

PRIVATE & CORPORATE CHARTER CRUISES

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Community Boat



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The John Bunyan

The John Bunyan Boat offers you a special venue. Impress your guests with a private river cruise or as a static venue in waterside surroundings. See the world from a different perspective and at a much slower pace. The John Bunyan Boat is a perfect venue for every occasion.

Our team believes that the key to a successful event is planning and for our customers to discuss their requirements (duration, embarkation/disembarkation points, cruise itinerary, cabin layout, catering requirements, etc.) with us well before the event. We will endeavour to meet your requirements subject to the practicalities of the cruising environment.

We are based at Priory Marina, where there is a Premier Inn and Beefeater restaurant with ample parking. This provides accommodation and dining facilities that you can incorporate into your visit.

The John Bunyan Boat is operated by Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Enterprise Limited on behalf of the Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust. The John Bunyan is run by volunteers with all income, including donations, going towards the maintenance and upkeep of the John Bunyan Boat and development of a new waterway park. This waterway park will link the River Great Ouse in Bedford to the Grand Union Canal in Milton Keynes.

PRIVATE CHARTER

- Birthday/Anniversary celebrations
- Engagement parties
- Dinner/Cocktail party
- Group outings: Church groups, Care groups, Interest groups, Social clubs
- Youth organisation outings: Cubs, Beavers, Scouts, Guides etc.
- Club/Group meeting with guest speaker
- Award ceremonies
- Exhibitions or a floating Gallery
- Small musical event
- Business group/club trips

CORPORATE CHARTER

- Cruise after conference at a local Bedford hotel
- Company cruise from chosen location to hotel for meal/cocktail party
- Team building/training sessions
- Staff reward
- Product/Marketing launch event
- Business/Sales Promotion event
- Customer Entertaining
- Small conference/meetings
- Partner Awards ceremonies

And more!



Cruises

We offer a number of standard charter cruises departing from and returning to either Priory Marina (MK41 9DJ) or Sovereigns Quay (MK40 1QS).

CRUISE	UPSTREAM FROM PRIORY MARINA
A 2 HRS	To Bedford (County Bridge) & return Going through Bedford Town Lock, under Town Bridge, passing Sovereigns Quay and under County Bridge before returning.
B 3 HRS	To Queens Bridge (Queens Park) & return For a slightly longer cruise we continue to Queens Bridge, catch a glimpse of the Guru Nanak Gurdwara, then return downstream towards the Barns Hotel before heading back to Priory Marina.
C 4 HRS	To Kempston & return We continue on from Queens Park, past the double island, into Kempston, turning around before Kempston Mill and returning.
DOWNSTREAM FROM PRIORY MARINA	
D 2 HRS	Towards Castle Mill Lock & return Skirting Priory Country Park and Nature Reserves turning into Cardington Lock then towards Castle Mill Lock before returning.
E 4 HRS	To Willington & return Going through Castle Mill Lock, past Bedford River Valley Park and then heading back to Priory Marina. This can include a stop/meal at The Barns Hotel by prior arrangement.
F 7 HRS	To Great Barford & return This cruise can include a meal at the Anchor with return either by boat or coach. Includes an hour crew break. The price for a one-way 3 hour cruise either by coach or boat remains the same as the 7 hour cruise price.
UPSTREAM FROM SOVEREIGNS QUAY	
G 2 HRS	To Kempston & return Cruise past the Guru Nanak Gurdwara temple in Queens Park; into Kempston, turning around before Kempston Mill and returning.
DOWNSTREAM FROM SOVEREIGNS QUAY	
H 3 HRS	To Cardington & return Cruise under the historic Town Bridge past Castle Mound, through the Town Lock, then onto Cardington Lock before returning.

We would be pleased to discuss other cruise itineraries to meet your requirements including embarkation/disembarkation of your guests at any suitable location on the river.

Cabin Facilities

The cabin is light and airy with panoramic windows and a small fore-deck that guests are free to access during the cruise. The boat offers flexible seating arrangements for up to 50 guests³, with our standard layouts shown below. Should you have an alternative layout in mind our booking team would be pleased to discuss it with you.

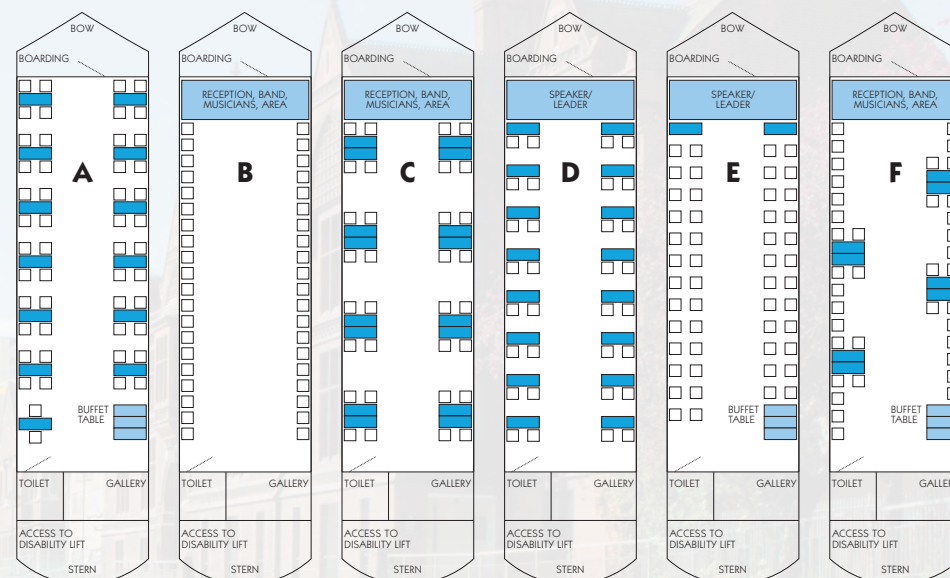
THE JOHN BUNYAN BOAT HAS:

- a bar & café facility with hot and cold catering available
- an inbuilt audio system with microphone to provide cabin wide coverage
- an access lift for those with limited mobility/wheelchair access¹
- a toilet wide enough to accommodate a medium-sized wheelchair¹.

The inbuilt audio system offers you the opportunity to provide your own playlist (via CD or device²) or should you prefer live entertainment then the boat can accommodate standalone sound and lighting systems (subject to confirmation of requirements). Should you wish to decorate the boat to suit your function we can also accommodate this.

If you are looking for entertainment/ decoration providers, we may be able to provide contact details of organisations who have worked onboard before.

¹ Dimensions: 1190mm x 900mm, max weight 200kg. It is important that a helper is present to assist those needing to take advantage of this facility. The John Bunyan Boat can carry a total of four wheelchairs at a time; each wheelchair counts as four passengers. ² Please provide devices with a 3.5mm audio jack cable and we advise testing devices on-board before the charter date.



- A: Standard Cabin layout.** Catering for up to 50 guests, suitable for snacks and light meals set in tables for four with space for a buffet table. To accommodate reception or musicians area, seating area is reduced to 44 guests.
- B: Drinks Party layout.** Catering for up to 50 guests with seating for 40 guests around the edge. Suitable for a standing reception/party with space for band/display. Additional buffet table will reduce seating to 38 seats.
- C: Dining layout.** Catering for up to 32 guests, suitable for a sit down meal set in tables for four people using two tables together, with space for band/display. Additional buffet table will reduce seating to 28 seated passengers.
- D: Lecture style layout.** Catering for up to 32 seated delegates/guests with forward facing tables. Can accommodate two delegates per table, plus room for speaker at the front.
- E: Theatre style layout.** For up to 50 delegates/guests with forward facing seats without tables, with room for musicians/actors/speakers/display at the front.
- F: Party style layout.** For up to 50 guests, which must include band members/musicians/DJ with seating for up to 37 passengers. The layout provides space at the front for a band/musicians/DJ or drinks reception area.
- Y:** Cabin cleared of all chairs & tables.
- Z:** Please contact a member of the team to discuss your layout requirements.

³John Bunyan is licensed to carry a maximum of 50 passengers including any speakers, band members, third party catering staff, etc. that you may wish to join the cruise.

Catering

The provision of good quality food is one of the essential elements of a memorable event. We are able to offer a number of catering options, both on-board and shore-side. Below we have included typical offerings that are provided as part of our normal cruise activities. Should you require something different for your cruise please discuss your requirements with the bookings team.

THE BOAT HAS A SMALL GALLEY ON BOARD THAT IS ABLE TO PROVIDE:

- A Café & Bar service offering tea, coffee, soft drinks and snacks (crisps, peanuts, biscuits etc.). The bar offers a selection of alcoholic drinks, however we are able to stock and operate this to meet your requirement. Please note that the licensed bar operates 12:00-21:45 except Mondays. License extension may be possible should it be required.
- The John Bunyan Menu (on a pre-cruise order basis) offers a selection of on-board catering, which includes Breakfasts, Ploughman's Lunches, Cream Teas, Afternoon Tea Platters, Home-made Cakes, Fish & Chip Suppers and more. We can tailor this to suit your needs and dietary requirements.
- We also have close links with a variety of local riverside hotels/pubs who are able to provide on-board catering, or host your group for catering pre/post cruise (subject to cruise route).
- You can supply your own catering and/or bar if you prefer. There is an additional fee for this.

The John Bunyan Boat has been awarded a food hygiene rating of 5 (Very Good) by the Food Standards Agency.

Please note that we have a strict 'No Glass' Policy on board, all drinks are served in suitable alternatives.

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FOOD HYGIENE RATING

0 1 2 3 4 **5**

VERY GOOD

Contact us

If you wish to discuss your event with us, obtain further details, or explore other cruises that the John Bunyan Boat offers, contact a member of the team on one of the options below and they will be pleased to assist you.



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Waterway Park

ABOUT THE BEDFORD & MILTON KEYNES WATERWAY TRUST

The Trust was established in 1995 to promote the development of a broad waterway linking the River Great Ouse to the Grand Union Canal - to create Britain's first major new waterway in a century. Now part of a much expanded waterway park concept, it will provide amenities and opportunities for communities at the heart of the Oxford/Milton Keynes/Cambridge Arc - a key location for housing and economic growth.

The Waterway Park will provide the green/blue corridor linking new and existing communities, creating a unique sense of identity and offering a wide range of health and recreational activities. It also has the potential to boost the local economy through new tourism-related jobs and additional spending in the area, as well as environmental benefits such as flood prevention.

The project is supported by a consortium of local authorities, the Local Enterprise Partnership, navigation authorities and charities, including the Trust, whose role is to act as an advocate and mobilise support at all levels for the project.