



DIRECTIONS

BY ROAD

Located between Staverton & Hilpert Marsh, the marina is indicated by a narrowboat symbol on local brown tourist road signs.

- Exit the M4 at junction 17 and take the A350 (Chippenham) to Melksham.
- At the roundabout take the 3rd exit (Holt B3107).
- Turn left immediately after the Toll Gate pub (Staverton / Hilpert / Trowbridge).
- From Staverton follow the brown local road signs.
- Hilpert Marina, Hammond Way is at the junction of the B3105 and B3106.
- Check in at the glass walled building on stilts at the side of the canal.

BY RAIL

The nearest rail station is Trowbridge where we are just a short taxi ride away. Trowbridge rail station can be reached from London Waterloo or Bath.



You can buy rail tickets on-line at thetrainline.com or firstgreatwestern.com.

FROM AIRPORTS

London airports: Make your way via the London Underground, bus or taxi to London Waterloo station. From there take a train to Trowbridge as above.

From Bristol: Take a taxi to the marina (about 45 minutes).



TRAVEL / PLANNING

LOCAL ACCOMMODATION

Please check www.hotelshopuk.com or www.laterooms.com for special rates.

LOCAL TAXI COMPANIES

Alpha Taxis: 01225 753218 / **1st County Cars:** 01225 352173

NEAREST GROCERY STORES

Tesco - Phone 0845 6779119 (within 3 miles)

Asda - Phone 01225 751318 (within 3 miles)

Sainsburys - Phone 01225 498500 (within 3 miles)

Lidl - Phone 0870 444 1234 (1 mile away)



Shires Shopping Centre

The shopping centre is a 5 minute drive away from the marina.





HUNGERFORD & RETURN ②

7 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 7 Hrs • Locks: 120

- Devizes is a historic market town which hosts a traditional market every Thursday. It is one of the largest market places in the West Country. Look out for the Wadworth Brewery Shire Horse Dray which still delivers to the towns Public Houses. Wadworth Brewery trips see www.wadworthvisitorcentre.co.uk
- Beyond Pewsey and through lush Wiltshire countryside.
- The highest point of the Kennet & Avon is marked by the 502 yard Bruce Tunnel.
- The canal then follows close alongside the Great Western main railway line through the Bedwyns Great & Little and down to Hungerford.
- Pass by Savernake Forest, an ancient woodland mentioned in the Domesday Book.

NEWBURY & RETURN ②

10-11 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 5.5 Hrs • Locks: 140

- Beyond Hungerford the canal shares the valley with both the railway and the River Kennet.
- The Kennet & Avon Canal is so central to Newbury that the main shopping street passes directly over it. (Newbury TIC 01635 30267)
- Take a day out at the races and visit Newbury Race Course. (01635 40015 / www.racecoursenewbury.co.uk)

SHORT BREAKS

DEVIZES & RETURN

4 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 7 Hrs • Locks: 72

The spectacular Devizes flight consists of 29 wide beam locks, rising by 237 feet over just two miles.

BRADFORD ON AVON/BOTTOM OF CAEN & RTN

3 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 7 Hrs • Locks: 14

For an easy weekend to combine cruising and exploring, spend a day in Bradford and another cruising to the base of Caen Hill Locks.

BATH & RETURN

3-4 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 7 Hrs • Locks: 14

The canal passes very close to the city centre and Bath is without doubt, worthy of exploration.

READING & RETURN ②

14 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 6 Hrs • Locks: 186

- Some of the very best countryside in the UK canal system.
- Through a variety of towns and villages to Reading.
- Blakes Lock Museum. (*social & industrial history / 0118 939 0918*)
- Reading Museum. (*0118 939 9800 / www.readingmuseum.org.uk*)
- Museum of English Rural Life. (*0118 378 8660 / www.reading.ac.uk/merl/*)
- Or you could shop at the retail park known as 'The Oracle' which is located next to the canal.

BRISTOL & RETURN ②

7 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 4 Hrs • Locks: 28

- The route includes Bradford on Avon, Bath, Bristol and, unusually, many more towns and villages that the canal passes through the centre of.
- Stop off at the UNESCO World Heritage City of Bath and explore the Roman Baths, Bath Abbey and the Royal Crescent. **For more information** www.visitbath.co.uk
- Having followed the route of the River Avon by canal, after Bath the navigation uses the River itself, reverting to canal to divert into Bristol city centre.
- Stunning weirs accompany each river lock down to Bristol.
- Museums and waterside features reflect the city's former importance as a sea port.
- Visitor moorings are available right in the centre of the city in the floating harbour (*mooring charges apply*).
- Reminders of the route's industrial history such as the brass mill at Kelston are found within rolling valley countryside.



Please Note

A charge is made at some locations on the canals around Hilperton for overnight moorings.
Information will be given at the start of your holiday.

