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## Tewkesbury from Stourport on Severn

Cruise this route from : Stourport on Severn

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Cruising Days : 5.00 to 0.00

Cruising Time : 20.50

Total Distance : 58.00

Number of Locks : 18

Number of Tunnels : 0

Number of Aqueducts : 0

Lovely route along the River Severn, with all the locks done for you!

Worcester has plenty to offer the visitor, including the imposing cathedral which dates from 1074. In Friar Street is Greyfriars, dating from 1480 this is one of the finest half-timbered houses in the country. Charles II escaped from here after the Battle of Worcester in 1651.

The museum at the Royal Worcester Porcelain works is well worth a visit, as it contains the most comprehensive collection of Worcester Porcelain in the world.

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## Cruising Notes

Cruising on the River is very different to the Canals, there is no continuous towpath and therefore no right to land and moor up as you please. The scenery is one of quiet water meadows & prolific bird life. Moor up only at recognised sites . You are responsible for assessing whether it is safe to use the waterway in flood or strong stream conditions, but note that CRT may decide not to operate its locks.

There are free Canal & River Trust pontoon moorings at Worcester (between the canal and the lock), Upton-on-

Severn, and Lower Lode (below Tewkesbury)

## Day 1

Leave the Stourport Basin through the closest locks to you, and turn left to go down the River Severn.

The River winds its way through lovely peaceful countryside until you reach Holt Fleet , which takes about 2.5 hours, and you can moor up with a couple of pubs just after the bridge.

## Day 2

Continue on passing the quiet countryside passing the entrance to the Droitwich Canal.

Soon you will approach Worcester. There are various moorings by the racecourse on the left, and just after Worcester Railway bridge.

Worcester has a splendid cathedral dating from 1074, & museums, art galleries and half timbered buildings. The museum at the Royal Worcester Porcelain works is well worth a visit, as it contains the most comprehensive collection of Worcester Porcelain in the world.

Passing the Diglis Basin is the end of the Worcester and Birmingham canal.

The small towns of Kempsey and delightful towns like Upton upon Severn are passed amongst quiet countryside, which is situated on the riverbank with various pubs close by.

There is moorings as Upton on Severn on the right before Upton Bridge. This delightful town is well provided with fascinating old timbered and early Georgian buildings. The best area is near the river . During the summer this vibrant town is host to a series of music events, [www.uptonjazz.co.uk](http://www.uptonjazz.co.uk) and [uptonbluesfestival.co.uk](http://uptonbluesfestival.co.uk).

As Tewkesbury approaches, turn left just after King John's bridge, avoiding a shallow spit projecting from the junction with the River Avon.

Boaters not wishing to purchase the short term licence to cruise on the Lower Avon Navigation may tie up just below big Healing's Mill to visit Tewkesbury, there is a small charge for mooring here

It is 8.5 hours cruising to here.

Time to explore the historic town of Tewkesbury with its many attractive & ancient buildings including of course, it's cathedral-like Abbey, which is reckoned to be one of the finest Norman churches in the Country. The abbey was completed about 1120, and is splendid both inside & out. Its magnificent and beautifully decorated tower stands at 130 feet high and 46 feet square, and is the largest Norman tower in existence.

The most unusual buildings in Tewkesbury are the row of medieval shops near the Abbey, in fact most of the medieval aspects & character of the town have survived to this day.

One of the more unusual aspects of the town is the maze of small alleyways leading off from the main street. There is a couple of museums, and the Tourist information office can tell you more about other attractions.

The Battle of Tewkesbury fought here in 1471 was the penultimate battle in the War of the Roses.

There are many pubs and hotels in Tewkesbury.

## Day 3 Day 4

Cruise the 11 hours back to Stourport on Severn

## Useful Links

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