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Capital Cruising – London (Tilbury) and Edinburgh

Cruise directly into London and Edinburgh with Britain's leading capital city cruise partner

Capital Cruising is a union of cruise terminals that gives your passengers an unrivalled opportunity to see the biggest sights of the UK's two major capital cities – London and Edinburgh. We can offer a unique capital city connection because we own two of the most strategically located ports in Europe.

London International Cruise Terminal is based at the Port of Tilbury on the river Thames, uniquely situated as the closest deep water port giving access to London – it is just 22 nautical miles and 40 minutes to the centre by Thames Clipper.



Our Ports serving Edinburgh are Leith, Rosyth, Newhaven and South Queensferry which offer a range of gateways to the inspiring city. Leith and Newhaven are only 15 minutes from the city centre.

Passengers arriving on a small boutique vessel or a large resort sized ship can be sure of a friendly and knowledgeable welcome at our ports. Our polite, friendly and well-trained staff are here to help all your passengers get the maximum possible enjoyment from their stay in London or Edinburgh. We can offer packed itineraries for shore excursions and give 'independents' all the information they need to start their onshore adventure.

Top Five Facts about Capital Cruising

1. Unique capital city connection with strategically placed ports
2. Excellent links direct into both world-class cities
3. Polite, friendly and well-trained staff
4. London International Cruise Terminal is London's only deep water purpose-built cruise facility
5. Four ports – Leith, Rosyth, Newhaven and South Queensferry – give access to Edinburgh

London International Cruise Terminal, Port of Tilbury

Welcome to London, one of the world's greatest cities! Dating from 1930, London International Cruise Terminal, the capital's closest deep water cruise facility, is a unique Grade II* listed heritage building located on the banks of the River Thames. It is just 22 nautical miles from the heart of the city via state-of-the-art Thames Clipper vessels (under 50 minutes to Tower Bridge), rail or motorway.

The stunning curvature of the high vaulted ceiling overlooked by the imposing domed capola, the grand hall with its beautiful stained glass memorial window and the masterpiece of the adjacent marble tablets encapsulates the warm and friendly atmosphere within.

The innovative 348 metre long floating landing stage can accommodate the largest of vessels without the necessity of repositioning either of the original passenger gantries due to tide; both gantries are capable of transversing the length of the magnificent 1930s gallery, which is reminiscent of the heyday of ocean cruising and gives direct access to the terminal regardless of ship specification.

London International Cruise Terminal is also a popular filming venue so not only will your guests be walking in history, but also in the footsteps of some major Hollywood stars!

Port Info - Tilbury

Time Zone : GMT

Operational Hours : 24hrs a day, 365 days a year.

Latitude & Longitude : Latitude: 51 27'.0 north. Long. 000 21'.9 east

Prevailing Weather : South West

Berth Information : 348mtr floating landing stage

Air Draft Restrictions : None

Vessel Draft : 9m

Depth on Berth : 10m

Largest ship to call : MSC Lirica

VTS - Channel : Yes - Port of London Authority

Pilotage : Yes

Tugboat : Yes

Security Facilities : Full baggage and hand luggage search facilities available 24/7

Gangway : Two covered skywalks available at all states of the tide

Fresh Water : Yes

Power Supply : N/A

Fuel Supply : Yes, by bunker barge

Hot works / painting/ lifeboats : Painting / lowing lifeboats by prior permission. No hotworks.

Waste Handling : Yes by prior notice.

Facilities - Tilbury

Cruise Terminal Building : Occupying a flat level site, the Arrivals Hall and Departure Lounge are suitable for disabled guests.

Currency Exchange : No

Internet Access : Yes

Telephones : No, although terminal management will facilitate if required

Mailbox : No, although terminal management will facilitate if required

Taxi Rank : Yes

Distance to Railway Station : 1 mile / 1.5 Km

Distance to Airport : London Stansted, Gatwick and City are less than an hour by vehicle

Banks / ATM Machines : No, nearest 24/7 ATM located one mile away at the supermarket.

Restaurant/Café : Kiosk available for the purchase of hot and cold beverages along with a range of bottled beers and wines

Contacts & Further Info

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