

Sightseeing Cruises

We offer daily 1½ hour sightseeing cruises to the public and provide a discount to accommodate larger groups. If your group would like to enjoy a public cruise, we offer **\$1 off each ticket for ten people, \$2 off each ticket for twenty people, \$3 off for thirty people,** and so on. Ask us about our school group activities.

Private Charters

Our boat is also available for private charter for nearly any event imaginable. The boats are perfect for wedding and rehearsal parties, birthdays, anniversaries, surprise parties, reunions, association meetings and memorials at sea. With a private charter your group has flexibility regarding departure times, length of the cruise, catering and bar service. A restroom is available on board.

Both the Essex River Queen I and II are iPod compatible with plenty of room to set up a buffet style serving station for catering, as well as an open or cash bar with beer, wine and cocktails. We can also set up floating clambakes on board either of our vessels. Groups are welcome to decorate for their occasion.

Charter rates include private boat, captain, crew, and food and bar set up. Any catering through Essex River Cruises is an additional cost. You are welcome to bring your own snacks.

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Riverside Awning Area

In addition to our boats, we have a riverside awning area perfect for a clambake or barbeque. If you'd like to charter our boat for a short sightseeing, cocktail, or appetizer cruise, followed by a riverside clambake at our dock, our crew can work with you on timing and food options including customized catering from Henry's Market and The American BBQ. If you'd prefer to skip the boat, we can create a New England experience right here at the dock!

Essex River Awning Fee – *suggested capacity 55 people*
1½ hour \$350 minimum / each additional ½ hour \$175

Customized to Your Needs

At Essex River Cruises & Charters, we specialize in customizing any event to fit your needs. If you have a specific budget or goal, please let us know as we have different options. Contact us by phone for an individualized quote for your group or event.

We have plenty of free parking available and are wheelchair accessible. We have a restroom on board our boats. In the event of inclement weather we have options to insure your event will be a success. **Ask about our Tidal Beach Clambakes and New England Lobster Bakes!**

Essex River Queen I

42 passengers (35 recommended capacity for Tidal Beach Events)

Monday – Friday (each ½ hour + \$200)		Saturday – Sunday (each ½ hour + \$225)	
1 ½ hours	\$ 650	1 ½ hours	\$ 825
2 hours	\$ 850	2 hours	\$1,050
2 ½ hours	\$1,050	2 ½ hours	\$1,275
3 hours	\$1,250	3 hours	\$1,500
3 ½ hours	\$1,450	3 ½ hours	\$1,725
4 hours	\$1,650	4 hours	\$1,950
4 ½ hours	\$1,850	4 ½ hours	\$2,175
5 hours	\$2,050	5 hours	\$2,400
5 ½ hours	\$2,250	5 ½ hours	\$2,625
6 hours	\$2,450	6 hours	\$2,850
6 ½ hours	\$2,650	6 ½ hours	\$3,075
7 hours	\$2,850	7 hours	\$3,300

Essex River Queen II

68 passengers (50 recommended capacity for Tidal Beach Events)

Monday – Friday (each ½ hour + \$225)		Saturday – Sunday (each ½ hour + \$250)	
1 ½ hours	\$ 750	1 ½ hours	\$ 925
2 hours	\$ 975	2 hours	\$1,175
2 ½ hours	\$1,200	2 ½ hours	\$1,425
3 hours	\$1,425	3 hours	\$1,675
3 ½ hours	\$1,650	3 ½ hours	\$1,925
4 hours	\$1,875	4 hours	\$2,175
4 ½ hours	\$2,100	4 ½ hours	\$2,425
5 hours	\$2,325	5 hours	\$2,675
5 ½ hours	\$2,550	5 ½ hours	\$2,925
6 hours	\$2,775	6 hours	\$3,175
6 ½ hours	\$3,000	6 ½ hours	\$3,425
7 hours	\$3,225	7 hours	\$3,675

Essex River Queen I & Essex River Queen II

95 passenger capacity for Tidal Beach Events

Monday – Friday (each ½ hour + \$400)		Saturday – Sunday (each ½ hour + \$425)	
4 hours	\$2,825	4 hours	\$3,550
4 ½ hours	\$3,225	4 ½ hours	\$3,975
5 hours	\$3,625	5 hours	\$4,400
5 ½ hours	\$4,025	5 ½ hours	\$4,825
6 hours	\$4,425	6 hours	\$5,250
6 ½ hours	\$4,825	6 ½ hours	\$5,675
7 hours	\$5,225	7 hours	\$6,100