



## **COLLEGE CRUISERS' RECOMMENDED LIST OF WHAT TO PACK FOR YOUR CANAL BOAT HOLIDAY**

Having decided on your canal holiday cruise along the South Oxford Canal, it is time to plan. Lots of people ring us, asking for advice on what to bring with them on their canal holiday cruising holiday. The following is a check list which we hope will aid your packing.

- Use soft bags, hard suitcases take up a lot of space (for overseas customers we are happy to look after your bags while you are away cruising).
- Clothes.... casual, warm, and comfortable depending on the time of year, layers are a good idea so as the sun comes out you can peel off a layer. The boats have plenty of storage space but hanging space is limited, so leave your ball gowns at home. Along the canal are plenty of excellent pubs and restaurants where the dress code is smart casual.
- We suggest a good waterproof coat, pair of waterproof trousers – we do provide one set, but if you are all well equipped then the great British weather cannot spoil your holiday... and you may even enjoy the odd wet day!
- Foot wear: non slip is a must, wellies are useful
- Hats to keep the sun off your heads
- First aid kit
- Lip salve
- Insect repellent
- Sun tan cream – the sun is stronger when you are on the water
- Torches (you go to the pub in daylight but tend to come back in dark)
- Walkie talkies are bit of fun for the kids
- Board games and cards; canal holidays are a great way for families to spend time together forget the telly, play games instead – Marks and Spencer do some great ones!
- Books and magazines; canals are excellent places to relax with a good book
- Towels and tea towels (sorry no dishwashers on board). (NB: overseas customers will have towels provided; UK customers can rent for £3 per person.)

If you are bringing a very small person, please ring and discuss your requirements, some boats just do not have room for a travel cot. Reins are a good buy to stop small people who are feeding ducks from falling in and a buggy is very useful at locks. We can supply cot sides – please request.

## **SUPPLIES FOR THE WEEK'S CANAL HOLIDAY CRUISING**

We advise you bring with you enough food for a few days; there are places along the canal to buy milk and bread. The majority of our customers tend to have breakfast and lunch on board and then use one of the many pubs / restaurants along the South Oxford Canal for their evening meal (see our useful information page for names and telephone numbers.) When you get to Banbury you are able to moor outside Marks and Spencer food hall, full of lots of exciting treats and restock for the next few days. All the kitchens on our narrow boats have ample storage, the fridge is a good size in boat terms. All boats have somewhere to make ice, and some have a freezer compartment but this is not huge.

You can bring your supplies with you, or use the local supermarkets in Oxford, we are happy for you to arrive at College Cruisers early, park your car, do your food shopping, and have lunch. Returning just in time, to board your College Cruisers narrow boat. We are also happy for you to use your own internet supermarket and have the shopping delivered to College Cruisers, this must be arranged with us beforehand. Failure to do so, will result in a £25.00 handling charge.

Disposable barbecues are useful; there are lots of places to have an evening Barbie, just make sure it is not used on the boat and that you take away any rubbish.

## **ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES**

All boats have hairdryers, TV with DVD player, Radio/ CD player. It is OK to bring with you electrical items such as laptop, phone chargers, battery chargers for iPods, shavers and camera batteries, power cables for hand held computer games etc. Items such as hair straighteners, and small electrical kitchen items are NOT allowed. Please contact us if you have any queries regarding any electrical items.

Fishing rods are welcome at College Cruisers, you must have a valid rod licence, and live bait must always stay outside the boat!

We do not allow bicycles or small boats without prior agreement.

We hope that this advice has been of some help, but if you have any questions please call Charlie or Carys on 01865 554343.

Happy Packing!