



Environment
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get afloat on the River Thames

Welcome to the River Thames

Ever wanted to get afloat on the River Thames? How about hiring a boat for an hour, day or week? Taking a scenic trip on a passenger boat? Canoeing or rowing under your own steam? Or finding a unique venue for that special occasion?

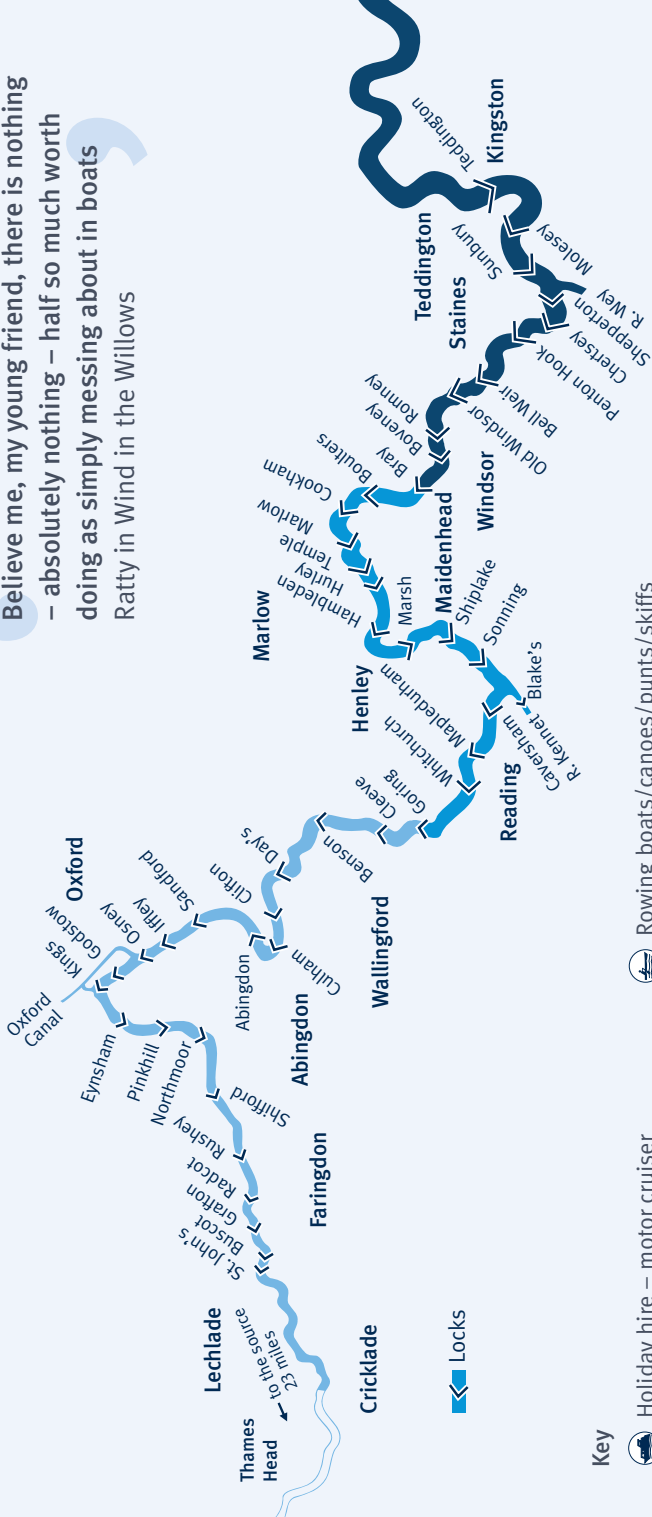
We have created this leaflet to help you explore the variety of possibilities. It includes ideas of what you can do and a list of all companies offering boat hire and trips. So getting afloat has never been easier.

Enjoy your time on the River Thames.









Plan ahead to make the most of your time on the river. Our website will help you to find out more about transport links, clubs,

restaurants, hotels, fishing spots, tourist attractions and events happening on or near the river. Go to www.visitthames.co.uk

Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing
 – absolutely nothing – half so much worth
 doing as simply messing about in boats
 Ratty in Wind in the Willows



Key

-  Holiday hire – motor cruiser
-  Holiday hire – narrow boat
-  Boats for day/hourly hire
-  Charter/special occasion hire
-  Scheduled services/passenger trips
-  Rowing boats/canoes/punts/skiffs
(1 or more of these are available)
-  Electric boats available
-  Accessible boat/s available

Find out more about enjoying the River Thames at www.visitthames.co.uk

Boat operators on the River Thames

Cricklade to Goring

*Cotswold Boat Hire – Lechlade-on-Thames

Tel: 01793 727083

Email: info@cotswoldboat.co.uk

Web: www.cotswoldboat.co.uk



Cotswold River Cruises – Lechlade-on-Thames

Tel: 01367 250013

Email: enquiries@cotswoldrivercruises.co.uk

Web: www.cotswoldrivercruises.co.uk



Riverside Boat Hire – Lechlade-on-Thames

Tel: 01367 253599

Web: www.riverside-lechlade.co.uk



Cotswold Canals Trust – Lechlade-on-Thames

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Swan Hotel – Radcot-on-Thames

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Rosamund The Fair – Banbury

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College Cruisers – Oxford

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Oxford River Cruises – Oxford

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Web: www.oxfordrivercruises.com



*Abingdon Boat Centre – Abingdon

Tel: 01235 521125

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Crown Blue Line, (member of Le Boat group) – Benson

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*Swanraft – Benson

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Alexander River Cruisers – Wallingford

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Great River Journeys – Wallingford

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Web: www.greatriverjourneys.com



Goring to Bray

*Reading Marine Services – Padworth

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*Caversham Boat Services – Reading

Tel: 0118 957 4323

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Kennet Cruises – Reading

Tel: 0118 987 1115

Email: info@kennetcruises.co.uk

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Bridge Boats Ltd – Reading

Tel: 0118 959 0346

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Salter Steamers Ltd – Reading

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Email: info@salterssteamers.co.uk

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Thames Rivercruise Ltd – Reading

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Email: bookings@thamesrivercruise.co.uk

Web: www.thamesrivercruise.co.uk



Sonning Cruises – Reading

Tel: 0118 942 2556

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Windsor Belle – Shiplake

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*Hobbs of Henley Ltd – Henley-on-Thames

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Web: www.hobbs-of-henley.com



Hambleden Sales & Charter Ltd – Henley-on-Thames

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Email: gillian@hscboats.co.uk

Web: www.hscboats.co.uk



Alexander River Cruises – Marlow

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Email: alexander.w@tiscali.co.uk



The Edwardian Boat Company – Marlow

Tel: 01795 436363

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Thames Steamers Ltd – Bourne End

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Email: info@thames-steamers.co.uk

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Serene Waters – Bourne End

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Rivertime – Cookham

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Web: www.rivertime.com



Cliveden Hotel – Maidenhead

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Web: www.clivedenhouse.co.uk



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Fringilla – Maidenhead

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Web: www.fringilla.co.uk



Thames Canoes – Maidenhead

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The Maidenhead Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. – Maidenhead

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Email: enquiry@maidenheadsteam.co.uk

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Bray to Teddington

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Tel: 01753 851900

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Salter Steamers Ltd – Windsor

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Email: info@salterssteamers.co.uk

Web: www.salterssteamers.co.uk



John Logie Motorboats – Windsor

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Rainbow Cruisers – Chertsey

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Hampton Ferry Boat House Ltd – Shepperton

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J G F Passenger Boats – Walton-on-Thames

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Email: info@jgf-boats.co.uk

Web: www.jgf-boats.co.uk



Thames Skiff Hire – Walton-on-Thames

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Email: sales@skiffhire.com

Web: www.skiffhire.com



*George Wilson & Sons – Sunbury-on-Thames

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*Farncombe Boat House Ltd – Godalming

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Web: www.farncombeboats.co.uk



*Guildford Boat House Ltd – Guildford

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Email: info@guildfordboats.co.uk

Web: www.guildfordboats.co.uk



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J Martin & Son – East Molesey

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*Constable's Boatyard – Hampton

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Web: www.constablesboatyard.co.uk



Ditton Cruisers – Ditton

Tel: 020 8398 2119

Email: maritek@taggsboatyard.co.uk

Web: www.taggsboatyard.co.uk



Harts Cruisers – Surbiton

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Email: maritek@taggsboatyard.co.uk

Web: www.taggsboatyard.co.uk



Parr Passenger Boats – Kingston-on-Thames

Tel: 020 8977 8850 or 07956 902646

Email: info@parrboats.co.uk

Web: www.parrboats.co.uk



Turk Launches – Kingston-on-Thames

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Email: operations@turks.co.uk

Web: www.turks.co.uk



Richmond Bridge Boathouses – Richmond

Tel: 020 8948 8270

Web: www.richmondbridgeboathouses.com



*River Thames Boat Project – Richmond

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Email: info@thamesboatproject.org

Web: www.thamesboatproject.org



Colliers Launches – Twickenham

Tel: 08000 748284 or 020 8892 0741

Email: demi@collierslaunches.co.uk

Web: www.collierslaunches.co.uk



Hammertons Ferry – Twickenham

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Westminster Passenger Services Association (Upriver) Limited – London

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Email: theboats@wpsa.co.uk

Web: www.wpsa.co.uk



Chas Newens Marine Co Ltd – London

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Email: info@chastheboat.co.uk

Web: www.chastheboat.co.uk



Complete Pleasure Boats – London

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Email: info@completepleasureboats.co.uk

Web: www.completepleasureboats.co.uk



Hotel boats

Temple Read Cruises (Magna Carta) – London – Henley-on-Thames

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Web: www.magna-carta.co.uk



African Queen – Mapledurham

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Email: africanqueen@btconnect.com

Web: www.african-queen.co.uk



Barge Cruising Ltd – Wallingford to Windsor

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Hotel Boat Baglady – Oxford to Teddington

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Email: bargebaglady@yahoo.co.uk

Web: www.hotelboatbaglady.co.uk



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Messing about in boats

Take a boating holiday

Hiring a boat is probably the ultimate get away, whether you fancy playing Swallows and Amazons with your family, or just cruising with friends. There are hire companies along the length of the river. A boat for four people for a week in low season will cost you from £500 and in high season £850 – that’s from £18 up to £30 per person per night and, unlike most hotels, it moves with you.

Try a picnic afloat

You can hire a boat for the day or hour. A rowing boat costs from £9 per hour or £40 per day. A motor boat costs from £20 per hour or £100 per day, plus a refundable security deposit.

Play at Three Men in a Boat

You can still hire a camping skiff complete with all cooking gear and bedding and row down river, just like Jerome K. Jerome over a hundred years ago. At night, you can moor up, and sleep under the stars.

Take the river bus

There are passenger boat services running nearly the whole length of the river from Oxford to Richmond. You could take a train one way and come back on the river bus. Tickets cost from £4 per adult depending on the route you choose.

Take a break on a hotel boat

These are usually two narrow boats tied together, with the skipper and cook on one, leaving you free to totally unwind. As a guest, you are welcome to help out as much or as little as you like.

Go electric

The river is getting quieter thanks to electric boats. It’s much nicer to float along having your summer picnic with only a gentle purr in the background, and many of the boats have traditional finishes and canopies to add a touch of style.

Go rowing, canoeing or sailing

The river, home to the Henley Royal Regatta every July, is the country’s most important rowing venue, with 23 clubs open to the public. Canoeists and sailors are also well looked after, and for the really adventurous canoeists there is white water at some weirs such as at Hurley.

Hiring a boat for the first time?

Don’t worry, help is at hand. Hire boat operators are happy to give helpful instruction and advice before you set off. Once cruising, every one of our 44 locks are staffed by our legendary Thames lock keepers who are happy to help you. And it won’t take much to get them to tell you their colourful tales of river lore, of local characters, and the best place to get a pint.

Our role

We are the Environment Agency. We look after the River Thames, keeping it clean, healthy and safe for the millions of visitors who use it every day. Working with river businesses and other partners, we develop leisure facilities and promote tourism.

The way we manage our waterways is critical to flood control, managing water resources and conservation. All parts of our business work closely together to make sure our work is integrated and sensitive to the environment.

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