

The Sunvil Family

GIC – The Villa Collection (Greek Islands Club) became part of the Sunvil family in 1998 making Sunvil the leading specialist operator to Greece and her islands.

Sunvil has pioneered many specialist destinations in its 45-year history. The original directors still play an active part in the day-to-day running of the company and we are all proud that repeat and recommended holidaymakers make up 70% of our customers – due testament to our expertise and dedication to quality.

Everyone in the team visits our specialist destinations many times: they know them and our properties, self-catering or hotel, extremely well. Unusually, in this web-based travel age, we take full responsibility for our holidays, too, putting us in the very top echelon of companies that you can really trust to look after your holiday plans. Sunvil is proud, over 45 years, to have gained many accolades and awards, both from the travel industry itself and from the national press and leading consumer publications such as Holiday Which? and Wanderlust magazine.

We've been at the forefront of environmental initiatives and good practice over 28 years. Yes, it's enlightened self-interest and, yes, it's also good business practice – but we believe in it passionately.

On these pages you will find a brief introduction to Sunvil's other programmes.

The Genevieve

A unique vessel for your River Thames Charter Cruise

Genevieve is a 40 foot beaver stern saloon launch, built by Taylor and Bates of Chertsey in 1914. Her hull planking is African mahogany and all topside and interior fittings are in teak. Back then, her selling price was £1,150!

In 1998, she was found rotting away on a canal in Lancashire and Peter Freebody, owner of one of the foremost UK boatyards for renovating classic boats, was immediately taken in by her shape and decided she must be saved for future generations to enjoy. The extensive, painstaking renovation requested by Sunvil finished in May 2010. The launch is unique and very rare and she is Sunvil's flagship.

The saloon has bevelled windows and opening lights with port and starboard seating. She also has a spacious, canopied, forward cockpit with additional seating for approximately 10 people. Further aft is the cooler unit and storage, then the galley with a sink, gas hob and oven/grill, and the toilet locker is to port. There is another small cockpit aft, with further seating. Genevieve is powered by a six cylinder Sea Prince petrol engine, smartly sited under a teak and glass engine case. In chilly weather, the engine supplies heat to the saloon and cockpit.

For further details see www.vintagethamescharters.com



The Genevieve took part in the historic boat section of the Thames River Pageant to mark The Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Sunday 3rd June 2012.

Four decades of fabulous holiday-making, flexibility and 100% financial protection: no flowery descriptions or exaggerated claims; no hidden costs or rigid rules. Pioneer and protector of the unspoilt and unusual in travel, Sunvil is the obvious choice for independent travellers wishing to immerse themselves in a country's culture and holiday in properties that have all been painstakingly hand-picked.



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