le boat
Who’s on board?

CELEBRATING
50 YEARS
1969 — 2019

2019 BOATING HOLIDAYS
EUROPE AND CANADA • NO LICENCE REQUIRED • NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

NOW ON THE RIDEAU CANAL, CANADA!
WELCOME ON BOARD

Grab hold of a unique opportunity to experience the ‘real’ side of your holiday destination. Enchanting waterways carry you away from the main tourist belt and submerge you in local culture and customs. Escape the everyday, connect with family and friends and let the charm of local people delight you.

ONE-WAY CRUISING IN CANADA

In 2019 we will be opening a second Le Boat base in our Canada cruising ground. Located in the charming village of Seeley’s Bay, our second base will mean one-way cruising will be available for the first time in Canada! Check it out on pages 14-17.

Plus in 2019, our Canadian fleet gets bigger with more Horizon boats on their way - including our brand new five-cabin Horizon 5 which sleeps up to 12 people. See pages 42 & 45 for more details.

BIGGER & BETTER IN BURGUNDY

Following a €1.5 million investment in our St Jean-de-Losne base at the heart of our Franche-Comté cruising ground in Burgundy (pages 28-29). This will ensure an even more comfortable and faster check-in experience!

HOW TO PLAN YOUR LE BOAT ADVENTURE

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

1. CHOOSE YOUR DESTINATION page 8-39
Le Boat operates in 17 unique destinations across 9 countries, so we know we have the perfect holiday destination for everyone!

2. CHOOSE YOUR BOAT page 40-55
Whether you are a large group of friends, a couple or a family, our impeccably maintained fleet has a boat for every party-size and budget.

3. CHOOSE YOUR EXTRAS page 56-57
From bicycle hire to grocery packs our, holiday extras are the perfect accompaniments to any cruise. And our new Extras packages (in some regions) include all our most popular add-ons in one easy bundle.

France, Burgundy: Franche Comté (See page 28-29)
HOW IT ALL BEGAN

In 2019 Le Boat is delighted to celebrate our 50th birthday. We have been boating along French waters since the late 60’s, and are proud to have come a long way from humble beginnings.

Our history can be traced back to the English entrepreneur, Michael Treat, who in 1969 founded Crown Blue Line with just eight boats. Over the years Michael Treat’s original company was able to grow and expand, but one common theme that has remained is a desire to provide our customers the best boating holidays out there!

The Le Boat you see today is actually a combination of three historic companies, Crown Blue Line, Connoisseur, who started as a boat builder on the Norfolk Broads, and Emerald Star in Ireland. Over the years these companies brought together their decades of waterway experience to form Le Boat in 2007.

A NEW CHAPTER

Now the biggest self-drive boating operator in Europe and Canada, Le Boat has gone from strength to strength. In 2011, we were proud to launch our hugely successful Vision range of boats (see page 43). Packed full of modern features, Le Boat’s Vision fleet continues to turn-heads on the waterways of Europe.

Not ones to rest on our laurels, Le Boat followed up this huge success with the state-of-the-art Horizon fleet in 2016 (see page 42). Truly the next generation of river cruisers, the Horizon fleet has re-defined river boats in terms of comfort and ease of use!

Perhaps the most exciting recent development has been our new cruising ground on the Rideau Canal in Canada (see pages 14–17). We never stand still and can’t wait to introduce you to new innovations and more fabulous destinations in the coming years - watch this space!

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! Our first cruising region outside of Europe opened in May 2019 – have you discovered Canada yet (see pages 14–17)!

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!

WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS SAY

This was our 4th Le Boat cruise and we were most impressed with the boat and with the excellent staff. The reception ladies were most helpful and extremely pleasant, whilst the handover of the boat was easy. We have already booked another Le Boat cruise for next year.

Charles Price
(Feefo review)

The arrival experience from all staff was excellent, the explanations and questions answered were superb.

Dave Gardner
(Feefo review)

The receptionist was very friendly, helpful and accommodating. Instructions, explanations and tuition first rate. The manual and route information was very good. We were made to feel welcome and nothing was too much trouble.

Mary McGinley
(Feefo review)
NEW TO BOATING HOLIDAYS?

No experience necessary, no licence required!

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

IT’S LIKE DRIVING A CAR, BUT MORE RELAXING

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 and will accompany you for a short distance, to make sure you are completely happy with the controls.

IT’S NOT JUST ABOUT THE BOAT

Boating is a lot of fun and almost 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.

GET A HEAD START

For boating ‘newbies’ – why not check out our helpful boat handling videos, safety advice and other online resources? Revising this before your holiday can add 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.

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.

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.

IT’S ALL ON BOARD

All our boats have comfortable cabins; hot water, showers and toilets; dining tables and fully-equipped kitchens — everything you’ll need to be self-sufficient for the duration of your holiday. You can travel from place to place, without the need to keep unpacking and packing again! For more about our boats, see pages 40 - 55.

CRUISE ARE EASY... AND GOOD FUN!

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

NEW TO BOATING HOLIDAYS?
Canal du Midi

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

Especially great for:
- Wine-tasting
- Castles and Cathar history
- Cycling

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

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:
- Fairy-tale castles
- Delicious seafood
- Lively cities and culture

Lot

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

Especially great for:
- Swimming and fun in the river
- Fishing
- Breathtaking scenery

Burgundy: Loire & Nivernais

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

Especially great for:
- Wine-tasting
- Cathedrals
- Cycling

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

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:
- Famous white wines
- Cosmopolitan cities
- Breathtaking scenery

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

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:
- Golf
- Fishing
- Theme parks and family attractions
- Big city art and culture

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 backslop - stunning!

Especially great for:
- Fishing
- Breathtaking scenery
- Outdoor pursuits

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.

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Belgium

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

Especially great for:
- Big city art and culture
- Country resorts, ancient ports, fishing villages and colourful towns and villages.
- Big lakes & watersports
- Breathtaking scenery

Spain

Discover Spain’s coastal treasures in the Balearics and Ibiza, with crystal clear blue waters, fine white sand beaches and idyllic islands.

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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 (p34–35) 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 (p36) offers delightful Bruges along with picturesque canals, pretty scenery and chocolate! And not forgetting Italy (p30–31) and the most romantic city in the World – Venice!

FAMILY FUN
Head to the sunny south of France, where the Camargue (p20) offers amazing wildlife, sandy Mediterranean beaches, horse-riding, quad-biking and more. Or the captivating River Thames (p38) is packed full of fun and thrills with wildlife and theme parks, woodland trails, activity centres and countless parkland for picnics and running wild.

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 (p38) and the Canal du Midi (p18–19) are teeming with waterside attractions and sites of interest, while Amsterdam (p34–35), Berlin (p32–33) and Venice (p30–31) make a good ‘city and countryside combo’ to suit arms of holiday desires! The Camargue (p20), Lot (p22), Mecklenburg (p32), Friesland (p34) and Scotland (p39) are all great if your group is particularly active and enjoy outdoor pursuits.

HISTORY AND HERITAGE
The Cathar castles of the Canal du Midi (p18–19), including the impressive walled city at Carcassonne, will enthrall history buffs, while Celtic Brittany (p24) has its fair share of enchanting chateaux to visit. Or explore royal Windsor Castle and Hampton Court Palace on the historic Thames (p38).

SCENERY AND COUNTRYSIDE
The waterways meander past glorious countryside in whichever destination you choose. However, the rugged highlands of Scotland (p39) are particularly stunning the perfect escape from it all. Alternatively, get away to the peaceful Nivernais and Loire (p26–27) with pretty cobbled French villages, vineyards, forests and countryside. Or the vast lakes and leafy forests of the Rideau Canal in Canada (p14–17) 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 (p21) 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 (p38) is also a food-lovers paradise.

SWIMMING AND WATERSPORTS
A cruise in one of our beautiful river destinations, such as the River Lot (p22) and River Charente (p23), or the open lakes of Mecklenburg in Germany (p32–33), Friesland in the Netherlands (p34–35) and the Rideau Canal in Canada (p36) 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 (p20) or the Adriatic coast in Friuli, Italy (p30–31).

FISHING
Our river destinations make perfect fishing grounds. You can hire angling dinghies with your boat hire in the Lot (p22), Charente (p23), Germany (p32–33), Netherlands (p34–35) and Ireland (p37) so you can reach the most secluded spots. Scotland (p39) 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.
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!

You can now go on your own Canadian adventure with Le Boat, having opened a base in Smiths Falls, Ontario in 2019, and a second base in Seeley’s Bay in 2019.

The spectacular Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the oldest continuously operating canal in North America, works its way 202km (125 miles) from Ottawa to Kingston.

As you journey along the Rideau you’ll be able to travel through three of Ontario’s most spellbinding regions – Ottawa with its gentle surrounding countryside, the quaint, historic villages of Ontario’s Highlands and the stunning lakes and plains that mark your approach to Kingston and The Great Waterway.

**KINGSTON, SOUTH RIDEAU AND THE GREAT WATERWAY**

Forget the everyday as you discover unexpected moments along the Southern Rideau. Call in at the delightful villages of Portland, Westport and Seeley’s Bay for your own piece of traditional Canadian charm as you gently journey towards Kingston.

In Kingston you’ll find the perfect place for your getaway. It’s where small town charm meets big city offerings – most within walking distance of the historic downtown core. Steeped in history, yet always changing – Kingston is a place where culinary, culture and creators meet. Experience world-class festivals and events, a vibrant culinary scene, a passionate local maker movement and plenty more.

It is here the Rideau Canal links to the rest of The Great Waterway. A beautiful stretch of Ontario linked entirely by water – laced together by the St. Lawrence River, the famous 1000 Islands, the Bay of Quinte and Lake Ontario. While outside our cruising area, these sites beyond Kingston are well worth a visit.

www.visitkingston.ca
www.thegreatwaterway.com

**OTTAWA AND THE NORTH RIDEAU**

Ottawa, Canada’s capital, is a dynamic city. A place where you’ll hear English and French spoken in the streets. Discover Canada’s proud heritage at impressive national sites and delve into world-class museums and galleries displaying stunning national collections. 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.

The Rideau Canal snakes its way through the heart of downtown Ottawa, allowing you to step off your boat and instantly be immersed in the city’s easy cosmopolitan vibe. Walk to Parliament Hill to enjoy a free tour of its interior; stroll to the ByWard Market neighbourhood for boutiques and restaurants with local flare; enjoy one of Ottawa’s famous annual festivals; or take an bike ride along the more than 600km of beautiful multi-use pathways.

www.ottawatourism.ca

**ONTARIO’S HIGHLANDS AND CENTRAL RIDEAU**

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.

Steep yourself in culture and history as you explore charming small towns, including Smiths Falls, Perth and Almonte – by foot or paddle – and discover the hidden gems that make the region so unique, whether it be a shoreline dotted with majestic lights and picturesque sights, or a conversation with a friendly local you can’t wait for once you get back home.

www.comewander.ca

**NEW**

**OUR NEW RIDEAU GUIDE**

70 pages of detailed information on what to see and where to stop along the canal, plus a handy illustrated map.

www.ournewrideauguide.ca

**NEW**

**Silver Queen Mica Mine**

Edmunds Lockstation, near Smiths Falls
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.

CRUISING SUGGESTIONS

You can take a one-way cruise between either of our bases in this region in either direction (a minimum of 4 nights). Or you can book a return-to-base cruise (3 nights minimum) from either base.

DURATION ROUTE CRUISING HOURS NO. LOCKS

1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING

Smiths Falls – Portland – Jones Falls – Smiths Falls 27 12

Smiths Falls – Newboro – Seeley’s Bay – Smiths Falls 33 20

Smiths Falls – Merrickville – Burritts Rapids – Long Island – Smiths Falls 34 20

Seeley’s Bay – Westport – Seeley’s Bay – Kingston – Seeley’s Bay 33 26

1 WEEK ONE WAY CRUISING

Smiths Falls – Kingston – Seeley’s Bay 34 25

5 TO 10 NIGHTS RETURN CRUISING

Smiths Falls – Newboro – Merrickville – Long Island – Ottawa – Smiths Falls 45 36

Smiths Falls – Newboro – Kingston – Smiths Falls 50 30

3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK

Smiths Falls – Perth – Smiths Falls 59 6

Smiths Falls – Merrickville – Smiths Falls 53 10

Seeley’s Bay – Kingston – Seeley’s Bay 57 14

Seeley’s Bay – Smiths Falls (min. 4 nights) 57 11

CRUISING ONE WAY!

Our new Seeley’s Bay base means one-way cruising is available in Canada for the first time!

Ottawa

Smiths Falls – 1 hr • Seeley’s Bay – 1 hr 45 mins

Toronto

Smiths Falls – 3 hrs 45 mins • Seeley’s Bay – 2 hrs 45 mins

Montreal

Smiths Falls – 2 hrs 30 mins • Seeley’s Bay – 3 hrs

Kingston

Smiths Falls – 1 hr 25 mins • Seeley’s Bay – 35 mins

CRUISE CANADA IN TRUE STYLE

Our Canada fleet comprises solely of boats from our brand new Horizon fleet. See page 42. And in 2019, our NEW five-cabin Horizon joins the Canadian fleet.

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

NEW CANADA

Locks: Locks on the Rideau are fun and easy! These traditional locks are operated by hand, the old fashioned way, by a team of three to four lockkeepers. Locks are open 9am – 7pm (Fri to Sunday and on public holidays). The rest of the week they open 9am – 6pm (10am – 4pm before 21st June and after 5th Sep).

Moorings: A mandatory fee will be added to your booking which covers all overnight moorings at Parks Canada sites as well as the town/village marinas of Portland, Perth and Westport. Availability on a ‘first-come, first-serve’ basis. Other mooring options are available for a fee, which is payable locally.


NEW

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NEW
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 Castelnaudary and Narbonne and between Trèbes and Port Cassafières. Or you can book a return-to-base cruise (3 nights minimum) from any base.

DURATION  ROUTE  CRUISING HOURS  NO. LOCKS
1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING
Port Castelnaudary > Narbonne > Port Castelnaudary
27 41
Homps > Carcassonne > Homps
20 44
Trèbes > Béziers > Trèbes
34 40
Carcassonne > Castelnaudary > Carcassonne
35 48
Narbonne > Agde > Narbonne
29 44

1 WEEK ONE-WAY CRUISING
(Check the cruise in the other direction)
Port Castelnaudary > Castelnaudary
33 63
Homps > Carcassonne > Homps
20 44
Narbonne > Carcassonne > Trèbes
20 44
Homps > Port-Cassafières
13 18
Port-Cassafières > Homps > Narbonne
20 34

3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK
Homps > Le Somail > Homps
11 12
Homps > Le Somail > Carcassonne > Trèbes (night-time only)
19 40
Carcassonne > Trèbes
14 31
Narbonne > Homps (one-way)
8 16

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TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD
Toulouse
Capestang - 50min • Trèbes - 1hr 10mins • Homps - 1hr 10min
Carcassonne
Castelnaudary - 35min • Trèbes - 20mins + Homps - 35min
Béziers
Homps - 1 hrs 30 mins + Narbonne - 45min • Port Cassafières - 20mins
Narbonne
Béziers - 45min • Port Cassafières - 20mins

Our Midi Guide
100 pages of detailed information on what to see and where to stop along the canal, plus a handy illustrated map.
**Camargue**

**Colourful traditions, ancient ports and wonderful wildlife**

You love its bustling Crusader ports, excellent sandy beaches and traditional lifestyle which includes flamboyant gypsy festivals and modern-day guardian cowboys.

- 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.

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

**CRUISING SUGGESTIONS**

You can take one-way cruise between either of our bases in this region, as well as Homps on the Canal du Midi, in either direction. Or you can book a return-to-base cruise (3 nights minimum) from any base in either direction (allow at least 5 nights).

**TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD**

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**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.

- Locks are automatic and free to use. Opening hours approx. 09:00-19:00 depending on the season; closed 12:30–13:30. Locks are closed on certain public holidays.
- It is no longer possible to access the River Lot while cruising in the Aquitaine region.

**CRUISING SUGGESTIONS**

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**TRANSFER TIMES BY ROAD**

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Lot

An active adventure through majestic scenery

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

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

There are few locks, which are easy to operate, but no lock keepers. 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.

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.

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.

- Cahors wine and foie gras – regional specialties.
- Cahors stone village of Saint-Cirq-Lapopie, perched high on the cliffs and home for centuries to craftsmen and artists.
- Cycle along the towpath cut into the cliff face with stunning views of the river below.
- The iconic arches and towers of Pont Valentré in Cahors.
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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.

- Beautiful St. Sauveur Abbey, cloisters and lively museum, science centre and planetarium.
- Rennes with its bustling markets (especially the summer).
- La Gacilly and the Photo Festival throughout Messac - 1hr 15mins • Nort-sur-Erdre - 1hr 45mins • Dinan - 35mins

FRANCE

Alsace

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.

- Marvellousengineering – the St-Louis / Arzviller Boat Lift.
- Thermal baths and the stunning stained-glass cathedral in Metz.
- USCEOWorldHeritage city of Strasbourg for culture, shopping, dining and its monumental cathedral.

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 Boating Experts 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 Entzheim 07:00 – 18:00 (09:00 – 18:00 on Sundays), Entzheim 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 1st May and 1st November.

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**DURATION** **ROUTE** **CRUISING HOURS** **NO. LOCKS**

1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING

Hesse > Sarrethal > Hesse (min: 4 nights)

30 32

3 WEEK RETURN CRUISING

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73 75

3 FOR NIGHT SHORT BREAK

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1 WEEK+ RETURN

Hesse > Strasbourg > Hesse

23 25

Hesse > Nancy > Hesse

28 30

Hesse > Saarbrücken > Hesse

38 62

Hesse > Sarrethal > Metz > Hesse (Licence required)

48 81

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FRANCE

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3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT**

**2 WEEK RETURN**

NORT/SUR/ERDRE

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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.

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

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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.

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**CRUISING TIMES BY ROAD**

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

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

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

**Basel/Mulhouse**
- St Jean-de-Losne – 2hrs 20mins
- Fontenoy-le-Château – 1hr 45 mins
- Branges – 2hrs 50mins

**Dôle and Besançon (below) - towns steeped in history and charm.**

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

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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.

The ancient University city of Padova – the City of Science - its buildings, ambience and art exude splendour and magnificence.

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.

Venice Marco Polo
Casale - 20mins > Precenicco - 1hr
Trieste
Precenicco - 1hr
Treviso
Casale - 20mins > Precenicco - 1hr

Sparkling Prosecco, indulgent Gelato and divine Italian gastronomy.

The colour palette of Burano and its famous lace-making.

The UNESCO World Heritage site of Aquileia, with Roman remains, archaeological Museum and Basilica Mosaic.

Glass-blowing on Murano.

Vignole
Venice – the most romantic city in the world with its many attractions including St Mark’s Basilica, the Palazzo Ducale and the Grand Canal.

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

Venice, Murano, Burano, Lido di Jesolo, Porto Santa Margherita, Pellestrina, Chioggia,

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1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING
Casale > Treviso > Venice > Chioggia > Casale 22 2/0
Precenicco > Mazzorbo > Lagoon > Casale > Precenicco 17 1/2
2 WEEK ONE-WAY CRUISING (Choose to cruise in either direction)
Precenicco > Casale > Venice > Casale 24 4/6
3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK
Casale > Venice > Casale 10 2/0
Precenicco > Mazzorbo > Lagoon > Brown > Precenicco 14 2/0
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Transfer Times by Road
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Casale - 20mins > Precenicco - 1hr
Trieste
Precenicco - 1hr
Treviso
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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.

Mecklenburg & Brandenburg waterways are free, fully automatic and manned or automatic self-service. 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 your own expense. All our German bases are within licence-free cruising areas. From Potsdam you can make a short trip to Werder without a licence. For the minimum of an ICC licence. For help obtaining a licence before departure, please speak to our Boating Experts.

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Marina/Wolfbruch > Jabel (One Way) | 15 | 4 |

3, 4 OR 5 NIGHT SHORT BREAK

Marina/Wolfbruch > Jabel (One Way) | 11 | 4 |

Potsdam > Werder > Potsdam | 4 | 0 |

Potsdam > Berlin > Potsdam 
(Licence needed) | 12 | 6 |

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

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

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

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

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Cruising Suggestions

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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.

Allocks 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're cruising to Bruges, you follow the main Y (Vilja) canal (a canal port) around the outskirts of the town. You can more securely use a Coupure (a canal inlet protected by a barrier that will be filled by the Harbour Master). Mooring fees are approx €12/night.

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

Portuina Castle and walled gardens.

Historic Ghent brimming with art and culture.

The long sandy beaches at Nieuwpoort and Ostenda.

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

Small quaint villages and pretty towns like Oudenaarde.

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

Cruise suggestions

1 WEEK RETURN CRUISING
Newpoort > Bruges > Ghent > Newpoort 25  6/16

2 WEEK RETURN CRUISING
Newpoort > Bruges > Ghent > Oudenaarde > Kortrijk > Newpoort 43 16/58

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Shannon & Erne

Cruise through the land of enchantment.

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

Lifjackets must be worn in locks.

Lough Key (the oldest pottery maker in Ireland) and the country’s top five tourist destinations.

Liffey welcomes in traditional Irish pubs – sample the local whiskey and, of course, a pint of Guinness.

Salmon, pike, bream and roach – a fisherman’s paradise.

The immaculate greens and challenges of numerous championship golf courses in Enniskillen, Glasson (Lough Ree) and Athlone.

The Cast le and 18th Century Folk Museum in Athlone.

Lough Key Forest and Leisure Park

Numerous mooring places are available.

To cruise on the Shannon–Erne Waterway, you will need to buy a smart card to operate the locks, which are available at all basins and cost approx €13 for 20 units. Locks and bridges on the River Shannon cost approx €1.50 each.

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The dreaming cathedral spires of Oxford and its world famous university.

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

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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.

Checking-in
You can expect a warm welcome from our friendly base teams, most of whom speak several languages, when you arrive. Our receptionist will complete any outstanding paperwork and, if you haven’t already done so, help you choose which itinerary would best suit you and your party. Any pre-ordered groceries and extras will be on board ready for you (see page 57 for more information about holiday extras).

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 CD players and flat screen DVD players come as standard on some models or are available for hire from some of our bases.
05 Safety equipment – life-ring, life-jackets, boat hook and fenders.
06 Beach towels
07 Outside table, chairs and parasols - depending on the model.
08 Deck equipment - mooring pegs, mallet, mop, bucket, and ropes.
09 Bathroom facilities with hot showers.
10 Warm air heating, fans or air-cooling, or air-conditioning varies according to each model.

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

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

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.

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

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Boat handling demonstration

You’ll be taken out onto the water for a hands-on cruising demonstration by one of our base teams. 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 cruising assistant and a crew – so teamwork is very important! You 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.

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05 Safety equipment – life-ring, life-jackets, boat hook and fenders.
06 Basic first aid kit.
07 Outside table, chairs and parasols - depending on the model.
08 Deck equipment - mooring pegs, mallet, mop, bucket, and ropes.
09 Bathroom facilities with hot showers.
10 Warm air heating, fans or air-cooling, or air-conditioning varies according to each model.
The Horizon fleet

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.

The Horizon range is perfect for couples (our smallest Horizon has one ensute cabin and a second cabin for extra storage or for two additional people), for large groups of friends (our largest has 5 ensute cabins) and everything in between. If you’re looking for modern, thoughtful and comfortable design – look no further.

Our Horizon boats are the most recent addition to our global fleet and are the envy of the waterways. The first one was built in 2016 and the latest addition - the five-cabin Horizon 5, was recently launched in 2019.

The Vision fleet

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Joystick control allowing easy 360° manoeuvrability

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

Spacious sundeck

Modern fully equipped kitchen

Barbecue hotplate

Easy to access sundeck
Sleeps 10+

**Horizon 5 NEW**

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 Baie de la Baïse River in Aquitaine); Germany; Holland, Canada.

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

**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; Holland.

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**Horizon 4**
Sleeps: 9 (8+1) / 4 cabins + saloon
Size: 13.50m x 4.10m (44ft x 13ft 6in)
Available in: France - all regions; Germany; Holland; Belgium; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal), Canada.

**Vision 4 & 4 SL**
Sleeps: 10 (8+2) / 4 cabins + saloon
Size: 14.50m x 4.10m (47ft x 13ft 6in)
Vision 4 available in France - all regions (except Brittany – cannot cruise on Baïse River in Aquitaine); Germany; Holland; Ireland (cannot cruise on Shannon-Erne Canal, Lough Allen Canal).
Vision 4 SL available in France - Canal du Midi, Camargue, Germany.

**Salsa (A & B)**
Salsa A Sleeps: 10 (8+2) / 4 cabins + saloon
Salsa B Sleeps: 12 (8+4) / 4 cabins + saloon
Size of both: 14.25m x 4.10m (46ft x 13ft 6in)
Salsa A available in France - all regions; Italy.
Salsa B available in France - Midi, Camargue, Brittany, Burgundy Nivernais, Lorraine, Alsace.

**Magnifico**
Sleeps: 10 (8+2) / 4 cabins + saloon
Size: 14.50m x 4.10m (47ft x 13ft 6in)
Available in France - all regions; Germany; Italy; Belgium.
Salsa A has one convertible double settee in the saloon (as shown above) and the Salsa B has two.

**Minuetto 8+**
Sleeps: 10 (8+2) / 4 cabins + saloon
Size: 13.80m x 4.10m (42ft x 13ft 6in)
Available in: France - all regions; Germany; Holland; Italy; England.
Please note, this boat does not have shore power in England.

**Nautilia**
Sleeps: 10 (8+2) / 4 cabins + saloon
Size: 13.50m x 4.10m (44ft x 13ft 6in)
Available in France – Canal du Midi, Camargue, Belgium; Germany; Holland; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal); Italy; Scotland; England.

**Classique Star**
Sleeps: 10 (8+2) / 4 cabins + saloon
Size: 13.80m x 4.10m (42ft x 13ft 6in)
Available in France – Aquitaine, Burgundy Franche-Comté, Canal du Midi, Camargue, Belgium; Germany; Holland; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal); Italy; Scotland; England.

**Classique**
Sleeps: 8 / 4 cabins
Size: 12.80m x 4.10m (42ft x 13ft 6in)
Available in France – all regions except Brittany (cannot cruise on Baïse River in Aquitaine); Germany; Holland; Ireland (cannot cruise on Shannon-Erne Canal, Lough Allen Canal).

Please note, this boat does not have shore power in England.
**Horizon 3**
Sleeps: 7 (6+1) / 3 cabins + saloon
Size: 13.50m x 4.10m (43ft 11in x 13ft 6in)
Available in: France – Burgundy, Franche-Comté, Canal du Midi, Brittany, Lot, Alsace; Germany; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal); England; Holland

**Vision 3 & 3 SL**
Sleeps: 9 (6+2+1) / 3 cabins + saloon
Size: 14.97m x 4.65m (49ft x 15ft)
Vision 3 available in France – all regions (except Brittany – cannot cruise on Baïse River in Aquitaine), Belgium, Germany, Holland, 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

**Horizon 3**
Sleeps: 7 (6+1) / 3 cabins + saloon
Size: 13.50m x 4.10m (43ft 11in x 13ft 6in)
Available in: France – Burgundy, Franche-Comté, Canal du Midi, Brittany, Lot, Alsace; Germany; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal); England; Holland

**Calypso**
A great boat for a large family. It has a great seating area at the front of the boat with access to/from the bright and airy saloon.
Sleeps: 8 (6+2) / 3 cabins + saloon
Size: 13.25m x 4.10m (43ft x 13ft 6in)
Available in France – all regions; England

**Mystique**
Spacious, and yet intimate. Perfectly suited for the discerning boater with a large family or group of friends.
Sleeps: 8 (6+2) / 3 cabins + saloon
Size: 14.25m x 4.65m (46ft 7in x 15ft 3in)
Available in France – all regions; Germany; Italy; Holland; England

**Minuetto 6+**
Sleeps: 8 (6+2) / 3 cabins + saloon
Size: 13.50m x 4.10m (44ft x 13ft)
Available in: France – all regions; Germany; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal); Italy; Scotland

**Elegance**
Sleeps: 8 (6+2) / 3 cabins + saloon
Size: 13.50m x 4.10m (44ft x 13ft)
Available in France – all regions (except Brittany); England; Belgium; Germany; Holland; Ireland (cannot cruise on Lough Allen Canal); Italy; Scotland

Please note, this boat does not have a flatscreen DVD player in Italy.
**Royal Classique**

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

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

**Crusader**

Sleeps: 6 / 3 cabins
Size: 11.90m x 3.50m (39ft x 11ft 6in)

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

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

**Shannon Star**

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

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

**Horizon 1**

Sleeps: 6 (4+2) / 2 cabins + saloon
Size: 13.50m x 4.25m (44ft 1in x 13ft 10in)

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

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

**Horizon 2**

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

Available in France – Canal du Midi; Camargue.

**Royal Mystique (A & B)**

Sleeps: 6 (4+2) / 2 cabins + saloon
Size: 15.25m x 4.10m (49ft 10in x 13ft 5in)

Royal Mystique A available in France – all regions; Italy; Belgium; England; Germany; Holland; 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. A separate gas barbecue will be provided instead of the BBQ hotplate.

Royal Mystique B available France – Canal du Midi; Camargue.
Both sleep: 4 / 2 cabins
Size of both: 11.35m x 3.81m (37ft x 12ft 6in)

Availabe in France - Canal du Midi, Camargue, Charente, Burgundy, Nivernais Loire; Ireland

Consul

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

Tango

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

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

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). The forward twin cabin converts into a double, except in Germany, Scotland and Burgundy Nivernais Loire.
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: 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; Holland; Belgium

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.

Sheba
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 Charente); Holland, Belgium.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sheba available in France - all regions (except Charente); Holland, Belgium.

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

Sheba available in France - all regions (except Charente); Holland, Belgium.

Please note, this boat does not have shore power in Brittany.
STEP 3:
CHOOSE YOUR EXTRAS

EXTRAS PACKAGES

The fastest and easiest way to book our holiday extras. Each package covers engine hours used (fuel, gas, wear & tear - see page 59), final cleaning, one bicycle and the Collision Damage Waiver (see page 59). Extras Packages are available in our French, English, Irish, German, Dutch and Belgian cruising regions.

PET FRIENDLY

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

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.

BIKE HIRE

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 between 11am - 12pm or from 2pm on your first day, rather than after 4pm. 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.

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 Boating Experts 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.
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.

All customers are required to pay a security deposit at the base upon arrival, which will be retained at the end of your holiday if your boat and/or equipment is returned damaged, or if there is any accidental damage.

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 deduction from any refund of the security and/or damage deposit 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 a nominal rate per hour when you return your boat – payable at your end base in local currency. This cost covers the fuel you use to power the boat’s engine and onboard systems (such as heating), as well as gas and general engine wear & tear. The ‘hourly rate’ differs by region, depends on market rates of fuel and is subject to change. Our Boating Experts will be happy to advise the current rate for each region.

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.

Our Boat Hire Prices Include:

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

Our Boat Hire Prices Exclude:

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

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 31st December 2019. 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.
RETURN CRUISING

CRUISING DISTANCE & TIMES

RIVER LOT IN FRANCE, all waste water is stored pumping out is not required. In Canada, England, Caledonian Canal, which we are required to

MOORINGS

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

FLOATING NORTH... WHERE TO PACK

If you have a special boat licence to hire or drive any of our boats unless you cruise in some areas of Germany. Where licences are required, they

LOCKS

WHAT TO PACK

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

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.

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

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. Short

LOCKS

In the unlikely event of a breakdown or technical problem that prevents your boat's usage we will send an engineer as soon as possible. If your

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.

FAVOURITE WATERS

Germany: Oversight 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.

All our return cruises are suggested only. You are free to preplan your itinerary or make it up as you cruise, as long as it only includes waterways
listed in this brochure. To help you, there are maps and guides on board, or you can download our

Depending on usage and occupancy, pump-out is usually required every 2 -3 days. Waste water will be pumped at the end of your holiday at the Le Boat

FUEL

Your boat is supplied with a full tank of diesel at the start of your cruise and you will not normally need to refill en-route. In Scotland, fuel is
charged for by the litre at the end of your cruise and a fuel deposit will be taken at the base prior to departure. In all other regions, the cost of
fuels included within an ‘engine hours’ charge – which, again, is charged for locally, in local currency, when you return your boat. (See page
59 for further details).

WHAT TO PACK

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

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 as much as 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: Oversight 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.

Car transfers not available in Germany. Conditions & exclusions apply. Fee applies – varies depending on distance.

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 Boating Experts. Parking
facilities vary according to the base you are visiting. Some bases have secure parking and/or garages on site, which all provide overnight moorings for a fee,
along the public canals or riverways. There
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listed in this brochure. To help you, there are maps and guides on board, or you can download our

...THE START AND END OF EACH CRUISE... LOCKS

Scotland: There is a charge for the use of all
watside 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.

PUMPMING OUT WASTE WATER

In France (except Lot), Belgium and Italy, pumping out is not required. In Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Holland, Germany and on the
River Lot in France, all waste water is stored in onboard tanks and must be pumped out at
wateside services at your own expense.

WHAT TO PACK

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

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Who’s on board?

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The Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) issues essential travel advice on destinations, which includes information on passports, visas, health, safety and security and more. Make sure you look at www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice.

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