



London Canal Museum and Regent's Canal Boat Trip Friday 18th September 2026

**Price £38.00 to include coach, entry to the London Canal Museum with tea/coffee and biscuits,
and Regent's Canal waterbus from Camden to Little Venice
Optional extras with additional cost – ice-cream making demonstration
or guided walk along the Regent's Canal to Camden**

London's canals have a fascinating past and we will learn how they came to be built – and what they are used for nowadays.

We aim to arrive at the Museum by about 11.00am when we will be served with tea/coffee and biscuits. We will be given a short introduction and are then free to explore at our own pace. The Museum tells the story of this floating workforce of people who lived in tiny cabins often with their whole family, the cargoes they carried, the boats they used, their arts and crafts, the care of their horses, and how canals climbed hills. You can go inside a boat to see for yourself how these people lived. Exhibitions include Roses and Castles, all about their colourful artwork, Horse Power, showing how horses played a vital role on the canal towpath and in the streets delivering goods, and the Victorian Ice Trade where Norwegian ice was brought to King's Cross by sea and canal. Archive film supplements the exhibitions. And there's a shop.

You can take your own picnic lunch to eat at the museum or go to a local pub or café, there are many to choose from nearby.

After lunch there are three options –

Either – step back to the 19th century for a one-hour talk about the ice trade which includes a demonstration of ice-cream making using their replica Victorian ice-cream churn. You'll watch, take part and enjoy a small sample at the end. After the demonstration the coach will transfer passengers to Camden. Cost £3.50 extra. Max 25 people.

OR – Enjoy a guided towpath walk along the Regent's Canal to Camden. We will pass quirky houseboats, colourful street art, and go under and over railway lines. The path is an unexpected oasis of calm amid the hectic pace of life all around it. The length of the walk is approx. 1.5 miles, taken at a leisurely pace. Cost £6.50 extra. Min 10, max 20 people.

OR - If you don't want to do either of these, you can spend more time at the Museum, having lunch, or in the area on your own.

We will all meet up again at Camden and take a leisurely 45-minute boat ride to Little Venice. We will be given commentary along the route, which takes us through Regent's Park, past London Zoo (the aviary and monkeys are easy to see from the water) and some very elegant 19th century white stucco houses, many now owned by musicians and celebrities, and through the Maida Vale Tunnel, when we will hear about the origins of words such as 'toe-rag'.

We will depart from Little Venice at approx. 4.45pm

Accessibility – The museum is fully accessible with lift alternatives to all staircases. To get onto the boat, there are a few steep steps with handrails. Fold up wheelchairs/strollers are ok to take, but they can't take larger electric wheelchairs.

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Instructions – please read carefully

To join this trip please complete the form below and send with your **cheque payable to Guildford Area U3A to Jackie Ring, 14 Manston Road, Guildford, GU4 7YE**. **Please do not email this form as an attachment.** Completed application forms with cheques will be dealt with strictly in the order of receipt. Expressions of interest or requests to reserve places should not be sent. Please ensure your email address and telephone numbers are completed to enable us to confirm whether or not there is a place available or to contact you with a query. And take care to complete your pickup point. Trips are only available to fully paid-up Guildford U3A members (for insurance purposes) and membership numbers must be given. Refunds cannot be given unless a replacement can be found.

Email if needed: ring_jackie@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01483 824450 or mob: (on the day only please) 07544 907 098.

Pick up points: **A** - 'Shalford Station' bus shelter (near Scout Hut) 8.45am, **B** - Nightingale Rd/ London Rd bus shelter (High School) 8.55, **C** - Elgin Gardens bus shelter (near Burchatts Farm) 9.00am, **D** - Bus shelter opposite BP Garage, Burpham 9.05am. Please check any parking restrictions at your chosen pick-up point.

Name		Home No. Mob No.		Your Guildford U3A Membership No.	
Others booked by you on the visit				Their Guildford U3A Membership No.	
Email address					
Date	Outing	Cost	No. of places	Cheque total	Coach pickup times
Friday 18 th September 2026	London Canal Museum and Regent's Canal Boat Trip	£38 .00			A 8.45 B 8.55 C 9.00 D 9.05
	OR - With ice-cream making demonstration + £3.50	£41.50			
	OR - With guided towpath walk + £6.50	£44.50			