

A holiday experience like no other



Freedom, flexibility and fun

If you are looking for a holiday with a difference, look no further. A break on the waterways combines relaxation with activities ashore and guarantees every day of your holiday brings something different!



There for you

From your first phone call to us, we are there to support you, before, during and after your holiday. First class service, first class care. We want you to have a holiday to remember.

New cultures, new people...

Immersed in the heart of your chosen cruising region, relax on board or explore ashore, the pace of life is entirely up to you. Moor up where you want, when you want – every stop will reveal something new to discover. Chat with the locals, indulge in local cuisine and get acquainted with the continental lifestyle, or simply enjoy the peace and quiet, for a stress free holiday.

Whether you want to get away for a weekend, short break or longer, we have the affordable holiday choice for you. And there is no experience needed!

There is so much waiting for you, so get out there and discover the hidden treasures of Europe with Connoisseur... you will want to come back again and again.

A whole new world to discover

Cruise alongside the Mediterranean beaches of the South of France, wind through the wine valleys of Burgundy or be inspired by the romantic water city of Venice. With six countries to choose from, each offering cruising regions that will take you to some fascinating and beautiful areas, a holiday on the waterways is a unique experience to be enjoyed by all ages and remembered forever.



France

This is our largest cruising ground and has such a vast range of landscapes to discover you will want to come back time and time again! Choose from the warm climes of the Canal du Midi in the south, the mountainous landscapes of the east or the famous wine producing areas in the heart of France.

Germany

Cruise in Eastern Germany, one of Europe's most beautiful and historic regions. The clean and clear waters are set against a lush wooded backdrop, perfect for watersport activities such as swimming, fishing and canoeing.

Belgium

Flemish waterways and windmills welcome you to one of the best kept secrets in Europe! Cruise the peaceful countryside and relish the poetic charm of the historic towns and gothic cathedrals, not to mention the gourmet cuisine.

Italy

Rediscover your romantic side, or simply absorb the culture with a cruise to Venice and its stunning lagoon islands. The waterways will take you through some beautiful scenery to places where you can enjoy the art and history of this enchanting region.



Ireland

EMERALD STAR

The Emerald Isle provides beautiful cruising grounds infused with Celtic charm. This is the place for angling and golfing enthusiasts or simply those who want to indulge in the renowned Irish hospitality.

England

The Norfolk Broads is one of England's most beautiful waterways. Wind through meadowlands, woodland and open water in this tranquil part of England where wildlife lovers will be in their element.

Scotland

Enjoy the magic of the Highlands! Cruise on a waterway that offers rugged grandeur and great stretches of open water, where hills of silver heather meet azure water.

Whatever you need...

Our dedicated and experienced sales team are always on hand to talk you through your holiday options, just call 0870 774 9933 and they will be happy to advise you.

More detailed cruising information is available on our website, where it is also easy to check availability and book online. Log on at www.connoisseuraffloat.com.

Freedom to cruise

The beauty of Connoisseur is that you tailor make your own holiday. We provide suggested cruising itineraries for each region but you have the freedom to set your own pace of life. If you prefer to cover a lot of ground during your holiday and see as much as possible, a one-way option is the ideal choice. Alternatively, if you like to linger and explore the towns and villages you pass through, choose a return trip – you won't miss a thing! And with local airports providing great deals on flights to all over Europe, you can easily just get away from it all for a few days or a weekend break.

Enjoying life from a new perspective

Life on board makes for a holiday with a difference. Perfect for everyone, kids love the adventure and groups of adults appreciate the freedom of having home comforts to hand wherever they go. Chat to other boaters, dine aboard in the sunshine and simply relax and enjoy your surroundings. Ultimately, you can make your holiday as active or relaxed as you like. From the young to the young at heart there is plenty to discover, wherever you choose to cruise.



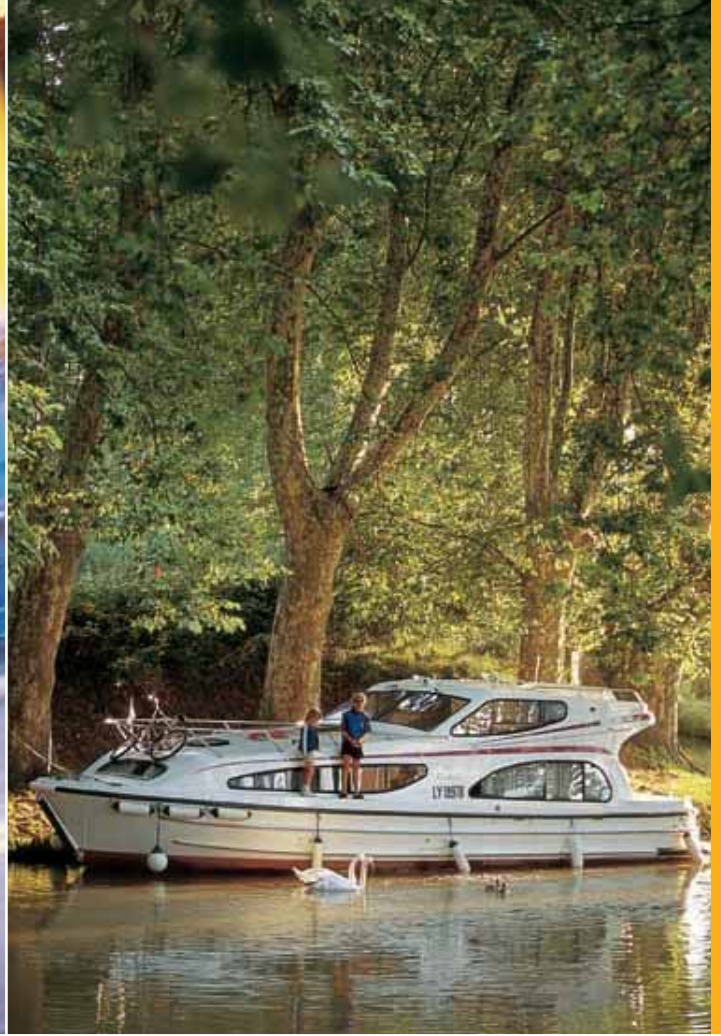
Active...

Explore the surrounding countryside a little further a field, by foot or on two wheels. Hire bikes at the base, moor up where you please and the whole family can join a cycle ride into the local area. Ride along the towpath or take an early morning trip into the village to fetch fresh bread for breakfast from the local bakers.

Soak up the history and heritage as you explore your cruising area. Many of the towns and villages you will come across have fascinating histories that you can discover first

hand from the local museums. And if you are cruising near larger cities, some traditional sightseeing is not to be missed!

For something different, take to the saddle with family and friends. Your base will be able to tell you if there are any riding schools situated along your route offering lessons or trekking. Or change pace completely and try your hand at some watersports – opportunities for canoeing, sailing and water-skiing are available at some of our cruising grounds.



Fishing enthusiasts will also have the time of their lives on the rivers so bring your rod and don't forget your fishing licence!

There's so much for the kids to enjoy too! Many of our cruising areas have lots on offer to delight the kids (and Mum and Dad too), from water parks to activity museums and theme parks.

...or relaxed

Chilling out on board is just as an inviting holiday activity as getting out and about. Relax with a book, listen to music or perhaps get creative - the artists among you will not be able to resist the beautiful and varied landscapes.

With the freedom to stop when you wish, you can discover many a hidden treasure along your cruising itinerary. Browse a traditional village market or hunt out local antique shops. Visit a chateau or take a tour around one of the vineyards that line many of the riverbanks. Wherever you cruise, from spring through to

autumn you will also be able to enjoy the local festivals, village fêtes and carnivals, and really experience the local culture. Make sure you take time to sample the region's cuisine or buy wine from the local producer's cellar. Take some produce back to your boat for gourmet feasting on board!

Leisurely walks along the towpath and picnics on the banks or in the nearby countryside make the perfect 'wind down' holiday for those who just need to get away from it all. The hustle and bustle of home will feel a million miles away...

Travel in style

All our boats are built to exacting standards, so you can set off with your mind at rest and relax and enjoy your time on the water. Spaciousness and privacy is our prime criteria and great attention is given to the quality of the fittings, so you always cruise in comfort. We combine reliability, safety and elegance so that your cruise is a success – the hallmark of Connoisseur holidays.



Choosing your boat

The Connoisseur fleet offers a range of models and styles of cruiser to suit all. Whether you are travelling as a couple, as a small family or with a big group of friends, our boats have a variety of features – from large sun decks to dual steering positions – all designed to enhance your holiday experience. Every boat also has heating, hot water and a fully equipped galley, ensuring welcoming home comforts. The boat photographs on pages 46-55 will give you an idea of the different models as well as capacity and sizes.

When you arrive

Our experienced team at your departure base will give you all the information you need. They will also be happy to talk you through the handling of the boat if you need it, but since our boats are so easy to steer and no licence is required, we are sure you will soon get the hang of cruising.

If you are travelling to us by car, the majority of our bases have locked car parks where you can leave it (a small fee is charged). Car transfers can also be arranged if doing a one-way cruise.

