

# UK Canal Boating

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## Evesham and return from Stratford upon Avon

Cruise this route from : Stratford-upon-Avon

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Cruising Days : 4.00 to 0.00

Cruising Time : 18.00

Total Distance : 38.00

Number of Locks : 30

Number of Tunnels : 0

Number of Aqueducts : 0

A beautiful trip taking you along the River Avon through quiet water meadows with prolific bird life to the lovely market town of Evesham.

Stratford on Avon itself is a beautiful medieval market town and the 16th century birthplace of William Shakespeare and the marina is within walking distance of the town, from here you can visit the many pubs, shops and restaurants that the town has to offer, as well of course as the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, and Trinity Church where Shakespeare is buried, and the house where he was born as well as Anne Hathaway's cottage.

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## Cruising Notes

Day 1

You may decide to spend your first or last night exploring Stratford on Avon itself, this beautiful medieval market town is the 16th century birthplace of William Shakespeare.

If you do you can stay at the base which is within walking distance of the town, from here you can visit the many pubs, shops and restaurants that the town has to offer, as well of course as the Royal Shakespeare Theatre,

and Trinity Church where Shakespeare is buried, and the house where he was born as well as Anne Hathaway's cottage.

If you prefer you can get going and get a few locks under your belt and still moor up in Stratford on Avon in the Bancroft basin.

Your first lock is within sight of the Valley Cruises base at Stratford, One Elm Lock number 52, which then takes you under the road.

3 more locks are to be negotiated before you reach the Bancroft basin, and the last lock before you are on the River Avon is before you. There are notices in the basin telling you where the licence can be purchased.

Either moor for the night here in the Bancroft basin which is about an hour from the Valley Cruises base, or if you wish to get further on the next mooring would be just before Weir Brake (Gordon Grey) Lock (1.5 hrs from base ) or Luddington ( Stan Clover) lock (2.5 hrs from base) on the River Avon , but there are no village pubs nearby, or you could travel to The Four Alls pub in Welford on Avon by Binton Bridges which is about 3 hours from the Valley Cruises base (fee payable unless you moor by Pub ). The multi arched Binton Bridge is very attractive and the pub is just before this and moorings just after it. Don't travel too far in the evening as the daylight may go and you cannot travel after dusk . There are also free moorings at Welford lock.

## Day 2

From Binton Bridges it is just over 5 hours to Evesham, or from Bancroft Basin add 2 hours, or from Valley cruises base add 3 hours.

Welford Lock is soon reached and closer access to the village of Welford on Avon , followed by another couple of locks before you reach Bidford on Avon (2 hrs from Binton Bridges). There is free mooring at the Frog canalside pub, and also the Bridge Riverside Eatery. The village makes a good stop for a good range of shops and takeaways. The bridge here was built in 1482 by the monks, and there is a excellent delicatessen and bakery not too far from the bridge.

Just the village of Offenham is reached before you get to Evesham .

At Offenham Lock there are free moorings, and you may wish to moor here and walk along the canal to the Valley in Evesham- set in 125 acres there are many shops, cafes and restaurants and kids will love the mile long narrow gauge railway (open every weekend or during school holidays).

Once Evesham is reached there are free moorings upstream of Abbey bridge on the right bank, and also by Workman gardens.

The old riverside town of Evesham has a few elegant Georgian buildings and half-timbered houses , in the lovely Abbey park you can sit back up soak in the tranquil atmosphere or listen to the bandstand music on Sunday afternoons in the summer. The Bell Tower is all that remains of a large abbey which was demolished after Henry V111 closed the monasteries in 1540. Also worth a visit is the Heritage centre at the Almonry which

is housed in a 14th century building and which houses a wealth of information and artefacts.

In July every year Evesham hosts a spectacular weekend- the River Festival- where boats moor alongside Workman Gardens for an illuminated boat festival with fireworks.

Day 3

Day 4

Make your way back to the Valley cruises base at Stratford , which is 9 hours away, to be back at the base by 8.30am on Monday.

## Useful Links

Description : Shakespeare Birthplace Trust

Website : <http://www.shakespeare.org.uk/>

Telephone : 01789 204016

Description : Official Cotswolds Tourist Information

Website : <http://www.cotswolds.com>

Telephone : n/a

Description : Royal Shakespeare Theatre

Website : <http://www.rsc.org.uk/>

Telephone : 0844 800 1110

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