine wear & tear. The 'hourly rate' differs by region and boat-type, depends on market rates of fuel and is subject to change. Our Sales Team can give an idea of our current rate prior to your holiday and the actual rate can be confirmed at check-in.

## ENGINE HOUR DEPOSIT

Before you depart, you must leave a deposit for the Engine Hour charge in local currency. At the end of your cruise, your engine hour charge will be calculated and you will either be refunded the difference or asked to pay any excess hours used. If you have paid for fuel as part of a pre-paid package (see page 58) then a fuel deposit will not be required.





# Good to know

## ARRIVAL TIME

Standard check-ins will be arranged between 3pm-5pm. For early check-ins (if prebooked) you should arrive from 11am.

To minimize waiting times as much as possible, we arrange staggered arrivals so we are able to check you in as quickly as possible after you arrive. Our base team will try to call you sometime in the 7 days prior to your arrival and, during this call, we'll confirm when you should aim to get to your departure base. To help us do this, please complete the online Guest Information Form, at least 7 days before your arrival so that we know the best number to call you on.

After you arrive and we've checked you in, your boat might not be ready immediately, but we will get you settled on board as soon as possible. We'll also let you know on the day what time you can then expect your pre-departure boat briefing so that you're set up for a safe enjoyable cruise. You won't be able to leave the dockside until you've received this briefing. In fact, most customers will be unable to leave until early evening or, in some cases, the following morning.

## RETURN TIME

Your boat should be returned and unoccupied by 9am on your last cruising day (or by midday if you have booked a late check-out).

Please be mindful that the locks in some regions don't open until 9am, so you will need to be through the last lock before they close the previous day.

You may spend your last night at our base if you wish. If you would like to check out early – just let our base team know in advance so they can prepare for your return.

## 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.

## ONE-WAY CRUISING

Our network of bases means we can offer more one-way cruises than any other operator, giving you the best opportunity to see more without

retracing your steps. All you have to ensure is that you arrive at your end destination on the correct date and time. 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. One-way supplement applies - varies depending on route.

## CAR TRANSFERS

If you book a one-way cruise and are travelling to your start base by car, we can arrange for it to be transferred to your end base while you cruise. This must be prebooked and a fee applies, which varies depending on the distance between bases. See our booking terms and conditions for more details and exclusions. Not available in Germany or Canada.

## SHORT BREAKS (AND LONGER BREAKS)

All our return cruises are suitable for 3, 4 or 5 night short breaks, or you can choose one of the specific itineraries outlined in the brochure. Longer cruises of 10 days or more can also be booked subject to availability.

## CRUISING DISTANCE & TIMES

We base our cruising distance estimates on the experience of our teams, working on an average speed of 7.5km/hr for most regions. The time taken to go through a lock will vary according to the time of year, how busy the waterway is and whether each lock is manned or self service when you pass through them. We allow an average of 12mins, but this does not take into account waiting times which may also be necessary.

## FUEL

Your boat is supplied with a full tank of diesel at the start of your cruise and you will not normally need to refuel en-route. The cost of fuel is included within an 'engine hours' charge – which, is charged for locally, in local currency, when you return your boat. (See page 61 for further details).

## MOORINGS

Generally, there are plenty of places to moor along the public canals or riverways. There are some restricted and private areas, but in most cruising regions, finding moorings is not a problem – sometimes a charge will apply. You may however, prefer to moor in a public or private marina which, for a fee, offer facilities such as electric hook-ups, water refill, showers, etc.

Germany: Overnight mooring on canals is not permitted in Germany. Here, you may drop anchor in a lake or moor in a marina at your own expense.

Italy: For customers visiting Venice, the surrounding lagoon and waterways can get very busy and there are always difficulties in finding somewhere to moor. Exclusive private moorings will be available for all Le Boat customers cruising to or from Casale for which a compulsory supplement will be charged. This is payable at time of booking. Please speak to our Sales Team for more details.

Canada: You are only allowed to moor in private marinas, town/village marinas and Parks Canada moorings (situated at lock stations) which all provide overnight moorings for a fee, with varying facilities and services.

However, a mandatory fee will be charged to Le Boat customers and covers overnight moorings at all Parks Canada sites, as well as the town of Portland (and space for only two boats in Westport

for one night only). This mandatory fee gives a significantly reduced rate than the fee charged locally at these moorings sites. Availability at these sites is on a first-come, first served basis and the supplement excludes the use of services such as shore power, which is available in some locations. Other mooring options are available for a fee, which is payable locally. This fee will be automatically added, as a cost, to your Canada booking and is included in the prices quoted on our website when applicable.

## PUMPING OUT WASTE WATER

In France (except Lot), Belgium and Italy, pumping out is not required. In Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Netherlands, Germany and on the River Lot in France, all waste water is stored in onboard tanks and must be pumped out at waterside services at your own expense. Our base teams will happily provide details of the local pump out process, locations and costs at check-in. Depending on usage and occupancy, pump-out is usually required every 2 -3 days. Waste water will be pumped at the end of your vacation at the Le Boat base without charge.

## PLANNING YOUR CRUISING ITINERARY

The cruising suggestions and routes we show in this brochure are just an indication of what can be accomplished and we cannot guarantee they can be always be achieved as shown. Unforseeable circumstances (such as weather, local closures, technical issues, etc) may mean a particular route may become unachievable so you should be flexible with your plans and expectations. Many customers like to plan their holiday in advance, while many simply 'make it up' as they cruise. So long as your route only includes waterways listed in this brochure and that you return your boat to the booked end base by the agreed time and date. To help you plan, there are maps and guides on board, or you can download a region guide from our website. You could also buy a detailed Waterways Guide or cruising map in advance of your holiday – visit our website or speak to our Sales Team for recommendations.

## LICENSES

You don't need a special boat license to hire or drive any of our boats unless you cruise in some areas of Germany. Where licenses are required, they need to be obtained in your country before arriving on holiday and you should send a copy to our sales team when you book so that they can confirm the license you have will be accepted by the German authorities. Please speak to our Sales Team for more information about which licenses are required and how to obtain one. Please note: In areas of Germany where no license is required, customers without a license are required to attend an extended 3hr briefing which begins at 1pm.

## 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. 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, taxi companies 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 & WI-FI**

TV screens are provided on some boats on which to view DVDs only. Because of the high likelihood of poor reception, they are not intended to view scheduled local programming. In some cruising areas you may find it is not possible to get a good mobile phone or internet signal. Coverage is usually better nearer the towns and villages, where there is also often Wi-Fi access too. Wi-Fi packs are available for hire in France.

#### **ELECTRONICS AND POWER**

All boats have a 12 volt power sockets (as you would use in a car) which can be used to plug in your adapter lead for a mobile phone or any other low power equipment. Some models also have 110/210V/220V plug sockets (you will need a plug adaptor suitable for the country you are visiting). On most boats, these sockets only provide power when cruising or when 'hooked-up' to a shore power supply. Our new Horizon boats also have USB sockets in the saloon and all cabins.

#### **MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY**

Our boats are not insured to accommodate and transport more than the stated capacity advertised. The minimum number of people required to hire a boat is 2 adults and for our Vision boats a minimum of 3 experienced adults (or 4 less-experienced adults) are compulsory to handle the boat comfortably.

#### **AGE LIMIT**

You must be 18 years old to captain a Le Boat cruiser; 21 years in Ireland and Canada.

#### **LOCKS**

You will find various different styles of locks on the canals and rivers in our destinations. Some are electric, some are manual. They can be automatic or either operated by a lock keeper or self service (and this may vary throughout your holiday). 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. 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.

#### **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 event of a problem or breakdown, please let us know as soon as possible. We will try to resolve this as quickly and effectively as is reasonably possible so you can carry on enjoying your cruise. If we are unable to resolve a particular problem, any appropriate compensation, refund or gesture of goodwill will be discussed with you.

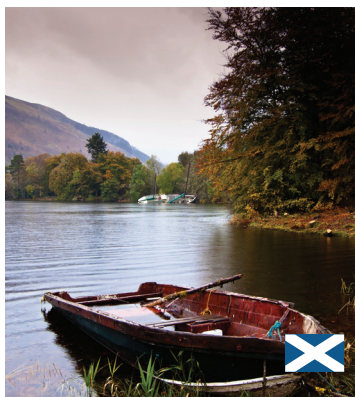
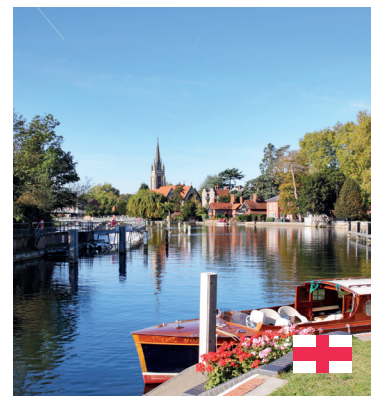
#### **VISITORS TO CANADA**

When travelling to Canada you must check with your foreign office and the Canadian authorities that you have the correct passport and comply with the visa requirements. Under Canada's ETA program, citizens from countries other than the United States, who do not need a visa to enter Canada, will need to obtain an online authorisation before flying to Canada, unless otherwise exempted. The earlier travellers get their ETA, the sooner they will benefit from knowing they have been pre-screened

to enter Canada. A fee of around \$10 is payable for processing an application for an electronic travel authorisation. An application for an electronic travel authorisation must be made by means of an electronic system that is made available by the Department (Citizenship and Immigration Canada) for that purpose. An electronic travel authorisation is valid for a period of five years from the day on which it is issued, unless it is cancelled, a new ETA is issued or if your passport expires before then.







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Who's on board?

