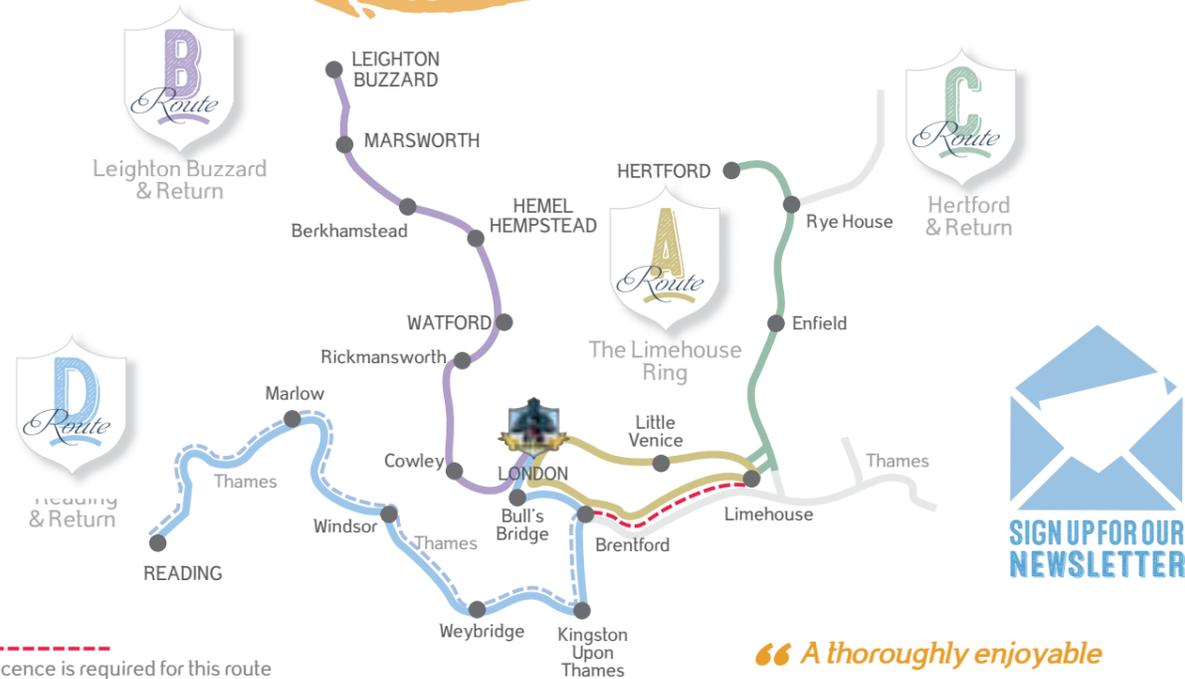


Welcome to... LONDON

An ideal place from which to explore London and its attractions at an easy pace, combining the best of the sights along with a more relaxed lifestyle. The Grand Union Canal Paddington Arm will take you through the heart of London, past many of the attractions of the big city and many hidden gems conveniently accessed via the waterways. Through the excellent London transport links you can see Buckingham Palace, a vast array of museums and art galleries, Covent Garden's famous markets or West End shows, leaving the city behind at the end of the day and returning to the peace of the waterways.

ROUTES FROM LONDON...



VHF Licence is required for this route
Additional River Thames licence required (non-refundable)
A licence is required for the upper Thames from Brentford. This is purchased from the lock keeper and prices can vary according to boat length and time of year.
You may travel with your own licence or alternatively you may pre-book a guide for this stretch of river.



“A thoroughly enjoyable experience and one we look forward to repeating some time in the not too distant future. You could not have served us better. Very many thanks.”



LONDON

VISIT THE CAPITAL!

BOAT AVAILABILITY for LONG AND SHORT BREAKS

LONDON	Fri 2.30pm to Mon 9.30am	Mon 2.30pm to Fri 9.30am
Duchess 4	✓	✓
Duchess 6	✓	✓
Duchess 8	✓	✓

You may also take longer breaks from London from any of the times shown.
See boat details on pages 44 to 47



Why not try a short break from London? You can choose to start from either Friday afternoon to Monday morning or Monday afternoon to Friday morning.



London Short Route....

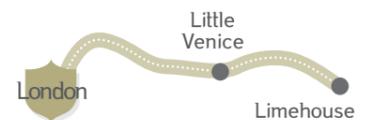
Locks: 24

Cruising Time: Around 19hrs return

Travelling into the heart of London, through Little Venice, continuing on to the Limehouse Basin with its great restaurants and pubs as well as the Docklands Museum.

(There are 2 very useful handbooks which can be found on our website on the London base page:

'London Cruising Guide' and 'London Tideway Handbook 1')



the LIMEHOUSE RING

1 WEEK



44 • 25 • 4
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY



VHF Licence is required for this route



Travelling clockwise into the heart of London, you will pass through Little Venice to the Paddington Basin enabling you to visit Portobello Road Market, London Zoo, Regent's Park and Lord's Cricket Ground. Following the Ring onto the Limehouse Basin you will find great restaurants and pubs as well as the Docklands Museum. Onwards up the Thames (here you will require a valid VHF radio licence) you can take in the famous bridges, the Tower of London, the Millennium Wheel, the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. Further upstream, you will reach Brentford, with the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew and the Kew Bridge Steam Museum just a short walk away. From Brentford you will enter the Grand Union Canal, up the Hanwell flight and return to base.

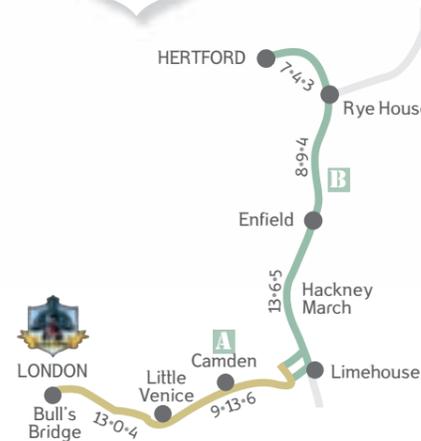
- A** Portobello Road Market | London Zoo | Regent's Park | Lord's Cricket Ground
- B** Docklands Museum | Canary Wharf
- C** Tower of London
- D** Millennium Wheel | Houses of Parliament | Big Ben | Westminster Abbey
- E** Royal Botanic Gardens | Kew Bridge Steam Museum

HERTFORD and return

1 WEEK



50 • 32 • 8
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY



Travelling clockwise from the base you will journey through Little Venice and Camden Town and on to the Hertford Union Canal. From there it's a short distance to the River Lee Navigation. This open waterway runs past well known parts of East London such as Bow, Hackney Marsh and Tottenham and through the length of the beautiful Lee Valley Park. At Waltham Abbey you can visit the Royal Gunpowder Mills. At Rye Park if time allows, you can turn east and travel up the River Stort Navigation towards Bishop Stortford or you can continue towards Hertford – a country town which holds markets in the town twice a week, or soak up the historical atmosphere.

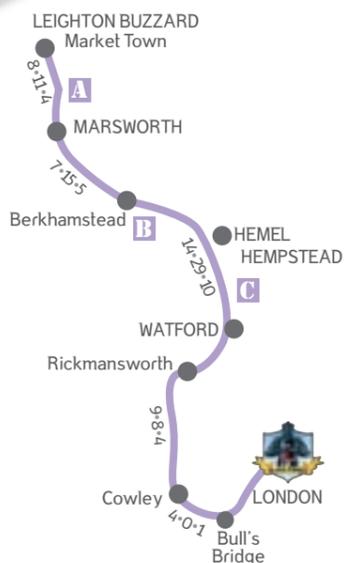
- A** Portobello Road Market | London Zoo
Regent's Park | Lord's Cricket Ground
- B** Waltham Abbey & Royal Gunpowder Mills



42 • 63 • 8
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

LEIGHTON BUZZARD and return

1 WEEK



Travelling anti-clockwise from base you will join the Grand Union Canal main line at Bull's Bridge. This picturesque route takes you on via Uxbridge, a bustling outer suburb of London, following the course of the River Colne and on through to Harefield. Onwards you will travel through the tranquil scenery of the Chilterns. Continuing this route over the summit you will reach Leighton Buzzard – an historic market town which is located in the south west corner of Bedfordshire. It has some excellent waterside pubs and plenty of shops from where you can stock up on provisions.

- A** ZSL Whipsnade Zoo
- B** Berkhamstead Castle
- C** Warner Bros Harry Potter Studio Tour



133 • 33 • 9
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY



REMINDER!
example:
13 • 29 • 9
miles • locks • hours
per each leg of
the route

READING and return

1 WEEK

Travelling anti-clockwise from base you will join the Grand Union Canal at Bull's Bridge and will journey to Brentford – where you are within walking distance of Kew Gardens – and then on to join the River Thames. This is a superb and historical stretch of the Thames. Continuing at a steady pace past Richmond and on towards Hampton Court which dates back to the times of Henry VIII. From there you will continue up the river at a gentle pace towards Windsor Castle. This route takes you on through Henley, where the Regatta takes place during July and to Reading, where the Thames and the River Kennet meet. Reading is a large town with its own abbey, theatres and museums – all well worth a visit.

- A** Royal Botanic Gardens | Kew Bridge Steam Museum
- B** Hampton Court Palace
- C** Windsor Castle

Additional River Thames licence required (non-refundable)

Welcome to... NAPTON WARWICKSHIRE

Ideally situated at the head of the Oxford Canal in Warwickshire, Napton is a base for a large number of interesting routes. The Warwickshire Ring, for the more energetic, contrasts the beautiful countryside around Warwick with city life and industry through Birmingham and Spaghetti Junction. Trips of beauty and interest can also be achieved, including Stratford Upon Avon, Oxford, Snarestone, or a visit to the Waterways Museum at Stoke Bruerne, depending on the number of locks you wish to negotiate.



“This was my second narrowboat experience and both have been superb. And the staff at Napton could not have been more helpful.”



NAPTON
WARWICKSHIRE

Stratford Upon Avon

BOAT AVAILABILITY for LONG AND SHORT BREAKS

NAPTON	Sat	Tues	Fri	Mon
	2.30pm to Tue 9.30am	2.30pm to Sat 9.30am	2.30pm to Mon 9.30am	2.30pm to Fri 9.30am

Princess 2	✓	✓		
Princess 4	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shakespeare 4	✓	✓		
Duchess 4	✓	✓	✓	✓
Countess 4	✓	✓	✓	✓
Princess 6	✓	✓		
Duchess 6	✓	✓	✓	✓
Duchess 8	✓	✓		

You may also take longer breaks from Napton from any of the times shown.

See boat details on pages 44 to 47

Why not try a short break from Napton? You can choose to start from either Saturday afternoon to Tuesday morning, Tuesday afternoon to Saturday morning, Friday afternoon to Monday morning or from Monday afternoon to Friday morning.

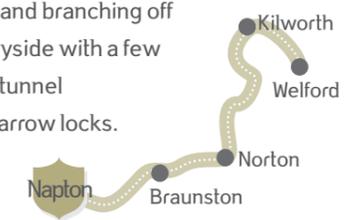


Napton Short Route....

Locks: 26

Cruising Time: Around 22hrs return

Through Braunston on the Grand Union Canal, taking the Leicester arm and branching off to Welford. Lovely countryside with a few villages, encountering a tunnel and a mix of broad and narrow locks.





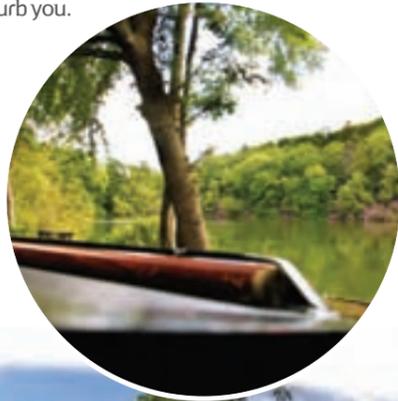
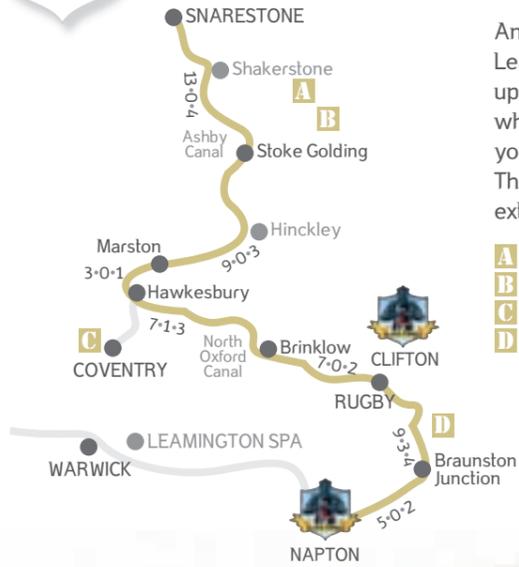
106 • 8 • 6
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

SNARESTONE *and return*

EASY ROUTE
WEEK

An easy route for the first timer with only a few locks through rural England. Leaving the broad Grand Union Canal at the busy junction of Braunston, turning up the North Oxford Canal into narrow locks near Rugby at Hillmorton, where the Canal & River Trust Architectural Unit is based. At Hawkesbury you encounter the lock with the smallest lift on the system at 6 inches. The lock-free, rural Ashby Canal is very quiet and extremely peaceful, with few boats to disturb you.

- A** Market Bosworth
- B** Battle of Bosworth Battlefield
- C** Coventry Cathedral
- D** Canalside Golf Course



62 • 60 • 6
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

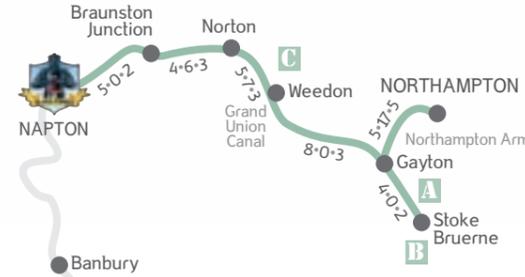
STOKE BRUERNE *and return*

NAPTON
WARWICKSHIRE

WEEK

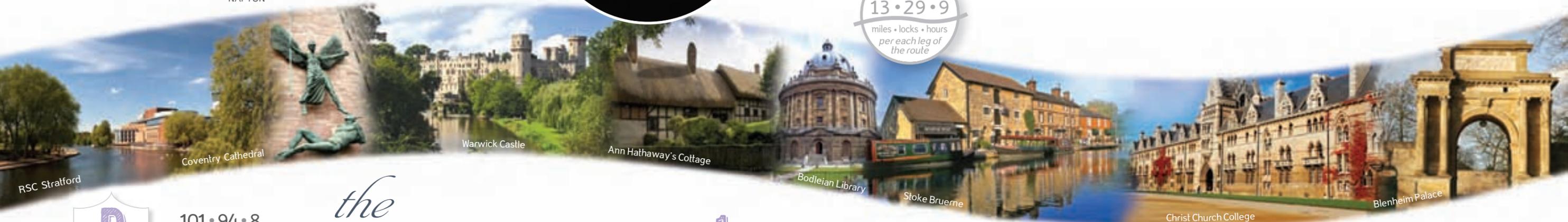
Another pleasant and easy route cruising on the broad Grand Union Canal where the locks are 14 feet wide, allowing you to share the work with another boat. The start of this trip is lock-free until you get to Braunston Junction; a hive of activity. Cruising onwards you encounter more locks and the turning to Northampton before entering the 3,056 yards Blisworth Tunnel which opens out into the canal village of Stoke Bruerne with its Waterways Museum.

- A** Blisworth Tunnel
- B** Stoke Bruerne Waterways Museum
- C** Weedon Antiques Centre



REMINDER!
example:
13 • 29 • 9
miles • locks • hours
per each leg of the route

EASY ROUTE



101 • 94 • 8
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

the WARWICKSHIRE *ring*

WEEK

Sometimes known as the Midlands Ring, this is a route of contrasts. Starting on the wide locks of the Grand Union Canal to the Hatton Flight, you continue into Birmingham. Alternatively you can divert at Kingswood via the North Stratford Canal through Kings Norton and onwards into the city. Leaving the city via narrow canals to Fazeley, you return southwards past Coventry. Diversions into Coventry, Stratford Upon Avon, or onto the Ashby Canal should be considered but don't forget to allow extra time for this.

- A** Warwick Castle
- B** Stratford upon Avon – Shakespeare Theatre | Butterfly Safari | Museum
- C** Ann Hathaway's Cottage | Mary Arden's House
- D** Knowle
- E** Cadbury World
- F** Gas Street Basin | Bullring Shopping Centre | International Convention Centre
- G** National Sea Life Centre | Think Tank | Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery



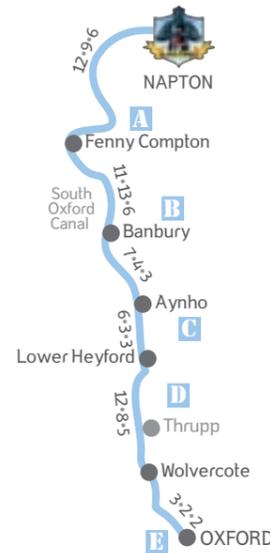
102 • 78 • 8
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

OXFORD *and return*

WEEK

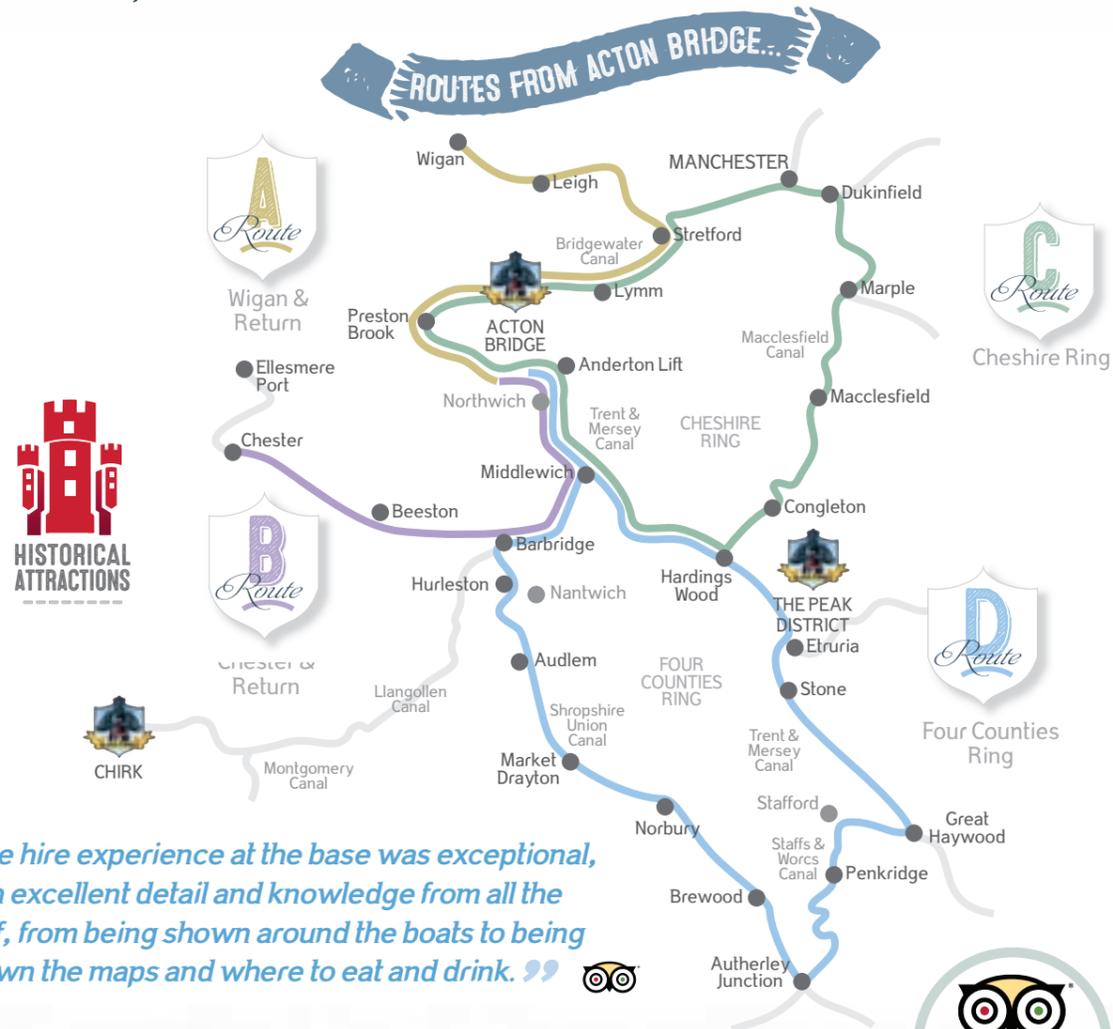
A busier week down the meandering Oxford Canal, which is one of the oldest in the country and follows the contours of the land. The only town on the way is Banbury and there are some lovely villages such as Thrupp, Lower Heyford and Shipton-on-Cherwell, with stone built houses, cosy pubs, ancient churches and village greens.

- A** Claydon 'Bygones' Museum
- B** Banbury | Castle Quay Shopping Centre
- C** Tooley's Historic Boatyard & Chandlery | Floating Restaurant
- D** Blenheim Palace
- E** Thrupp
- F** Oxford | University of Oxford | Bodleian Library
- G** Ashmolean Museum | Botanic Gardens | Covered Markets



Welcome to... ACTON BRIDGE CHESHIRE

Based near Northwich in Cheshire, Acton Bridge is a great place for exploring a number of routes. Travelling north, you meet the canal where it all started – the Bridgewater Canal, which takes you lock-free to Manchester. From there you can travel to the Leeds-Liverpool Canal, or continue on the Cheshire Ring via the Peak Forest and Macclesfield. As well as the vibrant city of Manchester, this is a beautiful route with constantly changing scenery. From south of the base you can travel on the Four Counties Ring, or meander up to Chester and beyond to the Ellesmere Port Boat Museum.



“The hire experience at the base was exceptional, with excellent detail and knowledge from all the staff, from being shown around the boats to being shown the maps and where to eat and drink.”



ACTON
BRIDGE
CHESHIRE

Lyme Park



BOAT AVAILABILITY for LONG AND SHORT BREAKS

	Sat 2.30pm to Tue 9.30am	Tues 2.30pm to Sat 9.30am	Fri 2.30pm to Mon 9.30am	Mon 2.30pm to Fri 9.30am
ACTON BRIDGE				
Princess 2	✓	✓		
Princess 4	✓	✓		
Shakespeare 4	✓	✓		
Duchess 4	✓	✓	✓	✓
Countess 4	✓	✓		
Princess 6	✓	✓		
Duchess 6	✓	✓	✓	✓
Duchess 8	✓	✓		

You may also take longer breaks from Acton Bridge from any of the times shown.

See boat details on pages 44 to 47

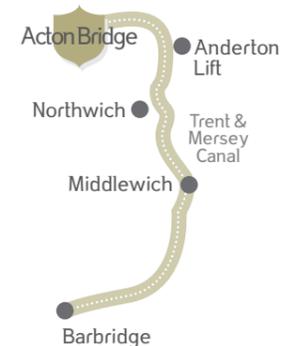
Why not try a short break from Acton Bridge? You can choose to start from either Saturday afternoon to Tuesday morning, Tuesday afternoon to Saturday morning, Friday afternoon to Monday morning or from Monday afternoon to Friday morning.

Acton Bridge Short Route...

Locks: 16

Cruising Time: Around 20hrs return

Travel south from the base on the Trent & Mersey Canal, turning at Middlewich onto the Middlewich arm to Barbridge Junction. The route is glorious Cheshire countryside, taking in the town of Middlewich.





84.6.5

miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

WIGAN and return

1
WEEK

A very pleasant and easy run with many miles of lock-free cruising. Leaving the base you travel on the first British canal built by the Duke of Bridgewater to transport coal to Manchester. On this you can see the mine entrances, together with the Barton Swing Bridge over the Manchester Ship Canal, where the canal is swung to let large ships through. At Wigan, the Pier Museum and Trencherfield Mill Steam Engine (the world's largest), are well worth a visit.

- A** Museum of Science and Industry | The Lowry | Old Trafford
- B** Barton Swing Aqueduct
- C** Worsley
- D** Wigan Pier and Museum
- E** Trencherfield Mill Steam Engine



98.92.9

miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

CHESHIRE ring

1
WEEK

An active route of around eight hours per day, the Cheshire Ring is one of contrasts. Travelling northwards over the Bridgewater Canal and lock-free to Manchester, where the city's canals are currently being improved. After this, into the Peak District on the Macclesfield Canal, with its pretty stone villages. Just north of Stoke on Trent, you meet the Trent & Mersey Canal travelling through the many locks to Middlewich and its history of salt, then home.

- A** Museum of Science and Industry | The Lowry | Old Trafford
- B** Barton Swing Aqueduct
- C** Little Moreton Hall
- D** Mow Cop
- E** Harecastle Tunnel



84.44.6

miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

CHESTER and return

1
WEEK

A slightly more active route, but still easily manageable at about five hours per day, this trip includes varying canals and countryside. Travelling southwards past the old salt mines to Middlewich, you turn onto the Middlewich arm to join up with the Shropshire Union Canal. The trip to the Medieval city of Chester is particularly pleasant with the canal built next to the old city walls. You should also have time to visit the boat museum at Ellesmere Port.

- A** Salt Mines
- B** Chester | Zoo and Gardens | 'The Rows' Shopping Area | Roman Ruins
- C** Boat Museum



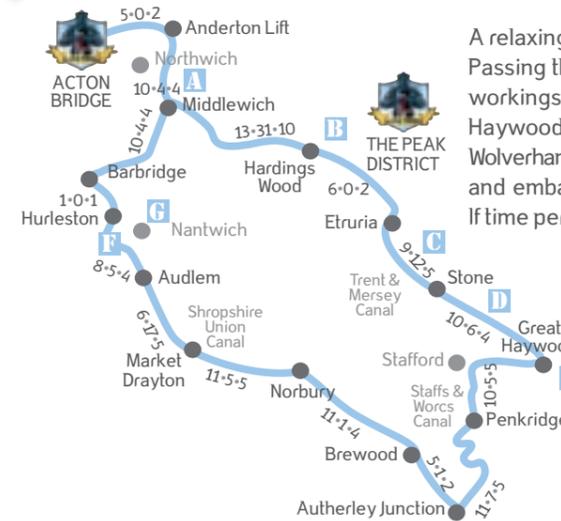
141.102.5

miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

the FOUR COUNTIES ring

2
WEEKS

A relaxing fortnight, travelling southwards to Stoke on Trent via Middlewich. Passing through the red-watered Harecastle Tunnel (the result of local iron workings) and continuing past the Wedgwood factory to Stone and Great Haywood, joining the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal. Just north of Wolverhampton, you meet the Shropshire Union Canal with its extravagant cuttings and embankments, carrying you up to Barbridge and the Middlewich arm. If time permits, a diversion along the Caldon Canal is well worthwhile.



- A** Salt Mines
- B** Harecastle Tunnel
- C** Wedgwood
- D** Stone
- E** Shugborough Hall
- F** Churches Mansion
- G** Nantwich

REMEMBER!
example:
13.29.9
miles • locks • hours
per each leg of
the route

Welcome to... STOKE PRIOR WORCESTERSHIRE

Situated in a lovely spot, Stoke Prior in Worcestershire is a base that offers plenty of options. Enjoy a relaxing short break to Worcester and take in the new Droitwich ring, or choose from a variety of routes along the Stourport Ring, the Avon Ring and the Warwickshire Ring, where you can visit cities such as Birmingham and Stratford-Upon-Avon. For those that enjoy a challenge, the Tardebigge locks are nearby – the longest flight of locks in the UK, totalling 30!



STOKE PRIOR

WORCESTERSHIRE

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BOAT AVAILABILITY for LONG AND SHORT BREAKS

STOKE PRIOR	Sat 2.30pm to Tue 9.30am	Tues 2.30pm to Sat 9.30am	Fri 2.30pm to Mon 9.30am	Mon 2.30pm to Fri 9.30am
Princess 2	✓	✓		
Princess 4	✓	✓	✓	✓
Duchess 2	✓	✓		
Shakespeare 4	✓	✓		
Duchess 4	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lautrec 4	✓	✓	✓	✓
Countess 4	✓	✓		
Princess 6	✓	✓		
Duchess 6	✓	✓	✓	✓
Duchess 8	✓	✓		

You may also take longer breaks from Stoke Prior from any of the times shown.

See boat details on pages 44 to 47

Why not try a short break from Stoke Prior? You can choose to start from either Saturday afternoon to Tuesday morning, Tuesday afternoon to Saturday morning, Friday afternoon to Monday morning or from Monday afternoon to Friday morning.

Stoke Prior Short Route...

Locks: 44 towards Worcester / 52 towards Stourport
Cruising Time: 16hrs to Worcester / 24hrs to Stourport

Worcester and the Severn. Southwards from the base, travelling through a succession of locks to Worcester. For the more active, a trip up the River Severn towards Stourport is possible before returning.



Mid-Worcestershire Ring Short Route...

Locks: 23 towards Worcester / 23 towards Stoke Prior
Cruising Time: 7.5hrs to Worcester / 12hrs to Stoke Prior

The Droitwich Canal link from the Worcester & Birmingham Canal to the River Severn is now open. This pretty route, 1 of just 2 short-break rings in the country, is easily reached from our Stoke Prior base.



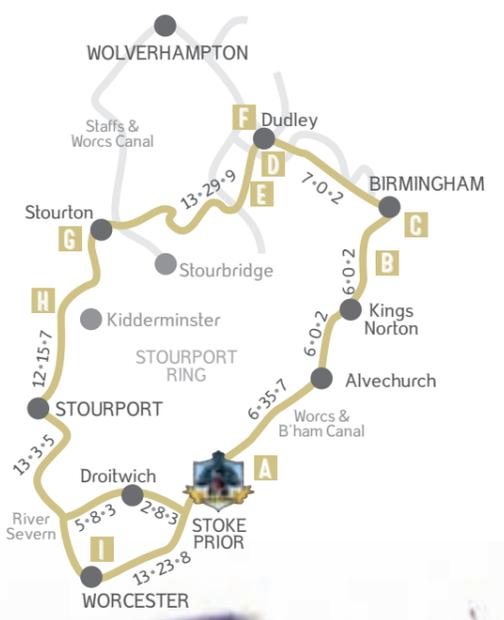
Route A
76 • 105 • 6
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

the STOURPORT RING

WEEK

Leaving Stoke Prior, you encounter the Tardebigge flight after which there is lock-free cruising to Gas Street Basin and the International Convention Centre, via the very pleasant Birmingham University, Botanical Gardens and Cadbury World. Cutting through Netherton Tunnel to Merry Hill and the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal, you encounter some beautiful countryside leading to the River Severn at Stourport. At Worcester you leave the Severn, and climb gently back to Stoke Prior through open countryside.

- A** Tardebigge Flight
- B** Cadbury World
- C** Gas Street Basin | International Convention Centre
Library of Birmingham | Bullring Shopping Centre
- D** Black Country Museum | Dudley Zoo & Castle
- E** Netherton Tunnel
- F** Merry Hill Shopping Centre
- G** Kinver Edge
- H** Severn Valley Railway
- I** Worcester City | Cathedral | Cricket Ground
Racecourse | Royal Worcester China | Commandery



Route C
120 • 130 • 5
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

the AVON RING

WEEKS

Up the Tardebigge flight to the North Stratford Canal at Kings Norton, and onto the South Stratford Canal, where the canal character changes with split bridges and 'barrel roofed' cottages. At Stratford you can moor opposite the theatre before joining the River Avon. The Avon, different again, meanders down to Tewkesbury, through Evesham where you join the River Severn for a short trip up to Worcester, before returning home. Avon Licence required. An easy two week trip.

- A** Tardebigge Flight
- B** Stratford upon Avon | Shakespeare Theatre | Butterfly Safari | Museum
Ann Hathaway's Cottage | Mary Arden's House (canalside)
- C** Evesham Almonry
- D** Tewkesbury Abbey
- E** Upton upon Severn
- F** Worcester City | Cathedral | Cricket Ground
Racecourse | Royal Worcester China | Commandery



REMINDER!
example:
13 • 29 • 9
miles • locks • hrs
per each leg of the route



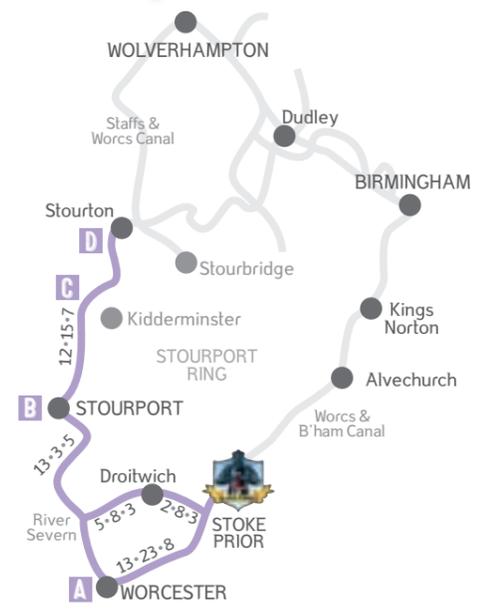
Route B
76 • 82 • 7
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

STOURTON and return

WEEK

This is the most leisurely route from Stoke Prior travelling south to Worcester, turning upstream onto the River Severn, past Worcester Cathedral and cruising along the picturesque river for the next 13 miles. There are three manned river locks on the journey to Stourport on Severn, before changing to the Staffordshire & Worcester Canal. On the way to Stourton the Cookley and Kinver areas must be one of the most beautiful lengths of canal in the country – turn at Stourton and return on the same route to Stoke Prior.

- A** Worcester City | Cathedral | Cricket Ground
Racecourse | Royal Worcester China | Commandery
- B** Stourport
- C** Severn Valley Railway
- D** Kinver | Kinver Edge and the Rock Houses



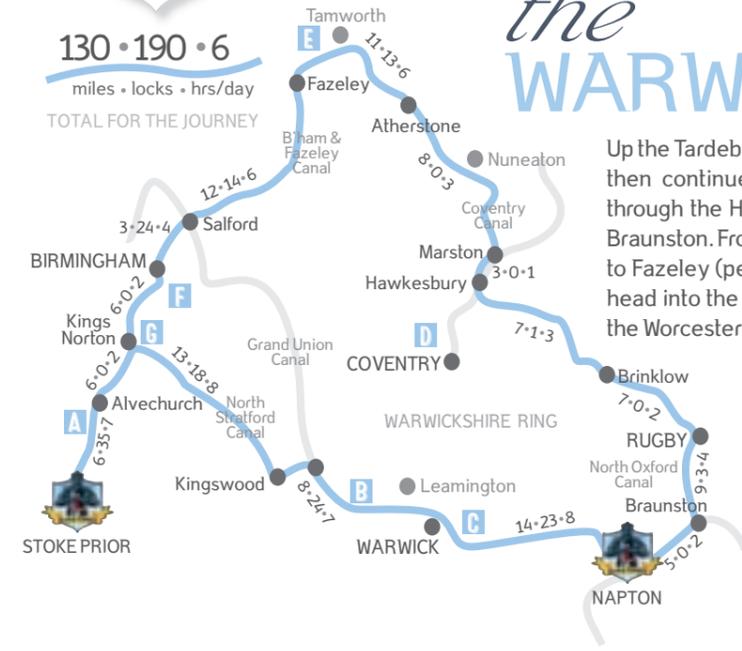
Route D
130 • 190 • 6
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

the WARWICKSHIRE RING

WEEKS

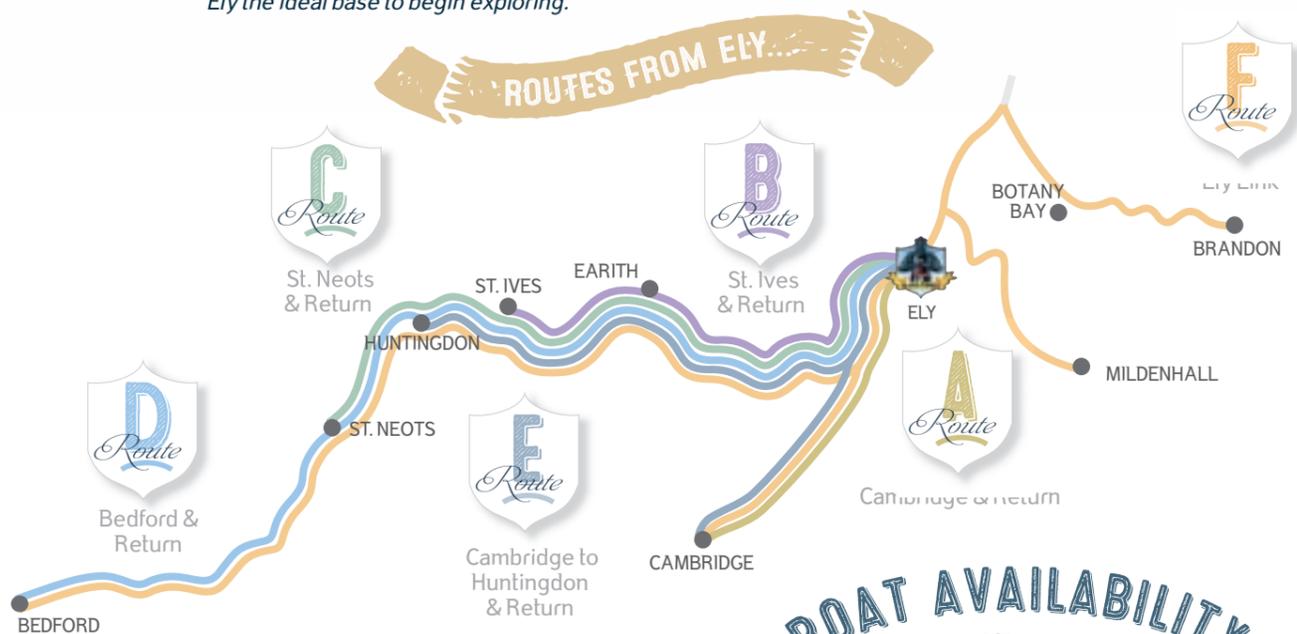
Up the Tardebigge flight to the North Stratford Canal at Kings Norton, you will then continue to the Grand Union Canal. Travelling south, you progress through the Hatton Flight, via Warwick and Leamington Spa to Napton and Braunston. From Braunston, you travel on the North Oxford & Coventry Canal to Fazeley (perhaps taking in the Ashby Canal or Coventry itself), and then head into the centre of Birmingham via Farmer's Bridge locks. Home down the Worcester & Birmingham Canal via Tardebigge. A more active fortnight.

- A** Tardebigge Flight
- B** Hatton Locks
- C** Warwick Castle
- D** Coventry Cathedral
- E** Drayton Manor Park & Zoo
- F** Gas Street Basin | Bullring Shopping Centre
International Convention Centre
- G** Cadbury World



Welcome to... ELY CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Begin your relaxing holiday from our base in Ely overlooked by its magnificent cathedral, in the picturesque heart of the Fenland waterways of Cambridgeshire. Our Duchess and Princess boats offer holidays for parties of two to six people and a selection of routes that will see you cruising through cities, towns and villages along the beautiful waterways, making Ely the ideal base to begin exploring.



Why not try a short break from Ely? You can choose to start from either Friday afternoon to Monday morning, Monday afternoon to Friday morning, Saturday afternoon to Tuesday morning or from Tuesday afternoon to Saturday morning.

BOAT AVAILABILITY for LONG AND SHORT BREAKS

ELY	Fri 2.30pm to Mon 9.30am	Mon 2.30pm to Fri 9.30am	Sat 2.30pm to Tues 9.30am	Tues 2.30pm to Sat 9.30am
Princess 2	✓	✓		
Duchess 4	✓	✓		
Princess 4	✓	✓	✓	✓

You may also take longer breaks from Ely from any of the times shown.

See boat details on pages 44 to 47



ELY CAMBRIDGESHIRE



38 • 3 • 4
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

ELY TO CAMBRIDGE *and return*

3 NIGHTS

From our base in the city of Ely with its beautiful cathedral, you will cruise the unspoilt waters of the River Ouse to Wicken Fen, a stunning wetland nature reserve. Continuing on the River Cam to Cambridge, visit its world famous university and discover its cultural highlights, including King's College Chapel and enjoy a stroll through the backstreets.



45 • 3 • 4
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

ELY TO ST. IVES *and return*

3 NIGHTS

Cruise from Ely on the Old West River to Earith village where you can enjoy some wonderful birdwatching. Move on then to the historic market town of St. Ives, with its 15th century Chapel Bridge and Norris Museum and Library.



77 • 9 • 8
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

ELY TO ST. NEOTS *and return*

3 NIGHTS

From our base in Ely, take the Old West River and on to the historic market town of St. Ives, with its 15th century Chapel Bridge, Norris Museum and Library and moving on to the Oliver Cromwell Museum in Huntingdon. From there, cruise on to Buckden with its famous Great Tower (where Catherine of Aragon was once imprisoned), ending at the market town of St. Neots.



107 • 16 • 5
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

ELY TO BEDFORD *and return*

1 WEEK

Taking the Old West River from our base in Ely, make your way to the historic market town of St. Ives, with its 15th century Chapel Bridge, Norris Museum and Library and moving on to the Oliver Cromwell Museum in Huntingdon. From there, cruise on to Buckden with its famous Great Tower (where Catherine of Aragon was once imprisoned), ending at the market town of St. Neots. Continue on to Bedford where you'll find a bustling town with great facilities for all the family, including ten-pin bowling, cinemas and a swimming pool.



89 • 8 • 4
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

ELY TO HUNTINGDON *and return*

1 WEEK

Cruising from our base in the city of Ely with its beautiful cathedral, travel the unspoilt waters of the River Ouse to Wicken Fen, a stunning wetland nature reserve. Continuing on the River Cam to Cambridge, visit its world famous university and discover its cultural highlights, including King's College and enjoy a stroll through the backstreets. Return to Popes Corner and cruise south to the historic market town of St. Ives, with its 15th century Chapel Bridge and Norris Museum and Library. Moving on through the pretty villages of Houghton, Wyton and Hemingford Grey to reach Huntingdon, home to the Oliver Cromwell Museum.



191 • 20 • 4
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

ELY TO MILDENHALL, CAMBRIDGE *and return*

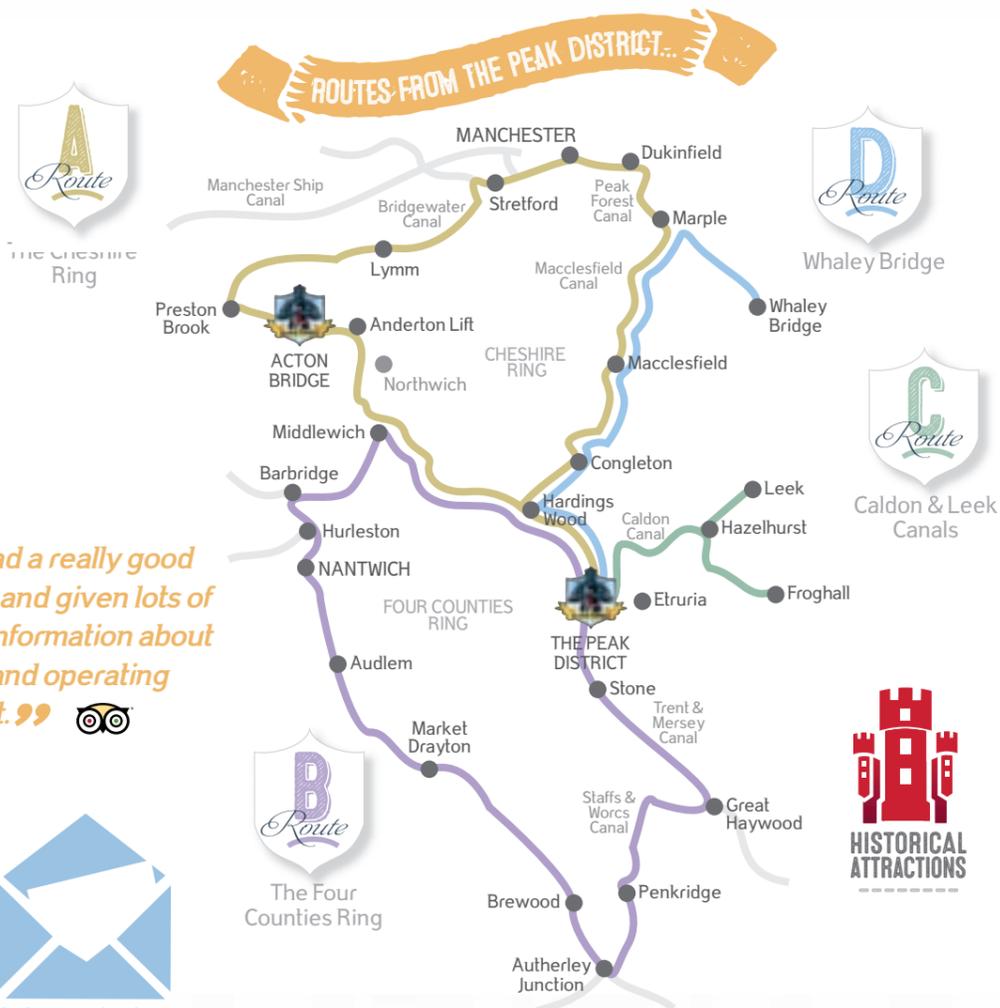
2 WEEKS

From the charming city of Ely, with its huge cathedral, you can cruise the unspoilt waters of the Little Ouse, Great Ouse, Old West, Cam and Lark rivers stopping off along the way in Cambridge, with its famous university. Be sure not to miss King's College. Other highlights include historic St. Ives, the Oliver Cromwell Museum in Huntingdon and the Medieval town of Mildenhall. Continuing on to Bedford, you'll find something for the whole family, including ten-pin bowling, cinemas and a swimming pool.



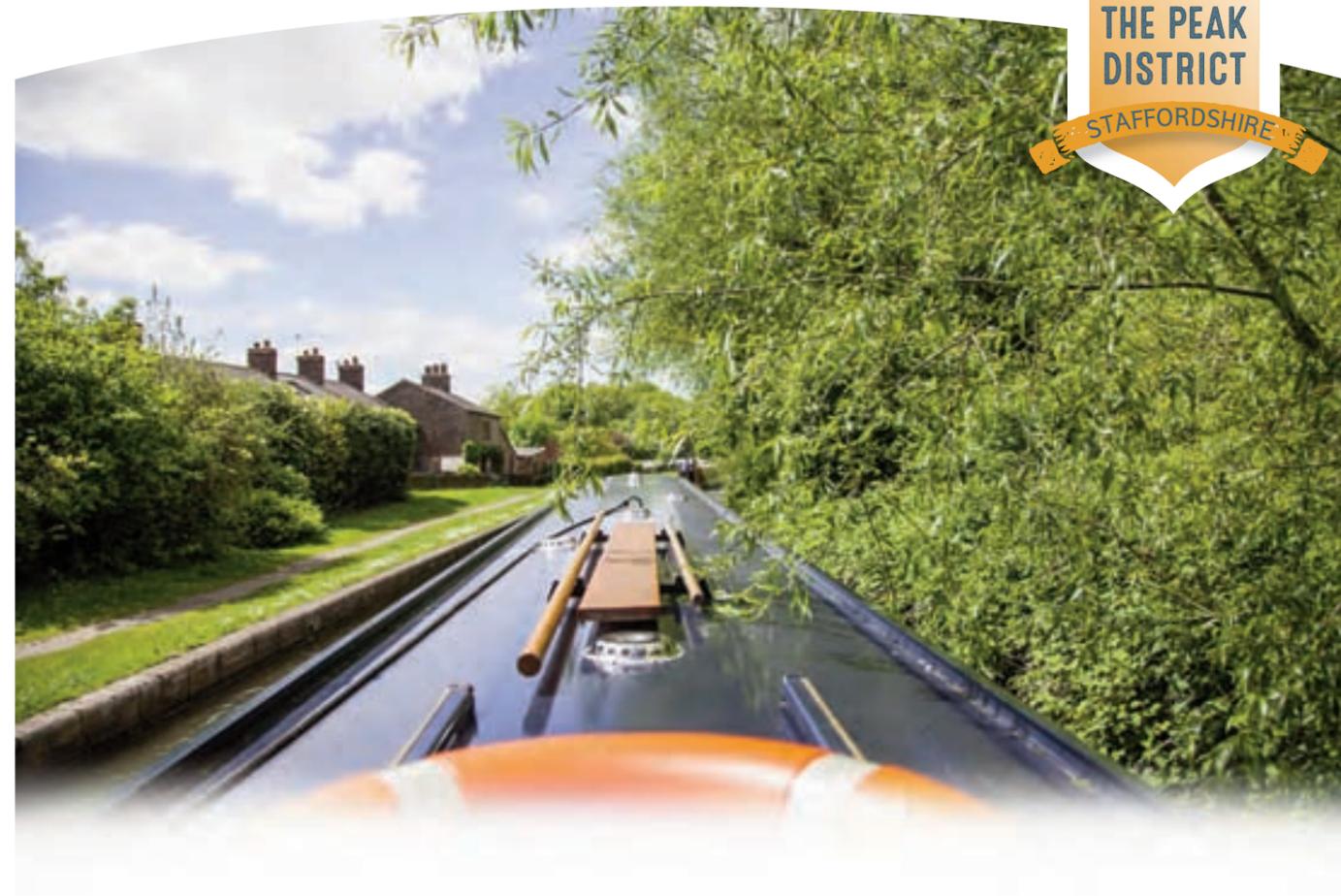
Welcome to the... PEAK DISTRICT STAFFORDSHIRE

Situated on the re-developed National Garden Festival Site in Staffordshire, this is one of the most popular Black Prince starting points. On site, there is an exciting Water World, dryski-slope, multi-screen cinema, ten pin bowling and shopping centre . . . and that's before you get on the water! The variety of routes is wide with the Cheshire Ring and Four Counties being favourites. You travel through some of the waterways' most beautiful scenery, along with the pure contrast of the Potteries, Royal Doulton, Cheddleton Mill and Wedgwood industries. For the more energetic there's Alton Towers near the end of the Caldon Canal.



“ We had a really good holiday and given lots of useful information about routes and operating the boat.”

SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER



THE PEAK DISTRICT
STAFFORDSHIRE

BOAT AVAILABILITY for LONG AND SHORT BREAKS

THE PEAK DISTRICT	Sat	Tues	Fri	Mon
	2.30pm to Tue 9.30am	2.30pm to Sat 9.30am	2.30pm to Mon 9.30am	2.30pm to Fri 9.30am
Princess 4	✓	✓	✓	✓
Duchess 2	✓	✓		
Shakespeare 4	✓	✓		
Duchess 4	✓	✓		
Lautrec 4	✓	✓		
Countess 4	✓	✓	✓	✓
Princess 6	✓	✓		
Duchess 6	✓	✓	✓	✓
Duchess 8	✓	✓		

You may also take longer breaks from the Peak District from any of the times shown. See boat details on pages 44 to 47

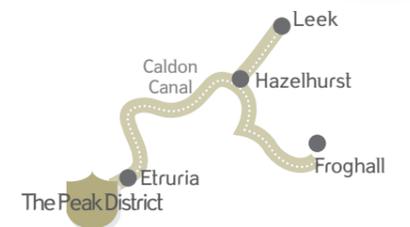
Why not try a short break from Stoke on Trent? You can choose to start from either Saturday afternoon to Tuesday morning, Tuesday afternoon to Saturday morning, Friday afternoon to Monday morning or from Monday afternoon to Friday morning.

The Peak District Short Route....

Locks: 34

Cruising Time: Around 24hrs return

The Caldon Canal, taking in both wings to Froghall and Leek through the Churnet Valley. A quiet canal through beautiful countryside with very good canal side pubs.



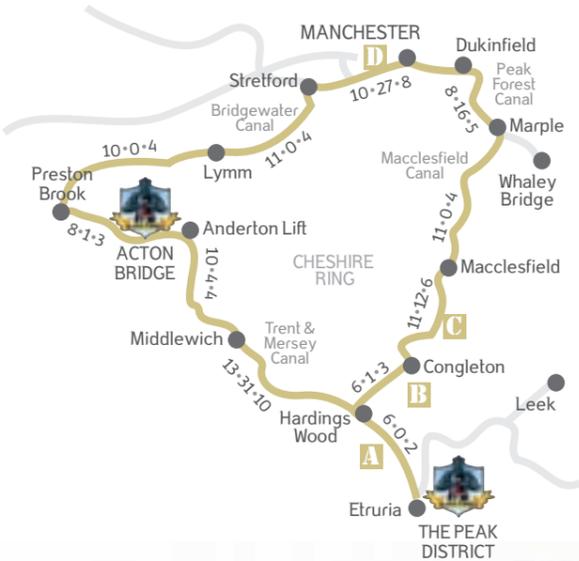


110 • 92 • 9
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

THE CHESHIRE ring WEEK 1

A more active route; you travel northwards through the Harecastle Tunnel and join the Macclesfield Canal via a fly-over. This is a lovely canal through Congleton, Macclesfield and Marple to Manchester. The canal here is currently being improved, but has some way to go. A lock-free section of the Bridgewater Canal (where it all started) follows until Middlewich, passing the Anderton Lift. A section with plenty of locks takes you back home to Stoke.

- A** Harecastle Tunnel
- B** Mow Cop
- C** Little Moreton Hall
- D** Museum of Science and Industry



THE PEAK DISTRICT

STAFFORDSHIRE

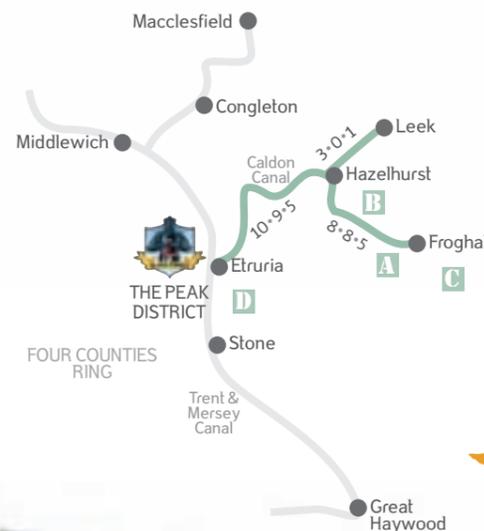


42 • 34 • 4
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

CALDON & LEEK canals WEEK 1

An easy week down one of the most beautiful and quiet canals of them all. From the junction near the marina, you progress up the locks to the outskirts of Stoke via factories and parks. Here you encounter progressively more picturesque countryside as you enter the Churnet Valley. The Leek branch contains no locks from the junction, whereas the Froghall branch descends to the River Churnet. If time permits, a trip down the Trent & Mersey Canal to Stone is well worthwhile.

- A** Churnet Valley
- B** Flint Mill
- C** Alton Towers
- D** Wedgwood



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example:
13 • 29 • 9
miles • locks • hrs/day
per each leg of the route

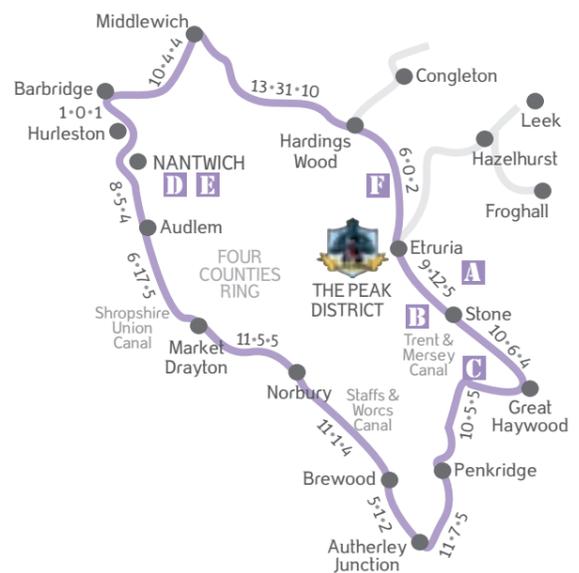


111 • 94 • 9
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

the FOUR COUNTIES ring WEEK 1

Another more active route, you travel southwards from the marina past the Wedgwood factory and through the canal town of Stone to Great Haywood, where you meet the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal. Travelling westwards, you join the Shropshire Union Canal at Atherley. The 'Shroppie' with its impressive architecture, banks and cuttings, carries you northwards to the Middlewich Arm. At Middlewich you rejoin the Trent & Mersey Canal which carries you back to Stoke through a number of locks and the Harecastle Tunnel.

- A** Wedgwood
- B** Stone Market Town
- C** Shugborough Hall
- D** Churches Mansion
- E** Nantwich
- F** Harecastle Tunnel



82 • 26 • 6
miles • locks • hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

WHALEY BRIDGE and return WEEK 1

An easy week, travelling into the Peak District to the end of the Peak Forest Canal at Whaley Bridge. Travelling north through the Harecastle Tunnel, you join the Macclesfield Canal at Hardings Wood. The Macclesfield Canal skirts the edge of the Peak District through the small towns of Congleton, Macclesfield and Marple, before turning onto the Peak Forest Canal to Whaley Bridge.

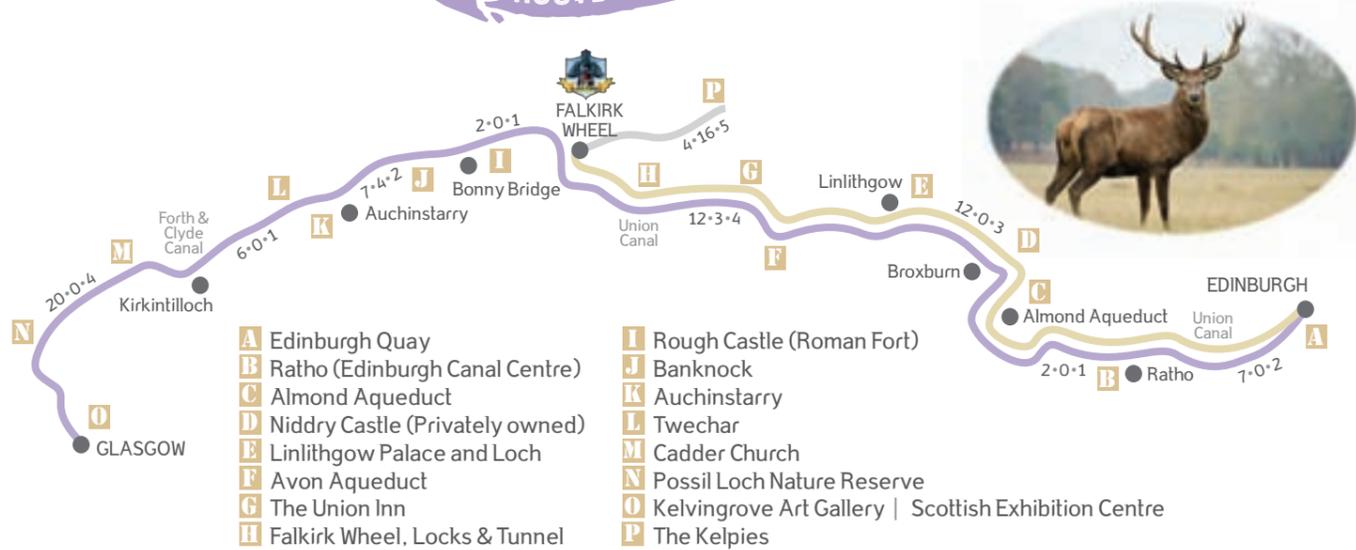
- A** Harecastle Tunnel
- B** Mow Cop
- C** Bosley Locks
- D** Clarence Mill



Welcome to... FALKIRK SCOTLAND

Based at the Falkirk Wheel, one of the most stunning backdrops anywhere on the canals, we are ideally sited half way between Edinburgh and Glasgow in Scotland. Go up through the wheel and three locks and then travel into Edinburgh on the long lock-free Union Canal. You will pass over the magnificent Almond Aqueduct and travel through villages such as Linlithgow and Ratho, home of the Edinburgh Canal Centre. For those going to Glasgow, the Forth and Clyde has more locks and swing bridges and meanders through splendid scenery and villages such as Auchinstarry and Kirkintilloch to Cadder Village and on to Glasgow.

ROUTES FROM FALKIRK...



Route A
66 • 6 • 3
miles • locks • hrs/day
WEEK
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY
EDINBURGH
and return

Route B
136 • 14 • 6
miles • locks • hrs/day
WEEK
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY
GLASGOW
and Edinburgh



The Kelpies, Falkirk

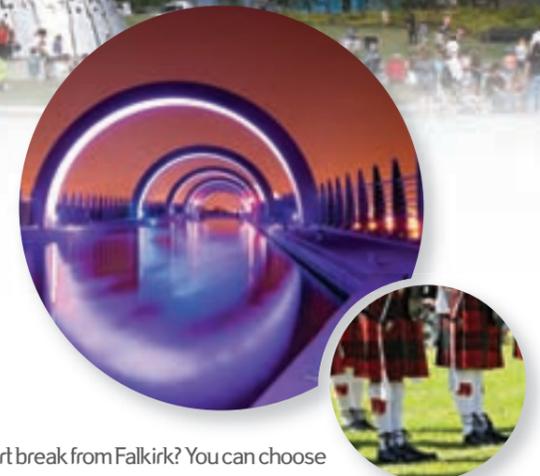
FALKIRK

SCOTLAND

BOAT AVAILABILITY for LONG AND SHORT BREAKS

	Sat	Wed	Fri	Mon
FALKIRK	2.30pm to Tue	9.30am to Sat	2.30pm to Mon	2.30pm to Fri
Princess 2	✓	✓		
Princess 4	✓	✓		
Shakespeare 4			✓	✓
Duchess 4	✓	✓		
Lautrec 4			✓	✓
Princess 6	✓	✓		

You may also take longer breaks from Falkirk from any of the times shown. See boat details on pages 44 to 47



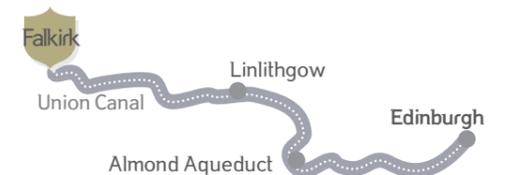
Why not try a short break from Falkirk? You can choose to start from either Saturday afternoon to Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning to Saturday morning, Friday afternoon to Monday morning or from Monday afternoon to Friday morning.

Falkirk Short Route...

Locks: 6

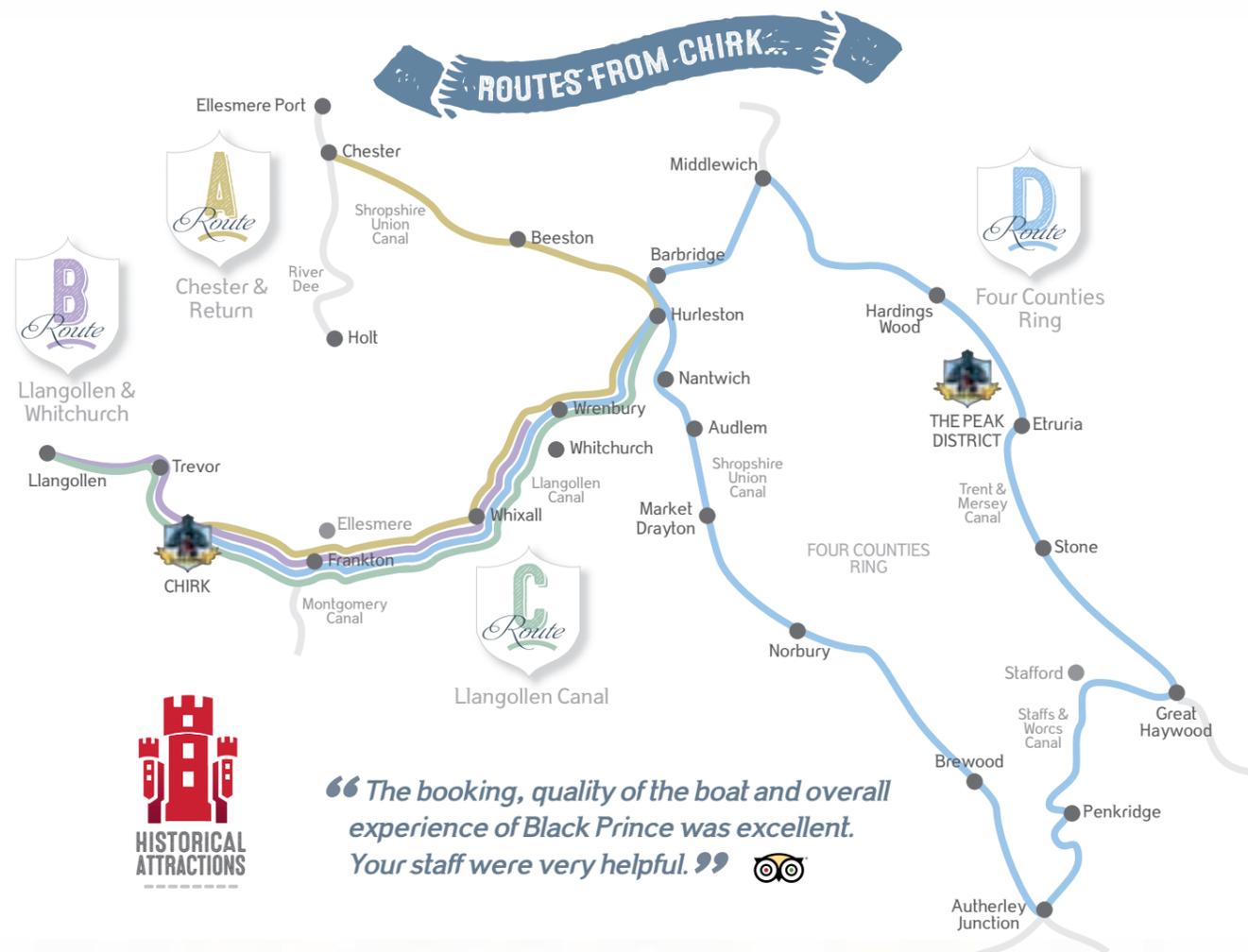
Cruising Time: Around 24hrs return

Travel to Edinburgh, through the Falkirk Wheel and three locks and then lock free to Edinburgh. You will pass over the Almond Aqueduct and through pretty canal villages such as Ratho and Linlithgow.



Welcome to... CHIRK NORTH WALES

Based on the breathtaking Llangollen Canal in North Wales, Chirk's lovely marina is situated on the site of the Chirk Golf & Country Club. With much to offer, the Llangollen Canal meanders gracefully through the beautiful countryside where the World Heritage Site – the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct – spans across the Dee Valley. Such a feat of engineering is sure to take your breath away. Cruise the Montgomery Canal, recently reopened to boats for the first time in over fifty years, where a four mile length of the canal has been restored giving you the chance to cruise this once dormant, sleepy waterway.



“The booking, quality of the boat and overall experience of Black Prince was excellent. Your staff were very helpful.”



CHIRK
NORTH WALES



BOAT AVAILABILITY for LONG AND SHORT BREAKS

	Sat 2.30pm to Tue 2.30pm	Wed 9.30am to Sat 9.30am	Fri 2.30pm to Mon 9.30am	Mon 2.30pm to Fri 9.30am
CHIRK				
Princess 2	✓	✓		
Princess 4	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shakespeare 4	✓	✓		
Duchess 4	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lautrec 4	✓	✓	✓	✓
Countess 4	✓	✓	✓	✓
Princess 6	✓	✓		
Duchess 6	✓	✓		
Duchess 8	✓	✓		

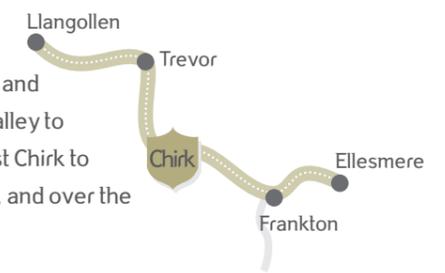
You may also take longer breaks from Chirk from any of the times shown.

See boat details on pages 44 to 47

Why not try a short break from Chirk? You can choose to start from either Saturday afternoon to Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning to Saturday morning, Friday afternoon to Monday morning or from Monday afternoon to Friday morning.

Chirk Short Route...

Locks: 4
Cruising Time: Around 16hrs return.
See the best part of the Llangollen Canal, crossing the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and travelling along the Dee Valley to the marina. Then back past Chirk to Ellesmere through 2 locks, and over the Chirk Aqueduct.



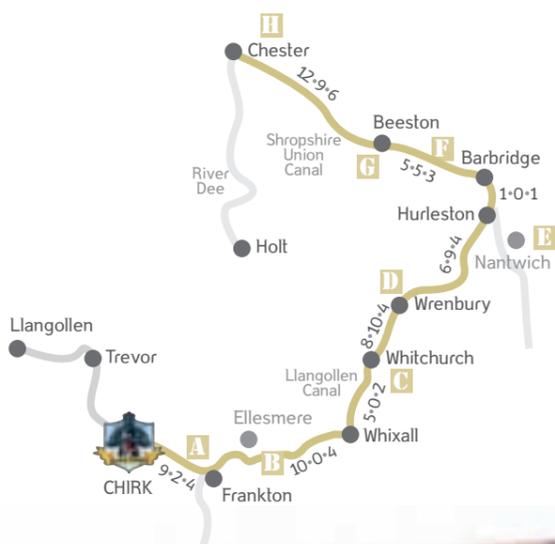


112·70·9
miles · locks · hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

CHESTER and return ¹WEEK

A more challenging route, and you should not be disappointed if you do not reach Chester. Travelling down the canal, you pass through the towns of Ellesmere and Whitchurch to Grindley Brook with its staircase of three locks. From here the locks become more frequent, taking you down through lovely countryside to the Shropshire Union Canal at Hurleston. The rural atmosphere continues through to Chester. You should remember that the Llangollen Canal flows so it will take longer to return. A visit to Llangollen itself is also well worthwhile.

- A Chirk Aqueduct
- B Ellesmere
- C Whitchurch
- D Wrenbury
- E Nantwich
- F Bunbury
- G Beeston Castle and Market
- H Chester – Medieval Town | Zoo and Gardens
The Rows Shopping Area

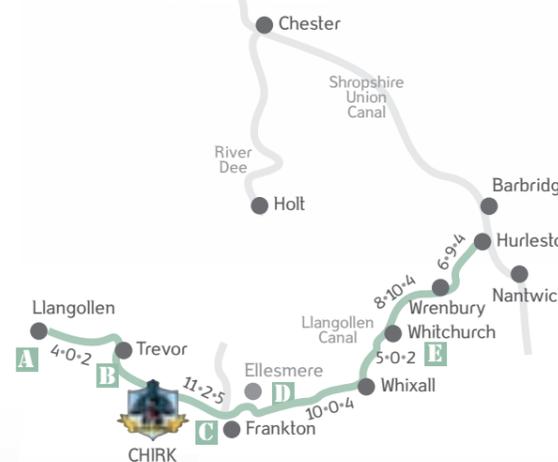


88·42·7
miles · locks · hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

LLANGOLLEN canal ¹WEEK

A trip along the full length of this lovely canal. Travelling towards Hurleston you cross the Chirk Aqueduct and down the first two locks. After passing Ellesmere and its meres, you come to the less hilly Whixall Moss to Whitchurch. Undulating countryside sprinkled with locks takes you down to Hurleston with its reservoir, which provides the water for Chester. Retracing your steps cross the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, and up the Dee Valley to Llangollen. A delightful week.

- A Llangollen
- B Pontcysyllte Aqueduct
- C Chirk Aqueduct
- D Ellesmere
- E Whitchurch

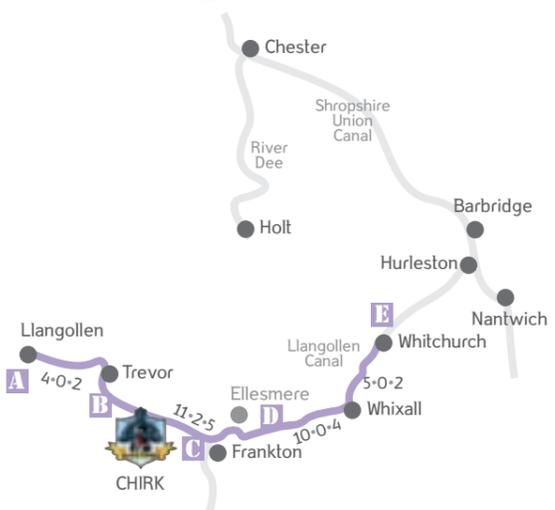


60·4·4
miles · locks · hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

LLANGOLLEN and Whitchurch ¹WEEK

A very pleasant and easy route. Travelling first to Llangollen, you cross the famous Pontcysyllte Aqueduct 120 feet above the River Dee. After this the canal perches on the side of the lovely Dee Valley up to Llangollen itself. Retracing your steps you encounter Chirk Aqueduct and through to the lovely small town of Ellesmere after passing through the only two locks on your trip. After Ellesmere you travel through the Shropshire Lake District with its meres to the market town of Whitchurch.

- A Llangollen
- B Pontcysyllte Aqueduct
- C Chirk Aqueduct
- D Ellesmere
- E Whitchurch



187·136·7
miles · locks · hrs/day
TOTAL FOR THE JOURNEY

the FOUR COUNTIES ring ²WEEKS

For the more experienced crew. Travel down the Llangollen to Hurleston where you join the Shropshire Union Canal then travelling southwards through small towns and villages to join the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal. This canal meanders through pretty countryside up to Great Haywood. Here you join the Trent & Mersey Canal and travel towards the more built-up area of Stoke on Trent. Continuing up to Middlewich through a series of locks, you take the Middlewich arm to Barbridge, and back via the Llangollen Canal.

- A Chirk Aqueduct
- B Ellesmere
- C Harecastle Tunnel
- D Wedgwood
- E Stone
- F Shugborough Hall
- G Nantwich

