

STEP ABOARD THIS UNIQUE BARGE AND DISCOVER THE INSPIRATION BEHIND A **TIMELESS TALE**

Sonning

Thames

Thames Cruise aboard the African Queen

Step aboard the award-winning African Queen and enjoy a unique experience as we sail on the Thames through the heart of Wind in the Willows country. This beautiful barge has been restored into a floating hotel, offering all guests a welcome retreat from the rush of modern-day life. Join us as we wake each morning in the middle of the English countryside and enjoy delicious food, wonderful company and beautiful scenery throughout the day, along with the first class hospitality.

Day 1: Mapledurham – Goring-on-Thames

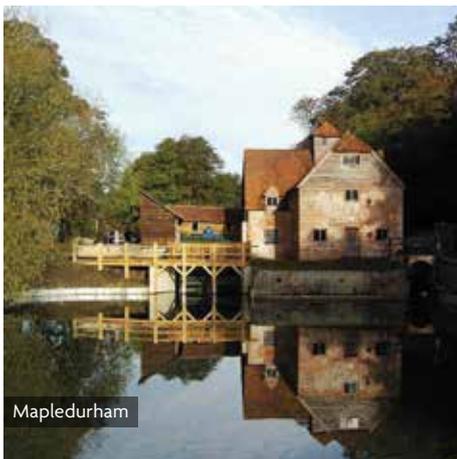
You board the African Queen in the small village of Mapledurham near Reading. We are introduced to the captain and crew before setting sail through the heart of Wind in the Willows country to reach the pretty village of Goring-on-Thames. Enjoy some free time ashore followed by Cape Malay, a traditional South African dish served this evening.

Day 2: Goring-on-Thames – Wallingford – Mapledurham

After breakfast we continue sailing upstream, passing beautiful countryside to reach the market town of Wallingford, former home of Agatha Christie and regular TV location of Midsomer Murders. We stop for lunch at a riverside inn before cruising back to Mapledurham and enjoying a light supper later in the day.

Day 3: Mapledurham – Caversham – Sonning

Today we sail downstream to Caversham for some free time ashore at this historic town. We enjoy lunch on board the African Queen and continue



Mapledurham



sailing to Sonning, a picturesque village described by English writer of Three Men in a Boat, Jerome K. Jerome, as "the most fairy-like nook on the whole river". This evening we have dinner at the Mill at Sonning Dinner Theatre, the only dinner theatre in the UK which was also the inspiration for Toad Hall in The Wind in the Willows, before watching a wonderful performance in this beautiful 18th-century watermill.

Day 4: Sonning – Henley-on-Thames

This morning we continue downstream to Henley-on-Thames, recognised around the world for its annual royal regatta. The historic town is only few strides from the Thames and is filled with beautiful buildings. You can explore the town, walk along the Thames path, visit the River and Rowing Museum and see the statues of Sir Steve Redgrave and Sir Matthew Pinsent, or enjoy a 3D exhibition dedicated to Kenneth Grahame's novel The Wind in the Willows (entrances not included). A barbecue is served back on board followed by an entertaining quiz night.

Day 5: Henley-on-Thames – Mapledurham

We enjoy a final morning cruising back to Mapledurham where a delicious roast dinner is served on board before disembarking at 3pm.

5 DAYS FROM
£619

YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES

- Free secure parking at embarkation point
- Four nights' cruise on a full board basis

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

26 April	21 June	23 August
3 May	28 June	6 September
10 May	5 July	20 September
17 May	12 July	27 September
24 May	19 July	4 October
31 May	26 July	18 October
7 June	9 August	
14 June	16 August	

HOLIDAY PRICES

Tour code: **AFRIC**

per person		
Deck	Berth	5 days
Standard Double Cabin	2	From £619
Standard Twin Cabin	2	From £629
Superior Double Cabin	2	From £639
Standard Single Cabin	1	From £639

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 on board the African Queen.*



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