

The River Cruises.



Adjacent to the Tower of London is the Tower Pier. From here it is possible to cruise up and down the river Thames. We travelled on City cruises and they have ramped access down to the riverside and level access on to their boats. Wheelchair passengers and their carers are given a 50% reduction on tickets. You cannot go outside upstairs on the boat but the lounge area has very large viewing windows.

The boat's captain gives a humorous and informative description of the famous buildings to be seen on the journey. There is a very compact and basic accessible toilet on board and you can obtain snacks and drinks from a kiosk.



We felt that this was an easy way for wheelchair users to travel to other attractions including the London Eye shown above (actually situated on the riverbank with its own pier), Westminster Abbey, The Houses of Parliament and Greenwich Maritime Museum. All of these are within easy wheeling distance from the river piers. In our opinion the boats are much more wheelchair user friendly than buses or the often inaccessible tube stations.

Please note although there is no need for individual wheelchair users to pre-book the boats, parties containing several wheelchair users are advised to do so.