A brief history of Orwell Lady

Built in 1979, Orwell Lady was a purpose-built Thames River Cruise Boat, operating from Westminster Pier for 11 years. After a ten-year spell taking passengers around Brownsea Island near Poole, Orwell Lady motored round to Ipswich under her own power and started operating from Orwell Quay in 2001.

Private Charter

The spacious saloon and bar area, large windows, open upper deck and panoramic views make Orwell Lady the perfect venue for birthday and Christmas parties, corporate gatherings and special celebratory events. A cruise on Orwell Lady is ideal for school/educational trips and is available at a special charter rate to these institutions. For details please call 07734 875887 or email charters@orwellrivercruises.co.uk

How to Book

Online at www.orwellrivercruises.co.uk
or call Ipswich Tourist Information Centre on 01473 258070 (St Stephen’s Church, IP1 1DP)
for help with dates and availability as well as advice for larger groups.

How to find us

Orwell Lady sails from Orwell Quay - IP3 0BQ
Pay & Display parking available on Duke Street with pedestrian access onto quay.

For all general enquiries please contact either Ipswich Tourist Information Centre on 01473 258070, or us on 07773 369970, e mail info@orwellrivercruises.co.uk, or visit our website for our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

Gift vouchers available
Sightseeing Cruises
Between Easter and October. We can carry up to a total of 100 passengers accommodated over two decks; one open, one enclosed. Confectionery snacks as well as hot, cold and alcoholic drinks can be purchased on-board.

Bridge, Falcons & Freston Folly (1 hour)
Sail under the iconic Orwell Bridge, home to the Peregrine Falcons, then downriver to view Freston Folly before returning to Orwell Quay. Sailing regularly between Easter and late September. Ideal for families.

The Cathouse, Naval Grog & Pin Mill (2.5 hours)
Meander under the Orwell Bridge before viewing The Cathouse, learn the true origins of “Naval Grog” and reach Pin Mill, home to Arthur Ransome, before returning. Regular Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday cruises.

Mayflower, Ganges & Marine Giants (3.5 hours)
Journey the length of the river to view historic Harwich Harbour, the Pilgrim Fathers’ departure point on the Mayflower. See HMS Ganges at Shotley and the UK’s largest container port at Felixstowe, before returning. Sailing most Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Catered Cruises
Between May and September. Ideal for small groups, couples or larger parties. Numbers limited, so book early! Additional hot, cold and alcoholic drinks can be purchased on-board. Prices include all food.

Sunday Buffet Lunch Cruises
Take in the fantastic scenery, boats and wildlife whilst enjoying our waitresses serving handmade canapés followed by a sumptuous two-course buffet. Sailing at 12.30pm, returning 4pm, alternate Sundays.

English Afternoon Tea Cruises
Join us for our famously generous traditional treat of sandwiches, cakes and scones, all homemade, served with tea and coffee. Sailing on Thursdays, choice of two cruise durations.

English Afternoon Tea Cruises
£34 per adult

Shotley, Fish and Chips, HMS Ganges Museum Cruises
Sail to Shotley Marina, enjoy a two-course lunch inclusive of tea or coffee at The Shipwreck followed by a guided visit to HMS Ganges Museum before re-joining the boat to return to Ipswich. Leaving 9.45am returning 4.45pm, selected Wednesdays July to September.

Ghosts on the River cruise
Come aboard the Sunday before Halloween to hear creepy river tales from our resident Spooky Skipper! A ghostly-themed buffet is included, fancy dress optional. Suitable for all ages.

Ghosts on the River cruise
£27 per adult

Music Nights
Selected Saturdays, May to October. Ideal for small groups, couples or larger parties. Hot, cold and alcoholic drinks can be purchased on-board. Ticket includes two-course buffet. Leave at 7.30pm, return 11pm.

Music Nights
£40 per adult

Jazz on the River Cruise
Our live band, All About Jazz play mellow jazz hits as you cruise along on a summer’s evening.

Jazz on the River Cruise
£43 per adult

Disco Cruises
Something for all tastes! From Motown, to Abba and the ’70s, through the ’80s and into the millennium.

Disco Cruises
£50 per adult

Sundowner Cruise
Enjoy a glass of bubbly on arrival, alongside freshly made canapés, before a luxurious two-course waitresseserved buffet. Our live band, All About Jazz will play many different jazz-styles throughout your cruise.

Sundowner Cruise
£46 per adult

Dates and availability for these cruises and any special events, such as sailings over Ipswich’s Maritime Weekend, can be found on our website or by calling Ipswich Tourist Information Centre on 01473 258070.

Our Terms and Conditions
Except for Music Nights, all our cruises include a full commentary.
Concession and child ticket rates available on most cruises.
Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
No food or drink may be taken aboard.
For safety and hygiene reasons no dogs, unless certified Guide Dogs.
In the event of severe/dangerous weather, or insufficient numbers booked on a cruise, Orwell River Cruises reserves the right to cancel that cruise and offer an alternative or full refund.
All business is undertaken subject to our Trading Terms and Conditions, a copy of which is available upon request, and is displayed on our website.

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