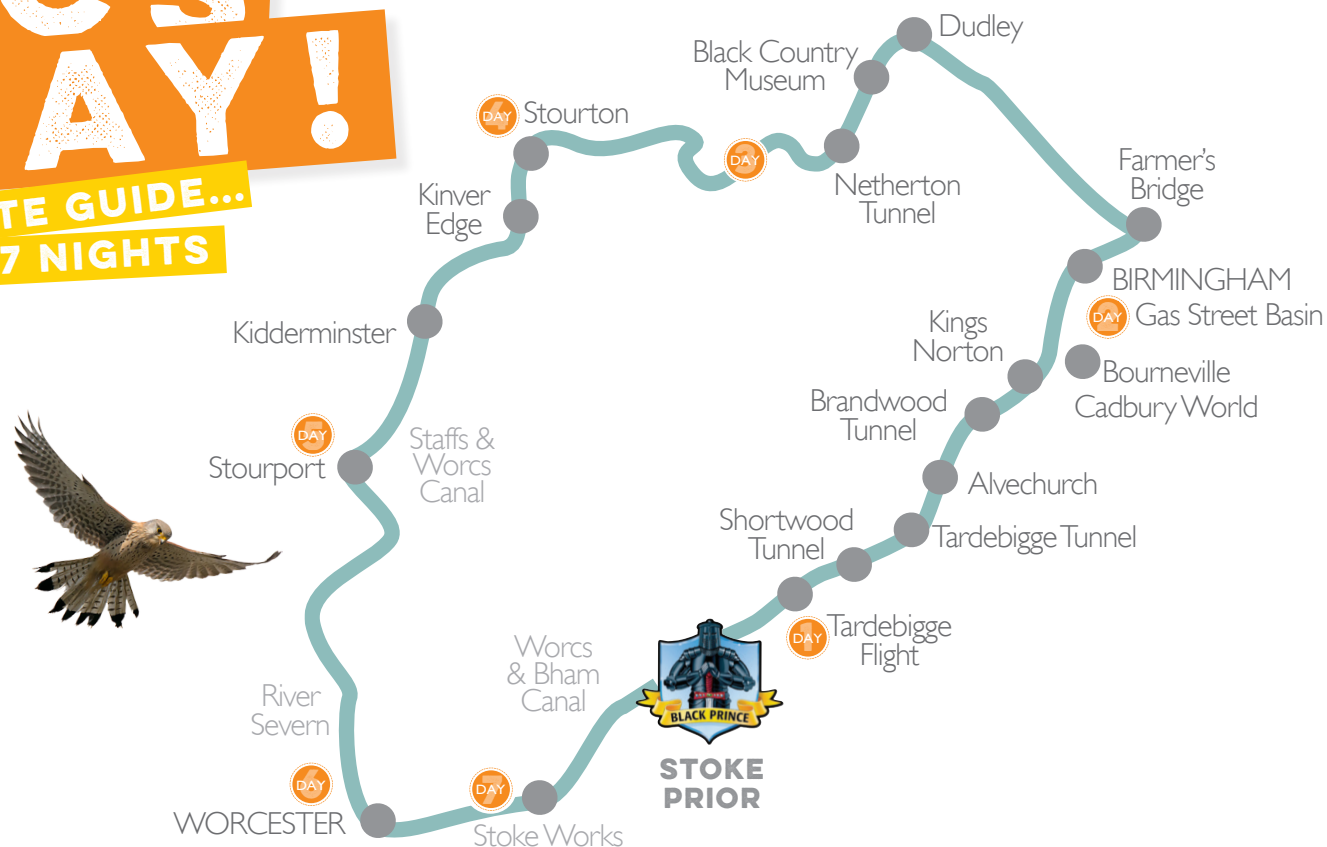


SEVEN NIGHT ADVENTURE STOKE PRIOR

CHOCs AWAY!

YOUR DAILY ROUTE GUIDE...
7 NIGHTS

YOUR CHOCs AWAY ROUTE FOLLOWS **THE STOURPORT RING**
LEAVING THE BLACK PRINCE BASE AT STOKE WHARF.
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1 DAY

Complete your coaching session and then it's straight into the UK's longest flight of locks. You'll start with a warm up at Stoke Locks before reaching the Tardebigge Flight, which raises the Worcester & Birmingham Canal by more than 200ft.

Once the locks are done, it's a clear run of around 14 miles to Gas Street Basin in Birmingham. Along the way you'll head through Tardebigge, Shortwood and Brandwood tunnels which are all short compared to Netherton later in the route.



We suggest you work through as many locks as you can and stop when you see a nice spot to spend the night.

This will give you chance to celebrate day one and get ready for completing the flight tomorrow.

There are 36 locks to tackle in total, but you won't have time to go through them all on day one.



NIGHT: TARDEBIGGE FLIGHT
DISTANCE: 2 MILES
LOCKS: 24
CRUISING: 4.5 HRS

DAY

A hearty breakfast is called for before you start your journey to complete the rest of the Tardebigge Flight. Our advice is to share the workload, take it easy, accept help where it's offered and enjoy the experience!



You'll cruise past Bourneville where you'll see signs for Cadbury World, but we recommend carrying on to Gas Street Basin if you plan to visit the chocolatey attraction as the mooring here is better.



NIGHT: GAS STREET BASIN
DISTANCE: 15 MILES
LOCKS: 10
CRUISING: 8 HRS

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DAY



You have the morning to spend at an attraction.

If chocolate is your idea of heaven, head to Cadbury World, where you'll get to see how the sweet stuff is made and enjoy lots of themed activities. You can make the short journey by train from New Street Station, and if you use Cadbury's *Travel by Train* offer you'll save lots on the cost of entry. Visit their website for details.



If that doesn't tickle your taste buds, why not make the very short trip to Farmer's Bridge Basin, where you'll find the National Sea Life Centre. This incredible aquarium is home to more than 2,000 species and has the UK's only 360° ocean tunnel.



Alternatively, you can make the short walk from Gas Street Basin into Birmingham's city centre for the Jewellery Quarter, giant shopping plazas, superb museums and bustling street markets.



City life is now behind you and you'll be cruising along the Stourbridge Canal. There are plenty of locks on this stretch, so it will take most of the day to reach Stourton.

DAY

NIGHT: MERRY HILL
DISTANCE: 15 MILES
LOCKS: 1
CRUISING: 5.5 HRS

Once you're done, we recommend you keep cruising and stop at Merry Hill. You'll go through the Netherton Tunnel which, at two miles, is one of the longest in the UK and will take the best part of an hour to complete.

DAY

NIGHT: STOURTON
DISTANCE: 7 MILES
LOCKS: 26
CRUISING: 7.5 HRS



Cruising past Kinver Edge, a rare heathland owned by the National Trust, is a great opportunity to try out the map and wildlife diary activities from your Towpath Activity Guide!



NIGHT: STOURPORT UPPER BASIN
DISTANCE: 12 MILES
LOCKS: 11
CRUISING: 7.5 HRS

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DAY



Enjoy the wide open waters of the River Sever as you swoop down to Worcester, roughly five hours away. The journey is short so you'll have time to explore this pretty city in the late afternoon and evening.

Among the highlights are the famous cathedral, the Tudor House Museum and the English Civil War exhibition at The Commandery.



NIGHT: WORCESTER
DISTANCE: 13 MILES
LOCKS: 7
CRUISING: 4.5 HRS

DAY



A full day cruising back on the Worcester & Birmingham Canal will bring you most of the way back to the Black Prince base at Stoke Prior.



We've suggested cruising as far as Stoke Works, but you should only cruise during daylight hours, so if you are travelling outside of July or August you may need to adjust your timings and stop earlier.

NIGHT: STOKE WORKS
DISTANCE: 12 MILES
LOCKS: 22
CRUISING: 9 HRS

DAY

Enjoy your last breakfast on board before bringing your boat back to base for your 9.30am drop off time.



DISTANCE: 1 MILES
LOCKS: 1
CRUISING: 1 HRS

ROUTE SUMMARY:

TOTAL CRUISING DISTANCE: 77 MILES

TOTAL LOCKS: 102

TOTAL CRUISING HOURS: 47.5 HRS

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