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**Double S Travel Worldchoice - Celebrating Twenty Two Years of service to residents and businesses in the South Bedfordshire area 1985 – 2007**

**Narrowboating and River Cruising.**

**What type of holiday**

**Relaxing, romantic, historical, landscape beauty,**

**Waterways in the UK**

- **Most popular canal in UK is Llangollen Canal near Ellesmere which features the Pontscalloyte Aquaduct which is 179ft up in the air!!!**
- **Norfolk broads – 125 miles of lock-free waterways, beautiful scenery, superb fishing, local markets, pubs.**
- **Kennet and Avon – for culture and history, stop off at Bath.**
- **Stourport Ring – stop off at Cadburyworld for the kids.**
- **Caldon Canal – taxi from the end of the canal to Alton Towers or by bus from Stoke on Trent!**
- **River Thames – Cruise through towns like Marlow, Henley, Windsor and Oxford.**
- **Loch Ness and the Caledonian canal. Breathtaking beauty as you cruise on the loch and through Great Glen.**
- **Roy's favourite is the Oxford Canal from Branuston to Oxford via Banbury going past the edge of the Cotswolds.**

**More canals in Birmingham than in Venice. Past the Sea Life Centre, Gas Street Basin (the hub of the UK), National Indoor Arena.**

**Closest to us is the Grand Union (London to Birmingham).**

**Towpaths are now part of the National footpath network.**

**Types of boat**

- **Narrowboat, 2 to 12 people, originally built to be towed by horse along canals, now built mainly for leisure. Great for first-time boaters or for those seeking relaxation.**
- **Cruiser, 4- 6 people, normally not available on canals, good for first-time boaters**
- **Yacht. 2 – 6 people. Normally available only on the Norfolk Broads and in Scotland. Provide a more hands-on active holiday. RYA training can be arranged.**

**Distance cover in a week**

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**Finalist Travel Agent of the Year 2005, 2006, Finalist Business Travel Agent of the Year 2006**

**Finalist Best Specialist Website 2006 [www.railchoice.co.uk](http://www.railchoice.co.uk).**

**Runner-up, Corporatechoice Business Travel Agent of the Year 2005,**

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- 80 – 100 miles a week doing 4 hours a day.

## Comfort

Comfortable beds or bunks

Galley (kitchen) with gas cooker, fridge, crockery, cutlery and pots.

Heating

Electric lighting

TV on most boats

Hot showers

Flushing toilets

Power points

Full range of deck equipment

## Safety

- Sailing courses

- Speed limits – 4 mph on canals, 4- 7 mph on the Norfolk Broads, up to 7mph on the Thames.

- there is a highway code

- Locks, steer in, close gates, open paddles, open gates, close paddles, drive out, close the gates.

- pass port to port

- give way to sail

- lifevests on rivers and always for children. Canals are only approx 4ft deep.

- slow down for fishermen and moored boats.

- moor on towpaths and not on bends, under bridges etc.

- dogs allowed on most boats

## Who can drive a narrowboat

You don't need a licence

## Europe

Ireland – rivers and canals

France – rivers (

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