



SEAGULL TRUST CRUISES

MARION SEAGULL



A Holiday Boat for People with Special Needs on Scotland's Lowland Canals Pre-Booking Information for Passengers – February 2017

INTRODUCTION

Cruise Scotland's Lowlands Canals on a holiday boat specially designed for people who need extra help. The Marion Seagull is a purpose built, wide beamed canal boat with wheelchair hoists at the front and rear. Run by Scottish charity Seagull Trust Cruises, the Marion Seagull can be utilised for up to a week or even longer.

Based at The Falkirk Wheel, Tamfourhill, Falkirk, the boat is fully equipped for families or small groups with at least one disabled member

WHO CAN BOOK ?

Any group or family which includes at least one person with special needs can book. The Marion Seagull has accommodation for a maximum of six people. The boat is offered for use on a self drive basis, with a minimum of three able bodied adults required to act as crew.

ACCOMMODATION

Sleeping arrangements comprise three floor-level fixed bunks, one upper fixed bunk, and a make-down sofa which provides a double bed. There are two flushing W.C.s and a shower.

She has a fully equipped galley with cooker, fridge and a microwave oven, and a living and dining area with a DVD player. Warm air central heating and hot water are provided throughout.

Wheelchair access exists throughout. The open deck bow has a powered lift and the 27in / 69cm wide access ramp allows NHS standard dimension wheelchairs on and off the boat. In the stern a second lift gives wheelchair access to the rear deck.

She is a wide-beam canal boat, 55-ft long and 10-ft wide, not the standard 6-ft 10-in width of a narrowboat. Of steel construction, she weighs eighteen tons. Steering is by wheel, not a tiller.

A layout diagram of the boat is provided as a separate download.

RUNNING COST

The cost of operating the Marion Seagull has to be met from voluntary contributions and we therefore ask for a donation for the use of this boat. The rates for 2017 are:

Returnable Deposit	£70.00
First night	£130.00
Other nights	£100.00 per night

The Marion Seagull is available from Monday 3rd April, until Friday 13th October 2017.

BOOKING

Telephone the Bookings Co-ordinator on 07513 291771 to check availability. Then complete the Booking Form, and submit with your deposit to secure the booking.

Should you make a cancellation at less than 21 days notice of the dates booked, the deposit will be forfeit. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope for acknowledgement of your booking.

CRUISE ARRANGEMENTS

The Marion Seagull leaves from The Falkirk Wheel and should be returned there at the end of the cruise unless otherwise agreed. A map showing how to locate the boat will be sent with your booking confirmation. There is ample parking space although not very close to the boat.

The boat will be available for the start of cruising by 10.00 hours and must be returned by 12.00 hours at the end of the cruise. These times can be varied by prior arrangement.

Seagull Trust Cruises reserves the right to cancel trips if the boat is regarded as unserviceable at any time and cannot be responsible for delays caused by water shortages, stoppages, canal traffic conditions, mechanical breakdowns, or any other cause.

SELF DRIVE

It is essential that the Marion Seagull is managed at all times by a person competent in handling a canal boat. It is intended that the group provides its own skipper, the vessel being offered on a self drive basis. Familiarisation training will be given by a Seagull Trust manager at the start of each holiday. In exceptional cases it should be possible for a daytime skipper to be provided for short duration breaks. In this event a contribution of £10.00 per day is sought to cover the skipper's expenses.

HELPERS

If any passenger with special needs depends upon assistance or support, a helper must accompany them. Any skipper provided by Seagull Trust Cruises will not act as a carer to passengers. One or two able bodied members of the party will be required to assist the skipper at certain times during the cruise if the group is not managing the boat on their own.

WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING

- Any special personal equipment such as special cups or cutlery
- Clothing - the boat is centrally heated but warm clothing is needed if passengers wish to sit on the foredeck. Helpers are advised to bring waterproof clothing and non-slip shoes
- Personal toiletries and any medication
- Mobile phone and charger
- Towels, including dishtowels.

CATERING

This is a self-catering boat, no food is supplied.

- Full cooking facilities, utensils, crockery, cutlery and fridge are provided
- Passengers should bring food for meals on board.

NO SMOKING

A strict no smoking policy is operated on board.

INSURANCE

The trust has marine insurance cover for the boat. Passengers are responsible for any holiday insurance they require and for their own personal possessions and medication. The trust is not responsible for loss or damage to personal property.

BOOKING CO-ORDINATOR

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“A canal boat trip is the nearest a disabled person will come to a walk in the countryside”

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales

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