

Welcome...

...to our selection of 2017 festive cruises on board mps Lady Anne, ms Serenity and the African Queen.

Rekindle that childhood love of Christmas and join us on a relaxing river cruise, where we have everything taken care of so you can enjoy plenty of time ashore followed by cosy evenings onboard our seasonally decorated ships.

A Classic Christmas aboard the African Queen

This charming 100-foot barge is the ideal setting for a quintessential Christmas, where you can enjoy cosy nights in the middle of the English countryside, followed by days filled with tradition and festivity. The African Queen is truly unique – a floating hotel on a peaceful stretch of the Thames, and owners Andy and Bonny take great pride in looking after their guests, with warm hospitality and mouthwatering meals; and the festive season is particularly special, as they host a Christmas Eve party along with a traditional Christmas Day lunch and a sumptuous Boxing Day Cape Malay dinner. So join us for a Christmas like no other, combining beautiful scenery with all the comforts of home, except that you get to enjoy the worldly pleasure of doing... absolutely nothing.

Day 1: Christmas Eve

Make your own way to the country estate of Mapledurham near Reading and step aboard the African Queen where you will receive a warm welcome with a glass of bubbly. Shortly after, we enjoy a delicious buffet supper as part of our onboard Christmas Eve party.

Day 2: Christmas Day

Merry Christmas! Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and then choose from a number of options: you can join a guided walk to the Folly, visit St Margaret Church for the Christmas Day service, or take some time out to explore the area on your own. We return to the African Queen for a lovely afternoon which starts with our traditional Christmas day lunch. Cheese and biscuits are served later on in the evening.

Day 3: Boxing Day

Sit back and relax as we enjoy a cruise along the Wind in the Willows route (weather permitting), for the perfect way to spend Boxing Day. A two-course lunch is served onboard, and later we indulge in a Cape Malay dinner followed by an evening of parlour games.



Mapledurham



Day 4: Return Journey Home

We bid a fond farewell to our hosts and disembark the African Queen.



4 DAYS FROM
£389

YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES

- Free secure parking at embarkation point
- Three nights' full board accommodation

We can arrange rail travel to Reading Central and you can arrange a taxi transfer to Mapledurham if you wish – please speak to our Holiday Advisors for details and prices

2017 dates	No. of days
24 December	4

HOLIDAY PRICES

Tour code: AFRIX

per person		
Deck	Berth	4 days
Standard Double Cabin	2	£389
Standard Twin Cabin	2	£399
Superior Double Cabin	2	£409
Standard Single Cabin	1	£399

OUR CRUISE SHIP – AFRICAN QUEEN

The award-winning African Queen is a 100-foot two-deck barge that has been beautifully converted. She is one of only a handful of floating hotels that sail along the Thames. She accommodates 14 passengers with seven cabins on the lower deck, each with their own en suite. Although simple in style, they are comfortable and offer a pleasant retreat at the end of a day. On the main deck there's a bar where you can mingle with your fellow guests and a spacious restaurant which serves traditional English cuisine along with delicious Dutch and Cape Malay style dishes. Outside on the main deck there is plenty of seating from where you can enjoy the scenic views as you cruise along the Thames. *Please note: There is no lift onboard the African Queen.*



For a Deck Plan please call our Holiday Advisors or visit our website