



DIRECTIONS

Using a sat nav?
Use post code WR1 2SE

TRAVEL / PLANNING

BY ROAD ¹ *If approaching from the South via the M5 motorway exit at junction 7 take the A44 to the City Centre.*

- At the traffic lights in Sidbury (opposite Skellerns Motorcycle shop) turn right into City Walls Road
- At the first roundabout take the second exit
- After 100 metres you will come to a second roundabout where you will need to take the first exit into Pheasant Street. Drive along this road until you reach a set of traffic lights where you need to turn left into Lowesmoor.
- Immediately on your right is the entrance to Lowesmoor Wharf signposted Worcester Marina. Drive in and follow the road round to the left and you will see Worcester Marina at the end of the road.

BY ROAD ² *from the North via the M5 motorway exit at junction 6 take the A449 to Worcester. Head to the City Centre.*

- Follow the one-way system to the left (Sansome Walk, sign posted A38).
- This brings you to the traffic lights at the junction of City Walls road and Lowesmoor. Go straight over these lights and carry on to the first roundabout where you take the first exit.
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FROM AIRPORTS

From Birmingham International Airport – You can take a train to Birmingham New Street and then a train to Worcester Shrub Hill (Nearest to Base) or Worcester Foregate and get a taxi to the hire base. Or you can take a taxi direct from the Airport (About 1 hours journey) Please contact the taxi companies directly for an estimated fare. **From Bristol** – there is an express coach link between Bristol International Airport and Bristol railway station (Temple Meads) and bus station. Take a train from Bristol to Worcester Shrub Hill train station.

BY RAIL

If you are approaching from **Worcester Shrub Hill Railway Station** which is the main line station, turn right out of the station and go down Shrub Hill Road. Then go left and walk to the mini-roundabout and follow it round to the left. Cross Pheasant Street via the pedestrian crossing and turn right. Crossing Lowesmoor will bring the entrance to Lowesmoor Wharf directly in front of you. Enter and follow the road around to the left and you will see the marina at the end of the road.



You can buy rail tickets on-line at thetrainline.com or firstgreatwestern.com.

LOCAL ACCOMMODATION

Please check www.hotelshopuk.com or www.laterooms.com for special rates.

LOCAL TAXI COMPANIES

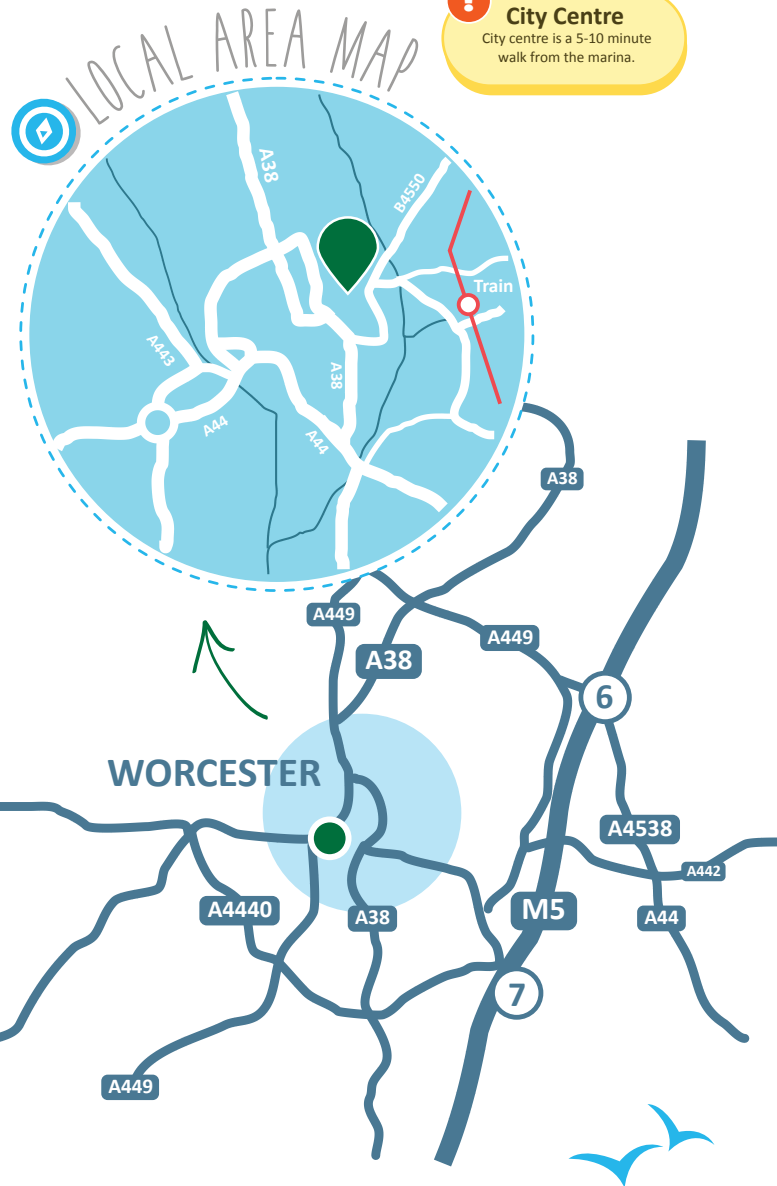
Cathedral Cars: 01905 767400 / **Central Taxis:** 01905 22292

NEAREST GROCERY STORES

- ASDA:** 5 Minute Walk (opposite marina)
- M&S:** 10 Minute Walk
- ALDI:** 2 Minute Walk (opposite marina)

Tesco will deliver
(visit www.tesco.com,
0845 6779119)

City Centre
City centre is a 5-10 minute walk from the marina.



STOURPORT RING

7 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 7.5 Hrs • Locks: 116

- It is recommended to travel this ring clockwise from Worcester Marina heading out onto the River Severn on the first days cruising.
- Why not see if you can plan time to experience the steam trains on Severn Valley Railway (www.svr.co.uk).
- The Stourport Ring visits three contrasting cities (Worcester, Wolverhampton and Birmingham) taking in urban views and countryside scenes.
- From the River Severn you will reach Stourport Basin with The Treasure Island Amusement Park and award winning fish and chip shops, which gives it a seaside holiday feel.

STRATFORD UPON AVON & RETURN

7 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 6 Hrs • Locks: 44

- Cruise through idyllic stretches of countryside to this historic town.
- Offers a superb mixture of culture, history and shopping.
- Moor in the beautifully maintained canal basin at Stratford.
- Visit the Royal Shakespeare Theatre. (01789 403444 / www.rsc.org.uk)
- All of Stratford's attractions are easy to reach from the basin.
- **You will need to obtain a licence for the River Avon from Tewkesbury** and having a second route option is advisable as you will be travelling on the river.

THE AVON RING

10-14 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 6 Hrs • Locks: 139

- This route will take you on both the River Severn and Avon, and to fully enjoy it you will need at least 10 or 11 nights.
- You will need a licence for the River Avon (*go to www.avonnavigationtrust.org for more details*).
- This is an energetic route that takes in Worcester, Tewkesbury, Evesham and Stratford-upon-Avon, and is a great route to explore the history of the Heart of England.
- If you travel for 2 weeks you can also detour down to Gloucester with its docks, warehouses and museums (www.thecityofgloucester.co.uk).

ADDITIONAL LICENCE REQUIRED FOR THE RIVER AVON
Please go to www.avonnavigationtrust.org for more information.
The licence can be obtained on route in Stratford or Tewkesbury.



BIRMINGHAM & RETURN

7 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 6 Hrs • Locks: 108

- This route will take you up the Worcester and Birmingham Canal, past the Droitwich Canal, through Hanbury Wharf, past Stoke Prior and onto the Tardebigge Flight of locks.
- The Tardebigge Locks is the longest flight in the UK comprising of 30 locks between Stoke Prior and Tardebigge Tunnel (length 580 yards).



Maps can be bought at the marina, or online from abcwebchandler.com



SHORT BREAKS

STOKE PRIOR & RETURN

3 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 5 Hrs • Locks: 38

Cruise up the Worcester and Birmingham Canal. This trip takes you north into rural Worcestershire where you pass through the very heart of 'Archers' country to the village of Stoke Prior.

STOURTON JUNCTION & RETURN

4 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 6 Hrs • Locks: 41

Cruise up the River Severn to the inland port of Stourport, where you join the idyllic Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal. Before returning to Worcester, you'll be able to enjoy seeing North Worcestershire at its best from this gently meandering canal.

THE DROITWICH RING

3-4 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 5 Hrs • Locks: 33

The Droitwich Canal links the Worcester and Birmingham with the River Severn at Hawford creating a new mini-ring from Worcester. Cruising the ring will take approximately 16 hours so a short break is possible, but will require long days cruising on weekend breaks.

