



Dutch Style Barge

A luxury, well appointed, Dutch style barge for all weather cruising. The wide beam gives plenty of living space and makes for ease of handling.

Accommodation: Two double bedrooms, complete with ensuite shower, wash basin and toilet. Ample wardrobe and drawer space, modern galley with 4 ring cooker, refrigerator

with ice box. Dining area with free standing dining table and seating for four. Lounge area is spacious with 2 settees, bookcase, wood-burning stove and T.V. area.

Gas fired central heating with radio.

240 volt outlet for mobile phone charger.



Riversdale Barge Holidays

**Explore Ireland's Newest Cruising Paradise
– The Shannon-Erne Waterway
Ballinamore – Ballyconnell Canal
in the comfort of a traditional barge**



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The Shannon-Erne Waterway

– our cruising base

The re-construction and re-opening of the old Ballinamore-Ballyconnell canal has created a new cruising concept. It has opened up for exploration and enjoyment a hitherto undiscovered region of great natural beauty, a wide variety of cruising waters, scenery, wildlife and activity.

The waterway is unique in that it includes within its length stretches of still-water canal, canalised river and a series of scenic lakes.

The waterway crosses the watershed between the upper reaches of the Shannon and the Erne – thus creating a cruising paradise where little towns and pubs lie alongside the water, where the pace of living is relaxed, friendly and intimate.

There is no need to cruise for hours to reach a new scene, a look at the map will show you how many different locations are so close.

Westward, the Waterway leads you through the St. John's Lakes and Lough Scur, visiting Ballinamore, Keshcarrigan, Kilclare and Leitrim to the upper reaches

of the mighty Shannon. Here there is the choice of going downstream to Carrick, Drumsna, Dromod and Rooskey, or up stream towards Lough Allen or Acres Lake beside Drumshanbo with its recreational amenity, or up the Boyle river into beautiful Lough Key.

Eastward leads you through a chain of lakes with inviting islands and abundant wildlife to Ballyconnell, and thence unto Upper Lough Erne and its islands, quiet moorings, Crom Castle, Carrybridge, and on to Enniskillen with its activities, heritage, and shopping.



Our Barges

Our barges are a modification of the traditional narrowboat. The old narrowboat was restricted in width by the narrowness of the old industrial canals.

Our version has been widened to 10 feet (3.1m). This extra width, coupled with the level of floor of a barge, gives greater living space and comfort to the holidaymaker. It also provides the space for two carpeted independent bedrooms with the third bedroom in the living area being private at night. A seventh berth is available. Other features include gas fired radiator central heating system, bathroom with bath shower, flush toilet

with modern sewage disposal, smart modern galley area, wood-burning stove and radio/cassette player.

The modern construction and wood panelling of our barges, coupled with the very effective heating, makes for a really cosy atmosphere which is much appreciated during mid and low season.

The engine is simple to operate, economical and well insulated for quiet running. You will be given a short course in navigation and manoeuvring the barge, including passage through a lock (all of which are push button operated).