



# Your exclusive venue with a difference...



**river escapes**

*Newcastle Gateshead from the river*

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A River Escapes cruise offers a unique experience - what better way to make an impression than a venue offering unrivalled views of historic NewcastleGateshead and the River Tyne.

The River Escapes two passenger boats are the perfect venue for every occasion - parties, wedding celebrations, anniversaries, birthdays and corporate events.

Impress your guests with cocktails and canapés, delicious food, drinks and entertainment whilst viewing the sights of the historic River Tyne.

As a family company, River Escapes has over 25 years experience in organising exclusive events and our professional Events Team are on hand to offer assistance, inspiration and guidance from the initial planning stages right up to the day to help you create your perfect event.

## CELEBRATION EVENTS

Escape to a unique place where you are guaranteed a celebration to remember.

Let River Escapes take care of your every need as our experienced Events Team are on hand to ensure that everything runs smoothly from the planning stages to the actual event.

All of the special touches such as champagne and canapés, flowers and entertainment can be arranged to create a truly memorable event.

River Escapes is the perfect venue on the River Tyne:

- Parties
- Wedding Celebrations
- Anniversaries
- Birthdays
- Corporate events
- Conferences
- Team building and training days
- Product launches
- Familiarisation tours

## CORPORATE EVENTS

Escape the boardroom and step aboard a River Escapes cruise to inspire, entertain and impress.

Our boats offer space, flexibility and comfort for a range of events and set against the backdrop of the River Tyne, are certain to impress guests and colleagues.

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**A River Escapes event offers you a unique venue, great value for money and an unrivalled professional service.**



# 1. SELECT YOUR CHOICE OF BOAT

## THE COVENTINA

Maximum guest numbers

– up to 43 people

A popular boat with smaller groups the Coventina is ideally suited for informal events, with or without food.

### FACILITIES

- The comfortable lounge area with seating for up to 43 guests
- A fully stocked bottle bar and additional drinks packages are available on request
- Toilet facilities
- Excellent viewing within the lounge area
- Informal cold buffet options available (platter options available only)
- PA and CD background music

\*Coventina does not sail in hours of darkness

## THE FORTUNA

Maximum guest numbers

– up to 120 people.

Maximum guest numbers (sightseeing) up to 150 people.

A very versatile boat with two comfortable heated lounges and spacious open top decks ensuring magnificent views of the river whatever the weather.

### FACILITIES

- The lower deck has a comfortable heated lounge area and a fully stocked bar
- Spacious upper lounge/viewing area with dance floor
- Toilets
- Wheelchair access for up to 5 guests.
- Spacious open viewing on the roof and bow decks
- Hot and cold buffets, barbeques and hog roast menus available
- PA and CD background music
- A variety of entertainment options



Please note that for health and safety reasons guest numbers must not exceed capacity - passenger numbers will need to be confirmed approximately one month prior to the event.

## 2. SELECT YOUR HIRE PERIOD

Our Events Team are on hand to make the planning of your event as easy as possible and will be happy to discuss the timing of your event with you.

## 3. SELECT YOUR MENU

Enjoy delicious food in a unique venue as the world floats by, sumptuous barbeques and buffets to afternoon tea – our professional caterers can provide a wide range of menus to suit every taste, occasion and budget.

Our Events Team will be happy to discuss any special requirements you may have.

## 4. SELECT YOUR CHOICE OF DRINKS

All of our boats have fully stocked bars and we have a comprehensive selection of wine and drinks options.

Providing drinks for your guests adds that personal touch to your event so you may decide to welcome your guests with a pre-selected drink as they step on board.

Our selection of drinks menus can be found within the pack.



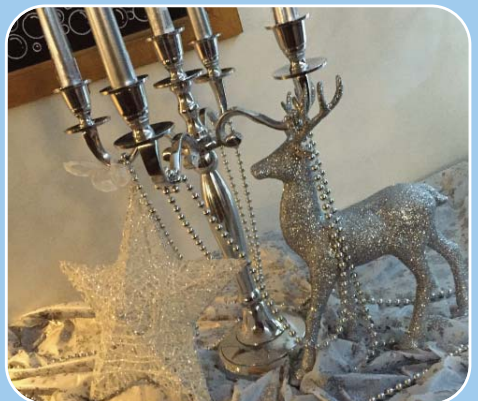
## 5. SELECT YOUR CHOICE OF ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment adds that final personal touch to your event so please talk to our Events Team and they will advise you on all of the options available.

## EXCLUSIVE PARTY NIGHT PACKAGE

We also offer an exclusive party night package which includes:

- Hire of River Escapes Fortuna (paying for a minimum of 80 guests)
- Price per person - £25.00
- The exclusive party package includes – 3 hr cruise, buffet and great music provided by one of our resident DJs.



# Menu Options

## BBQ MENUS

100% Beef Burgers  
Northumbrian Sausages  
Garlic and Herb Chicken Brochette  
Roast Peppers with Feta and Vegetable Cous Cous V  
Mini Corn on the Cob V  
Homemade Creamy Coleslaw V  
Mixed Leaf, Rocket and Parmesan Salad V  
Greek Salad V  
Potato Salad V  
Bread Buns, Sauces and Pickles V

£14.95 per person + vat

## LUXURY BBQ

Sweet Chilli Whole Prawns  
Moroccan Spiced Lamb Kebabs  
Northumbrian Pork and Leek Sausages  
Portobello Mushroom with Garlic and Herb Bousin V  
Steve Ramshaw's Aberdeen Angus Burgers  
Lemon and Thyme Glazed Corn-fed Chicken  
Summer Bean Salad V  
Roasted Vegetable Couscous V  
Herb and Butter glazed Baby Potatoes V  
Homemade Creamy Coleslaw V  
Summer Leaf Salad V  
Selection of Artisan Breads

£17.95 per person + vat

## FISH & CHIPS

Served with bread rolls & peas  
Minimum 3hr cruise only

Adult - £9.95 per person + vat

Child - £7.95 per person + vat

## HOG ROAST

£12.95 per person + vat

## HOT FORK MENU

### MAINS

Roasted Pork loin with cider leek + mustard sauce. G  
Smoked Cod king prawn + Salmon pie topped with Spinach + parmesan.  
Free range Chicken + wild mushroom + madeira ragout. G  
Beef bourguignon with panetta + shallots. GL  
Sweet potato spinach + babycorn red thai curry. V G  
Slow cooked Beef rogan josh. G  
Moroccan Lamb tagine. GL  
Ricotta spinach + mushroom lasagne. V

### SIDES

Roast edratte potatoes in garlic duck fat.  
Root vegetable coleslaw. GLV  
Saffron + sultana rice. GV  
3 tomato basil + mozzarella salad. GLV  
Beetroot + orange salad. GLV  
Cumin roasted baby carrots. GLV  
Buttered seasonal greens. GLV

£11.00 per person + vat  
(please choose 2 mains + 2 sides)

G – Gluten Free

L- Lactose Free

V - Vegetarian

Some dishes may contain nuts

Our menus are subject to seasonal changes



# Menu Options

## NORTHUMBRIAN FINGER FOOD

Craster smoked salmon + mascarpone served on granary loaf.

Ingram valley Lamb handmade koftas with a mango + mint yoghurt.

Sunnyhill egg mayo + locally cured ham wraps.

Free range tandoori Chicken pieces + coriander oil.

Locally grown tomato, basil + fresh mozzarella bruschetta.

Homemade Raspberry brownie.

A selection of Northumbrian cheeses served on cheese biscuits with chutney.

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## CANAPÉ MENU

Mini camembert + spinach tartlets. **V**

Melon + feta. **G L V**

Smoked Cod + leek fishcakes.

Chilli garlic + ginger tiger prawns. **G L**

Curried Chicken skewers. **G L**

Confit Duck + hoi sin pancakes. **G L**

Crab basil + creme fraiche cups.

Mini sausage + mustard mash.

French toast pancetta + maple syrup.

Smoked Salmon mascarpone + dill.

Cajun Lamb meatballs. **G L**

Hot red pepper + basil soup. **V**

Hot Blue cheese + cauliflower soup. **V**

Hot Chicken + sweetcorn soup. **G V**

Mini Chocolate brownies. **V**

Mini Blondies. **V**

Mini bakewells. **V**

Mixed exotic fruit skewers. **G L V**

4 options - £5.95 per person + vat

6 options - £7.95 per person + vat



# Menu Options

## INDIAN FINGER BUFFET MENU

Chicken Tikka, salad & mint wraps  
Curried Vegetable wraps ✓  
Spicy prawns wraps  
Vegetable Pakora ✓  
Sweet Chilli Sausages  
Tandoori Chicken Skewers  
Onion Bhajis ✓  
Meat Samosa with mint dip  
Vegetable Samosa with mint dip ✓  
Bombay potato salad  
Tandoori Prawns  
Onion Salad  
Poppadoms & pickles

£9.95 per person + vat

## CURRY NIGHT

Butter Chicken Curry  
Chicken Jalfrazei  
Vegetable Curry ✓  
Rice  
Onion Bhajis  
Chicken Tikka Samosas  
Vegetable Samosas ✓  
Poppadoms  
Pickles & Chutneys  
Onion Salad

£10.95 per person + vat

## PARTY NIGHT MENU

Free range Cajun Chicken + Mango sauce. [G L](#)  
Ham Hock + homemade peas pudding  
+ beetroot chutney. [G L](#)  
Brie, Basil + Sun-blushed tomato tarts. ✓  
Mini Doddingtons Cheese + Chive scones  
with Boursin. ✓  
A selection of fillings served on artisan rolls (including  
gluten free rolls). [V G](#)  
Hand rolled sausage rolls with, red onion + rosemary.  
A selection of balsamic onions + olives. [G L V](#)  
Homemade mini onion bhajis with coriander + minted  
yoghurt. ✓

£7.95 per person + vat

## AFTERNOON TEA

£7.95 per person + vat

## SOUP & SANDWICHES

£6.95 per person + vat

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# Entertainment

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### Disco

£175.00 + vat

### Disco with Karaoke

£195.00 + vat

### Background Music CD's

Can be played on board however as this is not a disco we would advise you to provide your own CDs if you require specific music for your event or iPod plugged in.

### Tour Guide

£120.00 +vat

## SCHOOL 3 HOUR CRUISE

Our three hour cruise is a fantastic way to see the changing face of the River Tyne from the best vantage point in town.

The cruise takes you under the magical Gateshead Millennium Bridge, which opens especially for the cruise to enjoy the panorama of the Tyne Gorge before returning downriver as far as the river mouth.

On your cruise you will see the legendary shipyards of Tyneside, the international Ferry Terminals, the Port of Tyne, the Fish Quay and the glorious vistas of the river mouth, including Tynemouth Castle and Priory, the memorial to Admiral Lord Collingwood and the beautiful sandy beaches of South Shields. The cruise turns at the piers, where seals and dolphins are regularly seen and returns to Newcastle Quayside.

**Paying for a minimum of x 70**

**Pupils £8**

**Adults £12**

Timings – you choose

Commentator – you ask for the subject matter

Packed lunches welcome

Free tea & coffee for the adults





# Drinks

## WELCOME DRINKS PACKAGES

House Wine Red, White or Rose	Per Bottle (75cl)	£15.00
House Sparkling Wine White or Rose	Per Bottle (75cl)	£16.90
House Champagne	Per Bottle (75cl)	£26.50
Moet et Chandon Brut	Per Bottle (75cl)	£42.50
Prosecco	Per Bottle (75cl)	£19.95
Bucks Fizz	Per Glass (125ml)	£2.40
Fruit Juice Orange, Cranberry	Per Glass (250ml)	£1.00
Bottled Mineral Water Still or Sparkling	Per Bottle	£1.00

Hot choc/ mulled wine with mince pie £2.95 per person

## CORKAGE

If you would prefer to bring your own wine we will be happy to store, chill and serve it for you for a corkage charge of:

£7.00 + vat per bottle of wine

£12.00 + vat per bottle of Champagne

## ACCOUNT BAR FACILITIES

You may choose to arrange an account bar facility prior to your event.

If you have any specific requirements for your event you can pre-order drinks from our wine and bar lists. Please contact our Events Team for further details.

# Charter prices/costs

## Exclusive Charter Rates

### LOW SEASON JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

	1 HOUR	2 HOUR	3 HOURS	EXTRA HOUR
<b>FORTUNA</b>				
Daytime	N/A	£750	£925	£400 per hour
Evening	N/A	£800	£1000	£400 per hour
<b>COVENTINA</b>				
	£280	£395	£595	

### HIGH SEASON MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & DECEMBER

	1 HOUR	2 HOUR	3 HOURS	EXTRA HOUR
<b>FORTUNA</b>				
Daytime	N/A	£850	£1175	£450 per hour
Evening	N/A	£950	£1350	£450 per hour
<b>COVENTINA</b>				
	£317	£485	£655	

<b>DISCO</b> .....	£175.00 + vat
<b>COMMENTATOR</b> .....	£120.00 + vat
<b>DISCO &amp; KARAOKE</b> .....	£195.00 + vat
<b>UPPER RIVER CHARGE</b> .....	£270.00 (zero vat)
<b>THE SUPPLY OF OWN KOSHER FOOD</b> .....	£6.00 per head
<b>ALL CROCKERY/CUTLERY SUPPLIED BY CLIENT</b>	
<b>NO USE OF GALLEY/KITCHEN AREA</b>	

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If collecting from North Shields charge £175.00 (1/2 hour travelling time) if wanting to be returned to North Shields charge another £175.00.

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# How to Book

Once you have an idea of your requirements please contact our Events Team who will be happy to help you plan your event and check availability.

If you would like to view any of our boats before making your decision then please contact us and we will be happy to arrange an appointment for you to view our boats, meet one of our management team and discuss your requirements for your event.

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