

Heyford Wharf

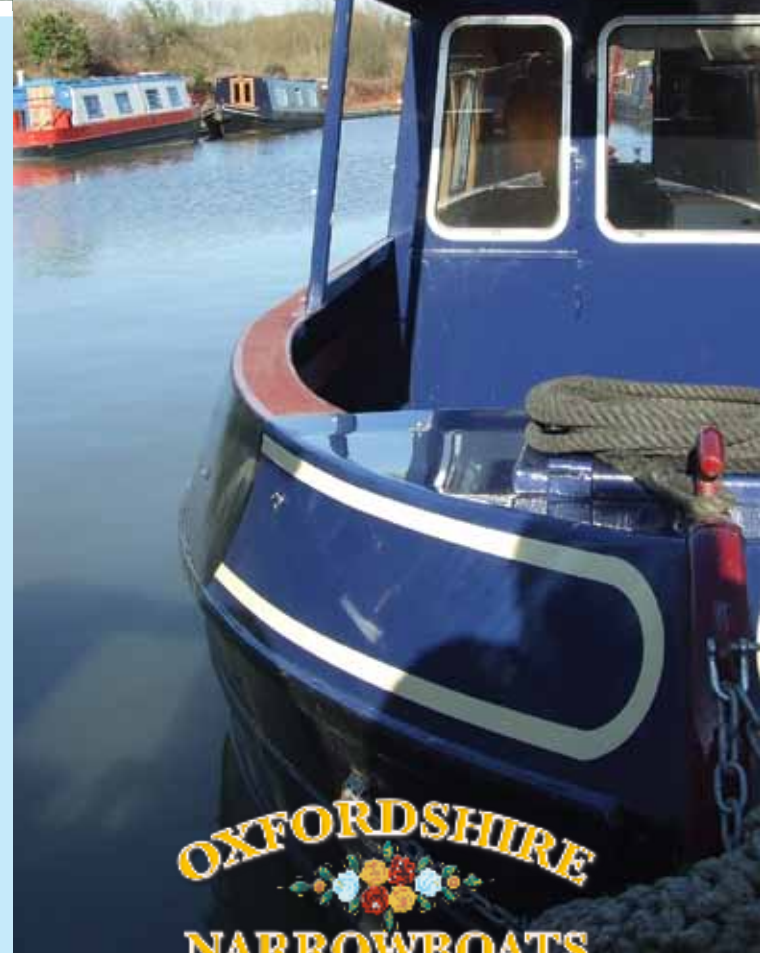
DAYHIRE BOATS



CRUISE CHARTER



BOOKING TERMS



If you're not willing or able to steer your own boat, why not charter one or more of our boats and let the crew do the hard work for you while you enjoy the beautifully sylvan scenery of the Cherwell Valley? Your cruise can follow either route as far as the old Quarry or Somerton Wharf with a knowledgeable personal commentary.

Start time for these is 10.30am for 6hr cruises, or between 10.30 and 12.30 for 4hr cruises. Note that the boat is chartered for up to 10 persons - we are unable to offer reductions for smaller parties.

CORPORATE CHARTER

For your next training, teambuilding, or corporate entertainment event, our location and boats provide a refreshingly unique way to get your message across. Use the boats to impress, to relax, or to provide that extra incentive for your staff performance.

We can hire the boats to you, provide tailored skippered cruises with or without catering, and offer further advice on your special day including the best local places to dine or stay.

HAMPERS, LUNCHES & CREAM TEAS

A full range of our hampers, lunches and cream teas is available on a prebooked basis - please enquire for details.

SELF DRIVE HIRE

Daily from 9.30am to 5.30pm. Maximum 10 persons.

SKIPPERED HIRE

For 4 Hour skippered cruises, please add £25 to the Self Drive rate. For 6 Hour skippered cruises, please add £45 to the Self Drive rate.

HOW TO FIND US

Heyford Wharf is in Lower Heyford, next to Heyford Station, on the B4030 to the west of Bicester. You can easily reach us by direct train from London, Reading, Oxford & Banbury: we are directly alongside Heyford Station.

The Company referred to is Heyford Wharf Ltd, trading as Oxfordshire Narrowboats.

1. A booking is confirmed only when full payment has been received, and an acknowledgement sent to you. No credit facilities other than credit cards will be allowed, unless by prior written permission. Cheques are no longer accepted
2. All payments are non refundable, and no claim for refund shall be entertained by the Company except as Condition 7.
3. You are not permitted to bring on to, nor use on, the boats any gas cylinder, (hot) barbeque, 240V electrical equipment, or any item which may cause harm or inconvenience to the boat, its occupants, or other canal users.
4. We reserve the right to refuse a booking or allow you or your party to take out the boat(s) if in our opinion you are either unfit (especially through alcohol or drug abuse) or unsuitable to safely navigate the boat. No refund shall be due.
5. Should, whilst the boat is hired to you, we have reason to believe you are i) carrying more passengers than the boat's capacity or ii) not navigating safely or responsibly, we reserve the right to terminate the hire immediately. All monies paid (including the damage deposit) shall be forfeited and no further claim shall be entertained by the Company.
6. In the event of an accident you must inform the Company immediately.
7. In the event of collision or injury to any third party, their craft or property, you must inform the Company immediately. You shall not under any circumstances accept any responsibility on behalf of the Company and must take a written note of the name and address of any third party involved which must be given to us upon your return.
8. We reserve the right to cancel any hire for which, due to circumstances beyond our control, it has become impossible to carry out. In such circumstances the hire fee shall be refunded in full: no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained by the Company.
9. The Company shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to the hire party or possessions, howsoever caused.
10. Breakages or damage caused to the boat or its contents shall be charged on a new/replacement basis and shall be deducted from the damage deposit before return.
11. Late return, i.e. after 5.30pm, of the boat(s) shall incur a charge of £25 for the first 1/2 hr, and the whole deposit if returned after 6pm.
12. Should the boat be returned in a dirty or untidy state a cleaning charge of £50 shall be levied.
13. The Company reserves the right to alter prices should any relevant government tax or rate of tax alter. In such circumstances you shall have no right of cancellation and no refunds shall be given.

Welcome



TO ANOTHER WORLD!

YOUR DAY AFLOAT

Imagine escaping from the pressures of modern life - changing down a gear to an altogether more relaxed pace as you gently cruise through the outstanding Cherwell Valley in rural Oxfordshire. Cotswold villages and pubs, Stately Homes and Country Walks - all there for you to do as little or as much as you wish.

Our 4 easy-to-operate self steer craft are available for hire every day from March to October. They are ideal for first-timers and experienced boaters alike, offering a unique opportunity to savour this most beautiful of rural waterways in North Oxfordshire.

Hiring a boat for a day is the perfect tonic to a busy lifestyle. Celebrate your birthday or anniversary with friends and relatives. Use the boat(s) as the basis for an entertaining day away for your corporate event for staff or clients. Try them to see if you might like a Short Break or longer narrowboat holiday in the future.

All our boats have cabins and a toilet onboard, and removable covers to the front for all-weather cruising. We provide comprehensive tuition, buoyancy aids upon request, and free car parking is available. Our well-stocked shop has maps, guides & souvenirs, and our new licenced waterside Bistro 'Kizzies', offers a wide range of home made meals and snacks. To view the boats please feel free to call us for an appointment: we are open from 10AM to 5PM seven days a week from March to October.

South: Kirtlington & the Rock of Gibraltar

Gently glide through rolling countryside as you follow the pretty Cherwell Valley; the canal winding its way through copses and pastures.

The first lock - Dashwoods - is characterised by a Cotswold stone bridge - only a mile further is the sylvan Northbrook lock - close to a tiny farming hamlet and historic drovers bridge over the adjacent River Cherwell; for those with sharp eyes Kingfishers are common on this stretch!

Another mile brings you to the old Kirtlington Quarry - now a country park - fascinating and well worth visiting for its open space, history and fossils. Many of our hirers never go further than here because this makes an ideal day with plenty of time for a picnic or barbecue at lunchtime... or a stroll to Kirtlington village and the Oxford Arms, well known for its good food.

An hour's cruising leads to the 'Rock of Gibraltar' pub. You will need to cruise a further half mile and one lock to turn the boat (45mins): allow yourself time for this - we recommend you turn first and then moor at the pub! (Note that you may not get much time in the pub if the canal is busy!)

Total return trip 7hrs

North: The Heyfords, Somerton & Aynho

Discover pretty Cotswold villages, superb water meadows, and experience one of the deepest locks in the area! You'll circumnavigate Lower Heyford before reaching the first lift bridge. (Most are left open for you to pass unhindered but this one you will need to operate).

Shortly after you'll see the magnificent tithe barn and manorial farm at Upper Heyford. The old airbase has been shut for many years now, so your progress is peaceful as you work through the first of the three locks - 'Allens', close to sleepy Upper Heyford rising up the hill from the lock.

Rolling pastures accompany your route through Heyford Common Lock and Somerton Deep Locks - a superb area to tie up and laze the day away in. Turn at Somerton Wharf before the lock, or above the lock, if you wish for a relaxing day or picnic in the countryside, but if a pub is your calling then carry on the next 2 miles to Aynho and the 'Great Western Arms' which sits between the canal and the old railway station. (Note that you may not get much time in the pub if the canal is busy!)

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We require

- Self Drive Skipped: 4 Hours 6 Hours
 Picnic Hamper Buffet Lunch Cream Tea

To pay by Credit/Debit Card (Please circle card type)

Debit Card: Maestro Switch Solo Delta Electron

Credit Card: Visa Mastercard Eurocard (2% surcharge only on credit card payments)

I have read the booking conditions and wish to make the above booking. I enclose the appropriate remittance