

Seagull Trust Cruises

Marion Seagull

A Holiday Boat for Disabled People on Scotland's Lowland Canals

Pre-booking Information for Passengers

This boat is fully equipped for families or small groups with at least one disabled member; she is based at The Falkirk Wheel, Tamfourhill, Falkirk

MANAGEMENT

Seagull Trust Cruises is a limited company set up by The Seagull Trust to operate the boats owned by the Trust. Arrangements to use the "*Marion Seagull*" are therefore handled by this company and not directly by the Trust. Information about The Seagull Trust, which is a Registered Charity (Charity Number SCO13757) founded in 1978 can be found on our website at www.seagulltrust.org.uk

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WHO CAN BOOK?

Any group of disabled people or a family with at least one disabled member. The "*Marion Seagull*" has accommodation for a maximum of six passengers.

NUMBER OF PASSENGERS

Including helpers/carers - up to 6 persons (only 6 berths available). There is a diagram of the accommodation on the last page.

It is recommended that the number of wheelchair users does not exceed two. If you require a live on board skipper to help you the number in the group reduces to 5.

RUNNING COST

Seagull Trust Cruises is an independent registered charity (SCO27163) and relies on voluntary contributions to support its work. Unfortunately the cost of managing the "*Marion Seagull*" is likely to exceed our income and so, regrettably we have to ask for a donation for the use of this boat. The current suggested rates for donations are:

First day	£100
Other Days	£60

The "*Marion Seagull*" is available for use all year round although there are certain times over the winter period when the canals are closed, or the cruising length restricted, by British Waterways.

HOW DO I BOOK?

You should telephone the Booking Officer to check availability first. Then simply complete the attached booking form and send it together with a deposit of £50 (cheque/P.O. payable to "Seagull Trust Cruises") to the Booking Officer. Dates can only be confirmed with the deposit. Should you make a cancellation at less than 14 days notice of the dates booked, the deposit will be forfeited. Please enclose a S.A.E. for acknowledgement of your Booking.

The Trust expects you to send the balance of your donation towards the running costs to arrive at least 14 days prior to your boat trip. No reminder will be sent. Your donation cannot be accepted at the time of arrival for the cruise.

CRUISE ARRANGEMENTS

We offer cruises of any duration up to a maximum of 7 nights. In exceptional circumstances longer cruises may be possible.

The boat will be available for the start of cruising by 1000 hrs and must be returned by 1200 hrs at the end of the cruise. The above times can sometimes be varied by a prior arrangement made with the Booking Officer.

Departure of the boat is from The Falkirk Wheel and it 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 at The Wheel site although not very close to the boat. However, it should be possible to get close to the boat for loading and unloading.

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.

SKIPPER

It is essential that the "*Marion Seagull*" be managed at all times by someone competent in handling a canal boat. It is preferable that the group provides their own skipper and if necessary it may be possible to provide prior training. If this is not possible, it should be possible for a skipper to be provided by the Trust for some or all of the time, preferably not requiring to live aboard throughout the cruise.

HELPERS

If any disabled person needs assistance or support, a helper must accompany them. Any Skipper provided by Seagull Trust Cruises is not in a position to provide personal assistance to passengers. One or two members of the party will also be required to help the Skipper at certain times during the cruise if the group is not managing the boat on their own.

WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING

- a. Food (see catering).
- b. Any special personal equipment required (special cups, cutlery etc.).
- c. Clothing – the boat is centrally heated but warm clothing is needed if passengers wish to sit on the fore deck. Helpers are advised to bring waterproof clothing and non-slip shoes.
- d. Personal toiletries and any medication required,
- e. Towels including dishtowels.

CATERING

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

- a. Full cooking facilities, utensils, crockery, cutlery and fridge are provided on board.
- b. Passengers are required to bring food for any meals they plan to eat on board. They must include any Seagull Trust Skipper, when he is on board, in their arrangements, whether self-catering or dining out.

NO SMOKING

In the interest on health and safety and in line with other forms of transport we operate a very strict **No Smoking** policy on board “Marion Seagull”.

INSURANCE

Whilst the Trust has insurance cover for the boat; passengers are responsible for any holiday insurance they require and for their own personal possessions and medication. The Trust cannot be responsible for the loss of or damage to personal property.

DAMAGE / LOSS / BREAKAGES

A security deposit of £50 deposit should be paid at the same time as the balance of your donation. If no damage, loss or breakage is sustained during the cruise, this deposit will be refunded in full in about 7 days after your cruise, otherwise the cost of any repairs or replacements will be deducted and any remaining balance returned.

FREE VIDEO

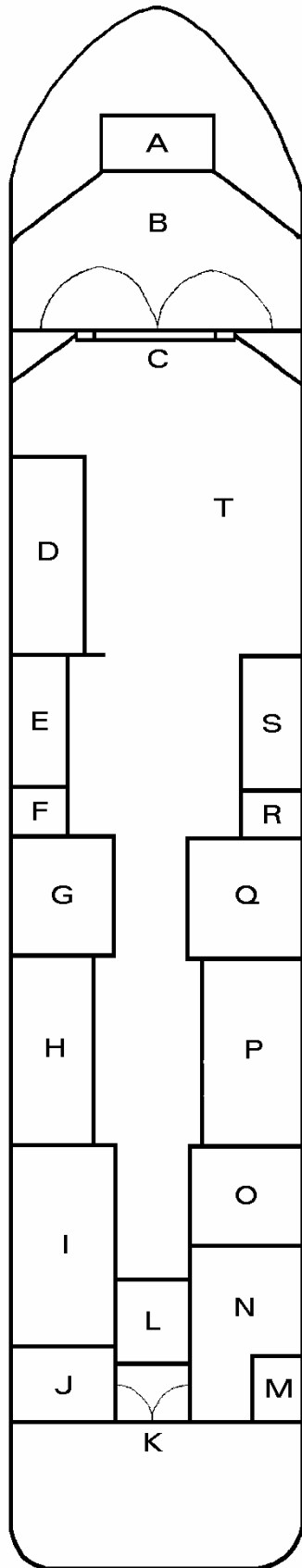
When your full donation is received, we will send you a British Waterways video about canals together with a booklet so that you can familiarise yourselves with canal cruising before your own cruise. There is no charge for this but we ask you to return both at the end of your cruise.

HOW TO FIND US

Departures and return of the boat from The Falkirk Wheel

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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.*



Layout diagram of the *Marion Seagull*

- A - Front lift
- B - Open air sitting area
- C - Double doors
- D - Settee, converts to double bed
- E - Sink with cupboards beneath
- F - Cooker
- G - Shower area, links with Q by double doors
- H - Two bunk beds with storage beneath
- I - Single bed with cupboards below
- J - Cupboard at foot of bed
- K - Spacious rear deck with access to back lift
- L - Back lift
- M - Gas locker
- N - Drying cupboard
- O - Toilet and basin
- P - Extendable bed
- Q - Toilet and basin, links with G
- R - Fridge and microwave
- S - Worktop above cupboards
- T - Open living space with moveable dining table