DAY EXCURSIONS

DISCOVER THE ROYAL RIVER THAMES IN WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD WITH OUR MEMORABLE GROUP CRUISES

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As this is now our 5th addition of the day excursion brochure we have removed some of our older cruises to make way for the new and save the trees. Details of the cruises not included can be found on our website www.wmbcboats.com or call 01628 621 286 and we will be happy to send you some information.

Windsor Afternoon Tea Cruise
£23.95 per person – 3 hour cruise

Ploughmans Lunch Cruise
£23.95 per person – 3 hour cruise

Homes of the Rich & Famous
£27.50 per person – 3 hour cruise

Cheese & Wine Tour
£19.95 per person – 2 hour cruise

Fish & Chips Lunch Cruise
£21.95 per person – 3 hour cruise

Henley Regatta
£160 per person – 8 hour cruise
Welcome

Welcome to the Windsor & Maidenhead Boat Company’s river cruise day excursions brochure for group travel organisers. We are committed to providing a top quality and memorable cruise experience to all our customers.

With delicious food from our custom menus, to interesting and informative guides, your cruise will not only be value for money but also provide a unique experience aboard our luxurious vessel, The Georgian.

Accessibility

The Georgian was built in 1996 and at this time accessibility was not at the top of the agenda and there is very little scope for modernisation. However we do our best to help. The Georgian is equipped with modern toilets and central heating for those chilly days, however, more importantly, open spaces for those sunny ones too.

For groups that find steps a challenge we suggest you request a Windsor departure as the coach can drop off within 20 feet of the vessel with a maximum of two steps onto the vessel (This can be less if the water level is low). For a Maidenhead departure there are around 12 steps down to the water and a further two onto the vessel.

When boarding the vessel we have two members of crew on hand to help support those that need it. It is with regret that we cannot board wheelchairs. Once inside the vessel there are four steps down into the saloon where we serve the food or seven steps up to the top deck.
Swan Uppers Picnic Cruise

Swan Upping is a yearly tradition on the Thames & The Georgian has been the lead vessel taking The Dyers company on-board for the last few years.

We thought it may be nice to dedicate a cruise to the traditions and events that happen on the Thames. This is naturally commentary based and you won’t actually see or take part in any of the traditions or swan upping however we do hope you learn something about the Thames.

The Dyers staff usually bring along a picnic to enjoy as they chase the swans up the river so we are doing the same as we cruise along listening to the live commentary by our skipper.

**Sample Menu**
- Brussels Pâté Pot
- Mini Pork Pies
- Sausage Rolls
- Cheese Straws & Crisps
- Green Salad & Potato Salad
- Hummus, Cheese & Chive dips
- Baker’s Basket of Bread

This menu is served to the table & is to be shared in groups of four followed by a cup of tea or coffee.

Our Chef is happy to cater for your dietary needs yet please confirm any requirements when booking to ensure your food is available on the day.

**£19.95 per person including VAT - 3 hour cruise**

(minimum numbers for this cruise is 30 persons)

Cruises run on weekdays all year round. This cruise is not available during the week of Henley Regatta, 1st to the 5th of July. Windsor race days may restrict Monday bookings between May and July.

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Typically British Cruise

What better way to spend an afternoon with a group of friends than cruising down the river with a lovely meal and a sing song or two.

This three hour cruise picks up on the Pie & Mash traditions of Britain and brings them to the River Thames.

Enjoy our live running commentary packed with local facts about the Thames & the surrounding area.

There will also be classical songs gently playing in the background to enjoy and sing along with.

Sample Menu

Chicken & Leek Pie served with creamy mashed potatoes, vegetables & gravy

Dessert

Apple & berry crumble with custard

Our Chef is happy to cater for your dietary needs yet please confirm any requirements when booking to ensure your food is available on the day.

£27.95 per person including VAT - 3 hour cruise

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Thames at War Lunch Cruise

Step back in time and walk aboard our Thames at War cruise. As you board you will be taken back to the atmosphere of World War II with our victory themed vessel even down to the tape on the windows. The Captain and Sergeant in charge of the vessel shall welcome you aboard. Also our live war time commentary will inform you of war time facts about this iconic water highway and the local area.

Furthermore, keep your eyes open for the Windsor Hurricane! This full sized replica stands as a reminder that Windsor remains protected and defends the Thames at war. By the same token listen out for Hitler’s dream home. Also enjoy our small on board collection of war time items and some of Grandpa’s war time letters home to his Mother.

Enjoy our true dig for victory meal that will be served one hour into this three hour cruise.

Sample of Our “Dig For Victory” Meal

Sausage meat loaf with mashed potato and gravy

Vegetable turnover with baby new potatoes and parsley

Dessert

Roly poly and custard

Our Chef is happy to cater for your dietary needs yet please confirm any requirements when booking to ensure your food is available on the day.

Finally, after your lunch enjoy the tunes that inspired a nation against great odds and imagine what life would have been like not only during the world wars but as part of England’s military history.

£20.95 per person including VAT - 3 hour cruise

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Murder on the Thames

Sherlock Homes is coming aboard which can mean only one thing, the game is afloat. The Windsor & Maidenhead Boat Company are teaming up with the Sherlock Holmes Society and the great detective to bring you a wonderful interactive three hour murder mystery experience.

On arrival you will be greeted on board by Mr Holmes and while a mixer quiz takes place some guests will be invited to volunteer and take on the roles of the suspects (for which they will be provided with suitable props and clothes). Guests are most welcome to come in costume if they would like.

Just before lunch is served, approximately half an hour after departure, a murder will take place and the investigation will begin. Over the course of the meal further scenes will be performed and clues given out.

Main course is served

Braised beef with fondant potato, red cabbage and green beans

After main course you will be invited to go and search for physical evidence hidden around the boat. Following this you will get your ‘just desserts’ as the final scenes are performed.

Dessert is served

(V) Lemon posset with shortbread and fresh berries

After dessert, a cup of freshly brewed tea or coffee will be served and the denouncement and prize giving will take place with the murderer, one of the guests, being revealed.

Please be aware that we must check availability of Mr Holmes, as he is often busy on other cases, on the date requested before a confirmed booking can be made.

£36.00 per person including VAT - 3 hour cruise

(minimum numbers for this cruise is 36 persons)

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Windsor Champagne Lunch Cruise

An elite luxury cruise taking in the tranquillity of the River Thames and its surroundings on our three hour Windsor Champagne Lunch Cruise.

Start your experience with a relaxing cruise and a chilled glass of champagne before sitting down to a three course meal, freshly prepared on board.

So look no further for a perfect treat in order to spoil yourself.

Sample Menu

Starters
Potted lobster and tiger prawn in crab crème fraiché

Main Course
Parma ham wrapped chicken breast with chestnut and pancetta stuffing served with roasted garlic mash and wilted spinach

Dessert
Vanilla & berry cheesecake

Our Chef is happy to cater for your dietary needs. However please confirm any requirements when booking to ensure your food is available on the day.

£35.00 per person including VAT - 3 hour cruise

(minimum numbers for this cruise is 20 persons)

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Christmas Lunch Cruise

Christmas is always just around the corner and here at the Windsor & Maidenhead Boat Company our Christmas lunch cruise is becoming increasingly popular. With central heating and a glass of mulled wine, our Christmas lunch cruise will certainly keep those winter blues at bay.

Your Christmas Lunch cruise begins with a warm welcome and a glass of mulled wine waiting for you at your table. Enjoy topical and historical anecdotes along the route of the River Thames, narrated by your Skipper, during this three hour cruise. Furthermore your Christmas lunch shall be served one hour into the cruise at which point we shall play some festive music. Finally after your meal we invite you to join in the Christmas carols and Christmas classics like Rockin’ around the Christmas Tree and a Winters Tale.

Also please enjoy the licensed cash bar on board along with a seasonal gift stall with fantastic stocking fillers to buy.

Sample Menu

Main Course
Glazed roasted turkey breast & pigs-in-blankets with Yorkshire pudding and sage and onion stuffing
Roasted potatoes and roasted winter vegetables served with buttered seasonal greens, gravy and bread sauce.

Dessert
Traditional Homemade Christmas pudding with brandy cream.

Vegetarian Option on prior request
Mushroom and chestnut wellington with a vegetable gravy, roasted potatoes and roasted winter vegetables served with buttered seasonal greens.

Our Chef is happy to cater for your dietary needs yet please confirm any requirements when booking to ensure your food is available on the day.

£31.00 per person including VAT - 3 hour cruise
(minimum numbers for this cruise is 20 persons)

Cruises run on weekdays from November to February. This cruise is not available from the 24th December to the 3rd January.

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Terms and Conditions

1. BOOKING & PAYMENT.
A £100.00 non-refundable deposit is required at time of booking thus accepting these terms with balance payable seven days prior to the booking date. We reserve the right to cancel your booking if full payment is not made seven days prior to the booking date.

2. CANCELLATION.
2.1 Cancellation by you within seven days prior to the hire date shall be charged at 100%. Cancellation prior to this period shall receive a refund excluding the non-refundable deposit.
2.2 Cancellation by Windsor & Maidenhead Boat Company will result in a full refund.
2.3 If due to adverse weather conditions or mechanical failure and we are unable to sail, we shall conduct the cruise tied up alongside if safe to do so. In this instant you are entitled to a 40% refund and a 20% discount on a future cruise.

3. ALTERATION.
3.1 We are happy to make alterations to the cruise that you may require, subject to cost, seven days prior to the hire date. Alterations after this time may not be possible.
3.2 We shall do our best to deliver the cruise as agreed however if a modification is required we shall inform you as soon as possible.

4. ON BOARD CONDUCT.
4.1 The Master of the vessel is in charge of the vessel and shall conduct their operation in compliance with MCA regulations and company policy. A copy of such may be viewed on board.
4.2 You and your group must take account of their own safety and that of other passengers. You will be liable for any damage or accident caused by you or your group. You are prohibited from bringing aboard any food or drink, other than that which is pre-arranged.

5. SMOKING.
No smoking is allowed by anyone inside the vessel.

6. DIETARY REQUIREMENTS.
Any dietary requirements must be notified at least 7 days prior to the booking date. Failure to do so will result in your guest not being catered for on the day. In this instant no refund shall be given.

7. DISABILITY AND REDUCED MOBILITY.
We will, wherever practical, aid the safe access and egress of passengers with disabilities. Prior knowledge is helpful to ensure that they can be catered for. It is the Masters decision based on the safety of the vessel, crew and passengers as to whether it is possible to accommodate passengers with a disability.

8. MARKETING.
8.1 During the cruise we may take pictures of your group. These images may be used for our printed, internet and social media marketing. By completing a booking you agree for these images being used free of charge. Should you object to this please inform us via email to groups@wmbcboats.com.
8.2 If after your cruise you decide that you do not consent to a published image then we will remove this from our marketing in due course. If the image has been used in printed media it shall remain until the end of the materials marketing campaign.

9. LIABILITY.
Other than death, injury or illness caused by company negligence, liability is limited to the cost of the charter.

10. THE COMPANY.
Windsor & Maidenhead Boat Company is a trading subsidiary of Berkshire Boats Ltd.

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Weirbank Business Park,
Monkey Island Lane,
Bray on Thames,
Berkshire,
SL6 2ED.
How to Find Us

The Windsor & Maidenhead Boat Company have a range of locations to start and end your day excursion cruise. Riverside locations are not easy to find so please pay particular attention to this section. More directions are available on request.

Windsor Leisure Centre

Useful Address – Windsor Leisure Centre, Stovell Rd, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 5JB

Maidenhead Riverside Gardens

Useful Address - Jenner’s Cafe, Ray Mead Rd, Maidenhead, West Berkshire SL6 8NP

The Georgian is available for private hire, birthdays, weddings and anniversaries.

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