

Canal Cruising

OUR HERITAGE IS YOUR PLEASURE



OVER 66 YEARS EXPERIENCE ARRANGING CANAL NARROWBOAT HOLIDAYS
FROM OUR PICTURESQUE BOATYARD IN THE QUANT TOWN OF STONE



Canal Cruising is now the oldest hire company on the canals. The company is still operated by the Wyatt family and our staff. We offer a wealth of experience and give a warm and friendly service, as standard, with special attention for our overseas visitors and novices. We are a pet friendly company, ideal for walking holidays and visiting Staffordshires Heritage and the surrounding areas.



WHAT IS A MODERN NARROW BOAT LIKE?

"Look before you book" is the answer. Take a day out, visit our base between 10am and 2pm any time Monday - Saturday, we'll be pleased to see you. (Choose your boat and discuss possible routes)

EVERYTHING IS PROVIDED ON THE BOAT

Everything is provided on the boats. We have fitted out and equipped our boats to the highest standard. We provide duvets, blankets, sheets, pillows and pillow cases. We also provide an initial supply of tea towels, brillo pad, washing up liquid, dish cloth, kitchen roll and toilet paper.

INSTRUCTION GIVEN ON BOAT HANDLING

It usually takes about an hour depending on the locks. All boats have forward gear, a reverse gear and tiller steering. You push the lever forward and you're off, it's as simple as that! Tiller steering is precise and you have all the boat in front of you. With most people, ten minutes' instruction gives them all the confidence they need, but we also demonstrate the locks and give advice on mooring, navigation and safety.

LEAVE YOUR CAR AT THE BOATYARD

We have ample open air parking and we take every precaution to ensure security and safety of your vehicle. All vehicles left at owner's risk.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The one major aspect about a canal holiday is the proven fact that there is something of interest for everyone. The wildlife is abundant and is not frightened away by modern developments. Wild flowers and greenery are unspoilt and the old, historic bridges, aqueducts and tunnels are there for your enjoyment. The canals were built to connect existing rivers and on many trips you can combine both types of cruising in your journey. There are so many interesting museums and industrial museums, country houses and exhibitions such as the Middlepoint Pottery that the list seems endless, and there is sure to be somewhere of interest on your (chosen route. Maps and Guides are available.

OVERNIGHT STOPS ON THE CANAL

You can moor anywhere on the towpath side either in the country or in built-up areas. If an inn is on the offside, mooring is usually allowed adjacent to the premises.

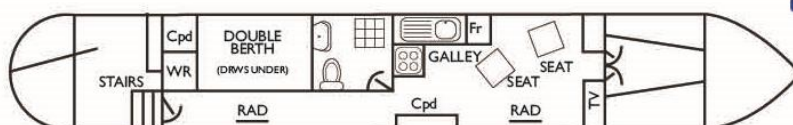
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

You normally take over your boat in the afternoon between 2pm and 4pm on the first day of your holiday and return at 9am-10am on your final day. This gives us a short period for necessary, maintenance, refuelling, cleaning etc. When you leave the base your boat will be full of fuel and water, and new gas bottles will be fitted.





Maria Sleeps 2
Saturday start (weekly only)

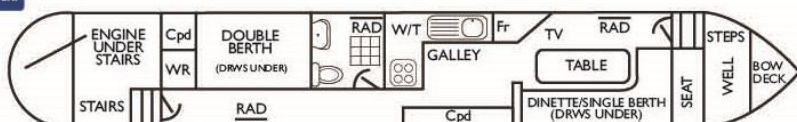


Very comfortable craft for two people • Drop-leaf table
Spacious lounge with two arm chairs • 12v & 240v electricity supply
Bedding combination: 1 double

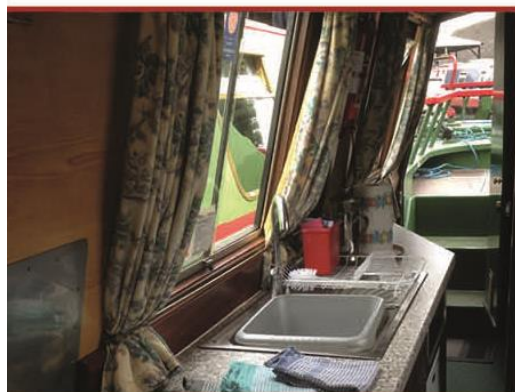


Patricia and Ginette Sleeps 2/3
Patricia - Saturday start (weekly only)
Ginette - Friday or Monday start (Weekly or 3/4/10/11 nights)

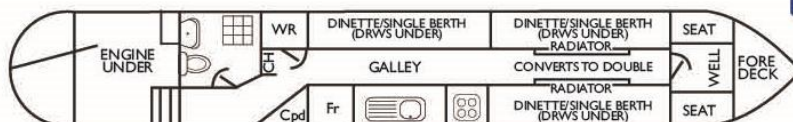
47ft



Comfortable craft for two or three • Double berth has sprung mattress
12v & 240v electricity supply
Bedding combinations: 1 double or 1 double & 1 single (using the settee in the lounge)



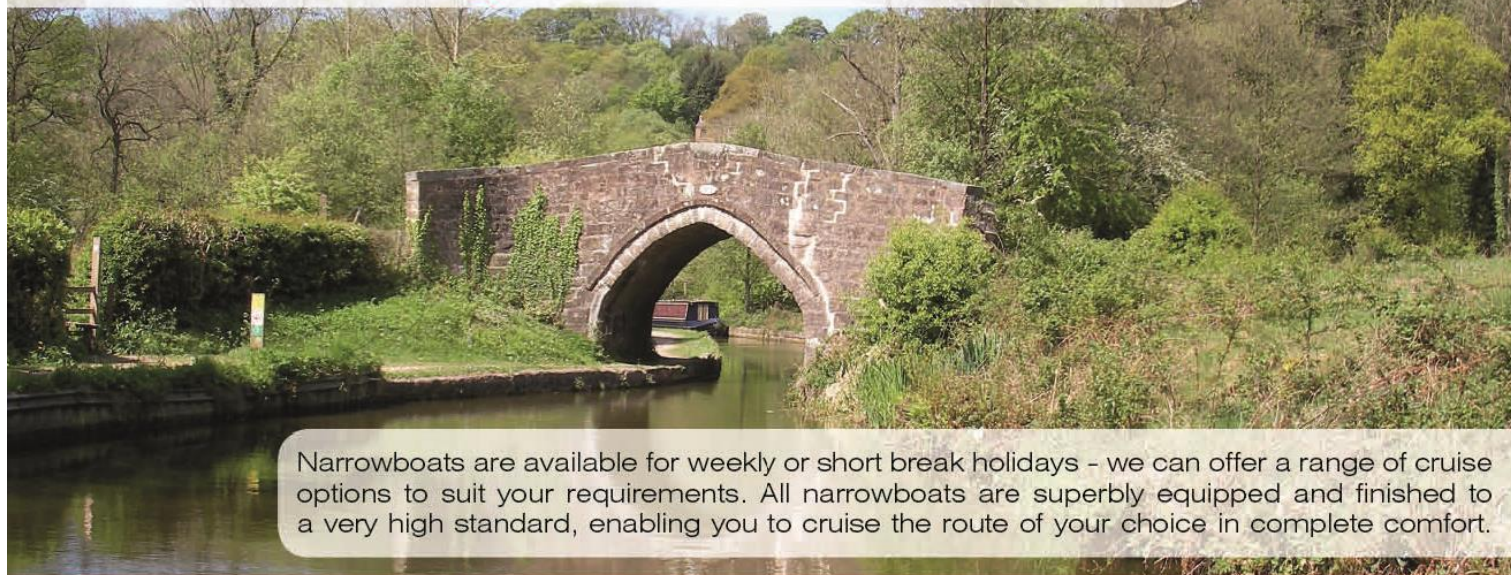
Rosemary and Angela Sleeps 2/3
Rosemary - Saturday start (weekly only)
Angela - Friday or Monday start (Weekly or 3/4/10/11 nights)



Ideal boats for first timers • Easy to handle
Bedding combinations: 3 singles (using the dinette) or 2 singles or
1 double (this has to be assembled every night) 1 single (using the dinette if required),



"Our heritage is Your Pleasure"



Narrowboats are available for weekly or short break holidays - we can offer a range of cruise options to suit your requirements. All narrowboats are superbly equipped and finished to a very high standard, enabling you to cruise the route of your choice in complete comfort.

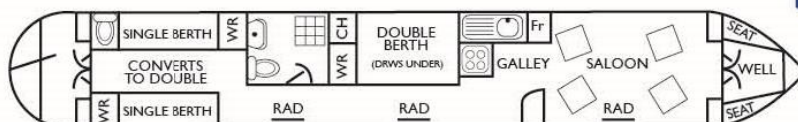


Carey Ginger and Lucy Ginger Sleeps 4

60ft



Carey - Saturday start (weekly only)
Lucy - Saturday or Tuesday start (Weekly or 3/4/10/11 nights)



Exceptionally comfortable narrowboats • Drop-leaf table
Spacious lounge with settee and chairs • One toilet and shower room
and a separate toilet in the rear • All berths have sprung mattresses
12v & 240v electricity supply

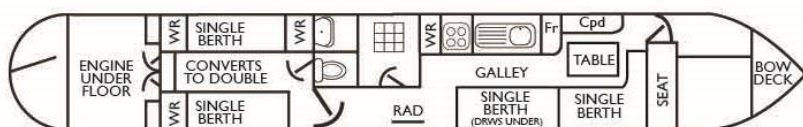
Bedding combinations: 2 singles and 1 double or 2 doubles



Alice Elizabeth Sleeps 4

48ft

Saturday start (weekly only)



Comfortable craft for four • 12v & 240v electricity supply

Bedding combinations: 4 singles or 2 singles and 1 double (this has to be assembled every night)

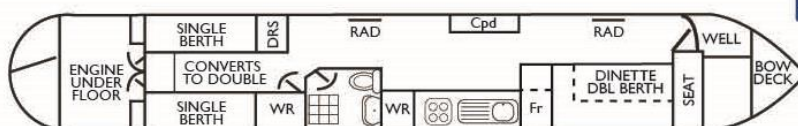


Agnes and Frances Sleeps 4

48ft



Friday or Monday start (weekly or 3/4/10/11 nights)



Comfortable craft for four • Ideal for first timers
12v & 240v electricity supply

Bedding combinations: 2 singles and 1 double (this has to be assembled every night),
or 2 doubles (both have to be assembled every night)

See our booking form for a choice of routes...

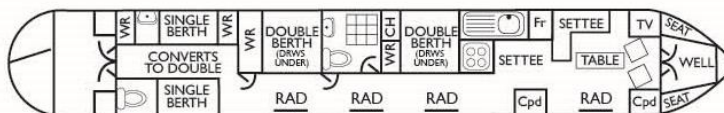


Martha Ginger and Olivia Ginger

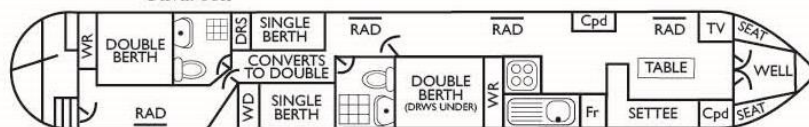
Sleeps 6 68ft



Martha & Sophia - Saturday start (weekly only)
Olivia - Saturday or Tuesday start (weekly or 3/4/10/11 nights)



Olivia 68ft



Martha 70ft

Spacious comfortable crafts • Lounge area with settee and two chairs
One toilet and shower room and a separate toilet in the rear
Martha has two toilet and shower rooms
All berths have sprung mattresses • 12v & 240v electricity supply

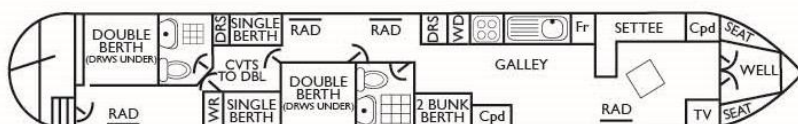
Bedding combinations: 4 singles and 2 double or 2 singles and 3 doubles



Lillian Ginger and Elinor Ginger Sleeps 8

Lillian - Saturday start (weekly only)
Elinor - Friday or Monday start (weekly or 3/4/10/11 nights)

70ft



Comfortable craft for four • 12v & 240v electricity supply

Bedding combinations: 4 singles or 2 doubles and 1 double



All boats have common features

Table (Drop-leaf or loose, stowed away)
Colour TVs • Radio Cassette Players or CD player
Hair Dryers • Full Size Cookers • Electric Fridges
Carpeted Throughout
Full Central Heating • Hot and Cold Water
Duvets, Pillows and Blankets
Centre Ropes • Mobile Phone Charging Points
Fully Equipped Galley • Electric Razor Point
Towels for Overseas Guests

FREE training is given
(British Marine Handover accreditation)

24/7 contact numbers



Short breaks & Day Hire

Weekend Friday 2.30pm - Monday 9am

Mid-week Monday 2.30pm - Friday 9am

Day Hire Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-4pm

10 or 11-day cruises - prices on application

Useful information

Sample inventory list

Mooring Lines	2	Tea Strainer	1
Mooring Stakes	2	Wooden Spoon	1
Mooring Hammer	1	Scissors	1
Windlasses (lock keys)	3	Cork Screw	1
Boat Hooks	2	Cheese Grater	1
Deck Mop	1	Toast Rack	1
Life Belt	1	Bread Bin	1
Fire Extinguishers	2 (3)	Tray	1
Fire Blanket	1	Frying Pan	1
Hosepipe & Fittings	1	Saucepans	4
Anchor	1	Colander	1
Water Key	1	Tumblers	4 (6,8,10)
Dustpan & Brush	1	Basins	2
Broom	1	Cruet S & P	1
Toilet Brush	1	Wine Glasses	4 (6,8,10)
Bucket	1	Butter Dish	1
Floor Cloth	1	Jugs	2
Bin	1	Sieve	1
Canister Set	1	Sugar Bowl	1
Bread Board	1	Egg Cups	4 (6,8,10)
Ash Trays	2	Mugs	4 (6,8,10)
Kettle	1	Cups	4 (6,8,10)
Teapot	1	Saucers	4 (6,8,10)
Washing up Bowl	1	Tea Plates	4 (6,8,10)
Dish Cloth.	1	Soup Bowls	4 (6,8,10)
Dessert Knives	4 (6,8,10)	Dinner Plates	4 (6,8,10)
Table Knives	4 (6,8,10)	Dessert Plates	4 (6,8,10)
Table Forks	4 (6,8,10)	Tea Towels	2
Dessert Forks	4 (6,8,10)	Duvets Double or Single Blankets	
Tea Spoons	6 (8,10,12)		2 (4,6,8)
Table Spoons	2	Bed Linen	2 (4,6,8)
Ladle / Large Spoon	1	Pillows & Pillow Cases	2 (4,6,8)
Fish Slice	1	Boat Key	1
Tin Opener	1	Toilet Packs	2
Vegetable Knife	1	Matches	1 box
Carving Knife	1	Waterproofs	1 set
Caffetiere	1		



Suggestions of what to pack

Torch
Camera
Clothes for all types of weather
Waterproof Clothing
First Aid Kit
Sunscreen Lotion
Insect Bite Cream/Spray

Groceries

Stone has ample shopping facilities with a large supermarket opposite the boatyard.

Pets

Dogs and other pets are welcome but we do ask you to bring suitable bedding for them. A small extra charge will be made for each pet.

Restrictions

The minimum age of hirers is 18, and whoever is in charge must be a responsible person.

We regret that bicycles, scooters, dinghies and canoes are not allowed

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THE FOUR COUNTIES RING HOLIDAY

One of the most interesting and varied routes on the whole canal system. To complete this ring comfortably you must cruise for a minimum of 9 hours a day. Certainly if you have never been before we would start you off traveling South, stopping at Sandon, Salt or Weston for your first night. On your 2nd night you would expect to be near Gailey Wharf. On the 3rd night you need to be between Gnosall and Norbury Junction. On the 4th night you need to be near Audlem. On the 5th Night you need to be at Middlewich, On the 6th near Hardings Wood Junction. On Your last night you need to be at the top of Stone.

THE FROST FAMILY CANAL BOAT HOLIDAY DIARY, 2014

7 DAYS

DAY ONE

Picked up our boat, home for the next week. Had some tuition and set off south to Great Haywood. Did our first lock on our own at Aston. Moored up for the night at Sandon. Took us about 2.5 hours.

DAY TWO

Woke up to rain and had breakfast. I was allowed to steer today & didn't hit anything! Locks are OK when you get the order of the paddles. Weather cleared up at dinner time just as we arrived in Penkridge. Decided to aim for Brewwood for the night and stopped by the Bridge Inn. About 8 hours today.

DAY THREE

Lovely morning. Sat outside with a cup of tea and just watched the fish jumping. Fab! Had a vote, we would only go as far as Market Drayton this time. This gave time to visit the town and some other small towns on the way back.

DAY FOUR

Made it to Market Drayton. A lovely town with its own brewery. Found a good butcher and eating on board tonight. Weather overcast. It took us 6 hours to get to Gnosall.

DAY FIVE

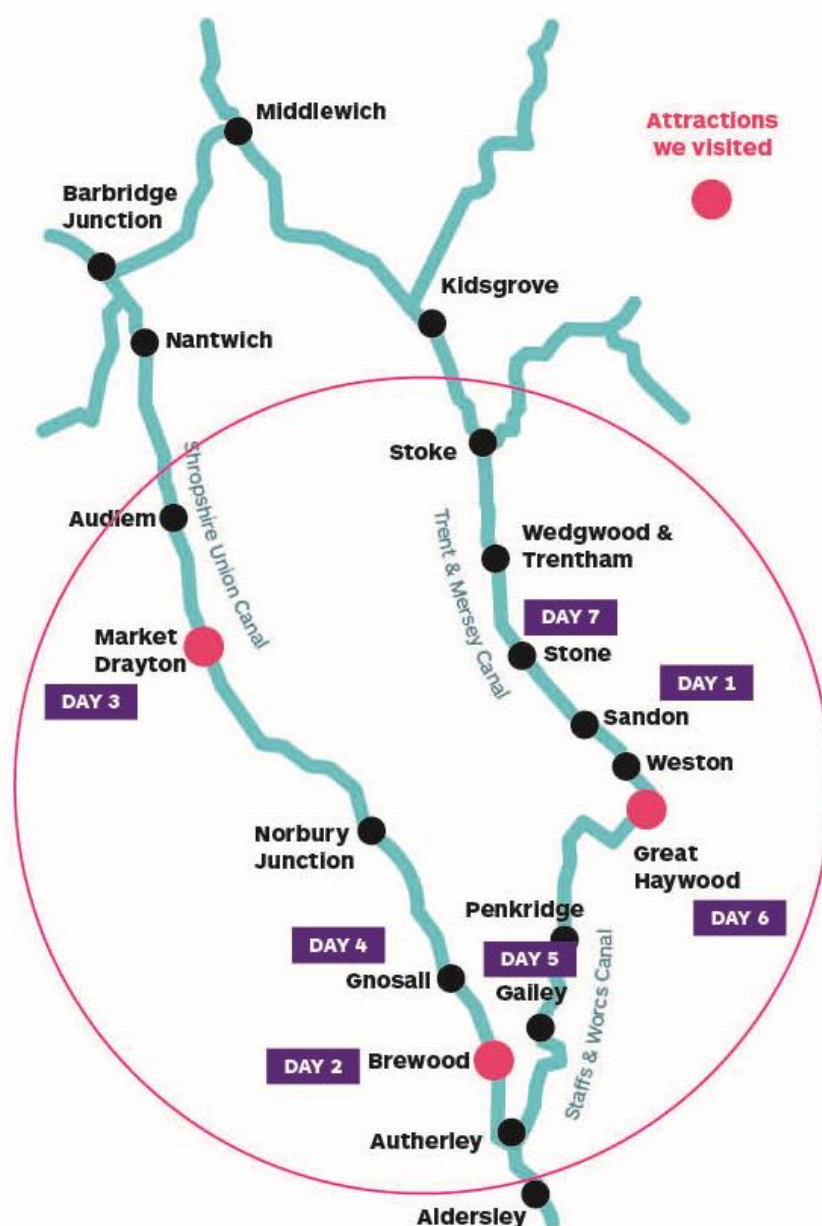
Sun shining. Aiming for Gailey tonight. Got the hang of driving now, really enjoying winding down. Phone works sometimes along with the wifi, but hey, who cares, I'm on holiday!

DAY SIX

Called into Shugborough today at Great Haywood. Lovely house and gardens, we had afternoon tea.

DAY SEVEN

Moored up below Stone to tidy up the boat. Sad to be going home. Meal out in Stone tonight. Really chilled out, can't wait till our next holiday. May do the full ring next time!



LEEK & FROGHALL

Easy & pleasant with lovely countryside. Ideal for new comers to boating or Overseas visitors to experience all the Canals Offer. You have a stair case lock, lift bridges, mechanical and manual, a small aquaduct/viaduct, traveling at the top of a valley and then dropping into a valley, a river, 2 tunnels, not to mention the Steam Railway.

THE CLEMENTS FAMILY CANAL BOAT HOLIDAY DIARY, 2014

7 DAYS

DAY ONE

Picked up our boat and headed for Trentham (3 hours). Had a refresher at the lock and stayed at Trentham for the night. Weather brilliant.

DAY TWO

Sun shining, wow it's hot! Boat has everything we need. Heading for the Sportsman at Stockton brook as recommended by the company.

DAY THREE

Another good restaurant, the Holly Bush round the corner from the Sportsman. Rain in the night but much better this morning. Phone and TV have no signal so got out the games instead! We are now aiming for Leek.

DAY FOUR

Stopped on the aqueduct last night. Beautiful looking down the valley and up at the stars. Off to Froghall today, been assured that the boat will go through Froghall tunnel. YES IT DOES!! Well worth the trip, it's wonderful, so peaceful. Stopped the boat at Cheddleton and the Churnet Valley Railway.

DAY FIVE

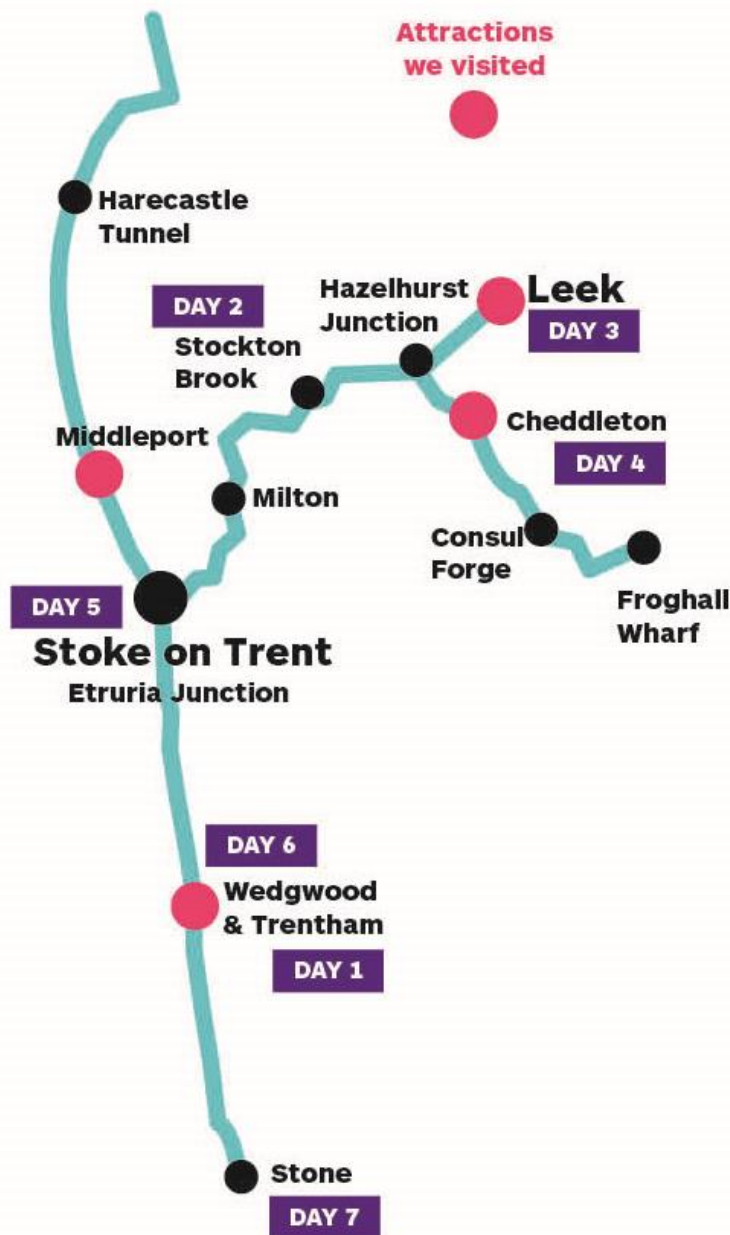
Heading for Etruria today and nipping up to Middleport Pottery in the morning before we head back to Stone.

DAY SIX

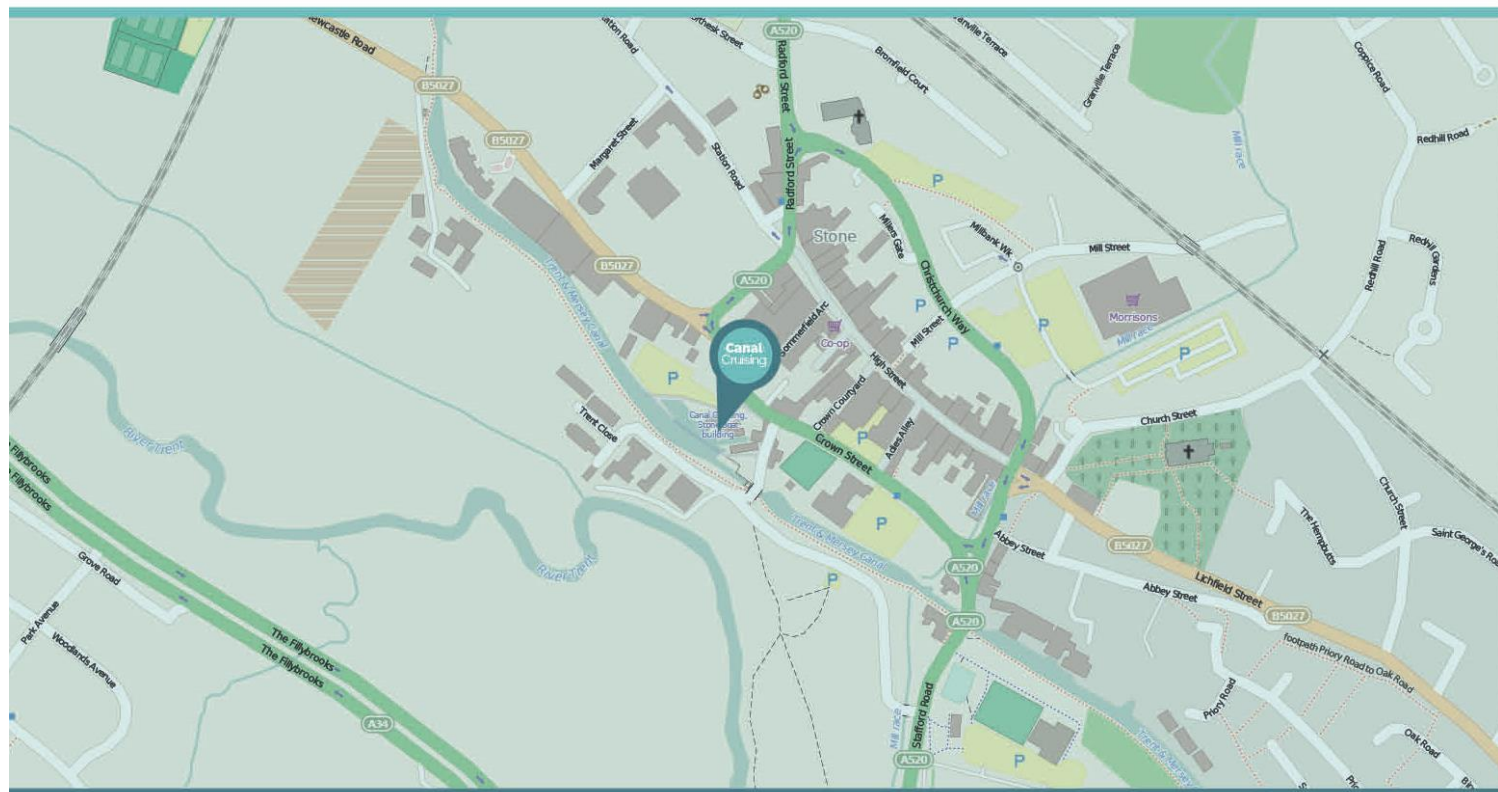
Monkey Park or Wedgwood... decisions decisions! Wedgwood was closer, then the Plume of Feathers at Barlaston for tea. 3 Hours left, so a lazy day tomorrow down to Stone.

DAY SEVEN

It's all over far too quickly, need 2 weeks next time, already planning the trip! Moored up in Stone just above the yard and went into town for the last meal. Tidied up the boat ready for the morning.



HOW TO FIND US...



DIRECTIONS

From Stafford take the A34 north and then the A520 into Stone.
From Stoke-on-Trent take the A34 south then the A520 into Stone.

Turn left into one way system along Crown Street and the boatyard is 200 yards on the left.

The nearest **rail station** is Stone.

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Conditions of Hire for Canal Cruising Co Ltd – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1.BROCHURE

The description given in the printed brochure and our web site are as accurate as possible, but we cannot be held liable for any small inaccuracies or changes due to improvements to the boats.

2.BOOKINGS

A provisional reservation be made by phoning (01785 813982) or emailing us (mail@canalcruising.co.uk) and getting a confirmation ref. This will be held for 5 days.

The booking is confirmed when a completed form signed by the hirer together with the deposit or full payment has been received by us and a confirmation issued.

3.PAYMENT

The hirer is responsible for the whole hire charge and payment which must be made 9 weeks prior to the start date.

4.INSURANCE

The boat is covered by insurance for loss or damage to the boat, its passengers and third parties. Personal effects of hirers are not included in this policy. Damage to waterways property, caused by the hirer, is the hirers' responsibility.

5.CANCELLATION FEE INCLUDED IN HOLIDAY COST

Holiday cancellation must be notified to us in writing. If you cancel or cut your holiday short due to one of the qualifying reasons below you will be covered for: Loss of your booking deposit paid, Balance of Hire printed on your confirmation (subject to booking conditions) & reimbursement of the appropriate proportion of the hire terms if you cut short the holiday.

Qualifying reasons which must apply to a member/s of your party:

Illness, pregnancy (subject to a medical evidence of unfitness to travel), or death or death of a close relative e.g. spouse, son or daughter in law, grandparent, sister or brother, fiancée(e)

Redundancy (employed for at least 24 months on a continual full time basis with the same employer)

Jury Service

The inability of all the party to reach Canal Cruising Co Ltd due to snow or flood or as a result of being involved in an accident en route.

N/B cancellation and curtailment in all cases must mean cancellation of the booking for the period concerned; it cannot involve partial refunds to individual members making up the holiday party.

The following charges apply if you change or cancel your holiday, or do not have a qualifying reason

No. of days before arrival date that notification to Cancellation charges cancel is received

More than 56 days Full initial payment

29-56 days 50% of cost

15-28 days 75% of cost

1-14 days 90% of cost

On arrival date or later Total cost

6.HIRERS

We will not hire a boat to anyone under the age of 18 without parental permission. No person under the age of 14 may control a boat unless under the direct supervision of a responsible adult. The boat may not carry more persons than the licence permits. If there are any infirm or disabled members in the party please inform us before booking. We will help if we can but suitability of the waterway is beyond our control.

7.COMPANY RESERVATION

We reserve the right to refuse to hand over the boat to any person who in our opinion is not suitable to take charge of our boat. In this event the hire charge will be refunded in full and you will have no further claim against the company. If owing to circumstances beyond our control, we are unable to provide the boat booked, or a suitable alternative, we will refund the full price of the holiday and you shall have no further claim against the company.

8.PERIOD OF HIRE

Boats will be ready between 2.00 pm and 4.00 p.m. on the start day and must be returned by 9.30 a.m. on the last day of hire and vacated by 10.00 a.m. It is your responsibility to ensure that there is sufficient time allowed to return the boat to the base on time and the boat is left in a clean and tidy condition. Failure to do so will result in a charge being made.

9.FUEL,PUMPOUTS

The boat is handed over with a full diesel tank, either 2 or 3 full gas bottles and toilet holding tanks empty. This is sufficient for a week's cruise. Hirers are advised that additional fuels and pumpouts are necessary on longer cruises these additional costs are the hirer's responsibility.

10.HANDOVER

A £40 non-returnable damage waiver is required before the boat can be removed from the yard. Or in certain circumstances a returnable security deposit of £200 will be accepted.

Special Exclusions are:

- a.Speeding (reported or witnessed)
- b.Damage to the rudder
- c.Late return of the boat
- d.Boat returned in an unclean condition.

Should any of the above be brought to our attention we shall claim the full cost of repair, replacement or compensation.

12.REPAIRS

Repairs are our responsibility and must not be put into the hands of others without our authority.

13.REPOSESSION

We may repossess the boat at any time if, in our opinion, the hirer is unsuitable, and not behaving responsibly or putting the boat and persons at risk. Under these circumstances the hirer remains liable for the holiday cost and no refund will be made.

14.DELAYS

We are not responsible or liable for damage or loss beyond our reasonable control including (without limitation), death or personal injury of hirers, their crew and passengers: loss or damage to property: non-fulfilment of the booking or delays: breakdowns;

mechanical problems; defects; damage; restrictions or obstructions; repairs or damage to waterways; non-availability of routes; navigational works; storms; floods; droughts; ice; loss or shortage of water or other weather conditions; rationing; shortage or no availability of fuel; or in respect of any consequential loss, damage, expense, injury or claim.

15.NAVIGATION AND ACCIDENTS

You are responsible for the safe navigation of the boat in your charge and are expected to comply with the navigation bylaws, including those relating to speed and cruising after dark or in fog, which are forbidden. The towing of other boats or using tidal waters without our consent is forbidden. In the case of an accident you must notify us immediately with full details including names and addresses of any witnesses and the name of any other boat involved. In no circumstances should anyone admit liability.

16.PARKING

Free car parking is provided for up to 2 vehicles but we emphasise that we accept no liability for loss or damage or their contents.

17.PETS

We accept well-behaved pets .Any damage caused by your pet/s you will be held responsible for repair costs. Please bring their own bedding.

18.EQUIPMENT

Use of your own equipment on board is entirely at your own risk.

19.COMPLAINTS

We try to operate at a high standard and would like you to let us know of any problems not noticed on collection before you start your holiday, or arising during your holiday as soon as possible, so that they can be corrected. To enable us to deal with any complaints properly, they must be notified to us before you leave the yard and followed up in writing within seven days of the end of your cruise. We cannot be held responsible or liable if you return the boat early due to your personal circumstances or weather conditions.

20.FUEL

In the event of increases in fuel tax, we reserve the right to impose a fuel surcharge to cover our increased costs even after a booking has been confirmed.

21.BICYCLES, CANOES AND FISHING

Our boats are not designed to carry bicycles or canoes and therefore they are not allowed. A rod licence is required to be able to fish from the boat and must not be near a fishing match and under no circumstances is live bait allowed inside the boat.

