

## SELF-DRIVE BOATING HOLIDAYS IN EUROPE AND UK 2026

Includes France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Italy, England, Scotland & Ireland

Discover the beauty of stunning lakes, rivers and canals, quaint villages and historic towns from the unique perspective of the sundeck on your private self-drive motor cruiser. Stopping whenever and wherever you want is all part of the fun on a river or canal boat holiday in the UK or Europe. Enjoy fishing, swimming, visiting ancient castles, playing golf, or cycling in the countryside.

Cruise the waterways in comfort, with no experience or licence required. Choose from a wide range of self-contained, fully equipped boats with something to suit everyone's needs. Boat hire is available in 16 destinations in Europe, including France, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Ireland, Scotland and England. A self-drive motor cruising holiday is perfect for a couple, a group of friends or a family.

Boats are fully equipped: cabins have comfortable beds with linen and towels supplied, bathrooms have hot showers, and the galley kitchen is supplied with dishes, utensils, cooking pots and more.



Our self-drive boats cruise many regions in Europe, including but not limited to popular destinations in France. The waterways of Burgundy, including the Canal du Nivernais and River Yonne, are just two hours south of Paris, and our bases allow a wide range of cruising opportunities with access to charming villages, medieval architecture, rural countryside, acres of vineyards, and the fine wine and cuisine for which Burgundy is famous.

The Canal du Midi, in the southwest of France, is the best-known of the French waterways; the entire canal, built in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, is a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site. A cruise along the Midi is a journey through time, through a region steeped in history, including the fortified city of Carcassonne. Further along the canal is the 'Grand Bief' – a 54-kilometre lock-free stretch of leisurely cruising, flanked by an avenue of plane trees.

Cruise in Alsace, with its unique mix of French and Germanic influences and a choice of canal or river cruising, and the iconic Arzwiller inclined plane boat lift. Our two bases in Alsace are both conveniently close to Strasbourg.



For a **FREE QUOTE** on your self-drive boating holiday or to check availability for your proposed dates, cruise duration, your budget, number of passengers, preferred number of beds/cabins and the region you wish to cruise:

**DISCOUNTS & SPECIAL OFFERS:** Contact us for boat availability as well as current discounts and special offers.

**Call OUTDOOR TRAVEL on 1800 331 582 for details or reservations**

## SELF-DRIVE BOATING HOLIDAYS - HIRE PRICES 2026

The price list shows the low season price per week (7-nights) – call us for a quote for the week you are cruising.

As a general rule, boat hire is cheaper either earlier or later in the cruising season, which starts in March and ends in October. Boat hire cost increases the closer you get to peak European Summer season (July and August). Take advantage of Spring when the weather is generally mild, flowers and trees are in bloom, and tourist attractions lack the crowds of summer. Autumn offers similar advantages, with beautiful views as the leaves change colours.

**Usual start days: Friday / Saturday / Sunday / Monday (unless a Short Break or a Long Hire)**

Category	Boat (Sleeps)	Hire cost per boat per week, from...
<b>Premier</b>	Liberty (4+1)	\$4420
	Horizon 5 (10+2)	\$5330
	Horizon 4 (8+1)	\$4320
	Horizon 3 (6+1)	\$3920
	Horizon 2 (4+1)	\$2890
	Horizon 1 (2+3)	\$2450
<b>Comfort Plus</b>	Vision 4 (8+1)	\$3700
	Vision 3 (6+1)	\$2990
	Mystique (6+2)	\$4280
	Royal Mystique (4+2)	\$3150
	Dancer 3 (Calypso (6+2)	\$2820
	Minuetto 8+ (8+2)	\$3985
Elegance (6)	\$2360	
<b>Comfort</b>	Dancer 4 Plus (Salsa A (8+2)	\$3280
	Dancer 4 (Salsa B (8	\$3260
	Dancer 3 (Calypso (6+2)	\$2820
	Dancer 2 (Tango (4+2)	\$2580
	Magnifique (8+2)	\$3080
	Minuetto 6+ (6+2)	\$3625
	Royal Classique (6)	\$2420
	Elegance (6)	\$2360
	Caprice (4+2)	\$1900
	Clipper (4+2)	\$2000
<b>Value</b>	Grand Classique (10+2)	\$3500
	Classique Star (8+2)	\$2570
	Classique (8)	\$2360
	Shannon Star (6+2)	\$1880
	Continentale (6)	\$2510
	Crusader (6)	\$2180
	Countess (4+2)	\$2000
	Lake Star (4+2)	\$1480
	Mountain Star (4+1)	\$1850
	Sheba (3+2)	\$1500
	Consul (4)	\$1520
	Corvette A (4) & Corvette B (4)	\$2000
	Cirrus A (2+2) & Cirrus B (2+2)	\$1310
	Capri / Town Star (2+1)	\$1060

Boats may not be available at every base or country. See the brochure for details of your preferred boat and base.

**SHORT BREAKS (& LONG HIRES):** All our return cruises are suitable for 3, 4 or 5 night short breaks, or you can choose one of the specific itineraries outlined in the brochure. Short breaks can be booked in advance during low and mid-season. Longer cruises of 10 or 11 days, 2 weeks and more can also be booked subject to availability and are recommended for routes such as the Canal du Midi. Ask for more details.

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Hire of your fully equipped boat includes a boat handling demonstration, technical support seven days a week, and onboard cruising information, maps and tourist information. Linen and bath towels are supplied for each person and the kitchen is extensively supplied with dishes, cutlery and cooking equipment.

**Not included:** one-way fee, cleaning fee, marina services, mooring fees, lock fees, travel to/from the base.

**Fuel deposit** is payable before you cruise, around €375 per week, and is then applied towards the fuel charge (for fuel, gas, onboard systems and engine wear and tear, based on the number of hours you run the engine) and paid after you return. **Fuel charge** is an hourly rate of between €11 - €30 per hour, depending on the standard//size of boat. A week of cruising is on average 26 hours.

**Refundable Damage Deposit** is between €2320 - €3415, paid before you cruise, and you may choose to pay the Non-refundable Damage Liability Reduction (DLR) which reduces the Damage Deposit amount.

**Optional extras** which can be added include bicycle hire (adult and child bikes available); hire of a skipper; priority boarding and/or late check-out; barbeques, lanterns and deck cushions; stand-up paddleboards; WiFi; special occasion gift baskets; eco-cleaning products; parking and/or car transfers. Ask about pricing and availability when booking.



**Contact Outdoor Travel for more details and reservations:**

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