

Swanage to Cruise Round the Island

Swanage leave 1100 back 2000

Sail from Swanage Pier. Pier Postcode: BH19 2AW

Nearest Transport Links: Bus & Swanage railway terminal 1/2 mile.

Parking: Spaces on the pier are limited, P & D parking available on Broad Road, on the hill behind the pier. Disabled passengers need assistance as steps to lower deck of pier.

Swanage Tourist Information Centre: 01929 422885

Please ensure that you are at the ship 10 minutes prior to the departure time. Boarding closes 3 minutes before departure on outward and return journeys.



Your Journey

Step aboard at Swanage and sail along the picturesque Purbeck Heritage Coast, cruising past Ballard Point, the Foreland and Studland Bay before viewing the affluent areas of Sandbanks and Canford Cliffs before you sail into Bournemouth. The next leg of your cruise will take you past Hengistbury Bay and Christchurch before heading across the Solent to Yarmouth. Remember to pack your camera as there will be plenty of photo opportunities on this cruise and you will want to capture Waverley in all her glory!

Yarmouth is the starting point for your steam around the Island, viewing the spectacular coastal scenery of the Isle of Wight. Sail past the famous Needles Rocks with their lighthouse, the multi-coloured sandstone cliffs of Alum Bay and the towering chalk cliffs of Freshwater Bay. View St Catherines point, the towns of Ventnor and Shanklin and then round to pass Ryde and the yachting capital of Cowes.

When on board Waverley there is so much to see and experience. Don't forget to go below and see the mighty steam engines propelling the famous paddles through the sea: an experience unique to Waverley!

Whilst on board, soak in the unique atmosphere of Waverley restored to her original 1940s style, and roll back time to a by-gone era. Enjoy a refreshment in one of the ship's period lounge bars or enjoy a hot meal in the Art Deco Dining Saloon – best booked in advance.

During your journey, passengers will disembark and embark at ports along the way, but there is not enough time for you to disembark and explore.

History and Heritage

Waverley is the last seagoing Paddle Steamer in the World! When you step aboard you are stepping back to a time when Paddle Steamers were an important part of coastal passenger and excursion trade.

Dating back to the 1800's, this tradition remains alive today only in the operation of Paddle Steamer Waverley. She is Britain's largest interactive exhibit and, onboard, you can learn about Britain's maritime history and its social contribution.

From the heritage craftsmanship, to traditional seafaring skills through to the engineering masterpiece - the triple expansion engine at the heart of the ship turning the famous paddles.

The Captain, Officers & Crew look forward to welcoming you onboard to recapture the nostalgia of bygone days and enjoy a great day out.

Eating & Drinking

Waverley has a restaurant which offers passengers everything from soups, sandwiches, snacks & afternoon tea to a 3-course meal. The menu is available to view on the website and available onboard. You are not permitted to bring alcohol onboard but the ship has two lounge bars and a tearoom. You are welcome to bring packed lunches on board, however you cannot eat these in the ship's Dining Saloon as seats are reserved for passengers purchasing food onboard.

Shopping & Souvenirs

There is a wonderful range of gifts, including exclusive products including clothing, souvenirs and confectionery to suit all tastes & budgets. You can view some of these items at our online shop. To help you get the most out of your cruise, you can also pick up a cruising guide or map. You can even send postcards through the postbox onboard, hand franked with Waverley's stamp!

