



MAGNA CARTA - RIVER THAMES CRUISE (TOUR CODE: 11840)

STARTS AND ENDS

in London

TRAVEL PERIODS

06 Apr 25 - 26 Oct 25

EXPERIENCECruising
Cultural**TRAVEL STYLE**

Cruise

Hotel barge Magna Carta will take you on a slow, meandering journey along the prettiest stretches of England's River Thames, past Royal Palaces, quaint riverside towns and villages – a captivating mixture of old world England and the natural beauty of the surrounding countryside.

Highlights

- Explore Henry VIII's **Hampton Court Palace**
- Moor beneath and visit **Windsor Castle**
- Tour of **Cliveden** and its gardens
- Great walking and bicycling opportunities along the **Thames Footpath**

From **Henry VIII's Hampton Court** past **Windsor Castle** to Henley, with frequent stops allowing plenty of time to wander and explore as we follow this old Viking trading route through some of England's prettiest counties. There are also good **cycling and walking** opportunities along the ever-present Thames Towpath.

Hotel barge Magna Carta accommodates 8 guests and is one of the finest vessels cruising the waters of the British Isles today. Originally built in the 1930's, today she is a luxurious and spacious '**floating country hotel**' boasting a combination of traditional and contemporary features that create a very inviting ambience on board.

The **large saloon and dining area** feature picture windows and stylish furnishings, and the sense of refined space continues in the four very generous, **air-conditioned twin/double suites**, with their combination of period furniture and contemporary en-suite shower rooms. Outside you can unwind in the **heated spa pool**, or enjoy a mouth-watering alfresco lunch prepared by your **onboard master chef** as you get admiring glances from passers-by.



INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights onboard at Hotel Barge Magna Carta in a Suite
- Crew of 5 (Captain, tour guide, chef and hostesses)
- Transfers by an air-conditioned minivan
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily prepared by your chef
- Captains farewell dinner on your last night
- Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Use of barge facilities

ITINERARY

Deck Hotel Barge Magna Carta

Deluxe | 8 Passengers | 5 Crew

- 117 Feet Long
- 3 Twin/Double Suites (200sq ft incl. en suite)
- 1 Double Suite (200sq ft incl. en suite)
- Centrally Heated / Air-Conditioned
- TV / DVD in Suites
- Spa Pool



Day 1 London Hampton Court Palace

Guests are met at the Stafford Hotel in central London** for afternoon English Cream Tea, before being transferred to the Magna Carta. Champagne reception and welcome by the Captain and crew. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Magna Carta** in a Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Dinner



MAGNA CARTA SALOON AREA

Day 2 Hampton Court Palace Shepperton

This morning, explore the magnificent **Hampton Court Palace**. You will tour Henry VIII's apartments and the Royal Chapel, feel the chill in the haunted gallery and wonder at the Tudor kitchens. Outside, the gardens are breathtaking with The Great

Vine, the oldest in the country still producing grapes and the famous maze. After lunch aboard, we cruise through Molesey, Sunbury and Shepperton Locks to your private mooring. Optional pub visit before dinner on board.

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Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 3 Shepperton Windsor

After breakfast, cruise through Runnymede to **Windsor**, past the Magna Carta Memorial and Magna Carta Island where in 1215, King John was forced to meet the powerful barons and seal the historic document.

Your afternoon excursion is to **Windsor Castle**. Built by William the Conqueror in 1066 and a royal home for over 900 years by the Royal Family, this is the largest inhabited castle in the world. We explore the State Apartments, see Queen Mary's Dolls House, St George's Chapel and enjoy the far-reaching views. Dinner on board.

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Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 4

Windsor Cliveden

This morning, take a short drive to the **Tudor** manor house of Dorney Court, a very special home that has been owned by the Palmer family for more than 450 years and used regularly as a film location. Later, you will cruise upstream past the fabulous waterside houses of Bray and through the spectacular Cliveden Reach to our exclusive mooring on the Cliveden estate. Once home to the Astor family, it has amazing gardens and was, of course, the scene of much political scandal and intrigue. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge Magna Carta** in a Suite.

Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 5

Cliveden Hurley

After breakfast, tour the grounds of Cliveden and learn about the history of the house and stories of intrigue and scandal!

You will take a short drive to **Cookham** to visit the Stanley Spencer Gallery and enjoy a walk around the village he once described as 'Heaven on Earth'. After lunch you will cruise through Cookham and Marlow and up to the 11th century village of Hurley. You will tour **Peter Freebody's boatyard** and watch in wonder as the traditional craftsmen build and restore classic wooden craft. There is an optional visit to the Olde Belle, one of the oldest inns in the country before dinner on board.

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Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 6

Hurley Henley-on-Thames

After breakfast, walk the village of **Hurley** and visit Peter Freebody's boatyard. Here you will see craftsmen build and restore wooden boats at a yard that is family owned and has been for centuries. A morning cruise to **Henley-on-Thames** through fabulous countryside to our final mooring along the famous Henley Regatta rowing course. Then, an earlier lunch, followed by a fascinating **tour of Christ Church**, Oxford's grandest college, founded by Cardinal Wolsey and then again by King Henry VIII. The magnificent surroundings were also where Lewis Carroll wrote Alice in Wonderland. **Captain's Farewell Dinner** on board.

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Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages included.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **7**

Henley-on-Thames London

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to central London.

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Departure Dates and Pricing:

2025 Cruise Rates		
Rates are for 6 nights either: per person based on double occupancy per cabin or on a whole barge charter basis. Prices below are in Euros.		
Accommodation	Value	Regular
Suite	€5,690	€6,550
Single Supplement	€2,100	€2,400
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 6 passengers	€38,700	€44,800
Charter 7 passengers	€40,100	€46,400
Charter 8 passengers	€41,500	€48,000
Departure Dates (Sunday)	Rates	Cruise Region
Apr 6, 13, 20	Value	England - The River Thames
Apr 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; Jun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Jul 6, 13, 20, 27; Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Sep 7, 14, 21, 28	Regular	England - The River Thames
Oct 5, 12, 19, 26	Value	England - The River Thames

- Please note that this product is not part of our flexible booking policy as the supplier terms and conditions apply. Our team will advise of the exact booking conditions at the time of booking.
- This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. On alternate weeks, the cruise will be in the reverse direction.

This barge is available for charter bookings and theme cruises. Contact us for more details.

Pick-up Point

- Cabin bookings - The Stafford Hotel, London at 2:00 pm
- Charter bookings - One location of the group's choice in London at 2:00 pm OR a train station close to the barge after 4:00 pm

Drop-off Point

- Cabin bookings - The Stafford Hotel by 12:00 noon
- Charter bookings - One location of the group's choice in London by 12noon OR at a local train station by 10:00 am

Booking / Payment Process

- On our website the Barge Cruise prices are show in Euros
- All payments will be made to us in Australian Dollars
- The current exchange rate will be used at the time of deposit and balance
- Our invoice will make this clear and our team is here to assist you

Supplier Booking Conditions Apply

Due to the boutique nature and limited capacity of this travel experience, under our Bookings Conditions this package classifies as "Booking Type 2 – Travel Experience where we act as agent only". Your contract for the delivery of travel arrangements will be with the principal supplier and will be subject to their Booking Conditions. We will advise you prior to confirming your booking the full details and Booking Conditions of the principal supplier. Our responsibility to you where we sell travel arrangements as agent for the supplier is specified in the 'Responsibility' section of our Booking Conditions.