

ALDERMASTON WHARF

Holiday Information



ABC BOAT HIRE

Directions To The Marina

By Road

- Leave M4 at junction 12 and at the roundabout take the exit marked to A4 Theale/Newbury.
- 1st exit coming from East or 3rd exit coming from West.
- At the next roundabout take the second exit following A4, Bath Road.
- Again at the next roundabout take the second exit following A4, Bath Road.
- At the next roundabout take the second exit following A340, Basingstoke Road.
- Take a left turn on Wharfside and the marina office is straight ahead.

By Road from M3/A303/South

- Join Basingstoke ring road and follow signs for Basingstoke hospital and A340.
- Continue on A340 through Tadley and Aldermaston.
- Cross over canal bridge at Aldermaston Wharf and take next right into Wharf side and the marina office is straight ahead.

Airports

Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton and Stansted airports are all linked to Reading by motorway and bus services. London Heathrow airport is 40 miles away (45 minutes by car), Heathrow Express Bus service to Reading station. Gatwick Express rail service terminates at Reading station. Rail service from Reading to Aldermaston every hour
(No Sunday service)

By Train

The nearest railway station is Aldermaston which is **300 metres away**. Please go to the links below to find out more about tickets and prices.

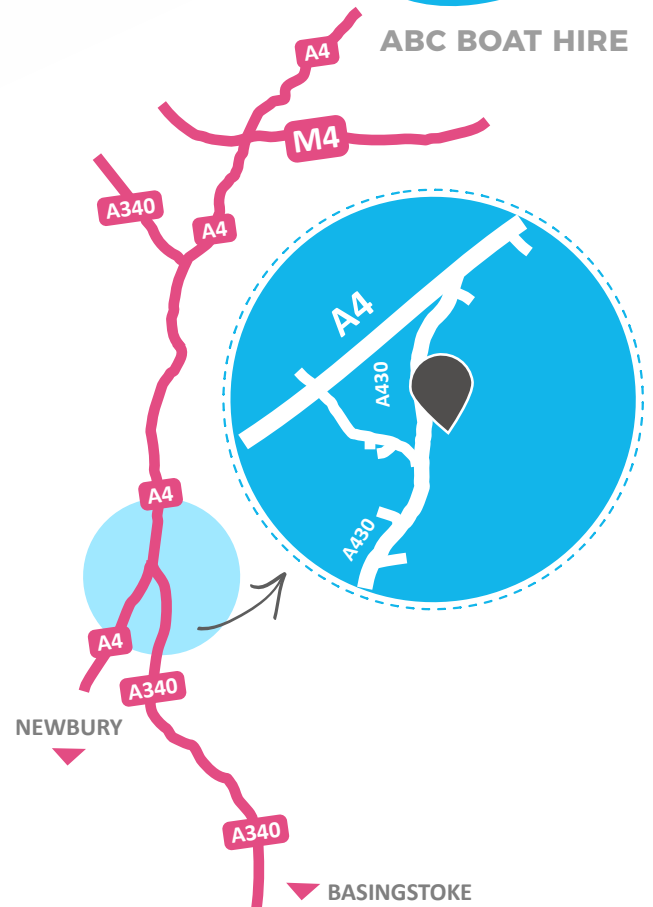


You can buy rail tickets online at thetrainline.com or gwr.com

THAMES CRUISING

We are happy to allow our hire fleet to cruise on the River Thames and our boats have a Gold license that allows you to do so without extra charge.

When planning any river cruising within your route, do bear in mind that in some weather conditions river navigation may be restricted, so it is worth having an alternative plan.



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TRAVEL & PLANNING

LOCAL ACCOMMODATION

Please check www.airbnb.co.uk or www.laterooms.com for local availability.

LOCAL TAXI COMPANIES

A To B Travel: 01189108108 - Mobile: 07786637222
Email: Philhutt@hotmail.co.uk

NEAREST GROCERY STORES

Sainsbury's, 30 Mulfords Hill, Tadley, Hampshire, RG26 3JE Tel: 0118 9818489 (3 Miles)
Waitrose, 48-53 The Broadway, Thatcham, Berkshire, RG19 3HP Tel: 01635 868113 (5 Miles)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WHATS NEARBY...

Visit our website - aldermastonwharf.com/nearby

ADDRESS: Aldermaston Wharf, Padworth, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 4JS PHONE: 01189 714123

E-MAIL: abclg@aldermastonwharf.com WEB: www.aldermastonwharf.com

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FEATURED ROUTES 7 Nights or more

Pewsey & Return, 7 Nights

Cruising Time Per day: 6.5 Hrs • **Total:** 43 Hrs • **Locks:** 90

- Cruise west to the picturesque market town of Newbury. • There are some nice pubs at the canalside village of Kintbury.
- Before arriving at Hungerford, stop off and visit the antique shops and admire the charming canalscape.
- Then it's onto Great Bedwyn and Crofton Pump Station, home to the world's oldest working beam engine.
- Visit the historic conservation village at Wootton Rivers on your way to the traditional village of Pewsey with its beautiful thatched cottages.

MAPS - P8 N7 L20 H1

Oxford & Return, 7 Nights

Cruising Time Per day: 7 Hrs • **Total:** 43 Hrs • **Locks:** 48

- Join the River Thames at Reading and cruise to Oxford the city of dreaming spires.
- With its mix of ancient and modern there is plenty to do in Oxford

MAPS - P8 N7 L20

The Grand Ring, 14-21 Nights !

Cruising Time Per day: 6-9 Hrs • **Total:** 126 Hrs • **Locks:** 175

- This ring takes a minimum of 2 weeks to complete or longer if you want to take in the sights along the way.
- The Thames River Licence price is included in your hire charge.
- Take in the delights of the southern waterways including Oxford, Banbury, Leighton Buzzard, but then follow a similar route to Limehouse and return for another aspect.

MAPS - N1 N7 G29

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Windsor & Return, 7 Nights

Cruising Time Per day: 5.5 Hrs • **Total:** 36 Hrs • **Locks:** 42

- A short cruise to Reading, where you join the Thames and cruise downstream through the rowing town of Henley, the charming town of Marlow, where Shelley and T.S. Eliot once lived, and Cookham, home to the Stanley Spencer art gallery.
- Moor up at Taplow for a visit to Cliveden House and, if your budget is up to it, at Bray, where you could enjoy a fine meal at either Heston Blumenthal's Fat Duck or the Roux brothers' Waterside Inn.
- Visit Eton College before arriving at the royal town of Windsor, famous for its castle, and nearby Legoland.

MAPS - P8 N7 L20 L23

Bath & Return, 14 Nights

Cruising Time Per day: 6.5 Hrs • **Total:** 82 Hrs • **Locks:** 176

- Head down the Kennet & Avon and follow the route to Pewsey, then down to Devizes and the Caen Hill flight of locks.
- From our Hilperton Marina pick up the Bath and return route (see page 23 in our brochure).
- On the Kennet & Avon you will be able to see two surviving turf-sided locks, Monkey Marsh lock at Thatcham and Garston Lock at Theale.

MAPS - P8 N7 L20 H1

Limehouse & Return, 10 Nights !

Cruising Time Per day: 8 Hrs • **Total:** 87 Hrs • **Locks:** 114

- If you have more time to explore into London then this route will take you up onto the River Thames, past Henley, Marlow, Hampton Court Bridge, Teddington, then onto the Grand Union Canal up to Little Venice, London Zoo and Camden market.
- At Henley you could visit The River and Rowing Museum (www.rrm.co.uk), you will pass Runnymede near Egham which is notable for its association with the Magna Carta and current collection of memorials, or at Staines there is Thorpe Park (www.thorpepark.com).

MAPS - N7 L22 L23 G29

SHORT BREAKS 3 or 4 night breaks

Newbury & Return, 3 Nights

Cruising Time Per day: 5 Hrs • **Total:** 12 Hrs • **Locks:** 22

Cruise to the picturesque market town of Newbury, which boasts some lovely 17th century buildings or spend a day at the races.

MAPS - N7 P8 L20 H1

Hungerford & Return, 4 Nights

Cruising Time Per day: 7.5 Hrs • **Total:** 23 Hrs • **Locks:** 42

Take a cruise to Hungerford and visit the famous antique shops and beautiful waterfront.

MAPS - N7 P8 L20 H1

Henley & Return, 3-4 Nights

Cruising Time Per day: 6-7 Hrs • **Total:** 20 Hrs • **Locks:** 30

Go up onto the River Thames and travel to the 12th century market town of Henley.

MAPS - N7 G29 L23



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ROUTE MAP



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COLOUR KEY

- THE GRAND RING !
- PEWSEY & RETURN
- WINDSOR & RETURN
- OXORD & RETURN
- BATH & RETURN
- LIMEHOUSE & RETURN !

