



Cruising suggestions

1 WEEK - RETURN TRIP

■ Benson/Oxford/Henley

The Thames

Head up river to **Oxford**, where England's oldest university has educated many prestigious alumni. Enjoy a barbecue in **Beale Park** and cycle through **Pangbourne's** quiet meadows. Past the Victorian red brick buildings of **Reading**, is the storybook town of **Henley-on-Thames**. This typically English town is home to July's Henley Regatta. Watch the racing ashore or stay on your boat for a prime view!

- ▶ 186 km • 30 locks
- ▶ 32 hr round trip cruising time

■ Benson/Windsor

The Thames

Pretty **Cookham** was home to artist Stanley Spencer, whose work is on show in the village. Discover the stories of power and politics associated with Cliveden and its 376 acres of gardens. Explore **Windsor** with its famous castle and graceful surrounding parkland. Take a picnic ashore and observe the changing of the guard, take a tour around the castle's imposing staterooms or enjoy a flutter at the famous racecourse.

- ▶ 155 km • 36 locks
- ▶ 30 hr round trip cruising time

England

The royal river

Often referred to as the King's Highway, the famous river Thames winds its way through the beautiful green countryside of southern England, steeped in heritage and history. Visit Oxford, the city of dreaming spires, the quintessentially English Henley-on-Thames and majestic Windsor, home to the Royal family. Admire manicured gardens that stretch to the waters edge and perfect houses that stand proud as you relax the day away. Take to the towpaths and enjoy one of England's great traditions with a visit to welcoming waterfront pubs!



Flavours of the region



■ Indulge in thick slabs of cheese, zingy pickles and hunks of bread in a Ploughman's, or enjoy a traditional dish of fish and chips or bangers and mash. Sweet puddings such as apple crumble and spotted dick are relished with yellow custard. Wash it all down with a cup of tea or a pint of real ale.

■ CROWN BLUE LINE BASE

1 Henley 2 On the Thames

