



Whitchurch Marina

Directions

BY ROAD: If you are approaching from the **North via the A41 or A49**, you need to follow signs for Wrexham (A525) as you get nearer to Whitchurch. This will take you on a new bypass to the West of Whitchurch.

- When you reach the roundabout junction with the A525, take the Wrexham (last) exit. The entrance to Viking Afloat (Whitchurch Marina) is only 50 yards on the right.

BY ROAD: If you are approaching from the **East on the A525**, you need to follow signs for Wrexham (A525) as you get nearer to Whitchurch. This will take you on a new bypass to the south, and then West of Whitchurch.

- When you reach the roundabout junction with the A525, take the Wrexham (first) exit. The entrance to Viking Afloat (Whitchurch Marina) is only 50 yards on the right.

BY ROAD: If you are travelling from the **South on the A41 (A449)** as you approach Whitchurch turn left at the roundabout following signs for Wrexham (A525).

- Go straight across the next roundabout still following signs for Wrexham (A525).
- At the A525 junction turn left at the roundabout and Viking Afloat (Whitchurch Marina) is 50 yards along on the right.

*If you are approaching Whitchurch from the **West (A525)**, approximately 1 mile after the junction with the A495 (Oswestry), the road is carried over the canal and you will find the entrance to Viking Afloat 100 yards past the canal bridge, on the left just 50 yards before the roundabout joining the Whitchurch bypass.*

BY RAIL: The nearest train station is Whitchurch, Shropshire and you will need to get a taxi from here to the base. For information about train timetables and ticket costs for all mainline rail transport please go to www.thetrainline.com.

FROM AIRPORTS: Manchester, Liverpool and Birmingham airports are all 1 hour away. You will need to take the train to Crewe or Shrewsbury and then change for Whitchurch. There is no direct National Express coach to Whitchurch so you will need to take the coach to Nantwich (9.7 miles away) or Crewe (13 miles away) and then take the train. Please see www.nationalexpress.com for details on national coach travel.

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Travel & Planning

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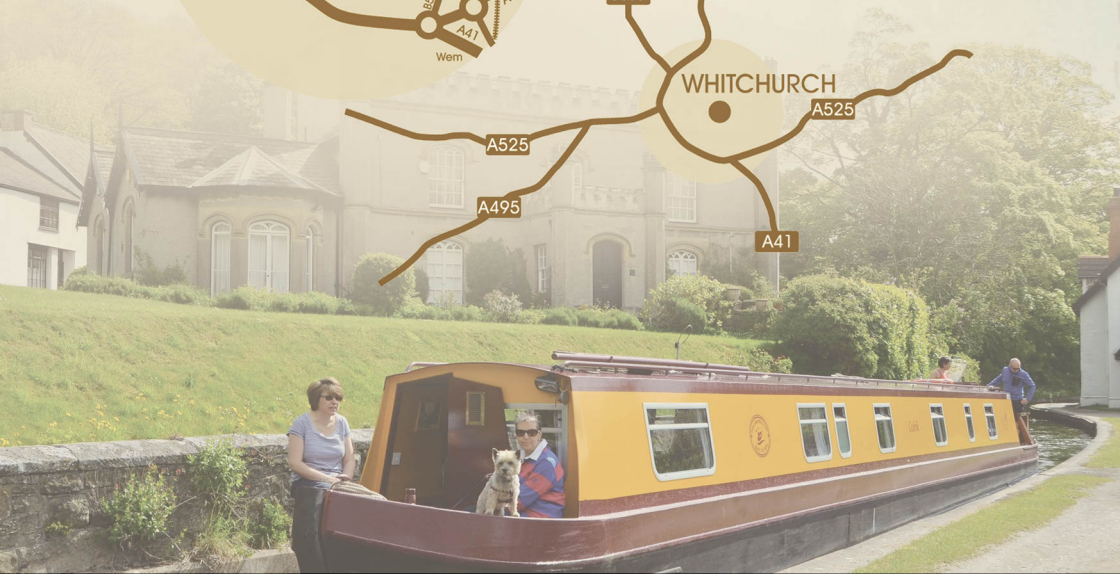
We have an apartment available for hire at Blackwater Meadow- www.blackwatermeadowapartment.com

LOCAL TAXI COMPANIES

Jez Cars: 01948 663588 / SM Cars: 01948 666957

NEAREST GROCERY STORES

The local Tesco Store is Whitelion Meadow, (telephone 0845 6779743, www.tesco.com), which is 3 miles from the marina and there is a Sainsburys in Nantwich, (telephone 01270 629664, www.sainsburys.co.uk).





LLANGOLLEN & RETURN • 7 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 4 Hrs • Locks: 4

- The Llangollen Canal is a varied route with isolated sheep pastures to ancient peat mosses and tree lined lakes to the foothills of Snowdonia.
- From the Whitchurch Marina you can complete a relaxing week route to Llangollen going over the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct or a 4 night short break (cruising time minimum 8 hours per day with 4 locks).

CHESTER & RETURN • 7 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 5 Hrs • Locks: 66

- Visit the historic city of Chester with its shopping, restaurants, the River Dee and its spectacular cathedral (*see www.visitchester.com for more details*).

AUDLEM & RETURN • 7 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 6 Hrs • Locks: 50 (*Includes 3 staircase locks*)

- This route will take you up the Llangollen Canal and then down the Shropshire Union.
- Audlem is famous for its run of 15 locks on the Shropshire Union Canal.
- Interpretation panels by the towpath in Audlem describe the operation of locks and the canal's history.

THE CHESHIRE RING • 7 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 6 Hrs • Locks: 137

- It is recommended to travel this ring clockwise, so heading up to Manchester.
- The ring takes in the whole of the Macclesfield Canal, parts of the Trent & Mersey, Bridgewater, Rochdale, Ashton and Peak Forest Canals, providing a range of scenery.
- Enjoy glorious scenery as the Macclesfield Canal skirts the edge of the Pennines.
- If time allows why not take a detour from Marple along the Peak Forest Canal and enjoy stunning views.
- You will cruise through the heart of Manchester and moor at Castlefield to explore the city and places such as the Old Trafford, home of 'Man U' (www.manutd.co.uk), the Arndale shopping centre or the Museum of Science and Industry (www.mosi.org.uk).
- This route has a variety of canal features including broad and narrow locks, aqueducts and tunnels, and the distinctive stone architecture of the Peak District.

FOUR COUNTIES RING • 11-14 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 6 Hrs • Locks: 132

- Travel up the canal to the Shropshire Union to begin the ring and then complete it from 11 to 14 days depending on how leisurely you want to take it.

CALDON CANAL • 14 Nights • Cruising Time Per day: 7.5 Hrs • Locks: 136

- An alternative to the Four counties ring but equally energetic.
- You will head up towards the Peak District and enter the Churnet Valley with its stunning countryside.
- The canal terminates at Froghall where you turn and retrace your steps.

Short Breaks WEEKENDS: FRI-MON (3 Nights) MIDWEEK: MON-FRI (4 Nights)

Wrenbury & return • 3 NIGHTS • CRUISING TIME PER DAY 6hrs • TOTAL LOCKS 20

Travel between our Whitchurch and Wrenbury Marinas on this picturesque canal.

Ellesmere & return • 3 NIGHTS • CRUISING TIME PER DAY 5.5hrs • TOTAL LOCKS 0

The trip into Ellesmere is through an area of beauty with a series of Ice-Age lakes known as 'meres'.

Hurleston Junction & return • 3 NIGHTS • CRUISING TIME PER DAY 5hrs • TOTAL LOCKS 32

For those wanting a bit more activity you can cruise east towards the English end of the canal.

Nantwich & return • 3 NIGHTS • CRUISING TIME PER DAY 5hrs • TOTAL LOCKS 40



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