

## LONDON BASE INFORMATION

Willowtree Marina, West Quay Drive, Yeading, Middlesex  
UB4 9TB

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### HOTELS/GUEST HOUSES

#### **Premier Inn Hotel (The Grapes)**

362 Uxbridge Road, HAYES, UB4 0HF

Double/Twin room Weekend from £50.00 per night

Weekday from £73.00 per night

Full Breakfast £7.99/Continental £5.25

Tel: 0871 527 8504

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

#### **Premier Inn Hotel (Heathrow - M4/Junction 4)**

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Shepiston Lane, HAYES, UB3 1RW

Double/Twin room Weekend from £53.00 per night (approx)

Weekday from £80.00 per night (approx)

Full Breakfast £7.99/Continental £5.25

Tel: 0871 527 8510/8511

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

#### **Holiday Inn Hotel (Heathrow – M4/Junction 4)**

Sipson Road, WEST DRAYTON, UB7 0JU

Double/Twin room £89.00 + 20% tax per night (approx)

Tel. 0208 990 0000

[www.holiday-inn.com.uk](http://www.holiday-inn.com.uk)

(Better deals/special offers can often be found on online hotel booking sites)

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

National Rail Enquiries:

[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

Tel: 0845 748 4950

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

Tel: 0871 244 1545

Nearest Airport:

Heathrow International (information desk)

Tel: 0870 000 0123

[www.heathrowinformation.co.uk](http://www.heathrowinformation.co.uk)

National Express:

Heathrow Airport Central Bus Station

Tel: 0871 781 8181

(Then taxi from any terminal – see below)

Nearest Railway Station:

Hayes and Harlington (Paddington Main Line) Minicab office just outside station on the left.

Nearest Underground:

Greenford (Central Line) Minicab office in station concourse.

#### ***Taxi/Minicabs: Cost to Base***

##### ***Black Cab***

Rank outside every Heathrow terminal

from £25.00

##### ***Allied Cars (Prearrange)***

Tel: 020 8845 6666 or 020 8845 8888

Terminal 1/2/3 £12.00

Terminal 4/5 £14.00

Waiting £2.70 per every ½ hour

Greet with name sign £10.00 approx.

##### ***Area Cars (Prearrange)***

Tel: 01895 233333

Terminal 1/2/3 £9.00

Terminal 4/5 £12.00

Greet with name sign £10.00 approx.

## FLYING INTO LONDON

From **Heathrow Airport**, the quickest and simplest way is via taxi. Either a Black Cab from the rank outside any of the terminals or by prearranged minicab.

From **Gatwick, Stansted** or **Luton airports**, board any link bus service to **Heathrow Airport Central Bus Station** and then taxi as above.

## TRAIN SERVICES

From **Paddington** main line station, get a train to **Hayes and Harlington**. Then it's either an E6 bus to Yeading Tesco near the base or a taxi/minicab directly to the base. Minicab office just outside station on the left.

From **Greenford** underground station on the Central Line, get either an E6 bus to Yeading Tesco near the base or a taxi/minicab directly to the base. Minicab office in station concourse.

Visit [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk) to plan your route on the London Underground.

## HOW TO FIND US (by car)

**From the South:** Join the M25 and leave at Junction 15 turning East onto the M4 London bound.

**From the North:** Join the M25 and leave at Junction 16 turning East onto the M40 London bound.

**M4:** Exit at Junction 3 and take the A312 northwards towards Northolt and Harrow. Over the first roundabout, under the underpass and turn left at the next roundabout (marina is signposted). Follow the road past B&Q and Tesco. West Quay Drive is second road on your right. The marina is at the end of the road.

**M40:** Motorway becomes the A40. Continue along and exit at Polish War Memorial roundabout towards Yeading. Turn left onto Ruislip Road and join A312 at next roundabout heading south towards Heathrow. Turn right at next roundabout (marina is signposted). Follow the road past B&Q and Tesco. West Quay Drive is second road on your right. The marina is at the end of the road.

Use this site for door to door directions: [www.theaa.com/route-planner](http://www.theaa.com/route-planner)

## GROCERIES

There are large Tesco and Sainsbury's supermarkets in Yeading.

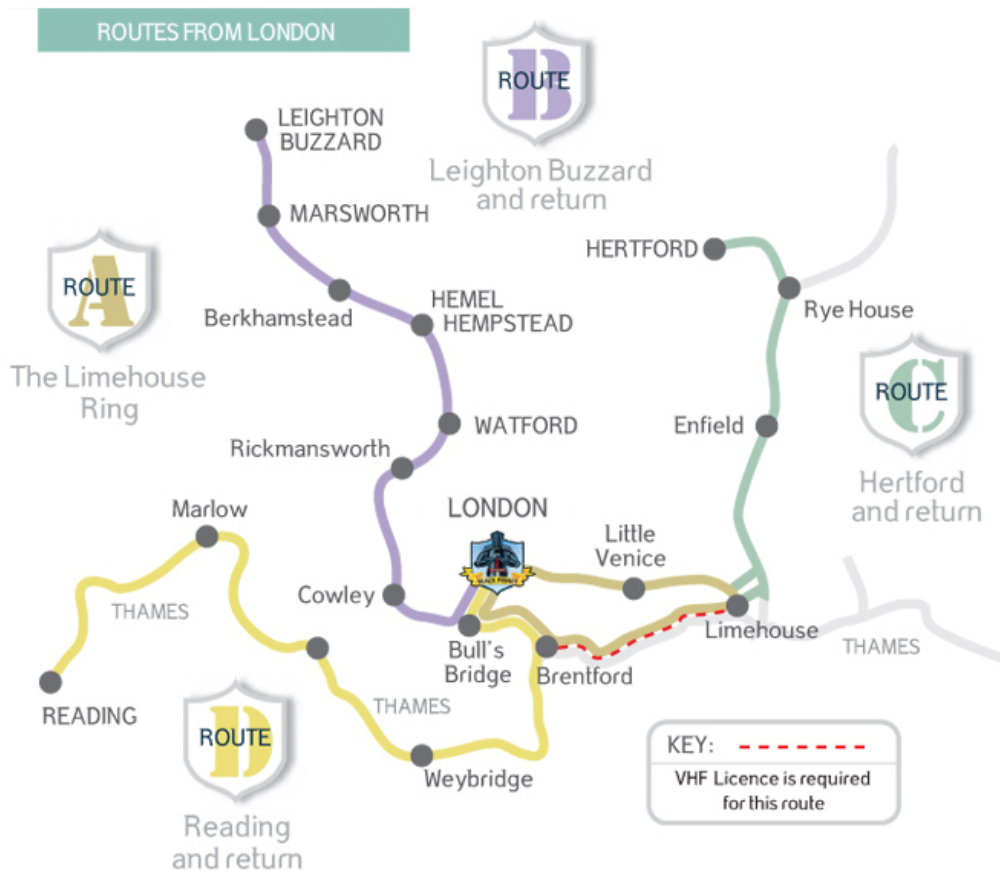
## CAR HIRE

Hertz Car Hire has depots throughout the UK (including main airports). We have an exclusive agreement with Hertz who will provide reduced rates for all Black Prince customers. Drop-offs, collections and one-ways are all available, allowing you to pick up a car at your arrival point and request a car to be waiting at the end of your holiday for onward travel. To book your car visit [www.hertz.co.uk](http://www.hertz.co.uk) or call 0870 844 4844 and quote CDP 694816

## VHF LICENCE

Customers who are planning to travel on the River Thames between Limehouse and Brentford will require a VHF radio licence. This can be obtained by taking a RYA VHF course at your local provider or by attending a full one day course with us. **Prior booking essential!** Our charge for a normal course with a minimum of 6 people is £95 per person. A group booking for up to 3 people in the same party is £140 per person. The cost for the hire of the VHF radio is £40 plus £50 refundable deposit. Alternatively we can arrange for a radio operator to cover the passage with you at a cost of £150 including the VHF radio

## Black Prince London



The London base is an ideal place from which to explore London and its attractions at an easy pace. It combines the best of the sights along with a more relaxed lifestyle. The Grand Union Canal Paddington Arm will take you through the heart of London, past most of the attractions of the big city and many hidden gems conveniently accessed via the waterways. Further afield, though easily reached via London transport you can see Buckingham Palace, the London museums and art galleries, Covent Garden's famous markets or go and see a west end show. The London Underground and bus connections will take you to wherever you want to go off the water and at the end of the day you leave the city behind and return to the peace of the waterways.

See page 2 for suggested routes

## Suggested Routes From London

(NB: Some Routes may not be possible due to the 'Security Lock Down' Zone during the 2012 Olympic Games.

### 1. THE LONDON RING

44 Miles, 25 Locks, 4 Day or 1 Week Cruise, 4 hours per day (ROUTE A)

The ring is followed clockwise into the heart of London. It goes through Little Venice to the Paddington Basin which enables you to visit Portobello Road Market, London Zoo, Regent's Park and Lord's Cricket Ground. You can then follow the ring onto the Limehouse Basin which offers great restaurants and pubs as well as the Docklands museum. From there you will go onto the Thames and head upstream. For this you will require a valid VHF radio licence and tide tables to tell you when the Thames lock will be open. Once travelling up the Thames, you have the opportunity to take in the famous bridges, the Tower of London, the Millennium Wheel, the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. Further upstream, you will reach Brentford. Within walking distance of Brentford there is the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew and the Kew Bridge Steam museum which are well worth a visit. From Brentford you will enter the Grand Union Canal, up the Hanwell flight and return to base.

### 2. LEIGHTON BUZZARD AND RETURN

42 Miles, 63 Locks, 1 Week Cruise, 8 hours per day (ROUTE B)

Travel anti-clockwise from base and join the Grand Union Canal main line at Bull's Bridge. This picturesque route takes you on via Uxbridge, a bustling outer suburb of London, following the course of the River Colne and on through to Harefield. From there you travel through the Chilterns where you can enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the scenery. Continue to follow the route over the summit until you reach Leighton Buzzard. Leighton Buzzard is an historic market town which is located in the south west corner of Bedfordshire. It has some great waterside pubs and plenty of shops from where you can stock up on provisions.

### 3. HERTFORD AND RETURN

50 Miles, 32 Locks, 1 Week Cruise, 8.5 hours per day (ROUTE C)

Travel clockwise from base to Little Venice and Camden Town and on to the Hertford Union Canal. From there it's a short distance to the River Lee Navigation. This surprisingly open waterway runs past well known parts of East London such as Bow, Hackney Marsh and Tottenham and on through the whole length of the beautiful Lee Valley Park. At Waltham Abbey you can visit the Royal Gunpowder Mills. At Rye Park you can turn East if you have time and travel up the River Stort Navigation towards Bishop Stortford or you can choose to continue towards Hertford. Hertford is a country town, despite being less than 20 miles from London. Perhaps you might like to explore the markets which take place in the town twice a week, or soak up the historical atmosphere. You will find some great places to eat and explore along the way.

### 4. READING AND RETURN

133 Miles, 33 Locks, 1 Week Cruise, 12.5 hours per day (ROUTE D)

VHF radio is not required for this route. Travel anti-clockwise from base and join the Grand Union Canal main line at Bull's Bridge and then on to Brentford where you join the River Thames. At Brentford you are within walking distance of Kew Gardens which are always well worth a visit for the unusual flora. There is really so much to be said about this superb and historical stretch of the Thames. Continue at a steady pace past Richmond and on towards Hampton Court, a stately home dating back to the times of Henry VIII. From there, continue up the river at a gentle pace towards Windsor Castle, one of the current Queen's residences and open to the public. The route takes you on through Henley, where the Regatta takes place during July, to Reading, where the Thames and the River Kennet meet. Reading is a large town with its own abbey, theatres and museums.