





# Welcome to the world of waterways cruising!

Cruising with Crown Blue Line lets you discover Europe from a completely new perspective. The perfect choice for couples, families or groups of friends, you can immerse yourself in culture, history and fine food and wine, whilst deciding where to explore tomorrow. Enjoy your chosen region by bicycle, have an afternoon picnic by the water or stroll along the towpath to explore the nearest village. Relax in the evenings with a glass of local wine whilst moored in the heart of the countryside or the centre of town – with Crown Blue Line, the choice is yours!

## Why choose Crown Blue Line?

With 35 years' experience in providing quality boating holidays in Europe's most beautiful cruising regions, Crown Blue Line is the leading inland waterways boat hire company in Europe. Offering spectacular cruising from 29 bases, you'll quickly find yourself soaking up the atmosphere on the most liberating of holidays. Our wide range of quality boats are extremely easy to handle, even for those with no previous experience and don't forget, you don't need experience! Wherever you choose to cruise, you'll find a warm Crown Blue Line welcome.

Crown Blue Line holidays represent excellent value for money as the whole cost is quoted per boat rather than per person. Enjoy our superb quality boats, extensive cruising options and first class service all at a fantastic price!

Example price:

Boat hire cost

**£595**

which works out as

**£119**

per person

Based on 5 sharing a Canal Class Corsair in France during April/May.

Log on to our website throughout the year to see the very latest cruising news and great last minute holiday offers!

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## Locks, a great meeting place!



■ Locks are a fun part of your holiday. They give you the opportunity to chat with other cruisers and exchange stories about your holidays. Most locks are operated by a lock keeper, many of whom keep their locks superbly tended with flowers and even sell fresh local produce.





## Safety on board

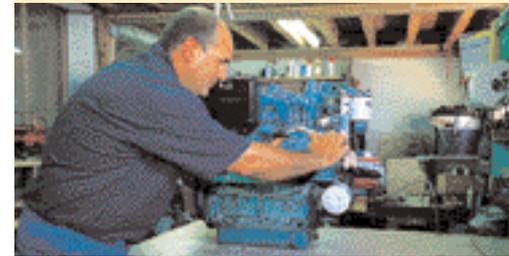
Our boats are designed to be very safe so you can cruise in confidence. Spacious walkways and secure hand rails make it easy to get around. Bumpers and fenders surround the boat to protect it whilst you're mooring or going under bridges. Each boat also carries lifejackets, fire blankets and extinguishers. Ask the base team to show you what's on board.

# No experience required!

Join hundreds of cruisers every year who enjoy Crown Blue Line holidays in total confidence. You don't need a licence or experience and our boats are incredibly easy to manoeuvre.

## Cruise with ease

All our boats are easy to handle and no previous experience is required before taking the helm. In no time at all you'll be cruising through locks with ease and mooring up on the tranquil waterways of your chosen region.



## Professional maintenance

When you step on to your cruiser it will be clean and tidy and will have been checked over by our maintenance team. Every base has mechanics responsible for making sure that every boat passes our rigorous quality tests before you head off.

## Never cruised before?

Don't worry! Our base teams do everything they can to make sure you feel confident at the helm. You'll be shown around the boat and cast off for the first time under their supervision. You'll receive as much tuition as you need until you feel ready to head off on your adventure!



## At your service seven days a week

If you have any problems and you are unsure of what to do, our multilingual base teams are ready to help, seven days a week. If it's outside of office hours, our answering service will give you an emergency number to call.

## Maps and Cruising Guides

When you have booked your holiday you'll be sent a map of your chosen region to plan your itinerary as well as a **Captain's Manual**, crammed full of cruising hints and tips. You can also purchase a detailed **Canal Cruising Guide** when you reserve your boat.

**Order your cruising guidebook at the same time as you book your boat.**

(price list included with the booking form.)



With over 700 boats throughout Europe, Crown Blue Line offers you access to 7 countries and 28 bases



 Crown Blue Line Bases

 Relay Bases  
By teaming up with some partner companies, we have been able to set up relay bases to offer you significantly more one-way cruises. These bases are open to you and guarantee the same high level of service.

 Emerald Star Bases

## Closer than you think!



■ With lots of low cost airlines now flying from regional airports, fast ferry crossings becoming increasingly frequent and more train connections available, cruising breaks are more accessible than ever! Many of our bases can be easily reached, within an hour of touching down on the tarmac or driving off the ferry, and all have car parking facilities. So get ready to soak up the sunshine and feel a million miles away in no time at all.





# An unbeatable choice of cruises!

Explore the sunshine regions of Southern France, visit the cosmopolitan waterways of Amsterdam or cruise through the green landscapes of Ireland. All this and more is possible with Crown Blue Line! We have 28 perfectly placed bases throughout Europe's most beautiful regions for you to choose from, giving you the widest choice of cruising and countless hours of pleasure.

## Cruising choices

For each region, we have suggested some possible cruising itineraries. Each suggestion tells you which canals and rivers you'll cruise on and some of the attractions you'll see en route. They also detail the distances, estimated cruising time and number of locks. Remember, these are only here to inspire you! There are many additional options and you can plan your journey as you wish.

### ONE WEEK ONE-WAY TRIP

*Start at one base/finish at another*

■ Perfect for those with precious time to cruise, ONE-WAY trips enable you to cover more ground during your holiday. See more of your chosen area and enjoy a wider range of stopovers, without having to retrace your steps. We can also transfer your car from your departure base to your arrival base. See our conditions for more information.

### ONE WEEK ROUND TRIP

*Same base departure/return*

■ A ROUND trip gives you the chance to explore regions in depth, visiting different stops on your outward and return journey. If you fall in love with a town or want to venture to more villages, you have the freedom to stop over for a half, or even a full day and there's no obligation to cruise right to the end of the suggested itinerary - you can turn around as and when you want.

### SHORT BREAK

■ Enjoy a long weekend or a mid week break of three/four days at specially selected times of the year.

### LONGER CRUISE - 10/11 DAYS OR 2/3 WEEKS

■ If you have extra time to spend on holiday, why not discover more of the waterways and your chosen region with a longer break?

## Welcome on board!

■ When you arrive at the base you'll receive a warm welcome from our team. Your luggage will be taken on board and we can even organise provisions to be delivered for when you arrive. After a tour of your boat and some practice, you're ready to go!



## Discover Europe with Crown Blue Line

### France

Our largest cruising ground gives you 18 bases to choose from. The beautiful countryside of France varies from region to region: from the leafy green landscapes of the east to the warm climes of the south and the vast vineyards in the centre - you are spoilt for choice!



### Italy

Experience the art, beauty and passion that this country is famous for from a totally new perspective. Exciting and inspiring sights wait for you around every corner and cruising from Chioggia is the perfect way to visit Venice.

### Germany

The unspoilt countryside of Germany is perfect for all sorts of activities from swimming to canoeing and mountain biking to fishing. Everything is available to make your cruise a truly healthy adventure.

### Holland

Windmills and waterways welcome you to Holland, where boats and cruising are a way of life. Here you have the opportunity to enjoy stunning and peaceful countryside as well as cosmopolitan towns and cities.

### Ireland

The lush landscapes and historic towns of the Emerald Isle make it one of the world's biggest attractions. Take advantage of the warm Irish welcome at one of the many traditional pubs that line the waterways.

### England

Often referred to as the King's Highway, the River Thames winds its way through the green countryside of England. Discover a landscape of meadows and flower filled towns, which create an atmosphere of timeless charm.

### Scotland

Experience the magic of the Highlands as you cruise through stunning countryside where hills of silvery heather meet blue water. The imposing horizons have to be seen to be believed.



## Don't forget the bikes!



■ Pedal power is back! Bikes on board are indispensable as they give you the freedom to explore the heart of your chosen cruising region. Cycle to castles and monuments, pick up bottles of the local vintage from village vineyards or enjoy a morning trip to the bakers for fresh croissants and warm bread. Don't forget to book your bikes when booking your holiday.





## Cruise at your leisure!

From early spring to late autumn, discover the freedom of cruising at the helm of a Crown Blue Line boat and decide how you want to enjoy your holiday on Europe's stunning waterways. Be energetic and explore onshore or enjoy lazy days on deck - the choice is yours!

### Relax in stunning surroundings

Unwind on board in the sunshine with family and friends as stunning scenery glides by. Take a picnic ashore, sip a refreshing glass of chilled wine or simply enjoy a siesta on this most relaxing of holidays.



### Get active!

Take your holiday up a gear and get active! Why not try cycling, fishing, horse riding, golfing, swimming, tennis, windsurfing, canoeing, walking and jogging - just some of what you can enjoy on a Crown Blue Line holiday.

### Flavours of the region

■ Wherever you choose to cruise, you are sure to enjoy fabulous culinary delights! From hearty rural fare to Michelin starred restaurants you can enjoy the authentic taste of the region. Sample rich, regional recipes and exciting fresh produce along with wines from local cellars, world famous spirits and quality beers.



*Crown Blue Line  
takes you there*

Cruising the rivers and canals of Europe gives you a unique and exciting chance to explore local towns and villages at your own pace and in style. Buy souvenirs from village craftsmen or browse markets for antiques or fresh local produce.



### ■ A unique perspective

Enjoy an unrivalled view of some of Europe's most spectacular sights and moor in prestigious spots not far from the action. Get an exclusive view of traditional windmills, Venetian villas or imposing chateaux as you glide through the countryside.



### ■ Get in the festival spirit!

There are many enchanting festivals that take place throughout Crown Blue Line cruising areas. Bursting with colour and excitement, these exhilarating festivities celebrate everything from history and culture to music, food, flowers and even prunes - any excuse for a party!



## All on board!



■ You'll find everything you need for a comfortable holiday on board. From a fully equipped kitchen to towels, sheets, duvets and pillows, our boats cruise with all the comforts of home!





# Travel in Crown Blue Line style!

Whether you want a traditional boat or a new generation design; whether you are holidaying as a couple or a large group of friends and family – Crown Blue Line has the best quality and most stylish fleet on the water!

## Life on board

Comfortable cabins - many with en suites - give everyone their own space and privacy. Generously sized, fully equipped galleys make preparing meals a pleasure whilst the saloons are spacious and airy, so you can enjoy mealtimes together and relax.



## The great outdoors!

Most Crown Blue Line boats have a second steering position allowing you to enjoy both indoor and outdoor cruising. Spacious sun decks make it possible for you all to eat al fresco, enjoy drinks on deck and bask in the sunshine!

## When and how do I book?

■ Our boats are very popular and tend to book up early every year. We recommend that you reserve your choice of boat as soon as you are able, to ensure you get the exact model you want. Booking your holiday is easy. Go to our website and book online, call us at Crown Blue Line or visit your nearest independent travel agent.

## Choose your boat

■ Find out what you can expect on board

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## Do I need experience?

■ No. Lots of our clients are first timers and find our boats very easy to manoeuvre. Once you have booked your holiday, you will receive your Captain's Manual, detailing some of what you can expect to experience on board. When you arrive at the base, our team gives you a tour of your boat and supervises as you cast off for the first time. They are happy to give you as much tuition as you need to feel comfortable and confident at the helm.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Do I need a special licence?

■ In France and Germany, once you have received your instruction from the base team, you are given a provisional licence that lasts the duration of your holiday. In Holland, Ireland, England, Scotland and Italy you can cruise permit free. In Germany, a permit is required if you wish to cruise on Berlin and Potsdam waterways.

### How easy is it to navigate?

■ The waterways selected by Crown Blue Line are largely non-tidal, with only the gentlest of currents, making them extremely easy to navigate.

### How easy is it to moor?

■ You can stop almost wherever you wish; along the banks of the waterways in the middle of the countryside or in a marina in the town centre. There are a large number of free mooring places throughout Crown Blue Line cruising regions. A few of the mooring spots in tourist areas do require a small fee to be paid.

### Which region should I choose?

■ Take a look through your brochure and check our website for more information. Give us a call and speak to our sales team who will be able to recommend holiday routes and itineraries depending on your interests. Once you have booked you can purchase a detailed canal guide of your chosen region to enable you to start planning your itinerary.

### How far can I go in a day?

■ Your normal cruising speed is around 7/8 km per hour and it takes about 20 minutes to go through a lock. If you plan to cruise for no more than 4 to 5 hours per day you'll cover between 25/40 km per day, depending on the number of locks in the region.

### What time can I collect/return my boat?

■ You can pick up your cruiser up between 4pm and 6pm and should return it by 9am on your final day. For short breaks you pick your cruiser up at 2pm and return it by 10am on your final day.

### What happens if we have a problem?

■ At every base, our multilingual team is ready to help, seven days a week. Simply call the base and they will be happy to assist you. If you own a mobile phone, it's a good idea to take it with you, just in case.

### Do I need special insurance?

■ Your boat is fully insured and you are only liable for any damage up to the amount of your security deposit. Alternatively you can opt for the damage waiver scheme. See the booking form for further details.

### Where can I leave my car?

■ All of our bases have free open-air car parking as well as an enclosed parking area, which can be used for a small fee. At a few of our bases there is also undercover parking, which can be used for a small fee.

### What if I need to cancel?

■ It's always disappointing to have to cancel your holiday plans, especially if you cannot be reimbursed for the cost of your cruise. Take a look at our cancellation plan, which is detailed on the back of the booking form.



## Breathtaking!



**The lock-keepers' houses on the ancient towpaths running alongside the canals, retain the character and charm of a bygone age.**

Be seduced by the canals and waterways in one of France's most breathtaking areas. Cruise leisurely through beautiful landscapes dominated by leafy vineyards, fortified towns and pretty villages, whilst glorious sunshine shines down on to the deck in this classic holiday destination. Spanish culinary influences sit on menus alongside typical French

# France

## South West



fare such as rich foie gras and tasty cassoulet. Feast on excellent, fresh seafood in waterside restaurants as oysters, mussels and crabs are all available in abundance. From the gentle countryside of Aquitaine to the dramatic gorges of The Lot and pristine golden beaches of the Mediterranean, the uncrowded countryside you can reach on your cruiser will make sure you feel a world away from home!

1 Aigues-Mortes

## Regional Highlights

### Midi PAGES 14 & 15

- The **Canal du Midi**, which links **Toulouse** to **Sète**, is Europe's oldest artificial waterway.
- Explore the stunning hillsides of the Minervois and the sunflower filled fields of Aude and Cather.
- At **Argens**, the 14th century castle dominates the canal and offers a superb view. Stop at **Béziers**, the city of wine, and try a glass of its famous wines.
- Discover **Narbonne**, a Roman city with an ancient port buried in the sands of the lost delta of the Aude.
- Cycle along tow paths of the Canal du Midi and enjoy it's peaceful surroundings.

### Camargue PAGES 16 & 17

- Relax on the sandy beaches at **La Grande Motte**, **Carnon** and **Palavas**.
- Fishing can be enjoyed on the **Etang de Thau**.
- Discover the winding streets of ancient **Aigues-Mortes**.
- Swimming is possible between **La Grande Motte** and **Cap d'Agde**.
- Enjoy a bowl of mussels in the port of **Bouzigues**.
- Take a trip to some of the smaller towns for fresh bread for breakfast.
- Take photographs of the exotic wildlife - pink flamingos, black bulls and white ponies.

### Aquitaine Gascony PAGE 18

- Historic walled villages have their central squares dotted along the **Canal Latéral à la Garonne**.
- Explore the many spots of historic interest in this region: **Moissac** with its magnificent cloisters, **Nérac**, the capital of the Albret region and **Barbaste** which has an amazing 10 arched Roman bridge.
- Refresh yourself with red wine in **Buzet** and armagnac in **Condom**.
- Climb the narrow streets of **Meilhan**, a village perched on a huge rock.
- Enjoy a meal by the water's edge.

### Lot PAGE 19

- Subject of many local folk tales, the Valentré Bridge at **Cahors** is beautiful and intriguing.
- Visit **Luzech**, the last Gallic town to hold out against Caesar.
- See the beautiful colours and contrasts of the valleys and vineyards.
- Explore the cliffs and gorges by canoe or swim in the clear water.
- Sample some of the rich food and drink from the region including vin noirs and traditional truffles.
- Have an impromptu picnic at one of the many pretty riverside stops.



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## Flavours of the region



■ Taste a Cassoulet in its hometown of Castelnaudary! A rich, hearty stew, it is made from succulent meats, tasty white beans and vegetables all cooked in special earthenware dishes. Seafood can be enjoyed in abundance at the Etang de Thau. Delicious oysters and mussels go down very well with a chilled glass of wine from Béziers.



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# Midi

*Be seduced by the south*

Europe's oldest waterway is unique due to its sheer size and the cleverness of its design. The canal stands as testament to French architect, Pierre Paul Riquet, and is a joy to navigate. Listed as a UNESCO world heritage site, the Canal du Midi transports you from the sun-drenched hillsides of Minervois to the vineyards of Aude and Cather and the pristine beaches of the Mediterranean. Pass through the peaceful Etang de Thau, a huge salt water lake lined with pretty fishing ports and inviting waterfront restaurants. Spot wild flamingos wading on the salt plains as you glide by!



CROWN BLUE LINE BASE

① Canal du Midi ② Etang de Thau ③ Castelnaudary

For more information on this cruising region, see our website.  
[www.crownblueline.com](http://www.crownblueline.com)

## Cruising suggestions

### 1 WEEK - ONE WAY TRIP

#### ■ Castelnaudary/Port-Cassafières OR VICE-VERSA

*Canal du Midi*

Known as La Cite, **Carcassonne** is an extraordinary fortified town. Enjoy cycle trails at **Trèbes**. Stock up on local vintages at **Marseillette's** co-operative. **Lezignan-Corbières** is the capital of the corbières wine region; visit the town's museum of Vine and Wine to learn more. Walk through the stunning public gardens at **Béziers**.

- ▶ 157 km • 64 locks
- ▶ 35 hr one-way cruising time

### 1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

#### ■ Castelnaudary/Toulouse

*Canal du Midi*

Stretch your legs at **Mas-Saintes-Puelles** and enjoy splendid views over the Lauragais region. Cruising past colourful fields, the towns of **Port Lauragais**, **Naurouze** and **Villefranche** are a short cycle away. Built in red brick, the beautiful city of **Toulouse** is home to the St. Sernin Basilica, the largest Romanesque church in the world.

- ▶ 130 km • 48 locks
- ▶ 26 hr round trip cruising time

#### ■ Castelnaudary/Argens

*Canal du Midi*

Wander round Europe's largest and best preserved medieval fortress, the city of **Carcassonne**. **Homps** is home to several wine producers that are well worth a visit. Delight in the superb view from the 14th century castle that dominates the canal at **Argens Minervois**.

- ▶ 172 km • 102 locks
- ▶ 46 hr round trip cruising time

#### ■ Port-Cassafières/Narbonne

*Canal du Midi - Canal de la Robine*

The **Fonserannes** Staircase lock system gives you stunning views over the Orb Valley. Enjoy wines at the 400-year-old vineyard next to the **Guery** aqueduct. Pick up a rare edition or bestseller from the second hand bookshop at **Le Somail**. Entering **Narbonne** is quite spectacular. The canal passes under the Merchant's Bridge, one of the few left in France lined with houses.

- ▶ 128 km • 46 locks
- ▶ 27 hr round trip cruising time

#### ■ Port-Cassafières/Aigues-Mortes

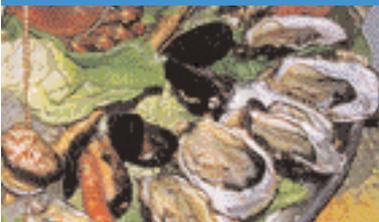
*Canal du Midi - Canal du Rhône à Sète*

Walk a short distance from **Port Cassafières** to relax beside the Mediterranean Sea. Take a guided tour of the Noilly Prat vermouth cellars at **Marseillan**. Discover the comic strip museum at **Palavas-les-Flots** and the Henri Prades archaeological museum at **Lattes**. The striking Tower of Constance welcomes you as you moor at **Aigues-Mortes**.

- ▶ 168 km • 2 locks
- ▶ 27 hr round trip cruising time



## Flavours of the region



■ Tempting seafood such as fresh oysters and sumptuous mussels can be found in abundance in the Camargue. Ripe tomatoes, olive oil and full flavoured garlic bulbs all combine to make tasty and aromatic sauces for meat or fish.





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# Camargue

*A captivating wonderland*

From St. Gilles, the gateway to the Camargue, you can discover one of France's most remarkable regions. Pink clouds of flamingos, herds of wild white horses and jet black bulls pepper the landscape as you cruise to the beautiful walled city of Aigues Mortes, which invites you to step back in time through its vibrant summer festivals. The immense expanse of the Etang de Thau salt water lake is lined with waterfront restaurants serving tasty seafood. A short bike ride away is the spectacular Languedoc countryside, home to almost three quarters of a million acres of vineyards. Pick up a few bottles of local vintage to enjoy on deck in the glorious Southern sunshine.



TEMPERATURES°

APRIL	17
MAY	25
JUNE	25
JULY	30
AUGUST	30
SEPTEMBER	25
OCTOBER	20

CROWN BLUE LINE BASE

- ① Méze ② Canal du Rhône à Sète ③ Gardians ④ The beaches

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## Cruising suggestions

### 1 WEEK - ONE WAY TRIP

#### ■ St-Gilles/Port-Cassafières OR VICE-VERSA

*Canal du Rhône à Sète*

Enjoy a game of golf or tennis or lay a bet at the casino in **La Grande Motte**. Visit the Eco Site at **Méze** or cycle to **Mourre Blanc** and learn about oyster and mussel breeding before sampling the real thing! **Marseillan** is home to Noilly Prat vermouth, take a trip round the famous cellars. Join a guided tour of **Agde** and learn more about one of France's oldest towns.

- ▶ 109 km • 2 locks
- ▶ 20 hr one-way cruising time

### 1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

#### ■ St-Gilles/Etang de Thau

*Canal du Rhône à Sète*

The 13th century fortified town of **Aigues Mortes** remains largely intact and is a joy to explore. A vibrant centre for summer festivities, moor near the ramparts for an unrivalled view! Relax on seven kilometres of golden beach at **Carnon** or discover the shady alleys and small squares of **Frontignan**, which provide lovely venues for an aperitif of Muscat. Indulge in fresh seafood at a waterfront restaurant on the **Etang de Thau**.

- ▶ 146 km • No locks
- ▶ 27 hr round trip cruising time



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## Cruising suggestions

### 1 WEEK - ONE WAY TRIP

#### Le Mas d'Agenais / Condom

OR VICE-VERSA

*Canal latéral à la Garonne - Baise*

**Moncrabeau** is home to the 'academy of liars' which was formed in the 17th century! On a good day you can look out over the straits of Gibraltar from the town. Take your sketchbook ashore at **Valence sur Baise**, a picturesque fortified town overlooking the Baise region or enjoy a measure of Armagnac in its home town of **Condom**.

▶ 62 km • 22 locks

▶ 16 hr one way cruising time



### 1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

#### Le Mas d'Agenais / Moissac / Nérac

*Canal latéral à la Garonne - Baise*

A remarkable Rembrandt hangs in **Le Mas-d'Agenais** in the Romanesque St. Vincent's church. Intrigue your palate with wine tastings at **Buzet-sur-Baise** and visit L'Espace Pruneau at **Agen** to learn more about succulent prunes. Cycle through **Valence d'Agen**, a stunning example of a bastide town. Take a picnic ashore at **Nérac** and browse through the excellent art gallery.

▶ 204 km • 46 locks

▶ 38 hr round trip cruising time

#### Le Mas d'Agenais / Lustrac

*Canal latéral à la Garonne - Baise, Garonne, Lot*

Explore the labyrinth of prune vines at **Granges sur Lot**. **Laparade** enjoys panoramic views across the Lot valley, great for sketching or painting. Plant lovers will be in their element at Latour Marliac water nurseries in **Le Temple sur Lot**. Join one of the guided walks at **Villeneuve sur Lot** that take place every morning.

▶ 204 km • 19 locks

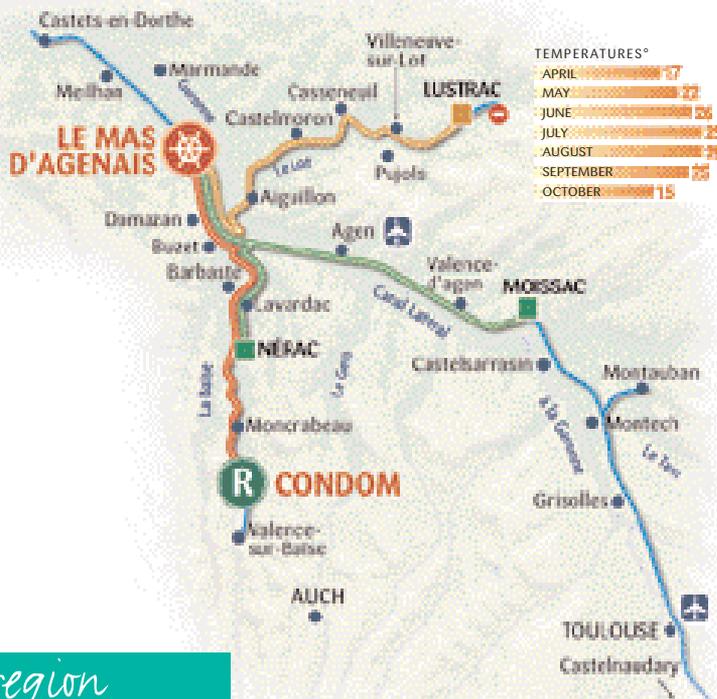
▶ 35 hr round trip cruising time

▶ Crossing of the Garonne with pilot: 16 Euros

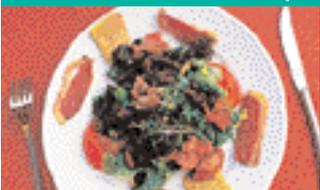
# Aquitaine/Gascony

*A gourmet experience!*

Situated in south west France, your journey into Aquitaine Gascony takes you along the Garonne valley, the Baise river or the downstream area of the river Lot. Gentle plains streaked with vineyards and dotted with wooded valleys will tempt you ashore for impromptu picnics. Secret fortified towns - or Bastides - such as Valence d'Agen, can be found throughout the region and provide picture perfect scenery to inspire artists and photographers. Relish lazy afternoons in main squares with a glass of Buzet or Cahors wine.



## Flavours of the region



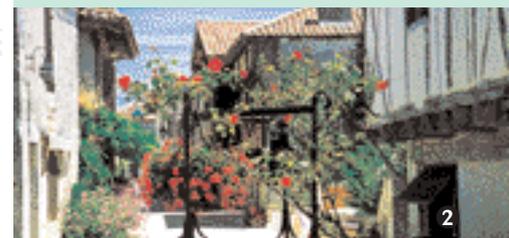
Let your taste buds take over, as Aquitaine is renowned as a region where good food and feasting are well-loved pastimes! Sample sumptuous foie gras, outstanding armagnac and wines from Graves, St. Emilion and Medoc in their home landscapes. With such wonderful gastronomic delights, you'll want to visit this region time after time!

◻ CROWN BLUE LINE BASE

◻ RELAY BASE (see page 6)

1 Nérac 2 Pujols

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## Cruising suggestion

### Cruising hints

There are no lock keepers and the locks are manual but straightforward to operate. We recommend this region for people with some boating experience.

### 1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

### ■ Douelle/Luzech/Cregols

*Lot*

Towering over **Mercuès** is an imposing 7th century castle and famous restaurant. Cruising to **Cahors**, famous for its wine, you'll find the 14th century Valentré Bridge, a stunning structure with three towers. Sample La Biere d'Olt at **Arcambal**, a traditional brewery close to the river. Discover red roofed, honey coloured houses in **St Cirq Lapopie**. Cycle to the famous Pech-Merle caves, close to **Cabrerets**, and marvel at the prehistoric drawings and remarkable stalagmites.

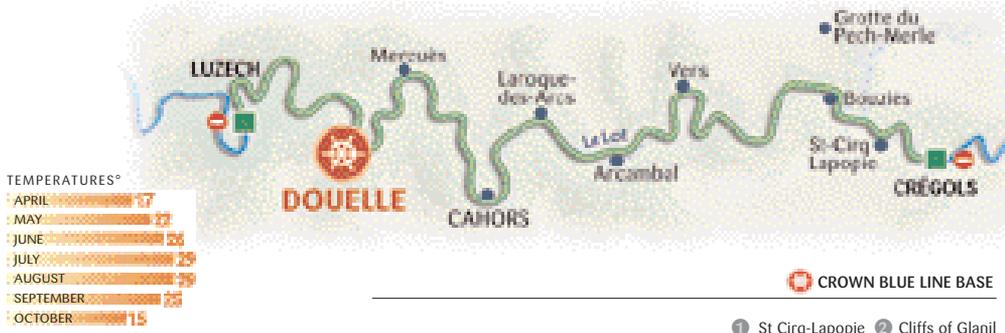
▶ 128 km • 28 locks

▶ 27 hr round trip cruising time

# Lot

## Magnificent gorges

Tucked behind tobacco fields and walnut copses of the Quercy region lie the wide valleys and dramatic gorges of the Lot river. Spectacular, towering, limestone cliffs frame your journey to famous spots such as the medieval town of Cahors and the fascinating Pech Merle caves. Enjoy a swim in the clear waters and cool off on a hot summer's day. A bird watcher's delight, the Lot valley is renowned for the wild birds that can be seen including colourful kingfishers, majestic eagles and graceful herons.



① St Cirq-Lapopie ② Cliffs of Glanil

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## Cruise and ride

■ If you would like to alternate between boating and riding during the week, don't rely on finding stables at every stop. Why not hire your own horse to take with you for the duration of your cruise? This is an original way to discover the hidden treasures of The Lot and guarantees a mixture of boating and riding. Detailed itinerary, further information and prices are available on request.





*Magical!*



**Cruising through Brittany, you often catch sight of seemingly timeless cottages and tiny hamlets, a gentle and atmospheric reminder of days gone by.**

The Celtic charm and natural beauty of Brittany make it one of France's best kept secrets. Year round festivities celebrate its rich history and bring the streets and towns to life in a blaze of colour and activity. The temperate climate and long hours of sunshine make this an excellent

# France

## West



destination for walkers keen to explore and golfers wanting to tee off from well kept greens. Typical Breton delicacies include the famous buckwheat pancakes, which are best enjoyed with a jug of cider. Make sure you visit Charente's magnificent Cognac houses, as well as the smaller, family run distilleries, and enjoy a drop of warming amber Cognac back on deck.



## Regional Highlights

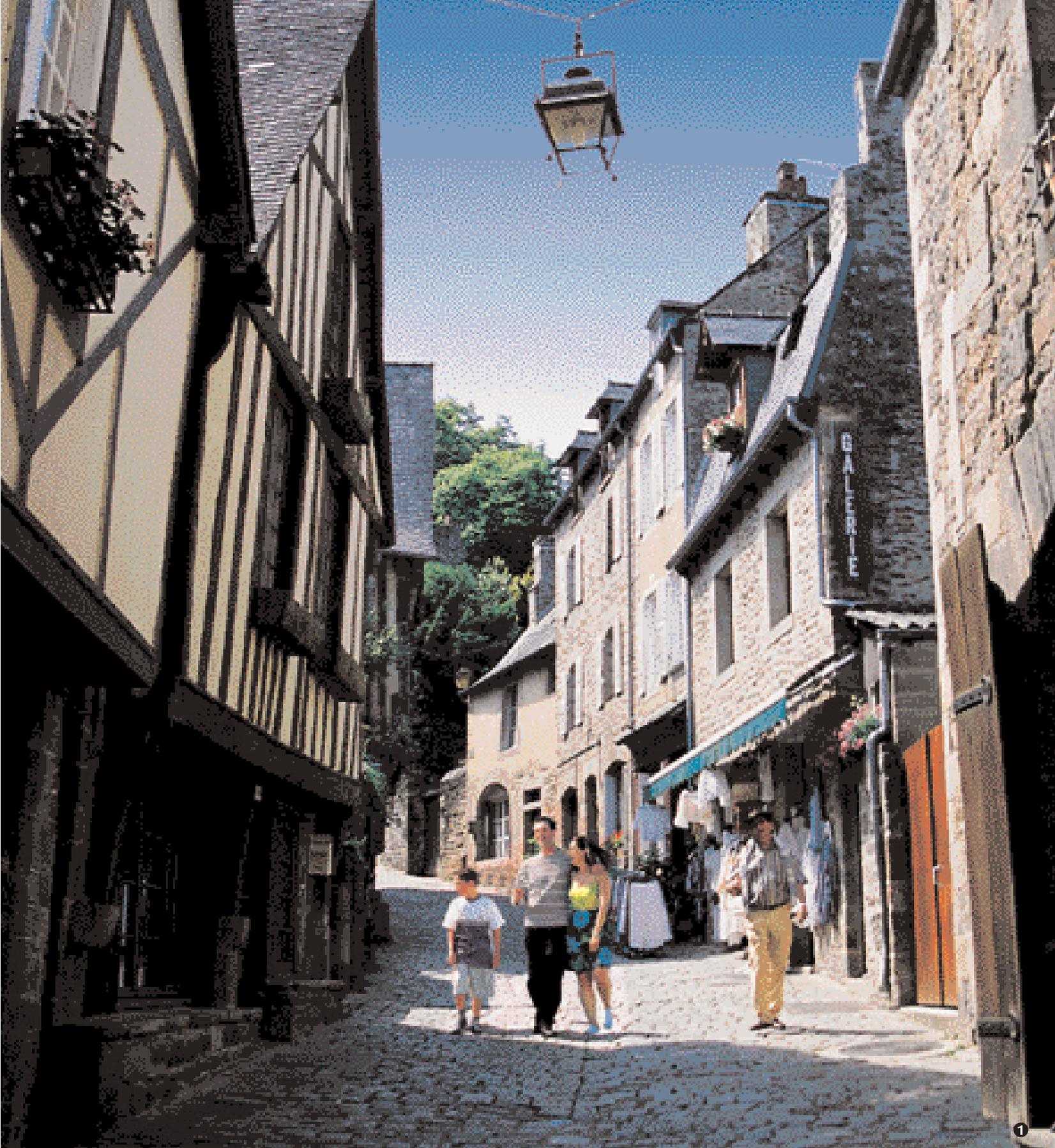
### ■ Brittany PAGES 22 & 23

- According to Breton legend, there are over 100 castles built along the River Erdre, see how many you can spot!
- Try some watersports or go walking in the countryside.
- Visit the beautiful cathedral in the port of **Sucé**.
- Explore **Nantes** and the stunning 15th century castle of the Dukes of Brittany.
- Visit Thabor Park in **Rennes**, one of the most beautiful gardens in France.
- Stop at **Malestroit** for traditional cider and pancakes.
- Walk through the winding streets of **Dinan**.



### ■ Charente PAGES 24 & 25

- Cycle through the pretty countryside.
- Visit **Cognac** and sample some of the famous liquor from the Cognac houses of the town.
- Enjoy maritime traditions in **Rochefort**.
- Explore the ramparts of **Angoulême** and visit the museum of the Charente paper industry.
- Pick up some tasty **Trois-Palis** chocolates.
- Discover the 11th century churches of **Jarnac**.
- Marvel at the splendid chateaux of the region, which are dotted around the landscape.



## Flavours of the region



■ Authentic gallettes are pancakes made with buckwheat and are served with savoury fillings such as ham and cheese. Crêpes are the sweet version - butter and sugar being the most popular filling! Enjoy these treats with a glass of thirst quenching, crisp cider.



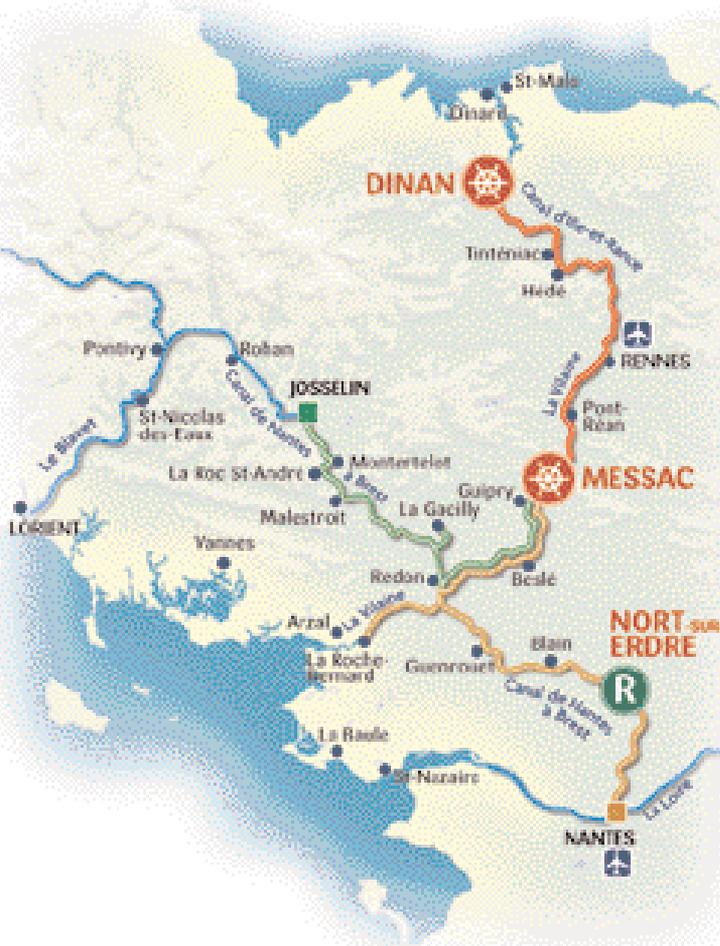


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# Brittany

*Land of legends and folklore*

From Argoat to Armor, the ancient Breton words for the 'Country of the Sea' and the 'Country of the Woods', Brittany has over 600 km of waterways just waiting to be explored. Renowned as the French land of legends, Breton culture is a fascinating blend of traditional festivals and folklore celebrating the region's Celtic history. Cycle alongside the historic Napoleonic canals or enjoy hiking along the specially constructed countryside routes. Make sure you moor beside the walls of the fairytale castle at Josselin and take time to explore the winding medieval streets of the many towns and villages that line the water.



CROWN BLUE LINE BASE RELAY BASE (see page 6)

1 Dinan 2 La Roche-Bernard 3 Josselin 4 Lock of Guélin

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*Cruising suggestions*

## 1 WEEK - ONE WAY TRIP

### ■ Messac/Dinan OR VICE-VERSA

*Vilaine - Canal d'Ille et Rance*

Stroll through **Rennes**, the capital of Brittany and admire the pretty gabled houses. For sports lovers, **Betton** has tennis and horse riding facilities for some action ashore. Bordering a lake, **Combourg** is a quaint town with an imposing 11th century fortress or take a dip in the heated open-air swimming pool at **Lehon**.

▶ 127 km • 57 locks

▶ 30 hr one way cruising time

### ■ Messac/Nort-sur-Erdre OR VICE-VERSA

*Vilaine - Canal de Nantes à Brest - Erdre*

See a slice of England at **Port de Roche**, where an English garden has been planted around the manor house. Discover mysterious alignments of standing stones at **Langon** or cycle through the winding streets of **La Roche Bernard**. See artist Paul Serusier's spectacular frescoes at the church of St. Julian in **Chateauneuf-du-Faou**. Picnic in the gardens of **Saint Goazec's** Trevarez Chateau.

▶ 260 km • 18 locks

▶ 35 hr one way cruising time

## 1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

### ■ Messac/Josselin

*Vilaine - Canal de Nantes à Brest*

Discover more than 1,000 plant species at the beautiful Yves Rocher botanical garden at **La Gacilly**. Take a tour of **Malestroit** and find out more about the town's luxurious houses. Explore the grand Chateau at **Josselin**, considered to be the most beautiful in Brittany and admire the houses clustered around the main square.

▶ 208 km • 36 locks

▶ 36 hr round trip cruising time



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## Flavours of the region



■ Mussels and oysters from the Marennes-Oleron beds are renowned as the best in France. Enjoy them raw and freshly opened, served with a drop of lemon juice or warm with a rich cream sauce. Cognac or Pineau de Charentes, a blend of grape juice and Cognac, make perfect after dinner drinks. Creamy butter and sweet goat's cheese make delicious fillings for baguettes.



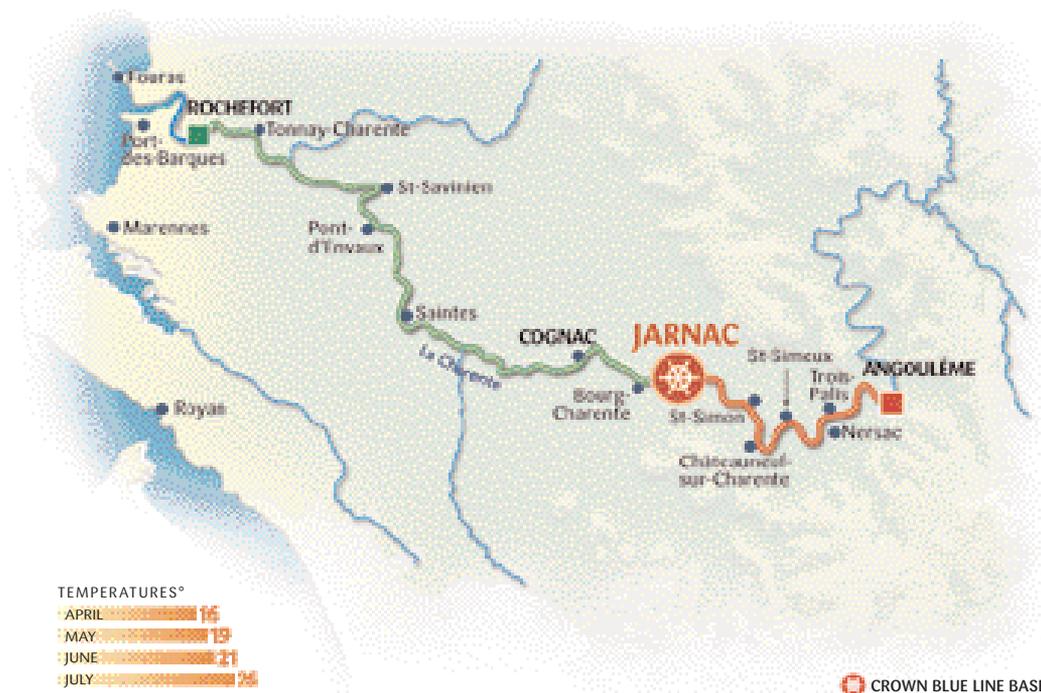
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# Charente

*The true spirit of France*

Described by King Francois I as the loveliest river in his kingdom, the Charente snakes through a region famed for its fine brandy. The golden circle of cognac production encompasses the towns of Cognac and Jarnac, where our base is situated. View the stunning valley from the old city of Angoulême or cruise to the opposite end of the river and enjoy the refreshing sea air at Rochefort. Enjoy cycle rides through the peaceful wooded countryside or stroll beside sunflower filled fields. Many types of birds can be spotted along the river including swans, ducks and kingfishers. Make sure you don't forget your binoculars!



1 St-Simeux 2 On the Charente 3 St-Brice Castle 4 Wine storehouses in Cognac

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## Cruising suggestions

### Cruising hints

The Charente river runs a regular course and is easy to navigate. There are no lock keepers, so you will have to operate the locks yourself. From St. Savinien to Rochefort, the river becomes tidal. This part of your cruise requires extra attention to navigation.

### 1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

#### Jarnac/Angoulême

*Charente fluviale*

Explore the village of **Bassac** and its remarkable 1,000 year old abbey. Discover some of the finest Romanesque art in the region at the church of Saint-Pierre in **Chateaufort-sur-Charente**. Cruise on to **Mosnac** and admire a gleaming collection of vintage cars. Indulge in **Trois Palis** - a chocoholics heaven - with a tasting at the town's chocolate factory. Hike up the slope to **Angoulême** and enjoy a magnificent view.

▶ 88 km • 30 locks  
 ▶ 22 hr round trip cruising time

#### Jarnac/Rochefort

*Charente maritime*

Cruise to **Saint Brice** and discover the castle, which has a unique Renaissance façade. Relax with a picnic in the pretty park or tee off at the town's golf course on the banks of the river. Sample authentic brandy in **Cognac**. Continue to **Saintes** and discover amazing archaeological finds including Roman columns, frescoes and statues. Visit the excellent maritime museum at **Rochefort**.

▶ 186 km • 12 locks  
 ▶ 33 hr round trip cruising time





*Don't miss!*



**Not far from Chagny lie the vineyards, castle and village of Pommard, home of one of the best wines of Burgundy.**

From the vineyard covered Morvan hills to the lush pastures of Dijon and the golden hop plains of Alsace, these peaceful regions in the heart of France are considered to have some of the richest landscapes in the country. Preserved from mass tourism, the delights of these areas remain largely undiscovered and untouched. Burgundy has

# France

## Centre and East



ideal terrain for vineyards and is home to classic French cuisine and world renowned fine wines. Explore ancestral France here too. The many chateaux of the Dukes of Valois and Kings of France are reminders of the region's rich history. Alsace gives you the unique opportunity to discover a blend of European culture by offering cruising routes through three stunning countries – France, Luxembourg and Germany.

1 Pommarid 2 Saverne



## Regional Highlights

### Burgundy

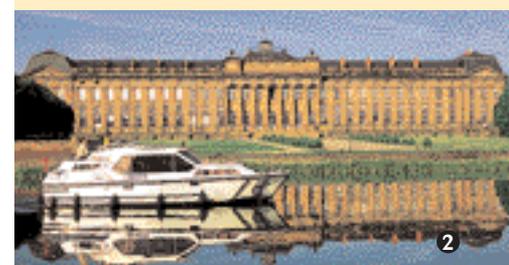
Nivernais • Loire PAGES 28 & 29

- Roman and Gothic art and architecture are on display at the cathedral in **Auxerre**.
- Explore the Medieval town of **Clamecy**.
- Cross the famous viaduct at **Briare**, a superb example of 19th century canal engineering.
- Enjoy the plains, rural countryside and chateaux of the Loire Valley.
- Taste white wine in the cool cellars of **Tannay**.
- Have a go at windsurfing on the lake at **Baye**.

### Burgundy

Franche-Comté • Vosges PAGES 30 & 31

- Be inspired by the imposing Vosges mountains.
- Explore the ancient citadel of **Besançon**.
- Visit Pasteur's birthplace, **Dole**, which spreads out over the hillside.
- Visit the vineyards of the **Mâcon** region from which rich wines are produced.
- Try fishing - this is a true anglers' paradise with trout, perch and eels in abundance.
- Shop at the local markets in **Louhans**.
- Visit historical **Auxonne**, where Bonaparte was garrisoned for three years.



### Alsace-Lorraine

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- Visit the sophisticated city of **Strasbourg**: its magnificent cathedral, buildings and sights of the town known as "Little France".
- Explore the hills and valleys of the forests and plains of Alsace.
- Go swimming and fishing in the lakes of the **Gondrexange**.
- Follow the route of the region's famous wine and beer producers.
- Experience the **St Louis Arzwiller** inclined plain on the Canal de la Marne au Rhin – a stunning feat of engineering.
- Treat yourself to some Riesling and Kugelhof, the famous Alsatian cake made from raisins and almonds.



## Flavours of the region



■ Tasty Boeuf Bourguignon, succulent Escargots à la Chablisienne – snails in Chablis – and exquisite Coq au Vin are all specialities of the region. Sticky gingerbread or creamy goat's cheeses make delicious deserts along with a bottle of chilled Sancerre wine.





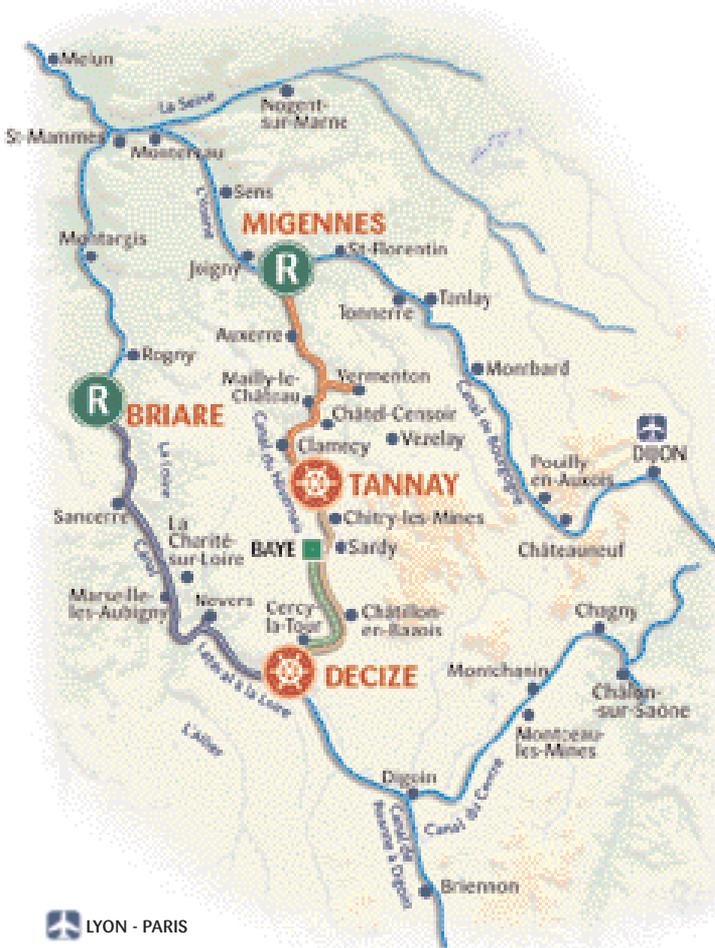
# Burgundy

## Nivernais • Loire

The heart of France

The Nivernais-Loire is situated at the very heart of France and is renowned for its superb gastronomy. Wine enthusiasts and culinary connoisseurs are sure to delight in this region with world class restaurants, famous recipes and rich ingredients, such as Charolais beef and escargots all waiting to be savoured. Also known as the French land of castles, you can spend mornings discovering turrets and tapestries and afternoons relaxing with picnics in charming gardens and parks. Castles at Châtillon-en-Bazois, Pannecot and Chitry-les-Mines are highly recommended. These landscapes are also ideal for cycling, with stunning architecture and captivating villages just waiting to be discovered.

#### TEMPERATURES\*



① Clamecy ② Rock of the Saussois ③ Aquaduct at Briare

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## Cruising suggestions

### 1 WEEK - ONE WAY TRIP

#### Decize/Briare OR VICE-VERSA

Canal Latéral à la Loire

Visit the oldest china factory in France at **Nevers** and take a look round the exhibition room to see items produced over the past 350 years. Get on your bike and visit **Sancerre** for a splendid view of the valley. A collection of paintings by Messermin and Rameau are kept in the restored convent at **Cosne-Cours-sur-Loire**.

- ▶ 133 km • 26 locks
- ▶ 27 hr one way cruising time

#### Decize/Tannay OR VICE-VERSA

Canal du Nivernais

Take time out ashore at **Pannecot** and admire the gardens of Anizy chateau, situated close to the port. Home and resting place of famous author, Jules Renard, **Chitry-les-Mines** is a pretty town with a fabulous castle that overlooks the water. Surrounded by vineyards, **Tannay** overlooks the Yonne.

- ▶ 99 km • 72 locks
- ▶ 35 hr one way cruising time

#### Tannay/Migennes OR VICE-VERSA

Canal du Nivernais - Yonne

Completely surrounded by water, **Clamecy** has a delightful old town to explore with narrow winding streets leading you to the centre. Take part in one of the informative town walks at **Chatel-Censoir**. The trout and salmon hatchery at **Pregilbert** has rods for hire, giving you the chance to catch your own dinner!

- ▶ 100 km • 50 locks
- ▶ 28 hr one way cruising time

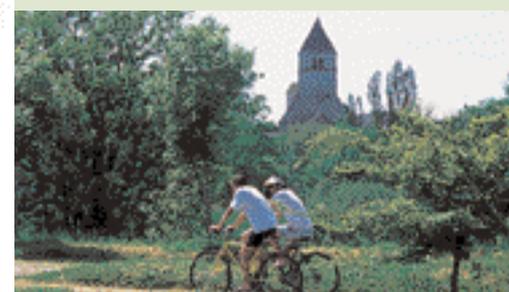
### 1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

#### Decize/Baye

Canal du Nivernais

Climb the little streets in **Cercy-la-Tour** to the terrace and enjoy an unrivalled view over the village and valley. Explore the imposing castle at **Châtillon-en-Bazois** and unwind with a picnic in the gardens. Relax beside the lake at **Baye** or get active with tennis, horse riding and sailing are all on offer nearby!

- ▶ 144 km • 72 locks
- ▶ 30 hr round trip cruising time





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## Flavours of the region



■ Mustard from Dijon is strong and smooth and makes a mouth-watering accompaniment to beef stews and creamy mashed potato. Sip a Kir - white wine flavoured with crème de cassis or enjoy the unadulterated bouquet of some of the world's best-loved wines such as Gevrey-Chambertin, Nuits St. George and Pommard.





# Burgundy

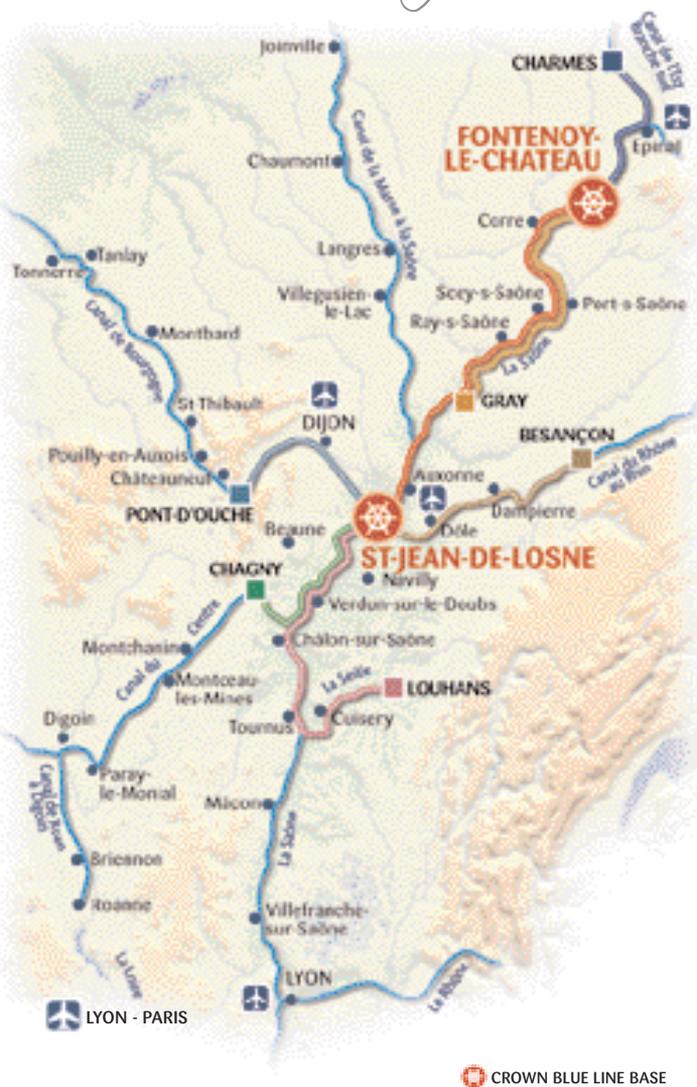
Franche-Comté • Vosges

One of France's richest regions

Food and wine enthusiasts are sure to find themselves in paradise when visiting Burgundy! This peaceful, rural region at the heart of France is renowned as the home of fine wine and classic cuisine. Dijon was home to the Dukes of Burgundy and has inherited a wealth of architecture, fine paintings and objects d'art from their time as the most powerful family in Western Europe. Wine estates are everywhere on the landscapes that surround the waterways and stops can be made at villages with recognisable names such as Pommard, Nuits St. Georges and Chagny. Delight your palate and head ashore to take part in tasting some of the world's finest vintages.

TEMPERATURES\*

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CROWN BLUE LINE BASE

1 Ray-sur-Saône 2 Dijon

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## 1 WEEK - ONE WAY TRIP

### Fontenoy-le-Château / St. Jean-de-Losne OR VICE-VERSA

Canal de l'Est-Saône

The ornamental fountains at **Jussey** are lovely to relax beside and watch. The Gallo-Roman town of **Port-sur-Saône** is a great stop for history lovers. Visit the church of St. Etienne, which dates back to the 18th century or moor at the foot of **Auxonne's** fortifications and explore the town's picturesque cobbled streets.

- ▶ 160 km • 33 locks
- ▶ 32 hr one way trip cruising time

*Cruising suggestions*

## 1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

### Fontenoy-le-Château/Gray

Canal de l'Est - Saône

Cruise as described above as far as **Gray**, then return to **Fontenoy-le-Château**.

- ▶ 200 km • 30 locks
- ▶ 35 hr round trip cruising time

### Fontenoy-le-Château/Charmes

Canal de l'Est

From the pretty town of **Fontenoy**, cruise through beautiful wooded countryside. **Epinal**, the capital of Vosges, is known as the city of flowers, and is especially stunning in the spring and summer. Relax in a pavement café and take in the sights and smells of the blooms.

- ▶ 130 km • 130 locks
- ▶ 43 hr round trip cruising time

### St. Jean-de-Losne/Chagny

Saône - Canal du Centre

Sample Pochouse bouillabaisse in **Verdun-sur-le-Doubs**. Birthplace of Nicephore Niepce, who invented photography, **Châlon-sur-Saône** has a fabulous museum of cameras. As well as excellent wines, **Chagny** is home to the Lameloise, renowned as one of the best restaurants in France. Make sure you book a table!

- ▶ 175 km • 28 locks
- ▶ 35 hr round trip cruising time

### St. Jean-de-Losne/Pont d'Ouche

Saône - Canal de Bourgogne

Cycle to **Brazey en Plaine** and pick up warm croissants from the excellent bakeries or saddle up at the horse-riding club. Head straight to the crescent in **Dijon** and discover buildings of the Grand Duke's Palace, which open up onto the town square.

- ▶ 140 km • 110 locks
- ▶ 45 hr round trip cruising time

### St. Jean-de-Losne/Louhans

Saône et Saône

Don't miss the Saône Environmental Museum at **Seurre**, and make sure you explore the town's hidden streets. Climb the narrow, picturesque steps to reach the abbey of St-Philibert de Tournus in **Tournus**. Stroll through the high street of **Louhans** and admire the arcades and shops.

- ▶ 293 km • 16 locks
- ▶ 38 hr round trip cruising time

### St. Jean-de-Losne/Besançon

Doubs - Canal du Rhône au Rhin

The town of **Dole** spreads out across a hill. Explore the lanes and visit Pasteur's old home. The scenery en route to **Osselle** is stunning where cliffs and green forests are sure to tempt you ashore. Discover the ancient citadel of **Besançon**.

- ▶ 150 km • 48 locks
- ▶ 32 hr round trip cruising time



## Flavours of the region



■ Crisp white wines such as Reisling provide the perfect refreshment after a day's cruising. Enjoy a glass or two with a slice of tarte flambée, a delicious bacon, cream and onion flan. Follow it with a piece of Kugelhof, a cake made with succulent raisins, or a wedge of sweet cherry tart.

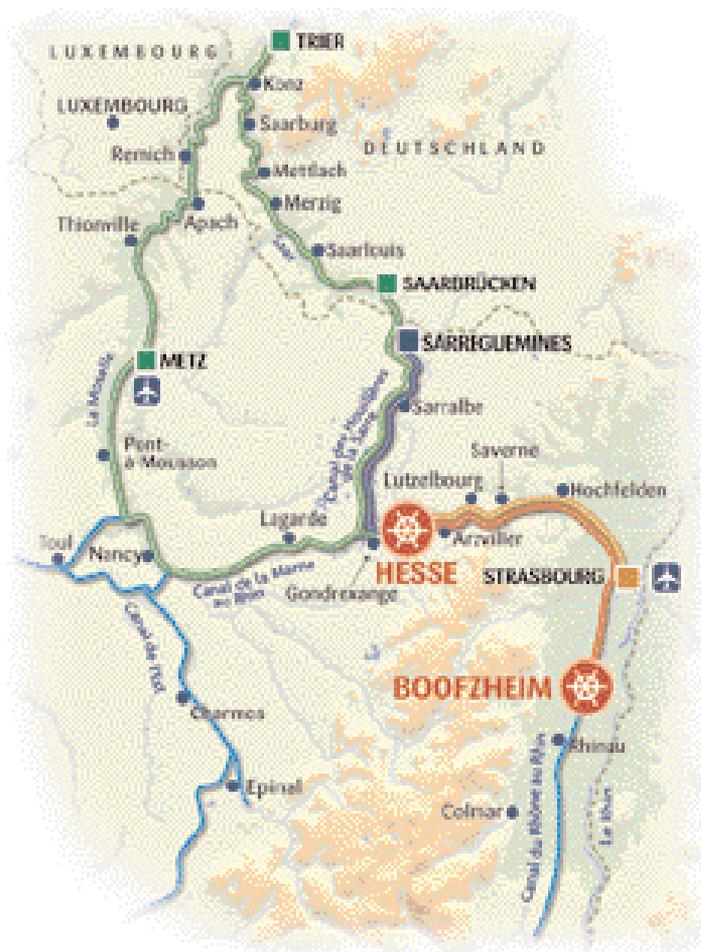




# Alsace-Lorraine

*A blend of cultures*

Proudly French, but with many distinctive Germanic influences, Alsace is France's smallest province. Allowing you to pass through three countries - France, Luxembourg and Germany - this pretty cruising ground is also home to the European Parliament in Strasbourg. Half-timbered houses in well preserved medieval towns mingle with neatly planted vineyards along the waterways and vast beech and fir forests provide the perfect spots for picnics. Marked paths wind through the countryside indicating excellent walking and cycling routes while more than 200 museums and art galleries await your discovery.



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CROWN BLUE LINE BASE

① Haut-Barr Valley ② Lutzelbourg ③ Mettlach

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## Cruising suggestions

### 1 WEEK - ONE WAY TRIP

#### Hesse/Boofzheim OR VICE-VERSA

*Canal de la Marne au Rhin  
 Canal de la Marne au Rhône*

Marvel at the biggest stained glass window in Europe at **Sarrebourg**. Visit the Chateau du Haut Barr in **Saverne**, which overlooks the whole Alsace plain. Cruise through the vast wetland of the **Grand Reid**, home to countless different species of birds and interwoven with cycle routes and footpaths.

- ▶ 106 km • 43 locks
- ▶ 28 hr one way cruising time

### 1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

#### Hesse/Strasbourg

*Canal de la Marne au Rhin*

Descend the **St. Louis Arzwiller** inclined plain, a magnificent example of modern canal engineering. Admire the beautiful landscape from the boatlift and cruise on to **Saverne**, which boasts a magnificent rose garden. **Strasbourg** is home to numerous museums as well as the Palace of the Cardinals of Rohan - a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture.

- ▶ 156 km • 68 locks
- ▶ 37 hr round trip cruising time

#### Hesse/Sarreguemines

*Canal des Houillères de la Sarre*

Moor beside the **Gondrexange Lake** and enjoy fishing or bird watching. Get active at **Mittersheim**, where a variety of watersports can be enjoyed. Amble through the town of Harskirchen and discover the 17th century water mill. Two museums in **Sarreguemines** retrace the history of the town's famous earthenware pottery.

- ▶ 160 km • 54 locks
- ▶ 35 hr round trip cruising time



### TWO WEEKS ROUND TRIP

#### Hesse/Metz/Trier Saarbrücken/Hesse

*Canal de la Marne au Rhin - Moselle Sarre - Canal des Houillères de la Sarre*

**To navigate Germany it is necessary to hold a boating permit or hire skipper**

Cycle through **Lagarde**, part of the Lorraine Nature Park. Visit the Musée de l'Ecole in **Nancy** for Art Nouveau displays. Stroll in **Metz** and discover the Garden of Regattas or take a picnic ashore at lively **Trier**, the oldest town in Germany.

- ▶ 433 km • 74 locks
- ▶ 84 hr round trip cruising time



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## Flavours of the region



■ The distinctive taste of fresh olives complements an ice cold glass of sweet Italian wine before dinner. Tickle your palate with delicious parmesan generously scattered over ripe vine tomato pasta or cut into wedges on warm, crusty bread. On Burano island, indulge in a busolai – a sweet doughnut shaped biscuit that makes the perfect accompaniment to strong coffee or rich hot chocolate.

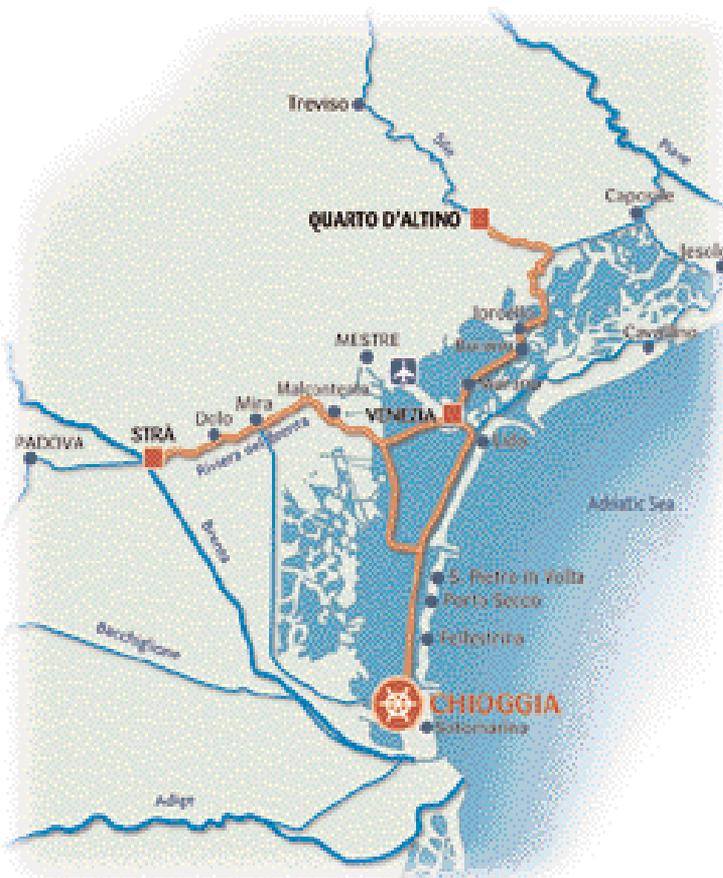




# Italy

The land of La Dolce Vita!

Cruising on the famous Lagoon of Venice and the Brenta Canal, revel in the romance and culture of Italy's most celebrated province. From the escapades of Casanova to the refined palatial villas of the Doges and traditional fishing ports of Murano and Burano, there is plenty of history to be discovered. The timeless city of Venice is built on 118 tiny islands. Uniquely road free, gondolas and boats provide the only transport. Stroll through the maze of narrow streets and enjoy window shopping as you pass exclusive boutiques and antique markets. Order a strong espresso or rich cappuccino from a pavement café and enjoy watching la dolce vita pass by!



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 BASE CROWN BLUE LINE

1 Venice 2 Murano 3 Strà 4 Burano

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## Cruising suggestions

### Cruising hints

We recommend this cruise to people with some boating experience.

### 1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

#### ■ Chioggia/Venise Quarto D'Altino/Strà

*Venice, the Laguna and its islands, Brenta*

Chioggia's famous bustling fish market should be your first stop to stock up on supplies. Cycle to the golden beach of Lido, where Visconti's classic film 'Death in Venice' was set. Soak up the sun and take a cooling swim. Wind your way to Venice and marvel at the Byzantine architecture of the famous five domed Basilica in St. Mark's Square. Visit the glassworks at Murano and Burano. Continuing on the Brenta Canal, explore the impressive villas of the Doges.

- ▶ 171 km • 6 locks
- ▶ 30 hr round trip cruising time





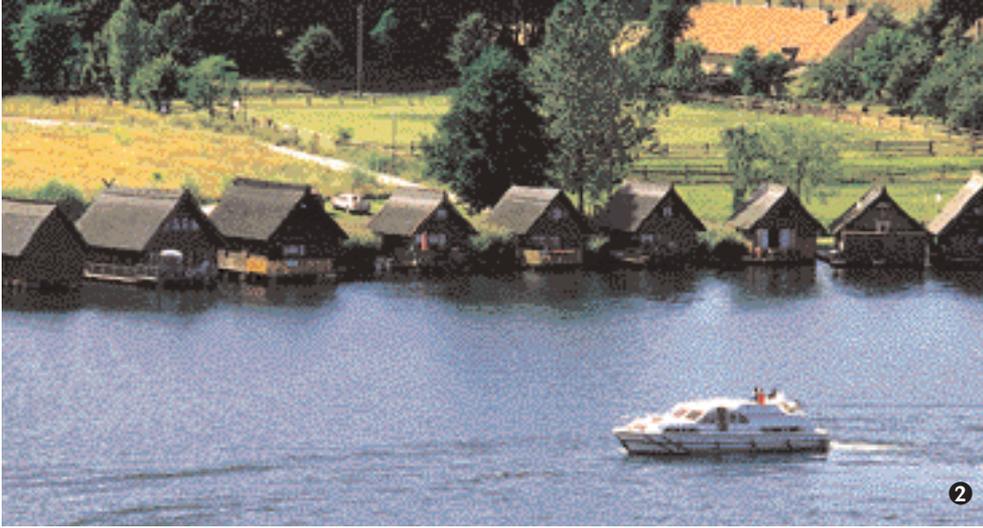
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## Flavours of the region



■ Try frankfurters served with a blob of medium hot mustard and accompanied by a steaming hot dish of potato gratin with plenty of cheese, bacon and fresh vegetables or the regional favourite of carp cooked in a horseradish sauce. Follow these dishes with smooth wood smoked cheeses or spicy Lebkuchen biscuits and a glass of cold, amber beer.





# Germany

## Mecklenburg and Brandenburg

*A natural paradise*

Situated in the north east of Germany, the low-lying Prussian regions of Mecklenburg and Brandenburg are a patchwork of lakes, forests and pastures. The Müritz Lake is the largest in Germany and makes up part of the Müritz National Park. This stunning spot offers you the chance to explore an exciting variety of landscapes ranging from extensive reedbeds to pine and beech forests and juniper heaths and dunes. There are numerous hiking and cycling trails ashore and close to 150 species of bird in the area. For city lovers, cruise to Berlin and discover the magnificent historic monuments and museums. You can also visit the UNESCO world cultural heritage site of Potsdam.



1 On the Havel 2 Mirrow 3 Reichstag - Berlin

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## Cruising suggestions

### Cruising hints

If you don't have a navigation permit, you cannot cruise around Liebenwalde or Berlin. However, there are many rivers and lakes that can be navigated without a permit, giving you an excellent choice of cruises for one or more week's cruising. You'll be spoilt for choice!

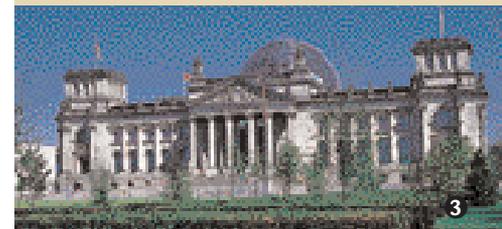
### 1 WEEK - ONE WAY TRIP

#### Marina Wolfsbruch / Potsdam OR VICE-VERSA

**This cruise is only possible for holders of the Permit S (sports boat) licence.**

Explore the town of **Fürstenberg**, situated on three islands. Cruise to **Himmelfort** and stroll on the moorlands or take a picnic ashore to the grounds of **Oranienburg's** historic castle. Cosmopolitan **Berlin** has many attractions waiting for you. Visit the Brandenburg Gate, stroll through Tiergarten, the city's largest park, and examine the Eastside Gallery, the longest surviving section of the Berlin wall. Ramble through the pretty river setting at **Potsdam**.

- ▶ 175 km • 16 locks
- ▶ 24 hr one way cruising time



### 1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

#### Marina Wolfsbruch / Mirow / Lychen

**No licence required!**

Relax or get active at **Marina Wolfsbruch**. Enjoy swimming at indoor and outdoor pools, a sauna, jacuzzi or a spot of fishing before setting off. Go ashore at **Rheinsberg** and discover the castle and music academy, which offers outdoor opera festivals in the summer. Surrounded by forests, **Lychen** offers exciting green landscapes to explore by bike.

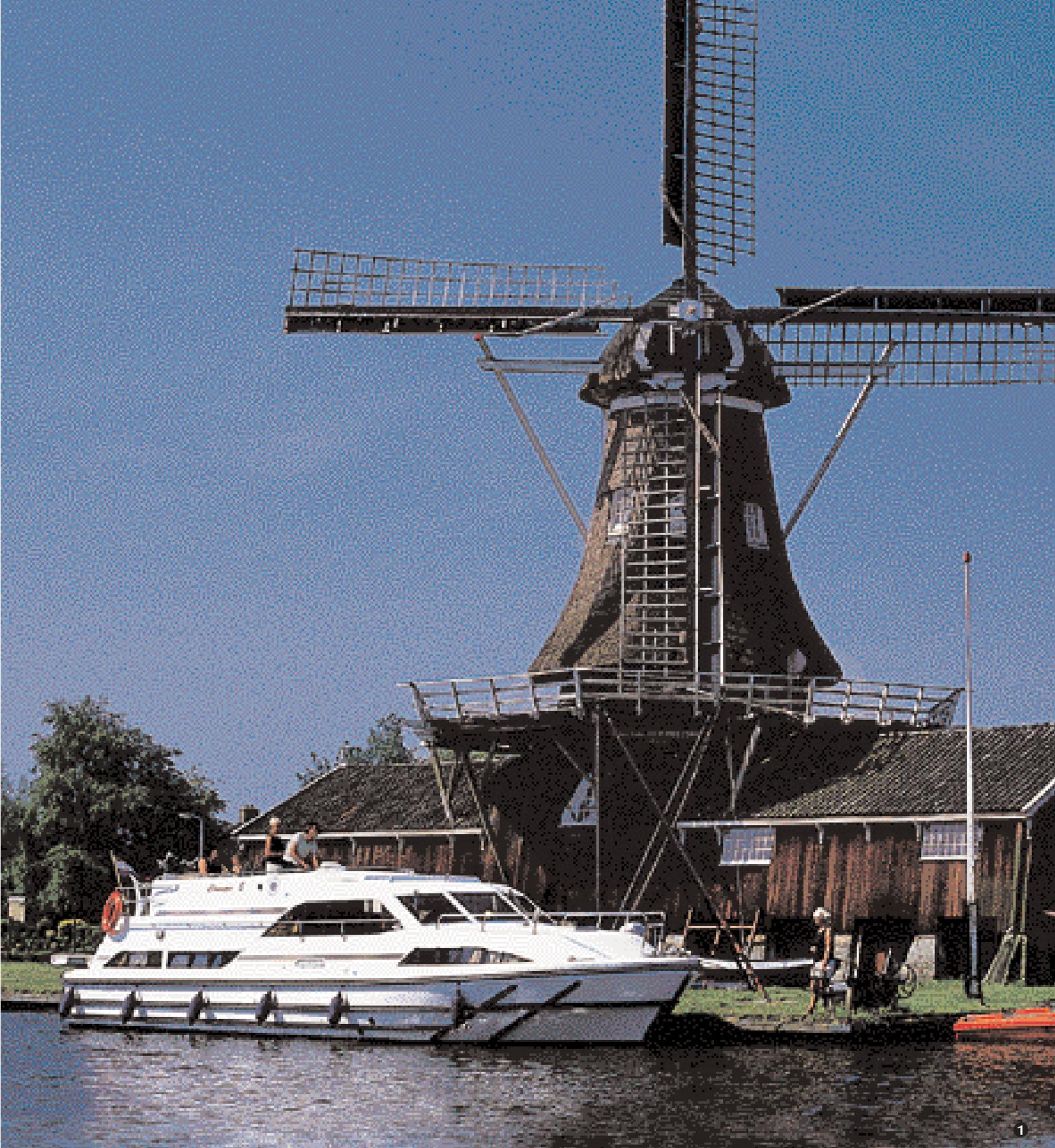
- ▶ 200 km • 12 locks
- ▶ 30 hr round trip cruising time

#### Marina Wolfsbruch / Plau

**No licence required!**

The unspoilt **Müritz Lake** is Germany's largest lake. Enjoy cycling through the stunning and varied countryside that surrounds it or indulge in a glass of wine on deck whilst looking out for some of the beautiful birds that live there. There are frequent guided tours of the medieval town of **Plau**, which is also home to a museum of sculpture.

- ▶ 254 km • 16 locks
- ▶ 38 hr round trip cruising time



## Flavours of the region



■ Cheese is the pride of The Netherlands! Wheels of creamy gouda and wax covered balls of tasty edam are the perfect accompaniment to fresh bread on a waterside picnic. Sweet treats such as waffles and pancakes are sure to tempt you into breaking a diet!





# Holland

Friesland • Flevoland • Utrecht • North Holland

*Wonderful waterway kingdom*

Boating is a way of life in Holland, so cast off and enjoy an authentic Dutch experience! Cool off with a refreshing beer beside the great lock in Muiden or take to the water at Sneek for some watersports. Coloured bulb fields and slender town houses lead you to the capital of Holland - cosmopolitan Amsterdam. Stroll through the 17th century centre and discover great works by Rembrandt, Vermeer and Ruisdael at the Rijksmuseum. The national passion for cycling makes it easy to explore on two wheels. A network of pretty cycle routes snake throughout the countryside and typically flat landscapes enable you to see this beautiful country for miles around.



TEMPERATURES\*

APRIL	12
MAY	17
JUNE	20
JULY	24
AUGUST	22
SEPTEMBER	18
OCTOBER	16

CROWN BLUE LINE BASE

① Friesland ② Utrecht region ③ On the Goimeer ④ Amsterdam

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## Cruising suggestions

### Cruising hints

To visit Amsterdam, we recommend you moor at Weesp and take one of the frequent trains to the city centre. This takes around 10 minutes.

### 1 WEEK - ONE WAY TRIP

#### ■ Sneek / Loosdrecht / Strand Horst OR VICE VERSA

*Friesland - Flevoland - Utrecht*

Cruising from **Sneek** you can enjoy sailing and watersports or take a walk through the attractive shopping streets. Picturesque cottages along the dike at **Workum** create beautiful reflections in the water, great for photographing. Soak up the sun in an open air café beside the great lock at **Muiden** or explore Muiderslot, an imposing red brick castle, built over 700 years ago. Take your bikes and join a cycle tour of **Amsterdam**.

Depending on the route you choose :

- ▶ 160 and 200 km • 4 and 6 locks
- ▶ 20 and 25 hr one way cruising time



### 1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

#### ■ Sneek / Groenw / Lemmer

*Friesland*

Cruise to **Groenw** and explore the sailing base before moving to **Princenhof** and taking some photographs at the nature reserve. **Workum** is home to many of painter Jopie Huisman's works, visit the town's museum to take a look. **Makkum** is celebrated for its pottery, visit the kilns and pick up some unique souvenirs. **Bolsward** has a picturesque market, great for picking up Dutch specialities perfect for picnics!

Depending on the route you choose :

- ▶ 80 and 200 km • no locks
- ▶ 10 and 20 hr round trip cruising time

#### ■ Strand Horst / Amsterdam / Utrecht / Elburg

*Friesland - North Holland - Utrecht*

Cruise along the **Vecht** and delight in the country houses lining the canal, formally weekend residences of wealthy businessmen. Admire brilliantly cut gems at **Amsterdam's** diamond polishing factories. Visit the Rietveld-Schroder house in **Utrecht**, the first open plan home. Take to the track at the indoor carting course at **Huizen** or join one of the many walking tours at **Spakenburg** to learn more about the town.

- ▶ 180 km • 4 locks
- ▶ 33 hr round trip cruising time



## Flavours of the region



■ Treat yourself to a pint of creamy, thick, dark stout. Guinness or Murphy's are the most famous brands and are both brewed on the Emerald Isle. Rich and tasty Irish stew with lamb, fresh vegetables and thick gravy is sure to fill any empty stomach. Thick soda bread and pink smoked salmon are also Irish favourites.





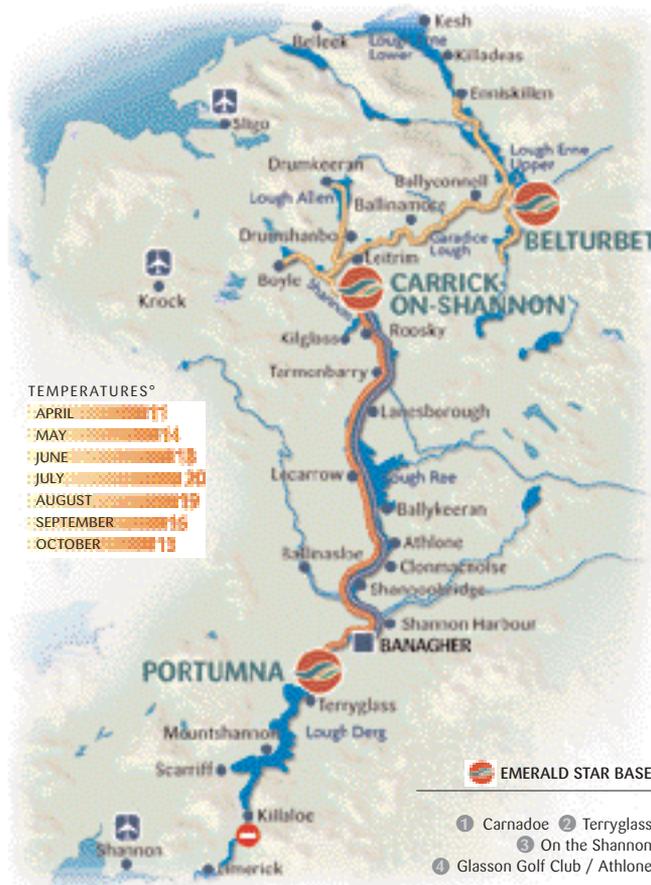
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# Ireland

## Shannon and Erne

*The emerald cruise*

Our partnership with Emerald Star enables us to bring you more of Ireland than ever before. Cruising on the Shannon, Ireland's longest river, and the Erne, you can soak up verdant landscapes and infectious hospitality as you are transported to historic towns and welcoming villages. Ireland is a fishing paradise; salmon, pike, bream and roach are abundant in the lakes that spill off the waterways. Onshore, tee off on championship golf courses or follow cycling routes to the heart of the countryside and join welcoming locals for a pint of Guinness in the friendly pubs. It's no wonder that this tiny country is one of the world's biggest attractions!



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### A fisherman's dream

Ireland is a paradise for fishermen and, if you want to discover the tiny islands dotted across the lakes, we recommend that you hire a small rowing boat or dinghy with an outboard motor which can be towed easily behind your boat. This will also give you a chance to explore small unspoilt tributaries that are not accessible to larger boats.



## Cruising suggestions

### 1 WEEK - ONE WAY TRIP

#### ■ Carrick-on-Shannon / Belturbet OR VICE-VERSA

*Shannon - Erne*

Cruising to **Leitrim Village**, you'll find a pretty centre with a great reputation in the Tidy Towns competition! Explore **Ballinamore**, nicknamed "The Friendly Town", and enjoy a round of golf at the excellent course. **Lough Scur** and **Garadice** lie along the route and **Lough Erne** is renowned for coarse angling. Enjoy a walk to the famous Slieve Russell Hotel, close to **Ballyconnell**, and play a round of golf on the championship tees.

▶ 130 km • 16 locks

▶ 14 hr one way cruising time

#### ■ Portumna / Carrick-on-Shannon OR VICE-VERSA

*Shannon - Erne*

**Portumna's** impressive castle was one of the first buildings in Ireland to have Renaissance features. Set in beautiful, natural surroundings, overlooking **Lough Derg** and Portumna Forest Park, it's great for painters and photographers. Drop in to one of the pubs in **Shannonbridge** for a pint and some traditional music with the locals! Dating back 1,500 years, the ancient monastic site at **Clonmacnoise** provides an important historic stop.

▶ 160 km • 5 locks

▶ 20 hr one way cruising time



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### 1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

#### ■ Carrick-on-Shannon / Banagher

*Shannon*

Fish in the waters around **Carrick-on-Shannon**, an angler's paradise. Explore the imposing remains of the 6th century Kilbarry Monastery, situated near **Tarmonbarry**. Cruising to **Lanesborough**, enjoy a spot of coarse fishing. Glasson Golf Club is set on a peninsula bordering **Lough Ree** where you can moor at the 17th green and enjoy a meal beside the Club's open fire. **Banagher** inspired Anthony Trollope to write his early novels.

▶ 225 km • 8 locks

▶ 30 hr round trip cruising time



## Cruising suggestions

### 1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

#### ■ Benson/Oxford/Henley

*The Thames*

Head up river to **Oxford**, where England's oldest university has educated many prestigious alumni. Enjoy a barbeque in **Beale Park** and cycle through **Pangbourne's** quiet meadows. Past the Victorian red brick buildings of **Reading**, is the storybook town of **Henley-on-Thames**. This typically English town is home to July's Henley Regatta. Watch the racing ashore or stay on your boat for a prime view!

- ▶ 186 km • 30 locks
- ▶ 32 hr round trip cruising time

#### ■ Benson/Windsor

*The Thames*

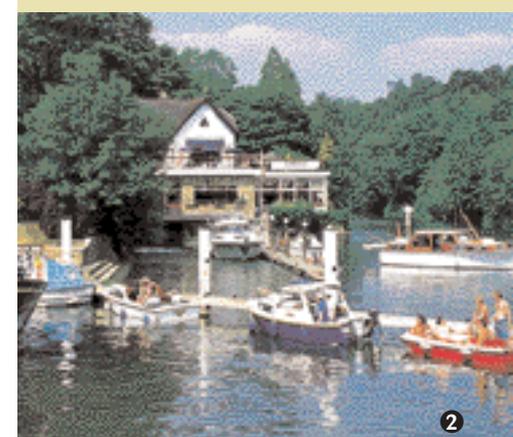
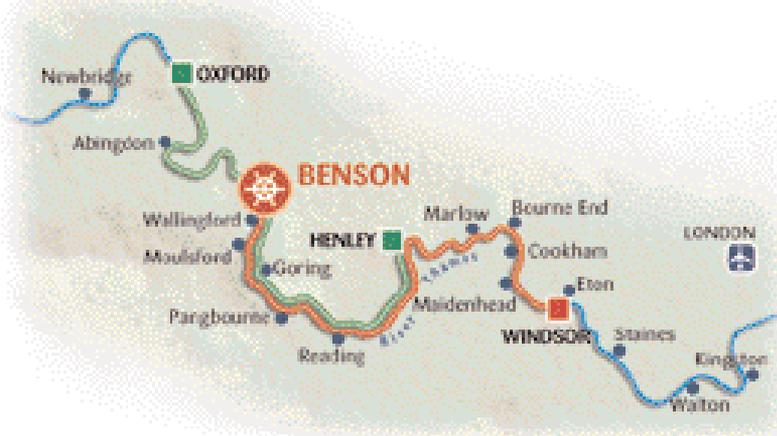
Pretty **Cookham** was home to artist Stanley Spencer, whose work is on show in the village. Discover the stories of power and politics associated with Cliveden and its 376 acres of gardens. Explore **Windsor** with its famous castle and graceful surrounding parkland. Take a picnic ashore and observe the changing of the guard, take a tour around the castle's imposing staterooms or enjoy a flutter at the famous racecourse.

- ▶ 155 km • 36 locks
- ▶ 30 hr round trip cruising time

# England

## The royal river

Often referred to as the King's Highway, the famous river Thames winds its way through the beautiful green countryside of southern England, steeped in heritage and history. Visit Oxford, the city of dreaming spires, the quintessentially English Henley-on-Thames and majestic Windsor, home to the Royal family. Admire manicured gardens that stretch to the waters edge and perfect houses that stand proud as you relax the day away. Take to the towpaths and enjoy one of England's great traditions with a visit to welcoming waterfront pubs!



## Flavours of the region



■ Indulge in thick slabs of cheese, zingy pickles and hunks of bread in a Ploughman's, or enjoy a traditional dish of fish and chips or bangers and mash. Sweet puddings such as apple crumble and spotted dick are relished with yellow custard. Wash it all down with a cup of tea or a pint of real ale.

■ CROWN BLUE LINE BASE

1 Henley 2 On the Thames

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## Cruising suggestion

### 1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

#### Laggan/Banavie/Inverness

*Caledonian Canal*

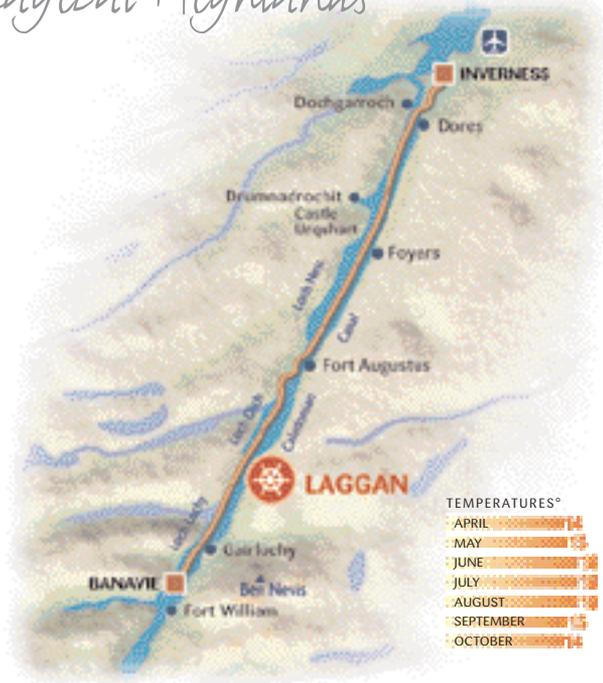
Cruising down water, take part in a whisky tasting at the distillery in **Banavie**. Heading back toward Laggan, learn more about Highland life at the Clansman Centre in **Fort Augustus**. **Foyers** is home to the famous Falls of Foyers, popularised by poet Robert Burns. Overlooking **Loch Ness**, the picturesque ruins of **Urquhart Castle** make a spectacular monster spotting location. Pack a picnic and see if Nessie makes an appearance! Take to the water and enjoy windsurfing and waterskiing at **Dores**.

- ▶ 193 km • 10 locks
- ▶ 25 hr round trip cruising time

# Scotland

## The magical Highlands

From Inverness to Fort William, the Caledonian Canal sits at the heart of the Great Glen fault. Surrounded by breathtakingly beautiful hillsides clad in silvery heather, the Canal connects a series of Lochs - Lochy, Oich and Ness - before reaching Inverness, the capital of the Scottish Highlands. Mysterious Loch Ness lies at the centre of your cruise, relax on deck as you pass over the dark waters, and wonder what might be below! Stretch your legs ashore enjoying the clear Celtic air and a dram of whisky in traditional pubs.



## Flavours of the region



■ Hearty soups and broths brimming with local vegetables and tasty meats and filling homely cooking such as haggis, dumplings and black puddings can be found in restaurants throughout Scotland. Renowned for having a sweet tooth, the Scots enjoy cakes, sweets and shortbreads at high tea in the afternoon.

CROWN BLUE LINE BASE

- 1 Laggan 2 Urquhart Castle

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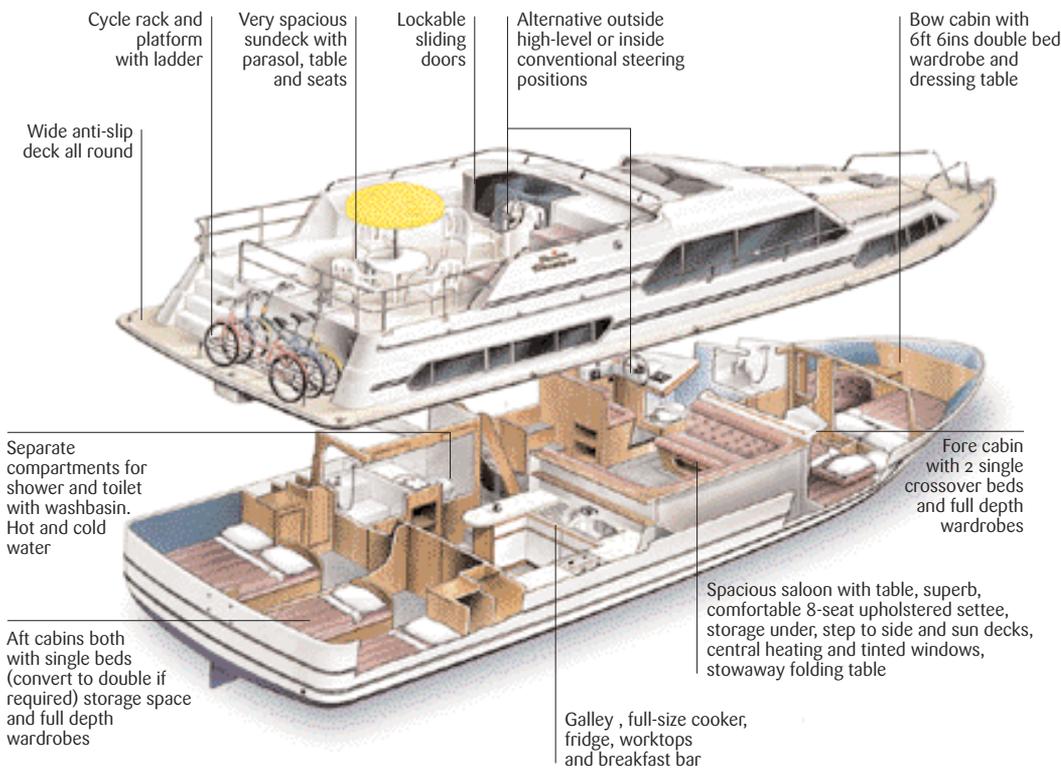


Everything you need to know!

You have already chosen a region and planned a route for your next cruise. Now all you have to do is select your boat from the 37 types available!

## Choosing your boat

Crown Blue Line offers the largest choice of cruisers in Europe. Some are traditional, some offer the ultimate in luxury and all are perfectly equipped and rigorously maintained for comfort and safety. Whether you are holidaying as a couple or as a large group, Crown Blue Line has cruisers to suit all your needs.



### Key features of the Classique

### Cruising essentials!

■ On board your boat you will find a Boat Manual containing the boat's official papers, a complete equipment inventory (kitchen and bedding) as well as information that will help you make the best of your cruise such as regional tourist leaflets and a list of events and festivals. You will also find our culinary pocket dictionary "Bon Appétit" in three languages, to help you unravel the mysteries of restaurant menus and appreciate the local gastronomy, as well as a list of restaurants close to the waterway.



### The right size

■ It's important that you choose a large enough boat to comfortably accommodate your party. The capacity and dimensions of each boat can be found within each boat's description. When you see two figures (e.g. 6 + 2) the first shows the capacity not exceeding two people per cabin while the second shows the number of extra berths, usually in the saloon. The boat photograph will give you an overall impression of the model and the layout plan clearly shows how your party will be accommodated on board. Some layouts differ slightly - but the accommodation will generally be as shown.

### Departure dates

■ Each boat has a specific departure day - usually Monday, Friday or Saturday. Once you've chosen your boat and region you should check the departure day when making your booking.

### Short breaks

■ Don't forget that - subject to availability - many of our boats are available for short breaks at certain periods mid week and at weekends. Please ask for details and prices.

### Ready to go!

■ Before departure, your boat will have been thoroughly cleaned and all mechanical equipment carefully checked. The full tank of diesel is sufficient for one or two weeks of cruising and the water supply should last about two days before you need to refill at one of the many water points shown in your canal guide.

## Equipment on board

- **Galley:** Each galley has generous work surfaces, a sink, cooker with oven and grill, large cupboards and one or two refrigerators depending on the size of the boat. A full range of cooking utensils, cutlery, crockery and glassware is also provided.
- **Bathrooms:** Depending on the size of the boat, you'll find one, two or even three bathrooms with shower, toilet and in some cases even a bath! All boats have large water tanks with a generous supply of hot and cold water.
- **Bed Linen:** A complete set of bed linen is provided, including sheets, duvets or blankets. Towels are also provided.
- **Storage Space:** There is plenty of cupboard and wardrobe space on each boat for storing clothing and belongings and our latest boats have a safe for your valuables.
- **Safety Equipment:** You'll find all the required safety equipment on board your boat: first aid kit, fire blanket, fire extinguishers and life jackets. Children's life jackets are also available and should be requested at your base prior to departure.

## Key features of each model

	Design				Comfort					Features							
	Two steering positions	Upper sun deck	Sliding roof over saloon	One level interior	Saloon NOT convertible	Number of cabins	Number of single berths	Number of double berths	Number of double berths convertible into two single	Number of bathrooms and toilets	Radio/CD Player	Heating	Air cooling system	12 V phone charger	Bow thrusters	Shore power plugs - 220 V	Under two years old (Elite)
<b>CROWN CLASS</b>																	
Cirrus (2+2)	•	•				1	3 or 2	2 or 1		1	•	•		•			
Clipper (4)	•	•			•	2		1	1	2	•	•		•			
Clipper <i>ELITE</i> (4)	•	•			•	2		1	1	2	•	•	•	•		•	•
Consul (4+1)	•	•				2	1	1	1	2	•	•				•	
Countess (4+2)	•	•				2	2	2		2	•	•		•			
Crusader (6)	•	•			•	3	2		2	3	•	•		•			
Royal Classique (6)	•	•			•	3		1	2	3	•	•	•	•			
Calypso <i>ELITE</i> (6+2)	•	•				3		1	3	2	•	•		•		•	•
Classique (8)	•	•			•	4	2	1	2	2	•	•		•		•	
Classique S (8)	•	•			•	4	2	1	2	3	•	•		•		•	
Classique S <i>ELITE</i> (8)	•	•			•	4	2	1	2	3	•	•	•	•		•	•
Salsa <i>ELITE</i> (8+2)	•	•				4		1	3	2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Grand Classique (10)	•	•			•	5	4	1	2	3	•	•		•	•	•	•
Grand Classique <i>ELITE</i> (10)	•	•			•	5	4	1	2	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>TRADITIONAL CLASS</b>																	
Capri (2+1)				•		1	1		1	1	•	•		•			
Consort (2+2)						1	2	1		1	•	•		•			
Comet (4)	•	•			•	2		1	1	2	•	•		•			
Princess Sheba (2+3)	•	•				1	1		2	1	•	•		•			
Braemore (4+2)	•	•				2		1	2	2	•	•		•			
Osprey (4+2)						2		2	1	2	•	•		•			
Tamaris (4+2)	•	•				2	2	1	1	2	•	•		•			
Tasman (4+2)			•			2	2	2	2	2	•	•		•			
Princess Asteria (4+3)	•	•				2	3		2	2	•	•		•	•		
Condor (6+1)	•	•		•	•	3	3	2		2	•	•		•			
Jamaica (6+1)			•			3	5	1		2	•	•		•			
Corsair (5+3)			•	•		2	6	1		1	•	•		•			
Princess Ariane (4+4)	•	•				2	2	1	2	2	•	•		•	•		
Princess Maya (6+4)	•	•				3	6	2		2	•	•		•	•		
Atlantic (7+2)			•	•		3	5	2		2	•	•		•			
Nautilia (8+2)	•	•				4	2	2	2	2	•	•		•			
Challenger (8+4)		•				4	4	4		3	•	•		•			
Princess Cassandra (10+2)	•	•				4	4	1	3	3	•	•		•	•		
<b>EXCEL CLASS</b>																	
Caprice (4+2)	•	•		•		2		1	2	2	•	•		•	•		
Elegance (6+2)	•	•		•		3	4		2	3	•	•		•	•		
Magnifique (8+2)	•	•				4		3	2	3	•	•		•	•		
<b>IRISH STAR CLASS</b>																	
Town Star (2+1)						1	1	1		1	•	•		•			
Mountain Star (4+1)						2	3	1		1	•	•		•			
Lake Star (4+3)	•	•				2	1	2		2	•	•		•			
Shannon Star (7+2)	•	•			4	3	3		3	3	•	•		•			
Glen Star (8+2)	•	•				4	2	3	1	2	•	•		•			

## Highlights

■ Boats that have **two steering positions** allow you to choose whether to steer from inside the saloon or outside on the upper sun deck. This means you can be in the sunshine or the shade, depending on your mood or the weather!

■ An upper **sun deck** is perfect for taking advantage of the warm sunshine and enjoying the beautiful scenery that surrounds you. Most of our boats have tables, chairs and parasols on

board so you can make the most of being up on deck and enjoy alfresco wining and dining at your leisure.

■ Some of our boats have a **sliding roof** which opens to reveal the whole of the saloon area. This means you can enjoy the beautiful scenery and sunshine outside from the comfort of your saloon inside. These boats are particularly suitable if you have young children as access to the outside area can be carefully controlled.

■ Boats that are all **on one level on the inside** provide easy access and are great for anyone who has mobility problems. These boats have an

opening or a sliding roof - depending on the model - allowing you to enjoy the outdoors from the comfort of the saloon.

■ **Electrical Equipment:** Each boat is equipped with a 12 volt system with a cigar lighter fitting to recharge mobile phones and camcorders. A radio cassette and a 12 volt hair dryer are provided. A 220 volt socket is available for electric razors only.



# Crown Class

Our new generation Crown Class fleet is the undisputed king of the waterways. Combining elegance, comfort and style, these spacious boats offer the ultimate in cruising luxury. Their superb layout affords passengers privacy as well as harmonious living, while practical features such as side access to the outside and two steering positions make them easy to navigate and manoeuvre through canal locks and when mooring. Each has a fully equipped kitchen, a spacious saloon and comfortable cabins, many with en suites. The large sun deck with parasol and chairs is perfect for outdoor dining and daytime relaxation.

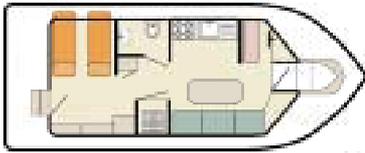
**The Boat Layouts:** The boat layout and descriptions are for general guidance only. Some boats within classes may have minor variations e.g. bed position, folding or pull out double beds, fridge position and boat colour trims. Our sales team can give you specific details of your chosen boat.



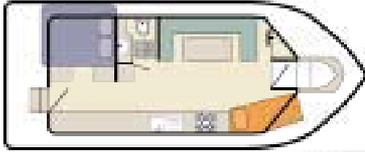
## Boats

These latest generation boats have all been built in the last two years and enjoy the most recent improvements in design and comfort. Elite boats come complete with air assisted circulation and you'll find luxury bath towels on board. With your booking you receive a complimentary waterway guide of your chosen area as well as your Captain's Manual.

■ Use the table in the booking form to find out the availability of each boat in the different cruising regions.



MODEL 1



MODEL 2

- Main rear cabin with one double bed
- Toilet and shower in same compartment
- Saloon with single bed sofa and dinette convertible to another single bed

## Cirrus

*Generous accommodation for a small family, perfect for two people. Two steering positions*



## Crown Class

### SLEEPS 4 (2+2)

1 cabin + saloon

8.80 x 3.60 M (29ft x 11ft 2ins)

MODEL 1

- Main rear cabin with two single beds which can be combined to make a double
- Two steering positions, one inside and one outside
- Saloon with settee convertible to double berth
- Door from saloon to forward sun deck sitting area (not in Ireland)
- Rear cabin platform with bicycle storage



## Clipper

*Sumptuously spacious for four - in two separate large cabins each with en suite toilet/shower*

■ Also available in the  range



### SLEEPS 4

2 cabins

11.00 x 3.90 M (36ft x 13ft)

- Two steering positions, one inside and one outside
- Front cabin with double bed and en suite toilet and shower
- Generous saloon area with steering position
- Galley on lower level
- Rear cabin has two single beds convertible to a double and en suite toilet and shower
- Rear sun deck with a second steering position
- Bow thrusters in Germany and Holland



## Consul

*Stylish and practical ideal for a family or two couples, with two separate cabins, one at the front and one at the rear*



### SLEEPS 5 (4+1)

2 cabins + saloon

10.33 x 3.37 M (34ft x 11ft)

- Two steering positions, one inside and one outside
- Front cabin with two singles or one double bed
- Shower and toilet compartment at the front
- Spacious central saloon with steering position, settee converts to a single bed
- Large rear cabin with double bed and en suite toilet and shower
- Sun deck with second steering position and seating



Boat layout colour key ■ Single berth ■ Double berth ■ Seating converts to single/double berth

■ Use the table in the booking form to find out the availability of each boat in the different cruising regions.



## Countess

*Luxurious and comfortable - superb accommodation for four with a pull out double bed in the saloon*

## Crown Class

**SLEEPS 6 (4+2)**

**2 cabins + saloon**

10.20 x 3.56 M (33ft 6ins x 11ft 8ins)

- Two steering positions, one inside and one outside
- Forward cabin with two single berths
- Adjacent shower and toilet compartment
- Roomy central saloon with convertible double settee berth
- Double cabin at rear with en suite shower and toilet
- Full width bathing platform at rear



## Crusader

*Sister design to the Classique*

**SLEEPS 6**

**3 cabins**

11.00 x 3.90 M (39ft x 13ft)

- Three separate cabins each with en suite bathrooms with shower and toilet
- Forward cabin with two single berths
- Saloon with steering position and separate galley on lower level
- Two rear cabins each with single berths convertible to double
- Large upper sun deck with second steering position, table, chairs and parasol



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## Royal Classique

*The most luxurious of the Classique range*



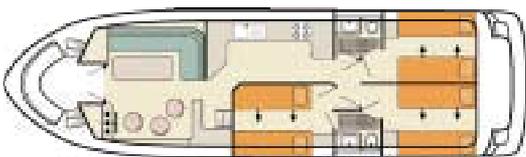
## Crown Class

### SLEEPS 6

**3 cabins**

12.80 x 4.10 M (42ft x 13ft 6ins)

- Two steering positions, one inside and one outside
- Forward cabin with king size bed and en suite bathroom with shower and toilet
- Spacious saloon with settee, folding table and sliding door for access to outside decks
- Large galley on lower level
- Two rear cabins each with single berths convertible to double, and en suite shower and toilet compartments
- Spacious upper sun deck, directly accessible from the saloon with second steering position, table, chairs and a parasol
- Air assisted circulation
- Bow thrusters



## Calypso

*Designed for traditional canal boat lovers, the Calypso benefits from the addition of the latest innovations in comfort and equipment*

■ Only available in the  range

### SLEEPS 8 (6+2)

**3 cabins + saloon**

13.25 x 4.10 M (43ft x 13ft 6ins)

- Two rear cabins with two single beds convertible into one double bed, each with en suite bathroom
- One central cabin with two single beds convertible into one double
- Large front saloon with steering position, settee that converts into one double bed and direct access to front small sundeck with seating
- Fully equipped galley
- Second steering position on large upper sundeck

The Calypso Elite is not equipped with assisted air circulation



Boat layout colour key ■ Single berth ■ Double berth ■ Seating converts to single/double berth

■ Use the table in the booking form to find out the availability of each boat in the different cruising regions.



## Classique

*Flagship of the waterways and unrivalled for style, comfort and space*



## Crown Class

**SLEEPS 8**

**4 cabins**

12.80 x 4.10 M (42ft x 13ft 6ins)

- Two steering positions, one inside and one outside
- Two forward cabins, one with double berth, other with two single berths
- Spacious saloon with settee, folding table and sliding door for access to outside decks
- Large galley on lower level, fully equipped including refrigerator
- Two rear cabins each with single berths convertible to double
- Two separate shower, and toilet compartments, forward and aft
- Spacious upper sun deck, directly accessible from the saloon with second steering position, table, chairs and a parasol



## Classique "S"

*The new generation of Classique with the latest modifications both inside and out*

■ Also available in the  range

**SLEEPS 8**

**4 cabins**

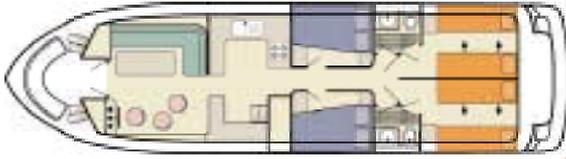
12.80 x 4.10 M (42ft x 13ft 6ins)

The inside layout is very similar to the Classique. The following features have been added:

- The rear cabin now has an en suite
- There is more seating on the deck for comfort
- There are three bathrooms



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## Salsa

*Sister design to the Calypso, the Salsa's superb interior layout - four cabins and a huge saloon - make it ideal for large families or groups of friends*

■ Only available in the  range

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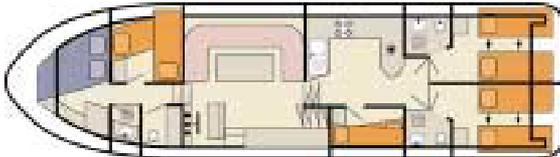
## Crown Class

**SLEEPS 10 (8+2)**

**4 cabins + saloon**

14.25 x 4.10 M (46ft x 13ft 6ins)

- Two rear cabins with two single beds convertible into one double bed, each with en suite bathroom
- Two central cabins, each with double bed
- Large front saloon with steering position. Settee that converts into one double bed. Direct access to front sun deck with seating and to main upper sundeck
- Fully equipped galley open plan layout with saloon
- Large upper sun deck with second steering position



## Grand Classique

*Very spacious and easy to manoeuvre, ideal for big families or groups*

■ Also available in the  range

**SLEEPS 10**

**5 cabins**

14.63 x 4.10 M (48ft x 13ft 6ins)

- Two steering positions, one inside and one outside
- Two cabins in the front, one with a double bed, the other with two singles
- Very spacious saloon with settee/dining area and steering position and a side door on to the deck
- Large galley on a lower level, equipped with refrigerator
- Three cabins at the rear, two with either double bed or two singles and one with two bunk beds
- Three toilets and showers
- A large sundeck with second steering position, table, chairs and parasol, with a door connecting to the saloon
- Bow thrusters



Boat layout colour key ■ Single berth ■ Double berth ■ Seating converts to single/double berth



# Traditional Class

Our wide range of traditionally built boats are practically equipped and generously fitted for comfortable canal cruising and river navigation. Whatever your budget and whatever your party size, you can be sure of finding a boat that perfectly balances your needs for easy cruising with holiday comfort. From a party of two to a party of 12, you will find our boats well designed, generously sized and perfectly equipped.

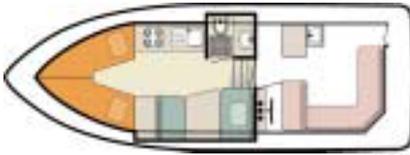
## Excel Class and Irish Star Class

Crown Blue Line gives you the opportunity to cruise the waterways of Ireland on board the Excel and Irish Star fleet which belongs to its sister company, Emerald Star. Specially designed for Irish cruising, these boats offer a high degree of quality and comfort.

**The Boat Layouts:** The boat layout and descriptions are for general guidance only. Some boats within classes may have minor variations e.g. bed position, folding or pull out double beds, fridge position and boat colour trims. Our sales team can give you specific details of your chosen boat.



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## Capri

*Superbly chic!*

# Traditional Class

### SLEEPS 3 (2+1)

1 cabin + saloon

8.30 x 2.90 m (27ft 4ins x 9ft 8ins)

- Forward cabin with two large single berths or double (no double berth in Ireland)
- Saloon with a galley and dining table, convertible into single berth
- Raised exterior steering position with opening roof
- Large rear deck with seating and folding canopy
- Second shower on rear deck (not in Burgundy)



## Consort

*Smart cruiser offering excellent accommodation*

### SLEEPS 4 (2+2)

1 cabin + saloon

9.45 x 3.50 m (31ft x 11ft 6ins)

- Spacious centre saloon with sun roof, steering position, and dining area convertible double berth
- Forward cabin with two single berths
- Bathroom with wash basin, shower and toilet
- Aft sun deck with seating and bathing platform



In Scotland, the interior arrangement of the Consort is different



## Comet

*An attractive boat for four people*

### SLEEPS 4

2 cabins

8.80 x 3.60 m (29ft x 11ft 3ins)

- Forward cabin with two single berths convertible to double, en suite bathroom with shower and toilet
- Rear cabin with double berth, en suite bathroom with shower, bath and toilet
- Saloon with interior steering position
- Raised sun deck with second steering position



## Princess Sheba

*Superb spacious boat for a couple or small family*

### SLEEPS 5 (2+3)

1 cabin + saloon

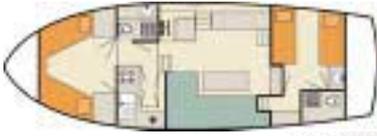
9.00 x 3.40 m (29ft 6ins x 11ft 2ins)

- Aft cabin with double berth and convertible settee single
- Convertible double dinette berth in saloon
- Toilet, wash basin and shower compartment
- Stairs to upper sun deck
- Two steering positions, one inside and one outside



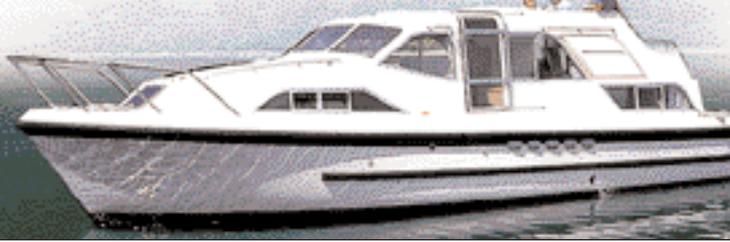
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# Traditional Class



## Braemore

*Handsome cruiser with two steering positions and generous accommodation*

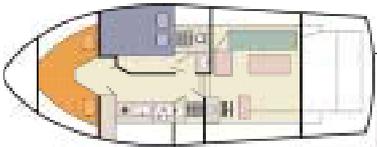


**SLEEPS 6 (4+2)**

**2 cabins + saloon**

10.36 x 3.66 M (34ft x 12ft)

- Rear cabin with two singles which can combine to make a double with en suite toilet and shower
- Forward cabin with two single berths or one double
- Forward shower and toilet compartment
- Large high-level saloon with settee convertible to double berth
- Two steering positions, one inside and one outside
- Sliding door from saloon to side deck



## Osprey

*Excellent family boat with rear deck for access and fishing*



**SLEEPS 6 (4+2)**

**2 cabins + saloon**

11.28 x 3.66 M (37ft x 12ft)

- Spacious rear saloon with convertible double berth
- Forward cabin with two singles which can combine to make a double
- Central cabin with double berth
- Two centrally placed toilet/shower compartments
- Patio doors to large rear deck
- Inside steering position



## Tamaris

*Good looking cruiser offering excellent accommodation with two steering positions*



**SLEEPS 6 (4+2)**

**2 cabins + saloon**

9.70 x 3.60 M (32ft x 12ft)

- Forward cabin with two single berths convertible to a double (not in Alsace and Burgundy)
- Adjacent bathroom with shower and toilet
- Spacious saloon with interior steering position, opening roof, dining table, convertible double berth or two single berths
- Rear cabin with double berth and en suite bathroom with shower and toilet
- Upper sun deck with second steering position and bench seats



## Tasman

*Spacious centre cockpit cruiser with large sliding roof*



**SLEEPS 6 (4+2)**

**2 cabins + saloon**

10.40 x 3.70 M (34ft 6ins x 12ft)

- Forward cabin with two single berths and en suite bathroom with shower and toilet
- Raised central saloon with dining table, convertible double berth, steering position and fully opening roof
- Separate galley on lower level
- Second bathroom at rear with shower and toilet
- Rear cabin with double berth



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# Traditional Class

## Princess Asteria

*Spacious interior for a family*



### SLEEPS 7 (4+3)

2 cabins + saloon

10.00 x 3.80 M (32ft 10ins x 12ft 6ins)

- Two cabins at the rear, each with two single beds plus one folding bed (or one double and one single bed)
- Two toilet, shower and sink compartments
- Saloon with dinette converting to a single bed, plus a steering position
- Interior staircase leading to rear sun deck, with second steering position
- Bow thruster



## Condor

*Restyled with comfortable flying bridge, one level accommodation and two steering positions*

### SLEEPS 7 (6+1)

3 cabins

12.80 x 3.60 M (42ft x 12ft)

- Front cabin with double berth and single berth, en suite bathroom with shower or bath, and toilet
- Centre cabin with two single berths
- Separate galley
- Central shower and toilet compartment accessible from the two cabins
- Spacious saloon at the rear with fold away table
- Stern cabin with double berth
- Second steering position on upper sun deck, parasols and chairs



## Jamaica

*Another well fitted family boat  
Spacious central saloon with opening roof*

### SLEEPS 7 (6+1)

3 cabins + saloon

12.20 x 3.80 M (40ft x 12ft 6ins)

- Forward cabin with double berth, en suite bathroom with shower and toilet
- Central saloon with steering position and convertible single berth (Sleeps six only in the Midi - no single berth)
- Central cabin with two single berths and wash basin
- Second bathroom with shower and toilet
- Rear cabin with two single berths and wash basin
- Full sliding roof over saloon



JAMAICA "S"  
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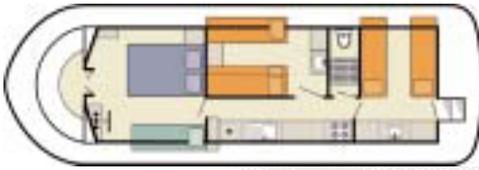
- Front cabin and saloon similar to standard Jamaica
- Two central cabins, each with a single berth
- Connecting bathroom with shower and toilet for each of the central cabins
- Rear cabin with double berth, wash basin and toilet.



Boat layout colour key   ■ Single berth   ■ Double berth   ■ Seating converts to single/double berth

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# Traditional Class



## Corsair

*A popular family boat with the comfort and convenience of a single level.*

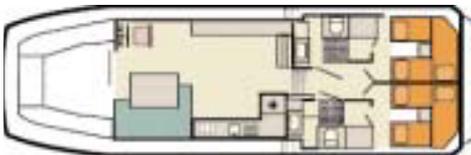


### SLEEPS 8 (5+3)

2 cabins + saloon

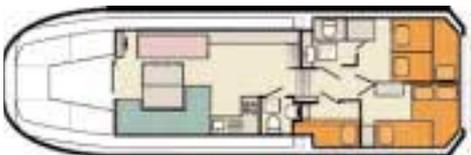
11.30 x 3.70 M (37ft x 12ft)

- Spacious forward saloon with one settee convertible to a double berth and a second convertible to a single berth
- Full sliding sun roof over the saloon, with forward steering position
- Central cabin with two single berths and a folding bunk berth and a wash basin
- Bathroom with shower and toilet
- Motor at the stern for quiet cruising
- Rear cabin with two single berths and wash basin
- Large roof sun deck



## Princess Ariane

*Similar model to Maya but with one cabin less, therefore more spacious galley and central saloon*



## Princess Maya

*This model has three separate cabins and a spacious saloon - plus raised sundeck*



### SLEEPS 8 (4+4)

2 cabins + saloon

12.00 x 4.15 M (39ft 4ins x 13ft 7ins)

- Two rear cabins with three single beds or one double and one single (bunk bed)
- Two toilet shower and sink compartments
- Saloon with convertible dinette and a single bed, plus a steering position
- Interior staircase leading to the raised sundeck, with second steering position
- Bow thruster

### SLEEPS 10 (6+4)

3 cabins + saloon

12.00 x 4.15 M (39ft 4ins x 13ft 7ins)

- Rear cabin with two single beds and one bunk
- Second rear cabin, with one double plus one child bunk
- Third cabin alongside with two bunk beds
- Two toilet, sink and shower compartments
- Saloon with dinette which converts to a double bed, and a steering position
- Interior staircase leading to raised sun deck, and second steering position
- Bow thruster



## Atlantic

*Big capacity single level boat, ideal for groups or families.*

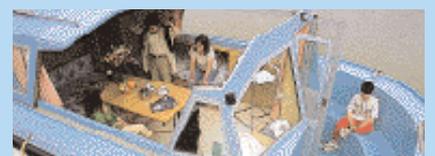


### SLEEPS 9 (7+2)

4 cabins + saloon

13.40 x 3.70 M (44ft x 12ft)

- Spacious forward saloon with full sliding roof, dining area convertible to a double berth and a settee convertible to a single berth
- Adjacent galley with two refrigerators
- Central cabin with two single berths and wash basin
- Bathroom with shower and toilet
- Second central cabin with double berth and wash basin
- Separate rear shower and toilet compartments
- Stern cabin with two single berths and wash basin
- Generous side decks and low hull for easy access
- Large roof sun deck



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## Nautilia

*This boat is great for large groups as it can accommodate up to ten people! It has two steering positions and a large outdoor terrace!*

# Traditional Class

### SLEEPS 10 (8+2)

4 cabins + saloon

12.80 X 4.10 M (42ft x 13ft 6ins)

- Two steering positions, one inside and one outside
- Two cabins to the front, one with a double bed, the other with two single beds
- Spacious saloon area with a settee that converts to a double bed
- Interior steering position with access to the deck
- Large galley with new fixtures
- Two cabins to the rear, each with two single beds that can convert into doubles
- Two bathrooms with showers ■ Separate toilets
- Large outside area with second steering position, table, chairs and parasol, accessible directly from the saloon



## Challenger

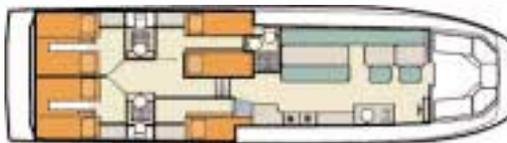
*A majestic boat for maximum capacity*

### SLEEPS 12 (8+4)

4 cabins + saloon

13.80 x 3.90 M (45ft x 13ft)

- Two forward cabins one with two single berths and the other with two bunk berths
- Roomy central saloon with steering position, sun roof, galley, and a settee convertible to a double berth
- Two cabins at the rear each with a double berth
- Dining area with convertible double berth
- Three bathrooms each with a shower and toilet
- Large upper sun deck with table, chairs and parasol



## Princess Cassandra

*One of our largest boats with very generous space inside*

### SLEEPS 12 (10+2)

4 cabins + saloon

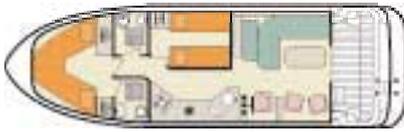
14.95 x 4.15 M (49ft x 13ft 7ins)

- Two cabins at the rear with two single beds (or one double) plus one bunk bed
- One central cabin with two single bunk beds (one of which can be made into a double bed)
- Central cabin with two single bunk beds
- Three toilet, shower and sink compartments
- Very large saloon with a settee, which will convert to a double bed. Steering position
- Interior staircase leading to rear sun deck, with second steering position
- Bow thruster



Boat layout colour key ■ Single berth ■ Double berth ■ Seating converts to single/double berth

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## Caprice

*With ample headroom, this boat is light and airy. The size of the windows allow you to benefit from every minute of sunshine!*



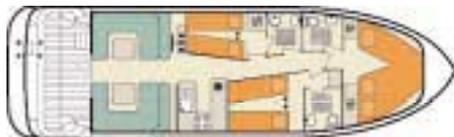
## Excel Class

### SLEEPS 6 (4+2)

**2 cabins + saloon**

12.00 x 3.81 M (39ft x 12ft 6ins)

- Two steering positions, one inside and one outside
- One forward cabin with one double or two single beds
- Mid cabin with one double bed or two single beds
- Good size saloon with settee that converts to a double bed
- Excellent, fully equipped galley
- Two showers, two toilets, two washbasins
- Spacious outside terrace
- Air assisted circulation
- TV (Ireland only)



## Elegance

*The Caprice's big brother with a thoroughly modern design with the emphasis on comfort, space and light*

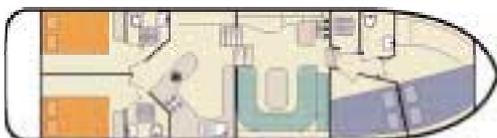


### SLEEPS 8 (6+2)

**3 cabins + saloon**

13.10 x 4.10 M (43ft x 13ft 6ins)

- Two steering positions, one inside and one outside
- One forward cabin with either a double bed or two single beds
- Two mid cabins with one double bed or two single beds
- Light and spacious saloon with two settees that convert into single beds
- Fully equipped galley
- Three showers, wash basins and toilets
- Large outside terrace
- Bow thrusters
- Air assisted circulation
- TV (Ireland only)



## Magnifique

*Spacious and comfortable, this boat is great for larger families and groups of friends*



### SLEEPS 10 (8+2)

**4 cabins + saloon**

14.50 x 4.10 M (47ft x 13ft 6ins)

- Two steering positions, one inside and one outside
- Two forward cabins, both with double beds
- Separate shower and toilet
- Large saloon with convertible double settee, folding table and door to outside deck
- Large galley on lower level, fully equipped including microwave oven
- Two rear cabins each with two single berths that can convert to doubles, and en suites comprising shower, toilet and washbasin
- Spacious sun deck with seating
- Bow thrusters
- Air assisted circulation
- TV (Ireland only)



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### Town Star

*The ideal boat for two people*

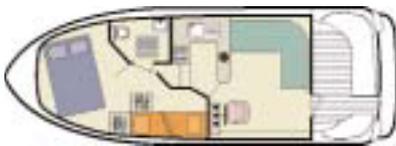


#### SLEEPS 3 (2+1)

**1 cabin + saloon**

9.00 x 3.20 M (29ft x 10ft 6ins)

- Indoor steering position
- One forward cabin with double bed
- Convertible settee makes a single berth in the saloon
- One bathroom with one shower, washbasin and toilet
- Sheltered deck aft, directly accessible from the living area



### Mountain Star

*A boat that has been specially designed for Emerald Star, it provides a bright and spacious environment for cruising*



#### SLEEPS 5 (4+1)

**2 cabins + saloon**

10.50 x 3.80 M (34ft x 12ft 6ins)

- Two cabins – one with double berth and one with two single bunk beds
- Medium sized saloon with settee that converts to a single berth
- Fully equipped galley
- One bathroom with shower, wash basin and toilet
- Aft platform accessible from the living area



### Lake Star

*Benefiting from a good sized saloon, this boat is great for socialising*

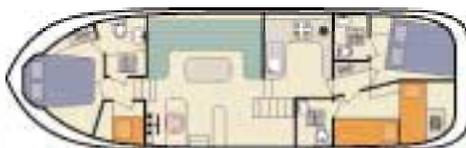


#### SLEEPS 7 (4+3)

**2 cabins + saloon**

9.80 x 3.70 M (32ft x 12ft)

- Two steering positions, one inside and one outside
- Forward cabin with two singles or one double bed
- One rear cabin with double bed
- Fully equipped galley
- Spacious saloon with two settee – one convertible to a single berth, one convertible to a double.
- Two showers, washbasins and toilets



### Shannon Star

*The flagship of the Emerald Star fleet, this boat was built exclusively for the company*



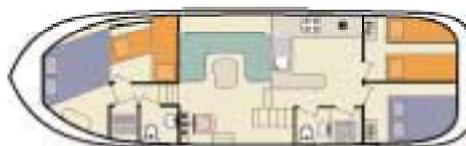
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#### SLEEPS 9 (7+2)

**4 cabins + saloon**

12.80 x 4.10 M (42ft x 13ft 6ins)

- Two steering positions, one inside and one outside
- Two forward cabins, one with a double bed, one with a single berth
- Good sized saloon with settee convertible to a double bed
- Two rear cabins, one with double bed, one with two single bunks
- Three showers, toilets and wash basins
- Well sized galley
- Colour TV and VCR



### Glen Star

*A spacious and airy boat that is perfect for larger groups*



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#### SLEEPS 10 (8+2)

**4 cabins + saloon**

12.80 x 4.10 M (42ft x 13ft 6ins)

- Two steering positions, one inside and one outside
- Two forward cabins, one with a double bed, one with two singles
- Two rear cabins, one double bed and one berth adaptable as a double bed or two singles
- Settee in the saloon converts to a double
- Two showers, washbasins and toilets
- Colour TV and VCR

Boat layout colour key   ■ Single berth   ■ Double berth   ■ Seating converts to single/double berth