

# Cruising Routes



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## LLANGOLLEN & RETURN

7 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 5.5 Hrs • Locks: 24

- If you would like to travel to Llangollen, but were looking to complete more locks, then start from Wrenbury Marina rather than Whitchurch or Blackwater Meadow.
- The last locks before Llangollen are at New Marton, half way between Ellesmere and Chirk.
- From there on the canal clings to the hillside contours. An enchanting blend of aqueducts and tunnels will take you lock free through to Llangollen.

## THE FOUR COUNTIES RING

14 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 6 Hrs • Locks: 132

- Takes you along the wonderfully rural Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal to Great Haywood Junction.
- Passing under a distinctive roving bridge, you join the Trent & Mersey Canal heading north towards the Potteries and Peak District.
- Rolling Staffordshire countryside leads you to Stoke-on-Trent, the Wedgwood Visitor Centre and the impressive 2926-yard long Harecastle Tunnel.
- The scenery on the climb up 'Heartbreak Hill' to the summit at Kidsgrove is fantastic.
- Beyond Harecastle the 13 miles to the salt town of Middlewich sees the canal descend 31 locks to the Cheshire Plains.
- The short Middlewich arm links the Trent and Mersey Canal to the Shropshire Union Canal again through more glorious countryside.

⚠️ DON'T MISS THE BOTTLE KILNS AT ETRURIA.

## MARKET DRAYTON & RETURN

7 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 5 Hrs • Locks: 82

- When you join the Shropshire Union Canal at Hurlleston Junction head down the canal to Market Drayton.
- Did you know Market Drayton has been the home of gingerbread for the last 200 years (*find out more at [www.shropshiretourism.co.uk/market-drayton](http://www.shropshiretourism.co.uk/market-drayton)*)

## Short Breaks

### WHITCHURCH & RETURN

3 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 4 Hrs • Locks: 20

Travel between our Wrenbury and Whitchurch Marinas and explore Whitchurch before you return ([www.shropshiretourism.co.uk/whitchurch](http://www.shropshiretourism.co.uk/whitchurch)).

### ELLESMERE & RETURN

3 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 8.5 Hrs • Locks: 20

The run into Ellesmere is through an area of outstanding beauty, with a series of Ice-Age lakes known as 'meres' very close to the canal.

## ELLESMERE PORT & RETURN

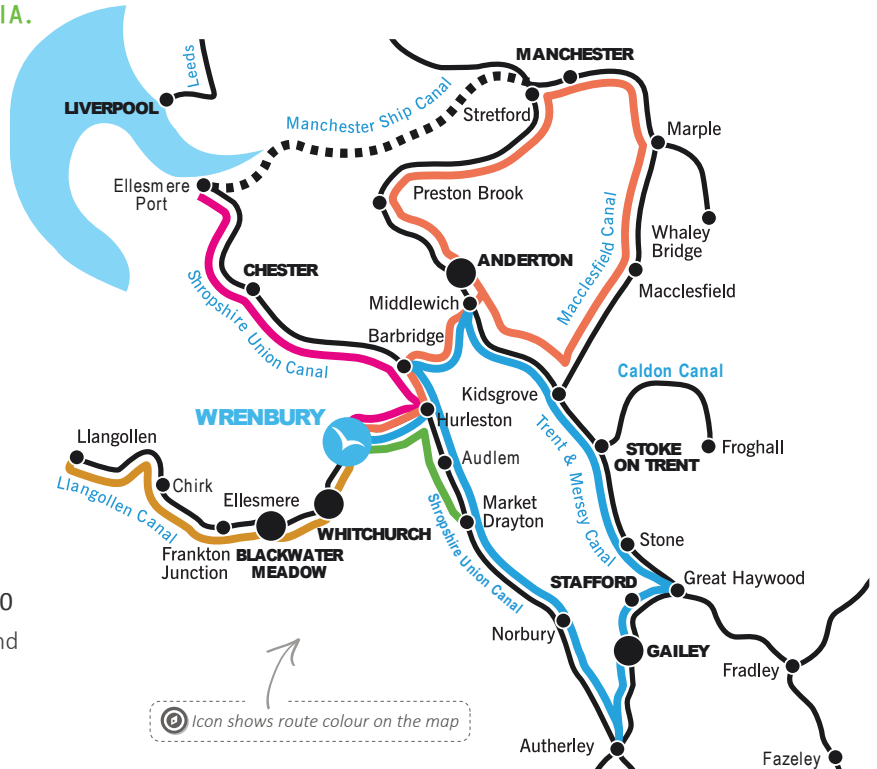
7 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 6.5 Hrs • Locks: 48

- From Wrenbury you will travel up the Llangollen Canal to join the Shropshire Union Canal and travel up to the industrial town of Ellesmere Port.
- Why not visit the National Waterways Museum which brings together a unique fleet of historic boats and archives to tell the story of Britains canals and waterways?

## THE CHESHIRE RING

11-14 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 6 Hrs • Locks: 137

- It is recommended to travel this ring clockwise, so heading up to Manchester.
- The ring takes in the whole of the Macclesfield Canal, parts of the Trent & Mersey, Bridgewater, Rochdale, Ashton and Peak Forest Canals, providing a range of scenery.
- Enjoy glorious scenery as the Macclesfield Canal skirts the edge of the Pennines.
- If time allows why not take a detour from Marple along the Peak Forest Canal and enjoy stunning views.
- You will cruise through the heart of Manchester and moor at Castlefield to explore the city and places such as the Old Trafford, home of 'Man U' ([www.manutd.co.uk](http://www.manutd.co.uk)), the Arndale shopping centre or the Museum of Science and Industry ([www.mosi.org.uk](http://www.mosi.org.uk)).
- This route has a variety of canal features including broad and narrow locks, aqueducts and tunnels, and the distinctive stone architecture of the Peak District.



## CHIRK & RETURN

4 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 6 Hrs • Locks: 24

Towards the Welsh border at Chirk the country's fine hills come into view and the scenery becomes altogether more dramatic.

