

Oxford

DAYHIRE BOATS



CRUISE CHARTER

SKIPPERED SIGHTSEEING CHARTER

Why not relax and enjoy the sights of Oxford in style whilst one of our knowledgeable skippers provides a tailor-made commentary for your cruise. Our crew do all the hard work – but you're welcome to join in with the locks and bridges if you wish. An unrivalled way to discover Oxford and Inspector Morse country... enquire for details.

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.



BOOKING TERMS

HOW TO FIND US

Thrupp is situated just off the A4260, north of Kidlington. If you are arriving by car, the centre is at the end of Canal Road, Thrupp. There is plenty of space for parking. Customers arriving by rail or plane can use our free courtesy bus service!

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 £50 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.



**OXFORDSHIRE
NARROWBOATS**

Welcome



OXFORDSHIRE NARROWBOATS BOOKING FORM

We require

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

Please list any special diets:

Number of persons to be catered for:

Name of Party

Name

Address

Home Tel

Fee Enclosed/To be debited: £

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)

Security Code

Card No

Valid From

Valid To

Issue No. (Debit Cards)

Cardholder's Signature

Date

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

Signed

TO ANOTHER WORLD!

YOUR DAY AFLOAT

Hire a narrowboat for the day from Oxfordshire Narrowboats - renowned for our top-quality purpose-designed craft. We provide free* courtesy transfer to the boats at Thrupp Canal Centre, just north of the City of Oxford. We show you how everything works, including the locks and lift bridges, and set you off on your voyage of discovery for a day out like no other. You can hire the boat for yourself ('self-drive') or we can provide skippered charter (your guided tour on water!) Hiring a boat for the day is the perfect tonic to a busy tour itinerary or lifestyle! Sightsee Oxford from a totally unique perspective. Celebrate your birthday, graduation, or anniversary afloat – or simply get a group of friends or business clients together for a memorable day out. Use our boat for an entertaining day away for your corporate event for clients or staff.

All of our boats have a heated cabin, toilet and washbasin, full galley inventory for ten, two-ring gas hob, and a large foredeck with removable covers for all-weather cruising. We provide comprehensive tuition, bouyancy aids, and car parking is available – although we prefer you respect the environment, arrive by train, and take advantage of our FREE* courtesy transfer from either Oxford or Hanborough stations.

* Service covers selected pick-up points only - see 'Courtesy Bus' section overleaf.

From Thrupp to the spires of Oxford

From our Thrupp Canal Centre you can enjoy a totally relaxing day in the country, or embark on a fantastic must-do tour of Oxford by water. Cruise into and around Oxford on both the royal River Thames and the Oxford Canal, sightseeing Port Meadow and the Dreaming Spires, the famous Folly Bridge and adjacent Christchurch meadow, cruising through bohemian Jericho, past the ruins of Godstow Priory where the ghost of Rosamund the Fair still lingers... Alternatively, why not moor at a waterside pub and take in the many familiar sights of the waterways that played such an important part in the 'Inspector Morse' TV series. Whichever route you choose, each boat is fully licensed for all the waterways, so there are no hidden extras:-

NORTH: The Cherwell Valley Head north from the picturesque canal hamlet of Thrupp along the rural Oxford Canal encountering kingfishers, woodpeckers amid this beautiful wooded valley. Travel as far north as Kirtlington and discover the fossil-laden former quarry, providing an excellent mooring from which to visit this classic Oxfordshire village. Enjoy a relaxing lunch at one of several excellent Inns along or near the canal. Walk the towpath or simply moor up near the river and let the day float by...

Total return trip to Kirtlington 6hrs

SOUTH: The Oxford Ring This is one of Britain's smallest circular cruising 'rings' - and a must for canal enthusiasts and sightseers alike. Head south from Thrupp toward Oxford along the canal as far as the secretive Dukes Cut, cleverly allowing access to the adjacent River Thames, for the most stunning views of Oxford's skyline across Port Meadow. Glide serenely downstream into central Oxford – taking in the rowing eights and famous college barges & boathouses. Moor at Folly Bridge for a glimpse of the bustle of the City, but don't forget to allow enough time for your return journey either back up the river or (more interestingly) along the Oxford canal through Jericho and St Ebbes.

Total return trip 7hrs

There are many other options to consider, including simply cruising along the canal into Oxford or taking the Thames into the countryside toward Eynsham. Cruising advice is freely given on your arrival, but do contact us if you wish to make a specific plan.

Note: As with all canals and rivers, navigation may be restricted or curtailed due to adverse river conditions. Your booking will only be refunded if no cruising whatsoever is possible on the day of your booking: no refunds will be considered where an alternative day's cruising in a different direction is possible. Please read the Booking Conditions.