

## **Be Amazed by a UK Canal Boat Holiday 100 Years ago Jerome K Jerome wrote,**

*"There is nothing- absolutely nothing-half so much worth doing as simply messing about inboats."*

A century later and he is still absolutely right.

If you're fed up with long queues and delays with trains, planes and ferries, and are concerned about the carbon footprint of your holiday travels, then why not consider joining many of the others who are choosing to leave behind the tresses of long distance travel and are opting to holiday in the UK.

You'll be surprised and amazed at what Britain has to offer and there could be no better way to explore these than by boat. A UK canal holiday is perfect for you and your family if:

### **You like to explore**

A UK canal holiday will take you to a different part of Britain everyday. What could be better than waking up in a new location and having the whole day to explore new and wonderful experiences?

On a canal boat you are your own tour guide and have the freedom to decide what you want to explore and when. The difficulty will be picking one activity from the many on offer as you are often spoilt for choice with stretches of beautiful countryside, picturesque towns and villages, buildings of historical interest, feats of amazing engineering and waterside pubs and restaurants.

### **You are environmentally conscientious**

A UK canal holiday is a holiday with possibly one of the lightest carbon footprints. The leisurely pace of a narrow boat means that the amount of carbon given off is minimal.

There are also many conservation projects along the stretches of Britain's canals providing opportunities for seeing sights that just aren't available in other parts of Britain. Old buildings restored to their former glory, meadows of rarely seen wildflowers and glimpses of some of our shyest wild creatures.

### **You would like to get know Britain from a different perspective**

Sites you'd normally rush past will glide past at a slower pace on British canals. Allowing you the time to sit back, relax and enjoy the sites and sounds of nature and discover some of Britain's secret villages that are tucked away from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

### **You have always fancied being captain of a ship**

Ok so your narrow boat isn't quite 'The Victory', but a UK canal holiday gives you the opportunity to satisfy fantasies of being in charge of your own vessel and crew. So hoist the topsails, set the rigging, splice the mainbrace and cast off on a watery adventure you won't forget. Tell the kids to look out for pirates and let the fun begin.

### **You enjoy exercising in the great outdoors**

Swap the treadmill for a towpath and jog your way to fitness along the many wonderful miles of Britain's canal networks. If running isn't your thing there are loads of other ways to get fit whilst on your UK canal holiday. Why not try stretching your legs on a long hike across the surrounding countryside, swap your narrow boat for a canoe and paddle your way along stretches of the canal or hire a bike and cycle the towpath or to one of the waterside watering holes for some light summer refreshment.