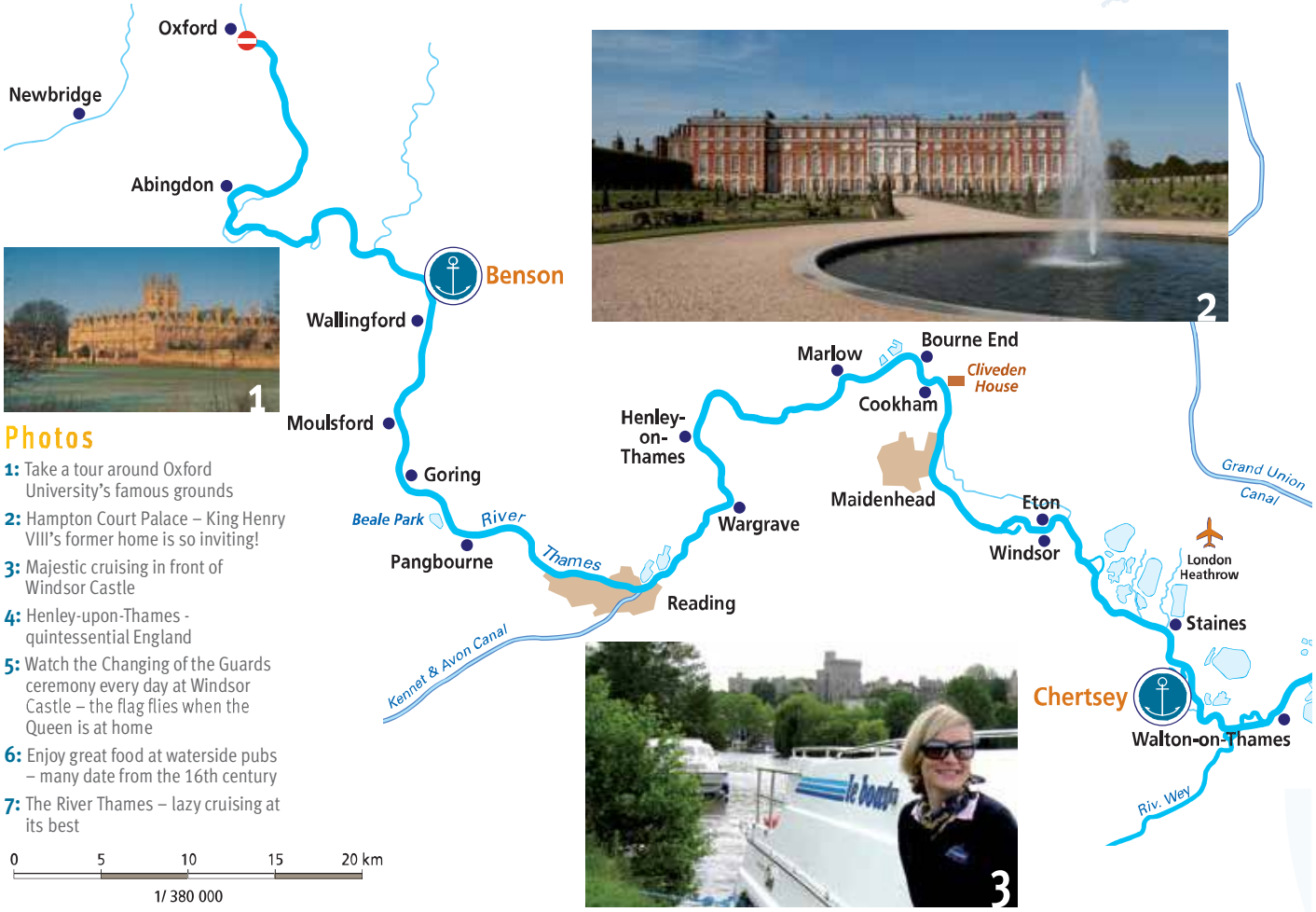
# ENGLAND - The Thames













## Photos

1: Take a tour around Oxford University's famous grounds

2: Hampton Court Palace – King Henry VIII's former home is so inviting!

3: Majestic cruising in front of Windsor Castle

4: Henley-upon-Thames - quintessential England

5: Watch the Changing of the Guards ceremony every day at Windsor Castle – the flag flies when the Queen is at home

6: Enjoy great food at waterside pubs – many date from the 16th century

7: The River Thames – lazy cruising at its best

## Regal cruising through perfect English countryside

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

**Our two bases at Benson and Chertsey are ideally placed to explore what is arguably the most beautiful stretch of the river, and cruising in either direction will take you to some of the oldest and prettiest towns and villages in the heart of England. Visit historic towns and cities such as Windsor, Kingston-upon-Thames, Henley-on-Thames, Marlow, Cookham, Pangbourne and Oxford. With all locks on the River Thames manned by friendly lock-keepers, you can be sure of a pleasant day's cruising wherever you choose to go.**

## One Week Return Cruises

**The Majestic Cruise**

### Chertsey – Windsor – Kingston-upon-Thames - Chertsey

**Visit:** Chertsey; Windsor; Walton-on-Thames; Hampton Court Palace; Kingston-upon-Thames
**Waterways:** The Thames

**70kms * 14 locks * 10hrs**

**The Scholars Cruise**

### Benson – Oxford – Henley-upon-Thames - Benson

**Visit:** Benson; Abingdon, Oxford; Wallingford; Beale Park; Pangbourne; Reading; Henley-upon-Thames
**Waterways:** The Thames

**186kms * 30 locks * 32hrs**

**The Royal Cruise**

### Benson – Windsor - Benson

**Visit:** Benson; Marlow; Cookham; Clivedon; Eton; Ascot, Windsor
**Waterways:** The Thames

**155kms * 36 locks * 30hrs**

## One Week One-Way Cruises

**(Choose to cruise in either direction)**

**The Heart of England Cruise**

### Chertsey – Benson

**Visit:** Benson; Marlow; Cookham; Clivedon; Eton; Ascot, Windsor
**Waterways:** The Thames

**96kms * 20 locks * 16hrs**

## Short Breaks

**The Willow Tree Cruise**

### Benson – Marlow – Benson

**Days:** 3
**Visit:** Benson; Wallingford, Moulsford, Beale Park, Goring, Henley-upon-Thames, Marlow
**Waterways:** The Thames

**75kms * 28 locks * 14hrs**

**The Little Thames Cruise**

### Chertsey – Henley-upon-Thames – Chertsey

**Days:** 3
**Visit:** Chertsey, Windsor, Maidenhead, Henley-upon-Thames; Marlow
**Waterways:** The Thames

**75kms * 18 locks * 16hrs**

You can book 3 or 4 day short breaks from any of our bases. Shorter versions of all return-to-base cruises are perfect for short breaks.

## Longer Breaks

All our cruises can be extended to 10/11 days, 2 weeks or longer. Just ask the sales team for details or check online!

# Key Facts

## Thames Bases

Start or finish your holiday at any of our bases:
•Benson
•Chertsey

## Flavours of the region

Pub lunches – Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding; roast pork and crackling; rack of lamb; steak & kidney pie; roast duck; apple pie; rhubarb crumble; crème caramel; Real ales from local breweries.

## Cruising Notes

•All the locks on the River Thames are manned by lock-keepers who will help you pass through safely.

## The Thames Fleet

**Match a boat to your choice of cruise:**

| | | | The Majestic Cruise | The Scholars Cruise | The Royal Cruise | The Heart of England Cruise | The Willow Tree Cruise | The Little Thames Cruise |
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| **Comfortably sleeping 8+** | | | | | | | | |
| Classique Star | ⚓⚓⚓⚓ | See Page 53 | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Classique | ⚓⚓⚓⚓ | See Page 54 | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| **Comfortably sleeping 6+** | | | | | | | | |
| Elegance | ⚓⚓⚓⚓ | See Page 56 | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Crusader | ⚓⚓⚓ | See Page 57 | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| **Comfortably sleeping 4+** | | | | | | | | |
| Caprice | ⚓⚓⚓⚓ | See Page 60 | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Tango | ⚓⚓⚓⚓ | See Page 60 | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Consul | ⚓⚓⚓ | See Page 61 | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Tamaris/LS | ⚓⚓ | See Page 63 | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| **Comfortably sleeping 2+** | | | | | | | | |
| Consort | ⚓⚓⚓ | See Page 63 | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Capri/TS | ⚓⚓ | See Page 64 | • | • | • | • | • | • |

Fleet information correct at time of going to print but subject to change without notice. For operational reasons not all boats are able to cruise all routes or are available in all regions.

## Travel Connections

•**London Heathrow**
(Benson 61 kms; Chertsey 17 kms)
•**London Gatwick**
(Benson 120 kms; Chertsey 53 kms)