

# Escape!

A selection of breaks along the River Thames...  
and boating holidays



## Visit Thames



# Marlow

The Macdonald Compleat Angler



The Thames is at its loveliest as it flows through this pleasant Georgian market town. prosperous shops, restaurants and bistros. The Macdonald Compleat Angler offers luxurious accommodation, next to the cascading waters of Marlow Weir. It is the perfect place to relax, by a roaring log fire, after a day exploring all the delights the local area has to offer.

## Things to Do

- Stanley Spencer Gallery, Cookham 2.8 miles
- Hell Fire Caves, High Wycombe 3.8 miles
- Walk the Thames Path to Bourne End or Cookham. Take 'Marlow Donkey' train back from Bourne End
- Hambleden Valley – picturesque villages (Midsomer Murders)
- Visit Bourne End Marina

## Places to Eat

- Sindhu by Atul Kochhar (2 AA rosettes)
- The Riverside Restaurant (3 AA rosettes)
- Walton Bar & Lounge

## The Macdonald Compleat Angler

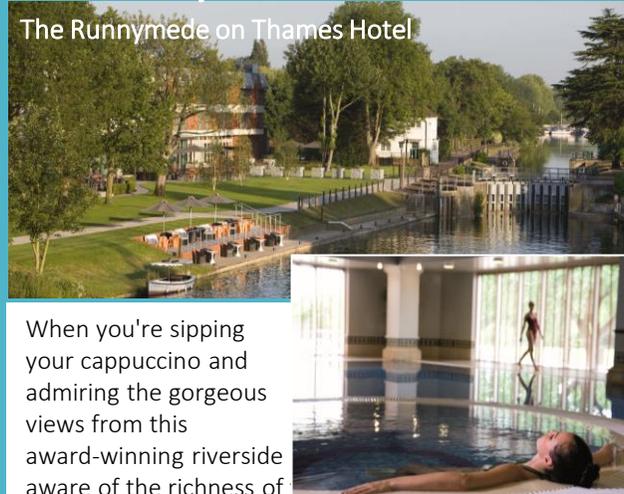
4 AA Red Stars Hotel, 3 AA Rosettes

[www.MacdonaldHotels.co.uk/CompleatAngler](http://www.MacdonaldHotels.co.uk/CompleatAngler)

Tel: 01628 484444

# Runnymede

The Runnymede on Thames Hotel



When you're sipping your cappuccino and admiring the gorgeous views from this award-winning riverside aware of the richness of

## Things to Do

- Wind down and drift into a state of bliss in the award winning spa
- Spend the day exploring nearby Royal Windsor
- Take a stroll along the Thames Path to the Magna Carta and JFK Memorial

## Places to Eat

- The Lock Bar and Kitchen – offering home-style cooking
- Leftbank Restaurant – all served buffet style
- The Lounge – comfy seating and light bites

Enjoy a cosy romantic weekend break with relaxing spa treatments and use of the spa facilities. Marry it together with pretty riverside walks, gorgeous dinner with a glass of Champagne, and you can enjoy the perfect romantic and pampering break.

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4 AA Stars Hotel, Visit England Silver Award

[www.runnymedehotel.com](http://www.runnymedehotel.com)

Tel: 01784 220961

# Thames Path National Trail



It follows the greatest river in England for 184 miles From its source in the Cotswolds almost to the sea.

As far as Oxford, there is a real sense of remoteness and rural tranquillity. Beyond Oxford, the river continues to widen and from Goring, the Chilterns provide a wooded backdrop, the colours changing dramatically with the seasons. From Henley, the Trail starts to get busier, however, once you're around a bend or two of the river, you'll regain the rural peacefulness. As it passes beneath Windsor Castle, you are reminded that you are following a Royal river, and the palaces of Hampton Court and Kew soon to follow confirm this. From the last non-tidal lock on the Thames at Teddington, you can choose to walk on either the north or south banks of the river through London on to the final section of the Thames Path amongst restored warehouses and working wharves in London's docklands.

<http://www.visitthames.co.uk/things-to-do/walking>



**Thames Path**

NATIONAL TRAIL



# Windsor



The stretch of the mighty River Thames to the west of London has long been the escape from the capital for the privileged: the Romans constructed villas along fertile banks which later became a rural escape for the monarchy. At Windsor the river and its banks offer stunning views of the 1,000 year old Castle.

## Things to Do

- Visit Windsor Castle to see the State Apartments
- Stand to attention as the guards and their band march up the High Street
- Take a river boat trip with French Brothers Boats (weekends only in winter).
- Discover Windsor & Eton on an Open Top Bus Tour

## Places to Eat

- Thames View Restaurant, Sir Christopher Wren Hotel
- The André Garrett Restaurant, Cliveden, Taplow
- Head upstream to Bray for The Fat Duck (3 Michelin Stars)

[www.windsor.gov.uk](http://www.windsor.gov.uk) Tel: 01753 743900

# Choose your Windsor Hotel Break

Stay at The Runnymede on Thames Hotel or:

## Sir Christopher Wren Hotel & Spa

Sheltering beneath the ramparts of Windsor Castle, this Grade II listed hotel enjoys a spectacular setting at Eton Bridge. Escape from the stresses of daily life in the Wren's Spa. Take a look at the [offers](#).



## Oakley Court

Built in 1859, one of the Finest and most renowned country house hotels in England. Set in over 33 acres of beautiful landscape gardens leading straight onto a private stretch of the Thames. Take a look at the [offers](#).



# Cliveden



## London's Country Retreat Awaits

Just 40 minutes from Central London, the world of Cliveden is tantalizingly close. A place for celebration, romance and indulgence. Since 1666, Cliveden has been witness to Scandal, lavish entertaining and a lust for life. Its illustrious guest list is endless, including Queen Victoria, Winston Churchill, Charlie Chaplin and The Beatles. Loose yourself in 376 acres of National Trust gardens on the edge of the River Thames.



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E-mail: [reservations@clivedehouse.co.uk](mailto:reservations@clivedehouse.co.uk)

Enjoy 'Three Nights for Two' short breaks (Sunday to Thursday)

Take a look at the [offers](#).

# City Cruises – Explore the sights of London from the River Thames



Cruises depart every 30 mins, every day of the week, all year round; freedom to explore the many sights of the Thames, whatever the weather. Or book a sightseeing tour from the range of Riverdays experiences, either Lunch or Afternoon Tea. Along the way, you'll pass the first Roman crossing of the River Thames, the tallest building in Europe, the Shard, and a full-size reconstruction of the Golden Hinde, Sir Francis Drake's 16th century warship. The spacious boats are a great place to see the glittering lights of London pass by as you enjoy one of our Rivernights dinner cruises. You'll witness the moonlit majesty of London gliding past as you enjoy a four course meal during your three hour cruise. And if the dancing gets too much, you can escape to the open air upper deck and take in the sights from there.

[www.citycruises.com](http://www.citycruises.com)



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# Boating Holidays

There is a great selection of boating accommodation on the royal River Thames, outside of London, to ensure you travel in style and comfort. Accommodation ranges from luxury self-drive cruisers, such as [Hobbs of Henley's](#) Linssen cruiser, [Le Boat](#), or the fleet at [Kris Cruisers](#), to canal narrow or widebeam boats such as [MyRiverCruising](#) and [Calmer Cruising](#). Or let somebody else do the driving for you, [Thames Boat Hotel's](#) 'Down the Hatch', which offers exclusive private charter on a wide-beamed river cruiser, or [Henley Sales & Charter](#) offers luxury charters with on-board chef. Why not spoil yourself and book a luxury cruise on the [Magna Carta, Hotel Barge](#) offering 6 night all inclusive cruising breaks with heated spa pool and Master Chef. Or try [The African Queen](#) accommodates 14 passengers, which ensures a warm and friendly atmosphere on board. The barge includes a bar, dining area, outside deck and library. [www.visitthames.co.uk/places-to-stay/boating-holidays](http://www.visitthames.co.uk/places-to-stay/boating-holidays)

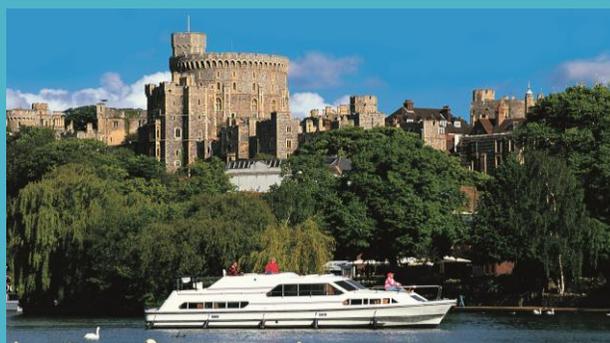


## Hobbs of Henley



Hire a luxury Linssen Cruiser with Hobbs of Henley, the only UK partner for Linssen Boating Holidays. Choose from Jacqueline 34.9 Grand Sturdy or Midsomer a 36.9 Grand Sturdy. Based on the royal river Thames at its most famous riverside town Henley, these cruisers are available to hire for a week or weekend from April to October. The Linssen's interiors are magnificent with beautiful wooden finishes and can sleep up to 6 people comfortably. [www.hobbsofhenley.com/midsomer](http://www.hobbsofhenley.com/midsomer)

## Le Boat



Le Boat is Europe's No 1 boating holiday company and provides a wide selection of boats, with different features, styles and sizes to suit any party size. Le Boat operates from two bases on the River Thames – Benson and Chertsey.

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**le boat**  
Who's on board?

## Itineraries

### Midsomer by Boat – Hobbs of Henley

Explore the countryside of DCI Barnaby's Midsomer. Spend a relaxing week on the beautiful River Thames taking in the sights and sounds of 9 Midsomer villages and 30 different filming locations.

This return cruise from Henley-on-Thames, one of England's prettiest riverside towns, where the imposing Town Hall is unmistakable as Causton Town Hall in 'Last Year's Model' and as the Auction Rooms in 'The Black Book'. In 'Dead in the Water', Tom and Joyce Barnaby attend the Midsomer Regatta, an episode filmed at Henley Royal Regatta featuring a Olympic Rowing Gold Medallist, Sir Steve Redgrave.

### The Royal Cruise – Le Boat

A one-way cruise from Benson to Royal Windsor. Visit majestic Cliveden, once owned by Nancy Astor; an Italianate cliff-top mansion hotel, surrounded by National Trust gardens. Explore historic market towns along the river Thames from Wallingford, home to world famous crime writer Agatha Christie, Goring and Streatley which straddle two National Trails, the Thames Path and the Ridgeway. Or stop off at Mapledurham House and visit the country's last working mill. Finally discover the 900 year history of Windsor Castle, the Queen's weekend home, or watch the Changing of the Guard in Windsor.