



### 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:

### CHOOSE YOUR DESTINATION page 12-41

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

**CHOOSE YOUR BOAT** 

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.

CHOOSE YOUR EXTRAS

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







### A NEW OUTLOOK

There is no doubt that the last two years has given us a lesson in what's truly important. Spending **time with family and friends,** enjoying the **great outdoors** and **exploring new places** were things we sometimes took for granted, but now we all appreciate them that little bit more.

Our boating holidays are all about these simple, but cherished moments. They are the ideal getaway in a world where we are even more conscious about personal space and escaping the crowds. Our boats offer the perfect sanctuary and a welcome opportunity to spend quality time together and all of our cruising routes allow you to steer clear of busy tourist hot-spots, appreciate the great outdoors and explore destinations from a more authentic perspective.

With no prior experience needed, we make boating easy for everyone to enjoy. Especially for those who live in Europe or Canada, where we may very well have a cruising region to explore right on your doorstep, or at least a car journey away. So... who's on board?



#### **Cheryl Brown**

Managing Director Le Boat

### WHY CHOOSE LE BOAT?



#### **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.



#### MARKET LEADERS

We're the No:1 provider of boating holidays on the beautiful rivers, lakes and canals of Europe and Canada. We have Europe's largest fleet of self-drive boats and the widest choice of fabulous boating destinations to choose from! And we continue to grow!



#### HAVE IT YOUR WAY

Our boating holidays are whatever you want them to be... a full on, action-packed adventure, or a slow-paced, relaxing chance to unwind. Whatever you choose - it's the perfect way to spend quality time with family and friends! And with no previous experienced necessary - our boating holidays can be enjoyed by anyone!



#### **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.

#### WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS SAY

<sup>66</sup> 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. 99

M. Pickett (Feefo review)

<sup>66</sup> 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)





<sup>66</sup> 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)

<sup>66</sup> Excellent from start to finish, could not fault any part of this experience. **S**.Lovatt (Feefo review)

# OUR TRAVEL SAFETY CHARTER

Your safety will always be our chief concern. Which is why we have carefully reviewed and adapted many of our procedures in order to provide additional safety measures across our bases and boats.

Of course, we all hope that 2022 will see a return to normality and some of the changes we've made will remain only for as long as government guidance stipulate. However, some of the changes we've made have made us more efficient and our arrival experience quicker and and easier than ever. so we will be keeping some in place indefinitely.

So put your mind at ease by reading about our Travel Safety Charter, and then start thinking about your holiday – that's what you're really here for!





#### **ENHANCED CLEANING**

As well as intensive cleaning between customers, our boats are disinfected with a fine spray that kills all types of virus and bacteria on every surface, including upholstery and mattresses. Our reception areas are also cleaned more regularly with particular attention to high-touch points.





#### WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS SAY

<sup>66</sup> You made it super easy, we were away from everybody and everything here was set up perfectly. <sup>66</sup> It's all been extremely efficient, Covid-19 secure - very easy. I'd recommend it thoroughly to anyone... 99

D. Clark Canada

#### M. Kendrick UK



#### LESS TIME IN RECEPTION AND A QUICKER DEPARTURE

Using videos, virtual briefings and pre-departure calls, you will be asked to complete most of our check-in procedures from home – reducing the time you need to spend in reception and allowing you to leave with your boat much faster.





#### **KEEPING OUR DISTANCE**

We'll continue to monitor government guidelines and adhere to social distancing guidelines as appropriate. Perspex screens, floor markings, a limit to one customer per booking in reception and staggered arrival times for guests are in place to help us manage this and will remain for as long as necessary.

**)** < 66 The welcome at the base has been excellent despite all the new safety measures in place to prevent the Coronavirus

**B. Thome** France

# **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.

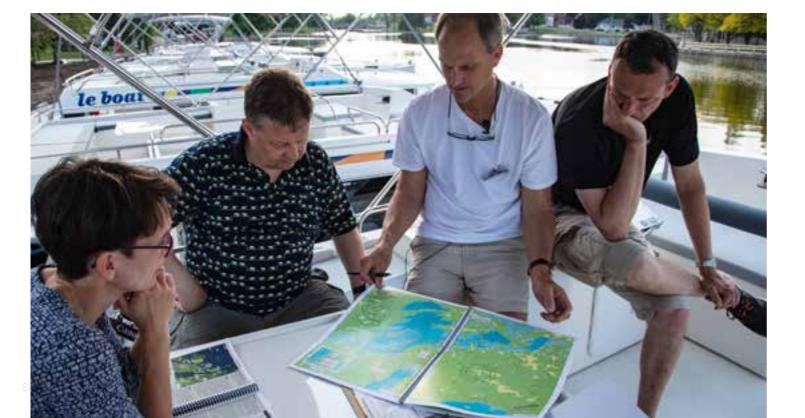


#### GET A HEAD START

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

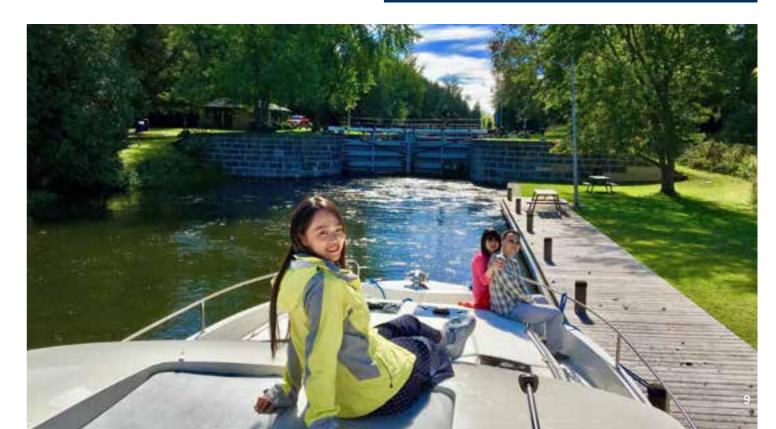
All our boats have comfortable cabins; hot water, showers and toilets; dining tables and fully-equipped kitchens – everything you'll need to be self-sufficient for the duration of your holiday. You can travel from place to place, without the need to keep unpacking and packing again! For more about our boats, see pages 42 - 59.

### 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 manuallyoperated 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 ranges 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.



### STEP 1: CHOOSE YOUR DESTINATION



p20-21 Canal du Midi

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

#### Especially great for:

• Wine-tasting

Castles and Cathar history

Cycling



#### **p24** 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



Breathtaking scenery



*p22* 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:

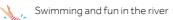
- Beaches and seaside fun
- گ Amazing wildlife
- Delicious seafood



#### *p25* ■ 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:





Historical monuments



#### **p23** 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



#### **p26** 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



#### p16-19 🕒 Canada

Bookended by vibrant Ottawa and bustling Kingston, both teeming with culture, the Rideau Canal (a UNESCO Wolrd Heritage Site) connects a series of wide open lakes, home to endless outdoor pursuits and watersports. The many quirky towns and villages along the way each harbour individual appeal, a wealth of boutique shopping opportunities and a big hearty welcome. Especially great for:





#### **p34-35** 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



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

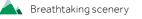


#### **p27** Alsace

Alsace, neighboured 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:







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



p30-31 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



#### **p39** 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



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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:









#### p32-33 I 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



Golt





#### **p38** 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



Belaian beer



#### **p41** 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

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# 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 (p36-37) 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 (p38) offers delightful Bruges along with picturesque canals, pretty scenery and chocolate! And not forgetting Italy (p32-33) and the most romantic city in the World – Venice!

#### **FAMILY FUN**

Head to the sunny south of France, where the Camargue (p22) offers amazing wildlife, sandy Mediterranean beaches, horse-riding, quadbiking and more.

Or the captivating River Thames (p40) 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 (p40) and the Canal du Midi (p20-21) are teeming with waterside attractions and sites of interest, while Amsterdam (p36-37), Berlin (p34-35) and Venice (p32-33) make a good ' city and countryside combo' to suit a mix of holiday desires! The Camargue (p22), Lot (p24), Mecklenburg (p34), Friesland (p36) and Scotland (p41) are all good if your group is particularly active and enjoy outdoor pursuits.





#### **HISTORY AND HERITAGE**

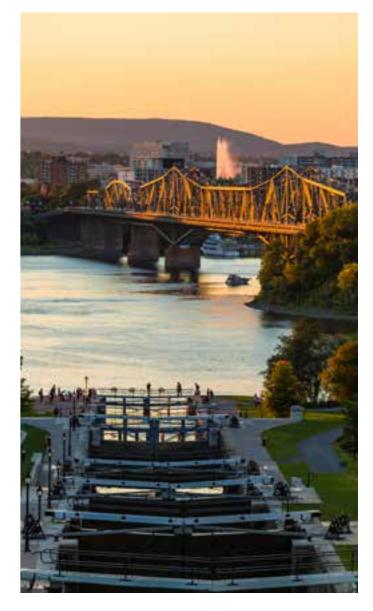
The Cathar castles of the Canal du Midi (p20-21), including the impressive walled city at Carcassonne, will enthral history buffs, while Celtic Brittany (p26) has its fair share of enchanting chateaux to visit. Or explore royal Windsor Castle and Hampton Court Palace on the historic Thames (p40).

#### SCENERY AND COUNTRYSIDE

The waterways meander past glorious countryside in whichever destination you choose. However, the rugged highlands of Scotland (p41) are particularly stunning; the perfect escape from it all. Alternatively, get away to the peaceful Nivernais and Loire (p28-29) with pretty cobbled French villages, vineyards, forests and countryside. Or the vast lakes and leafy forests of the Rideau Canal in Canada (p16-19) 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 (p23) 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 (p40) is also a food-lovers paradise.

#### SWIMMING AND WATERSPORTS

A cruise in one of our beautiful river destinations, such as the River Lot (p24) and River Charente (p25), or the open lakes of Mecklenburg in Germany (p34-35), Friesland in the Netherlands (p36-37) and the Rideau Canal in Canada (p16) 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 to take with you (selected destinations only). For fun in the sea, try the Mediterranean beaches of the Camargue (p22) or the Adriatic coast in Friuli, Italy (p32-33).

#### **FISHING**

Our river destinations make perfect fishing grounds. You can hire angling dinghies with your boat hire in the Lot (p24), Charente (p25), Germany (p34-35), Netherlands (p36-37) and Ireland (p39) so you can reach the most secluded spots. Scotland (p41) 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.

# DISCOVER CANADA +

Canada is a land of diversity, a land where nature and culture collide in an exciting, eclectic and exhilarating mix to form a uniquely Canadian experience!







# **EXTEND** YOUR STAY

There are so many great things to do and see in this great region of Canada! So why not combine your Le Boat holiday with a stay in one or more of the following nearby destinations?

#### ONTARIO'S HIGHLANDS

#### Ontario's HIGHLANDS

Sometimes the best way to reconnect is to disconnect, slow the pace, and just wander, letting every new discovery of events, places, and people become its own opportunity to stimulate the senses and nourish the soul. If this sounds like your kind of escape, Ontario's Highlands are the place for you –a beautiful, unspoiled region nestled between Ottawa and Toronto and the Le Boat base in Smiths Falls makes the perfect starting point to explore, either before or after your boating vacation. Hire a car perhaps and become a contemporary wanderer on a classic North-American road trip - discover charming small towns, stunning conservation areas, whitewater adventure and historical sites.

www.comewander.ca

#### OTTAWA



Canada's capital is a dynamic city with a cosmopolitan vibe and the canal takes you right into its heart. However, it is definitely worth planning a longer stay before or after your boating vacation if time will allow. Discover Canada's proud heritage at impressive national sites and delve into world-class museums and galleries displaying stunning national collections. Walk to Parliament Hill to enjoy a free tour of its interior; stroll to the ByWard Market neighborhood for boutiques and restaurants with local flare; enjoy one of Ottawa's famous annual festivals; or take a bike ride along the more than 600km of beautiful multi-use pathways. The Ottawa region also offers the best of the finer things in life: a thriving culinary and craft beer scene, unique local boutiques, lively music and art, and exciting nightlife options.

www.ottawatourism.ca







#### NIAGARA FALLS



This iconic thunderous torrent of water, which separates the USA from Canada, is one of the great wonders of the world and a bucket-list favourite. The Niagara Falls Adventure Pass Classic is your ticket to the full experience! Whether it's standing in awe at the base of the world's most powerful waterfall at 'Journey Behind the Falls', walking beside class 5 whitewater rapids at White Water Walk or sailing right into the mist aboard Hornblower Niagara Cruises. Once you've finished, head to Niagara-on-the-Lake to relax and unwind at the world-class wineries and unique shops of this historic town.

#### www.niagaraparks.com

#### TORONTO

Home to the famous CN Tower, Casa Loma (North America's only full-sized castle) and baseball team, the Toronto Blue Jays, Toronto is blessed with an abundance of unforgettable experiences for the intrepid traveler. And once you've finished taking in the sights, pamper yourself with a shopping trip to the spectacular Eaton Centre Mall or the swanky Mink Mile, before heading off to enjoy one of Canada's top restaurants.

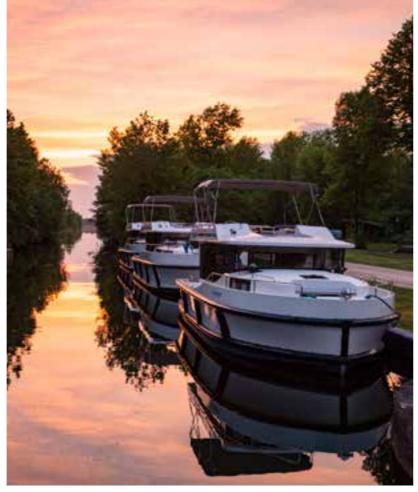
#### CANADA

# **Rideau Canal**

#### The best of Europe's waterways in one amazing destination

Get a new perspective on canal cruising with our first ever non-European destination. Discover the beauty of the Rideau Canal on your very own Canadian adventure. 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 pulsating cities. For something truly special, come in September or October to witness the display of reds, oranges and yellows of Canada's wilderness in the Fall. Whether you are after breath-taking nature or vibrant culture, Canada has it all.





CRUISE CANADA IN TRUE STYLE A Our Canada fleet is comprised solely of boats from our brand new Horizon fleet.



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.



- Voted Canada's prettiest village, Merrickville, home to a vibrant artisanal community and often dubbed the 'Jewel of the Rideau'.
- and adventure -the ideal place for a breath of fresh air.
- Taste the locally inspired brews of Perth Brewery, Cartwright Springs Brewery, or Whitewater Brewing Co.
- 'jewel' of Murphys Point Provincial Park.
- Scheuermann Vineyard and Winery in Westport.



▲ Kingston, Ontario

#### **CRUISING SUGGESTIONS**

All cruises must start and finish in Smiths Falls.

DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS
	Smiths Falls > Portland >Jones Falls > Smiths Falls	27	12
1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	Smiths Falls > Newboro > Smiths Falls	33	20
	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 > Newboro > Kingston > Smiths Falls	50	30
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT	Smiths Falls > Perth > Smiths Falls	10	8
SHORT BREAK	Smiths Falls > Merrickville > Smiths Falls	13	10

WHAT YOU DO IN BETWEEN IS UP TO YOU.

66 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...



# 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.

ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS
Port Cassafières > Narbonne > Port Cassafières	27	44
Homps > Carcassonne > Homps	20	42
Castelnaudary > Carcassonne > Castelnaudary	21	48
Port Cassafières > Castelnaudary	33	63
Homps > Castelnaudary	20	45
Homps > Port-Cassafières	13	18
Trèbes > Béziers > Trèbes	36	58
Homps > Le Somail > Homps	11	12
Homps > Le Somail > Carcassonne > Trèbes (4 nights one-way)	19	40
Castelnaudary > Trèbes (4 nights one-way)	14	31
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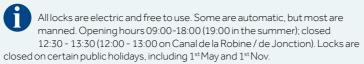
SUGGESTIONS ONLY. YOUR START AND END BASE IS FIXED ONCE BOOKED. WHAT YOU DO IN BETWEEN IS UP TO YOU. Visit Château les Carrasses to experience exceptional wines and fine dinning • Enjoy regional treats at the Olonzac market every Tuesday morning.







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



The Fonseranes 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.

- 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 Fonseranes 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 -

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

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

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

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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**





# 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.



Horse riding, guad

and jet skiing.

medieval walled city of

biking, sand buggies

Ancient port and

Aigues-Mortes.

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

### FRANCE

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.



▲ Chic shopping and culture in Montauban and Agen.

- 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



Le Mas D'Agenais - 1hr 40min Bergerac Le Mas D'Agenais - 1hr 15min



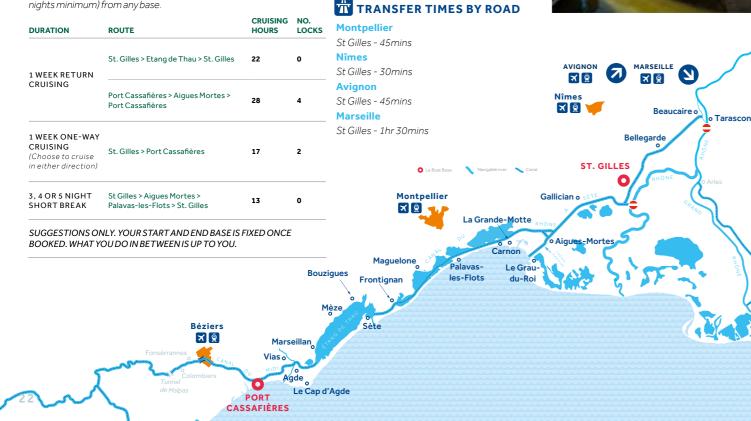
Sandy Mediterranean beaches and sunshine from April to October.

- 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.

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.

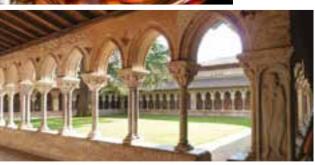
#### **CRUISING SUGGESTIONS**

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Moissac's world-famous abbey and cloisters.





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

#### 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.



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.

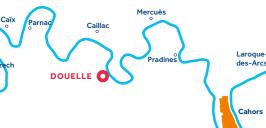
- > The cave drawings and stalagmites of the Pech-Merle caves near Cabrerets.
- Pretty Luzech with its 13<sup>th</sup> century church.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> century castle at Mercuès.

#### **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

BOOKED. WHAT YOU DO IN BETWEEN IS UP TO YOU.



The iconic arches and towers of Pont Valentré in Cahors.



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

#### **TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD**

#### Bordeaux

Bergerac

Douelle - 2hrs 30mins Toulouse

Douelle - 1hr 25mins

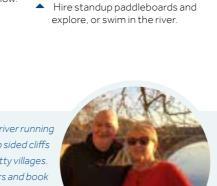
Douelle - 1hr 30mins

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66 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

> The service was good the food better and the Malbec better still! 99

**Mr and Mrs Robinson** 



#### FRANCE

# 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.



There are only a few locks on the River Charente. They are all manually-operated with no Л 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.



# Dorée, a gem

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

Cognac whiskey distillery guided tour and tasting session.



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

	DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS
>	1 WEEK+ RETURN	Jarnac > Angoulême > Jarnac	22	30
>	CRUISING	Jarnac > St-Savinien > Jarnac	21	10
	3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Jarnac > Cognac > Châteauneuf-sur-Charente > Jarnac	12	16
		Jarnac > Cognac > Saintes > Jarnac (min. 4 nights)	15	10

# **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.



- 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.

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

#### TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD Renne

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

#### Imposing turreted castle in the beautiful town of Josselin with its timber houses and navement cafés



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



#### **CRUISING SUGGESTIONS**

All cruises must start and finish in Messac DURATION ROUTE Messac > Josselin > Messac 35 1 WEEK RETURN

CRUISING	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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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. 🔻



### Cosmopolitan cruising at its best

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



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



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

#### **CRUISING SUGGESTIONS**

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

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Exceptionally scenic Sarre and Moselle rivers (licence reauired)



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

• 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. Opening hours: Hesse to Nancy 09:00 - 18:00, Hesse to Sarreguemines 09:30 - 18:30, Hesse to Erstein 07:00 - 19:00 (09:00 – 18:00 on Sundays), Erstein to Boofzheim 09:00 – 17:30. There is no charge to use them. Locks are closed on certain Public Holidays. The boatlift and tunnels are closed on 1<sup>st</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> November.



# 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 • Châtillion-sur-Loire - 1hr 50 min Tannay - 2hrs 45mins • Decize - 3hrs

#### **Paris Orly**

Migennes - 1hr 30mins • Châtillion-sur-Loire - 1hr 30min Tannay - 2hrs 30mins • Decize - 2hrs 40mins

#### Basel/Mulhouse

Migennes - 3hrs 50mins • Châtillion-sur-Loire - 4hrs 40 min Tannay - 3hrs 50mins • Decize - 4hrs 10mins

#### Dijon

Migennes - 2hrs • Châtillion-sur-Loire - 2hrs 50 min • Tannay - 1hr 50 mins Decize - 2hrs 20mins

#### **CRUISING SUGGESTIONS**

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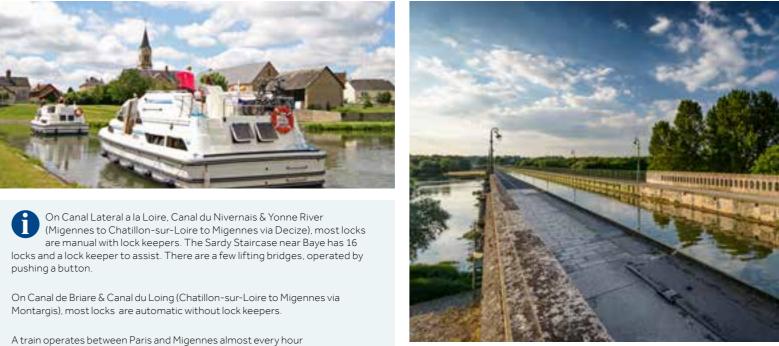
DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCKS
	Migennes > Mailly-le-Château > Migennes	27	56
	Migennes > Ancy-le-Franc > Migennes	33	64
1 WEEK+ RETURN	Tannay > Châtel Censoir > Chitry-les-Mines > Tannay	24	52
CRUISING	Châtillon-sur-Loire > Sancerre > Nevers > Châtillon-sur-Loire	34	40
	Decize > Paray-le-Monial > Decize	30	38
	Migennes > Pont-sur-Yonne > Migennes	21	24
1 WEEK ONE-WAY	Decize > Tannay	27	70
CRUISING (Choose to cruise in either direction)	Tannay > Migennes	24	49
	Châtillon-sur-Loire > Decize	22	24
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT	Decize > La Charité-sur-Loire > Decize (min. 5 nights)	25	28
SHORT BREAK	Migennes > Auxerre > Migennes	11	20

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 Watersports, hiking and spectacular aqueducts at Baye.



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

**66** 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.

- 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.

# 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

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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

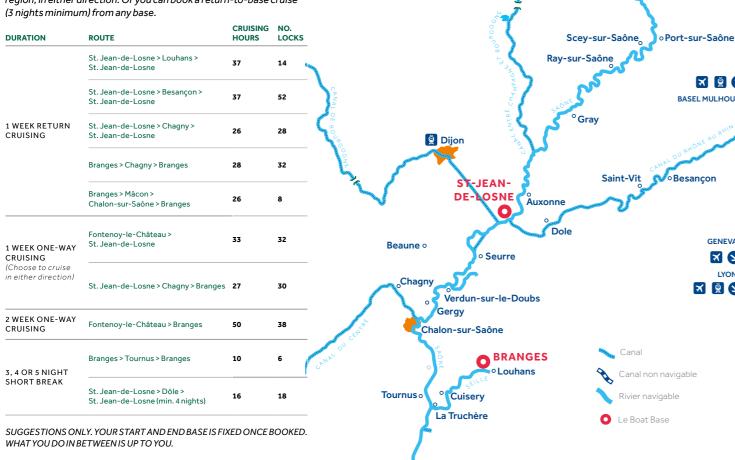
St Jean-de-Losne - 40mins • Fontenoy-le-Château - 2hrs • Branges - 1hr 20mins

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



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GENEVA

LYON

BASEL MULHOUSE

Bains-les-Bains

Selles











▲ 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



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 Mercury.



River Seille: 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 slowmoving 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.

- 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.



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



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

## **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.



danced until the stars came out - that's what boating holidays are all about...freedom, independence, joy and just being together!

Steffi - Germany

Locks on the Brandenburg & Mecklenburg waterways are free, fully automatic and manned or automatic selfservice. Opening hours, 08:00 -20:00 (May to Sep) 09:00 - 17:00 (Apr & Oct) daily. Locks do not close on public holidays. Locks close for lunch from Apr to Jun and Sep to Oct.

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

All our German bases are within licencefree cruising areas. From Potsdam you

can do a short trip to Werder without a licence. To continue your cruise to Brandenburg, or to cruise from Potsdam to Spreewald or to do the one way up to Marina Wolfsbruch, you need to have a 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 Wolfsbruch are licence-free until you reach Liebenwalde. Please see map for details.

You are only allowed to take your boat into parts of Berlin's 'Government District' before 10:30 or after 19:00.



▲ Vibrant Berlin with its many attractions and bustling nightlife - don't miss the futuristic Potsdamer Platz, the Reichstag building and the famous Brandenburg Gate.



▲ The beautiful Rococo Sanssouci Castle in Potsdam look out for open-air concerts in summer.

Water sports in the beautiful Lake Müritz National Parkwindsurfing, kayaking or swimming.



- The medieval villages of Mirow, Rechlin, Röbel (above), Klink, Plau and Waren with their distinctive waterside houses and narrow cobbled streets
- Medieval Brandenburg town, its cathedral and many other impressive monuments.
- ▶ The Dendrological Gardens, one of the oldest gardens in Germany, in Mirow



The Baroque lakeside castles at Schwerin, Rheinsberg (below), Fürstenberg and Neustrelitz. 🔻





#### **CRUISING SUGGESTIONS**

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DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LOCK
	Marina Wolfsbruch > Rheinsberg > Mirow > Neustrelitz > Lychen > Templin > Marina Wolfsbruch	37	32
	Marina Wolfsbruch > Rheinsberg > Plau am See > Marina Wolfsbruch	31	8
1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	Fürstenberg > Waren > Neustelitiz > Fürstenberg	23	16
	Potsdam > Plaue > Potsdam (Licence needed)	17	2
	Potsdam > Bad Saarrow > Potsdam (Licence needed)	37	<b>16</b> (+2 lifting bridges)
1 WEEK ONE-WAY CRUISING (Choose to cruise in either direction)	Potsdam > Marina Wolfsbruch (Licence needed)	26	17
	Marina Wolfsbruch > Jabel (One Way)	11	4
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Potsdam > Werder > Potsdam	4	0
	Potsdam > Berlin > Potsdam (Licence needed)	12	6
	Fürstenberg > Lychen > Templin > Fürstenberg (5 nights)	16	14

# 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.



Watersports on the beautiful lakes of Friesland.



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



- ▲ 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.







#### **CRUISING SUGGESTIONS**

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DURATION	ROUTE	CRUISING HOURS	NO. LO LIFTINO BRIDGE
	Vinkeveen > Weesp/Muiden > Amsterdam > Weesp/Muiden > Utrecht > Vinkeveen	20	6/27
1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	Vinkeveen> Utrecht> Gouda> Amsterdam> Weesp/Muiden> Vinkeveen	30	14/57
	Hindeloopen-Stavoren > Lemmer > Sneek > Bolsward > Workum > Hindeloopen- Stavoren	21	0/27
1 - 2 WEEK ONE- WAY CRUISING	Hindeloopen-Stavoren > Vinkeveen	31	12/11
(Choose to cruise in either direction)	Hindeloopen-Stavoren > Amsterdam > Vinkeveen	33	12/22
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Vinkeveen > Weesp/Muiden > Amsterdam > Weesp/Muiden > Vinkeveen	13	6/10
	Hindeloopen-Stavoren > Sneek > Bolsward > Workum > Hindeloopen-Stavoren	16	0/24

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Keukenhof, the World's largest flower park, in Lisse. Open from 24<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

#### **FRIESLAND**

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Leeuwarden

#### **TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD**

#### Amsterdam

Hindeloopen-Stavoren - 1hr 30mins Vinkeveen - 30mins Groningen Hindeloopen-Stavoren - 1hr 15mins Vinkeveen - 2hrs

#### Luttelaeest Giethoorn

• Elburg

Le Boat base 🔪 Navigable river

🔩 Canal

66 Land of flowers, South Holland has many wonders to be discovered in Leiden Utrecht or Gouda. A pontoon in the centre of Amsterdam, opposite the central station, in the heart of one of the most beautiful capitals of Europe. Simply magical!

**René Ortmans** 

CKS/ GES

Most locks and lifting bridges are manned by lock-keepers, with breaks for lunch and tea. You need to pay a small charge to pass through locks, so keep small change handy.

To visit Amsterdam, we recommend you moor at Weesp and take one of the frequent trains to the city centre. This takes around 10 minutes. Alternatively moor at Six Haven Marina opposite Amsterdam Central Station where you can catch a free 24hr ferry to the city centre.

Please note: It is not possible to cruise from Hindeloopen-Stavoren to Amsterdam and then return to Hindeloopen-Stavoren in 7 nights. If you wish to visit Amsterdam from our Hindeloopen-Stavoren base, you should allow 14 nights for this or consider take a train to Amsterdam instead.

Our Hindeloopen-Stavoren base is split across two sites with our larger boats departing from Stavoren. The towns of Hindeoopen and Stavoren are very similar in size and character and are an equal cruising distance to the waterway intersection that leads to the rest of the Friesland region.

BELGIUM

# **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.



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

#### **CRUISING SUGGESTIONS**

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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 > leper > Veurne > Nieuwpoort	14	8/11
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Nieuwpoort > Bruges > Nieuwpoort (min. 4 nights)	14	4/28
	Nieuwpoort > leper > Nieuwpoort	12	6/4



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

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.



### Cruise through the land

Navigable rive



Knock Carrick-on-Shannon - 1hr Portumna- 1hr 40 mins Carrick-on-Shannon - 3hrs 30mins Portumna- 1hr 10 mins



▲ Historic Ghent brimming with art and culture.

Magnificent Ooidonk Castle in Deinze

#### The long sandy beaches at Nieuwpoort and Oostende.

> The UNESCO protected belfry at Diksmuide and famous 'Man in the Moon' symbol of peace.

Small guaint villages and pretty towns like Oudenaarde.



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

DURATION ROUTE		CRUISING HOURS	NO LO	
	Carrick-on-Shannon > Athlone > Carrick-on-Shannon	22	6	
1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	Portumna > Mountshannon > Scarriff > Killaloe > Portumna	17	0	
	Carrick-on-Shannon > Belturbet > Carrick- on-Shannon	29	34	
	on-Shannon Portumna > Athlone > Portumna > Mountshannon > Portumna Carrick-on-Shannon > Enniskillen > Carrick- on-Shannon Carrick-on-Shannon > Belleek > Carrick-on-Shannon	27	4	
2 WEEK RETURN		36	34	
WEEK RETURN RUISING 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	
	Carrick-on-Shannon > Lanesborough > Carrick-on-Shannon	14	6	
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Portumna > Killaloe > Portumna	14	0	
	Portumna > Shannonbridge > Athlone > Terryglass > Portumna	17	4	

WHAT YOU DO IN BETWEEN IS UP TO YOU.





#### 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.

All the locks on the River Thames are electrically operated. There is no charge đ to use them. Open on bank holidays. Cruising beyond Teddington Lock towards central London is not permitted.

Locks are manned between 09:00–17:00 (April & October), 09:00–18:00 (May, June & September), 09:00–18:30 (July & August). Lunch break 13:00–14:00. Outside of these hours, locks can be operated yourself.

No navigation after dark.

You cannot navigate your boat into central London, but it is easily accessible by train.

Download our Thames Guide for over 70 pages of detailed information about the

Thames, plus a handy illustrated map.

#### **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
	Chertsey > Windsor > Kingston-upon-Thames > Chertsey	14	18
1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING	Benson > Oxford > Henley-on-Thames > Benson	24	30
	Benson > Windsor > Benson	24	34
1 WEEK ONE-WAY CRUISING (Choose to cruise in either direction)	Benson > Kingston-upon-Thames > Chertsey	23	30
	Chertsey > Marlow > Chertsey	14	20
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK	Benson > Chertsey (5 nights one way)	15	22
	Benson > Henley-on-Thames > Benson	12	18

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

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

The royal residence of

mighty Windsor Castle

Royal Park.



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Thorpe

Park and

many other

attractions.

theme park fun for





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** 



#### SCOTLAND

# 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.



Ride the West Highland Railway ofHarr Potter fame (Banavie

Historic Inverness and beautifu views from its castle





Walk up Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain.

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

o Oxford



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.



### 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.

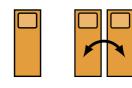


These older boats are our 'much-loved classics'. Although the décor is more traditional and the features and fittings are basic, they are clean, superbly maintained and are equipped with all the essentials for a comfortable stay-including bed linen and towels.



#### 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.



Single bed Si

Checking-in

party must watch.

holiday extras).

#### **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.



#### 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-incharge 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.







Bunk beds

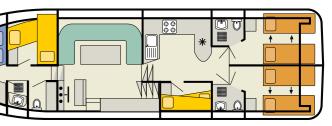




Single beds convert to double beds

Double beds

Seating converts to double or single bed



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

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
- $\mathsf{page}\,\mathbf{60}\,\mathsf{for}\,\mathsf{more}\,\mathsf{information}\,\mathsf{about}$

#### 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.

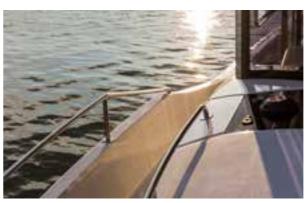
02 Fully-equipped kitchen with fridge(s), gas oven, stove top, dishes & utensils, towels & tea-towels (but not beach towels) 03 Cruising maps, Boat & Navigational Manual, and tourist information. 04 Safety equipment – life-ring, life-jackets, boat hook and fenders. 05 Basic first aid kit. 06 Outside 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 mode 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

#### 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.





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







Comfortable cabins



#### SEE **PAGES 48 - 59** 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.



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



# The Vision fleet

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

#### SEE **PAGES 50-55** FOR DETAILS AND DECK PLANS OF ALL OUR BOATS

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





Modern fully equipped kitchen



Barbecue hotplate



### 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 straightforward pre-departure briefing and a more relaxed feeling as you cruise and operate the boat with greater confidence.

Spacious sundeck

Easy to access sundeck

#### **RECENTLY REFURBISHED**

We refreshed and updated our popular Mystique and Royal Mystique boats throughout 2020 and 2021. Our extensive refurbishment programme saw new curtains, upholstery, flooring and a completely new kitchen inventory, including new cookers and fridges where needed. Plus, our new Bluetooth enabled radio system will ensure you can cruise along with all your favourite tunes.

Who's on board?

# Sleeps 10+

#### PREMIER



Sleeps: 12 (10+2) / 5 ensuite cabins + saloon Size: 14.99m x 4.35m (48ft 8in x 14ft 1in)



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)



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



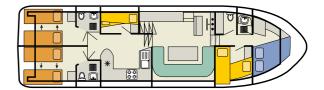
Comfort

### **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









#### Comfort plus

### Vision 4 & 4 SL

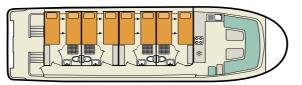
Sleeps: 9 (8+1) / 4 cabins + saloon Size: 14.97m x 4.65m (49ft x 15ft)

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#### Vision 4 available in France - all regions

(except Brittany - cannot cruise on Baïse 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.



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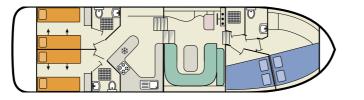
### Magnifique

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





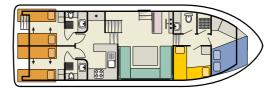
### **Classique Star**

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



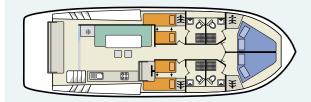


### **Horizon 4**

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



Available in: France - all regions (except Aquitaine); Germany; England; Netherlands; Belgium; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal), Canada





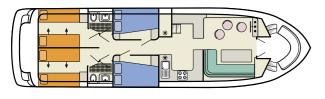
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### Salsa (A & B)

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)

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

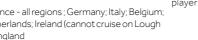


Salsa A has one convertible double settee in the saloon (as shown above) and the Salsa Bhas two





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 Electric Toilet
 Heating
 Barbecue hotplate on sundeck

Air Cooling\*



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, Camarque; Belgium; Germany; Netherlands; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal); Italy; Scotland; England

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#### Comfort plus

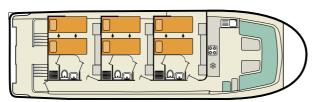
### Vision 3 & 3 SL

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

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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).

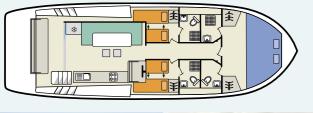
Available in: France - Burgundy Franche-Comté, Canal du Midi, Brittany, Lot, Alsace; Germany; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal) England; Netherlands, Canada

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**Horizon 3** 

Sleeps: 7 (6+1) / 3 cabins + saloon

Size: 13.50m x 4.35m (42ft 8in x 14ft 1in)





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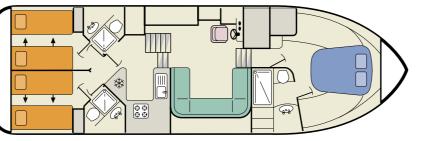
### **Mystique**

Comfort plus

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

#### See page 48 for details of our refurbishment programme







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

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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.

### Comfort Calypso



#### Comfort

Minuetto 6+

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



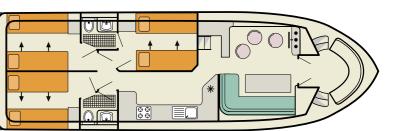








Barbecue hotplate









Comfort



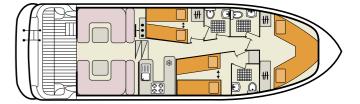
Sleeps: 6 / 3 cabins Size: 13.10m x 4.10m (43ft x 13ft 6in)



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

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

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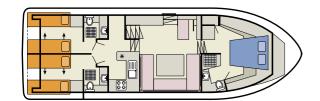
### Comfort

### **Royal Classique**

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

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











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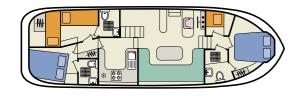
shore power in England.

Available in France - all regions; Germany; Netherlands; Ireland (cannot

### **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)









### Continentale

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

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Size: 11.90m x 3.90m (39ft x 13ft)

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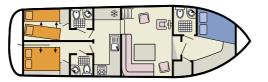
cruise on the Lough Allen canal); Italy; Scotland; England

Sleeps: 6 / 3 cabins

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









### **Horizon 1**

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



Available in all cruising regions. Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal)





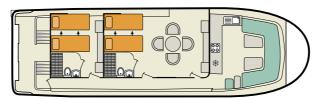
Comfort plus

Vision 2

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

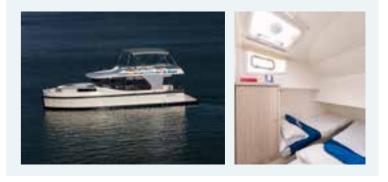


Vision 2 available in France – Canal du Midi





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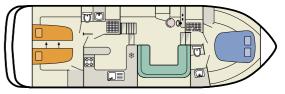
Sleeps: 6 (4+2) 2 cabins + saloon

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; Camarque





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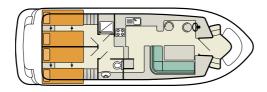
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Sleeps: 6 (4+2) / 2 cabins + saloon Size: 11.45m x 3.81m (37ft 7in x 12ft 6in)



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







Please note, this boat does not have a

flatscreen DVD player in Italy

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



Please note, this boat does not have

shore power in England.

Available in France – all regions (except Camargue, Lot, Charente);





Comfort

Clipper

Sleeps: 6 (4+2) / 2 cabins + saloon

Size: 11.00m x 3.90m (36ft x 13ft)

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Scotland, Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal)

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.







**Countess** 

Sleeps: 6 (4+2) / 2 cabins + saloon

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

Belgium; Netherlands; Scotland; England

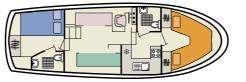


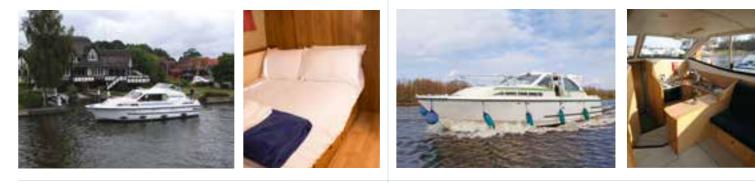


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Lake Star available in Ireland





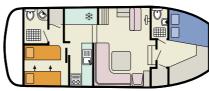
Corvette (A & B)

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.





Flat Screen DVD Player

 Electric Toilet
 Heating
 Barbecue hotplate on sundeck

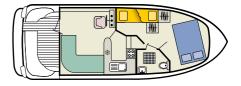
A/C Air Cooling\*

### **Mountain Star**

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



Available in Scotland

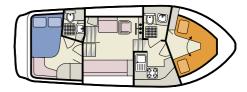




Sleeps: 4 / 2 cabins Size: 10.33m x 3.37m (34ft x 11ft)



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









# **Horizon 1**

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)





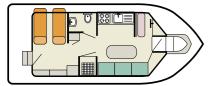
Available in all cruising regions. Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal)



### **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







 Flat Screen<br/>DVD Player
 Dual Steering Positions
 Image: Shore Power

 Image: Electric Toilet
 Image: Heating
 Image: Shore Power

 Bow Thruster

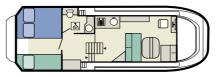


### Sheba

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

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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.

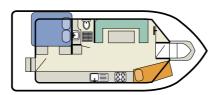


**Cirrus B** 

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













### **Capri / Town Star**

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

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





### STEP 3: **CHOOSE YOUR EXTRAS**

#### **EXTRAS PACKAGES**

The easiest way to book extras is by adding on one of our Extras Packages to your booking. They all include our charge for engine hours\* (fuel, gas, wear & tear – this charge is usually paid locally - see page 63 for details), plus Collision Damage Waiver (see page 63) and a selection of some of our other most popular add-ons. See our website for more details. Available in all regions except Italy.



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.

#### **GROCERIES**

Let us provision your boat with all the essentials you need for your first evening on board, or for the first morning as well.

#### **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.



Early boarding and late checkout is not available on Vision 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.



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





#### 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 BOARDING /** LATE CHECKOUT

With Early Boarding, you can access your boat from 11am, rather than 2pm. With a Late Checkout, you can keep your boat until 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.

# Call us or visit us online to see our LATEST OFFERS

### Book early to secure the best availability at early-bird prices!

# **Your holiday price**



OUR BOAT HIRE PRICES INCLUDE:	οι
A fully equipped boat	Tra
Towels and linen for all passengers (not beach towels)	Fue
Onboard cruising and boat information, plus map	Воа
Boat handling demonstration	Op
Technical support seven days a week	Per

#### **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 boats 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

# on bookings of two boats and more Two weeks or more?

Need more than one boat?

Save at least 10%

10% discount on 2<sup>nd</sup> and subsequent weeks booked

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### Kids on board? Save 5% when travelling with a child

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

All offers are combinable with each other, and other applicable offers, up to a maximum saving of 15%. All offers are valid on all destinations Group discount: Valid any time. Valid on multiple boats which are booked to start and finish on the same dates. Save 10% on two boats and add another 2.5% for each boat after that. 20% maximum saving. 7 nights minimum duration. Child discount: Please quote promotional code: FAM5. Valid until 2nd January 2022. Your party must include at least one child, 16yrs or younger on last day of holiday. 7 nights minimum duration. Extended booking discount: Valid any time. 14 nights minimum duration.

#### **UR BOAT HIRE PRICES EXCLUDE:**

- avel to and from the base
- uel, gas and engine wear and tear (see Engine hours below)
- pat damage protection (see below)
- ptional holiday extras (see page 60-61)
- ersonal holiday and cancellation insurance

#### **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 56) then a fuel deposit will not be required.



# Good to know

#### **ARRIVAL TIME**

For early check-ins (if prebooked) you should arrive from 11am. Standard check-ins start FROM 2pm. We will try to stagger arrivals to reduce the amount of customers on site at any one time and enable us to get you settled on board as quickly as possible. To help us achieve this, you must confirm your expected arrival time when you complete the online Guest Information Form, which must be completed at least 72hrs before you depart. Our base team will then call you 48-72hrs prior to your departure to reconfirm when you should aim to arrive. They may ask you to arrive slightly earlier or later, depending on the number of other departures the same day. We ask that you stick as closely to your agreed arrival time as possible.

After you arrive, we'll need to spend some time with you completing the check in processes and we will then advise you when you can expect you predeparture boat briefing to take place. You won't be able to leave the dockside straight away. In fact most customers will be unable to leave until early evening or, in some cases, the following morning, but we'll get you set up and ready to go as soon as possible.

#### **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 locks 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 you boat. (See page 63 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/village marinas of Portland,

Seeley's Bay, Perth and Westport - a significantly reduced rate than the fee charged locally at each of these moorings sites. Availability at these sites is on a first-come, first served basis (and in Westport is it also limited to two boats at any one time - subsequent boats will be charged). 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

Scotland: 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.

#### 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 charae.

#### 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 is 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 aood 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 hire a Le Boat selfdrive 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 lockfree 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.

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#### 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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