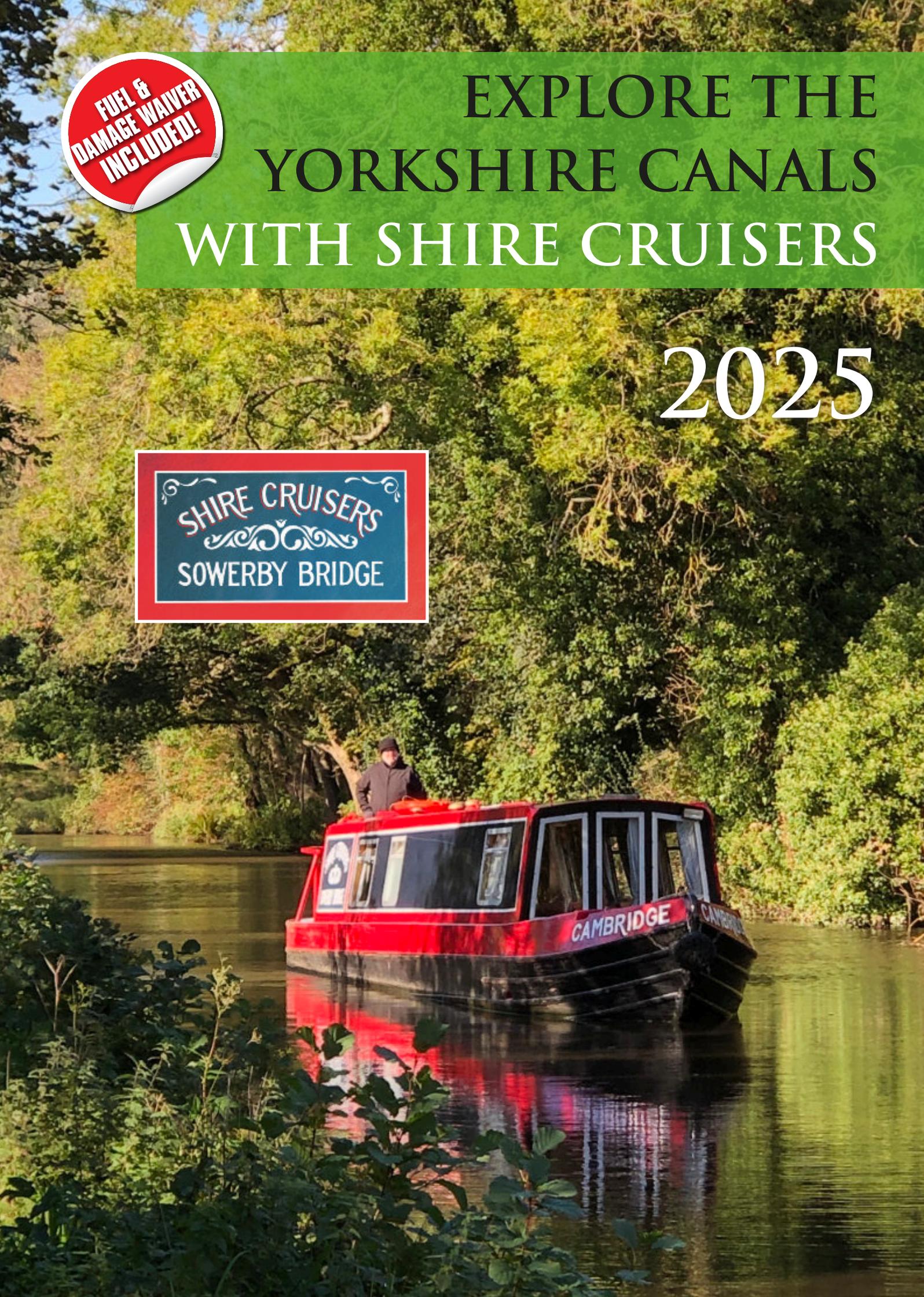


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EXPLORE THE YORKSHIRE CANALS WITH SHIRE CRUISERS

2025



WELCOME TO YORKSHIRE...

This brochure gives you all the information you need to plan and book a boating holiday with Shire Cruisers. We are a long-established family firm, and have built up a reputation for quality: both in our service and boat-handling training, and in the design, fit-out and equipment of our boats.

Our varied routes give access to the best scenery in the North, including the strikingly beautiful Yorkshire side of the Rochdale Canal, many people's favourite waterway. Our second base, on the summit of the Leeds & Liverpool Canal, is ideal for a leisurely exploration of the edge of the Yorkshire Dales.

The northern waterways are uncrowded, with enough other boats for company and interest, but you seldom see queues at locks or moorings. So leave the crowds in the midlands, and find a new boating freedom with Shire Cruisers.

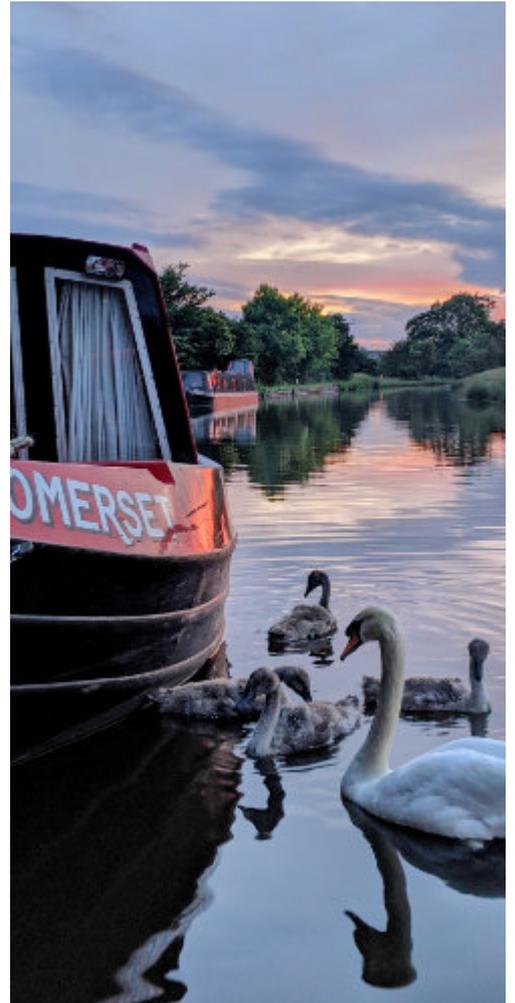
Our boats and our all-important training programme are independently assessed, to help us ensure you get the quality you deserve.

Whether you are an experienced boater or have never been before, and whether you have three days or three weeks for your boating holiday, we very much look forward to welcoming you.

 Susan Stevens

Nigel and Susan Stevens

There's more information on www.shirecruisers.co.uk.



QUALITY ASSURED...

Your holiday is important to you. So it's important to us that your boat provides everything you expect of it, and that our service is all that you require.

We design and fit out all our boats ourselves. Careful planning and meticulous craftsmanship make our boats comfortable, light and pleasant to be in. Constant attention by our dedicated team keeps the boats in excellent condition. And we make sure they're well equipped and clean. Just in case you need it, we provide 24-hour backup service. We ask VisitEngland to check that we are keeping up to standards you expect.

We believe our information service, from booking to holiday, is unrivalled. We know our local waterways well and are happy to advise on routes before you book.

As soon as you've booked, you will be able to see our Information Pack online. This contains the Canal & River Trust Boater's Handbook and film, plus our exclusive Holiday Guide and Route Companion giving detailed information on your boat and its contents, routes, arrival information, and everything you need to know.

On board are our comprehensive boat manual with safety and timing information, and guide books, so you can take your holiday with complete confidence. We take great care with our boat handover and lock instruction, which are Quality Accredited by British Marine. We shall do all we can to make your holiday with us the greatest success.

What's on board

We give you a wide choice of boats and accommodation layouts. Some boats have fixed double beds. On others you can choose whether a cabin has a fixed double or two fixed singles – we set it up as you request. The beds go lengthways so there is always room to walk past. Many boats have two loos.

All boats have forward facing windows, radiator central heating, showers, fresh water flush toilets, four-burner cookers with grill and oven, microwaves, fridges (with icebox), filtered drinking water, lots of worktop and storage space, colour TV/DVDs, radio CDs, hair dryers and power points for your phone chargers and hair straighteners.

A full inventory, bed linen and cruising guides are supplied. Please bring your own towels or order ours at £5.00 a set, unless coming from overseas when we will supply them free. Bed guards can be fitted for babies.

For detailed specifications and pictures of every boat, showing the different bed arrangements, see our website.

DISCOVER...

... a new view of Yorkshire, where the scenery is grander, the waterways less crowded – and the beer cheaper!

Three canals cross the Pennines, each having its own character, but sharing the boldness of their creators, and of those who have restored parts which once were closed. Today you can see their history all around as you travel, and also how the West Riding is adapting to 21st century life.

The **Leeds & Liverpool**, to the north, makes its way through glorious scenery from major cities to the edge of the Dales. Explore this from our Barnoldswick base, or for experienced crews, on a one way trip.

The **Rochdale**, in the middle, is a broad canal which punches across the Pennines. Boaters enjoy its romantic scenery and stone-built towns as they climb towards the summit.

The **Huddersfield Narrow**, to the south, gives dramatic views of the moors as it climbs towards the longest and highest canal tunnel in Britain.

These three canals are linked on the Yorkshire side by river navigations:

The **Calder & Hebble** is an old navigation, hidden in the trees.

The **Aire & Calder** is a modern waterway which successfully mixes growing pleasure traffic with environmentally friendly bulk transport.

Our Yorkshire waterways offer a fresh discovery round every corner. Whichever bit you want to explore, we can get you there.

The map shows where your journey can take you, and on later pages you will find descriptions of sample routes, next to the boats you can travel on.

For a lot more information on routes, recommended pubs and restaurants, and our boats, visit www.shirecruisers.co.uk.



See THINGS TO DO on Page 9

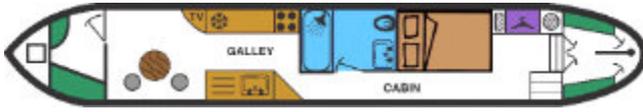
BOATS AT SOWERBY BRIDGE

Friday or Monday start and finish at Sowerby Bridge

Short breaks run from 1pm Friday to 9am Monday or from 1pm Monday to 9am Friday.
Weeks run from 1pm Friday to 9am Friday or from 1pm Monday to 9am Monday.



OXFORD Sleeps 2 Length 42ft
Berths: one fixed double



Lots of room, with everything you need just for two. Bath with shower. Saloon with two loose chairs and removable table.

LINCOLN Sleeps 2+1 Length 46ft
Berths: one fixed double and one single



A super-spacious two-berth with a fixed double bed and separate sitting and dining areas. Big shower. Third person on convertible settee.

CUMBRIA Sleeps 2+1 Length 48ft
Berths: one fixed double and one single



An extra-spacious two-berth with a fixed double bed in master bedroom. Large saloon with settee (convertible to single bed for third person) and storage. Separate dining area. Large shower.

SUFFOLK Sleeps 2+2 Length 48ft
Berths: one fixed double, or two fixed singles, plus saloon convertible to double or two singles



A large two berth, which also has plenty of room for four. Large shower cubicle.

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Routes from Sowerby Bridge – SHORT BREAKS

The routes shown are examples – there are many more on our website, but the whole point is that you are free to go as you please. Mileages and times (for guidance) are for the return trip.

1. Hebden Bridge & Stubbing Wharf 14 miles • 20 locks • 11 hours return

Leaving our historic canal basin, your journey begins with the excitement of a short new tunnel and the deepest lock in the country. The canal gradually climbs through woods, fields and small stone towns to Hebden Bridge. This old mill town nestles in a fork in the hills, houses piled tier upon tier. Hebden has excellent shops and is full of surprises – everything from horsey clothing to hand-made pottery.

Turn before Lock 12, and spend the night at the Stubbing Wharf, our customers' favourite pub.

Next day, head back home.

2. Shepley Bridge 23 miles • 32 locks • 16 hours return

Sail down the leafy Calder & Hebble Navigation to Elland, with a canalside pub. A wider part of the valley with woods, lakes and views of the river takes you to Brighouse, an interesting town with useful shops and places to eat as well as the eponymous brass band. Leave the canal and drop into the River Calder. Pass under a towering motorway viaduct, a reminder of the world you left behind. The river winds on its timeless way, until you arrive at Shepley Bridge. Pubs in Mirfield will refresh you for your return journey.

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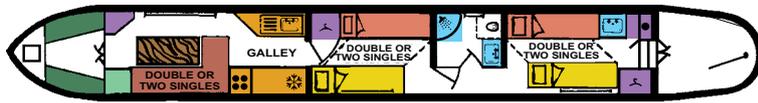
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**4-6
BERTHS**

RUTLAND / YORK Sleeps 4+2 Length 54ft
Berths: two fixed doubles or four fixed singles, plus saloon convertible to one double or two singles



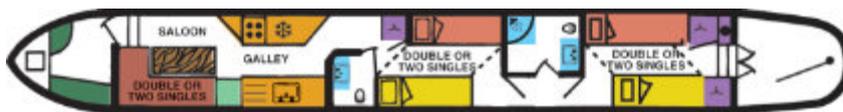
Practical and versatile layout. The fixed beds are made up by us as doubles or singles as you wish. Our new popular corner shower.

WORCESTER Sleeps 4+1 Length 56ft
Berths: two fixed doubles or four fixed singles, plus saloon convertible to one single



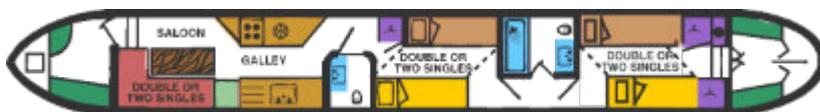
Two bathrooms, one with corner shower and one with bath and shower over. The beds are made up by us as doubles or singles as you wish – you can walk round in either case. Two toilets.

BUCKINGHAM Sleeps 4+2 Length 56ft
Berths: two fixed doubles, or four fixed singles, plus saloon convertible to double or two singles



Great for two couples but with room for more. Whichever way you ask us to arrange the beds, you can walk round. Shower cubicle. Two toilets.

BEDFORD / HUNTINGDON Sleeps 4+2 Length 56ft
Berths: two fixed doubles, or four fixed singles, plus saloon convertible to double or two singles



Great for two couples but with room for more. Whichever way you ask us to arrange the beds, you can walk round. Corner shower cubicle. Two toilets.

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Routes from Sowerby Bridge – SEVEN NIGHTS

The routes shown are examples – there are many more on our website, but the whole point is that you are free to go as you please. Mileages and times (for guidance) are for the return trip.

3. Hebden Bridge & Brighouse 28 miles • 46 locks • 22 hours return

Go to Hebden Bridge (Route 1) and take time relaxing in this enticing and quirky town. Come back down to Sowerby Bridge (turn up and go for lock passage Friday to Monday, but you will need to book a lock passage for Tuesday to Thursday), then carry on down the Calder Valley, through the locks at Salterhebble and on to Elland Wharf, home of the Barge & Barrel. Stop to explore the riverside nature reserve at Cromwell Bottom, before arriving in Brighouse, an interesting town with useful shops and good pubs and places to eat as well as the eponymous brass band. At length, make your way back to Sowerby Bridge. Opportunities for walks, shops – or doing nothing!

4. Selby 96 miles • 68 locks • 40 hours return

From Shepley Bridge (Route 2), carry on through Wakefield, with its riverside Barbara Hepworth museum – then at Stanley Ferry see the aqueduct, like a miniature Sydney Harbour Bridge. You are now on the wide Aire & Calder, with electric locks. At Castleford, keep on the main line for Knottingley. At Bank Dole you drop into the Aire as it winds through farmland, stopping occasionally at pretty brick-built villages. And so to Selby, where you can explore the ancient Abbey and market, before taking the train to York for a short visit.

See overleaf for 14-night routes →

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BOATS AT SOWERBY BRIDGE

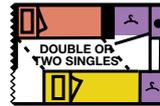
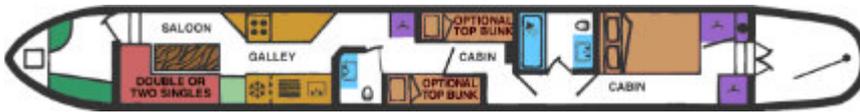
Friday or Monday start and finish at Sowerby Bridge

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BERTHS

SUSSEX Sleeps 6+2 Length 56ft

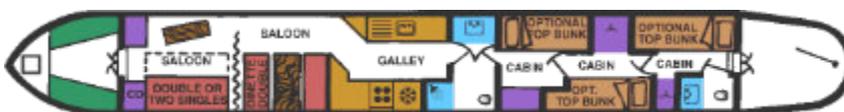
Berths: one fixed double and up to six singles, or two doubles and four singles, or eight singles



A very comfortable six berth, with room for up to eight. The middle single cabins may have additional top bunks if you wish. Shower bath. Two toilets.

NORTHUMBERLAND Sleeps 6+4 Length 56ft

Berths: two doubles and six singles, or one double and eight singles



Good accommodation for a large party, but very comfortable for a smaller group. Raised dinette and settee, with two tables. Top bunks can be fitted over single beds. Generous storage. Shower and two toilets.

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Routes from Sowerby Bridge – FOURTEEN NIGHTS

The routes shown are examples – there are many more on our website, but the whole point is that you are free to go as you please. Mileages and times (for guidance) are for the return trip.

5. Skipton 136 miles • 128 locks • 66 hours return

At Castleford (Route 4), head up the River Aire to Leeds, sailing past the regenerated waterfront. Then join the Leeds & Liverpool Canal which quickly escapes along its own way through fields and woods. Don't miss Sir Titus Salt's Italianate mills and model town at Saltaire, with its Hockney museum. There are several staircase locks along the way, which culminate in the Five Rise Locks at Bingley, one of the Seven Wonders of the Waterways. Enjoy extensive views of Airedale all the way to Skipton. Don't miss the castle! Return the same way; this is a very energetic trip for the more experienced.

6. Sheffield 158 miles • 114 locks • 70 hours return

A fascinating canal journey through a rapidly rejuvenating area to the newly restored basin near the city centre. Enthusiasts enthuse; try it. Go almost to Goole, then turn right onto the New Junction Canal, heading straight across a flat landscape with enormous skies. Then turn again onto the South Yorkshire Navigation, still with huge electric locks. Finally you climb the older, smaller locks of the Tinsley Flight, and make your run into Sheffield Basin, where restored warehouses straddle the water, lit in strange colours at night. Take some time to explore the city centre.

Not so many locks, and many of them are electric, but still quite a long return journey.

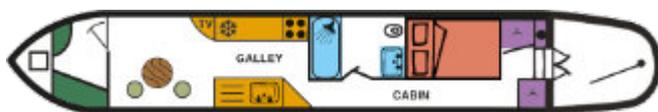
BOATS AT BARNOLDSWICK

Friday or Monday start and finish at Barnoldswick

Short breaks run from 1pm Friday to 9am Monday or from 1pm Monday to 9am Friday.
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**2-6
BERTHS**

CAMBRIDGE Sleeps 2 Length 44ft
Berths: one fixed double



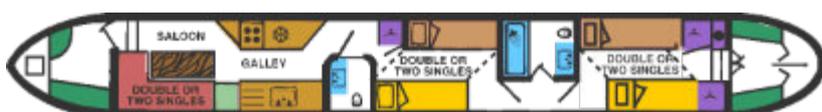
Lots of room, with everything you need just for two. Bath with shower. Saloon with two loose chairs and removable table.

NORFOLK Sleeps 2+2 Length 48ft
Berths: one fixed double, or two fixed singles, plus saloon convertible to double or two singles



A very spacious two berth, which also has plenty of room for four. Shower bath.

SOMERSET Sleeps 4+2 Length 56ft
Berths: two fixed doubles, or four fixed singles, plus saloon convertible to double or two singles



Great for two couples but with room for more. Whichever way you ask us to arrange the beds, you can walk round. Corner shower cubicle. Two toilets.

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Routes from Barnoldswick – THREE/FOUR & SEVEN NIGHTS

The routes shown are examples – there are many more on our website, but the whole point is that you are free to go as you please. Mileages and times (for guidance) are for the return trip.

THREE/FOUR NIGHT ROUTES

7. Summit relaxation 20 miles • 6 locks • 8 hours return

The ultimate in slowing down: take this route if you just want to switch off. After you set off, we'll escort you through the three locks at Greenberfield. Spend your first night near East Marton.

Next day, immerse yourselves in one of the remotest and most beautiful places anywhere on the canals, with sheep and birds in all directions. Turn before Bank Newton, and go back past the boatyard to Foulridge. Travel through the mysterious

tunnel and turn before the top of Barrowford, before making your way back. Don't miss the Abbot's Harbour at East Marton, the Anchor at Salterforth or The Wharf at Foulridge.

8. Gargrave 16 miles • 24 locks • 12 hours return

Go for Bank Newton (Route 7) and pass down into Gargrave, an unspoilt canal village with shops and a great choice of places to eat and drink – our favourite is the Masons Arms. Turn and moor above Higherland Lock before heading back.

SEVEN NIGHT ROUTE

9. Bingley 52 miles • 30 locks • 30 hours return

After Gargrave (Route 8) it's level for 17 miles, with views of the hills and lots of swing bridges. Quite suddenly, you are in Skipton, and can moor right in the centre of town. Explore the castle, cattle and street markets and shops. Carry on along the side of the Aire Valley, with extensive views

through the trees. Pass through the romantic village of Kildwick, clinging to the hillside with the canal going placidly through the middle. Silsden is a bigger town, with shops and eating places. Moor at Bridge 197A and walk down to East Riddlesden Hall NT, a 17th century manor house with fine garden; or get a bus to Keighley Station, and take the steam train (of Railway Children fame) to Haworth, and walk up the steep hill to the Brontë Parsonage. Turn at the top of the Five Rise and return to base.

You may find it more relaxing to make your turning point Skipton, in which case your journey time will be around 20 hours.

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ONE-WAY TRIPS (7/14 NIGHTS)

Between Sowerby Bridge and Barnoldswick

Start 1pm Monday, finish 9am Monday
Direction of travel advised the previous week.

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BERTHS

HEREFORD Sleeps 4+1 Length 56ft
Berths: two fixed doubles or four fixed singles, plus saloon convertible to one single



Two bathrooms, one with shower and one with bath and shower over. The beds are made up by us as doubles or singles as you wish. Two toilets.

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One way route – 7 OR 14 NIGHTS

With a one way trip, you are committed to completing the journey – which is what makes your holiday so fulfilling. This route is for experienced and active crews. The descriptions are based on Sowerby Bridge start – actual direction of travel depends on previous passages. There is much more information on our website.

AVAILABLE ONLY ON **HEREFORD** – but see opposite for our famous Delivery Trips in April and October

10. Between Sowerby Bridge and Barnoldswick, via Leeds 79 miles • 79 locks • 45 hours

One of the great canal journeys, this takes you across the backbone of England and through the heart of the West Riding, in scenery varying from the timeless calm of the L & L summit to the hubbub of just-built waterfront Leeds. Follow Routes 2, 4 & 5, and finish on the summit of the Leeds & Liverpool.

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Navigation notes for one way trips

One way trips require an active crew, preferably of more than two fit people, all keen to do 8 hours or so boating a day; this route has many locks and the L & L also has many swing bridges! At least one of the crew must have adequate experience - you need to know how to pace yourselves. We will give details on timing etc. in your Information Pack.

Transfer arrangements for Barnoldswick

Your direction of travel will be advised the week before you start: it depends on that taken by previous crews.

You will come first to Sowerby Bridge whichever way the boat is going. All cars are parked here. The easy 20-mile transfer by minibus to or from Barnoldswick will accordingly be at either the beginning or the end of your holiday. From around £55 for a car, or £75 for a minibus, payable to the driver on the day. Full information is

in your Information Pack and details are discussed with you. Those travelling entirely by train can get to Skipton (taxi required for Barnoldswick) and Sowerby Bridge from main line trains at Manchester or Leeds.



DELIVERY TRIPS (10/11 NIGHTS)

Each spring our Barnoldswick boats go out from their winter maintenance period in Sowerby Bridge and in autumn they come back. This provides a special opportunity for 10/11 day journeys on a variety of boats which are normally not available for one-way trips.

Please see boat details on page 7

PRICES AND DATES

Friday 4 April to Monday 14 April 2025
Sowerby Bridge to Barnoldswick

Cambridge sleeps 2	£1865
Norfolk sleeps up to 4	£2060 (for 2)
Somerset sleeps up to 6 (with 2 toilets)	£2705 (for 4)

Monday 29 September to Friday 10 October 2025
Barnoldswick to Sowerby Bridge

Cambridge sleeps 2	£1755
Norfolk sleeps up to 4	£1935 (for 2)
Somerset sleeps up to 6 (with 2 toilets)	£2610 (for 4)



THINGS TO DO...

Please check opening times online

NEXT TO THE WATERWAY

- Pennine Way
- Calderdale Way
- Leeds Industrial Museum at Armley Mills
- Hepworth Wakefield
- Royal Armouries, Leeds
- Saltaire – Hockney Gallery
- East Riddlesden Hall NT

WALKING DISTANCE

- Hardcastle Crags NT
- Selby Abbey
- Leeds Opera & Playhouse
- Henry Moore Sculpture Gallery
- Kirkstall Abbey & museum
- Keighley & Worth Valley Railway
- Settle & Carlisle Railway
- Skipton Castle
- Towneley Hall, Burnley
- Locations for *Last Tango in Halifax*, *Happy Valley* and *Gentleman Jack*

BY TRAIN OR BUS

- Eureka!, Halifax
- Nostell Priory NT
- National Science and Media Museum, Bradford
- York Minster
- Yorvik Viking Centre
- Railway Museum, York
- Brontë Parsonage, Haworth
- National Mining Museum
- Yorkshire Sculpture Park

PLUS

- Swimming baths, cinemas, pubs, takeaways, sports centres, playgrounds.

Public Transport is easily accessible from all the waterways.

More things to do on
www.shirecruisers.co.uk



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS...

We have not been boating before. Do we need experience or a driving licence?

No. The boats are easy to handle. In order to control the boat through the locks you need a minimum of two participating adults, who are not also looking after other people or dogs.

If you've not been on a narrow boat before, then we'll make sure you know what you need to. As soon as you book you will have our Information Pack which includes a film showing the right way to handle the boat and work locks, as well as detailed route information. There is more information in the manual and cruising guides on your boat.

When you start your holiday we will give you a thorough briefing on the waterway and your boat. One of our experienced staff will show you how to handle the boat and work the first three locks on your journey. As a Quality Accredited Boatyard, our boat handover procedure is independently audited by British Marine.

Which route should we choose?

If this is your first time on the canals, or you want a leisurely trip, choose an 'out & back' holiday so that you are not committed to any particular schedule. Our out & back routes from Barnoldswick are relatively light on locks.

If you have canal boating experience, enjoy locks and want an active holiday with about 8 hours boating a day – a one way trip might suit you. Ensure that your whole crew is keen to do this. There is lots more information on our website.

Are there lots of locks on all routes?

To get across the Pennines, the engineers built many locks. Experienced boaters often see the activity and skill of doing locks as one of the main attractions, and so prefer our more hilly routes. But some of our routes – particularly from Barnoldswick – are less heavily locked, so there should be something to suit everybody.

Are the canals easy to use?

It's fascinating to travel on waterways which are over 200 years old, but their age means that most structures are not of modern design. This is essential to their charm and you must make allowances if sometimes things are harder to use than you'd like.

How can we turn round?

Your map on board shows frequent turning points ('winding holes') so you can plan ahead. The turn itself is easy as long as nobody's watching...

Can we bring our pets?

Yes. We make no charge for one dog (or cat, hamster, goldfish ...). Please keep it off the upholstery. Extra dogs will be charged for.

Will the children be bored?

No. Children love to help at locks when they can. There are also lots of things to do along the way. As long as children are



sensible there is no danger, but we do recommend that they (and any adult non-swimmers) wear life jackets, which we provide free.

Do we have to pay for locks or moorings?

No. We pay the boat licence fees for all the canals, and towpath mooring is free.

Will we have enough fuel and gas?

You will have enough free fuel for about 2 weeks' normal cruising. If you need a toilet pumpout or additional gas we will repay you. On adventurous fortnights or longer trips, you may need to buy more diesel.

What linen will be provided?

Double or single duvet set with pillows, pillowcases and blankets as required. Your Information Pack will include a bedding order form. Tea towels are provided. Towels are available as an extra – free for those who book from overseas.

Will our car be OK?

All parking is free. At Sowerby Bridge, you will park in our yard, behind gates locked at night (you will have a key). Parking at Barnoldswick is in the marina car park.

What if we cancel?

You will forfeit your deposit, but may receive a partial refund of the balance, depending on how much notice you give, and whether we are able to re-let the boat. We recommend you to take out cancellation insurance. See Condition 6.

What about insurance?

You are covered for damage to the boat and third party claims for accidents involving the boat up to £3m. You would be responsible for deliberate or wilful damage up to £500. Our insurance does not cover you for **personal accident**, personal possessions or cancellation. We recommend that you obtain suitable cover.

Can we charge up our phone, and bring hair straighteners?

Yes. There are normal 3-pin sockets which can handle anything up to 1000 watts, including chargers, hair straighteners and sleep apnoea machines.

Is TV reception good?

Northern canals are mostly in the bottom of valleys, and reception is often poor. We suggest you watch important matches in the pub!

Can we bring bikes or canoes?

Yes - but they have to live on the roof, so please bring something to protect our paintwork.

Can we fish?

The fishing is let to many different clubs, only some of which issue day tickets. You must have a National Rod Licence.



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS...

Why are none of your boats longer than 56'?

To fit the short locks on the Calder & Hebble Navigation.

Are all routes available?

The Canal & River Trust is committed to keeping the waterways open during the cruising season. However, a waterway may sometimes need to be temporarily closed for repair following adverse weather or breakdown. We are responsible for your boat, but not for the waterways on which you plan to travel. Therefore we do not guarantee that any suggested route or waterway will be open to navigation during your holiday. In the event of temporary closure, Canal & River Trust would work very hard to reopen as quickly as possible. You might be subject to a short delay, or have to change your itinerary. We would give you advice and backup. You must make every effort to return the boat on time to the agreed base.

It's a good idea to have a Plan B in mind before you travel. We will try to let you know any planned waterway closures at the time you make your booking; you can also check on canalrivertrust.org.uk. After booking, we will do our best to keep you informed about any closures or restrictions likely to affect your holiday. We recommend you to sign up to CRT's email closure alerts, and when travelling on rivers to use CRT's handy Strong Stream warnings, which take effect at times of heavy rainfall. This is easy and useful. Full details are in your Information Pack.

What if we break down or have an accident?

You will have our helpline number. We will give you advice, or come quickly to sort out your problem.

When will our boat be ready?

Our takeover time is 1pm. You will appreciate that we're very busy until then making sure everything is right for you. There are good lunch places in Sowerby Bridge and Barnoldswick. Please start lunch early so as to be with us promptly at 1.00pm.

...and when do we give it back?

Please be back by 9am and let us have the boat clean and tidy by 9.30am.

How do we find you?

See map on back cover. We will meet anyone coming on a long journey if we know which train. For travel from overseas and to Barnoldswick, see 'find us' on our website.

Where can we stay the night before?

Recommended hotels and B&Bs are on our website.

Any more questions?

We'll be happy to tell you anything we can. It may help to discuss the features of different boats or routes before you choose; or even better, to look at the boats - but check which will be in the yard on the day you visit. There is a lot more information on our website.

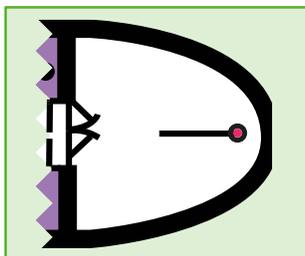


All our boats are assessed by an independent inspector.

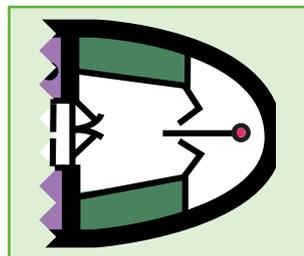
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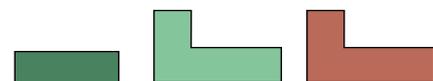
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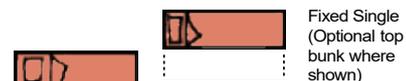
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Outside Seating

Seating

Settee Berth



Fixed Double

Fixed Single
(Optional top bunk where shown)

Single moves across to make double



washbasin

shower

cooker

refrigerator



wardrobe

cupboard/
drawers

toilet

table

PRICE LIST 2025

Prices include fuel and Damage Waiver
Extra adults £25 per week or part week. Towels £5 per set

This table is a guide. Follow the colour code to find the right route and boat.

The best way to check prices is using our web availability search.

Look for the right berth size for your chosen boat.

Colour code

- Short breaks and longer, Sowerby Bridge Friday/Monday start
- Short breaks and longer, Barnoldswick Friday/Monday start
- One way trips, Sowerby Bridge/Barnoldswick

3 NIGHTS – WEEKEND BREAKS – FRIDAY START

	Price for up to	Extra adults	March 14, 21, 28	April 4	April 11, 18, 25	May 2, 9, 16	May 23	May 30 June 6, 13, 20	June 27 July 4	July 11, 18, 25 August 1, 8, 15	August 22	August 29 September 5, 12	September 19	September 26 October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
OXFORD, CAMBRIDGE	2	-	760	815	830	850	920	920	920	920	920	920	840	760
LINCOLN, CUMBRIA	2	1	810	870	885	910	980	980	980	980	980	980	900	810
NORFOLK, SUFFOLK	2	2	840	900	915	940	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	930	840
RUTLAND, YORK	4	2	960	985	1050	1115	1250	1180	1250	1250	1250	1180	1050	920
WORCESTER, BEDFORD, BUCKINGHAM, HUNTINGDON, SOMERSET	4	1-2	1015	1085	1160	1235	1375	1305	1380	1380	1380	1305	1160	1015
SUSSEX, NORTHUMBERLAND	6	2-4	1155	1235	1320	1360	1565	1480	1565	1565	1565	1480	1320	1155

4 NIGHTS – MIDWEEK BREAKS – MONDAY START

	Price for up to	Extra adults	March 17, 24, 31	April 7	April 14, 21, 28	May 5, 12, 19	May 26	June 2, 9, 16, 23	June 30 July 7	July 14, 21, 28 August 4, 11, 18	August 25	September 1, 8, 15	September 22	September 29 October 6, 13, 20, 27
OXFORD, CAMBRIDGE	2	-	760	815	830	850	920	920	920	920	920	920	840	760
LINCOLN, CUMBRIA	2	1	810	870	885	910	980	980	980	980	980	980	900	810
NORFOLK, SUFFOLK	2	2	840	900	915	940	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	1020	930	840
RUTLAND, YORK	4	2	1000	1070	1140	1210	1350	1230	1300	1300	1300	1280	1140	1000
WORCESTER, BEDFORD, BUCKINGHAM, HUNTINGDON, SOMERSET	4	1-2	1100	1175	1255	1335	1490	1390	1470	1470	1470	1415	1255	1100
SUSSEX, NORTHUMBERLAND	6	2-4	1065	1140	1220	1300	1445	1370	1445	1445	1445	1370	1220	1065

7 NIGHTS – FRIDAY OR MONDAY START

	Price for up to	Extra adults	March 14, 21, 29	April 4	April 11, 18, 25	May 2, 9, 16	May 23	May 30 June 6, 13, 20	June 27 July 4	July 11, 18, 25 August 1, 8, 15	August 22	August 29 September 5, 12	September 19	September 26 October 3, 10, 17, 24
OXFORD, CAMBRIDGE	2	-	1170	1255	1335	1420	1585	1505	1585	1670	1585	1505	1335	1170
LINCOLN, CUMBRIA	2	1	1245	1335	1425	1515	1690	1600	1690	1780	1690	1600	1425	1245
NORFOLK, SUFFOLK	2	2	1290	1385	1475	1570	1755	1660	1755	1845	1755	1660	1475	1290
RUTLAND, YORK	4	2	1535	1645	1750	1860	2080	1970	2080	2190	2080	1970	1750	1535
WORCESTER, BEDFORD, BUCKINGHAM, HUNTINGDON, SOMERSET, HEREFORD	4	1-2	1690	1810	1930	2055	2295	2175	2295	2415	2295	2175	1930	1690
SUSSEX, NORTHUMBERLAND	6	2-4	1775	1900	2030	2155	2410	2280	2410	2535	2410	2280	2030	1775

HOW TO BOOK

You can check availability and book online at www.shirecruisers.co.uk.

Or phone 01422 832712 between 9.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Out of hours, please email info@shirecruisers.co.uk and we'll call you back.

You can pay your deposit immediately by card, or ask us to hold your boat for 48 hours. You may pay by bank transfer, card or cash.

We will send your Booking Confirmation by email.

Your final payment will be due six weeks before your holiday. If you would like to pay the balance by instalments, please ask. On bookings for holidays less than six weeks ahead, the whole amount is due immediately.

Your booking confirmation will contain a link to our Information Pack, which gives comprehensive guidance on boat handling, use of locks and boating safety. It includes the CRT Boater's Handbook and film, our specially written Holiday Guide and Route Companion, plus an inventory list, an order form for bedding and other requirements, and joining instructions.

If you do not already have it, we recommend that you arrange personal and cancellation insurance.

Booking Notes

What's included

Prices are per boat and include:

- Fuel for propulsion and heating (enough for about 2 weeks)
- Damage Waiver
- Information Pack and full tuition including lock demonstration
- Comprehensive Boat Manual
- Free extra children (under 18) on most boats
- First pet free
- Maps and guides on the boat
- Lifejackets
- Parking
- Bed linen
- Towels for overseas visitors
- Welcome pack (washing up liquid, 2 tea towels, oven glove, J-cloth, sponge, floor cloth & toilet paper)
- Boat licence (includes mooring) and insurance
- 24 hour service
- Colour TV/DVD and radio/CD
- Second week toilet pumpout
- VAT

Discounts

Multi-week discounts

Take 15% off a second (and third) week.

Ten or eleven night holidays starting on Friday or Monday cost the first week plus 50% of the second week.

Additional discounts

You may claim ONE only of the following discounts, calculated after multi-week discount if applicable. This must be claimed at the time of booking.

Loyalty discount

As a welcome to our many returning customers:

1 previous holiday	4%
2 previous holidays	6%
3 previous holidays	8%
4 previous holidays	10%

Applies only where holidays are booked in the same lead name.

Flotilla discount

If you book two or more boats in the same lead name for the same period, take 5% off the boat price of the cheaper boat(s).

All discounts are based on the boat price and do not apply to extras. These discounts are not available with outside offers.

Optional Extras

Extra adults or children

Many boats are shown with a variable berth number, e.g. Bedford 4+2 – meaning that there are 4 fixed berths, plus 2 convertible berths. The prices shown on page 12 are for the base number of berths – in this case, 4. The price you pay depends partly on how many people you bring – extra adults are charged £25 per week or part week; extra children are free.

When you do an online availability search (or ring us) you will be able to choose between e.g. Bedford 4 and Bedford 6 – these are the same boat priced for different numbers of adults.

Pick the version that fits the total number of your crew. If your '+2' are under 18, tell us when you book and we will reduce the price before issuing the Booking Confirmation.

Extra pets

The first pet is free; any extras (subject to our agreement) are charged at £25 per week or part week.

Towels

We provide towels free to those who book from overseas. For UK customers we can provide sets of towels – one bath and one hand towel per person – at £5 per set per head if they are ordered in advance, either at the time of booking or on your bedding Yellow Form.

Maps and guides

For planning your journey – see list on website.

Taxi transfer

From around £55 for a car, or £75 for a minibus, payable to the driver on the day.

Booking Deposit

20% of the total cost, minimum £125.

The balance is to be paid six weeks before your holiday.

Holiday Insurance

We insure the boat, including cover for your potential liability to third parties. You are only liable to pay the excess on this policy (or for non-claimable damage) if you breach Condition 9.3.

If you **cancel** for any reason, you may receive a partial or complete refund, depending on how much notice you give, and whether we are able to re-let the boat. Please see Condition 6.

Our insurance does not cover you for:

- Personal accident
- Personal possessions
- Cancellation

We strongly recommend that you take out holiday insurance to protect against these and other risks. If you do not already have suitable insurance, you can readily obtain it on the internet.



2024 CUSTOMER REVIEWS & PICTURES

“ Lovely leafy countryside and wild flowers. Lots of bird life including goslings, ducklings & cygnets. Spotted a kingfisher along the Calder & Hebble and a deer near the river on the Rochdale Canal. ”

Jackson, Oxford



“ Boat was lovely, really well designed. ”

Brown, Rutland



“ Played on park, had ice cream, went to shops. Went to The Moorings for tea. ”

Sidney (aged 9), Northumberland



“ The lovely welcome, advice and help you give make such a difference, and also the guys taking us through the first locks and then welcoming us back at the end are all so friendly, it feels like coming home! We really look forward to returning for another holiday in the not too distant future. ”

Terry, Worcester



“ We were all quite experienced but found the reception and individual handover process to be excellent, friendly and thorough. It gave us a great start to the holiday to be received so well on arrival. ”

Dewhurst, Norfolk



“ Pristine. So clean. Lovely & warm. Lovely hot shower. Very happy with our Cumbria. ”

Craig, Cumbria

“ Really friendly with kids: patient and encouraging - made everyone feel comfortable and happy. ”

Meghan, Northumberland



BOAT HIRE CONDITIONS

For larger print, see our website...

These Conditions, together with Your Booking Confirmation, form the hire agreement between You and the Company (the "Agreement") and describe the rights and duties of both You and the Company.

1. DEFINITIONS

In the Agreement the following words have the following meanings:

- "Balance"** means the part of the Price outstanding when the Deposit has been paid.
- "Booking Confirmation"** means the written confirmation issued by the Company to You confirming the hire period, price, place of delivery and other key details of the booking.
- "Company"** means Britania Narrow Boats Ltd trading as Shire Cruisers of The Wharf Sowerby Bridge HX6 2AG.
- "Conditions"** means these Boat Hire Conditions.
- "Deposit"** means the deposit referred to in the Booking Confirmation and Condition 3.5.
- "End Date"** means the end date referred to in the Booking Confirmation.
- "Force Majeure Event"** has the meaning given to it in Condition 21.
- "Hire Period"** means the hire period set out in the Booking Confirmation.
- "Price"** means the price of the boat hire set out in the Booking Confirmation.
- "Start Date"** means the start date referred to in the Booking Confirmation.
- "Written"** means that the item has been printed, typed, written out by hand or sent or displayed by email or other electronic means.
- "You"** and **"Your"** means the person or persons named as the hirer or hirers in the Booking Confirmation and includes anyone added to the Booking Confirmation as a hirer at a later date, but excludes other members of Your party. If there is more than one of You, each of You will be jointly and severally liable under the Agreement.

2. AGREEMENT TO HIRE

- 2.1** When You request a booking, You are making an offer to hire a boat on these Conditions. Booking requests will be accepted via the Company's website, over the telephone, by email, in person, or by the Company's appointed agents.
- 2.2** The Agreement will be effective once the Company accepts Your booking and sends You a Booking Confirmation. You may cancel a booking at any time before You receive the Booking Confirmation from the Company. Similarly, the Company may hire the boat to another party at any time before it sends You a Booking Confirmation or if You fail to pay the Deposit.
- 2.3** You are responsible for the accuracy of the personal details and any other information supplied in respect of You and Your party. When You receive the Booking Confirmation please check the details carefully and inform the Company immediately if anything is incorrect.
- 2.4** The Company is not responsible for maintaining or administering the waterways. Any information provided to You by the Company as to a suggested route or particular waterway is provided for general reference only. The Company makes no representation, or offers no guarantee or warranty, that any particular waterway or suggested route will be open or available for navigation during the Hire Period.

3. PRICES AND PAYMENT

- 3.1** The Company's advertised Prices are in pounds sterling (£) and include Value Added Tax (VAT) at the rate applicable on the date of the Booking Confirmation. If after the date of the Booking Confirmation the rate of VAT applicable to Your hire changes and/or any other tax, levy or local authority charge becomes applicable to Your hire, the Company reserves the right to amend the Price accordingly.
- 3.2** The Company reserves the right to correct errors in advertised or quoted prices before or at the time of booking and will confirm the correct Price in the Booking Confirmation.
- 3.3** Subject to Condition 3.1, the Booking Confirmation sets out the total Price that You must pay to the Company under the Agreement.
- 3.4** You are responsible for making all payments due to the Company under the Agreement. Payment is deemed to have been made when cash or cleared funds are received by the Company.
- 3.5** You shall pay the Deposit to the Company at the time of the booking request, by bank transfer, credit or debit card, or cash. The Deposit is 20% of the total Price, minimum £125.
- 3.6** You shall pay the Balance of the Price not less than 6 weeks before the Start Date as shown in the Booking Confirmation. Time of payment is of the essence. Failure to pay the Price by the due date may result in the booking being cancelled and Your liability for payment continuing.
- 3.7** For bookings made less than 6 weeks before the Start Date You must pay the full Price at the time of the booking request.
- 3.8** The Company may, at its sole discretion, charge interest at the rate of 4% per annum over Bank of England base rate on any amount outstanding under the Agreement from the due date for such amount until the date of its payment in full. Without prejudice to any other terms of these Conditions, the Company may cancel your Booking if any amount due under the Agreement is not paid by its due date.
- 3.9** The Booking Confirmation is not a VAT invoice. A VAT invoice will be issued upon request by you.
- 3.10** Fares for taxis booked for You by the Company do not form part of the Price and are payable in cash to the driver at the time. If You cancel such a taxi with less than 24 hours notice, You may remain liable for the fare.

4. YOUR PARTY

4.1 Personal agreement and obligations

The Agreement is a personal one between You and the Company and Your identity(ies) and the identity of members of Your party are a material factor in the Company's decision to enter into the Agreement. You must be at least 18 years of age at the time of booking and possess the legal capacity to make the booking. You must be authorised by all other members of Your party to enter into the Agreement and accept these Conditions on their behalf. The full names and permanent addresses of all members of Your party, with the ages of children, must be provided to the Company at the time of booking. All changes in Your party (the addition, substitution or removal of any member of the party) which take place at any time after the Booking Confirmation has been issued (including during the Hire Period) must be communicated in writing and approved by the Company (such approval is subject to these Conditions, but otherwise not to be unreasonably withheld). You are responsible for making all members of Your party aware of the terms of the Agreement.

4.2 School parties, youth groups, hen or stag parties, commercial purposes

Unless expressly agreed in the Booking Confirmation, the boat may not be used for school parties, youth groups, hen or stag parties or for any commercial purpose.

4.3 Disability and reduced mobility

If You or any member of Your party has a disability and/or reduced mobility that may affect Your booking, it is Your responsibility to notify the Company making the booking or, if such disability and/or reduced mobility becomes apparent after the booking, no later than 48 hours prior to the Start Date. Subject to the foregoing, although the Company has no expertise in this subject matter, the Company will try and advise you as to the suitability of the boat you have chosen to hire on possible alternatives but You acknowledge that certain space restrictions and practical safety considerations apply on board boats which may prevent a person with a disability or reduced mobility from accessing the boat and/or complying with all safety requirements. Where You have made a booking and You or a member of Your party subsequently becomes disabled or otherwise a person with reduced mobility the Company may not always be able to accommodate their needs. If in the Company's reasonable opinion it is unable to properly accommodate the needs of the person(s) concerned or if You do not accept such alternative arrangements as the Company may offer, the Company may, without liability, treat this as a request to terminate Your booking and Condition 7.1 shall apply. The Company may require the person(s) concerned to produce a medical certificate certifying that they are fit to participate in the hire of the boat. The Company shall not be liable for any loss or damage caused as a result of a disability and/or reduced mobility, save where such loss or damage is caused by the negligence of the Company and results in death or personal injury. Details of the Company's facilities are set out on its Accessibility page.

4.4 The use of alcohol and illegal drugs; Company's right of immediate cancellation

You must not navigate the boat while You or anyone on board is, or appears to be, under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.

5. CHANGES AND TRANSFERS REQUESTED BY YOU

- 5.1** Bookings may only be changed with the written agreement of both parties and in accordance with these Conditions.
- 5.2** If You wish to change or transfer Your booking, the Company will use reasonable endeavours to accommodate such changes, provided that notification is received in writing from You. The Company reserves the right to charge an administration fee of £50 in addition to any increase in the cost of the booking due to such changes. No refund will be given where any agreed changes would otherwise have resulted in a lower Price for Your booking.
- 5.3** Transfers can only be permitted during the same calendar year.
- 5.4** Only one transfer is permitted.

6. CANCELLATIONS REQUESTED BY YOU

- 6.1** This Agreement is a legally binding contract and may only be cancelled in accordance with these Conditions. You have no statutory right of cancellation under the Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013.
- 6.2** If You want to cancel the Agreement You must give the Company email or other written notice (the "Cancellation Notice"). The date of receipt of the Cancellation Notice shall be the effective cancellation date.
- 6.3** If You cancel the Agreement:
 - 6.3.1** before the Balance is due, the Deposit will not be refundable. The contract shall be discharged and You will not remain liable for the Balance.
 - 6.3.2** after the Balance is due but before You have paid it, You will forfeit the Deposit and remain liable to pay part of the Balance, according to the table in Condition 6.4.
 - 6.3.3** after You have paid the Balance, the Company will partially refund You so that the total You have paid is as set out in Condition 6.4.
- 6.4** The Company shall make the following charge for cancellation ("Additional Cancellation Charge"), dependent on the proximity of the cancellation date to the Start Date:

DAYS BEFORE START DATE WHEN CANCELLATION NOTICE RECEIVED	Additional Cancellation Charge
More than 42	nil
29-42	50% of Balance
8-28	75% of Balance
7 or less	95% of Balance

6.5 After cancellation by You, the Company will try to re-let the boat. If the Company re-lets the Boat to a new customer or customers for the Hire Period or part of it then the proceeds will first be applied to make up any shortfall between the

amount previously paid by You and the full Price of Your holiday.

- 6.6** Any remainder not exceeding the Balance or Additional Cancellation Charge previously paid by You will be returned to You after deducting an administration fee of £50 for each replacement booking together with any commission paid to agents for re-letting the boat.
- 6.7** Cancellation terms apply to the whole party and do not provide for partial refunds in the event of withdrawal by one or more members. If You have booked more than one boat for the same Hire Period, the cancellation of each will be considered separately.
- 6.8** Any holiday may be cancelled for any reason before 31 December the previous year and the Company will refund all monies paid less any commission paid to agents.
- 6.9** YOU ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED TO PROTECT AGAINST CANCELLATION LIABILITIES BY TAKING OUT CANCELLATION INSURANCE.

7. CANCELLATION BY THE COMPANY

- 7.1** The Company may at any time by written notice to You terminate the Agreement with immediate effect:
 - 7.1.1** in accordance with Condition 4.3;
 - 7.1.2** in accordance with Condition 8.4; or
 - 7.1.3** if there is a Force Majeure Event which for whatever reason prevents the Company from performing the Agreement.
- 7.2** Where the Company terminates the Agreement in accordance with Conditions 7.1.1 to 7.1.3 inclusive, the Company shall, save where otherwise agreed in writing with You, refund the Deposit and all other amounts paid by you and shall have no further liability thereafter.
- 7.3** The Company may refuse to hand the boat over to You and/or repossess the boat at any time after the Start Date and in either case terminate the Agreement if:
 - 7.3.1** You fail to pay any amount due under the Agreement;
 - 7.3.2** You or any member of Your party cause damage or loss to the boat, its services or facilities;
 - 7.3.3** the Company considers that You are, without the Company's prior written approval, using or intend to use the boat for a school party, youth group, hen or stag party or commercial purpose;
 - 7.3.4** the Company considers that You or anyone on board is, or appears to be, under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs;
 - 7.3.5** You are unable to take charge of the boat for any reason that may adversely affect the safety of any person or property;
 - 7.3.6** the Company considers that Your behaviour or the behaviour of anyone in Your party is likely to harm the environment or otherwise spoil the enjoyment and use of the waterways or otherwise harm the comfort or health of or cause offence to other guests, members of staff or waterway users; or
 - 7.3.7** You or any member of Your party (or anyone invited on to the boat by You) has breached or is likely to breach the rules set out under Condition 10.1 or any of Your obligations under the Agreement, any applicable laws and regulations, or any other terms and conditions applicable to the boat which You have been told about.
- 7.4** In the event of termination in accordance with this Condition 7.3, You shall comply with the Company's request to make the boat safe and secure and thereafter leave it immediately. The Company shall be entitled to retain all amounts paid by you and You will remain liable to pay all other amounts due under the Agreement. Further, in the event that such amounts are insufficient to cover the Company's losses arising out of such termination, the Company shall be entitled to claim from You any loss or damage which it suffers.

8. HIRE PERIOD, COLLECTION AND RETURN OF BOAT

- 8.1** Subject to Condition 8.7 and save as it may otherwise notify you of in writing, the Company will use reasonable endeavours to make the boat available to You between 1300 and 1700 on the Start Date from the base shown on the Booking Confirmation or in the case of one way trips as otherwise indicated to You.
- 8.2** You must notify the Company of your estimated arrival time no later than seven days before your Start Date, and thereafter notify the Company as soon as reasonably possible of any changes to Your estimated arrival time as this may lead to difficulties and delays in making the boat available to You. If you arrive late the Company may not be able to complete the handover till the following day. There will be no rebate of the Price for late arrival nor will the Company accept responsibility for any costs which You may incur if you fail to reach the boat during normal working hours.
- 8.3** Before You take over the boat the Company will give You such instructions, demonstrations and trials as are appropriate, and You will then be required to check and sign the Handover Certificate to indicate that these instructions and demonstrations have been understood.
- 8.4** If the Boat is not available on the Start Date any reason outside the Company's control (including but not limited to any Force Majeure Event, adverse weather or navigational conditions, damage, mechanical breakdown, late return by previous hirer) the Company may substitute the boat with another boat with similar accommodation or at a different location by giving you written notice. If no such other boat is available or cannot be provided, the Company may terminate the agreement.
- 8.5** The boat must be returned to the location specified by the Company or as otherwise shown on the Booking Confirmation or notified under Condition 8.7 and vacated by You by 9.30am on the End Date and it is Your responsibility to allow sufficient time to ensure timely return.
- 8.6** If You return the boat late or to the wrong place, unless as a result of the Company's breach of the Agreement then You will be liable to pay:
 - 8.6.1** £50 for each hour or part hour of the delay in returning the boat or the giving possession;
 - 8.6.2** any cost incurred by the Company in recovering the Boat to the agreed return point;
 - 8.6.3** any other expenses and losses which the Company may incur as a result of the delay including, but not limited to, the loss or cancellation of a subsequent booking.
- 8.7** The Company reserves the right to change the place of handover and return for operational reasons. The Company will give You written notice of the change as soon as practical and will use reasonable endeavours to allow any necessary re-planning of Your itinerary.

9. INSURANCE

- 9.1** The Company insures the boat and its equipment against physical loss and damage and against public liability risks. You are entitled to any protection that may be afforded by the Company's insurance policy (subject to Your paying any applicable policy excess if required under Condition 9.3) but You and members of Your party may become legally liable to the Company or to third parties for loss or damage caused or contributed to by Your deliberate or willful acts or omissions.
- 9.2** The Company's insurance policy does not cover personal accident or Your personal belongings and excludes the first £500 of any claim. You are strongly advised to take out Your own personal insurance cover.
- 9.3** The Price includes a non-refundable Damage Waiver which covers the Company's policy excess and any uninsured risks except where any loss or damage is caused by the deliberate or willful act or omission of You or any member of Your party (including where the person concerned is under the influence of alcohol drugs or any similar substance) or any failure by You to comply with these Conditions. In this case the Company has the right to make an additional charge no greater than £500 to cover the loss or damage.

10. SAFETY AND OTHER RULES

- 10.1** You agree to comply with the following rules at all times during the Hire Period:-
 - 10.1.1** to ensure that at all times while the boat is being navigated or is transiting locks or movable structures the minimum age of both the operator on board and in charge, and of the person in charge of the lock or structure, is eighteen (18) years.
 - 10.1.2** Not to tow or be towed other than in exceptional circumstances.
 - 10.1.3** To moor the boat securely.
 - 10.1.4** To lock and secure the boat when away from it.
 - 10.1.5** Not to navigate after sunset or before sunrise.
 - 10.1.6** To observe all speed limits, and not to navigate at a speed which creates a breaking wash or disturbs or inconveniences other waterway users.
 - 10.1.7** Not to race the boat.
 - 10.1.8** Not to bring onto the boat any dinghies, inflatables, portable heaters, 230 volt electrical appliances rated at more than 1.0kw, including liquids or substances, candles, tea-light, gas cylinders, firearms or any other items which might create danger or hazards unless expressly authorised. Canoes and bicycles may be kept on the boat roof providing that You place matting to protect the Boat's paintwork.
 - 10.1.9** To allow the boat to be occupied only by the persons named in the Booking Confirmation.
 - 10.1.10** Not to allow to be on the boat at any time more persons than the maximum number of berths and no circumstances more than twelve (12) persons being the legal limit.
 - 10.1.11** To give way to laden or unladen cargo boats, sailing craft, canoes, rowing boats and other human-propelled craft.
 - 10.1.12** Not to take the boat onto sea or tidal waters without the written consent of the Company. To cruise only on canals and rivers approved by the Company.
 - 10.1.13** Not to have or carry any live bait on the boat.
 - 10.1.14** At all times to observe and abide by all regulations, byelaws and navigational limits and abide by the instructions and advice of the relevant Navigation Authorities and the Company and their respective officers and employees.
- 10.2** In addition to such restrictions on navigation as may from time to time be put in place by the competent authorities, for which the Company shall not be liable, the Company reserves the right, without liability, to restrict cruising areas or routes in the light of prevailing weather and navigation conditions.

11. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOAT

- 11.1** You are responsible for the boat, its equipment and contents at all times during the Hire Period. Such responsibility includes the safe and lawful navigation of the boat.
- 11.2** You must keep the boat, its equipment and contents clean and tidy during the Hire Period.
- 11.3** You must notify and provide full details to the Company of any breakdown, damage, theft or loss involving the boat as soon as practically possible. You must not undertake or commission any repairs, adjustment or service without the Company's prior written approval.
- 11.4** In the event of any accident or damage involving the Boat or anyone on the boat, or any third party persons or property, You must:
 - 11.4.1** Obtain and record the name of any other boats and the names and addresses of any other people involved on the form provided by the Company (when available);
 - 11.4.2** Notify the Company as soon as practically possible with full details of the accident and any damage sustained;
 - 11.4.3** Proceed in accordance with such instructions as the Company may reasonably give;
 - 11.4.4** Not in any circumstances admit or allow any other person on the boat to admit liability to any other person.

11.5 Although the boat and its equipment are insured by the Company against some risks You remain responsible to the Company for any damage or loss arising from Your breach of this Agreement, or Your deliberate or willful acts or omissions.

11.6 In the event that the boat is run aground or is otherwise involved in a collision you will be responsible for arranging its refloating or otherwise freeing it from any entanglement, including removing all weed, rope or other matter from the boat's propeller and steering gear and you shall notify the Company of any such incident and keep it informed of developments related to such incident.

12. RIGHTS OF ACCESS

The Company reserves the right at any time to board the boat and access its accommodation to inspect it (including but not limited to where You have complained about the boat). If this happens, the Company will try to give You reasonable notice first, notwithstanding which You agree to allow the Company or their representative(s) or contractor(s) immediate access to the boat at any time.

13. HIRER'S PROPERTY

- 13.1** Vehicles may be left entirely at their owners' risk in the Company's car park or car parks made available for You by others. The Company will not be liable for any loss or damage to vehicles or their contents or for Your property on the Boat or elsewhere unless caused by the Company's negligence.
- 13.2** The Company may take such reasonable action as it shall consider necessary to silence your car alarm if Your car is left on or adjacent to the Company's premises and to recover any associated costs from You. This is inclusive of any requirements and obligations under the Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993 and/or under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 and/or any other relevant legislation.
- 13.3** The Company will use reasonable endeavours to return to You any of Your property which it finds on the boat or otherwise on the Company's premises, provided that You notify the Company of such loss promptly and that You either arrange for its collection or agree to pre-pay for any postage and packing. Property not claimed within one month from the End Date may be disposed of by the Company.

14. FUEL

- 14.1** The boat will be handed over with a full fuel tank on the Start Date. The Price is inclusive of a tank of fuel. The Company reserves the right to make an additional charge for fuel consumed in exceptionally long journeys.
- 14.2** The Company may make a fuel surcharge if the cost of diesel at Belmont Service Station, Sowerby Bridge, increases by 10% or more between the date of the Booking Confirmation and the Start Date. The surcharge shall be limited to the actual percentage increase in the cost of diesel consumed.

15. PETS

- 15.1** Pets are allowed on the boat only with the Company's permission. You shall give notice of any pets You wish to bring at the time of making the booking.
- 15.2** The Company's charges for pets are set out in the brochure.
- 15.3** You must provide any pet baskets or blankets.
- 15.4** All pets must be properly house trained or caged as appropriate, must never be left unattended and may not be allowed on bedding or seats.
- 15.5** Pets and pet damage are not covered under the Company's insurance policy and You will be liable for any damage or loss caused by them or extra cleaning required.

16. INVENTORY

You will be required to sign for the inventory on taking the boat over. Any shortcomings discovered during the Hire Period must be notified to the Company as soon as practically possible so as to afford the Company the opportunity to rectify the matter.

17. EXCLUSION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- 17.1** The Company shall not be liable for any loss, cost or expense whatsoever suffered by You or any member of Your party (including but not limited to loss or damage to any person's property and consequential or indirect loss) and howsoever arising, including without limitation caused by:
 - 17.1.1** non-fulfilment, interruption or delay to the booking;
 - 17.1.2** breakdowns, mechanical problems, latent defects, damage to the boat or other property;
 - 17.1.3** restrictions on cruising, obstructions, repairs, damage or closure of waterways, non-availability of routes, navigational works, storms, floods, droughts, ice, shortage of water or other weather or climatic conditions;
 - 17.1.4** rationing, shortage or non-availability of fuel.
- 17.2** Other than in respect of claims which cannot be excluded or limited at law (such as claims for death or personal injury), the Company's total liability to You and any person claiming through You in respect of all claims which may arise under or in connection with the Agreement will be limited in aggregate to twice the Price actually paid by You to the Company in respect of the Agreement in question.
- 17.3** Nothing in these Conditions affects Your statutory rights. In the event of a conflict between the Agreement and any consumer protection legislation conferred upon you, such consumer protection legislation shall prevail. In the event of a conflict between these Conditions and the Booking Confirmation, the Booking Confirmation shall prevail.

18. BROCHURE

The specifications of boats, their accommodation, facilities and equipment in the brochure or website are intended as a general guide and the Company shall not be liable in the event of any substantial differences in the boats supplied. Boats within classes may differ, colours may vary, layout plans are for guidance only and are not to scale and boats may have steps which are not shown.

19. COMPLAINTS

- 19.1** If you wish to make a complaint to the Company regarding Your booking, You may do so by post or email within 30 days of the End Date. The Company has a procedure to handle complaints promptly. If you fail to make your complaint within 30 days of the End Date, this may affect your entitlement to claim compensation (if any).
- 19.2** The Company is a member of British Marine and signs up to its codes of conduct. Should your complaint remain unresolved after following the procedure under Condition 19.1, You may raise the complaint with British Marine.

20. THIRD PARTIES

A person who is not a party to this Agreement will have no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Agreement.

21. ACTS BEYOND THE PARTIES' CONTROL

- 21.1** The Company will neither be in breach of the Agreement nor liable for delay in performing, or failure to perform, any of its obligations under the Agreement if such delay or failure results from events, circumstances or causes beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation, acts of God, flood, drought or other natural disaster; epidemic or pandemic; civil commotion or riots; any law or any action taken by a government or public authority (including without limitation failing to grant a necessary licence or consent); collapse of buildings, fire, explosion or accident; any labour or trade dispute, strikes, industrial action or lockouts; interruption or failure of utility services; limitations, restrictions or prohibitions by relevant authorities on the use of relevant waterways or boats ("Force Majeure Event").
- 21.2** If You are unable to take up Your booking because of UK government legislation, regulation or guidance, or You may:
 - 21.2.1** subject always to availability, transfer Your booking to a later date, free of any administration charges. You will have to pay any difference in price if the cost of the new booking is higher or be reimbursed the difference if the cost of the new booking is lower;
 - 21.2.2** request a voucher with a redemption value equal to the amount previously paid by You for the booking — the voucher terms and conditions will be available to You before You make Your choice under this Condition; or
 - 21.2.3** if the Company is required by law to provide it, obtain a refund of any amount already paid by You for the booking and cancel Your booking.
- 21.3** If You have to cut short Your booking because of UK government legislation, regulation or guidance, You will be entitled to a pro-rata refund of the Price (to the extent it has been paid), but any booking fees or administration charges paid will not be refundable. You will have to contact the Company in order to access these options.

22. DATA PROTECTION

The Company will only use Your personal information in accordance with its privacy policy. You can find the Company's privacy policy at <https://www.shirecruisers.co.uk/about/privacy.php>.

23. LAW AND JURISDICTION

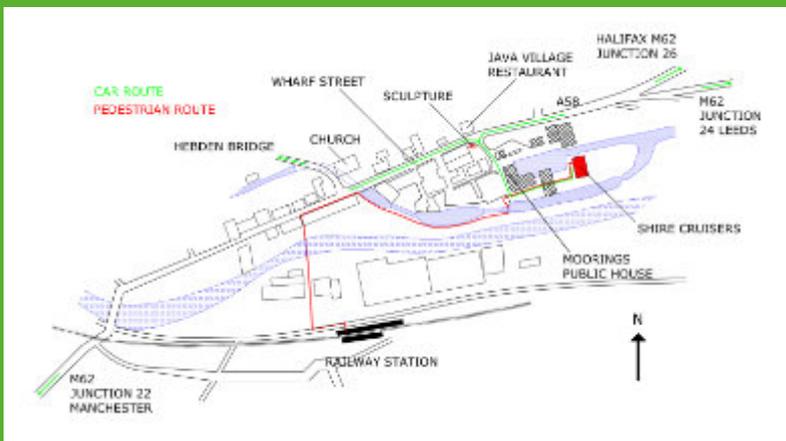
- 23.1** The Agreement and any non-contractual obligations arising out of, or in connection with, the Agreement are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with English law.
- 23.2** Subject to Clause 24, You and the Company irrevocably agree that any and every dispute arising out of or in connection with the Agreement (or with any non-contractual obligations) will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

24. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Disputes arising out of or in connection with this agreement, when they cannot be resolved by negotiation, may, with the written agreement of the Parties, first be submitted to mediation under British Marine's Dispute Resolution Scheme. Details of the scheme are available on request from British Marine.

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SOWERBY BRIDGE WHARF



HOW TO FIND US

Our yard at Sowerby Bridge is easy to get to:

By car - only ten minutes from the M62.

- Birmingham two hours
- Newcastle three hours
- London four hours

By train – Sowerby Bridge station is a few minutes' walk, with good trains on the Leeds to Manchester Victoria line.

Look for brown tourist signs for 'Sowerby Bridge Wharf' and the sculpture.

You are very welcome to come and see the boats at Sowerby Bridge before you book. We're usually open 9.30 to 5.00 Monday to Friday, 1000 to 1400 Saturday (in the season only).

You can only see the boats based at Barnoldswick on their turnround days – in the winter they're at Sowerby Bridge.

Photographs

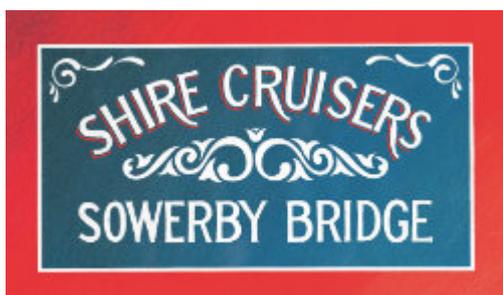
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