

ENGLAND - Norfolk Broads A WILDLIFE HAVEN

Wind your way through the Norfolk Broads, one of England's most popular cruising grounds. Explore scenery that changes frequently from open meadowlands and reed-lined riverbanks, to thickly wooded areas and open water, and even a bustling city!



Flavours of the region

The Norfolk Broads is populated with delightfully attractive, riverside eating places - usually pubs which are centuries old. Simply tie-up at the quayside and step ashore, straight into the bar to sample the great British tradition of fish and chips, perhaps accompanied by a little Norwich mustard. The region is also famous for its Norfolk Punch, a non-alcoholic drink, believed to have been created by Benedictine monks 700 years ago. Today the recipe is made with natural spring water, honey, and a mixture of herbs and berries.

Wroxham is home to Connoisseur's own boatyard as well as being your starting point to cruise this part of the English countryside. The town itself has a variety of shops and general amenities, including the world's largest village store – so pop in and have a browse before you set off!

The area is famous for its amazing blend of wildlife and is Britain's largest nationally protected wetland. As well as waterfowl, you may be lucky enough to

see kingfishers, owls, otters and even a swallowtail butterfly. Ashore, the area offers ample opportunity for walking should you wish to stretch your legs.

Follow the towpaths along the country lanes, which will be sure to lead you to a traditional country pub.

The seaside resorts of the east coast are also only a short cruise away. Children and the young at heart won't want to miss out on some fun at Great Yarmouth, the region's premier seaside resort.

Not to be missed...

Along the Southern Broads, follow the River Yare to **Norwich** where you can moor right in the heart of the city. It boasts two cathedrals, excellent museums and cobbled streets, as well as a host of pubs and restaurants. At **Ranworth**, the church attracts up to 100,000 visitors a year, many of whom climb the ninety-seven steps to take in the panoramic view from the top of the tower.

The North Broads, threaded by the rivers Ant and Thurne, have some lovely churches hidden away, and is also home to the How Hill Nature Reserve situated at **Ludham**, where you can explore the stunning woodland.

By the coast at **Oulton Broad** spend some time at the Lowestoft Maritime Museum and see the international Sailing Craft Association's fascinating display of boats from every continent.

One week cruises

North Broads cruise

Return trip – Wroxham to Horsey
52 km

River Bure and River Yare cruise

Return trip – Wroxham to Oulton Broad
128 km