

BOAT TRIPS

2013

***boat trips on the
River Thames***



FRENCH BROTHERS



***Windsor
Runnymede
Maidenhead
Staines upon Thames
Hampton Court***



Welcome on board



French Brothers have been operating riverboats on the Thames since 1978. We have grown to become one of the largest passenger boat operators in the UK & now have a fleet of 13 large boats with capacities of up to 180 passengers.

We now offer a huge range of public sailings & special events along the Upper Thames. These include round trips as well as trips between riverside towns. Trips are available from:

***Windsor
Runnymede
Maidenhead
Staines upon Thames
Chertsey
Hampton Court***

Planning a party or celebration?

Ideas for private charter options are available at the rear of this booklet. Our boats convert very easily to a party venue with atmospheric lighting and disco equipment built in. They are great for all sorts of private & corporate events:

***Birthdays
Weddings
Anniversaries
Corporate events***

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Organiser Magazine



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Trips from Windsor



Both of the following trips cruise upstream with views of Windsor Castle, Eton College, Mill House & Windsor Racecourse. A full bar service is provided as well as an informative commentary & printed guide.

The 40 minute trip turns at Boveney Lock & Weir, whereas the 2 hour trip goes through Boveney Lock heading towards Bray Lock before returning to Windsor.

Windsor 40 minute round trip

From	To	
Feb 16th	Mar 22nd	Daily hourly* 10.00 until 17.00
Mar 23rd	Nov 3rd	Daily (at least every 1/2 an hour) 10.00 until 17.00
Nov 4th	Dec 1st	Weekends only* 10.00 until 16.00

*Out of peak season trips will run subject to river conditions

Adult	Child	OAP	Family (2A + 2C)	Family (2A + 3C)
£5.70	£2.85	£5.40	£14.25	£15.70

Windsor 2 hour round trip

From	To	
Mar 23rd	Apr 14th	Daily 13.30 & 14.30
Apr 15th	May 24th	Daily 14.00**
May 25th	Sep 8th	Daily 13.30 & 14.30
Sep 9th	Nov 3rd	Daily 14.00

**At weekends and Bank Holidays only, trips run at 13.30 and 14.30

Adult	Child	OAP	Family (2A + 2C)	Family (2A + 3C)
£9.00	£4.50	£8.55	£22.50	£24.75

Shuttle service to Windsor Races

On race days we offer a regular return service from Windsor Racecourse & The Promenade. Close to Windsor town centre and the railway stations.

Adult return	Child return	Adult single	Child single
£6.00	£3.00	£3.00	£1.50

Check out the racegoers river package on page 7.

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Trips from Runnymede



Lucy Fisher is a replica of an African stern wheeled paddle steamer, used in the movies “Tarzan - Greystoke” and “Chaplin”. Trips on this charming vessel are available to board initially from the Runnymede Boathouse and cruise upstream to the Bells of Ouzeley, which is featured in Jerome K. Jerome’s “Three Men in a Boat”. Here the boat turns, heading downstream passing Magna Carta Island and the Memorials. The boat then arrives at the Runnymede Pleasure Grounds where the boat stops for 5 minutes so that passengers may embark or disembark, making the trip ideal for families who like to picnic. Soft drinks bar on board.



Runnymede 45 minute round trip

from the Runnymede Boathouse

From	To		Hourly
Mar 23rd	Apr 14th	Daily	11.00 - 16.00
Apr 15th	May 24th	Weekends only	11.00 - 17.00*
May 25th	Jun 2nd	Daily	11.00 - 17.00
Jun 3rd	Jul 19th	Daily	13.00 - 16.00**
Jul 20th	Sep 8th	Daily	11.00 - 17.00
Sep 9th	Oct 6th	Weekends only	11.00 - 16.00

from the Runnymede Pleasure Ground

From	To		Hourly
Mar 23rd	Apr 14th	Daily	11.30 - 15.30
Apr 15th	May 24th	Weekends only	11.30 - 16.30*
May 25th	Jun 2nd	Daily	11.30 - 16.30
Jun 3rd	Jul 19th	Daily	13.30 - 15.30***
Jul 20th	Sep 8th	Daily	11.30 - 16.30
Sep 9th	Oct 6th	Weekends only	11.30 - 15.30

*Also bank holidays during this period

During this period, weekend cruises are 11.00 - 17.00** / 11.30 - 16.30***

Note - the time of the last trip of the day from either the Runnymede Boathouse or the Pleasure Grounds may be later subject to sufficient demand - please ask a member of staff.

Obtain pay and display ticket from machine to park your car for this trip at Runnymede.

Adult	Child	OAP	Family (2A + 2C)	Family (2A + 3C)
£5.70	£2.85	£5.40	£14.25	£15.70

Special trips for disabled groups

Lucy Fisher has level access onto the boat at the Runnymede Boathouse. This makes it perfect for groups that cater for the special needs of the less mobile. Wheelchair users can board the boat with no fuss.

Enquire at our sales office for further details as well as special off peak group sailings (normally 20+) & group rates - 01753 827345



Special trips for Children

Cubs, brownies & other children's groups love our **JUNGLE BOOK CRUISE**.

Set in the early evening, this 1 hour cruise is the perfect choice. The price includes a hot dog & a drink. Ideal for children camping at Bears Rails as an evening activity. The **JUNGLE BOOK CRUISE** is also an amazing childrens birthday party treat.

Pre-booking essential - contact our sales office on 01753 827345

Children - £7.35
Adults - £10.50
 Minimum 20 guests

Times:
 18.00 until 19.00
 19.00 until 20.00



Service trips to Windsor & Hampton Court

Travel in the style of Monarchs past. Join one of our fantastic services that offer you the opportunity to travel by boat to Windsor or Hampton Court. Full bar service and commentary on board.

Runnymede to Windsor

From	To	Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday		
Apr 13th	Sep 15th			
		Adult	Child	OAP
RETURN JOURNEY		£12.30	£6.15	£11.65
SINGLE JOURNEY		£9.50	£4.75	£9.00
The Runnymede Boathouse			depart	11.00
Windsor Promenade			arrive	12.30
Windsor Promenade			depart	16.00
The Runnymede Boathouse			arrive	17.30

Runnymede to Hampton Court

From	To	Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday		
Jun 17th	Sep 12th			
RETURN JOURNEY		Adult	Child	OAP
To Hampton Court from Runnymede		£18.80	£9.40	£17.85
Staines upon Thames		£17.10	£8.55	£16.25
Chertsey Lock		£14.40	£7.20	£13.65
Sunbury Lock		£8.90	£4.45	£8.45
SINGLE JOURNEY				
To / from Hampton Court from Runnymede		£13.30	£6.65	£12.65
Staines upon Thames		£11.80	£5.90	£11.20
Chertsey Lock		£10.30	£5.15	£9.75
Sunbury Lock		£6.50	£3.25	£6.15
OUTBOUND JOURNEY	To Hampton Court			
The Runnymede Boathouse			depart	09.15
Staines upon Thames (Town Hall steps)			depart	10.00
Chertsey Lock			depart	11.00
Sunbury Lock			depart	12.20
Hampton Court			arrive	13.15
INBOUND JOURNEY	To Runnymede			
Hampton Court			depart	14.30
Sunbury Lock			depart	15.15
Chertsey Lock			depart	16.30
Staines upon Thames (Town Hall steps)			depart	17.45
The Runnymede Boathouse			arrive	18.30

For departures from Runnymede on the Runnymede to Windsor or the Runnymede to Hampton Court services, obtain a voucher from the skipper for free parking in the main National Trust car park.

Maidenhead to Windsor

From	To	Tuesday to Saturday		
May 28th	Sep 7th			
		Adult	Child	OAP
RETURN JOURNEY		£12.30	£6.15	£11.65
SINGLE JOURNEY		£9.50	£4.75	£9.00
Maidenhead Promenade			depart	11.00
Windsor Promenade			arrive	12.30
Windsor Promenade			depart	15.45
Maidenhead Promenade			arrive	17.15

*Not operating on Sat 1st June & 29th June or 24th August.

Special Events

Special event

Ian's Bird & wildlife cruise

Join our skipper, Ian, for a very special bird & river wildlife cruise with a tailored commentary on all the wildlife along the Thames you will see.

Choice of 2 sailings from Windsor Promenade
10.00 until 13.00 - with hearty ploughman's lunch
14.00 until 17.00 - with full English tea

Dates:
Sat 18th May
Sun 8th Sep
Sun 9th June (am only)
Sat 10th Aug (am only)

Only £21 per person

Autumn colours cruise

Cruise from Maidenhead through the magnificent hanging woods at Cliveden and experience the beautiful colours of Autumn.

Choice of 2 sailings on 2 dates from Maidenhead
10.00 until 13.00 - with hearty ploughman's lunch
14.00 until 17.00 - with full English tea

Dates:
Sat 12th Oct
Sun 13th Oct

Only £21 per person

Special event

Sunday lunch cruise

A relaxing cruise along the River Thames with ever changing scenery, a unique alternative to land based venues.

SUNDAY LUNCH MENU:
Homemade soup of the day
Traditional Sunday roast
Chef's dessert

Mothers Day	10th Mar
Easter Sunday	31st Mar
Fathers Day	16th Jun
Summer	4th Aug
End of Summer	15th Sep

**Departures from the
Runnymede Boathouse
Departs 13.00
Returns 16.00**

Only £32.50 per person

Special event

so Sinatra & MB Bubl  extravaganza

New for 2013

For 4 nights only a rare opportunity to enjoy the company and sounds of two of the country's foremost tribute acts. Sit back and relax to these much loved entertainers whilst you cruise the beautiful reaches of the upper Thames.

**4 Hour boat cruise
Glass of Champagne on arrival
Live music followed by disco
Cold fork buffet:**

Dressed whole salmon
Breast of chicken in coronation sauce
Roquefort, spinach and baby onion flan
Mixed leaf salad, Tomato & herb salad
Hot new potatoes, Coleslaw
Chef desserts

**Departures from the
Runnymede Boathouse 19.30 - 23.30**
So Sinatra - Bank Holiday Sunday 5th May

Might Be Bubl  - Saturday 27th July

Xmas with So Sinatra - Thursday 5th December
Xmas with So Sinatra - Thursday 12th December

Entertainment provided
by So Sinatra &
Might Be Bubl .

Only £50.00 per person

Special event

Racegoers river package

Combine the excitement of racing with a picturesque trip to the racecourse and back on the Thames - ideal for couples, families and groups.

Your Club Enclosure ticket gives access to the Club Grandstand, Royal Windsor Grandstand, Paddock Lawn and Silver Ring, offering a close up view of the horses in the Parade Rings and the Winners' Enclosure next to the winning post, and a dress code applies.

Club Enclosure ticket
Return river taxi from Windsor Promenade
£10.00 drink voucher
£2.00 Totepool betting voucher
Racecard

Dates:
Available
for every race
meeting

Boats start running 2 hours before the first race up until the beginning of the second race & run every 10 minutes. The return trips to Windsor Promenade start at the beginning of the penultimate race & finish approximately 45 minutes after the last race & 15 minutes after the last song on band nights.

Only £38 per person



Special event

Christmas Joiner parties

Try something amazing this year and join one of our Christmas parties on board one of our festive vessels

Festive-themed boats
Traditional Christmas dinner
On arrival drinks
Licensed bar
Fully enclosed, heated vessels
Dancing after dinner to festive disco



Departures from
the Runnymede Boathouse
19.30 until 23.30

DATES:
Fri 13th Dec
Sat 14th Dec, Sun 15th Dec
Thur 19th Dec, Sat 21st Dec

Only £42 per person

Ashes scattering service

French Brothers are proud to offer boats for exclusive private charter for the scattering of ashes. A discreet and personal service is assured.

*Fulfilling their
final wishes*

Please contact us on
01753 827376 to discuss your
needs in person. Morning and
afternoon sailings available.



Special events calendar

February

Saturday 16th February

40 minute trips start from Windsor

March

Sunday 10th March

Mothers Day lunch cruise

Saturday 23rd March

2 hour trips start from Windsor

Saturday 23rd March

45 minute trips start from Runnymede

Sunday 31st March

Easter Sunday lunch cruise

April

Saturday 13th April

Runnymede to Windsor service starts

Monday 15th April

Racing at Windsor Racecourse starts

May

Sunday 5th May

So-Sinatra extravaganza

Saturday 18th May

Ian's bird & wildlife cruise

Saturday 18th May

Riverboat shuffle disco cruise

Sunday 19th May

Historic steamboat cruise

Sunday 26th May

Steamboat tea cruise

Tuesday 28th May

Maidenhead to Windsor service starts

June

Saturday 8th June

Riverboat shuffle disco cruise

Sunday 9th June

Ian's bird & wildlife cruise (am only)

Sunday 16th June

Fathers Day lunch cruise

Monday 17th June

Runnymede to Hampton Court service starts

Saturday 22nd June

Riverboat shuffle disco cruise

Sunday 23rd June

Steamboat tea cruise

July

Saturday 6th July

Riverboat shuffle disco cruise

Wed 3rd to Sun 7th July

Henley Regatta

Tues 9th to Sun 14th July

Hampton Court Flower Show

Wed 10th to Sun 14th July

Henley Festival

Mon 16th July to Fri 19th July

Swan Upping (for 4 Days)

Friday 19th July

Riverboat shuffle disco cruise

Saturday 20th July

Riverboat shuffle disco cruise

Sunday 21st July

Steamboat tea cruise

Wednesday 24th July

End of term riverboat shuffle disco cruise

Saturday 27th July

Might Be Bubl   extravaganza

August

Saturday 3rd August

Riverboat shuffle disco cruise

Sunday 4th August

Summer lunch cruise

Saturday 10th August

Ian's bird & wildlife cruise (am only)

Saturday 17th August

Riverboat shuffle disco cruise

Sunday 25th August

Steamboat tea cruise

September

Sunday 8th September

Ian's bird & wildlife cruise

Sunday 15th September

End of summer lunch cruise

Sunday 22nd September

Historic steamboat cruise

October

Saturday 12th October

Autumn Colours

Sunday 13th October

Autumn Colours

December

Thursday 5th December

Christmas extravaganza with So Sinatra

Thursday 12th December

Christmas extravaganza with So Sinatra

Friday 13th December

Christmas dinner dance - joiner party

Saturday 14th December

Christmas dinner dance - joiner party

Sunday 15th December

Christmas dinner dance - joiner party

Thursday 19th December

Christmas dinner dance - joiner party

Saturday 21st December

Christmas dinner dance - joiner party



Joiner party nights

Special event

New for 2013

Party nights have finally arrived. This amazing night on the Thames in Windsor will suit all smaller groups looking to celebrate this summer. Suitable for small office parties, end of term teacher events, hen groups and any group (including couples) not able to book one of our private charter options.

Includes:

4 hour cruise
Disco
On board BBQ
Cash bar

Dates:

Sat 18th May
Sat 8th Jun, Sat 22nd Jun
Sat 6th Jul, Fri 19th Jul
Sat 20th Jul, Wed 24th Jul
Sat 3rd Aug, Sat 17th Aug

Times:

Depart Windsor Promenade 19.30
Return Windsor Promenade 23.30

MENU:

Barbecued chicken
or Vegetarian kebabs
jacket potato,
selection of 3 salads,
Chef's selection of desserts

Only £35.00 per person

Victorian steamboat special events

Special steam event

A cruise on a genuine steam vessel is a step back in time to an age of innocence when life moved at a pace of 4 miles an hour. Marry that with a journey that takes you through the back garden of Windsor Castle and history unfolds. Lose yourself in this voyage of discovery. Lunch & afternoon tea included.

Times:

Depart Runnymede Boathouse 11.00 arrive in Windsor 13.00
Depart Windsor 15.00 arrive in Runnymede 17.00

Dates:

Sun 19th May
Sun 22nd Sep

MORNING MENU:

Hearty Pub Style Ploughman's
English Cheddar cheese
Slice of finest ham
Pork pie, Coleslaw,
Green salad with apples
& tomatoes, pickles & chutneys
Slice of cake

AFTERNOON MENU:

Selection of premier
deep filled sandwiches
Hand made scone with
butter, clotted cream and jam
Individual fruit tartlet
Biscuits with a cup of freshly brewed tea
or coffee

£35.00 single per person
£60.00 return per person

Riverboat shuffle disco cruise



Relive the age of steam on board one of our luxury Victorian steamers. S.L. Nuneham & S.L. Streatley are the two finest examples of traditional River Thames steam vessels. Authentic restoration offering Victorian splendour powered by genuine Sissons triple expansion steam engine & coal fired Scotch boiler.



Special steam event

Steamboat tea cruise

An amazing event on board one of our beautiful genuine steamboats. Perfect to celebrate a special occasion or as a gift for a loved one. Enjoy the finest of traditional cream teas on the finest of genuine Victorian steam vessels, as you cruise through the grounds of Windsor Castle.

A nostalgic experience second to none.

AFTERNOON TEA MENU:

Assortment of deep filled sandwiches
Luxury country scones with butter, preserves & clotted cream
Victoria sponge
Freshly brewed tea or coffee

**Depart Windsor
15.00 until 17.30**

Dates:

Sun 26th May
Sun 23rd Jun
Sun 21st Jul
Sun 25th Aug

Only £38.00 per person

Special steam event

1 hour steamboat cruise

Aspecial one hour return trip to complement both of our special Steamboat events. This trip will cruise to Boveney Lock & return.

Dates:

Sun 19th May - 13.30
Sun 26th May - 12.00 & 13.30
Sun 23rd Jun - 12.00 & 13.30
Sun 21st Jul - 12.00 & 13.30
Sun 25th Aug - 12.00 & 13.30
Sun 22nd Sep - 13.30

Only £10.00 per person

PRIVATE CHARTER

***boat hire for events &
parties on the
River Thames***



***Birthdays
Weddings
Anniversaries
Corporate events
Social functions***

FRENCH BROTHERS

A perfect party venue



All of French Brothers riverboats are available for charter. They are a fantastic venue for an event or party. We have a range of boats with various capacities and are suitable for groups of up to 180. Groups of up to 20 will be at home on one of our smaller vessels. We really do have something for everyone.

Our event management team are on hand to help you plan a bespoke event, or if you wish you can choose one of our off the shelf party packages such as the RIVERBOAT SHUFFLE or NEW ORLEANS JAZZ CRUISE.

Whatever the event you are in the best of hands. We will arrange all of the elements for the best party of your life - perfect food, entertainment, decorations and of course we have a great wine list.

***Birthdays
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Corporate events***

We were honoured to send S.L. Nuneham and S.L. Streatley as part of the Royal Squadron at Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Pageant. The two finest genuine Victorian steam vessels on the River Thames.

***Windsor Races
Henley Regatta
Henley Festival
Swan Upping
Hampton Court Flower Show***

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Private boat charter

Many people only organise one significant event in their lifetime and as such it is the most important event in the world to them. At French Brothers we understand this and treat every event with the same degree of care and attention to detail.

Charter one of French Brothers boats for the best party ever.

The perfect venue

Sit back and relax as you cruise through stunning, ever changing scenery, whilst soaking up the atmosphere created by tasteful music. Savour a mouth watering feast complemented by a glass of fine wine. Raise a glass to friends old and new, as you gently pass by fellow boaters.

Our boats have full bar facilities with well appointed saloons which are heated in the winter, whilst the upper deck converts to a lively dance floor for the more exuberant party goer.



Special river based events

There are a number of traditional independent special events that are linked to the Royal River Thames. You can charter your own private vessel as a unique moving venue to participate in or observe one of these fantastic events. Examples include:

***Windsor Races
Henley Regatta
Henley Festival
Swan Upping
Hampton Court
Flower Show***



The perfect entertainment

If the spectacular scenery of the Royal River Thames is not enough, then we can provide the entertainment and decorations to add that extra enhancement to your event.

***Professional discos
Jazz bands
Fun casinos
Caribbean steel bands
Murder mysteries
String quartets
Magicians
Tribute acts
Background music***

For informal parties, our barbecues will quell the heartiest of appetites. Being cooked on board this will add to the ambience of a traditional summer party. Alternatively, for many events one of our hot or cold buffets will be the perfect choice.

If the event demands a more structured dining experience, then you have the opportunity to provide an exceptional quality formal meal - served to your guests at their table.

All of our boats have licenced bars. We can provide a welcome drink such as Pimms, and have wines served with the meal. We also have a variety of drinks packages.

If you are looking for a venue for your wedding reception then one of our boats is the perfect start. We have wedding packages to suit all your requirements along with a wedding co-ordinator to ensure your day runs smoothly.

We also offer transfers to other riverside venues as well as hen parties.



Food & Beverage



Wedding receptions



I would like to know more

This leaflet only contains a sample of how we can help you organise a riverboat event. We have a full private charter brochure with all the details and full costs, and would be delighted to provide you with one on request.

Please complete this simple form and hand it to a member of the crew who will give you a brochure.

Alternatively you can mail it to us and we will send you all you need to know.

Name:

Address:

Post code:

Tel:

Mobile:

Email:

Please send me a brochure (Y/N)

Proposed event date:

Reason for event:

Would you like us to contact you?

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