

FLOATING FUN FOR YOUR NEXT FAMILY GETAWAY

houseboat adventures



Houseboat vacations came into fashion in the 1950's, zooming to popularity in the 1970's as an affordable, adventurous, and fun vacation choice for thousands of Americans. Today, the houseboats of yesteryear conjure up memories of an RV on a barge. But in the decades since the first houseboat cruised the waters, houseboats have evolved into something so luxurious and comfortable that many can't help saying: "Wow, houseboats have sure changed from when I was a kid!"

Today's houseboats feature all of the amenities of home, including a well-equipped galley kitchen, ample dining and sleeping spaces, as well as luxuries such as TV/DVD, tracking satellite, surround sound stereo system, water slide, wet bar and a hot tub on the top deck. Spacious boats range in size from a

56' that sleeps 12 to 65' that sleeps 22.

Those who have had the pleasure of experiencing a houseboat vacation claim that it was one of their very favorite vacation memories, and if they haven't been houseboating in years, they are never quite sure why, but

they long to go again. There is no other vacation quite like it. There are waterfront views at every moment in a place where the whole family stays for days that end too quickly—days filled with sharing meals, playing together, and boating, hiking, fishing, kayaking and swimming, and then ending with a soak in a hot tub under the stars.

Aboard your luxurious houseboat, you are greeted each morning by the sun rising over a still lake; you may even spot deer and other wildlife lapping water at the shore. A houseboat vacation gets the whole family together—whether it's taking an exhilarating ride down the waterslide,

swimming, water skiing, wakeboarding, tubing or fishing. No hassles of camping. No crowded amusement parks. Just your family, peace and privacy, trolling the water on one of the most relaxing, yet fun, vacations you'll ever have. And you can even bring the family pet!

There is something for everyone aboard a houseboat. While some might soak in the hot tub and relax on the top deck, others will relish taking a hike on a nearby path to view deer, eagle, cormorant, and a wide variety of wildlife. Children can swim, play board games and are always eager for the next boat ride. Teens will enjoy the ample

private space, a kayak excursion, or just soaking in the sun.

There's no license required to drive a houseboat, so after a brief orientation and a little practice, your family can be cruising on the water not long after arriving at Jones Valley Marina on Shasta Lake. Jones Valley is the only resort on Shasta featuring the Quad Squad, a concierge service that helps guests conveniently and easily move their gear from vehicle to vessel. Jones Valley also rents a myriad of smaller vessels that add more fun to the vacation, including ski boats, PWC's, patio boats, kayaks, paddle boards and more.

Families fortunate enough to have discovered the unique vacation opportunity houseboating offers often make it an annual tradition and continue to build a lifetime of memories. 🌟

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