



Try a fresh perspective with Le Boat in 2022 and save 20%

As the benefits of the vaccine programmes at home and abroad start to take effect, we can look ahead to better times, plan that next big getaway, and reconnect with loved ones and the great outdoors. With Le Boat that means a self-drive boating holiday on Europe's or Canada's beautiful inland waterways, with nine countries to choose from across 17 exquisite regions. As the 2021 boating season draws to a close, the operator is delighted to announce a discount offer for those that book next year's holiday early, with strong sales figures already being reported for 2022.



As we have emerged from the pandemic, Le Boat has seen a huge demand from holidaymakers wanting to escape the crowds and to make the most of their time with family and friends again. There has been a significant spike in domestic travel, with the company's English Thames and Scottish Caledonian Canal offerings proving particularly popular, so much so that additional boats were deployed to both regions this year to meet increased guest numbers.

The Le Boat team can report that early 2022 sales now exceed those of pre-pandemic levels, with British and Irish customer bookings across all destinations up 37%, compared with 2019 forward bookings recorded in October 2018. Broken down by country for the same period, Boat rentals in England are up 130%, in Scotland up 192% and in Ireland up 82%. Encouragingly, holidays to France, which is Le Boat's most travelled to destination, sales are up 37%, with a clear appetite for short-haul overseas travel returning.

Cheryl Brown, Managing Director of Le Boat says, "Our impressive results demonstrate that so many of us are ready to travel again, with our boats offering the perfect sanctuary on which to satisfy our sense of wanderlust and to spend much missed quality time together. All of our cruising routes allow our customers to appreciate the fresh air and wide open spaces, and to explore destinations at their own pace, in a safe and beautiful environment. We look forward to welcoming guests back on board in 2022".

An early booking discount offer of up to 20%* is available on 2022 holidays, on reservations made by 1 December 2021. With demand high, customers are urged to reserve now to ensure they secure the boat type and dates that they desire. Guests can save up to 15% on rentals of seven nights or more, or 10% on shorter breaks, with an additional discount of 5% for those that pay in full at the time booking. The incentive is available on a range of boat types and applicable to every boating region in the UK, Ireland, France, Germany, Holland, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Canada.

More news from Le Boat: The Premier [Horizon](#) craft were introduced in 2016 and designed exclusively for Le Boat customers, allowing holidaymakers to enjoy the waterways of Europe and Canada in comfort and style. The Horizon fleet comprises five boat types, with the largest model (the Horizon 5) able to accommodate up to 12 passengers. The craft offer luxury throughout, with spacious sundecks, light and airy saloons, fully equipped kitchens and oversized windows. For the 2022 season, 11 brand new Horizon boats will be joining the fleet, with six PLUS models delivered to Canada's Rideau Canal, and a further five delivered to Le Boat's bases in France. The craft, which have that new boat smell, are the same high-quality design as the existing Horizon models, but feature subtle enhanced touches, including hotel quality mattresses with memory foam on all beds, premium cushions on the sun deck seating, and smart TVs on which boaters can stream films, TV shows and music.

Travel with confidence: Holidaymakers continue to be reassured by Le Boat's [Covid Safety Charter](#), which was implemented last year and applies to all its destinations at home and abroad. The extensive health and safety procedures ensure customers have a safe and worry-free experience, without hindering the sense of freedom that a Le Boat holiday provides. The measures include supplying pre-departure information digitally, including a comprehensive safety video, enhanced cleaning processes at the Le Boat bases and on the boats, and the introduction of Perspex screens and hand-sanitiser at receptions. Furthermore, holidaymakers are protected by the operator's [Go Boating with Confidence](#) flexible booking policy, which allows customers to make one date change to their booking free of charge up to 14 days before their departure. And in the event of Covid related restrictions stopping travel, guests will be offered a credit note or receive a full cash refund, right up to the day of their departure*.

Go there: Le Boat's most popular destination is the [Canal du Midi](#) in southern France, with multiple start locations to choose from. Holidaymakers can traverse more than 150 miles of scenic waterways along the 17th Century network of canals that connect the Atlantic to the Mediterranean. Famed for its sunshine, wine tasting and world-class gastronomy, the Canal du Midi is also rich in history and heritage, boasting impressive cathedrals, grand châteaux, ancient ruins and medieval cities. A seven-night self-catered stay on the Canal du Midi in 2022, starting and finishing at Le Boat's base at Port Cassafières, is priced from £827 per boat when paying in full at the time of booking (was £1,039 per boat, saving 20%)**.

* See the Le Boat website for offer terms and conditions. ** Transport to and from the base not included.

To plan your Le Boat trip: Call 02392 801125 or visit www.leboat.co.uk

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