

UK Canal Boating

Escape with a canal boating holiday!

Kingswood and return from Stratford on Avon across the Edstone Aqueduct

Cruise this route from : Stratford-upon-Avon

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Cruising Days : 5.00 to 0.00

Cruising Time : 20.00

Total Distance : 26.00

Number of Locks : 60

Number of Tunnels : 0

Number of Aqueducts : 2

Cruise past attractive villages with half timbered houses at Wilmcote and Wootten Wawen from the medieval market town of Stratford upon Avon birthplace of William Shakespeare

Visit 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.

Edstone aqueduct 475 feet (200 yards) in length- the longest aqueduct in England.

Rural cruise with the benefit of starting and finishing in Stratford upon Avon

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 wish to get underway your 3 hour cruise will take you to the home of Shakespeare's mother.

After your first lock at Bishopston, there are the 11 Wilmcote locks to negotiate , but the countryside is pleasant, so take your time.

The small and attractive village of Wilmcote is west of bridge 59 and has a couple of pubs- The Mary Arden Inn and The Masons Arms, the village is also home to Mary Ardens house , mother of William Shakespeare, but it is now known that she actually lived 300 yards away at Glebe Farm, but still worth a visit as it incorporates a museum of rural bygones and is furnished as the home of a yeoman farmer in Shakespeare's time.

Moor near Featherbed Bridge Lane Bridge 59 as the lane to the left takes you to Wilmcote, it is 3 hours to here.

Day 2

Cruising on you soon reach Edstone aqueduct 475 feet (200 yards) in length- the longest aqueduct in England .

Wootton Wawen basin is a popular halt with boaters because of the nearby pub- the Navigation Inn, farm shop and craft centre. Nearby just west of the aqueduct towards the village is Yew tree farm, & Craft centre a collection of 14 business and cafes ranging from clothing to antiques to speciality teas.

The village has many timbered houses and a glorious Saxon church which dates from 1035, most of the tower and walls survive from that time, with many later additions from the 14 and 15th centuries.

The canal continues its peaceful course with a few locks, not passing any villages except Preston Pagot to the west of Bridge 48 with the Crabmill Inn close to the canal, until you reach Lawsonford and the Fleur de Lys pub just north of lock 31.

At Kingswood Junction turn sharp right just after lock 22 and then turn left to travel north up the Grand Union Canal , turn your boat just after you have negotiated the left hand turn.

The 100 year old Navigation Pub is a short walk to the north canalside by bridge 65 and easy reach of here is Baddesley Clinton, a national Trust Medieval manor House and gardens little changed from when the local squire lived here in 1633. It is best reached along the Heart of England Way footpath .
It is 7 hours cruising to here.

Day 3 Day 4

Have fun re-tracing your steps and maybe get back to Stratford on Avon in time to do some sightseeing!

Useful Links

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