

**Bronte Boat Hire**  
**Explore Yorkshires unspoilt waterways from**  
**Hebden Bridge**



**Are you looking for a relaxing holiday set in the beautiful countryside of Yorkshire and Lancashire? Travel along the network of canals through the beautiful Pennines at a slow pace taking in some spectacular views and scenery.**

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Holidaying on the canal presents a unique opportunity to see wildlife such as Kingfishers and Herons in their natural habitat. A number of footpaths on the canal give the hiker a chance to explore the area on foot, using the boat as a base for walking and cycling. Whatever your taste, there are plenty of things to do en-route during your holiday.

The canal has many Public Houses on the towpaths offering superb local food with an enticing choice of real ales and fine wines. Indulge yourself in the local fayre and exchange tales with fellow canal travelers.

The Rochdale Canal was the first trans Pennine route and is the “Everest” of the UK Canal systems, climbing up the Calder Valley to cross the Pennines through spectacular scenery before meeting the Bridgewater and Ashton canals at Salford.

The Rochdale Canal runs for 32 miles between Sowerby Bridge through the Pennines to the Bridgewater Canal at Manchester. Travel towards Sowerby Bridge and go through the deepest lock in the country or travel up through Todmorden out towards Littleborough to the Summit. This is the highest point on the canal.

The Rochdale Ring is a 69 mile ring, includes the famous Standedge Tunnel and provides a perfect round trip for longer holiday breaks. The Rochdale Canal is at the historical centre for the industrial revolution . Explore the history as you cruise through the heart of the Calder Valley.

- Our base at Hebden Bridge Marina is perfect for cruising East or West on the canal system. There are a choice of holidays to explore. For the more experienced boaters who fancy a challenge, why not explore the South Pennine Ring. This would take approximately 10 days to complete and there are some spectacular places to visit on your trip.



### **Our Boats:**

Our luxurious range of narrow boats sleep up to five people. We offer two classes of hire boats.

No Turning Back has 2-4 berths and Rowan has 2-5 berths. We do welcome pets at a small charge.



**(Rowans front galley)**



**(No Turning Back)**

All boats come fully equipped with full central heating, hot and cold running water, toilets, wash basin, shower and a full tank of fuel. When you unpack you'll find we have anticipated your storage needs with plenty of wardrobe and storage space.

The galley has full cooking facilities (gas oven and grill) with a fridge plus a full inventory of galley equipment. There is a TV, DVD or video player, CD and radio are fitted in the lounge area to ensure a relaxing comfortable holiday is provided with all the comforts you would expect. Bed linen is provided but please bring your own personal towels.

The boat controls are as simple as can be. Start/stop, forward/reverse and left and right. We provide on board training before you depart on how to handle the locks and canal etiquette. A DVD can be viewed on our website or we can post you a copy which shows you how the locks operate and how the boat steers to provide you with some background information before you arrive. We have virtual tours on the interior layout of all our boats on the website.

## **New for 2010 – One Way Cruising**

### **1 Week Option**

The weekly one way cruise takes you around a wonderful cruise route in the heart of Yorkshire from Hebden Bridge to Barnoldswick (or vice-versa). The route requires long days and is recommended for those who have previous boating experience. If you are new, we do provide comprehensive training so don't be deterred.

The route takes in the market town of Skipton, the Bingley 5 rise (one of the wonders of the waterways), the historic Salts Mill and the vibrant city of Leeds.

Leaving Leeds you join the commercial Aire and Calder. The Barges carry sand and oil from the Humber Ports to the industrial heartland of West Yorkshire. After passing the historic aqua duct at Stanley Ferry you join the lovely Calder and Hebble canal and start your ascent back into the Pennine hills. This is a lovely mix of river and navigable cuts finishing with passage through one of the deepest locks in the UK and into the delightful town of Hebden Bridge.

You can park your car where you collect the boat and it will be safe until your holiday is complete.

**Please note Due to the route having an element of river cruising, there are occasions when the Aire or Calder will flood and the full one way trip cannot be completed. In these rare cases, we will liaise with the crew and advise the best course of action. A rough itinerary is listed of the route from Barnoldswick.**

### **Friday**

Moor at East Marton before the Double Arched bridge on the right. There is a small steep flight of steps near the bridge which takes you to the main road. Turn left and in 50yds is the Cross Keys Pub. Alternatively travel on for approx 30mins and moor on the exposed but stunning 'bends'.

### **Saturday**

Have an early start and enjoy the picturesque locks of Bank Newton and Gargrave. There is a Co-Op in Gargrave for basic provisions and pubs and a full range of shops in Skipton. Moor in the Riddlesden area in the lovely wooded area.

### **Sunday**

Travel down the famous Bingley 5 rise and moor overnight at Rodley. If you have time, Salts Mill at Saltaire is worth a visit.

### **Monday**

Have an early start from Rodley (Newlay Locks open at 08:15) and aim to arrive in Leeds for lunchtime. Enjoy an afternoon in this marvelous city. Either stay overnight in Clarence Dock or travel for approx 2 hours to the pleasant visitor moorings at Woodlesford Lock.

### **Tuesday**

Enjoy the challenge of the commercial Aire and Calder and ensure you give the commercial traffic plenty of water. Moor overnight at Broad Cut on the Calder and Hebble. Ensure you watch out the lock walk boards which are unusually on the inside of the lock gates and the ground and gate paddles which can have a very powerful flow.

### **Wednesday**

Suggest staying overnight at the visitor moorings near the junction of the Calder and Heb and Huddersfield Broad Canal (just after you come off the river through Cooper Bridge lock)

### **Thursday**

Travel from Cooper Bridge through to Hebden Bridge and overnight there to enjoy a night in this wonderful little town.

## The South Pennine Ring.

### Approximate Distances:

- Hebden Bridge to Todmorden - 4 miles and 9 locks
- **Todmorden** to Summit - 4 miles and 17 locks
- Summit to Slattocks - 9 miles and 17 locks
- Slattocks to Manchester (Ducie Street) - 9 miles and 30 locks
- Manchester (Ducie Street) to Ashton (Portland Basin) - 6.5 miles and 18 locks
- Ashton (Portland Basin) to Uppermill - 7.5 miles and 21locks
- Uppermill to Marsden - 5 miles, 11 locks including Standedge Tunnel
- Marsden to Slaithwaite - 3 miles and 21 locks
- Slaithwaite to Huddersfield - 5.5 miles and 21 locks
- Huddersfield to Brighouse - 7 miles and 13 locks
- Brighouse to Sowerby Bridge - 8 miles and 10 locks

(These figures are offered as a rough guide. They are not a suggested daily itinerary.)



Tuel Lane Lock Sowerby Bridge.

**Frequently Asked Questions.**

**Arrival and Departure:** Bronte Boats are known for flexibility so we try to work around your requirements. Usually endeavor to have our boats ready for collection at 2pm on the day of departure. If for any reason you are unable to arrive on time please contact the office so that prior arrangements can be made. Your boat must be returned and vacated by 9:30am.

**Tuition – Do we need experience?:** You don't need any experience. Before your holiday you can view our videos of how to operate a lock from our website. Upon arrival we will then show you how the boat works and guide you through the first lock. We will stay with you until you feel comfortable with how everything works, so you feel relaxed and enjoy your holiday.

**Which route should we choose?:** If you want a leisurely trip or this is your first time on the canal, do not be overly ambitious and ensure you have a relaxing holiday. For the more ambitious or experienced boater there are the Pennine Rings or a one way cruise to Barnoldswick.

**Are all routes available?:** On any waterway holiday, traffic may occasionally have to stop, for instance for emergency repairs to structures, flood on rivers or water shortages on canals. British Waterways work hard to prevent delays but be prepared to change your route if something happens. We will do everything we can to help.

**What linen will be provided?:** Double or single duvet sets with sheets, pillows and pillow cases as required. Please indicate your requirements on your booking form. Tea towels are provided but please bring your own personal towels.

**Insurance?:** You are covered for damage to the boat and third party claims for accidents involving the boat up to £3m. A damage liability waiver fee is included in the price quoted. For personal accidents and personal possessions, we strongly recommend the optional scheme, unless you have other insurance.

**Do we need a minimum crew?:** Unfortunately you have to have a minimum crew of two adults. One person to handle the boat and one to operate the locks.

**Children and adult non swimmers?:** Don't panic folks! We will provide life jackets free of charge. We recommend children wear life jackets, especially when helping with the locks.

**Electrical Appliances?:** All our boats have mains and 12 volt electrics.

**Fishing?:** There's some good sport to be had. Most of the fishing clubs sell daily or weekly permits but you must have a national rod license.

**Pets?** Pets are welcome but unfortunately a small charge is included. They must also not be left unattended on the boat.



The Railway Bridge at Gauxholme.

# Bronte Boat Price List 2010

## ROWAN

DATES	SHORT BREAK	WEEKLY HIRE
3 <sup>rd</sup> January - 27 <sup>th</sup> March.	£350.00	£550.00
03 <sup>rd</sup> ,10 <sup>th</sup> April.	£495.00	£790.00
17 <sup>th</sup> April.	£350.00	£550.00
24 <sup>th</sup> April.	£465.00	£740.00
1 <sup>st</sup> ,8 <sup>th</sup> ,15 <sup>th</sup> ,22 <sup>nd</sup> May.	£495.00	£790.00
29 <sup>th</sup> May.	£575.00	£915.00
05 <sup>th</sup> June.	£495.00	£790.00
12 <sup>th</sup> ,19 <sup>th</sup> ,26 <sup>th</sup> June. 03 <sup>rd</sup> ,10 <sup>th</sup> July.	£575.00	£915.00
17 <sup>th</sup> ,24 <sup>th</sup> ,31 <sup>st</sup> July. 07 <sup>th</sup> ,14 <sup>th</sup> ,21 <sup>st</sup> August.	£685.00	£1,090.00
28 <sup>th</sup> August.	£575.00	£915.00
04 <sup>th</sup> ,11 <sup>th</sup> September	£495.00	£790.00
18 <sup>th</sup> ,25 <sup>th</sup> September	£465.00	£740.00
02 <sup>nd</sup> October. 11 <sup>th</sup> December.	£350.00	£550.00
18 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> December	£685.00	£1,090.00

*Weekly Hire for Rowan is Saturday to Saturday.*

*Short breaks are Friday – Monday or Monday – Friday.*

*We believe we offer the best multi week discount in Britain!*

*If you book a two week break, take 15% of the whole holiday price!*

*For three weeks or more take 25% of the whole holiday!*

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## No Turning Back

DATES	WEEKLY HIRE
05 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> March.	£750.00
02 <sup>nd</sup> April. - 21 <sup>st</sup> May.	£995.00
28 <sup>th</sup> May.	£1,300.00
04 <sup>th</sup> June. - 16 <sup>th</sup> July.	£1,195.00
23 <sup>rd</sup> July. - 27 <sup>th</sup> August.	£1,325.00
03 <sup>rd</sup> September. - 01 <sup>st</sup> October.	£995.00
08 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> October.	£850.00
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	£995.00

## Start day is Friday for No Turning Back!

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For three weeks or more take 25% of the whole holiday!

### No Turning Back.

Rather than a damage liability waiver "which is non returnable" we ask for a £250.00 security deposit.

This is taken via a credit card swipe and is fully refundable on return of the boat with no damage.

Any damage or third party claims are subject to a £250.00 excess.

Please contact us for further clarification!

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[www.bronteboathire.co.uk](http://www.bronteboathire.co.uk)

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**Bronte Boat Hire  
Canal Cruising  
Booking Form**

**The Marina, New Road, Hebden Bridge, HX7 8AD**

Name:	Boat size (2/4, 2/5, 2 berth)
Address:	Maximum number in party.
Postcode:	Hire period.
Telephone No Day:	Departing date.
Mobile:	Number of cars?.
Is this your first canal holiday? Yes/No	Number of pets?.

Name:	Address:	Age if under 20
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Berth configuration	Doubles Singles	- -

Payment Details	Delete if not applicable.
South Pennine Ring map	£5.75 inc P&P
Nicholson Guide 5 North West & Pennines	£14.75 inc P&P
Pearsons canal companion for Pennine waters	£9.99 inc P&P
Pet charge if applicable	£30.00
Deposit paid (20% of the hire cost)	
<b>Balance outstanding due 6 weeks prior to holiday</b>	£

**Declaration:**

**I am over 21 years of age. I have read and agreed to be bound by the condition of hire which are displayed on the Bronte Boat Hire website.**

**Signed.....**

**Date.....**