



## DIRECTIONS

### BY ROAD <sup>1</sup>

- Leave M4 at junction 12 and at the roundabout take the exit marked to A4 Theale/Newbury.
- 1st exit coming from East or 3rd exit coming from West.
- At the next roundabout take the second exit following A4, Bath Road.
- Again at the next roundabout take the second exit following A4, Bath Road.
- At the next roundabout take the second exit following A340, Basingstoke Road.
- Take a left turn on Wharfside and the marina office is straight ahead.

### BY ROAD <sup>2</sup> From M3/A303/South

- Join Basingstoke ring road and follow signs for Basingstoke hospital and A340.
- Continue on A340 through Tadley and Aldermaston.
- Cross over canal bridge at Aldermaston Wharf and take next right into Wharf side and the marina office is straight ahead.

### BY RAIL

The nearest railway station is Aldermaston which is **300 metres away**. Please go to the links below to find out more about tickets and prices.



You can buy rail tickets on-line at [thetrainline.com](http://thetrainline.com) or [firstgreatwestern.com](http://firstgreatwestern.com).

### FROM AIRPORTS

Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton and Stansted airports are all linked to Reading by motorway and bus services. London Heathrow airport is 40 miles away (45 minutes by car), Heathrow Express Bus service to Reading station. Gatwick Express rail service terminates at Reading station. Rail service from Reading to Aldermaston every hour (No Sunday service)



### Thames Cruising

*We are happy to allow our hire fleet to cruise on the River Thames and our boats have a Gold license that allows you to do so without extra charge.*

When planning any river cruising within your route, do bear in mind that in some weather conditions river navigation may be restricted, so it is worth having an alternative plan.



## TRAVEL / PLANNING

### LOCAL ACCOMMODATION

Please check [www.hotelshopuk.com](http://www.hotelshopuk.com) or [www.laterooms.com](http://www.laterooms.com) for special rates.

- **Holiday Inn Padworth** - Tel: 0118 971 4411
- **Comfort Inn Padworth** - Tel: 0118 971 3282
- **Hinds Head Pub/Hotel Aldermaston** - Tel: 0118 971 2194

### LOCAL TAXI COMPANIES

**A To B Travel:** 01189108108 - **Mobile:** 07786637222

**Email:** [Philhutt@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Philhutt@hotmail.co.uk)

### NEAREST GROCERY STORES

**Sainsbury's**, 30 Mulford's Hill, Tadley, Hampshire, RG26 3JE

**Tel:** 0118 9818489 (3 Miles)

**Waitrose**, 48-53 The Broadway, Thatcham, Berkshire, RG19 3HP **Tel:** 01635 868113 (5 Miles)



## PEWSEY & RETURN

7 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 6.5 Hrs • Locks: 90

- Cruise west to the picturesque market town of Newbury.
- There are some nice pubs at the canalside village of Kintbury.
- Before arriving at Hungerford, stop off and visit the antique shops and admire the charming canalscape.
- Then it's onto Great Bedwyn and Crofton Pump Station, home to the world's oldest working beam engine.
- Visit the historic conservation village at Wootton Rivers on your way to the traditional village of Pewsey with its beautiful thatched cottages.

## OXFORD & RETURN

7 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 7 Hrs • Locks: 48

- Join the River Thames at Reading and cruise to Oxford the city of dreaming spires.
- With its mix of ancient and modern there is plenty to do in Oxford

## THE GRAND RING

14-21 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 6-9 Hrs • Locks: 175

- This ring takes a minimum of 2 weeks to complete or longer if you want to take in the sights along the way.
- The Thames River Licence price is included in your hire charge.
- Take in the delights of the southern waterways including Oxford, Banbury, Leighton Buzzard, but then follow a similar route to Limehouse and return for another aspect.

## SHORT BREAKS

### NEWBURY & RETURN

3 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 5 Hrs • Locks: 22

Cruise to the picturesque market town of Newbury, which boasts some lovely 17th century buildings or spend a day at the races.

### HUNGERFORD & RTN

4 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 7.5 Hrs • Locks: 42

Take a cruise to Hungerford and visit the famous antique shops and beautiful waterfront.

### HENLEY AND RETURN

3-4 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 6-7 Hrs • Locks: 30

Go up onto the River Thames and travel to the 12th century market town of Henley.

## WINDSOR & RETURN

7 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 5.5 Hrs • Locks: 42

- A short cruise to Reading, where you join the Thames and cruise downstream through the rowing town of Henley, the charming town of Marlow, where Shelley and T.S. Eliot once lived, and Cookham, home to the Stanley Spencer art gallery.
- Moor up at Taplow for a visit to Cliveden House and, if your budget is up to it, at Bray, where you could enjoy a fine meal at either Heston Blumenthal's Fat Duck or the Roux brothers' Waterside Inn.
- Visit Eton College before arriving at the royal town of Windsor, famous for its castle, and nearby Legoland.

## BATH & RETURN

14 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 6.5 Hrs • Locks: 176

- Head down the Kennet & Avon and follow the route to Pewsey, then down to Devizes and the Caen Hill flight of locks.
- From our Hilperton Marina pick up the Bath and return route (*see page 23 in our brochure*).
- On the Kennet & Avon you will be able to see two surviving turf-sided locks, Monkey Marsh lock at Thatcham and Garston Lock at Theale.

## LIMEHOUSE & RETURN

10 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 8 Hrs • Locks: 114

- If you have more time to explore into London then this route will take you up onto the River Thames, past Henley, Marlow, Hampton Court Bridge, Teddington, then onto the Grand Union Canal up to Little Venice, London Zoo and Camden market.
- At Henley you could visit The River and Rowing Museum ([www.rrm.co.uk](http://www.rrm.co.uk)), you will pass Runnymede near Egham which is notable for its association with the Magna Carta and current collection of memorials, or at Staines there is Thorpe Park ([www.thorpepark.com](http://www.thorpepark.com)).



**ROUTES WITH THIS ICON**  
You must inform us that you're doing this route as evidence of suitable canal boat experience must be provided.

