

# Blakes

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## Holidays

October 2020 –  
December 2021

OVER  
**350**  
HOLIDAYS  
TO CHOOSE  
FROM



worry less  
**TRAVEL  
MORE**

Where memories and friendships are made

# News

from the Blake family and all the team

Firstly, we would like to thank you all, our valued customers for your continued support during this unprecedented event in our lifetime. Thank you too for all the lovely messages, cards and kind wishes of support we have received over the past five months.

Secondly, our sincere condolences and thoughts go out to anyone who has been affected by this horrible virus; it has truly been an awful time for so many families.

We also thank you for your patience whilst we have had to cancel, reschedule, refund or transfer your holiday to a later date.

Our last operated tours returned to Devon on Friday 20th March 2020, and since then all our coaches have remained off the road. BUT ... the time has now come to look to the future with a positive approach and we are pleased to announce that from Monday 10th August 2020 we are "back on the road" and we hope that you have missed us as much as we have missed you!

Never before have the words on the front of this brochure been so appropriate... "Worry less, Travel more" After what you have all been through, we are sure you are all in need of a short break or holiday ... go on treat yourself!

Many of you will be used to receiving our winter & spring brochures this time of year and our main brochure in the autumn but this year we decided to do things a little differently! This brochure is a bumper one and contains the majority of our 2021 programme. Many of the cancelled 2020 holidays have been repeated in 2021 especially those which were NEW holidays for 2020. It is our intention to bring out a supplementary brochure in February 2021 with some additional holidays. We are also pleased to have obtained the Visit England "We're Good to Go" Covid-19 industry standard mark.



Our top priority is your comfort and safety but we also want you to have the confidence to travel with us again. We have been busy putting into place many safety measures in line with government guidelines to ensure you can have that confidence.

- Carried out risk assessments in line with the latest government guidance to ensure that our vehicles are considered COVID-19 secure.
- Our vehicles are fitted with an air purifying system.
- Provided hand sanitisers at each entrance and exits which we require customers to use as they board and exit the vehicle.
- Purchased fogging machines which sanitises and deodorises when combined with special agents that attack and destroy all germs, bacteria, viruses and spores in it's path. These will be used after every journey.
- Purchased sufficient supplies of cleaning chemicals that are effective against Coronavirus.
- Introduced an enhanced cleaning regime for all our vehicles paying special attention to high frequency touch points.
- Appropriate social distancing guidelines will dictate the number of passengers on a coach.
- The wearing of a face mask or covering as per government guidelines.



We really do look forward to welcoming you all back on our coaches soon...

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# Blakes Holidays



It gives us great pleasure to present our new and exciting 2021 holiday brochure featuring a wide range of quality and value for money holidays both within the UK and Europe.



We believe that quality, reliability and value for money are the essential ingredients in any good holiday...and here at Blakes Coaches we are totally committed to providing a personal, friendly and professional service, to ensure that your holiday is one to remember...for all the right reasons.

Many thousands of customers have enjoyed a Blakes holiday since we put together our first one in 2002, and many have made further bookings or recommended us to friends. Your comfort, safety

and satisfaction are of great importance to us. We value your business and want you to holiday with us on more than one occasion.

We have enhanced our holiday programme to bring you the best of established values, retained by popular demand, and a selection of new ideas if you are looking for something different, including new European destinations.

As a family run business we strive for perfection and as a result we keep our loyal customers, whilst also gaining new ones.

All of us at Blakes Coaches hope you enjoy browsing through our brochure. If you have travelled with us before, you will know that we pride ourselves in providing a personal service, throughout your booking. If you are new to Blakes Coaches, why not give us a try?

Have a great holiday!

Janet, David & Hannah Blake



## Our guarantee

- You will travel on an air-conditioned executive coach
- Convenient, local departure points
- Experienced tour driver
- All excursions are included in the price of your holiday meaning no hidden charges

## GIFT VOUCHERS

Our gift vouchers make the perfect gift. Give us a call to find out more



## Financial Security

The combination of travel services offered to you is a package within the meaning of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. Therefore, you will benefit from all EU rights applying to packages; Blakes Coaches Limited will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the package as a whole.

Additionally, as required by law, Blakes Coaches Limited have protection in place to refund your payments and, where transport is included in the package, to ensure your repatriation in the event that they become insolvent. Blakes Coaches Limited are members of the Bonded Coach Holiday Group of the Confederation of Passenger Transport UK Ltd. This is a government approved consumer protection scheme. This ensures that in relation to the coach package holidays described in this brochure (or website) that the clients' monies are protected by a Bond which may be called upon in the unlikely event of the members Insolvency. Clients are recommended to inspect the current membership certificate at our registered office or alternatively go to [www.bch-uk.org](http://www.bch-uk.org) or telephone 0207 240 3131 to confirm current membership.

Your attention is also drawn to the Bonded Coach Holiday Group Trading Charter that will apply to these coach package holidays. Details of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 can be found at [www.registration.gov.uk/ukdsi/2018/9780111168479/contents](http://www.registration.gov.uk/ukdsi/2018/9780111168479/contents)



## Departure points

### DEVON

- BIDEFORD**  
Kingsley Statue
- BRAUNTON**  
Opposite George Hotel
- TORRINGTON (4 day tours and over)**  
Hatchmoor Lane (by school car park)
- BARNSTAPLE**  
The Railway Station
- SOUTH MOLTON**  
The Square
- KNOWSTONE**  
Picnic Area
- TIVERTON**  
The Bus Station
- JUNCTION 27 M5**  
BP Garage & Costa Coffee
- SIDFORD**  
Drakes Avenue Bus Stop (Formerly Green Close Bus Stop)
- SIDMOUTH**  
The Triangle
- NEWTON POPPLEFORD**  
St Luke's Church
- BUDLEIGH SALTERTON**  
Public Hall
- EXMOUTH**  
Opposite Scott Cinema
- EXETER**  
Moto Services, Jct 30 M5
- HONITON**  
Lace Walk Bus Stop, Outside Boots

### OTTERY ST MARY

- Outside Boots
- AXMINSTER**  
The Square
- PAIGNTON**  
Garfield Road
- PRESTON**  
Bus Shelter
- TORQUAY**  
Lymington Road Coach Station
- KINGSKERSWELL**  
Jurys Corner Bus Stop
- NEWTON ABBOT**  
The Railway Station

### SOMERSET

- WELLINGTON**  
The High Street Bus Stop
- TAUNTON**  
Castle Green & BP Garage, Jct 25 M5
- MINEHEAD**  
Outside Bastins, The Parade
- ALCOMBE**  
The Bus Shelter, Silvermead
- DUNSTER**  
Steep Layby
- CARHAMPTON**  
The Bus Stop
- WASHFORD**  
Shepherds Corner
- WATCHET**  
The Cross

### WILLITON

- Outside Gliddons
- CHARD**  
Outside the Guildhall
- ILMINSTER**  
Bus Stop outside the Stonemasons
- BRIDGWATER**  
Bridgwater Services, Jct 24 M5
- BURNHAM-ON-SEA**  
Ben Travers Way, Tesco (main entrance)
- WESTON-SUPER-MARE**  
Bus Stop behind Parish Pump Pub
- BRISTOL** Gordano Services Jct 19 M5 (Northbound tours only)

Departure points below are for tours of 4 days or more

### DEVON

- PLYMOUTH**  
Coach Bay, Derrys Cross Roundabout
- PLYMPTON**  
Ridgway Bus Stop, near Co-Op
- IVYBRIDGE**  
Bus Stop beside Town Hall & BP Garage
- TOTNES**  
Bus Lay by Opposite Royal Seven Stars Hotel

## COACH SEATING PLAN



## FEEDER SERVICE

Feeder services are operated for clients electing to join their holiday at some of the departure points listed above. Clients should note that they may be picked up by coach, minibus or taxi and conveyed to join the main tour coach. On return, clients will only be set down at the point they elected as their departure point.

## Our coaches

- Seat belts
- Double glazing
- All coaches non-smoking
- Reclining seats for extra leg room
- Double or triple braking systems
- Meticulous maintenance
- On-board toilet and wash-room facilities on all coaches
- Hot drinks facilities on all coaches
- Air-conditioning or climate control on all coaches
- Individual lighting controls
- Air suspension for a smooth ride
- USB charging points on most coaches
- TV, DVD, PA and music system



## SEAT ALLOCATION

Request for particular seats can be made at the time of booking but since allocation is on a first come first served basis, early reservation is recommended. There is a copy of the coach seating plans within this brochure but for operational reasons a coach with a different configuration may be used from time to time. We reserve the right to make whatever amendments are necessary as a result including the use of non-executive coach, but will make every effort to limit any inconvenience. Specific seats are not reserved on any feeder services used to reach the main departure point.

## LUGGAGE

This is normally restricted to one average size case per person, weighing no more than 18kg. Please see your holiday confirmation letter for details of separate overnight luggage which may be necessary.

## PASSPORT

Please remember to take your passport if travelling outside the UK. If travelling to the Republic of Ireland or the Channel Islands you will need your passport, driving licence or citizen card.

## CUSTOMER CARE

A Blakes Coach holiday experience begins with a telephone call to our friendly and helpful reservation department. Our experienced staff are there to help and advise you on your choice of holiday. They will guide you through the booking procedure, taking into account any special requests you may have. It really couldn't be easier. Just pick up the phone and dial 01398 341160 to begin what we hope will be a wonderful holiday.

## SPECIAL REQUESTS

We are a caring family operator and we aim to cater for all our customer's needs. When making your booking, please inform us of any special requirements and we will do our very best to meet those requests.

## DRIVERS

Throughout your holiday you will be looked after by a professional, friendly, experienced and sometimes witty, tour driver. They are selected

for their knowledge, enthusiasm and most of all their customer care. The standards we set are far greater than most operators and this is reflected in the glowing reports we have received from hundreds of satisfied customers. We are proud to have them act as our ambassadors for our company and feel confident that they are among the best in the industry.

## EXCURSIONS

At Blakes, we pride ourselves in providing value for money by offering the complete package to avoid those hidden extras. All excursions described in the holiday you choose are planned to give maximum enjoyment and are included in the price you pay. We don't add any extras later and expect you to pay more. We aim to keep to the itinerary planned in each brochure and 99% of the time there is no alteration, but on rare occasions they may need to be changed due to unforeseen circumstances.

## HOTELS

The hotels in this brochure have been selected, not only for their location, but their excellent value for money. They range from those that are smaller family owned and run, to the national groups like the Britannia Group.

## WEBSITE AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

We are in the process of renewing our website, which will contain more information about all our holidays, day excursions, coach hire and much more.

Part of the new site will be for special offers, late availability tours and short breaks which we would like to be able to keep you, as valued customers, informed of as soon as possible.

For those of you who are already computer literate, we at Blakes Coaches want to keep up with you! In order for you to be able to receive those special offers etc, we would like to keep your email address on file. You can either phone us or write your email address in the correct space on your booking form when you have booked a holiday with us. Thank you.

## COACH HIRE & PRIVATE GROUP TRAVEL

We operate dozens of tours for private groups every year, ranging from day excursions to that special holiday you want to share with friends and family. If you are a party leader or group organiser, we have a wealth of experience in organising all aspects of group travel. We are happy to advise on venues, routes and places of interest both within the UK and Europe; also ferry reservations, theatre tickets, hotel accommodation and insurance – the choice is yours!

At Blakes Coaches, every job is important to us and you are guaranteed our full attention and understanding, no matter how big or small the job. If our customers are happy, then we are! We can tailor make packages to suit your individual needs at a very competitive price. We would be pleased to come and pay your group a visit to discuss any details you may have for your proposed excursion or tour and offer valuable information and advice. You would likewise be very welcome to come and visit us and view our coaches at our head office.



## BOOKING DIRECT



ADDRESS: Blakes Coaches Ltd, East Anstey, Tiverton, Devon EX16 9JJ

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8.30am – 5.30pm  
Saturday 8.30am – 12.00pm

**Tel: 01398 341160**

**HOLIDAY TRAVEL INSURANCE**

A client holiday travel insurance scheme is available to eligible passengers travelling on our holidays which is arranged by Wrightsure Services (Hampshire) Limited and underwritten by ERGO Travel Insurance Services Ltd (ETI) on behalf of Great Lakes Insurance SE (GLISE). Great Lakes Insurance SE is a German insurance company with its headquarters at Königstrasse 107, 80802 Munich. UK Branch office: Plantation Place, 30 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 3AJ, company number SE000083. Great Lakes Insurance SE, UK Branch, is authorised by Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht and subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority, registration number 769884.

ERGO Travel Insurance Services Ltd is registered in the UK, company number 11091555. Registered office: Plantation Place, 30 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 3AJ. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, register number 805870. Details about the extent of GLISE's authorisation and regulation by the Prudential Regulation Authority, and regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority are available upon request.

Wrightsure Services (Hampshire) Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (their registration number is 311394) and is permitted to advise on and arrange general insurance contracts. You can check these details online using the Financial Services Register (accessible from https://register.fca.org.uk) or by contacting the Financial Conduct Authority Consumer Helpline on 0800 1116768. Should you wish to take out this travel insurance please include the appropriate premium when booking your holiday.

**DEMANDS AND NEEDS**

This insurance policy will suit the demands and needs of an individual or group (where applicable) who have no excluded medical condition(s), are travelling in countries included within the policy terms and who wish to insure themselves against unforeseen circumstances/events detailed in the cover section below. Subject to the terms, conditions and maximum specified sums insured.

**IMPORTANT**

We will not provide you with advice about the suitability of this product for your individual needs but will be happy to provide you with factual information.

We summarise (below right) the details of the insurance cover provided which also includes 24-hour emergency service from Mayday Assistance Limited. The following is a brief summary of the cover available. Full details of cover and exclusions will be forwarded with your confirmation of booking. In any event you may ask for a specimen copy of the policy wording before booking should you wish to examine this in advance.

**HEALTH CONDITIONS**

We shall not be liable for claims WHERE AT THE TIME OF TAKING OUT THIS POLICY AND BETWEEN THAT TIME AND YOUR DEPARTURE:

- a) You are aware of any medical condition or set of circumstances that could reasonably be expected to give rise to a claim (for example the state of health of a Close Relative, Business Associate or any person on whom Your travel plans depend).
- b) The Insured Person whose medical condition gives rise to a claim:
  - ii) Is receiving, or on a waiting list for, surgery, in-patient treatment or investigations in a hospital, clinic or nursing home.
  - iii) Is travelling against any health requirements stipulated by the carrier, their handling agents or other public transport provider.
  - iv) Is travelling against the advice of a Medical Practitioner or for the purpose of obtaining medical treatment abroad.
  - iv) Has been given a terminal prognosis.

Please note: If you are on medication at the time of travel, Your medical condition(s) must be stable and well controlled.

If you are travelling outside of the UK You must notify the Change in Health helpline immediately if a change in health occurs (including any change to medication) between the date this policy is issued and your scheduled date of departure.

**SIGNIFICANT EXCLUSIONS**

**RESIDENCY**

If you or anyone else named on this policy has not been a resident in the UK for the past 6-months this policy cannot cover you. In addition to the above the policy also contains the following main exclusions:

- Any costs of repatriation or evacuation as a result of You taking part in any excluded Hazardous Activities and Sports including dangerous expeditions or from an area which is considered by Insurers to be a War Risk or Civil Hazard area.
- Loss of or damage to money and valuables whilst left unattended or in/from luggage in transit.
- Loss of or damage to telecommunications and motor vehicle related equipment and accessories.
- Travel against the advice of the carrier, any other public transport provider, the Foreign Office or the World Health Organisation.

■ Any insurance event arising from You being the driver, rider or passenger of a quad bike, all-terrain vehicle or motorcycle when the insured person is not wearing a crash helmet, whether legally required locally or not.

Examples of these and other conditions and exclusions are contained within the policy wording, a specimen copy of which is available upon request. If after purchasing a policy from us should you find it does not meet your requirements you have 14 days from the date of issue or prior to travel, whichever is sooner, to cancel the policy and receive a full refund of your premium.

**PROTECTING YOUR INFORMATION**

We will only use your personal details in line with our Privacy Notice. This can be found on our website or is available in hard copy format upon request and you should read this carefully and contact us immediately if you have any queries. Your personal information includes all of the details you have given us to process your insurance policy (we will not ask for more information than is necessary). We may share your data with Third Parties for the provision and ongoing performance of your insurance policy. Your data may be transferred outside the UK. All of the personal information you supply to us will be handled strictly in accordance with the applicable Data Protection regulations and legislation.

Blakes Coaches Limited is an appointed Representative of Wrightsure Services (Hampshire) Limited who are authorised and regulated by the FCA (their registration number is 311394) and which is permitted to advise on and arrange general insurance contracts. You can check these details online using the Financial Services Register (accessible from www.fca.org.uk) or by contacting the Financial Conduct Authority Consumer Helpline on 0800 111 6768.

We do not charge fees for our insurance related services however we and Wrightsure Services (Hampshire) Limited may receive some form of remuneration in relation to the arrangement of insurance.

**SUMMARY OF COVER**

**PLEASE SEE THE POLICY WORDING FOR FULL DETAILS OF THE COVER, LIMITATIONS AND EXCESSES, A SPECIMEN COPY OF WHICH IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.**

Cover	Sum Insured	Excess
Cancellation	Up to £1,500	Holidays 3 days duration or less. Nil excess. Holidays 4 days duration and over £50/£15 in respect of Loss of Deposit claims
Personal Accident	Up to £15,000 Death and corresponding benefits £15,000. Death Benefit limited to £7,500 if aged 70/£1,000 if aged under 18 at time of travel	No Excess
Medical Expenses including repatriation (only applicable to travel outside of the UK)	Up to £2,000,000	£35
UK Additional Travelling Expenses	Up to £2,500	£35
Medical Confinement Benefit	£10 per 24 hours up to £100 UK £15 per 24 hours up to £450 Channel Islands & Europe	No Excess
Curtailment	Up to £1,500	£35
Personal Property Including Money	Up to £1,500 in all. Single Article Limit £200/Valuables £400 Personal Money up to £200. Delayed Baggage (after 12 hours) Up to £100	Personal Property & Money £35 Delayed Baggage – Excess 12 hours
Loss of Passport	Up to £200	No Excess
Missed Departure	Up to £100 UK £300 Europe	No Excess
Travel Delay	Travel Delay up to £60 Cancellation (holiday abandonment) up to £1,500	Travel Delay Excess = 12 hours Holiday abandonment excess as per cancellation
Personal Liability	Up to £2,000,000	No Excess
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**DARTMOOR EXPLORER**  
2-4 October  
**3 DAYS**  
**£189**



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**4 DAYS**  
**£225**



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**5 DAYS**  
**£385**



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4-11 October  
**8 DAYS**  
**£659**



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5-9 October  
**5 DAYS**  
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**5 DAYS**  
**£375**



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5-9 October  
**5 DAYS**  
**£299**



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5-10 October  
**6 DAYS**  
**£725**



**MID WALES & THE ELAN VALLEY**  
11-15 October  
**5 DAYS**  
**£345**



**ISLE OF WIGHT**  
12-16 October  
**5 DAYS**  
**£299**



**HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE, WARNER BREAK**  
12-16 October  
**5 DAYS**  
**£375**



**CITY BREAK, YORK**  
16-19 October  
**4 DAYS**  
**£239**



**AUTUMN COLOURS OF SCOTLAND**  
18-23 October  
**6 DAYS**  
**£435**



**ITALY...SORRENTO, THE AMALFI COAST & ISLAND OF CAPRI**  
18-28 October  
**11 DAYS**  
**£985**



**AUTUMN COLOURS OF WEST WALES**  
19-23 October  
**5 DAYS**  
**£335**



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### AUTUMN COLOURS OF THE YORKSHIRE DALES

19–23 October **5 DAYS**  
**£365**



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23–26 October **4 DAYS**  
**£235**



### DISNEYLAND® PARIS

25–18 October **4 DAYS**  
**£265**



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26–30 October **5 DAYS**  
**£309**



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26–30 October **5 DAYS**  
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### YORK, WHITBY & SCARBOROUGH

26–30 October **5 DAYS**  
**£299**



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30 Oct – 2 Nov **4 DAYS**  
**£199**



### MYSTERY WEEKEND

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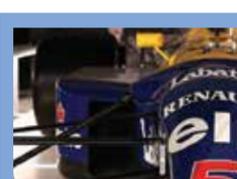
### KENT COAST & BRUGES

2–6 November **5 DAYS**  
**£185**



### HARRY POTTER STUDIO TOUR

7–8 November **2 DAYS**  
**£159**



### SILVERSTONE EXPERIENCE & MINI COOPER FACTORY

10–11 November **2 DAYS**  
**£159**



### CLASSICAL SPECTACULAR CONCERT ROYAL ALBERT HALL

21–22 November **2 DAYS**  
**£215**



### ROYAL MARINES BAND CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR, Bournemouth

26–27 November **2 DAYS**  
**£109**



### STUDLEY CASTLE HOTEL, WARNER BREAK

9–11 December **3 DAYS**  
**£265**



### LAND AHOY!

19–20 December **2 DAYS**  
**£175**

## Wednesday 7th – Saturday 10th Oct 2020



### ANTIQUES FAIR, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Back by popular demand!... The Newark International Antiques and Collectors Fair is the largest event of its kind in Europe. Held at the Newark and Nottinghamshire Showground on an enormous 84-acre site, up to 2,500 stands attract thousands of buyers and dealers from around the globe. Also included, is a visit to Europe's largest antique centre.

#### YOUR HOTEL Urban Hotel, Grantham

A modern 4\* hotel surrounded by beautiful countryside. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant serves delicious food, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool. The hotel does not have a lift but does have ground floor rooms.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£209**  
**4 DAYS**

#### ITINERARY

**WEDNESDAY** We leave the West Country and travel north, stopping for coffee en-route, to the historic city of Stratford Upon Avon. Famous for its links with Shakespeare, the city showcases many architectural gems from the Tudor period. There is a wonderful shopping district with numerous restaurants, cafes and pubs to enjoy lunch. We later make the journey to our hotel in Grantham, with time to settle in and maybe make use of the leisure facilities before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**THURSDAY** Today we make the short journey north to the Newark and Nottinghamshire Showground for the Antiques and Collectors Fair, where you will have the whole day free to enjoy browsing. With its vast number of stands, choice will never be an issue – there is, quite possibly, every item you could imagine! From chandeliers and rugs, sports memorabilia and paintings – not to mention the finest of antique furniture... The possibilities are endless!

**FRIDAY** This morning we make our way north to Hemswell Antiques Centre, home to Europe's largest and most interesting collection of antiques. Located in the old RAF Hemswell (the old WWII Lancaster Bomber base), there are four buildings housing vast arrays of quality antiques and collectables displayed by over 400 dealers in beautifully presented room settings and display cabinets. Whether you are looking for period furniture, clocks, silverware, jewellery, works of art or unusual items, there is something for everyone! There is also a restaurant serving light lunches. This afternoon we continue to the beautiful historic cathedral city of Lincoln, with its quaint cobbled streets and cosy tearooms around the cathedral quarter, and an array of shops to explore, together with Lincoln's daily indoor market in the central High Street and Waterside area.

**SATURDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast and make our way to Tewkesbury for lunch. A delightful riverside market town, the imposing Abbey lies in its centre with heritage trails and quaint alleyways to explore, plus numerous cafes and independent shops to browse. We continue our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Antiques Fair on 1 day
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £45.00  
Travel insurance £19.00

## Monday 12th – Friday 16th October 2020



### A REAL TASTE OF IRELAND

When holidaying in Ireland, part of the experience is the excellent food, drink and Irish music! Due to popular demand, we are delighted to repeat this tour which combines both local Irish produce with traditional Irish entertainment, in a beautiful, historic area that boasts some of the most dramatic scenery and picturesque villages found anywhere.

#### YOUR HOTEL Treacy's Hotel, Enniscorthy

A warm welcome awaits at this 3\* hotel in the heart of the town. Each ensuite room offers exceptional comfort, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious choice of dishes; there is also an in-house bar, and free use of the adjacent Waterford Leisure Centre, with its indoor swimming pool, sauna and gym. Entertainment is provided each evening.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£325**  
**5 DAYS**

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and travel over the St David's bridge into Wales, before continuing to Pembroke, with a comfort stop en route, for our afternoon crossing to Rosslare. After docking in Ireland, we travel on to Enniscorthy, arriving at our hotel in time for our first themed dinner and a lesson on how to pull the perfect pint of Guinness! Live entertainment in the form of an Irish folk band will follow dinner.

**TUESDAY** The morning is free for you to relax and explore Enniscorthy, an attractive market town situated on the banks of the River Slaney. Dominated by its impressive Norman castle, dating back to 1205, it is also home to the County Wexford Museum, which is well worth a visit. Join us for an afternoon excursion to the scenic village of Avoca, the setting for the TV series Ballykissangel. We return to our hotel with time to freshen up before a cookery demonstration of Jameson's soda bread, before our second themed dinner, followed by live musical entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel south to the vibrant town of Wexford, with its attractive harbour and handsome buildings. With time to explore and enjoy lunch, we continue to Waterford, the capital of the Sunny Southeast and Ireland's oldest city. With time to browse the town, have tea and perhaps visit the Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre, we return to our hotel in time for our third themed dinner accompanied by Irish Pike men dressed in full regalia, followed by more live musical entertainment.

**THURSDAY** Join us this morning as we enjoy a leisurely drive, through some lovely Irish scenery, to Kilkenny, a traditional Irish county town. Whilst here you may like to visit the castle, one of the city's most popular visitor attractions. Built in 1172, it has an abundance of heritage and history to be discovered. There are also lots of shops to browse and many typically Irish restaurants in which to enjoy a leisurely lunch. We return to our hotel with time to relax before our final themed dinner and an evening of live music.

**FRIDAY** After an early Irish breakfast, we leave our hotel and travel back to Rosslare for the return ferry crossing to Pembroke. We then continue our homeward journey through Wales, with a comfort stop en route, reaching the West Country mid-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Speciality themed dinner each evening
- Live music each night
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £70.00  
Travel insurance £33.00

Wednesday 28th – Saturday 31st Oct 2020



## BEAUTIFUL BRUGES

There cannot be a more beautiful setting than the medieval city of Bruges, with its narrow, cobbled streets, historic architecture and magical canals. It's easy to see why the city has been given UNESCO World Heritage Status. We have also included an excursion to the striking city of Ghent, to fully appreciate this charming region.

### YOUR HOTEL Academie Hotel, Bruges

A locally rated 4\* hotel situated in a charming cobbled street, within easy walking distance of the city centre and attractions. Each room ensuite room is well equipped with TV, hairdryer, telephone and Wi-Fi access. The restaurant serves a delicious continental and cooked breakfast and there is a cosy bar with garden terrace.

### ITINERARY

**WEDNESDAY** After an early departure we leave the West Country and make our way, with a comfort stop on route, to Dover for a ferry crossing. From Calais we make a short journey to Bruges, where we will have plenty of time to settle in and freshen up before exploring the city and enjoy an evening dinner at a restaurant of your choice.

**THURSDAY** You have the whole day today to continue exploring this captivating city, affectionately known as the Venice of the North on account of its charming canals. The city itself is gently compact and easy to navigate on foot, however you may like to enjoy a horse-drawn carriage tour of the centre or a leisurely boat trip along the canal network to view the city from a different perspective. Well known for its lace making and Belgian chocolate, there is plenty to discover in various museums, gift shops and local cafes. Why not visit the famous Grote Markt with its inspiring gothic architecture and towering belfry (climb 366 steps for an amazing panoramic view from up high) or stop at the Rozenhoedkaai, a beautiful corner on the canal which is found on almost every postcard!

**FRIDAY** After breakfast, you can either continue exploring Bruges or join us for an excursion to the delightful city of Ghent. With over 1400 year of history, Ghent became one of the most important cities in medieval Europe. Crammed full of culture, history and cuisine, the town has something to offer to everyone, including attractions such as the 12th century castle, St Bavo's medieval cathedral and the beautiful St Michael's Bridge. We later return to Bruges for our final evening.

**SATURDAY** This morning we leave our hotel and make our way to the historic town of Ypres, built on the back of the lace making and textile industry, which the impressive Cloth Hall is a reminder of times gone by. World War I brought prosperous times to an abrupt end, and the "In Flanders Field Museum" inside the Cloth Hall offers a moving insight to the Great War. We later continue to Calais, for our return ferry crossing to Dover, completing our homeward journey, reaching the West Country mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Bed & Breakfast
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £120.00  
Travel insurance £31.00

Friday 6th – Monday 9th November 2020



## NIDD HALL, YORKSHIRE... WARNER BREAK

Lose yourself in the beauty and sophistication of grade II listed Nidd Hall Country Hotel, where Edward VIII is said to have first met Mrs Wallis Simpson. Perfectly preserved, Nidd Hall's character is manifest in every rococo carving, sweeping staircase and ivy-clad wall. If you love a gentler pace to life, then this is the hotel you will most definitely adore.

### YOUR HOTEL Nidd Hall, Harrogate

An exceptional, historic 4\* hotel, in 45 acres of glorious parkland. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, iron & ironing board, complimentary toiletries and tea & coffee-making facilities. The restaurant offers contemporary British cuisine and the terrace tearooms are perfect for afternoon refreshments. Leisure facilities include a library, indoor pool, gym, croquet lawn, tennis courts, putting green and boules courts, freshwater angling lake, archery range and games room. There is a lift to all floors and entertainment is provided each evening.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and begin our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and arriving at our hotel with time to freshen up before our first evening dinner followed by excellent entertainment.

**SATURDAY** The morning is free for you to familiarise yourself with your new surroundings and enjoy some of the many facilities available in the hotel. Late morning, we travel to the nearby spa town of Harrogate. A town with some wonderful architecture and public gardens, there are also plenty of shops to browse... and the famous Betty's Tea Rooms is an absolute must to enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea.

**SUNDAY** Today we travel to the magnificent city of York where you may like to visit the iconic minster and climb the 275 steps to the tower for a panoramic view across the city. Other attractions include the Jorvik Centre, the Chocolate Story, and the National Railway Museum where you can discover over 300 years of railway history and marvel at some of the most iconic trains and carriages from our past. Take a leisurely boat cruise along the River Ouse or jump on a sight-seeing bus with on-board commentary of York's history. Together with plenty of cafes and restaurants to enjoy lunch, and a large shopping district there is something for everyone to enjoy.

**MONDAY** This morning we leave our hotel and begin our journey south, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and arriving back in the West Country early – mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 4)  
Signature room upgrade £15.00  
Travel insurance £19.00

Friday 20th – Monday 23rd Nov 2020



## WEYMOUTH, TURKEY & TINSEL...ADDITIONAL TOUR

Located at the heart of the 95 mile stretch of World Heritage Coastline, the popular resort of Weymouth is widely renowned for its beautiful bay and golden sands. The pretty 17th century harbour complements the Georgian seafront with its picturesque fishing boats and pleasure yachts.

### YOUR HOTEL Crown Hotel, Weymouth

A characterful hotel overlooking the historic fishing harbour and close to the town centre. Each en-suite bedroom is comfortably furnished with TV, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** (Christmas Eve) We leave our home area and make our way to Bridport for lunch and time to browse the shops. We continue following the pretty West Dorset coast road to our hotel in Weymouth, giving you plenty of time to settle in before a drinks reception, followed by dinner, bingo and mince pies and festive entertainment until late.

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Day) – After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the county town of Dorchester. There is a wealth of history to explore and some lovely shops to browse. With time for lunch, we later return to Weymouth for the afternoon to spend at leisure, maybe take a stroll along the harbour or enjoy an afternoon tea in a café. Christmas dinner with all the trimmings this evening includes a visit from Santa, followed by bingo and festive music, dancing and singing until late.

**SUNDAY** (New Year's Eve) – This morning we make our way to the lovely town of Poole, where you will have the opportunity to visit the indoor chopping centre, or wander along to the old town and the scenic harbour – the second largest natural harbour in the world. After lunch we return to Weymouth with time to relax before our final evening, including a Hogmanay style Dinner, complimentary glass of wine and singing and dancing to see the "new year" in with a glass of bubbly and mince pie!

**MONDAY** – Sadly, we leave our hotel after breakfast, and make our way homewards, with a lunch stop at Otter Nurseries with their well-stocked gift shop full of Christmas idea. We arrive in our home area late afternoon/early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment each evening
- Bingo on 2 evenings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 5)  
Travel insurance £19.00

Monday 30th Nov – Friday 4th Dec 2020



## THERE IS LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL!... TURKEY & TINSEL & BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS

We are delighted that Blackpool have extended their illumination season for this year! This popular seaside resort needs very little introduction! The famous Tower, trams, sand and shops are amongst some of its popular attractions.

### YOUR HOTEL Doric Hotel, Blackpool

This popular 3\* hotel is located on the seafront on Blackpool's North Shore. All en-suite bedrooms have TV, hairdryer, telephone and tea & coffee facilities, with a lift to all floors. Leisure facilities, including an indoor swimming pool, sauna and steam room. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast, and entertainment is provided each evening.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** (Christmas Eve) – We leave the West Country and journey north, with stops for coffee and lunch en route, arriving at our hotel in Blackpool with time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure. You may like to take a stroll along the promenade and enjoy the atmosphere this seaside town enjoys in illuminations season, or enjoy the in-house cabaret style entertainment.

**TUESDAY** (Christmas Day) After a leisurely breakfast, we travel to the beautiful Lake District, including visits to delightful Windermere and Kendal. A Bucks Fizz drinks reception is followed by a Gala Christmas dinner and topped off with more bingo and entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** (New Year's Day) – Join us if you wish for an excursion to Manchester Christmas Market with stalls and chalets dotted around the city, themed festive areas with gift ideas, hand crafted toys, jewellery and decorations, delicious sweet and savoury treats, hot mulled wine and all the excitement that this time of year provide to the build up to Christmas. With plenty of space to provide safe shopping opportunities, there are the usual shops to browse for Christmas shopping and restaurants open for warming lunches. Back at the hotel this evening we enjoy a Gala New Year's Day banquet followed by entertainment.

**THURSDAY** We enjoy a day in Blackpool with its many attractions including the Tower complex, Waxworks and piers. There will be dancing, laughter & festive songs for those who wish to spend a comfortable afternoon back at the hotel. After dinner, join us for a full coach tour of the famous Blackpool Illuminations, followed by our last evening of entertainment.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast we begin our journey home, with stops for coffee and lunch, arriving back in the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Evening tour of Blackpool Illuminations
- Entertainment each evening
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 4)  
Subsequent singles £40.00  
Travel insurance £21.00

**FESTIVE TOURS STILL AVAILABLE FROM OUR 2020 HOLIDAY BROCHURE**

**TURKEY & TINSEL HOLIDAYS**

1 November	5 days	Holly & Mistletoe in North Wales	£325.00
6 November	4 days	Falmouth Turkey & Tinsel	£199.00
6 November	4 days	Bournemouth Turkey & Tinsel	£225.00
9 November	5 days	Eastbourne Turkey & Tinsel	£245.00
13 November	4 days	Tenby Turkey & Tinsel	£209.00
13 November	4 days	Isle of Wight Turkey & Tinsel	£199.00
16 November	5 days	Lake District Turkey & Tinsel	£249.00
20 November	4 days	Weymouth Turkey & Tinsel <b>NEW</b> ... see page 13	£225.00
21 November	5 days	Cornish Christmas Cracker	£259.00
23 November	5 days	Valkenburg Turkey & Tinsel, and Christmas Markets	£319.00
30 November	4 days	Scarborough Turkey & Tinsel & Castle Howard at Christmas	£285.00
30 November	5 days	Blackpool Turkey & Tinsel <b>NEW</b> ... see page 13	£245.00
4 December	4 days	Shropshire Turkey & Tinsel	£209.00
7 December	5 days	Mystery Turkey & Tinsel	£275.00
7 December	5 days	Turkey & Tinsel Folkestone, Bruges & Canterbury Christmas Markets	£195.00
7 December	5 days	Turkey & Tinsel, Littlecote House, Berkshire ... Warner Break	£345.00
11 December	4 days	Turkey & tinsel, English Riviera & Christmas Train of Lights	£235.00
14 December	5 days	Turkey & Tinsel, Cricket St Thomas ... Warner Break	£295.00

**CHRISTMAS MARKETS & EVENTS**

20 November	4 days	York St Nicholas Fayre & RHS Harlow Carr Winter Glow	£245.00
21 November	2 days	Longleat Festival of Light & Winchester Christmas Market	£115.00
21 November	2 days	Christmas Shopping Weekend... Cheltenham & Oxford	£89.00
26 November	2 days	Royal Marines Band Christmas Spectacular Concert, Bournemouth	£109.00
27 November	4 days	Aachen & Valkenburg Christmas Markets	£275.00
28 November	2 days	Longleat's Festival of Light & Southampton Christmas Market	£109.00
28 November	3 days	Ludlow Medieval Christmas Fayre & Bath Christmas Market	£165.00
4 December	4 days	German Christmas Markets Cologne & Dusseldorf	£295.00
5 December	2 days	Longleat Festival of Light & Winchester Christmas Market	£115.00
8 December	2 days	Christmas at Windsor Castle & RHS Wisley Winter Glow	£219.00
10 December	2 days	Christmas Celebrations, Royal Albert Hall	£199.00
12 December	2 days	Christmas Shopping Weekend in Calais	£115.00
12 December	2 days	Longleat's Festival of Light & Southampton Christmas Market	£109.00
12 December	2 days	Blists Hill Victorian Christmas & Cheltenham Christmas Market	£109.00
15 December	2 days	Christmas at Kew & Oxford Christmas Market	£129.00
19 December	2 days	Longleat Festival of Light & Winchester Christmas Market	£115.00

# 2020 Christmas, Twixmas and New Year Holidays

(Please see our main 2020 brochure)

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

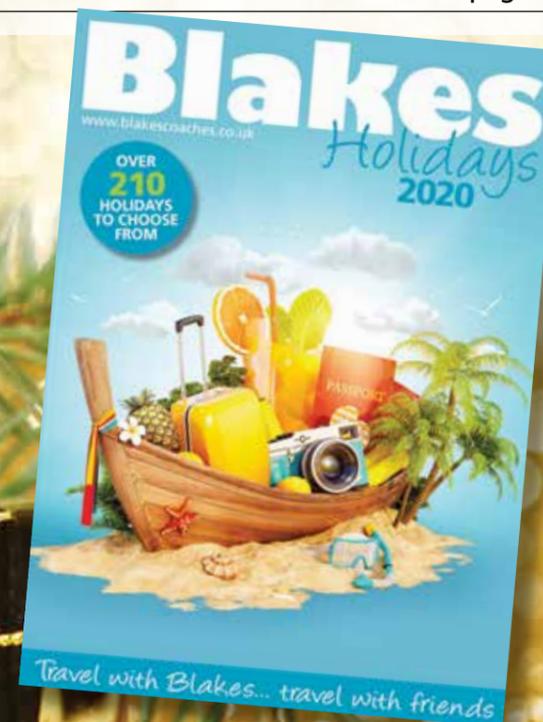
21 December	8 days	Christmas in Switzerland	£745.00	See page 131
22 December	7 days	Christmas in Fairytale Germany	£745.00	See page 132
23 December	5 days	Christmas in Norfolk	£525.00	See page 133
23 December	5 days	Christmas in York	£555.00	See page 134
23 December	5 days	Christmas in the Lake District	£545.00	See page 135

**TWIXMAS HOLIDAYS**

27 December	4 days	Twixmas along the South Coast	£185.00	See page 135
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**NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS**

29 December	5 days	Scottish Hogmanay	£535.00	See page 136
30 December	4 days	New Year in Eastbourne	£359.00	See page 136
30 December	4 days	New Year in North Wales	£359.00	See page 137
30 December	4 days	New Year in Oxfordshire	£359.00	See page 137



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- Rhine & Swiss Delights River Cruise (page 74)
- Cruising The Danube (page 101)
- Cruising The Romantic Rhine & Majestic Moselle (page 118)
- Christmas Celebration River-Cruise – The Rhine & Moselle (page 169) 

#### CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR ALL RIVER CRUISES

- 90+ DAYS PRIOR TO SAILING: DEPOSIT PAID
- 51 – 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SAILING: 50% OF THE TOTAL PAID
- 30 – 50 DAYS PRIOR TO SAILING: 60% OF THE TOTAL PAID
- 15 – 29 DAYS PRIOR TO SAILING: 75% OF THE TOTAL PAID
- 14 DAYS OR LESS PRIOR TO SAILING: 100% OF TOTAL PAID

- FULL PAYMENT WILL BE REQUIRED ON ALL RIVER CRUISES 90 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE DATE
- PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED (WITH A MINIMUM VALIDITY OF 6 MONTHS)
- AN OVERNIGHT BAG WILL BE REQUIRED ON ANY OVERNIGHT STAYS AT HOTELS
- TRAVEL INSURANCE IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL EUROPEAN TRAVEL

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# 2021 Holidays START HERE

Whether you want to visit the mountains or the coast, we have a holiday for you. From River Cruises to Spectacular Mountain Scenery; Island Getaways to City Breaks; Steam Train Journeys to Sporting Events, we hope you will find something that suits you

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## Monday 4th – Friday 8th January



### OUR BEST-EVER VALUE BREAK...YORK

We are delighted to repeat this excellent value out-of-season break, staying in the centre York... A city full of history, which has retained so much of its medieval structure that walking through its centre is like entering a living museum.

#### YOUR HOTEL Queens Hotel, York

You are always assured of a warm welcome at this lovely hotel, ideally situated on the banks of the river Ouse in the heart of York, and only a few minutes' walk from the many tourist attractions. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors, and the hotel's restaurant serves delicious traditional food.

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and travel north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and arriving at our hotel with time to freshen up before evening dinner.

**TUESDAY** the whole day is free for you to explore all that York, the magnificent city of architecture, has to offer. You may like to visit the Minster, the National Railway Museum, or simply stroll along the ancient timbered houses, perched either side of the narrow winding streets. The quaint side streets are full of surprises, and Little Shambles is an absolute delight. There are also many shops to browse, and numerous venues where you may enjoy coffee, lunch and tea. As our hotel is ideally located in the centre of York, you can spend as much or as little time exploring as you wish.

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today as we travel across the North Yorkshire Moor, scenic at any time of year, to the picturesque fishing port of Whitby. Whilst here, you may like to visit the ruins of the 13th Century Abbey, where the views from the top are stunning. There are also some lovely shops and cafés in which to have lunch and sample some world-famous fish & chips, and enjoy the views from the harbour. We return to York via Scarborough where we stop for afternoon tea.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey north to Thirsk, a lovely old-fashioned market town, best known as Darrowby in the well-loved TV series, All Creatures Great and Small. As well as browsing the shops, you may like to visit the the World of James Herriot Museum, which offers an unforgettable interactive experience of the life and times of the vet. After lunch we travel to Harrogate, a spa town renowned for its floral beauty and elegant buildings – it's one the UK's most attractive towns. Smart streets and mews are filled with stylish restaurants, bars and cafés, and Betty's Tea Shop is highly recommended! There is also a tempting choice of shops, from boutiques to antiques.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin the homeward journey south, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and reaching the West Country early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £88.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

## Saturday 9th – Sunday 10th January



### LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON

Join us for a weekend in London with a choice... an opportunity to visit the January sales, or simply enjoy a spot of sightseeing out of season OR Take your pick from one of 12 top West End shows... Matilda, Only Fools & Horses the Musical, Phantom Of The Opera, Les Miserables. Mamma Mia, Tina Turner the Musical, Lion King, & Juliet, Come From Away, Everybody's Talking About Jamie, Pretty Woman or Mary Poppins. (All show dates correct at time of printing, but subject to change).

#### YOUR HOTEL Crowne Plaza Hotel, London Heathrow

A luxuriously appointed 4\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with satellite TV, telephone, hairdryer, mini bar and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a generous buffet breakfast and evening dinner, and leisure facilities include a swimming pool, sauna and gym.

#### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee en route. You will either have time for lunch before enjoying the afternoon performance of the show of your choice OR spend the afternoon as you please... perhaps visiting one of the museums or many other attractions. You may also like to browse the January sales for a bargain and relax over a more leisurely lunch. Late afternoon, we all re-join the coach and travel to our hotel, allowing ample time to freshen up and perhaps take a swim in the hotel's pool before dinner and an evening to spend as you please.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely buffet English breakfast, we return to central London where you will have plenty of time to shop or sightsee... perhaps revisiting the sales, or one of the numerous other attractions. We leave London mid-afternoon and return to the West Country, again with a comfort stop en route, arriving mid-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet English Breakfast
- Top priced theatre ticket (if applicable)
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £32.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

## Sunday 10th – Tuesday 19th January



### WINTER SUN IN THE SPANISH COSTA BRAVA & THE PYRENEES MOUNTAIN RAILWAY

Why not escape the grey British winter and head for the sun on the Costa Brava, with its rugged coastline, sandy beaches and deep blue waters. Explore towns & cities steeped in history and experience spectacular views of the Eastern Pyrenees' mountains as we take a scenic journey on the Vall de Núria Mountain Railway.

#### YOUR HOTEL H Top Calella Palace Hotel, Calella

We are pleased to return to this welcoming, locally-rated 4\* hotel, ideally located a few minutes' walk from both the beach and town centre. All rooms are ensuite, and well-equipped with satellite TV, hairdryer and telephone. Onsite facilities include an outdoor swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sauna and fitness room. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a wide variety of buffet-style local and international cuisine, and entertainment is provided each evening.

#### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** After an early departure, we leave the West Country and journey east, with a comfort stop en route, to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue our journey, making a stop for dinner, to our overnight accommodation in Chateauroux.

**MONDAY** After breakfast, we continue our journey through France and into Spain, then on to our hotel in Calella, where we'll be spending the next seven nights. There will be time to settle in before dinner and our first evening of live entertainment.

**TUESDAY** The day is free for you to begin exploring your new surroundings. You may like to visit the old part of town with its narrow streets, or perhaps sample tapas in one of the traditional Spanish bars. The resort has numerous shopping thoroughfares to stroll along, where you can purchase souvenirs, or perhaps treat yourself to some leather goods. Also well worth a visit is the beautiful Santa Maria church, and the town's museum, which offers an insight into Calella's history.

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today for the highlight of our tour, as we travel by



#### TOUR PRICE

£595

10 DAYS

coach to Ribes de Freser and board the Pyrenees' Vall de Núria Rack Railway. Built in 1928, the train climbs 12.5km to heights of over 1000 metres, on a journey across the breath-taking beauty of the Eastern Pyrenees mountain landscape, with fast flowing waters that run deep through deep cut gorges. Our destination, Vall de Núria, sits at the highest point in the Ribes Valley, surrounded by mountain peaks of 3000 metres, in a spectacular setting. With plenty of time to explore the area and its majestic views, visit the exhibition centre and enjoy lunch in the restaurant, we later make the return journey by rack railway to Ribes de Freser.

**THURSDAY** Today we make a journey into the lower foothills of the Pyrenees to the medieval village of Besalu. You will genuinely feel like you are stepping back in time as you walk across its historic bridge, wander through the narrow and cobbled alleyways, exploring architectural delights and the fascinating Jewish quarter and enjoy lunch in the square.

**FRIDAY** This morning we make our way east to Girona, a beautiful city of ancient arcaded houses, medieval baths, and climbing cobbled streets, in addition to Catalonia's most extensive and best-preserved Jewish quarter, all enclosed by defensive walls and situated on the quiet River Onyar. Explore Girona's quiet streets, walk along the city wall ramparts for a panoramic view of the city or just enjoy lunch in the old quarter and watch the world go by.

**SATURDAY** Join us for a full day excursion a little further west to Barcelona, Spain's second-largest city and the capital of Catalonia, celebrated as one of the country's cultural hubs. Whilst here, you may like to explore bustling, tree-lined La Rambla, or perhaps wander the narrow, winding streets and peaceful squares of the beautiful Gothic Quarter, where remnants of the city's glorious past are juxtaposed with modern builds. There is also the cathedral, and the fabulous Sagrada Familia – Gaudi's testament to modern architecture. The view from the high plateau of the Monique Mountain overlooking the city is also stunning.

**SUNDAY** Enjoy a final day at leisure in Calella, perhaps sampling some local cuisine or taking a stroll along the seafront.

**MONDAY** Sadly, this morning we bid farewell to our hotel and begin our homeward journey. With regular comfort stops en route, we return to our overnight hotel in time for dinner.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast, we continue our journey to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover and complete our homeward journey, arriving mid/late-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 nights' full board accommodation with buffet-style meals
- 1 night's bed & buffet breakfast in overnight hotel
- 1 night's dinner, bed & buffet breakfast in overnight hotel
- Return Ticket on the Vall de Núria Rack Railway
- Packed lunch available instead of in-house lunch
- House wine & water with dinner
- Live entertainment every evening
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £165.00  
Travel insurance £47.00

Monday 11th – Friday 15th January



**LAKESIDE COASTAL VILLAGE, HAYLING ISLAND**

Why not start the year with a holiday? At a Warner Hotel you are always guaranteed excellent accommodation, delicious food, top class entertainment and service, and we have an excellent price to go with all that too! Surrounded by water, with a beach on your doorstep, this lovely resort is the perfect base for exploring some of the English south coast's finest locations.

**YOUR HOTEL Lakeside Coastal Village, Hayling Island**  
A traditional coastal resort, offering a warm and friendly atmosphere with a village feeling. Each of the classily furnished chalets is en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The elegant cabaret restaurant offers excellent cuisine and the resort's exceptional leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna, tennis courts, championship-quality indoors bowls complex, archery range, pitch & putt course, beauty salon, gift shop and games room. Live music, dancing and entertainment is provided each night.

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and travel to Dorchester for lunch before we continue to Hayling Island, arriving at our resort with time to settle in and begin exploring before evening dinner and our first evening of excellent entertainment.

**TUESDAY** The morning is free for you to familiarise yourself with your new surroundings and enjoy some of the many facilities available on resort.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£209**  
5 DAYS

Join us for an afternoon excursion to Chichester with time to browse the shops, maybe pick up a bargain in the January Sales and enjoy an afternoon tea.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey to Portsmouth's celebrated dockyard, home to HMS Victory and the Mary Rose. Whilst here you may like to visit the Royal Navy and D-Day Museums, the Blue Reef Aquarium, or Gunwharf Quay – the modern waterfront shopping, eating and entertainment centre. Or perhaps enjoy the views from the top of the Spinnaker Tower which rises to 170 metres with panoramic views across the Channel (weather permitting). We return to our resort in time for dinner and another evening of fabulous entertainment.

**THURSDAY** This morning we make our way to the market town of Winchester, the capital of the historic Wessex Kingdom of Alfred The Great with its cathedral and the Great Hall, home to King Arthur's round table. After lunch we return to our resort with the remainder of the day free to enjoy facilities and activities before a final evening dinner and entertainment.

**FRIDAY** Sadly it's now time to leave our resort and journey back towards the West Country, stopping in Salisbury for lunch and maybe visit the cathedral. We complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**

No single supplement (Max 4)  
Upgraded Chalet options – subject to availability  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 11th – Friday 15th January



**KENT COAST & BRUGES**

Kent's coast is famous for its spectacular white cliffs, golden beaches, famous seaside resorts and historic towns. Bruges is a wonderfully picturesque town in Belgium with cobbled streets, delightful buildings and majestic squares.

**YOUR HOTEL Grand Burstin Hotel, Folkestone**  
Overlooking Folkestone harbour stands one of the UK's great entertainment hotels. All rooms are ensuite, with TV and tea & coffee making facilities. The hotel's Leisure Club is complete with pool, sauna and solarium is available at a nominal charge. Each evening you'll be entertained as the hotel's resident team put on the glitz and glamour for a different cabaret spectacular.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£195**  
5 DAYS

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and travel east, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, and arriving at our hotel with time to freshen up before evening dinner.

**TUESDAY** This morning we make our way to the pretty town of Rochester, the childhood home of the great author Charles Dickens' who often referred to it in his Victorian novels and is home to many of the buildings mentioned in his novels including Restoration House, home of Miss Havisham in Great Expectations. The stunning cathedral founded in 604AD makes it England's second oldest. The Castle, built on the highest point of the Roman city walls, offers splendid views from the top of one of England's tallest keeps. With time for lunch, we return via a scenic coach tour of Kent's coast via Margate.

**WEDNESDAY** After an early breakfast, this morning we make our way to the delightful town of Bruges, via Eurotunnel. Affectionately known as the "Venice of the North" its winding canals and picture postcard bridges create a beautiful setting for this historic city with its World UNESCO heritage with beautiful architecture, magnificent churches and lovely public squares. There are many museums to visit, shops selling lace and famous Belgian chocolate, boat trips along the canal or horse & carriage rides through the city.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the city of Canterbury, with its cathedral and seat of the Archbishop. The Canterbury Tales centre takes you back 500 years to the time of great pilgrimage and see the characters out of Chaucer's famous novels, on their journey from London to Thomas A Beckett's shrine in the cathedral. After lunch we continue to Samphire Hoe, a nature reserve created from the earth moved by the Eurotunnel project, and then on to the Battle of Britain Memorial, a site of recognition to the heroes of World War II battle of the skies.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin the homeward journey, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and reaching the West Country early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Day trip to Bruges via Eurotunnel
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**

No single supplement for 1st 3 singles  
Subsequent single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Tuesday 12th – Wednesday 13th January



**LAMMA 2021... THE UK'S LEADING FARM MACHINERY SHOW**

LAMMA is the UK's leading farm machinery show, and the launchpad for leading manufacturers and dealers to show off their new equipment and innovations to everyone involved in farming or associated agricultural industries ... now in its new location at the Birmingham NEC.

**YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Birmingham Bromsgrove**

A modern 3\* hotel located just a short drive from the NEC. All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea and coffee making facilities. The restaurant offers a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include a gym suite, spa and indoor pool.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£115**  
2 DAYS

**ITINERARY**

**TUESDAY** After an early departure, we leave our home area and make our way north to Birmingham. We make a stop for coffee en route, to the NEC, the new home of Lamma, and its new indoor event where you will find over 800 exhibitors showing products and services from companies both large and small, from the UK and overseas, and the widest range of products for agricultural and rural industries at any show in the UK. We later make the short journey to our hotel for the evening meal.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast, we return to the indoor show at the NEC with plenty of time to continue viewing the displays. Late afternoon we begin our return journey to the West Country, stopping for an evening meal at a restaurant en route, and reaching the West Country mid-evening.



**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Free entrance to LAMMA 2021
- Evening meal at restaurant on Wednesday's return journey
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**

Single supplement £20.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

**Warner Leisure Hotels** **WARNER BREAKS FOR 2021** **TURKEY & TINSEL BREAK**

<b>LITTLECOTE HOUSE, BERKSHIRE</b> 25–29 January...please see page 24	<b>5 DAYS</b> <b>£285</b>	<b>NIDD HALL, YORKSHIRE</b> 16–20 August...please see page 111	<b>5 DAYS</b> <b>£425</b>
<b>ALVASTON HALL, CHESHIRE</b> 22–26 February...please see page 29	<b>5 DAYS</b> <b>£285</b>	<b>LAKESIDE COASTAL VILLAGE, HAYLING ISLAND</b> 6–10 September...see page 120	<b>5 DAYS</b> <b>£325</b>
<b>SINAH WARREN, HAYLING ISLAND</b> 15–19 March...please see page 41	<b>5 DAYS</b> <b>£325</b>	<b>SINAH WARREN, HAYLING ISLAND</b> 11–15 October...please see page 139	<b>5 DAYS</b> <b>£345</b>
<b>CRICKET ST THOMAS, SOMERSET</b> 12–16 April...please see page 52	<b>5 DAYS</b> <b>£365</b>	<b>BEMBRIDGE COASTAL RESORT (Festive)</b> 1–5 November...please see page 148	<b>5 DAYS</b> <b>£335</b>
<b>BODELWYDDAN CASTLE, NORTH WALES</b> 24–28 May...please see page 75	<b>5 DAYS</b> <b>£375</b>	<b>ALVASTON HALL, CHESHIRE</b> 22–26 November...please see page 157	<b>5 DAYS</b> <b>£345</b>
<b>NORTON GRANGE, ISLE OF WIGHT</b> 21–25 June...please see page 85	<b>5 DAYS</b> <b>£375</b>	<b>HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE</b> 6–10 December...please see page 165	<b>5 DAYS</b> <b>£295</b>
<b>GUNTON HALL COASTAL RESORT, SUFFOLK</b> 26–30 July ...please see page 99	<b>5 DAYS</b> <b>£359</b>	<b>CRICKET ST THOMAS, SOMERSET</b> 13–17 December...please see page 167	<b>5 DAYS</b> <b>£375</b>

Saturday 16th – Sunday 17th January



## A WEEKEND IN FALMOUTH & TRURO

Falmouth rests at the point where seven rivers flow into a long stretch of water and boasts a beautiful sheltered harbour. Pendennis Castle (built by Henry VIII) and the National Maritime Museum are just two of Falmouth's many major attractions, and lovely town shops and coastal walks abound.

### YOUR HOTEL Memby Hall Hotel, Falmouth

Beautifully situated in one of Cornwall's most picturesque regions, the Memby Hall occupies a seafront position. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant offers an excellent choice menu, and leisure facilities include a sauna, spa pool and Jacuzzi; there is also evening entertainment.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area and travel west, with a coffee stop en route, to Truro – Cornwall's capital city. Whilst here you will have plenty of time to enjoy lunch, browse the many shops, and visit the Farmer's Market, which offers fresh, quality produce, direct from local producers to the public. You may also like to visit the impressive triple-spired cathedral. We later make the short journey to our hotel, with time to relax and make use of the hotel's leisure facilities before dinner and an evening of entertainment.

**SUNDAY** Following a leisurely breakfast, and perhaps make use of the hotel's spa pool or sauna, you will have time to explore Falmouth and its attractions... you may like to visit the National Maritime Museum, Pendennis Castle, (subject to opening hours) or simply browse the array of shops. After a leisurely lunch, we begin our homeward journey, and with a stop at Endsleigh Garden Centre for afternoon tea, we reach our home area early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 6)  
Sea view room supplement £8.00 per person  
Travel insurance £17.00

Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire

TOUR PRICE

£79

2 DAYS

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd January



GREAT VALUE BREAK

## CLASSIC CORNWALL

Cornwall boasts some of the most picturesque coastlines and landscapes in the country, which coupled with the mild Cornish climate, makes this an ideal holiday destination at any time of year.

### YOUR HOTEL Memby Hall Hotel, Falmouth

Ideally situated on Falmouth's beach front, this family-run hotel offers a very warm welcome. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant offers an excellent menu. Leisure facilities include a spa pool and sauna, and entertainment is provided most nights. The bar has a large lounge area with wonderful views across the channel.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, arriving in Falmouth with time to settle in and enjoy a stroll along the seafront before dinner this evening.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way across to Cornwall's north coast, to the delightful town of St Ives. Nestled in St Ives Bay, the compact town is a favourite for artists who flock here to paint in the bright reflective sunlight, with local artwork available to buy in the galleries. The picturesque fishing harbour is a beautiful place to stroll and browse the shops, or you may like to visit the Tate St Ives gallery.

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today as we visit the Cornish capital, Truro. A farmers' market is held on Lemon Quay, with stalls offering freshly baked bread and cakes, home-made preserves and local crafts. The quay is surrounded by the usual high street shops, and a large indoor market. The impressive triple-spire cathedral is in the centre of town, with beautiful stained-glass windows and a delightful coffee shop. This afternoon we return to Falmouth with time to explore its shopping district and marina with numerous cafes. You may also like to visit the National Maritime Museum which houses many exhibitions together with the history of Cornish seafaring & fishing traditions.

**THURSDAY** This morning we make our way to the scenic shores of Marazion with views across to St Michael's Mount. With time to enjoy coffee, we continue to Penzance, a historic Cornish port, most famous for its pirates! Here you will find characteristic pubs, antique shops and an array of cosy cafes to enjoy a famous Cornish pasty or two, before we return to our hotel in Falmouth for our final evening of entertainment.

**FRIDAY** Today we leave our hotel stopping for lunch at Padstow, a charming fishing port crammed with restaurants, gift shops and the National Lobster Hatchery. We later continue our journey home, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment on most evenings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 6)  
Sea view room supplement £32.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£209

5 DAYS

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd January



GREAT VALUE BREAK

## ALL THINGS BRIGHTON BEAUTIFUL

England's south coast is a true favourite for holiday makers, with elegant seaside resorts, long beaches and their pretty promenades, all adding to a relaxing holiday.

### YOUR HOTEL The Royal Albion Hotel, Brighton

A regency-styled 3\* hotel, situated on the beachfront directly opposite Brighton's pier with stunning views across the English Channel. The town centre is located within walking distance. All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the hotel's restaurant offers home-cooked traditional fare.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country, stopping for coffee and lunch and on to our hotel with time to freshen up before evening dinner.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the elegant seaside resort of Eastbourne, sheltered by the South Downs, with its grand Victoria architecture and pier. Enjoy a warming lunch in one of town's cosy cafes, or maybe take a stroll out to the pier, before we return to our hotel via the spectacular views of Beachy Head.

**WEDNESDAY** Today is free for you to explore Brighton. Famed for its pebble beach and stylish regency architecture, there is much to see and do. The spectacular Royal Pavilion was transformed in the early 19th century into a handsome villa and you can visit the great rooms used by George IV, Prince Regent, including the banqueting room, great kitchens, royal bedrooms and grand saloon rooms. For the more adventurous you may like to take a ride on the new British Airways i360, as you gently glide up a 450ft tower in the stunning glass viewing pod with views (on a clear day) to the South Downs National Park, and across to the Isle Of Wight.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast we travel to Worthing for a coffee and time to explore this delightful seaside town. We continue to Bognor Regis, affectionately known as England's "Sunshine Capital" with its promenade, long beach, friendly town and cosy cafes. We complete our day in Littlehampton, to enjoy afternoon tea in one of its many cafes or stroll along the seafront.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel, and with comfort stops make our homeward journey, reaching the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement for 1st 3 singles  
Subsequent single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£195

5 DAYS

Friday 22nd – Monday 25th January



GREAT VALUE BREAK

NEW

## GREAT VALUE ENTERTAINMENT BREAK – TORQUAY

Torquay is located on the much-loved English Riviera and is one of the UK's most popular holiday destination, here in the glorious county of Devon. Join us for a great value winter break packed with entertainment and leisure facilities, to get away and beat the blues for a welcome winter break!

### YOUR HOTEL Carlton Hotel, Torquay

A friendly 3\* hotel just a short walk from the seafront and town centre. Each of the en-suite bedrooms is comfortably furnished with TV, radio, hairdryer, telephone, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The elegant restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include live evening entertainment and dancing, and access to the hotel leisure resort with indoor swimming pool, indoor bowls, games rooms, 10 pin bowling, fitness suite and spa facilities.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave our home area, making stops for coffee and lunch on route, arriving at our hotel in Torquay with plenty of time to settle in and freshen up before dinner and this evening's entertainment.

**SATURDAY** Today is free for you to visit Torquay centre, take a stroll along the seafront or perhaps take a local bus to a nearby seaside resort. Or make use of the hotel complex extensive leisure facilities with indoor swimming pool, indoor bowling, games rooms, spa facilities with treatment rooms. Dinner this evening will be followed by another night of live entertainment.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, join us if you wish for a winter scenic coastal drive around the beautiful South Devon region, stopping for lunch and time to take a stroll, before returning to Torquay with the rest of the day free to relax and make use of the hotel's leisure facilities and a final evening of entertainment.

**MONDAY** Sadly, we leave our hosts in Torquay and start the journey home, making stops for coffee and lunch on route, arriving back in our home area late afternoon.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Live entertainment each evening
- Use of Hotel Resort Leisure Facilities
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 2)  
Subsequent singles £45.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

TOUR PRICE

£185

4 DAYS

Monday 25th – Friday 29th January

Warner Leisure Hotels  
Life begins at Warner



## LITTLECOTE HOUSE, BERKSHIRE

On a Warner holiday, you will understand what it means to be spoilt for choice; excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening. Littlecote House is a Grade I-listed Tudor property steeped in history south of the Cotswolds border.

### YOUR HOTEL Littlecote House, Hungerford

The history of this 16th Century 4\* hotel is packed with drama. Henry VIII wooed Jane Seymour here, and Charles II and William of Orange wine and dined here. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee-making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The excellent leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna, gym, library and gift shops. Sports activities include archery, croquet, tennis and fencing, and top-class entertainment is provided each evening.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We begin our journey, stopping for coffee en route to the delightful town of Bradford-on-Avon for lunch. With time to browse the quaint shops, we then complete our journey to Littlecote, with time to settle in before our first evening meal and live entertainment.

**TUESDAY** The morning is free for you to continue to enjoy the facilities of our resort. Join us if you wish for an afternoon excursion to the nearby market town of Marlborough, with its broad high street lined with colonnaded Georgian shops and tearooms. Dinner this evening will once again be followed by top-class live entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** A full day's excursion to the historic city of Oxford, where you will have plenty of time to explore the wonderful City of Dreaming Spires. You may like to visit one of the many historic buildings, colleges, museums or art galleries, or simply browse the extensive shopping area, and have lunch. Time to relax before evening dinner this evening, followed by more entertainment.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to the tranquil market town of Winchester – capital of the Wessex kingdom of Alfred the Great. There are many interesting sights, including the cathedral and the Great Hall, which is home to King Arthur's round table. We return to our hotel after lunch with time to relax or continue to make use of the activities and facilities before dinner and our final evening of entertainment.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and travel to the beautiful city of Bath where you may like to visit the Royal Crescent, or the Roman Baths in the heart of the World Heritage Site. Celebrating Bath's most famous resident, the Jane Austen Centre offers a snapshot of life during Regency times. There are also some wonderful shops and numerous cafés in which to enjoy lunch. We complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 4)  
Signature room upgrade £20.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£285

5 DAYS

Monday 25th – Friday 29th January



## A TASTE OF THREE COUNTIES...NEW HOTEL

We bring you a tour which includes three very different locations, each with its own wealth of history. Liverpool is more than just a city - it is an iconic vibrant place with maritime and cultural connections. Chester, the county town of Cheshire is an historic gem with Roman walls and black & white timber buildings. Southport is Lancashire's "Paris of the North", a buzzing seaside resort with plenty of shops and an enchanting promenade.

### YOUR HOTEL Hallmark Inn Liverpool, Liverpool

A modern 3\* hotel right in the heart of Liverpool, within a Grade II listed converted Georgian Terrace. All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant offers a choice menu and generous buffet breakfast.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country, and travel north, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, arriving at our hotel with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Chester, the most complete walled city in Britain. "The Rows" is Chester's most photographed area with its black and white timber framed buildings, covered walkways and majestic cathedral. You may like to take a sightseeing bus tour to learn of its fascinating past and explore the town in its entirety, or for the more adventurous, why not walk the 2 mile trail along the Roman Walls. There is a thriving shopping centre and museums including the Roman amphitheatre and garden, and the delightful River Dee to take a stroll along.

**WEDNESDAY** The whole day is free to explore and enjoy Liverpool. Why not start with a sightseeing bus tour, or maybe visit some of its numerous and varied attractions, museums and galleries. Follow the Beatles Trail, visit the waterfront lined with cafes and restaurants or maybe visit one of Liverpool's majestic cathedrals. Take a boat cruise to see Liverpool's famous skyline from the water, or travel by boat across to Woodside to the fascinating U-Boat experience. With so much to see and do, you can return to our hotel at any time to relax and enjoy the evening at leisure.

**THURSDAY** Join us wish as we travel across the border into Lancashire to the much-loved resort of Southport with its beautiful coastline, sand dunes, spectacular views out to sea, a pier and elegant promenade. Browse the independent shops with wrought iron canopies in Lord Street, quaint colourful shops in Chapel Street and enjoy a warming winter lunch.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey, with comfort and lunch stops on route. We complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£265

5 DAYS

Sunday 31st January Saturday 6th February



## ENCHANTING BAVARIA – A SPECTACULAR WINTER WONDERLAND

Join us for a magical journey through the enchanting region of Bavaria in all its winter glory! Discover the Bavarian Forest which shares its border with the Czech Bohemian Forest, lush valley landscapes and towering mountain ranges in this charming winter wonderland. A tour packed with delightful excursions to experience the region's glassblowing traditions, a spectacular visit to a working husky farm and panoramic views of the forest from a Treetop Walk Trail – a great winter treat!

### YOUR HOTEL Hohenauer Hof Hotel, Hohenau, Bavaria

A warm welcome is assured at this charming family run hotel in the centre of this delightful Bavarian village. All rooms are en-suite with views across either the surrounding countryside or village and equipped with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The cosy restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** After an early departure, we make our way to Dover, with comfort stops en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue to our overnight accommodation in Aachen, arriving in time for the evening meal.

**MONDAY** After breakfast, we continue our journey, with regular comfort stops, through Germany and into across the heart of Bavaria. We arrive to a warm welcome from our hosts, and time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make a scenic journey through the Bavarian Forest wintry countryside, passing in the shadow of Großer Arber, the region's highest mountain range, to Joska Crystal Adventure World where we experience a fascinating glass blowing demonstration where skilled glass makers create precious colourful works of art. Browse the extensive gift shop and enjoy a warming lunch in the café. We retrace our steps through the enchanting scenery for an afternoon horse drawn carriage ride followed by a visit to a local ski hut for live musical entertainment.



TOUR PRICE

£595

7 DAYS



**WEDNESDAY** Join us as we make our way a short journey south towards the Austrian border, for a guided walk around the city of Passau, where the confluences of three rivers meet – Danube, Inn & Ilz. Experience the heart of the old town where Italian architects created baroque masterpieces with soaring towers, picturesque squares, romantic lanes and enchanting promenades all surrounding St Stephen's Cathedral which houses one of the world's largest organ with 17,000 pipes. With free time later to explore the city at leisure, we return to our hotel where you might like to enjoy a candlelit torch guided walk around the village followed by warming mulled wine.

**THURSDAY** Perhaps the highlight of our tour, today we visit a local husky farm for a fascinating guided tour of the facility to learn about the housing, feeding and breeding of these wonderful working sled dogs. We sadly leave our characterful canine friends and head towards Neuschönau for a spectacular guided walk through the treetop trail on the edge of the Bavarian Forest. As we make our way through the highest echelons of the forest canopy, we pause to learn and explore about the enchanting region as we ascend the 40 metre high viewing platform with panoramic views.

**FRIDAY** We say a fond farewell to our hotel as we begin our journey back through Germany, again with regular comfort stops, to our overnight accommodation in Aachen, arriving in time for dinner.

**SATURDAY** We resume our homeward journey to Calais, for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We continue to the West Country, with comfort stops en route, arriving mid/late-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 nights' dinner bed & buffet breakfast
- Welcome drink in Bavaria
- Guided Tour & Glass Blowing Demonstration
- Horse Drawn Carriage Ride & Live Musical Entertainment
- Guided Walking tour of Passau
- Torchlit Guided Walk in Hohenau with Mulled Wine
- Guided Tour to Local Husky Farm
- Guided Treetop Walk at Baumwipfeldpad, Neuschönau
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £90.00  
Travel insurance £43.00

Friday 29th Jan – Monday 1st Feb



GREAT VALUE BREAK

## ENTERTAINMENT BREAK ON THE ENGLISH RIVIERA

The English Riviera is one of the UK's most popular holiday destinations, here in the glorious county of Devon. With such a varied and beautiful landscape taking in the Dartmoor National Park, seaside resorts and market towns, it makes for a perfect relaxing short break any time of year.

### YOUR HOTEL Anchorage Hotel, Babbacombe

A warm welcome awaits at this 3\* family-run hotel. All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, radio and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors and the restaurant serves traditional home cooked evening meals and a hearty English breakfast. Entertainment is provided on two evenings.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave our home area make our way to Teignmouth, a coastal town boasting Georgian architecture and long sandy beaches. After a warming lunch, we complete our journey to our hotel arriving with plenty of time to settle in and freshen up before dinner.

**SATURDAY** Join us today as we travel across the beautifully rugged landscape of Dartmoor to the market town of Tavistock, with the parish church of St Eustachius standing proudly in its centre. This ancient stannary town has a whole host of independent shops and a large indoor pannier market filled with food stalls, gifts and crafts, books and many other items of interest. We return via Buckfast Abbey, with over 1000 years of history. Nestled in a valley alongside the River Dart, its tranquil grounds and the spectacular abbey and gardens offer a peaceful place to sit and reflect, whilst the large restaurant offers delicious afternoon tea with home-made cakes.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way along the English Riviera to Dartmouth, the "Jewel of the South Hams". Situated on the banks of the River Dart, this vibrant harbour town is full of naval history. Dartmouth Museum offers a fascinating insight into the area's rich history, and many of the town's medieval buildings indicate the rich tapestry of times gone by. There are independent shops to browse and cafes to enjoy a warming lunch. We return to Babbacombe with time free to stroll into town or relax in the hotel's lounge before tonight's evening meal.

**MONDAY** We leave our hotel and make the short journey to Torquay with time to browse the shops and enjoy a light bite or a delicious fish and chip lunch. We later complete our journey, back to our home area late afternoon.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment on 2 evenings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 4)  
Travel insurance £22.00

TOUR PRICE

£149

4 DAYS

Monday 1st – Friday 5th February



## LLANDUDNO...LANDLUBBERS MOCK CRUISE (NO SAILING)!

Always one of our most popular tours, which we are delighted to repeat each year.

### YOUR HOTEL MV Tynedale, Llandudno

Each winter, the 3\* Tynedale seafront hotel, becomes MV Tynedale, the original land-based cruise ship, for a fabulous mock cruise! Upon embarking you will receive a passport, and at each 'port' the hotel staff don themed outfits as we 'set sail' to a new destination each evening. All 'cabins' are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee-making facilities. There is a lift to most 'decks'.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and travel into Wales, stopping for coffee and lunch en route. Upon arrival at MV Tynedale, we board in Hong Kong, to a traditional welcome by the captain. Afternoon tea is served whilst the cabin boys take care of your luggage and you have a wander around the local market stall. Enjoy pre-dinner aperitifs as we set sail to a wonderful Hong Kong send off... have your cameras ready to photograph the dancing lions and dragons. A delicious dinner in the Trans Atlantic restaurant is followed by entertainment and complimentary finger buffet.

**TUESDAY** Breakfast is served as we drop anchor in Civitavecchia, Italy. We enjoy a scenic coach tour stopping for coffee, lunch and a spot of sightseeing along the way. We return to fresh ground coffee and Italian Classic Tiramisu whilst watching the highlights of Rome on the big screen and why not have a go on the Casino... (it's just for fun and the chips are free). A fabulous Italian themed dinner is followed by more cabaret entertainment and another complimentary finger buffet.

**WEDNESDAY** Good morning from Port Said Egypt. This day is free to explore the local area, but be sure to be back on board for the Egyptian dance class followed by afternoon tea and basbousa cake. In the Duty Free bar all drinks are at tax free prices and why not take a wander around the Cairo souk stall before dinner and a photo with the famous camel. Early-evening we set sail for New York whilst you enjoy another fabulous evening meal followed by more top entertainment and a complimentary buffet.

**THURSDAY** MV Tynedale berths in The Big Apple, Manhattan where we board our coach for a scenic drive, arriving back on board in time for afternoon tea of New York's favourite, Apple Pie' and 'Fresh Coffee' followed by deck games. Tonight you will be taken back to cruise days of yesteryear with a 1920's Gatsby style evening as the Captain requests the pleasure of your company for a delicious five course meal with a touch of theatre, fit for the era followed by evening entertainment and one final late-night finger buffet as we set sail for our home port of Llandudno.

**FRIDAY** Back to reality! We bid farewell to MV Tynedale and make our homeward journey back into England, stopping for coffee and lunch en route arriving early/mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Cocktail and canapés reception
- 4-courses themed dinners on 3 evenings
- 5-course gala dinner on 1 evening
- Afternoon tea or coffee each day
- Captains Dinner 1920s style
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£349

5 DAYS

Friday 5th – Monday 8th February



NEW

## A WELSH COUNTRY & WESTERN BREAK – NEW... HOWDIE COWBOY!

Country & Western never goes out of fashion! Join us for a great escape from the cold winter as we head to Wales for some line dancing and country & western themed evenings ... so grab your cowboy hat and let's lasso a fabulous weekend of entertainment!

### YOUR HOTEL Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon

A friendly family run 3\* hotel located within walking distance of the walled town. All rooms are en-suite and equipped with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty Welsh breakfast. Leisure facilities include indoor heated swimming pool.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and journey north to our hotel, with comfort stops en route, arriving with time to settle in before dinner and a Country & Western themed quiz to start our weekend of entertainment.

**SATURDAY** This morning is free to explore your surroundings and enjoy the harbour town of Caernarfon. You may like to visit the imposing castle built by Edward I on the banks of the River Seiont and is perhaps one of the world's greatest middle age constructions. Or meander through the town's narrow streets and stylish waterfront and harbour area. Join us this afternoon if you wish for a scenic drive across the Menai Straits to the Isle of Anglesey where you will find the well-stocked Woollen Mill outlet centre and tea rooms. This evening, grab your cowboy hat and let's enjoy a hoedown as we enjoy live entertainment of Country & Western with a Line Dancing instructor to teach us all the moves, followed by live music to dance the night away! Howdy partner!

**SUNDAY** Join us today as we make our way across Snowdonia National Park, as the dramatic and rugged landscape unfolds before our eyes. Winding roads alongside streams and brooks, open up as we travel through towering mountain passes and ancient rock formations creating breathtaking scenery along our journey to Bety's-Y-Coed a picturesque village on the north east side of the National Park, situated along the River Conwy with delightful shops and cafes in which to enjoy a cosy lunch. We return to the hotel to relax before dinner and a final evening of Country & Western entertainment.

**MONDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey, with a coffee and lunch stop on route. We complete our journey back to the West Country arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 2 nights live entertainment (Country & Western theme) including line dancing instruction & fun dance
- 1 evening in-house quiz night (Country & Western theme)
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 4)  
Travel insurance £22.00

TOUR PRICE

£199

4 DAYS

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th February



## A WEEKEND IN STRATFORD UPON AVON & WORCESTER

An ancient city with a modern outlook in the heart of England, Worcester has a rich history of culture and is encircled by splendid countryside. Stratford Upon Avon is world famous for its link to William Shakespeare and its rich mix of Tudor style architecture.

### YOUR HOTEL Gainsborough House Hotel, Kidderminster

A delightful 3\* Georgian style hotel located in the Worcestershire countryside. All bedrooms are en-suite and comfortably furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. A chairlift is available to access rooms if required for those less mobile. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area and make our way north, stopping for coffee en route, to the delightful city of Worcester. You may like to visit the Porcelain Museum with the world's largest collection of Worcester Porcelain. There is also the fine Cathedral, which overlooks the River Severn, where you will find the tomb of King John as well as a gift shop, and coffee shop. There are also shops to browse and places to enjoy a winters lunch. We later travel to our hotel, with time to relax before dinner.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the historic town of Stratford Upon Avon. With its links to the poet and playwright William Shakespeare, you may like to visit his birthplace and discover where he grew up as a child or Hall's Croft – home of Shakespeare's daughter. Or perhaps take a sightseeing bus tour to explore the sights in more detail, partake in a little retail therapy in the compact shopping district and enjoy a warming lunch in one of the numerous cafes or restaurants. We later make our way back to the West Country, stopping for tea on route and arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £15.00  
Travel insurance £17.00  
Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire

TOUR PRICE

£85

2 DAYS

Sunday 7th – Thursday 11th February



GREAT VALUE BREAK

## LANCASHIRE WINTER WARMER

Lancashire and its surrounding areas are full of friendly market towns, magnificent scenery and dramatic coastlines. Why not escape those winter blues and enjoy a winter warmer on this great value short break.

**YOUR HOTEL** Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport

An elegant 3\* hotel which combines stylish character with modern facilities. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a traditional British menu and there is a lift to all floors. The town centre and nearby public parklands are within easy walking distance of the hotel.

TOUR PRICE  
**£199**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way north, with comfort and lunch stops on route. We arrive at our hotel with time to freshen up and settle in before dinner this evening.

**MONDAY** Join us today as we travel a little further north, and across the border of Cumbria for a scenic day in the Lake District, including (weather permitting) the stunning Kirkstone Pass with stops for lunch and afternoon tea at Windermere and Kendal.

**TUESDAY** Today we travel a little way south across to the metropolitan county of Merseyside, which used to form part of historic Lancashire. Liverpool is so much more than just a city. It has a wonderful waterfront with a vibrant café culture, and so many attractions from museums, art galleries and heritage tours including a Beatles trail. Why not jump on a sightseeing tour bus to experience all the sights and sounds of this colourful, yet friendly, city has to offer. With fabulous shopping districts, numerous cafes, restaurants and pubs there is something for everyone to enjoy.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel to the heart of Lancashire to the market town of Bury, home of one of the best markets in the North West. Wednesday is host to the famous open market with over 300 stalls offering a wide variety of goods from local produce and crafts, to the usual bargains to be found in a good quality market. Whilst here you may like to visit the Fusilier Museum or Transport Museum, or just relax in one of the town's cosy cafes enjoy a warming lunch. We later return to Southport with free time this afternoon to explore the town, its beach front and pier and public gardens and parklands.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast we sadly begin our journey home, stopping for comfort and lunch stops on route, before completing our journey back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement for 1st 3 singles  
Subsequent single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Sunday 7th – Thursday 11th February



NEW

## SNOWDROP SPECTACULAR

Snowdrops are one of winter's delights; it warms the heart to see bright white swathes across our countryside. Woodland floors & garden landscapes are transformed into carpets of white as winter starts to fade and early signs of spring are just on the horizon. We visit three spectacular locations in Surrey to see these tiny flowers at their best.

**YOUR HOTEL** Hilton Cobham, Cobham

An elegant 4\* hotel nestled in 27 acres of Surrey's woodland. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool.

TOUR PRICE  
**£375**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country and travel to the market town of Marlborough for lunch. The High Street, one of the widest in the UK, is adorned with characterful buildings, gift shops and cafes. We arrive at our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**MONDAY** Join us as we make the short journey to the historic Hampton Court Palace, historic home of King Henry VIII, his wives and children where masses of snowdrops can be found in the formal gardens and parkland. Explore the vast Palace interiors with an audio guide and discover the Great Hall, Tudor kitchens, apartments with fine furnishings, tapestries and art galleries. Walk in the footsteps of Kings & Queens from the Tudors through to the Georgians and perhaps join one of the free winter garden guided tours from midday. There are cafes on site to enjoy a warming lunch & a well stocked gift shop to browse.

**TUESDAY** This morning we make our way to Guildford, the county town of Surrey, with its quaint cobbled High Street and picturesque riverside setting. After an early lunch we continue to Polesden Lacey, an Edwardian country retreat with its peaceful winter garden and snowdrop-lined Lime Walk with swathes of tiny white flowers which sparkle in the winter sunshine, with a backdrop of the glorious views across the rolling Surrey hills. The café offers warming drinks and tasty treats after a winter stroll.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we travel to the market town of Farnham, known for its Georgian streets, historic buildings and craft gift shops, all crowned by the 12th century castle built by William the Conqueror's grandson. After an early lunch we make our way to Winkworth Arboretum, a tranquil place to enjoy the seasonal beauty of snowdrops. One of the best places to see them is outside the tea rooms where a lawn of a white spectacle unfolds in all their glory.

**THURSDAY** We begin our journey home, stopping in the historic hillside town of Shaftesbury, Britain's first "snowdrop town", a project which began in 2012. Here you will find snowdrop walks through the town and the snowdrop theme inside shops, cafes and houses as the whole townsfolk come together to celebrate the tiny white flower. We complete our journey home, arriving late afternoon-early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Hampton Court Palace & Gardens (with audio guide)
- Entrance to Polesden Lacey Gardens (Nat Trust)
- Entrance to Winkworth Arboretum (Nat Trust)
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February



GREAT VALUE BREAK

## YORK, WHITBY & SCARBOROUGH

North Yorkshire is a region of diverse and dramatic landscapes, with rugged moorland beauty and spectacular coastlines. This popular tour takes in some of the most popular destinations of the region including a historic city, a grand seaside resort and pretty fishing harbour.

**YOUR HOTEL** Cumberland Hotel, Scarborough

A delightful 3\* hotel, very well situated on the South Cliff, close to the beach and town centre. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a home-cooked evening menu and hearty breakfast, and the lounge bar offers an area in which to relax. A lift serves most rooms and entertainment is provided on some evenings.

TOUR PRICE  
**£219**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and travel north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and arriving at our hotel with time to freshen up before evening dinner.

**TUESDAY** Join us today we travel inland to the historic city of York. You may like to visit the Minster, the National Railway Museum, The Chocolate Story, JORVIK Viking Centre or simply stroll along the quaint side streets, full of surprises, and Little Shambles is an absolute delight. Why not hop on the sightseeing tour bus for an audio guided tour of the city, its heritage and attractions. There are also many shops to browse, and numerous cafes to enjoy coffee, lunch and tea.

**WEDNESDAY** The whole day is free for you to explore the seaside resort of Scarborough, one of Yorkshire's much-loved coastal destinations, with its dramatic cliffs and castle headland. You may like to take the Cliff Lift, one of the UK's first funicular railways down to Scarborough's lower level to explore the beach side resort and harbour area, or maybe enjoy the South Cliff gardens with spectacular views across the sea. Lunch is included today at the hotel.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we travel across the North Yorkshire Moor, scenic at any time of year, to the picturesque fishing port of Whitby. Whilst here, you may like to visit the ruins of the 13th Century Abbey, where the views from the top are stunning. There are also some lovely shops and cafes in which to have lunch and sample some world-famous fish & chips and enjoy the views from the harbour.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin the homeward journey south, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and reaching the West Country early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Lunch on Wednesday in the hotel
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00  
Town view room supplement £20.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th February



Warner Leisure Hotels  
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## ALVASTON HALL, CHESHIRE WARNER BREAK

On a Warner holiday, you will understand what it means to be spoilt for choice; excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening.

**YOUR HOTEL** Alveston Hall Hotel, Nantwich, Cheshire

A beautiful 3\* half-timbered Victorian country hotel having recently undergone major refurbishment. All rooms are en-suite, with TV, hairdryer, lounge chairs and tea & coffee-making facilities. Enjoy dinner in the splendid Cabaret Restaurant, before sitting back to take in the fantastic dancing and live entertainment. Excellent leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, spa pool, sauna, steam room and gym. Sports facilities include, archery, croquet, darts and snooker.

TOUR PRICE  
**£285**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and begin our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and arriving at our hotel with time to freshen up before our first evening dinner followed by excellent entertainment.

**TUESDAY** Time to familiarise yourself with your new surroundings and enjoy some of the many facilities available in the hotel. Late morning, we travel to Shrewsbury, one of England's finest medieval towns, located on the banks of the River Severn with over 600 listed buildings. The medieval narrow streets are filled with independent shops and cafes. Dinner will once again be followed by entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** A full day excursion to the historic city of Chester, the most complete walled city in Britain. "The Rows" is Chester's most photographed area with its black and white timber framed buildings and majestic cathedral. You may like to take a sightseeing bus tour to learn of its fascinating past, or for the more adventurous, walk the 2 mile trail along the Roman Walls. There is a thriving shopping centre and museums including the Roman amphitheatre and garden, and the delightful River Dee to take a stroll along. We return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner and another evening of top-class entertainment.

**THURSDAY** This morning we make the short journey into the attractive market town of Nantwich with its museum in the centre of the town telling the story of Nantwich through the ages including Roman salt making, Tudor Nantwich's Great Fire, and the more recent shoe and clothing industries. With plenty of shops to browse and cafes to enjoy lunch we return to our hotel to continue to enjoy the facilities before dinner and our final evening of entertainment.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and begin our journey south, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and arriving back in the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (max 4)  
Signature room upgrade £20.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th February



**ALL INCLUSIVE 5 DAY  
BRITISH MYSTERY  
ENTERTAINMENT BREAK**

If you like a pleasant surprise and a little bit of a mystery, why not join us for one of our popular mystery tours somewhere in Britain, including live entertainment each evening... BUT nowhere we have been in the last few years!

**YOUR HOTEL** *Mystery Hotel, Mystery Location*

A friendly hotel offering a warm welcome. Each of the en-suite bedrooms are equipped with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors, live entertainment is provided each evening with an enhanced cabaret act on one night.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£249**  
5 DAYS

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** We leave our home area... and that's all we're telling you! We will stop for coffee and on to somewhere else with time to explore and have lunch. We then complete our journey to our hotel for 4 nights with time to settle in, freshen up before dinner and our first evening's entertainment.

**TUESDAY – THURSDAY** Each day we take a leisurely drive (or maybe spend time in our mystery location) visiting different places of interest with stops for shopping, sightseeing, coffee and lunch, that's all we're telling you but this will be an easy-going and unhurried holiday.

**FRIDAY** After a hearty breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin the homeward journey, stopping for lunch on route, and reaching the West Country early evening.



**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Lunch on three days (either at hotel or packed lunch)
- Live entertainment each evening
- Inclusive bar (11am – 11pm) on selected drinks
- Afternoon cream tea on one day in a mystery location
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th February



**EASTBOURNE &  
THE SUSSEX COAST**

The elegant seaside resort of Eastbourne is a popular destination throughout the year. Sheltered by the South Downs it offers a mild climate, which makes it a perfect holiday destination at this time of year.

**YOUR HOTEL** *The Queens Hotel, Eastbourne*

A magnificent Victorian 3\* hotel overlooking the pier. All en-suite bedrooms have TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors, the restaurant offers a choice menu and the lounge is a cosy area to relax in.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£229**  
5 DAYS

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country, stopping for coffee and lunch and on to our hotel with time to freshen up before evening dinner.

**TUESDAY** This morning as we make our way to the elegant town of Tunbridge Wells with its famous colonnaded walkway known as "The Pantiles". The discovery of its natural spring waters made "Royal" Tunbridge Wells the favoured resort of the nobility and royal family, including Queen Victoria. Take a heritage trail walk around the town and pass many historic buildings, churches and public gardens. With time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch, we continue to the delightful village of Alfriston situated along the tranquil Cuckmere River.

**WEDNESDAY** The whole day is free to spend as you please in Eastbourne. This elegant seaside resort along England's glorious coastline has a long, easily accessible promenade which leads to the grand pier and a long stretch of golden sandy beach. The town centre offers an array of shops and cafes with boutiques and gift shops together with the usual high street shops. For those looking to walk a little further, Sovereign harbour has a vibrant cosmopolitan feel, as you can watch yachts gliding past whilst enjoying a coffee in a café. Lunch will be served at the hotel today.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel to the vibrant hilltop market town of Rye with its cobbled streets and secret passageways where smugglers and highwaymen once haunted. After lunch we continue to the town of Battle, steeped in history since Norman times. The town grew up around the William The Conqueror's Abbey and takes its name from the famous "battle" between William the Conqueror and King Harold. St Mary's Church in Battle exhibits its own tapestry showing the development of the town following the famous Battle of Hastings.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel, and with comfort stops make our homeward journey, reaching the West Country early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Lunch on 1 day at the hotel
- Entertainment on some evenings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £30.00  
Sea view supplement £20.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

Friday 26th February – Monday 1st March



**A WEEKEND IN OXFORD  
& WARWICKSHIRE**

Oxfordshire and Warwickshire offer some of England's most quintessential towns and villages, boasting wonderful architecture, historical attractions and superb shopping opportunities.

**YOUR HOTEL** *Royal Court Hotel, Coventry*

A 3\* Grade II listed country house hotel, set in 11 acres of gardens and parkland. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant, situated in the original Baronial Hall of the manor house, offers a choice menu, and the Balmoral Bar provides a cosy area to relax.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£159**  
4 DAYS

**ITINERARY**

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country, and travel to the riverside town of Tewkesbury for lunch.. The Abbey lies at the heart of the town centre, with its striking medieval architecture and Norman tower. In the town you will find, independent boutiques, gift shops & antique shops and a delightful riverside walk to Avon Locks. We continue our journey, arriving at our hotel with time to settle in before dinner.

**SATURDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we visit the enchanting town of Stratford-Upon-Avon. Whilst here you may like to visit some of the buildings and attractions associated with the town's most famous historic resident, William Shakespeare. The shopping district has a wide range of independent and high street shops set within Ye Olde England buildings, and the banks of the River Avon offer a relaxing walk away from the hustle and bustle of town life. Why not hop on a sightseeing bus for a guided tour of the town and learn about its landmarks. We return to our hotel with a stop for afternoon tea in the quaint town of Warwick, known for its medieval castle, historic streets and black & white timber buildings.

**SUNDAY** A full day excursion to the iconic city of Oxford, famous for its 38 University colleges and architecture which lead to its affectionate nickname of the "City of Dreaming Spires". The city has a thriving shopping district, a multitude of museums including the famous Bodleian Library and Ashmolean Museum, and Carfax Tower offering spectacular views across the city, and the much photographed Bridge of Sighs (Hertford Bridge). The best way to see a city is by a sightseeing bus tour, or why not go off the beaten track and follow its alleyways to hidden places in the city.

**MONDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel and begin our journey home. We make a stop in the delightful Cotswold village of Bourton-On-The-Water, with time to browse the numerous gift shops and enjoy a warming lunch. We continue our homeward journey, arriving back in the West Country early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No supplement for 1st 3 singles  
Subsequent single supplement £45.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

Saturday 27th – Sunday 28th February



**A WEEKEND IN BATH  
& SALISBURY**

Bath is overflowing with history from almost every period in time. Known for its Roman spa baths with hot thermal springs and beautiful Georgian architecture, there is so much to see and experience in this exquisite city. Salisbury is affectionately known as the "city in the countryside" with its quintessential English appearance and stunning cathedral.

**YOUR HOTEL** *Holiday Inn, Swindon*

A modern 3\* hotel on the outskirts of Swindon. All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift at the hotel, but ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and hearty breakfast, and leisure facilities include a swimming pool and sauna.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£95**  
2 DAYS

**ITINERARY**

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area and make our way to Salisbury. Saturdays are host to the historic charter market, and the shopping centre is home to the usual high street shops plus many independent gift shops. The medieval heart of the city retains many of its original street names, and historic buildings and numerous cosy cafes. The majestic cathedral is a delight to visit, where you can view the original 800 year old Magna Carta manuscripts. We re-join the coach and travel to our hotel, arriving in time to freshen up before dinner.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and make our way to Bath. A beautiful city with stunning Georgian architecture, you may like to take a sightseeing tour bus ride around the city and its outskirts, with audio commentary to learn about its history and attractions. The Roman Baths offer an interesting visit to see how former residents enjoyed the thermal waters many centuries ago. Take a look at the view from Bath Abbey's tower, or visit the Jane Austen museum to learn about the much loved characters in her novels and about Georgian society in Bath. You may like to enjoy a tasty treat in Sally Lunn's bakery (the oldest house in Bath). There is also wonderful shopping centre, and a tranquil river to wander along. We later travel back to the West Country arriving early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £20.00  
Travel insurance £17.00  
Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire

Sunday 28th Feb – Monday 1st March



## “SUNDAY NIGHT ON THE PROM” – BOURNEMOUTH

Join us for a unique night of entertainment inspired by the BBC Last Night at The Proms, combining the best of British pop music from the 1960's, 1970's & 1980's with some of the most iconic film and theatre scores through to favourite classics such as Nessa Dorma & 1812 Overture, all culminating in a grand evening of entertainment resonating the world-famous Proms style with a patriotic flag waving finale!

### YOUR HOTEL The Cumberland Hotel, Bournemouth

A delightful 3\* hotel located along the east cliff with stunning views across the bay. Each of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms is furnished with TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious menu and hearty breakfast. There is a lounge bar to relax in and leisure facilities include an indoor pool & spa.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave our home area and journey east, stopping in Dorchester for lunch and a chance to browse the shops. We then continue to our hotel in Bournemouth, with plenty of time to settle in before dinner and our grand evening of entertainment hosted by The Mike James Orchestra and Singers in the style of Last Night at the Proms. With a variety of music and songs from pop, film and classical favourites, this is guaranteed to get your toes tapping, hands clapping and a wide smile on your face for a fun filled night!

**MONDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, you have the day to enjoy and explore Bournemouth, a popular Victorian seaside resort with its long sandy beaches, flat promenades and tranquil parkland space all nestled along its vast coastline. The town centre is a vibrant place with cafes and restaurants and many shops to browse. After lunch we re-join our coach and complete our homeward journey, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- “Sunday Night on the Prom” entertainment show
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement for 1st 2 singles  
Subsequent singles £20.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

TOUR PRICE

£99

2 DAYS

Monday 1st – Friday 5th March



## ISLE OF WIGHT

The Isle of Wight – only 23 miles long by 13 miles wide – is quite a world of its own, managing to crowd into its small surface area an entire realm of unspoilt English landscapes in miniature.

### YOUR HOTEL Queensmead Hotel, Shanklin

We are delighted to return to this very popular hotel, located with easy walking distance of the high street, and picturesque Old Village. All rooms are ensuite, with TV and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift at the hotel, and a limited number of ground floor rooms. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared home cooked menu, and entertainment is provided on some evenings.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and with a coffee stop en route make our way to Southampton for the one-hour ferry crossing to East Cowes, before continuing to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in and perhaps enjoy a stroll before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Ryde, the island's largest town with time to explore the shops and enjoy a warming lunch. We later make the short journey to the centre of the island, to Newport, with its two elegant public squares and Georgian and Victorian architecture. Why not enjoy a leisurely afternoon tea in one of the many cafes, before we return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** The morning is free to explore Shanklin at leisure, with its Old Village picturesque thatched buildings, gift shops and cafes, and Shanklin Chine, an ancient deep gorge carved out by a stream. Join us this afternoon for an excursion to the picturesque village of Godshell – the most-photographed village in Britain, to admire the thatched cottages and 15th-century church, and browse the many gift shops. There are also some lovely cafes in which to a sumptuous cream tea (or a very large cream cake!).

**THURSDAY** Today we take a wonderful circular tour of the island, travelling through Ventnor and along the picturesque west coast to Alum Bay to see the best views of the Needles. We continue on to Yarmouth for lunch and later to Cowes, the famous yachting harbour, with time to browse the shops, watch the many boats as they come in and out and enjoy afternoon tea.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast and travel across the island to Cowes for the return ferry crossing to Southampton. We then continue our homeward journey, stopping in Salisbury for lunch, and reaching our home area early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£265

5 DAYS

Monday 1st – Friday 5th March



## ENTERTAINMENT BREAK ON THE LANCASHIRE COAST

Lancashire and its surrounding areas are full of friendly market towns, magnificent scenery and dramatic coastlines. Why not escape those winter blues and enjoy a winter warmer on this great value entertainment break with a traditional Lancashire twist.

### YOUR HOTEL Lindum Hotel, Lytham St Annes

A friendly family run 3\* hotel overlooking the Fylde coast. All en-suite bedrooms are comfortably furnished with TV, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. There is lift access to most rooms. The restaurant boasts a delicious traditional evening menu and a hearty breakfast.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way north, with comfort and lunch stops on route. We arrive at our hotel to a welcome drink and time to freshen up before dinner this evening followed by in-house entertainment.

**TUESDAY** This morning we make our way north to the Lancashire seaside resort of Morecombe. Stroll along the award-winning promenade and see the larger than life Eric Morecombe statue and long stone jetty, enjoy a fish and chip lunch or browse the shops or market stalls inside Festival Market. After lunch we visit Heysham Power Station for a fascinating guided tour around parts of the Nuclear Power Plant including the Reactor Viewing Gallery Turbine Hall and Control Room viewing gallery to learn about the history and operation of this vital electricity provider.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we make our way across Lancashire's Ribbles Valley to the market town of Clitheroe. Dating back to Saxon times, it's Norman Castle is said to be the smallest Norman fortress in England. You may like to visit the castle museum to learn about the history of the town, or explore the compact town centre with its interesting shops and cosy cafes. We continue to Samlesbury Hall, an exquisite black and white timber framed medieval mansion to explore its fine interiors and onsite Bee Centre to discover the working life of bees and the countryside they help to shape. Tonight, we enjoy another traditional Lancashire themed dinner, followed by live entertainment.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Southport, a traditional seaside resort with its bustling town centre, tranquil parklands, beach and pier. After a warming lunch in one of the numerous cafes or restaurants, we return to Lytham St Annes with time to relax before a final evening of entertainment.

**FRIDAY** We sadly begin our journey home, stopping for comfort and lunch stops on route, and completing our journey back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Live entertainment on 3 evenings
- In-house entertainment on 1 evening
- Guided tour of Heysham Power Station
- Entrance to Samlesbury Hall
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No supplement for 1st 5 singles  
Subsequent single supplement £40.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£235

5 DAYS

Monday 1st – Friday 5th March



## NORTH WALES & SPECTACULAR SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK

North Wales has a mix of dramatic coastal landscapes and a magnificent rugged mountain range. With a range of pretty villages, coastal towns and spectacular scenery, North Wales is a beautiful region to visit any time of year.

### YOUR HOTEL The Lion Hotel, Criccieth

This lovely 3\* family-run hotel commands excellent views of Cardigan Bay. All rooms are en-suite and furnished with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to most rooms. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked menu, and there is a spacious bar and lounge area in which to relax in the evenings.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and journey north to our hotel, making comfort stops en route, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** This morning we make our way across Snowdonia National Park, as the dramatic and rugged landscape unfolds before our eyes. Winding roads alongside streams and brooks, open up as we travel through towering mountain passes and ancient rock formations creating breathtaking scenery along our journey to Bety's-Y-Coed a picturesque village on the north east side of the National Park, situated along the River Conwy with delightful shops and cafes in which to enjoy a cosy lunch.. We later return to Criccieth with time to explore the Victorian seaside town with its headland fortress and stunning views across Cardigan Bay.

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today as we travel a little way north to the seaside resort of Llandudno, known locally as the “Queen of Welsh Resorts”, with its long pier, shops and numerous cafes to enjoy a warming winter lunch. We continue to the nearby resort of Conwy, with its castle and quayside, and what is claimed to be the smallest house in Great Britain!

**THURSDAY** After breakfast, we make a visit to the harbour town of Caernarvon, and home to its famous castle, now a world UNESCO heritage site, and historic home to Edward I and his military fortress. The town's narrow streets and stylish redeveloped waterfront offer an array of cafes to enjoy an early lunch. We continue over the Menai Bridge to the Isle of Anglesey, with a visit to the James Pringle Weavers at Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogeryc-hwyrndrobwillantysiliogogogoch and an opportunity to pick up a winter warmer bargain or two!

**FRIDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey, with a coffee and lunch stop on route. We complete our journey back to the West Country arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment on some evenings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 3)  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£265

5 DAYS

Friday 5th – Monday 8th March



## NORMANDY & THE ALABASTER COAST

We are delighted to bring you this great value springtime tour to Normandy. One of France's most popular regions, Normandy is full of beautiful beaches, historic fishing ports, a spectacular coastline, architectural treasures, and some of the best produce in the whole of France, from cider and calvados to camembert cheese and the delicious caramelised Tarte-Tatin.

### YOUR HOTEL Hotel Ibis Rouen Centre Rive Droite

A 3\* hotel, centrally located in the heart of Rouen, just a 10 minute stroll from the historic centre. Each en-suite room is comfortably furnished with TV, telephone, hairdryer and Wi-Fi access. There is a lift to all floors. The bar and outside terrace offers a relaxing area to relax.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** After an early departure we leave the West Country and journey east to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue through France to our hotel in the historic city of Rouen, with the evening free to spend as you please and choose a restaurant of your choice for evening dinner.

**SATURDAY** The day is free to explore Rouen, a beautiful historic city stretching beside the River Seine. Normandy's capital city has so much to offer, with over 50 religious buildings including the stunning Notre Dame cathedral, set amongst winding medieval alleyways, picturesque half-timbered houses and decorative clock tower. Victor Hugo famously described Rouen as a "city of a hundred spires" and you can see why in the Historic Quarters. Re-trace the steps of martyred Joan of Arc and discover the place where Richard The Lionheart was crowned Duke of Normandy.

**SUNDAY** Join us today as we make our way to the historical coastal town of Fecamp to visit the spectacular Palais Benedictine for an informative guided tour of the magnificent building which houses the production of the liqueur "Benedictine", the history of the discovery of the aperitif with a tasting session to end. We continue to the quaint seaside village of Etretat, with its brilliant white cliffs along the Alabaster Coast, maze of narrow streets with gift shops, market stalls and cosy French cafes. We return to Rouen with a final evening free to choose a restaurant of your choice for dinner.

**MONDAY** After a hearty breakfast, we make our way back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then complete our homeward journey, reaching the West Country mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Palais Benedictine, Guided Tour & Tasting
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£225

4 DAYS

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th March



## A WEEKEND IN PORTSMOUTH & WINCHESTER

Once a vital naval port, today Portsmouth is a much quieter city, but nonetheless a very fascinating location for those interested in English naval history. It now also offers many other attractions, including the Spinnaker Tower. Winchester, once the capital of Wessex, is packed with historic buildings, a cathedral, museums, family attractions and tranquil green spaces.

### YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Eastleigh

A modern 3\* hotel in the heart of Hampshire. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee-making facilities. The restaurant serves traditional British cuisine, a range of European wines and a generous buffet breakfast, and the hotel's leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool and a well-equipped gym.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave the West Country, making our way to Wilton Village for coffee. We then continue to Portsmouth's celebrated dockyard, home to HMS Victory and the Mary Rose. You may like to visit the Royal Naval and D-Day Museums, the Blue Reef Aquarium, Gunwharf Quay – a modern waterfront shopping centre, or the Spinnaker Tower, which rises 170 metres and offers wonderful views across the Isle Of Wight. We later make the short journey to our hotel, with plenty of time to relax before dinner this evening.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and make our way to the tranquil market town of Winchester – one of the mightiest Roman settlements in England, and the capital of the Wessex Kingdom under Alfred The Great. There are many interesting sights, including the cathedral and the Great Hall, which is home to King Arthur's round table. With time to enjoy a warming lunch and browse the shops, we continue our homeward journey, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & English Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £20.00  
Travel insurance £17.00  
Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire

TOUR PRICE

£95

2 DAYS

Saturday 6th – Saturday 13th March



## ITALY – LAKE GARDA IN THE SPRING

Join us for an unforgettable tour on the tranquil shores of Lake Garda, Italy's largest and most stunning lake. With a breath-taking backdrop of the mighty snow-capped peaks of the Dolomite Mountains, this lakeside setting with elegant resorts, romantic Verona and a warm welcome, this makes for a very beautiful place to spend a springtime break.

### YOUR HOTEL Grand Liberty Hotel, Riva Del Garda

A charming 4\* hotel opens its doors to a world of warm refinement and elegance, located a short walk from Lake Garda itself. All rooms are en-suite and furnished with TV, safe, Wi-Fi, mini bar and hairdryer. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious selection evening menu and a generous buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include a wellness suite & spa.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** Set your alarm for an early departure, as we make our way to Dover, with a comfort stop en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue to our overnight accommodation in Saint Avold, making a stop en route for dinner.

**SUNDAY** After breakfast, we continue our journey south, making comfort and lunch stops on route. We arrive in Riva Del Garda with time to settle in before dinner this evening, dining in the stylish restaurant with views across to the garden.

**MONDAY** The whole day is free to explore your surroundings in Riva Del Garda. Perhaps take a stroll along the lake to the nearby town of Torbole, relax in one of the town's numerous cafes or enjoy a boat trip across the lake to the quaint hamlet of Limone where ancient lemon groves once grew. Or you may like to relax in the hotel's garden haven or make use of the wellness suite and spa.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to the romantic city of Verona, one of Italy's oldest cities and fictitious home of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet. Explore the fascinating sights of the Roman Arena, historic Piazza Dell'Erbe. Castelvecchio Bridge, Piazza Bra filled with restaurants and cafes leading to narrow streets &



TOUR PRICE

£585

8 DAYS



shops on Via Mazzini and don't forget to see the famous Juliet's balcony!

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today as we make a journey up into the lower foothills of the mountains set behind Lake Garda, travelling through some lovely villages with panoramic views across the lake below. We make a stop at the foot of the stone village, Canale de Tenno, one of the most beautiful medieval villages in Italy, where a winding path takes you into the centre of the hamlet that time forgot! We continue through the foothills making a stop for lunch before returning to our hotel.

**THURSDAY** Today we travel down along Lake Garda, first stopping at the delightful villages of Malcesine with its lakeside castle and lovely gift shops. We continue to the foot of the lake to the charming resort of Sirmione, a historic spa town dating from Roman times which peninsula juts into the lake, with a magnificent castle drawbridge over the moat to enter the centre. Here you will many narrow streets leading to gift shops, restaurants and interesting chapels.

**FRIDAY** Sadly, it's time to say a fond farewell to Lake Garda, as we begin our journey home, again with regular comfort stops, to our overnight accommodation in Saint Avold, arriving in time for dinner.

**SATURDAY** We resume our homeward journey to Calais, for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We continue to the West Country, arriving mid/late-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Nights Bed & Breakfast (1st night)
- 6 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Gala Evening with live musical entertainment
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £222  
Travel insurance £45.00

Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th March



## COLOURFUL CAMELLIAS & TROPICAL ORCHIDS

Escape the grey winter months and join us for a stunning show of colour as we visit Chiswick House and Kew Gardens where we will be treated to a glorious show of camellias and tropical orchids to banish the glooming winter and step into spring!

### YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn London, London

A modern 4\* hotel. All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious hot buffet evening dinner and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£139**  
2 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee on route. Chiswick House is one of the most glorious examples of 18th century Georgian architecture and its gardens were the birthplace of the English landscape movement. The State Rooms are a pure delight, as you admire the opulence and style of each intricately decorated regal dwelling. Early spring, the Grade I listed conservatory is opened to the public to display one of the world's oldest collections of rare camellias grown under glass in the Western world. Brought by ship from China in the 18th century, exotic camellia plants were a sheer luxury. The Duke of Devonshire built a 300 foot glass house, one of the largest of its time, to house and protect his precious collection. Enjoy the riot of colour in the annual showcase. The collection includes over 30 varieties, many including the earliest introduced into Britain, together with some of the rarest camellias in the world. Explore the exquisite outdoor gardens, and enjoy a warming lunch in the café, before we make our way to our hotel, with time to settle in and freshen up before dinner.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely buffet English breakfast, we make the short journey to the Royal Botanic Gardens of Kew, London's largest UNESCO World Heritage Site, for the annual tropical orchid festival, now in its 26th year. Forget the winter blues and rejoice in the vibrancy and uplifting colours of these tropical plants. Botanists have been discovering and naming orchids for over 250 years, and Kew Gardens is a world-leader on the study of these delicate plants. There is so much more to explore at Kew, as you stroll through the grounds, including water features, woodland areas and a giant palm house. With over 8.5 million items, Kew houses the largest and most diverse collections in the world, with a fascinating library, archives and the largest seed bank collection in the world. There are several cafes and restaurants to enjoy lunch and gift shops to browse. We leave London mid-afternoon and return to the West Country, again with a comfort stop on route, arriving mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Chiswick House & Gardens, including Camellia Conservatory
- Entrance to Kew Royal Botanic Gardens including Orchid Festival
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £27.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

Monday 8th – Friday 12th March



## SPRINGTIME IN TENBY

A coastal resort in attractive Pembrokeshire, Tenby is situated on a narrow promontory jutting out into Camarthan Bay. Once a prosperous port, Georgian houses overlook the picturesque harbour with its generous sandy beaches.

### YOUR HOTEL Clarence House Hotel, Tenby

Owned by the same family for over sixty years this lovely hotel enjoys an excellent position in the centre of the esplanade. All rooms are ensuite, with TV and tea & coffee facilities. Some rooms have spectacular sea views. There is a lift to all floors, and the restaurant serves highly-recommended cuisine with a choice menu. Entertainment is provided each evening.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£275**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and make our way into Wales to Abergavenny for lunch and time to browse this typically Welsh town. We complete our journey to Tenby, arriving at our hotel with ample time to settle in before dinner and an evening of entertainment.

**TUESDAY** The whole day is free for you to spend as you please in Tenby. You may like to visit the castle, one of the museums, or an art gallery near the attractive harbour. There are also some lovely shops to browse and cafés in which to sample the local cuisine and enjoy coffee, lunch and tea. As our hotel is located in Tenby, you can spend as much or as little time exploring as you wish.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we travel to Carmarthen for market day; a neat little county town, full of pretty shops, surrounded by the River Towy. Whilst here you will have time to hunt for a bargain, browse the shops and sample the local cuisine. After lunch, we make our way to Laugharne, a quiet town on the Taf Estuary where the Welsh poet Dylan Thomas lived and is buried. His boathouse and writing shed, where he wrote Under Milk Wood, are well worth a visit. There are also imposing castle ruins and a teashop nearby.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way north, travelling through the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty, to Cardigan for lunch. We return via the world-famous Cenarth Falls where the salmon leap, and Saundersfoot, a very pretty harbour village, with time to browse the gift shops and enjoy tea.

**FRIDAY** Sadly we today leave our hotel after breakfast and make our way to the Welsh capital, Cardiff. Whilst here, you may like to visit the castle and discover 2,000 years of history in the heart of the city. There are also an abundance of shops to browse and restaurants in which to enjoy a leisurely lunch, before we complete our homeward journey into England, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Happy Hour on selected drinks each evening
- Entertainment on most evenings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 6)  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 8th – Friday 12th March



**GREAT VALUE BREAK**

## KENT COAST & BRUGES

Kent's coast is famous for its spectacular white cliffs, golden beaches, famous seaside resorts and historic towns. Bruges is a wonderfully picturesque town in Belgium with cobbled streets, delightful buildings and majestic squares.

### YOUR HOTEL Grand Burstin Hotel, Folkestone

Overlooking Folkestone harbour stands one of the UK's great entertainment hotels. All rooms are ensuite, with TV and tea & coffee making facilities. The hotel's Leisure Club has a pool, and solarium and is available at a nominal charge. Each evening you'll be entertained as the hotel's resident team put on the glitz and glamour of a cabaret spectacular.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£199**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and travel east, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, and arriving at our hotel with time to freshen up before evening dinner.

**TUESDAY** This morning we make our way to the pretty town of Rochester, childhood home of Charles Dickens' who often referred to it in his Victorian novels. It is home to many of the buildings mentioned in his novels including Restoration House, home of Miss Havisham in Great Expectations. The cathedral founded in 604AD makes it England's second oldest and the Castle, built on the highest point of the Roman city walls, offers splendid views from the top of one of England's tallest keeps. With time for lunch, we return via a scenic coach tour of Kent's coast.

**WEDNESDAY** After an early breakfast, join us if you wish, and have a passport as we make our way to the delightful town of Bruges, via Eurotunnel. Affectionately known as the "Venice of the North" its winding canals and picture postcard bridges create a beautiful setting for this historic city with its World UNESCO heritage with beautiful architecture, magnificent churches and lovely public squares. There are many museums to visit, shops selling lace and famous Belgian chocolate, boat trips along the canal or horse & carriage rides through the city.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the city of Canterbury, with its cathedral and seat of the Archbishop. The Canterbury Tales centre takes you back 500 years to the time of great pilgrimage and see the characters out of Chaucer's famous novels, on their journey from London to Thomas A Beckett's shrine in the cathedral. After lunch we continue to Samphire Hoe, a nature reserve created from the earth moved by the Eurotunnel project, and then on to the Battle of Britain Memorial, a site of recognition to the heroes of World War II battle of the skies.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin the homeward journey, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and reaching the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Day trip to Bruges via Eurotunnel
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement for 1st 3 singles  
Subsequent single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 8th – Friday 12th March



**GREAT VALUE BREAK**

## CORNWALL'S ATLANTIC NORTHERN COAST

Stretching 40 miles from Bude to Perranporth, the North Cornwall coastline runs along a wildly beautiful landscape, taking in pretty fishing villages, harbours and rugged cliffs. Newquay is situated halfway along with 11 magnificent beaches - it is the Cornish Riviera's premier resort.

### YOUR HOTEL Eliot Hotel, Newquay

A 3\* hotel, ideally located close to Great Western and Tolcarne beaches, and within easy walking distance of the harbour and shops. All rooms are en-suite and comfortably furnished with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to most floors, a spacious lounge bar and Wi-Fi access in public areas.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£245**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and with a comfort stop on route, make our way across Dartmoor to the ancient Stannary town of Tavistock with time to enjoy a warming lunch and perhaps visit the indoor market. We later complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to take a stroll along the beach before dinner.

**TUESDAY** Join us today as we travel along the northern Cornish coast to the quaint village of Tintagel, home to King Arthur's legendary Tintagel Castle, the slate coastal path and famous chocolate box 14th century farmhouse – now the Old Post Office with its wavy roof. We continue to Port Isaac, where there is a short walk to the vibrant fishing village with traditional white-washed cottages crowded near the harbour. Many of us know it as the fictional "Portwenn" in the TV series Doc Martin!

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we travel to Truro, Cornwall's capital city. Whilst here you will have plenty of time to browse the many shops, visit the Farmer's Market, offering fresh, quality produce, direct from local producers to the public, and enjoy lunch. You may also like to visit the impressive triple-spired cathedral. We return to Newquay for the afternoon free to take a stroll through town or along the beach.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast we travel south to the old working tin mine at Geevor, the largest preserved mining site in Britain. We enjoy a fascinating guided tour of the underground mine as we walk along the tunnels that were created in the 18th century by Cornish Miners (mostly flat gravel tunnels, no ladders to climb). With time to also explore the museum and Mill where the rock was crushed to extract the precious tin and perhaps an early lunch in the café, we continue along the coast to the charming fishing town of St Ives, with sandy beach and art galleries and gift shops.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and travel to the picturesque fishing village of Padstow, with its vibrant harbour and bustling town with gift shops, cafes & the National Lobster Hatchery. With time for an early lunch, we continue to Endsleigh Garden Centre, with time to browse the large gift shop and plant centre and enjoy afternoon tea as you wish, before we later complete our homeward journey arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guided tour of Underground Mine at Geevor Tin Mine
- Entrance to Geevor Tin Mine Heritage Site
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £40.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Friday 12th – Monday 15th March



NEW

## SPRINGTIME IN THE WYE VALLEY

This peaceful corner of England, bordering Wales, offers a gentle, relaxing holiday, where villages and towns have retained their quaint old charm and tranquillity.

**YOUR HOTEL** Bells Hotel, Coleford

A delightful 3\* hotel nestled in the heart of the Forest Of Dean, with views across the golf course. All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared menu with traditional dishes and entertainment is provided on some evenings.

TOUR PRICE

£209

4 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country, and make our way over the Severn Bridge to the delightful Welsh town of Chepstow. This medieval settlement boasts an impressive Norman Castle situated on the cliffs above the River Wye. Inside the town you can find the town gate way and wall and priory church of St Mary together with a host of cafés to enjoy a cosy lunch. Today is market day and there are a variety of independent shops lining the high street amid handsome Georgian and Victorian buildings. We complete our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

**SATURDAY** Join us this morning as we explore the Wye Valley area and beyond. We begin by a visit to the nearby market town of Ross-On-Wye with its 16th century Market House which houses local art and craft stalls. Follow the "Vintage Shopping Trail" to discover a variety of bric-a-brac and antique shops and enjoy morning coffee in one of the cosy cafes. We continue north through the neighbouring Malvern Hills to the charming Victorian town of Great Malvern, with its hillside setting and impressive priory church. Take a stroll through the gardens, explore the centre and enjoy a cosy lunch in one of the cafes.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way across the Wye Valley and to the compact city of Hereford. With time to explore the traffic-free centre with shops and restaurants, enjoy a leisurely Sunday lunch in one of the restaurants or local pubs or perhaps discover the charming interior of Hereford Cathedral, home to the historic Mappa Mundi, the largest medieval map of the world. We return to our hotel a different route, with an afternoon tea stop in the black and white village of Ledbury.

**MONDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel and begin our journey home, stopping for lunch in Abergavenny, before completing our journey home to the West Country, arriving early/mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

Friday 12th – Monday 15th March



## SPRING INTO SHROPSHIRE

With winter coming to an end and the beginning of springtime bulbs, why not join our tour to the beautiful county of Shropshire. Perhaps one of England's most peaceful counties, there is so much to see from historic market towns, unspoilt countryside and charming olde-world black and white timber buildings.

**YOUR HOTEL** Buckatree Hall Hotel, Telford

A delightful 3\* hotel nestled in the beautiful Shropshire countryside. Each comfortable en-suite bedroom is fully equipped with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a deliciously tempting menu and the lounge bar offers a quiet place to relax and retreat.

TOUR PRICE

£219

4 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop en route, make our way Worcester. This beautiful cathedral city has a wealth of history, independent shops and quaint half-timbered buildings. With many cafes and restaurants offering a warming lunch, you may also like to spend time exploring the cathedral or visit the Worcester Porcelain Museum. We re-join the coach and continue to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in and relax before dinner this evening.

**SATURDAY** This morning we make our way just over the Welsh border, to the market town of Welshpool for coffee and time to browse the shops. We continue to Shrewsbury, county town of Shropshire, and one of England's finest medieval towns, with time to enjoy lunch, stroll along the tranquil banks of the River Severn, or explore the town with its picturesque half-timbered buildings, castle, or the peaceful Quarry Park gardens.

**SUNDAY** This morning we enjoy a heritage train journey on the Severn Valley Railway through the beautiful Shropshire countryside. This afternoon we explore the delightful town of Bridgnorth, divided into the higher & lower town, linked by a Victorian funicular cliff railway. There are a variety of restaurants and cafes to enjoy lunch, independent shops to browse or perhaps take a stroll along the River Severn.

**MONDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast and make our way to the delightful market town of Tewkesbury, before completing our homeward journey to the West Country, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Train ticket for Severn Valley Railway
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £45.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th March



## MYSTERY WEEKEND

If you like a pleasant surprise, a lot of fun and a little bit of mystery, why not join us on one of our popular mystery weekends?

**YOUR HOTEL** Mystery Hotel, ????????

A modern 3\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. Ground floor rooms are available. restaurant offers a freshly prepared menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool.

TOUR PRICE

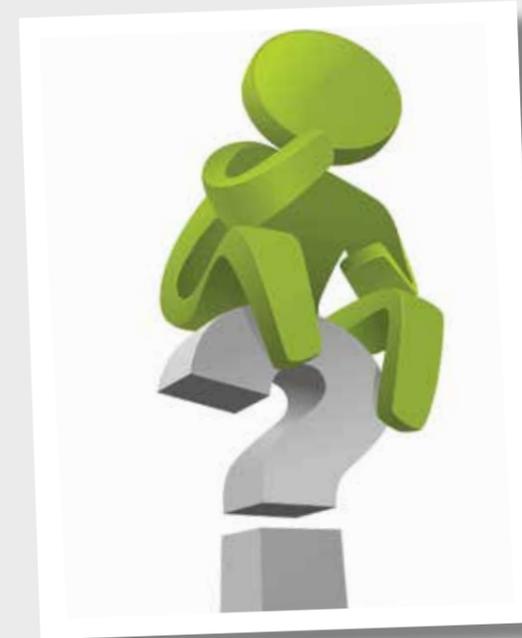
£99

2 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area... and that's all we're telling you! But... this will be an easy-going and unhurried short break, with a stop for coffee and lunch and time to browse wherever we may be. We complete our journey to our overnight hotel where on arrival you will have time to settle in, freshen up and maybe take a swim in the hotel pool before a delicious 3 course dinner and an evening to relax and contemplate where we might visit tomorrow!

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we say goodbye to our mystery location, and make our way somewhere interesting for lunch and time to explore. We continue our homeward journey, arriving early evening.



### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £33.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire

Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th March



## LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON & WINDSOR

A weekend away with a choice... On Saturday to see a top London West End Show OR explore the Capital and on Sunday enjoy Royal Windsor. Take your pick from one of these 12 top West End shows... Matilda, Only Fools & Horses the Musical, Phantom Of The Opera, Les Miserables, Mamma Mia, Tina Turner the Musical, Lion King, & Juliet, Come From Away, Everybody's Talking About Jamie, Pretty Woman or Mary Poppins. (All show dates correct at time of printing, but subject to change).

**YOUR HOTEL** Crowne Plaza Hotel, London Heathrow

A luxuriously appointed 4\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with satellite TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a generous buffet breakfast and evening dinner, and leisure facilities include a swimming pool, sauna and gym.

TOUR PRICE

THEATRE WEEKEND

£225

LONDON/WINDSOR

£109

2 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee en route. You will either have time for lunch before enjoying the afternoon performance of the show of your choice OR spend the afternoon as you please... Shopping, visiting one of the museums or explore the many attractions London offers. Late afternoon, we all re-join the coach and travel to our hotel, with ample time to freshen up and perhaps take a swim in the hotel's pool before dinner and an evening to spend as you please.

**SUNDAY** We leave our hotel after a leisurely breakfast and make our way to Royal Windsor where you will have plenty of time to explore this regal town with its castle and unique shops. Whilst here you may like to take an open-top sightseeing bus tour of Windsor and nearby Eton or a leisurely cruise on the River Thames with commentary. We leave late afternoon, and make our way back to the West Country, with a comfort stop on route, arriving mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet English Breakfast
- Top priced theatre ticket (if applicable)
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £32.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

Monday 15th – Friday 19th March



## YORKSHIRE WINTER WARMER

Join us for one of our most popular tours... This excellent value out-of-season break to York, a city full of history, which has retained so much of its medieval structure that walking through its centre is like entering a living museum.

**YOUR HOTEL** Queens Hotel, York

We are delighted to return to this 3\* hotel, ideally situated on the banks of the river Ouse in the heart of York, and only a few minutes' walk from the many tourist attractions. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors, and the hotel's restaurant serves delicious traditional food.

TOUR PRICE

£295

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and travel north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and arriving at our hotel with time to freshen up before evening dinner.

**TUESDAY** The whole day is free for you to explore York. You may like to visit the Minster, the National Railway Museum, The Chocolate Story, or the JORVIK Viking Centre and Little Shambles is an absolute delight. There are also many shops to browse, and numerous venues where you may enjoy coffee, lunch and tea. As our hotel is ideally located in the centre of York, you can spend as much or as little time exploring as you wish.

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today as we travel a little further northeast to Scarborough, a bustling seaside resort with two bays, the ruins of a castle, shops and a promenade on which to take a stroll. After an early lunch, we continue our coastal tour to the picturesque fishing port of Whitby. Whilst here, you may like to visit the ruins of the 13th Century Abbey, where the views from the top are stunning. There are also some lovely shops and cafés in which to have lunch and enjoy the lovely harbour views. We later return to York via the North Yorkshire Moors... scenic at any time of year.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey north to Thirsk, a lovely old-fashioned market town, best known as Darrowby in the well-loved TV series, All Creatures Great and Small. As well as browsing the shops, you may like to visit the the World of James Herriot Museum, which offers an unforgettable interactive experience of the life and times of the vet. After lunch we travel to Harrogate, a spa town renowned for its floral beauty and elegant buildings – it's one the UK's most attractive towns. Smart streets and mews are filled with stylish restaurants, bars and cafés, and Betty's Tea Shop is highly recommended! There is also a tempting choice of shops, from boutiques to antiques.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin the homeward journey south, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and reaching the West Country early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £88.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 15th – Friday 19th March



GREAT VALUE BREAK

## A TASTE OF FOUR COUNTIES

Join us as we travel around four of Central England's attractive counties and towns, - Staffordshire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire and England's smallest County of Rutland, full of quintessential English character and historic charm.

**YOUR HOTEL** Bosworth Hall Hotel, Market Bosworth, Warwickshire

A beautiful Grade II listed 3\* hotel. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors, and the restaurant serves a delicious menu. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool.

TOUR PRICE

£225

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country, stopping for coffee on route, and on to the county town of Warwick for lunch. An enchanting blend of old and new, the magnificent castle and historic charm give Warwick a by-gone age feel. With traditional tea rooms, antique shops, art galleries and independent gift shops there is much to explore in the old centre, together with public gardens and museums. We later continue to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** This morning as we cross into Leicestershire to the glorious market town of Melton Mowbray with its farmers market offering local produce and crafts, the third oldest recorded market in England. It is renowned for its fine food and drink and is home to stilton cheese and the English favourite – the pork pie – which can be sampled in Ye Old Pork Pie Shoppe in town. St Mary's Church (over 800 years old) is also well worth a visit. After lunch, we continue to Oakham, the county town of England's smallest county, Rutland. This pretty town boasts a Norman Castle, a museum with a formidable set of gallows, village stocks in the marketplace and numerous cosy cafes to enjoy afternoon tea.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we visit the National Memorial Arboretum, a 15 acre site with over 30,000 trees and 350 memorials to our service men & women from different battles across the ages. At 11.00am there is an act of remembrance in the chapel, and a series of volunteer led talks around the site during the day (please ask for details at reception). There is a land train with audio commentary, exhibition displays and many volunteers on site happy to help with all your questions about battles, servicemen and prisoners of war etc. The restaurant offers delicious food, and the gift shop is full of books and gift ideas.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we visit the elegant town of Lichfield, just across the Staffordshire border, and home to the Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum, Erasmus Darwin House (Charles Darwin's scientific grandfather) and medieval Lichfield Cathedral. And with numerous cafes, and shops to browse there is much to explore and enjoy.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin the homeward journey, breaking our journey with a lunch stop at Gloucester Quays indoor shopping outlet. We later continue our journey home, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to National Memorial Arboretum (free entry)
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No supplement for 1st 3 singles  
Subsequent single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 15th – Friday 19th March



## SINAH WARREN, HAYLING ISLAND

A Warner holiday offers something a bit extra... stunning scenery, fantastic live entertainment every evening, inclusive activities and first-class accommodation. Delicately poised at the tip of Hampshire's Hayling Island and with a breath of fresh air from the sparkling Solent, our hotel is the perfect base for enjoying some of the English south coast's finest attractions.

**YOUR HOTEL** Sinah Warren Hotel, Hayling Island

An excellent, modern 3\* hotel with lovely gardens ideally located by the water at Langstone Harbour. All rooms are tastefully decorated with ensuite facilities, TV, hairdryer, toiletries, iron & ironing board and tea & coffee tray. The Arbutnot Restaurant offers a generous buffet English breakfast and an excellent carvery dinner. The on site coffee shop serves food and light snacks throughout the day, and the hotel's leisure facilities include a large number of indoor sport activities and games, indoor swimming pool, steam room and sauna. Fantastic live music and entertainment is provided each evening.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country, stopping for coffee and lunch on route. We continue to our hotel, with plenty of time to settle in and begin exploring the many facilities. Dinner this evening will be followed by live music & entertainment.

**TUESDAY** The morning is free for you to continue to enjoy the facilities of our resort. Join us if you wish for an afternoon excursion to Chichester where you may like to visit the Norman cathedral, browse the shops and enjoy afternoon tea in a local café. This evening dinner will be followed once again by live entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we make the short journey to Portsmouth's celebrated dockyard, home to HMS Victory and the Mary Rose. You may like to visit the Royal Naval and D-Day Museums, the Blue Reef Aquarium, the Gunwharf Quay – a modern waterfront shopping, eating and entertainment centre – or the Spinnaker Tower, which rises 170m and offers wonderful views across to the Isle of Wight (weather permitting). With plenty of time to enjoy the attractions and have lunch we return to our hotel with time to relax before another evening dinner and top-class entertainment.

**THURSDAY** This morning we make our way to the market town of Winchester, the capital of the historic Wessex Kingdom of Alfred The Great with its cathedral and the Great Hall, home to King Arthur's round table. After lunch we return to our resort with the remainder of the day free to enjoy facilities and activities before a final evening dinner and entertainment.

**FRIDAY** Sadly, it's time to leave our hotel and make our way home stopping for coffee and lunch on route. We complete our journey back to the West Country late afternoon.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Use of on-site leisure facilities & activities
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 4)  
Signature upgrade £20.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 15th – Friday 19th March



GREAT VALUE BREAK

## NORFOLK & THE BROADS

Norfolk is perhaps one of England's most picturesque counties. Best known for its windmills and famous waterways - the Broads, it offers a revitalising getaway from the hustle and bustle of busy Britain, and a perfect location for an early spring break.

**YOUR HOTEL** New Beach Hotel, Great Yarmouth

This 3\* hotel is superbly situated opposite Great Yarmouth's Britannia Pier. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves most floors. The restaurant offers an excellent choice menu, and entertainment is provided some evenings.

TOUR PRICE

£239

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way east, with stops for coffee and lunch en route, to Great Yarmouth and our hotel, arriving in time to freshen up before evening dinner.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Norwich with plenty of time to enjoy this lovely city with its Norman cathedral and 900 year old castle, a former royal palace, and now a museum and art gallery. There is a wonderful shopping district with all the usual high street stores, and an array of cafes and restaurants to enjoy a warming lunch.

**WEDNESDAY** The whole day is free for you to spend at leisure. Great Yarmouth is known as Norfolk's premier beach resort with historical maritime heritage and former hub of the herring industry. There is so much to see with over 15 miles of seafront to explore, as well as museums, a Sea Life Centre, shopping district and vibrant cafes. Lunch is served today in our hotel, with the afternoon free to continue exploring this popular resort or just relax.

**THURSDAY** Join us this morning as we make our way to Wroxham Barns where 18th century barns have been carefully restored and now houses craft and gift shops. With time to have coffee and watch local craftsmen at work, we continue to the small town of Wroxham, considered to be the capital of the Norfolk Broads. Time here to browse the abundance of shops and enjoy an early lunch. This afternoon we enjoy a gentle boat cruise on the Norfolk Broads with entertaining commentary about the waterways and the rich history of the area.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Lunch on 1 day
- Boat cruise on Norfolk Broads
- Entertainment on some evenings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £30.00  
Sea view room supplement £20.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

Thursday 18th – Monday 22nd March



## JERSEY BY AIR

Only 14 miles from the French coast, Jersey has charmed generations of visitors. It has the continental flavour of France, while remaining part of Britain. Although only a small island, Jersey has so much to offer... sandy beaches, rugged coastline, beautiful countryside and a wide variety of shops and attractions.

**TOUR PRICE**  
FROM  
**£435**  
5 DAYS

### YOUR HOTEL The Mayfair Hotel, St Helier

A warm welcome awaits us at our 3\* hotel, just a few minutes' walk from the centre of Jersey's capital. Each of the comfortable, contemporary rooms is ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant offers a tempting variety of dishes; there are also two in-house bars. The hotel's own coffee shop is open throughout the day and sells an assortment of meals and snacks; in addition, there is a good leisure complex featuring an indoor swimming pool, Jacuzzi, steam room and gym. Entertainment is provided each evening.

### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** After a possible early departure we make the short journey to Exeter Airport for our flight to Jersey. On arrival, you will be greeted by a hotel representative and taken to your hotel. The representative will also act as your point of contact for the duration of your stay on the island, and they will be available each day to offer you advice on things like attractions and car hire. Dinner this evening is followed by entertainment.

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY** Each day is entirely free for you to spend exploring Jersey's reaches... Perhaps you'd like to visit the German Underground Hospital. Much of it is preserved as it was left after World War II. Other worthwhile attractions include the, the zoo, and Mont Orgueil Castle. We also highly recommend a trip to Corbiere Lighthouse, which you can walk to when the tide is out. A regular bus service operates on the island and is useful for visiting the many picturesque bays and harbours. Dinner at the hotel is followed each night by entertainment.

**MONDAY** Today you will be taken by a local coach to the airport for your homeward flight to Exeter. On arrival, you will be met by a Blakes coach and driver, who will return you to your home area.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return flights from Exeter to Jersey
- Coach travel to/from airport incl. hotel transfers

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 2)  
Car hire on the island  
Travel insurance £38.00

Deposit £200.00 per person

This holiday is protected under ATOL 0752 for whom we are acting as agents for Modern Holidays

Friday 19th – Monday 22nd March



GREAT VALUE BREAK

## DELIGHTFUL DORSET & THE NEW FOREST

We are delighted to bring you a tour exploring the unspoilt landscapes and popular seaside resorts of Dorset and its old-worldly charm. An ideal location for a short break this spring!

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£209**  
4 DAYS

### YOUR HOTEL Devon Towers Hotel, Bournemouth

Ideally situated on the West Cliff, just a short walk from the seafront, this delightful 3\* hotel offers a warm welcome. Each en-suite bedroom is comfortably furnished with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors, and Wi-Fi access in all public areas. The restaurant serves a delicious traditional menu, and entertainment is provided on some evenings.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave our home area and travel east, with a comfort stop on route to Dorchester. With time to enjoy a warming lunch and browse the shops, we continue to Bournemouth, arriving with time to settle in and maybe take a stroll before dinner.

**SATURDAY** This morning we make our way to the pretty town of Wimborne, with time to enjoy coffee, explore the shops and maybe visit the magnificent Minster. We re-join the coach and make a scenic journey across the beautiful New Forest National Park where wild ponies wander the roads between many picturesque villages. We visit the delightful village of Lyndhurst, in the heart of the New Forest, with time to browse the independent shops, New Forest Museum and enjoy a warming lunch in one of the many cafes.

**SUNDAY** This morning we make our way to the neighbouring town of Poole, which boasts the second largest natural harbour in the world. You may like to stroll along the quayside, visit the indoor shopping centre or just relax with a coffee in one of the town's cafes. After lunch we return to Bournemouth, with time to wander along the long sandy beach and impressive promenade, and maybe enjoy an ice cream on the pier!

**MONDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel, and make our way to Sherborne, with its stunning abbey, picturesque Almshouses and castles. With time for lunch, we complete our journey home, arriving back in the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £24.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

Friday 19th – Monday 22nd March



NEW

## THRIPLow DAFFODIL FESTIVAL

The Thriplow Daffodil Festival is an annual event which celebrates this happy little sunny flower alongside a traditional country fair with fun entertainment and classic village life events. Each year the village is blooming with hues of yellow as over half a million bulbs come to life, with over 100 different varieties on display.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£215**  
4 DAYS

### YOUR HOTEL Dragonfly Hotel, Bury St Edmunds

A 3\* modern hotel located on the outskirts of town. Each of the en-suite bedrooms is equipped with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to access bedrooms. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. There is also lounge bar area to relax in.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to Bury St Edmunds, stopping for coffee and lunch on route and arriving at our hotel with time to settle in relax before dinner.

**SATURDAY** This morning we make our way to Thriplow for the annual Daffodil Festival. Explore the village with its delightful yellow displays of this early springtime flowering beauty. There will be traditional village entertainment such as Morris dancers, Punch & Judy, Tractor & trailer rides, live music plus open gardens to visit, the church flower festival and refreshment stalls. We later continue into nearby Cambridge with the afternoon free to discover this fascinating University city with fine architecture, college & chapel buildings, museums and galleries.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast join us we travel into the historic Fenland city of Ely. One of its most visited attractions is the magnificent cathedral (advisable to visit from midday after the Sunday service) with over 1000 years of history and a Stained Glass Museum inside. Close to the cathedral is Oliver Cromwell's House where you can experience 17th century domestic life and see the Civil War exhibition. You may like to take a short boat trip along the river or just stroll along its beautiful banks, or perhaps browse the shopping district before enjoying a warming lunch in one of the numerous restaurants in the city.

**MONDAY** It's time to say goodbye to Cambridgeshire as we begin our homeward journey. Stopping for coffee and lunch on route, we reach our home area early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Thriplow Daffodil Festival
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £45.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st March



## A WEEKEND IN SOUTH WALES

Discover the delights of Gower's countryside and the Welsh Valleys, rich in heritage and outstanding natural beauty. With its blend of coastal outlooks and rural townships, and its magnificent National Park, where better to spend a weekend!

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£89**  
2 DAYS

### YOUR HOTEL Seabank Hotel, Porthcawl

A warm welcome awaits at our hotel, beautifully situated on Porthcawl's seafront. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors, the restaurant offers a range of freshly-prepared dishes, and the bar provides an area in which to relax both before and after dinner.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave the West Country and, with a stop for coffee, make our way over the Severn Bridge and up the Wye Valley to the attractive and typically Welsh town of Monmouth, birthplace of Henry V. Here you will have plenty of time to browse the shops and enjoy a leisurely lunch. We continue our journey, across the edge of the Brecon Beacons to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in and perhaps take a stroll along the prom before evening dinner and entertainment.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we leave our hotel and make our way east, where you have a choice. You may like to visit St Fagan's National History Museum, one of Europe's foremost open-air museums representing the life and culture of Wales, situated in 100 acres of parkland (free entry), OR spend your time in Cardiff, the Welsh capital. Whilst here, you may like to visit the castle and discover 2,000 years of history in the heart of the city. There are also an abundance of shops to browse and restaurants in which to enjoy a leisurely lunch, We later complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £8.00 (Max 3)  
Sea view supplement £5.00 per person  
Travel insurance £17.00

Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire

Sunday 21st – Tuesday 23rd March



**NEW**

**AFTERNOON TEA & EVENSONG IN WONDERFUL WELLS**

Wells is the smallest cathedral city in England located at the southern foot of the Mendip Hills. Join us for a short break to experience the wonder of the magnificent cathedral with afternoon cream tea & the beautiful sounds of evensong and with stunning accommodation overlooking the spectacular Cathedral itself.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Best Western Plus Swan Hotel, Wells**  
A beautiful 4\* hotel and 600 year old former coaching inn, previously patronised by Kings, Queens & Winston Churchill. Each of the comfortably furnished bedrooms is en-suite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift to bedrooms. The award-winning restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. Facilities include a fitness suite, bar and garden terrace.

**ITINERARY**

**SUNDAY** We leave our home area, and make our way to the charming city of Wells with time to explore this beautiful place with its moated Bishop's Palace, the exquisite Vicar's Close (Europe's oldest medieval planned street) and the maze of streets with cosy cafes and independent shops. This afternoon we enjoy a delicious cream tea in the beautiful Wells Cathedral followed by an enchanting performance of Evensong by the Cathedral Choir. We later arrive at our central hotel with time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**MONDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to Bath. A beautiful city with stunning Georgian architecture, you may like to take a sightseeing tour bus ride around the city and its outskirts, with audio commentary to learn about its history and attractions. The Roman Baths offer an interesting visit to see how former residents enjoyed the thermal waters many centuries ago. Take a look at the view from Bath Abbey's tower, or visit the Jane Austen museum to learn about the much loved characters in her novels and about Georgian society in Bath. You may like to enjoy a tasty treat in Sally Lunn's bakery (the oldest house in Bath). There is also wonderful shopping centre, and a tranquil river to wander along.

**TUESDAY** Sadly we leave our hotel and begin our journey home with a stop in Weston Super Mare with time to enjoy this seaside resort with its Grand Pier and famous Winter Gardens. After lunch we complete our homeward journey, arriving late afternoon.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 2 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Afternoon Cream Tea in Wells Cathedral
- Evensong at Wells Cathedral
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £36.00  
Travel insurance £19.00

**TOUR PRICE**

**£199**

**3 DAYS**

Sunday 21st – Friday 26th March



**SCOTLAND – SPRINGTIME IN THE HIGHLANDS**

Pitlochry and Royal Deeside... both ideally situated in the heart of Scotland with real hospitality, clear sparkling air, beautiful scenery, rich clan history, and fine food. The magnificent valley of the River Dee rises high in the Cairngorm Mountains flowing through some of Scotland's finest scenery.

**YOUR HOTEL** **The Fishers Hotel, Pitlochry**  
A lovely traditional 3\* hotel ideally located in the centre of Pitlochry. All rooms are en-suite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to some floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu using local produce and a hearty Scottish breakfast.

**ITINERARY**

**SUNDAY** After an early departure we make our journey north, with regular comfort stops on route, to our hotel in Pitlochry, with time to freshen up before evening dinner.

**MONDAY** The morning is free to spend as you please in Pitlochry exploring this delightful town with its spectacular setting under the dramatic skyline of Ben Vrackie (2,760 feet) and discover the Dam Visitor Centre. The town also has lovely independent shops and cafes. This afternoon we take a scenic tour to Aberfeldy, a pretty town made famous by Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet with time for tea and a browse.

**TUESDAY** Today we travel to the lovely city of Perth, once Scotland's capital, on the banks of the silvery River Tay. St John's Kirk, is the perfect place to enjoy coffee in the Café Quarter. After lunch we continue to Dunkeld, with its stately Cathedral, part ruined but still used as the parish church. Less than a mile away you will find the Beatrix Potter Garden which celebrates some of her famous characters, recreated as bronze sculptures within a beautiful landscaped garden. Tonight will be followed by Scottish entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** Join us for a "Royal" day as we travel through the scenic Cairngorm National Park and Grampian Mountains to the spa town of Ballater. A Royal Burgh, many of the shops here display "By Royal Appointment" notices! You may like to visit the old Royal Station; used by Queen Victoria and five other reigning British monarchs. We continue to Crathie Church, where the Royal Family attend whilst at Balmoral. We return with a stop in Braemar, a village in Upper Deeside, famous for the Highland Games, and attended by members of the Royal Family. Time here to visit the Highland visitors centre, and maybe buy a souvenir in the gift.

**THURSDAY** This morning we make our way further north, to Aviemore with time to explore the pretty town. We with a scenic stop at Queen's View on Loch Tummel. Queen Victoria visited this site in 1866 and when she saw the magnificent sweeping view west along the Loch, she wrongly assumed the viewpoint was named after her! It is named after Robert The Bruce's first wife Isabella. Enjoy the view, and a cup of tea in the café.

**FRIDAY** This morning we begin our homeward journey south, again with regular comfort stops en route, and arriving back in the West Country mid-evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £75.00  
Travel insurance £26.00

**TOUR PRICE**

**£359**

**6 DAYS**

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th March



**LAKE DISTRICT MORE INCLUSIVE**

The Lake District is beautiful any time of year, with stunning scenery and picturesque landscapes. This early spring break offers an ideal break for those looking for a great value "more inclusive" holiday.

**YOUR HOTEL** **The Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-Over-Sands**  
A delightful 3\* hotel set within private wooded grounds and enjoying views over Morecambe Bay. All rooms are en-suite with TV, and tea & coffee making facilities. The hotel's experienced chefs have developed an excellent and varied menu. There is a lift to all floors and entertainment will be provided on some evenings.

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and journey north to our hotel, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, before arriving at our hotel with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** Join us today as we journey through some of the most stunning scenery you will see anywhere in England. We travel up the breathtaking Kirkstone Pass (weather permitting), along Ullswater and on to Keswick for lunch and time to browse the shops in this lovely town. We then make our way to the pretty village of Grasmere with time, if you wish, to visit Wordsworth's Museum and Dove Cottage, his home for 9 years from 1799, the best years of his work as a supreme poet. (subject to opening times).

**WEDNESDAY** Today we make a circular tour of some of the loveliest parts of the Lake District has to offer, travelling through the picturesque village of Haverthwaite, following part of Coniston Water and Coniston village to Ambleside for coffee, and time to look around this lovely village. We continue our tour through the Lake District National Park to Kendal for a leisurely lunch and time to browse the shops.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast we make our way to Lakeside, the most southerly part of Lake Windermere, where we take a leisurely cruise, with magnificent views of mountain scenery, to Bowness, in the "heart" of the Lake District. Time to explore the wide variety of shops and tearooms and maybe visit the nearby World of Beatrix Potter Attraction in which all 23 "tales" are brought to life in a magical indoor recreation of the Lakeland countryside, complete with sights, sounds and smells! We later return to Grange-Over-Sands with time to relax and spend as you please before a final evening dinner.

**FRIDAY** We leave the Lake District and begin our homeward journey, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, reaching the West Country early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Packed lunch on 3 days
- Boat trip on Lake Windermere
- Complimentary drink vouchers (2 per day) for selected bar drinks
- Evening entertainment on 2 nights
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £64.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

**TOUR PRICE**

**£295**

**5 DAYS**

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th March



**GREAT VALUE BREAK**

**A TASTE OF THREE COUNTIES**

We bring you a tour which includes three very different locations, each with its own wealth of history. Southport is Lancashire's "Paris of the North", a buzzing seaside resort with plenty of shops and an enchanting promenade. Liverpool is more than just a city, it is an iconic vibrant place with maritime and cultural connections. Chester, the county town of Cheshire is an historic gem with Roman walls and black & white timber buildings.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport**  
An elegant 3\* hotel in the centre of Southport. All en-suite bedrooms are equipped with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a traditional evening menu and hearty breakfast. There is a lift to some floors.

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country, and travel north, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, arriving at our hotel with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Chester, the most complete walled city in Britain. "The Rows" is Chester's most photographed area with its black and white timber framed buildings, covered walkways and majestic cathedral. You may like to take a sightseeing bus tour to learn of its fascinating past and explore the town in its entirety, or for the more adventurous, why not walk the 2 mile trail along the Roman Walls. There is a thriving shopping centre and museums including the Roman amphitheatre and garden, and the delightful River Dee to take a stroll along.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we visit Liverpool with plenty of time to explore. Why not start with a sightseeing bus tour, or maybe visit some of its numerous and varied attractions, museums and galleries. Follow the Beatles Trail, visit the waterfront lined with cafes and restaurants or maybe visit one of Liverpool's majestic cathedrals. Take a boat cruise to see Liverpool's famous skyline from the water, or travel by boat across to Woodside to the fascinating U-Boat experience.

**THURSDAY** Today you have a choice... to spend the day exploring the much-loved resort of Southport with its beautiful coastline, beaches, sand dunes, spectacular views out to sea, a pier and elegant promenade. Leave the big cities behind and experience independent shops with wrought iron canopies in Lord Street, and quaint colourful shops in Chapel Street OR for those who wish we will return to Liverpool for another day exploring the vibrant city.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey, with comfort and lunch stops on route. We complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No supplement for 1st 3 singles  
Subsequent single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

**TOUR PRICE**

**£235**

**5 DAYS**

Friday 26th – Monday 29th March



## FOUR DAY BRITISH SEASIDE MYSTERY

If you like a pleasant surprise and a little bit of a mystery, why not join us for one of our popular mystery tours somewhere along Britain's beautiful coastline!

### YOUR HOTEL Mystery Hotel, Mystery Location!

A 3\* hotel in a seaside location. All rooms are en-suite with TV and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift all floors and the restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and hearty English breakfast.

TOUR PRICE

£209

4 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave our home area... and that's all we're telling you! We will stop for coffee and on somewhere else with time to explore and have lunch. We then complete our journey to our hotel for 3 nights with time to settle in, freshen up and maybe take a stroll along the seafront before dinner and an evening to relax and contemplate where we might visit the rest of the tour!

**SATURDAY-SUNDAY** We visit different places of interest, also with time to spend time in our chosen resort, with stops for shopping, sightseeing, coffee and lunch... but that's all we're telling you!

**MONDAY** After a hearty breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin the homeward journey, again, stopping en route, and reaching the West Country early evening.



### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 5)  
Travel insurance £22.00

Friday 26th – Monday 29th March



## SINGLES GALORE IN NORTH WALES

We pride ourselves that everyone who travels on a Blakes holiday is made to feel welcome, whether travelling alone or in a group. But we know that some people still worry there won't be like-minded solo travellers to talk to and some hotels charge a large single supplement, which can make an otherwise good value holiday rather expensive. So, if you are a single traveller who can relate to this or you usually travel with friends, but prefer your own room, why not give this four day tour a try? But this isn't just for single travellers... we have plenty of twin or double rooms for couples and friends too!

### YOUR HOTEL The Lion Hotel, Criccieth

This lovely 3\* family-run hotel commands excellent views of Cardigan Bay. All rooms are en-suite and furnished with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to most rooms. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked menu, and there is a spacious bar and lounge area in which to relax in the evenings.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and journey north to our hotel, making comfort stops en route, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**SATURDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way across the Snowdonia National Park, as the dramatic and rugged landscape unfolds before our eyes. Winding roads alongside streams and brooks, open up as we travel through mountain passes and ancient rock formations with breathtaking scenery along our journey to Bety's-Coed, a picturesque village on the north east side of the National Park. Here you will find delightful shops and cosy cafes in which to enjoy lunch. We continue north to the coastal town of Conwy, with its castle and quayside and what is claimed to be the smallest house in Great Britain!

**SUNDAY** After breakfast we make our way to the historic port town of Porthmadog, gateway to Snowdonia, shadowed by a mountain on one side and the estuary on the other. Here we board the Welsh Highland Railway for a journey through beautiful Welsh scenery to the historic town of Caernarfon, disembarking alongside the magnificent castle. With time to explore the harbour, the gift shops and enjoy a cosy lunch, our coach will meet us for the journey back to Criccieth for our final evening amongst new found friends!

**MONDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey, with a coffee and lunch stop on route. We complete our journey back to the West Country arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment on 1 evening
- Ticket for Welsh Highland Railway
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement  
Travel insurance £22.00

TOUR PRICE

£245

4 DAYS

Saturday 27th – Sunday 28th March



## A WEEKEND IN BOURNEMOUTH & POOLE

As one of Britain's popular resorts, Bournemouth has everything you need for an enjoyable short break, whatever the time of year. There is a beautiful golden beach, picturesque walks, shops and an abundance of places to eat. Poole is another firm favourite, with its bustling quay, striking natural harbour and indoor shopping centre.

### YOUR HOTEL Devon Towers Hotel, Bournemouth

A 3\* hotel ideally located on the West Cliff, a short walk from the seafront, shops and Bournemouth pier. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious traditional home cooked menu and the spacious lounge bar offers a quiet area to relax.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area and journey east to Dorchester for coffee. We then continue to Bournemouth, where you will have the remainder of the day free to spend as you please. You may like to browse the shops, or take a gentle stroll along the promenade or through the gardens. We later make the short journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner and an evening to spend as you please.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and make our way to picturesque Poole which boasts the second largest natural harbour in the world. Whilst here, you may like to visit the excellent indoor shopping centre, the old town or the scenic harbour. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £8.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire

TOUR PRICE

£85

2 DAYS

Sunday 28th March – Thursday 1st April



## SPINGTIME IN THE PEAK DISTRICT

Sitting astride the backbone of England, Derbyshire boasts some of the country's finest landscapes. The wonderful scenery of the Peak District National Park is hard to rival and the rolling hillsides of the Derbyshire Dales are dotted with picturesque villages and bustling market towns.

### YOUR HOTEL Palace Hotel Buxton & Spa

A majestic Victorian hotel ideally located in the centre of Buxton, its own landscaped gardens. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to most floors, the restaurant offers a delicious choice menu and there is a lounge bar and snug area in which to relax. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated swimming pool.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country and journey north to our hotel, making comfort stops en route, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**MONDAY** This morning we travel across the heart of the National Park, to the bustling market town of Chesterfield, famous for its crooked church spire. Monday it hosts the local open-air market, one of the largest in the area. We continue to Matlock Bath, a picturesque village set in the beautiful gorge of the River Derwent. Whilst here you may like to take a cable car ride to the Heights of Abraham, where (opening times permitting) you can absorb breath-taking views of the village. At the summit there is a café and a gift shop.

**TUESDAY** This morning we make our way to Bakewell, a pretty market town, with time to browse the shops and maybe enjoy some of the famous Bakewell Pudding, which was said to be invented at the Rutland Arms in the town. We return to Buxton, the Cultural Capital of the Peak District with the afternoon to spend at leisure. Here you will find a the splendid Crescent, ornamental gardens, an Opera House with the largest unsupported dome in the country as well as some lovely shops and restaurants.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we travel through some of the most stunning scenery the Peak District has to offer. We stop in Castleton for coffee, before passing Ladybower Reservoir and up the spectacular Snake Pass (weather permitting) to Glossop for lunch and time to explore this charming Peak District village.

**THURSDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey, with a coffee and lunch stop on route. We complete our journey back to the West Country arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement for 1st 3 singles  
Subsequent singles £80.00 supplement  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£249

5 DAYS

Monday 29th March – Friday 2nd April



GREAT VALUE BREAK

### FIVE DAY BRITISH MYSTERY

If you like a pleasant surprise and a little bit of a mystery, why not join us for one of our popular mystery tours somewhere along Britain's beautiful coastline!

**YOUR HOTEL** **Mystery Hotel, Mystery Location!**

A 3\* hotel in a seaside location. All rooms are en-suite with TV and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift all floors and the restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and hearty English breakfast.

TOUR PRICE

£259

5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area... and that's all we're telling you! We will stop for coffee and on somewhere else with time to explore and have lunch. We then complete our journey to our hotel for four nights with time to settle in, freshen up and maybe take a swim in the hotel pool before dinner and an evening to relax and contemplate where we might visit the rest of the tour!

**TUESDAY – THURSDAY** Each day we take a leisurely drive (or maybe spend time in our mystery location) visiting different places of interest with stops for shopping, sight-seeing, coffee and lunch, that's all we're telling you but this will be an easy-going and unhurried short break.

**FRIDAY** After a hearty breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin the homeward journey, stopping for lunch on route, and reaching the West Country early evening.



#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £60.00 (Max 4)  
Subsequent single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 29th March – Friday 2nd April



### SHOWTIME IN NORTH WALES

One of our most popular winter breaks... If you enjoy music from West End shows and good food, then this holiday is for you!

**YOUR HOTEL** **St Kilda Hotel, Llandudno**

An award-winning 3\* hotel located on the seaford, faithfully restored to recreate the grand old days. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant offers a traditional The bar has stunning views of Little Orme and entertainment is provided each evening.

TOUR PRICE

£289

5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, arriving at our hotel, where afternoon tea and scones will be served whilst your cases are delivered to your room. There will be time to settle in before a welcome reception followed by dinner and this evening's entertainment.

**TUESDAY** After a hearty Welsh breakfast, join us for a scenic drive through the spectacular Llanberis Pass and Snowdonia Mountain area. We continue to the picturesque village of Betws-y-Coed. Here you will find a railway museum, craft and gift shops, and some lovely places to enjoy lunch. Time, then, to relax before dinner and our second evening of entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** The whole day is free for you to spend as you please exploring Llandudno, known as the 'Queen of Welsh Resorts'. There is a fine pier, over 700 metres long, attractive gardens, and many shops and restaurants. You may be able to take a ride on the Great Orme Tramway to the summit on one of only three cable-hauled street tramways in the world (exact opening dates to be confirmed). This afternoon tea and shortbread is served in the hotel and a Showtime quiz. After a delicious evening dinner, there will follow another evening of entertainment.

**THURSDAY** This morning as we travel to Conwy, a medieval walled town with an imposing castle and lively quay, where you will find the smallest house in Great Britain! With time to explore, browse the shops and enjoy an early lunch, we continue over the Britannia Bridge to Anglesey and the James Pringles Weavers woollen mill and gift shop at Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychyndrobwillantysiliogogoch. This evening, a Showtime Gala Night begins with a complimentary drink, followed by a gala dinner. Then it's a showstopper of an evening of entertainment provided by a top performer.

**FRIDAY** This morning we bid farewell to our hotel and begin our homeward journey. Making comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Showtime Gala Dinner on 1 night
- Afternoon tea & shortbread on 1 afternoon
- Afternoon tea & scones on arrival
- Entertainment each evening
- Showtime Gala Night on 1 evening
- Showtime quiz on 1 afternoon
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £12.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Friday 2nd – Monday 5th April



### EASTER ALONG THE SOUTH COAST

Quaint hamlets, seaside resorts and the rolling Downs – the south coast has it all. And as the meeting place of an award-winning shoreline and the beautiful South Downs.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Chichester Park Hotel, Chichester**

We are delighted to return to this modern 3\* hotel ideally located close to the centre of the city. All rooms are en suite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee-making facilities. The hotel's leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna and the restaurant offers an excellent menu.

TOUR PRICE

£259

4 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave our home area and stop at Wilton Village for coffee, before continuing to Portsmouth's historic dockyard for lunch and time to explore. In addition to HMS Victory and the Spinnaker Tower, offering wonderful views across to the Isle of Wight (weather permitting), you may also like to visit Gunwharf Quays – a modern waterfront shopping, eating and entertainment centre. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**SATURDAY** Today we travel to Brighton. The spectacular Royal Pavilion is well worth a visit; beneath its distinctive onion domes are many impressive works of art and history about King George IV. You may like the stroll the historic Lanes, a maze of narrow alleyways lined with antique shops and elegant arcades. Other attractions include The Sea Life Centre, the Volk's Electric Railway, the 'world's oldest operating electric railway' which travels along the seaford and for the more adventurous a ride on the British Airways i360, which gently glides up a 450ft tower in the stunning glass pod with views (on a clear day) to the South Downs National Park, and across to the Isle of Wight. There are numerous places to enjoy coffee and lunch...or to just sit and watch the world go by!

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel inland to Sheffield Park to board the Bluebell Railway, a heritage Steam Railway, for a nine mile steam train ride through the glorious Sussex countryside to Kingscote and with a brief stop, returning to Sheffield Park. Remaining at the station for lunch, we then make the short journey to the magnificent Capability Brown landscaped gardens a short distance away at Sheffield Park. There are waterfalls, cascades, and four large lakes as well as a lovely café to enjoy afternoon tea.

**MONDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast and journey back to the West Country, stopping in Winchester, the former capital of Wessex for lunch and time to browse the shops and visit the cathedral. We complete our journey back to the West Country arriving early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for Bluebell Railway
- Entrance to Sheffield Park Gardens (Nat Trust)
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £54.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

Monday 5th – Friday 9th April



GREAT VALUE BREAK

### YORK, WHITBY & SCARBOROUGH

North Yorkshire is a region of diverse and dramatic landscapes, with rugged moorland beauty and spectacular coastlines. This popular tour takes in some of the most popular destinations of the region including a historic city, a grand seaside resort and pretty fishing harbour.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Cumberland Hotel, Scarborough**

A delightful 3\* hotel, very well situated on the South Cliff, close to the beach and town centre. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a home-cooked evening menu and hearty breakfast, and the lounge bar offers an area in which to relax. A lift serves most rooms and entertainment is provided on some evenings.

TOUR PRICE

£249

5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and travel north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and arriving at our hotel with time to freshen up before evening dinner.

**TUESDAY** Join us today we travel inland to the historic city of York. You may like to visit the Minster, the National Railway Museum, The Chocolate Story, JORVIK Viking Centre or simply stroll along the quaint side streets, full of surprises, and Little Shambles is an absolute delight. Why not hop on the sightseeing tour bus for an audio guided tour of the city, its heritage and attractions. There are also many shops to browse, and numerous cafés to enjoy coffee, lunch and tea.

**WEDNESDAY** The whole day is free for you to explore the seaside resort of Scarborough, one of Yorkshire's much-loved coastal destinations, with its dramatic cliffs and castle headland. You may like to take the Cliff Lift, one of the UK's first funicular railways down to Scarborough's lower level to explore the beach side resort and harbour area, or maybe enjoy the South Cliff gardens with spectacular views across the sea. Lunch is included today at the hotel.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we travel across the North Yorkshire Moor, scenic at any time of year, to the picturesque fishing port of Whitby. Whilst here, you may like to visit the ruins of the 13th Century Abbey, where the views from the top are stunning. There are also some lovely shops and cafés in which to have lunch and sample some world-famous fish & chips and enjoy the views from the harbour.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin the homeward journey south, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and reaching the West Country early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Lunch on Wednesday in the hotel
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00  
Town view room supplement £20.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Friday 9th – Monday 12th April



GREAT VALUE BREAK

## A WEEKEND IN NORTH CORNWALL

Newquay lies on the North West Cornwall coast. Surrounded by 11 magnificent beaches, it is the Cornish Riviera's premier resort; Fistral beach being its most famous bay, often referred to as "Britain's surfing capital".

### YOUR HOTEL Eliot Hotel, Newquay

A 3\* hotel, ideally located close to Great Western and Tolcarne beaches, and within easy walking distance of the harbour and shops. All rooms are en-suite and comfortably furnished with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to most floors, a spacious lounge bar and Wi-Fi access in public areas.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave our home area and make our way to the picturesque fishing village of Padstow for lunch and time to browse the shops. We then complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to take a stroll along the beach before dinner.

**SATURDAY** This morning we travel to Truro, Cornwall's capital city. Whilst here you will have plenty of time to browse the many shops, visit the Farmer's Market, offering fresh, quality produce, direct from local producers to the public, and enjoy lunch. You may also like to visit the impressive triple-spired cathedral. We return to Newquay after lunch, with a detour to Healey's Cornish Cyder Farm, the largest cider making farm in Cornwall. There is a visitor centre, tearooms and shop where you can sample cider, wines and juices before you buy.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to the maritime town of Falmouth where you may like to visit the National Maritime Museum, Pendennis Castle, or simply browse the array of shops enjoy morning coffee, or stroll up to the modern marina. We continue on to the picturesque town of St Ives, to browse the gift shops and art galleries, and enjoy a warming lunch in one of the cafes.

**MONDAY** Sadly leave our hotel after breakfast and make our way to the bustling fishing port of Looe, a town of two halves, joined by a bridge across the river. With time to watch the fishing trawlers come in, browse the gift shops and enjoy lunch by the harbour, we later complete our homeward journey arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £24.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

TOUR PRICE

£175

4 DAYS

Saturday 10th – Sunday 11th April



## LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON & WINDSOR

A weekend away with a choice... On Saturday to see a top London West End Show OR explore the Capital and on Sunday enjoy Royal Windsor. Take your pick from one of these 12 top West End shows... Matilda, Only Fools & Horses the Musical, Phantom Of The Opera, Les Miserables. Mamma Mia, Tina Turner the Musical, Lion King, & Juliet, Come From Away, Everybody's Talking About Jamie, Pretty Woman or Mary Poppins. (All show dates correct at time of printing, but subject to change).

### YOUR HOTEL Crowne Plaza Hotel, London Heathrow

A luxuriously appointed 4\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with satellite TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a generous buffet breakfast and evening dinner, and leisure facilities include a swimming pool, sauna and gym.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee en route. You will either have time for lunch before enjoying the afternoon performance of the show of your choice OR spend the afternoon as you please... Shopping, visiting one of the museums or explore the many attractions London offers. Late afternoon, we all re-join the coach and travel to our hotel, with ample time to freshen up and perhaps take a swim in the hotel's pool before dinner and an evening to spend as you please.

**SUNDAY** We leave our hotel after a leisurely breakfast and make our way to Royal Windsor where you will have plenty of time to explore this regal town with its castle and unique shops. Whilst here you may like to take an open-top sightseeing bus tour of Windsor and nearby Eton or a leisurely cruise on the River Thames with commentary. We leave late afternoon, and make our way back to the West Country, with a comfort stop on route, arriving mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet English Breakfast
- Top priced theatre ticket (if applicable)
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £32.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

TOUR PRICE

THEATRE WEEKEND

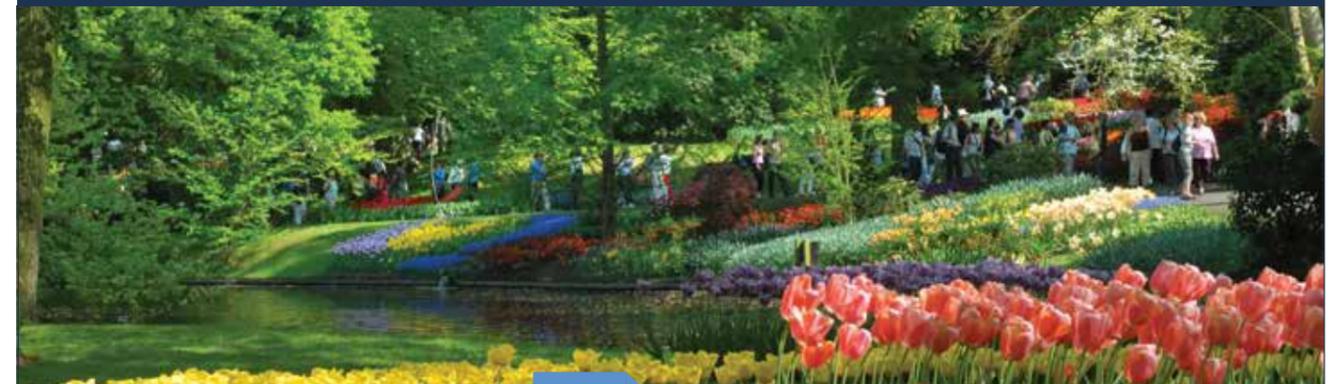
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LONDON/WINDSOR

£109

2 DAYS

Sunday 11th – Thursday 15th April



## DUTCH BULBFIELDS CRUISE

Join us for a five-day river cruise along some of the country's most picturesque waterways, with stops in places of cultural or scenic interest along the way – including a visit to Keukenhof Gardens, where the dazzling, world-famous tulips carpet the landscaped gardens for two glorious months each year.

### YOUR HOTEL MV Esmeralda

The Esmeralda offers a high level of comfort, and each of the outward-facing cabins are ensuite, with TV. There is a lift between decks. The restaurant offers a tempting choice menu; there is also a bar, lounge area and partially-covered sun deck. Live musical entertainment is provided most evenings.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** After an early departure we leave the West Country and journey east to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue into Holland to Alkmaar, where we join the MV Esmeralda, our base for the next four nights, arriving in time for evening dinner and musical entertainment.

**MONDAY** When we wake on board, we will have begun cruising along the waterways through some delightful Dutch villages, giving you time to relax and enjoy both breakfast and lunch on board whilst admiring the scenery, as we cruise to the striking, world-renowned Bulbfields. We arrive in Hoorn late-afternoon, allowing time to explore this historic city with its diverse architecture and unusual gift shops. Back on the ship this evening's dinner is followed by live musical entertainment and a 'midnight' snack (at 11pm!).

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we continue our cruise to Zaandam, enjoying lunch on-board, arriving mid-afternoon. At Zaandam, you may like to enjoy an excursion by coach to Zaanse Schans (free entry) – an open-air museum where windmills and typically Dutch buildings have been rescued, restored and rebuilt. Or alternatively you may like to remain in



TOUR PRICE

£595

5 DAYS



Zaandam and take a stroll into town and wander the shops, or enjoy a relaxing afternoon in one of the cafes in this old milling town along the River Zaan, before returning to the boat for our evening meal, followed by midnight snacks!

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we make the journey, by coach, to the spectacular Keukenhof Gardens. Whilst here, you will have time to take in the superb colours and scents of the flowers and shrubs, as well as admire the many indoor exhibitions – the most beautiful spring garden in the world, with more than seven million tulips, daffodils and hyacinths. We return to our boat, docked in the heart of Amsterdam, for a Captain's farewell dinner and a final evening of live entertainment.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast, we leave MV Esmeralda in Amsterdam and make our way back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then complete our homeward journey, reaching the West Country mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- Welcome cocktail
- 1 night half-board in outside cabins
- 3 nights' full-board in outside cabins (with packed lunch on 1 day)
- Live musical entertainment most nights
- 'Midnight' snack each evening at 11pm
- Tea/coffee & biscuits each afternoon
- Entrance to Keukenhof Gardens
- Free entrance to Zaanse Schans Open-Air Museum
- Captain's farewell dinner on final evening
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £160.00 (cabins subject to availability)  
Upper deck supplement £40.00 (per person)  
Travel insurance £38.00

Monday 12th – Friday 16th April



**CRICKET ST THOMAS, SOMERSET WARNER BREAK**

The scene of much of the famous TV comedy, To The Manor Born, Cricket St. Thomas was also frequently visited by Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton. This classic country house is set in 160 acres of parkland where you are assured excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening.

**YOUR HOTEL Cricket St Thomas Hotel, Chard**

A beautiful country hotel, All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, safe, iron & ironing board, complimentary toiletries, biscuits replenished daily, and tea & coffee-making facilities. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated swimming pool, sauna and fitness studio, archery, croquet, putting green, and air rifle shooting. The restaurant serves a delicious menu and the tearoom is perfect for afternoon refreshments. Live entertainment is provided each evening.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£365**  
5 DAYS

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and make our way to Otter Nurseries with its garden centre, gift shop and lovely restaurant. We continue to our hotel with time to settle in before dinner, and top-class entertainment.

**TUESDAY** The morning is free for you to familiarise yourself with your new surroundings and enjoy some of the many facilities available in the hotel. Early afternoon join us if you wish as make the short journey to Sherborne with its unusual shops, antique treasure troves and cafés to enjoy afternoon tea.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Dorchester as today is market day, with time to browse the stalls and the high Street shops and have a leisurely winter lunch. We return to our hotel with plenty of time to continue to use the many facilities, or rest before dinner and another night of top-class live entertainment.

**THURSDAY** Join us this morning as we make our way to Wells, England's smallest city, and famous for its exquisite cathedral and Bishops Palace. The high street is lined with an array of interesting shops and cosy cafes where you can enjoy a cosy lunch. Time on return to our hotel to relax before dinner followed by our final evening's entertainment.

**FRIDAY** This morning we leave our hotel and make a stop in Sidmouth for lunch, and maybe a walk along the seafront before we complete our homeward journey, arriving late afternoon.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 4)  
Signature room upgrade £20.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 12th – Friday 16th April



**SPRINGTIME IN HAMPSHIRE & THE NEW FOREST**

Hampshire is one of England's most beautiful counties with a delicate blend of cities, coast and countryside together with stunning National Parks. The New Forest is one of the last surviving unenclosed pasturelands, heathlands & forest in southern England where wild ponies and cattle roam free.

**YOUR HOTEL Meon Valley Hotel & Country Club, Near Southampton**

A modern 3\* hotel located in 225 acres of landscaped grounds. Each of the comfortable bedrooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to most floors. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool and fitness suite.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£325**  
5 DAYS

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country stopping for coffee and lunch on route. We complete our journey to our hotel with time to settle in and relax before dinner.

**TUESDAY** Join us this morning as we make our way to the compact city of Chichester with its cobbled streets, Roman city walls, hidden gardens of the Bishop's Palace and the beautiful cathedral with its medieval bell tower. With time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch, we continue across the South Downs National Park to the Weald and Downland Living Museum where the popular BBC series "The Repair Shop" is filmed. Explore this 40 acre open air museum with rescued rural buildings and discover the stories of those who lived and worked in them from Anglo Saxon to Edwardian times. Experience homes, gardens, crafts, trade workshops and farming heritage as you stroll through the site.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we travel to the vibrant city of Portsmouth. Whilst here you may like to visit the fascinating Historic Dockyard teaming with naval history, to climb aboard majestic warships through the ages such as HMS Victory or the legendary Mary Rose. Visit the iconic Spinnaker Tower with its panoramic views across the Solent to the Isle of Wight or browse the shops in Gunwharf Quays retail outlet with many shops, restaurants and cinema venue.

**THURSDAY** This morning we make our way to the market town of Romsey with time to wander through the medieval streets and sample the local cuisine. You may also like to visit the Norman Abbey where you will find the tomb of Lord Mountbatten of Burma, great-uncle of Prince Charles. We continue across to the New Forest to the large village of Lyndhurst, a favourite hunting retreat for William The Conqueror, with a wide range of gift shops and tea rooms.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast, we leave our hotel and make our way to the tranquil market town of Winchester – one of the mightiest Roman settlements in England, and the capital of the Wessex Kingdom under Alfred The Great. There are many interesting sights, including the cathedral and the Great Hall, which is home to King Arthur's round table. With time to enjoy lunch and browse the shops, we continue our homeward journey, arriving early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to The Weald & Downland Living Museum
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 3)  
Subsequent singles £100.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Wednesday 14th – Sunday 18th April



**NORFOLK & THE BROADS**

Norfolk is perhaps one of England's most picturesque counties. Best known for its windmills and famous waterways - the Broads, it offers a revitalising getaway from the hustle and bustle of busy Britain, and a perfect location for an early spring break.

**YOUR HOTEL New Beach Hotel, Great Yarmouth**

Norfolk is perhaps one of England's most picturesque counties. Best known for its windmills and famous waterways - the Broads, it offers a revitalising getaway from the hustle and bustle of busy Britain, and a perfect location for an early spring break.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£245**  
5 DAYS

**ITINERARY**

**WEDNESDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way east to Great Yarmouth and our hotel. With stops for coffee and lunch en route, we arrive in time to freshen up and settle in before dinner this evening.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Wroxham Barns for coffee, where 18th century barns have been carefully restored and house craft and gift shops. We continue to the small town of Wroxham, considered to be the capital of the Norfolk Broads, with time to browse the abundance of shops, watch local craftsmen at work and enjoy an early lunch. This afternoon we enjoy a gentle boat cruise on the Norfolk Broads with entertaining commentary about the waterways and the rich history of the area.

**FRIDAY** The whole day is free for you to spend at leisure. Great Yarmouth is known as Norfolk's premier beach resort with historical maritime heritage and former hub of the herring industry. There is so much to see with over 15 miles of seafront to explore, as well as museums, a Sea Life Centre, shopping district and vibrant cafes. Lunch is served today in our hotel, with the afternoon free to continue exploring this popular resort or just relax.

**SATURDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Norwich with plenty of time to enjoy this lovely city with its Norman cathedral and 900 year old castle, a former royal palace, and now a museum and art gallery. There is a wonderful shopping district with all the usual high street stores, and an array of cafes and restaurants to enjoy a warming lunch

**SUNDAY** We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Lunch on 1 day
- Boat cruise on Norfolk Broads
- Entertainment on some evenings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £30.00  
Sea view room supplement £20.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

Friday 16th – Monday 19th April



**A WEEKEND IN CORNWALL**

Join us for a relaxing weekend retreat in this picturesque corner of the South West peninsula. Visit some of Cornwall best loved harbour towns and authentic fishing villages, whilst enjoying the mild climate and delicious flavours that the Cornish Coast has to offer.

**YOUR HOTEL The Portbyhan Hotel, Looe**

A 3\* fully refurbished hotel nestled in the heart of Looe with panoramic views across the harbour. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant offers a delicious evening menu and hearty Cornish breakfast, together with a bar and outside terrace.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£245**  
4 DAYS

**ITINERARY**

**FRIDAY** We leave our home area and travel west to the ancient market town of Tavistock, with the parish church of St Eustachius standing proudly in its centre. This ancient stannary town has a whole host of independent shops and a large indoor pannier market filled with food stalls, gifts and crafts, books and many other items of interest. With time for lunch, we continue to our hotel in Looe, and base for the next three nights, arriving to a Cornish Cream Tea welcome.

**SATURDAY** After breakfast we make our way to Mevagissey with its distinctive twin harbour and busy fishing port with daily catches of skate, lobster and plaice. Clustered around the harbour walls are quaint streets with galleries, cafes and shops. We continue to the Eden Project, a 30 acre site including the world's largest indoor rainforest and Mediterranean biome environment with over 2 million plants. Move amongst the soaring trees in the canopy walkway, experience plants from around the world, and explore the outside gardens too as spring blooms into life. Enjoy lunch or high tea in the large restaurant after discovering this fascinating botanical attraction.

**SUNDAY** The morning is free for you to explore the delightful harbour towns of East and West Looe which are joined by the famous seven arched bridge that spans the River Looe. With beautiful sandy beaches, unique boutiques and harbour boat trips, there is much to do and enjoy. This afternoon, if you wish, join us for an excursion to the nearby picturesque fishing port of Polperro with its "old world" charm, beautiful cottages, small art galleries and stories of smuggler & pirate tales.

**MONDAY** Sadly this morning, we leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey, stopping at the beautiful grounds of Buckfast Abbey for lunch, before arriving back in our home area.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Cornish Cream Tea on arrival
- Entertainment on some evenings
- Entrance to the Eden Project
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 1)  
Superior Single River View with Balcony (Max 1) £45.00  
Superior River View with Balcony (Twin or Double) £45.00 per person  
Classic River View Double Room £15.00 per person  
Travel insurance £22.00

Saturday 17th – Saturday 24th April



## SPRINGTIME IN THE AUSTRIAN LAKE DISTRICT

The beautiful region of the Austrian Lake District (or Salzkammergut) has breathtaking scenery where dramatic mountains plunge into the sparkling blue glacial lakes. Join us as we visit the spectacular backdrop for the classic film "Sound Of Music". The Austrian Lakes are a popular holiday destination, especially when spring is starting to bloom.

**YOUR HOTEL** Hotel Lohninger-Schober, St Georgen im Attergau

A traditional 3\* family run hotel located in a peaceful area of St Georgen. Each comfortably decorated en-suite bedroom is equipped with TV, telephone and hairdryer. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked evening menu and there is a lounge bar and open terrace with panoramic views. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna and fitness room.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** After an early departure we make our way to Dover, with comfort stops en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue east to our overnight accommodation in Aachen, arriving in time for the evening meal.

**SUNDAY** This morning we continue our journey, travelling south through Germany and into Austria, and on to our hotel, where we stay for the next five nights, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**MONDAY** After breakfast we follow the shores of Lake Attersee to the Imperial town of Bad Ischl, formerly the summer residence of Kaiser Franz Josef and popular spa resort. Enjoy a gentle stroll through the streets, sample some of the local cakes or maybe visit the impressive Kaiservilla, former home to the Danube Monarchy, Franz Josef and his popular wife Empress "Sisi". We later re-join the coach and continue to the UNESCO village of Hallstatt, referred to as "the world's most beautiful lakeside village" and just one look is enough to see why! This unspoilt village retains a unique charm, with quaint streets and picture postcard buildings.



TOUR PRICE  
**£595**  
8 DAYS



**TUESDAY** Join us today as we travel to the elegant city of Salzburg, most famous as the birthplace of Mozart, and for the scenes filmed for "Sound Of Music". Whilst here you may like to visit the stunning cathedral, the Mozart Museum, the Fortress or the Mirabell Palace and Gardens, or maybe take a gentle stroll through the shopping district and enjoy a leisurely lunch. One of the best ways to explore Salzburg is by a sight-seeing bus tour, which can be found near the coach drop-off point.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we enjoy a full day of stunning scenery in "Sound Of Music" country as we make our way to Mondsee, one of the area's most unspoilt lakes in the region. We make a stop to see one of the well-known film locations, the little church where the wedding between Maria & Captain Von Trapp took place. We continue to St Gilgen, a typical Austrian village set on the edge of Lake Wolfgang and setting for the film's opening credits. Here you will also find Mozart's mother's house and the church where his sister was married, and there is also a museum about his life and works. We later continue to St Wolfgang, a picturesque village on the edge of the lake across from St Gilgen, with plenty of shops and restaurants to enjoy lunch.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel across the Salzkammergut Region to Steyr, a vibrant market town at the foot of the Alps, with perhaps one of Austria's best-preserved historic centres. In the heart of the old town is the Stadplatz with 14th century buildings, charming narrow alleyways and the old castle which overlooks the point at which two rivers meet. Wander through the old town, stroll through the gardens or just sit and watch the world go by from one of the numerous cafes, enjoying authentic Austrian Apple Strudel with vanilla sauce! Delicious!

**FRIDAY** Sadly, we today bid a fond farewell to Austria, journeying back through Germany, with comfort stops en route, to our overnight accommodation in Aachen, arriving in time for the evening meal.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £90.00  
Travel insurance £45.00

Saturday 17th – Sunday 18th April



## HEADS & TAILS IN SOUTH WALES

The hugely popular Royal Mint Experience has opened its doors to the public, with unprecedented access behind the scenes to discover the process of coin making, and learn surprising stories from our history. A fascinating tour of the world's leading coin manufacturing installation.

**YOUR HOTEL** Holiday Inn Hotel, Newport

A 3\* hotel located in the leafy outskirts of Newport. All en-suite rooms are well furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. Although there is no lift, ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool.

TOUR PRICE  
**£95**  
2 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave the West Country and, with a stop for coffee, make our way over the Severn Bridge to the market town of Abergavenny, with time to browse the shops and enjoy an early lunch. We continue to Llantrisant and the popular Royal Mint Experience for a fascinating tour of this visitor attraction to discover the process of coin manufacture and learn surprising stories from our history. You will see the Striking Hall where thousands of coins are produced 24 hours a day and have an opportunity to strike your own coin as a memento of your visit. The interactive section has 6 zones where you will discover even more about the history of coins and collections. We re-join the coach and travel to our hotel, arriving with time to relax before dinner.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we leave our hotel and make the short journey to Cardiff, with the free day to explore the magnificent Welsh capital. You may like to visit the castle and discover the history of this distinguished city, or perhaps take a boat trip down the River Taff and into Cardiff Bay. Cardiff also offers a large variety of shopping areas from Arcades to Mermaid Quay, offering a selection of high street brands and unique boutique stores. We complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Visit to the Royal Mint Experience
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £20.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd April



## A CUMBRIAN JOURNEY & CARLISLE TO SETTLE RAILWAY

Known as the Gateway to the Scottish Borders, Carlisle boasts a rich Roman history – as evident in its medieval castle and cathedral and the railway boasts one of the most scenic journeys in Northern England.

**YOUR HOTEL** Crown & Mitre Hotel, Carlisle

Situated close to the historic cathedral in the heart of the city, this 3\* hotel offers the perfect mix of Edwardian grandeur (complete with beautiful original features, and elegant sweeping staircase) and contemporary comfort. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves an excellent menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool.

TOUR PRICE  
**£339**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and make our way north, with comfort stops en route, to our hotel, arriving with time to freshen up before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we travel south along the edge of the Lake District to the picturesque town of Kirby Lonsdale, with time to browse the gift shops and enjoy an early lunch. We then make the short journey to Settle, where we board a train on England's most scenic railway. The 72 mile route takes you on a journey through the magnificent Yorkshire Dales and over the 24 arches of the Ribbleshead Viaduct, before plunging into the longest tunnel on the line at Blea Moor. Emerging on the side of Dentdale, the line leaves the Dales at Garsdale and makes its way through the lush, gentle hills of the Eden Valley, before arriving in Carlisle with time to relax before evening dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we follow one of the best-known landmarks of the north: Hadrian's Wall. We make a visit to the Roman Army Museum, just inside the Kielder Forest, as we step back in time to 2000 years ago, and experience life as a Roman soldier and life on the front line of Emperor Hadrian's British frontier. We watch a spectacular 3D film, and the museum houses interesting artefacts excavated along the wall. We continue to the market town of Hexham, with its ancient Shambles, 15th century town hall and ancient Abbey. After lunch, we return to Carlisle with the rest of the afternoon free to explore this lovely city with its cathedral and shops.

**THURSDAY** Join us today for a wonderful circular tour around the northern reaches of the Lake District. We travel through the picturesque towns of Keswick and Windermere, up the breathtaking Kirkstone Pass (weather permitting!) and on to Ullswater, with stops for coffee, lunch and photographs along the way. We later complete our tour back to our hotel via Penrith.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. With regular comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early/mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Settle to Carlisle Railway ticket
- Entrance to the Roman Army Museum
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £48.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd April



## A REAL TASTE OF IRELAND

When holidaying in Ireland, part of the experience is the excellent food, drink and Irish music! Due to popular demand, we are delighted to repeat this tour which combines both local Irish produce with traditional Irish entertainment, in a beautiful, historic area that boasts some of the most dramatic scenery and picturesque villages found anywhere.

### YOUR HOTEL Treacy's Hotel, Enniscorthy

A warm welcome awaits at this 3\* hotel in the heart of the town. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious choice of dishes; there is an in-house bar, and free use of the adjacent Waterford Leisure Centre, with its indoor pool. Entertainment is provided each evening.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and travel over the St David's bridge into Wales, and to Pembroke, with a comfort stop en route, for our afternoon crossing to Rosslare. After docking in Ireland, we travel on to Enniscorthy, arriving at our hotel in time for our first themed dinner and a lesson on how to pull the perfect pint of Guinness! Live entertainment in the form of an Irish folk band will follow dinner.

**TUESDAY** The morning is free for you to relax and explore Enniscorthy, an attractive market town situated on the banks of the River Slaney, dominated by its impressive Norman castle, dating back to 1205, and the County Wexford Museum, is also well worth a visit. This afternoon we visit the scenic village of Avoca, setting for the TV series Ballykissangel. We return to our hotel with time to freshen up before a cookery demonstration of Jameson's soda bread, before our second themed dinner, and live musical entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel to the vibrant town of Wexford, with its attractive harbour and handsome buildings. After lunch, we continue to Waterford, the capital of the Sunny Southeast and Ireland's oldest city. With time to browse the town, have tea and visit the Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre, we return to our hotel in time for our third themed dinner accompanied by Irish Pike men dressed in full regalia, and live musical entertainment.

**THURSDAY** Today we enjoy a leisurely drive, through some lovely Irish scenery, to Kilkenny, a traditional Irish county town with its castle, one of the city's most popular visitor attractions. Built in 1172, it has an abundance of heritage and history. There are also shops to browse and many typically Irish restaurants to enjoy a leisurely lunch. We return to our hotel with time to relax before our final themed dinner and an evening of live music.

**FRIDAY** After an early Irish breakfast, we travel back to Rosslare for the return ferry crossing to Pembroke. We continue our homeward journey with a comfort stop en route, reaching the West Country mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Speciality themed dinner each evening
- Live music each night
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £38.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£335

5 DAYS

Friday 23rd – Monday 26th April



## ENTERTAINMENT BREAK IN SOUTH WALES

Discover the delights of Gower's countryside and the Welsh Valleys, rich in heritage and outstanding natural beauty. With its blend of coastal outlooks and rural townships, and its magnificent National Park, where better to spend a weekend!

### YOUR HOTEL Seabank Hotel, Porthcawl

Beautifully situated on Porthcawl's seafront, a warm welcome awaits. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant offers a range of freshly-prepared dishes, and the bar provides an area in which to relax both before and after dinner. There is a lift to all floors and evening entertainment.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and, with a stop for coffee, make our way over the Severn Bridge and up the Wye Valley to the attractive Welsh town of Monmouth, birthplace of Henry V. With plenty of time to browse the shops and enjoy a leisurely lunch we complete our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before evening dinner.

**SATURDAY** After a leisurely breakfast as we make our way to the southern edge of the Brecon Beacons to the market town of Abergavenny. Take a stroll through the market, with a variety of stalls selling everything from local produce to art and crafts. With time to enjoy a leisurely lunch, we continue across to the Brecon Beacons National Park with rugged scenery along the way, to the town of Brecon for afternoon tea.

**SUNDAY** This morning we make our way to coastal city of Swansea. Together with the marina, you will find a variety of museums including the National Waterfront Museum. You may like to take a boat ride across the bay, or browse the shops in the shopping district, where you will find the largest indoor market in Wales. With time to enjoy lunch, we return to Porthcawl with time to spend at leisure, maybe take a stroll along the promenade and enjoy the views.

**MONDAY** We leave our hotel and make the short journey to Cardiff, with the free day to explore the magnificent Welsh capital. You may like to visit the castle and discover the history of this distinguished city, or perhaps take a boat trip down the River Taff and into Cardiff Bay. Cardiff also offers a large variety of shopping areas from Arcades to Mermaid Quay, offering a selection of high street brands and unique boutique stores. We complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

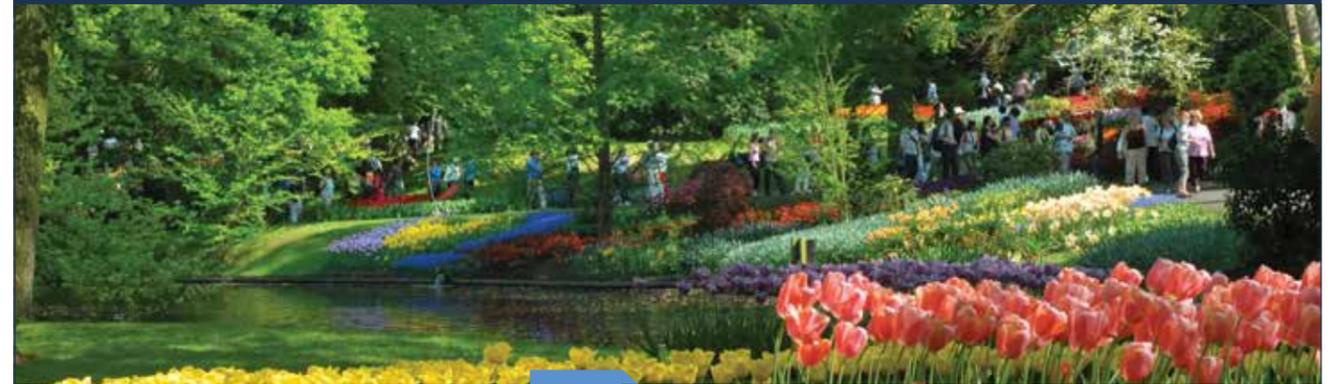
**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £24.00  
Sea view supplement £15.00 per person  
Travel insurance £22.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£199

4 DAYS

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd April



## THE DUTCH BULBFIELDS & THE BEST OF HOLLAND

From tulips to canals, cheese to clogs, Holland is a country of great variety. No visit in April would be complete without a visit to the world famous Keukenhof Gardens with over seven million bulbs, making it one of the world's largest flower gardens and a must-see visit in Holland!

### YOUR HOTEL Apollo Hotel, Lelystad

A locally-rated 4\* hotel, ideally located in the centre of Lelystad. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and telephone. There is a lift to all floors, and the restaurant serves a choice evening menu and buffet breakfast.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** After an early departure we leave the West Country and journey east, with a comfort stop en route, to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue to our hotel and our base for the next four nights, arriving in time for evening dinner.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast, we today make our way to a Dutch cheese farm and clog factory with a guided tour and demonstrations to see how these trademarks of Holland are made. You will also have an opportunity to taste some locally produced cheese. We then enjoy a circular tour of some of Holland's loveliest scenery, visiting two characteristic locations, Edam and Volendam. Our first stop is Edam, most famously known for its cheese, but it also boasts cosy streets, quiet canals and splendid architecture. With time to explore and enjoy lunch, we then continue to Volendam – the place to go to see the real beauty of Holland. A charming and picturesque fishing village with characteristically small houses and a historic ambience that hasn't changed much in six centuries. You may like to visit the Spaander Hotel – full of famous paintings once



TOUR  
PRICE

£495

5 DAYS



used as payment for a night's lodging! There are also many souvenir stalls that run the length of the main street and some lovely small cafés in which to enjoy tea.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast, we take a leisurely drive by coach across the IJsselmeer and Markermeer lakes, which were created when a man-made dyke was constructed in the Zuidersee (South Sea) in order to prevent and control floor on the low-lying land. We make our way to the Open-Air museum and heritage centre of Zaanse Schans, a specially created town packed with windmills, barns and museums built in the typically Dutch wooden architectural style. Experience and learn about traditional windmills and take home a few Dutch souvenirs from the numerous gift shops. We return to Lelystad for time to explore the town before dinner.

**THURSDAY** Join us for the highlight of our tour, for a full day's excursion into Bulbfield country and a visit to the splendid Keukenhof Gardens. Whilst here, you will have plenty of time to take in the superb colours and scents of the flowers and shrubs, as well as admire the many indoor exhibitions.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast, we leave our hotel and make our way back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then complete our homeward journey, reaching the West Country early/mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Entrance to cheese farm and clog factory
- Entrance to Keukenhof Gardens
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £95.00  
Entrance to some attractions at Zaanse Schans  
Travel insurance £38.00

Sunday 25th – Tuesday 27th April



## REGAL ROYAL RESIDENCES

Join us for a weekend to visit some of the greatest of our British royal residences, from Windsor Castle, favourite London residence of Her Majesty the Queen, to Hampton Court Palace which was the London residence of the Tudor, Stuart and Georgian monarchy. HS Garden Wisley is the permanent home to the Duchess of Cambridge's "Back to Nature" garden as seen at RHS Hampton Court Flower Show in July 2019.

**YOUR HOTEL** Holiday Inn, London Heathrow, London

A modern 4\* hotel. All rooms are en-suite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening dinner, and generous buffet breakfast.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** After an early departure we leave the West Country and make our way with a comfort stop on route, to Windsor Castle. It is the oldest occupied castle in the world with over 900 years of royal history founded by William The Conqueror and home to 39 monarchs and the favourite weekend retreat of the Queen. Discover the fascinating State Apartments and castle treasures with an audio guide as you explore the sumptuous interiors. Outside the castle you can visit St George's Chapel, one of England's finest examples of Gothic architecture and the setting for the royal wedding of the Duke & Duchess of Sussex. The town of Windsor itself is a delight to explore with shops & restaurants, and the opportunity to join an open-top bus tour of Windsor & nearby Eton. We leave Windsor late afternoon and make our way to our hotel, for dinner.

**MONDAY** After breakfast we make our way to Hampton Court Palace, with the day to explore. Home to Henry VIII, who brought all 6 of his wives here, it became a Tudor palace and court where lavish banquets and regal events entertained the aristocracy. With up to 800 guests at any given time, the Great Kitchens became a place where up to 1600 meals were served daily and give a fascinating insight into "downstairs" Tudor servant lives. The beautiful interiors of the Great Hall, the Kings & Queens Apartments, the Royal Chapel, together with art galleries are a delight to explore. The landscaped gardens and grounds with a water fountain and maze were created from the 17th century and are a pleasure to visit.

**TUESDAY** We leave our hotel and travel the short distance to RHS Garden Wisley, which houses one of the largest collection of plants in the world, with swathes of bulbs and springtime blooms at this time of year. Discover the many varied areas of the gardens, the glasshouse, arboretum, Mediterranean Terrace, the iconic Laboratory building and Jellicoe Canal. There is a large restaurant to enjoy lunch and a gift shop and plant centre to browse. We leave mid afternoon and with a comfort stop on route, return to the West Country early-mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Buffet Dinner, Bed & Buffet English Breakfast
- Entrance to Windsor Castle with audio guide
- Entrance to Hampton Court Palace
- Entrance to RHS Garden Wisley
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £30.00  
Travel insurance £19.00

TOUR PRICE

£235

3 DAYS

Sunday 25th – Thursday 29th April



## SPRINGTIME GARDENS IN CORNWALL

Falmouth is Cornwall's leading south coast resort and a flourishing port for over 400 years. It rests at the point where seven rivers flow into a long stretch of water, boasting a beautiful sheltered harbour. Join us for a tour of some of the most beautiful gardens in the mild-climate of the Cornish Peninsula.

**YOUR HOTEL** Membly Hall Hotel, Falmouth

Ideally situated on Falmouth's beach front, this family-run hotel offers a very warm welcome. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant offers an excellent menu. Leisure facilities include a spa pool and Jacuzzi, and entertainment is provided most nights.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave our home area and make our way to National Trust's Lanhydrock, a magnificent Victorian country house with extensive servants' quarters, gardens and wooded estate. The garden has a stunning collection of magnolias, rhododendrons and camellias, all set in 900 acres of parkland running down to the River Fowey. We complete our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

**MONDAY** Join us this morning as we visit Marazion, thought to be Britain's oldest town! Here you will see St Michael's Mount just across the causeway and a stretch of sandy beach to stroll along, together with an array of gift shops with local artwork and crafts. We continue to the pretty fishing town of St Ives, with its picturesque harbour, seafront and many gift shops and cafes. There is also the Barbara Hepworth Museum and Tate Gallery, which celebrate the work of young painters, potters and sculptors.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Truro, with time to visit the cathedral and browse the shops. After an early lunch we make the short journey to National Trust's Trelissick Gardens, a beautiful haven that will transport your imagination to days gone by. Throughout the year the 30 acre tiered garden is awash with colour and has breathtaking maritime views and lovely woodland walks. There is a fine Georgian stable block, a shop, gallery and restaurant.

**WEDNESDAY** A morning excursion to the attractive Cornish town of Helston. This former stannary and cattle market town is perhaps best known for its annual Flora Dance, which originates from the medieval period. It was granted rights to hold a market by King John, making it Cornwall's second oldest market town. We return to Falmouth with time to spend in its beautifully sheltered harbour, visit the National Maritime Museum, and the modern marina.

**THURSDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel and make our way to Mevagissey, a picturesque harbour town, with time to browse the many gift and craft shops and enjoy lunch. We continue our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment on most evenings
- Entrance to Lanhydrock House & Gardens (Nat Trust)
- Entrance to Trelissick Gardens (Nat Trust)
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 5)  
Sea View Room supplement £44.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£315

5 DAYS

Monday 26th – Friday 30th April



## SPRINGTIME ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT

The Isle of Wight, 23 miles long by 13 miles wide is quite a world of its own, managing to crowd onto its small surface area an entire realm of unspoilt English landscapes in miniature.

**YOUR HOTEL** Queensmead Hotel, Shanklin

We are delighted to return to this very popular hotel, located with easy walking distance of the high street, and picturesque Old Village. All rooms are ensuite, with TV and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift at the hotel, and a limited number of ground floor rooms. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared home cooked menu, and entertainment is provided on some evenings.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and with a coffee stop en route make our way to Southampton for the one-hour ferry crossing to East Cowes, before continuing to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in and perhaps enjoy a stroll before dinner.

**TUESDAY** Today as we take a wonderful circular tour of the island, travelling through Ventnor and along the picturesque west coast to Alum Bay. Whilst here, you may like to take the chair lift down to the sea for the best views of the Needles, and maybe make yourself a souvenir from the multicoloured sands found around the bay. After lunch, we travel on to Yarmouth, a historic port with lovely views across the Solent for tea.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast the morning is free to explore Shanklin at leisure, maybe visit the Old Village with its picturesque thatched cottages, or Shanklin Chine, a deep ancient gorge carved out by a stream. We later make a visit the island's donkey sanctuary, where we will be greeted by a member of the team and given a fascinating insight into the work the charity undertakes to rescue and rehabilitate the donkeys in their care. With time to explore, visit the gift shop and use the tearooms we continue to the picturesque village of Godshill, the most photographed village in Britain with plenty of time to explore the 15th century church, immaculate model village and charming gift shops.

**THURSDAY** This morning we travel north to the village of Whippingham to visit the church of St Mildred's, frequented by the royal family when Queen Victoria & Prince Albert were in residence on the island and full of history facts and information. We continue to Osborne House, Queen Victoria's favourite retreat and a beautiful stately home set in magnificent grounds overlooking the Solent. Trace the footsteps of one of Britain's most popular monarchs as you wander through the Italianate gardens. Visit Swiss Cottage, too, where the royal children were educated, and enjoy the terrace restaurant with its stunning garden and sea views.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast and travel back to Cowes for our return ferry crossing to Southampton. After stopping for lunch in Salisbury, we complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Osborne House
- Entrance to the Donkey Sanctuary (Free entry)
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (max 5)  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£299

5 DAYS

Monday 26th – Friday 30th April



## SPRINGTIME BLOOM IN KENT!

Affectionately known as the "Garden of England", Kent is one of Britain's well-loved counties, with fine landscaped gardens, castles and grand country mansions. Join us on this special springtime tour, blooming across England's charming corner.

**YOUR HOTEL** Mercure Tunbridge Wells Hotel, Tunbridge Wells

A 4\* hotel set in an 18th century Georgian house with modern comforts. All rooms are en-suite with TV, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift, but ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a delicious choice menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We make our way east, with stops for coffee and lunch en route, to Kent and our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast we visit the attractive spa town of Royal Tunbridge Wells, famous for its "Pantiles" – rows of shops behind raised arcades. After lunch we travel to Hever Castle, set in 125 acres and filled with spring bulbs, camellias, hyacinths and pansies setting off a colourful backdrop to this historic building with over 700 years of history. As the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, Henry VIII's unfortunate second wife, explore the exquisite interiors with their beautifully furnished state rooms and galleries, before stepping into the gardens and parklands to admire the riot of springtime colour and enjoy afternoon tea and browse the well-stocked gift shop to find a souvenir of your visit.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we visit the historic city of Rochester, with close association with Charles Dickens and his wonderful characters. The fine Norman castle and cathedral are well worth a visit, and there is an array of independent shops and cafes to enjoy morning coffee. We continue to the medieval city of Canterbury with time to explore the world-famous cathedral, historic buildings and many shops and cafes, to enjoy a relaxing lunch.

**THURSDAY** Today we visit Leeds Castle, steeped in over 900 years of history with 500 acres of beautiful parkland and formal gardens, awash in vibrant colours of spring bulbs, and manicured lawns. The castle started life as a Norman stronghold, and has been the private property of 6 medieval queens, a palace for King Henry VIII and is one of the most visited buildings in Britain. There are also daily falconry displays in the grounds and the café serves delicious lunches & afternoon tea.

**FRIDAY** Sadly, this morning we leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. With stops for coffee and lunch stops en route, we reach the West Country early/mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Hever Castle & Gardens
- Entrance to Leeds Castle & Gardens
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£345

5 DAYS

Wednesday 28th April – Wednesday 5th May



## ORKNEY & SHETLAND MINI-CRUISE

Located off the northern tip of Scotland, where the North Sea and the Atlantic Ocean meet, the Orkney & Shetland Isles offer quiet sandy beaches, stunning scenery, an abundance of wildlife, fresh quality cuisine and warm welcoming hospitality.

### YOUR HOTEL The Norseman Hotel, Wick

A 3\* family run hotel located in the centre of town. Each of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms are equipped with TV, telephone, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and hearty Scottish breakfast.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£859**  
8 DAYS



### ITINERARY

**WEDNESDAY** We leave the West Country, and make our way north, with stops for coffee and lunch en route. We continue over the border into Scotland, to our overnight hotel in the Scottish lowlands, arriving with time to freshen up before dinner.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast, we continue our northerly journey, again with stops for coffee and lunch en route, arriving at our hotel in Wick, one of mainland Scotland's most northerly towns, for our three-night stay, with time to settle in and relax before dinner.

**FRIDAY** The whole day is free to spend as you please exploring the former Viking settlement of Wick. Historically one of the busiest Herring Ports in Europe in the 19th century, the town sits astride the River Wick and Wick Bay which enters the North Sea. For those who love the coastal scenery, there is a lovely cliff top walk and an array of seabirds and wildlife to spot. Or for those looking to explore the town, a visit to Wick Heritage Centre or the Pulteney Whisky Distillery are well worth a visit, stroll around the harbourside or enjoy a relaxing lunch in the cafes in town.

**SATURDAY** This morning we travel along the coastal route overlooking the sea to one side and rugged moorland scenery the other, to Dunrobin Castle. One of Britain's oldest continuously inhabited houses, dating back to the early 14th century, it is home to the Earls, and later, the Dukes of Sutherland. Resembling a French chateau, with fairy tale turrets, the sumptuous Scottish interiors include a library, drawing rooms with fine art and other state rooms, leading into older parts of the castle and a Victorian museum in the summer house. The formal gardens are a delight to explore and falconry displays are held on the lawn early afternoon. We return to our hotel via John O'Groats, the most northerly settlement of mainland Great Britain. Here you can visit



the local shops; maybe buy a souvenir of your visit or send a postcard from the Post Office. There are also two cafes, a woollen mill and the famous Last House and Museum.

**SUNDAY** Late morning we leave our hotel and board the Northlink ferry at Scrabster for a 90-minute crossing to the Orkney Isles, sailing past Britain's highest cliffs including the Old Man of Hoy. On arrival, we rejoin the coach and are joined by an experienced local guide for a tour of Orkney's mainland. We visit the World Heritage Site of Skara Brae, an amazing Neolithic village that lay buried under sand for 4000 years, The Stone Ring of Brodgar, the delightful chapel built by Italian POW's and the remains of Battleships scuppered by Scapa Flow. A 3-course evening dinner will be served in a local restaurant in Kirkwall before we join our mini cruise ship for an overnight crossing to Shetland. Whilst on board, you will have the comfort of a lower berth ensuite cabin and on-board facilities include shops, restaurants, bar and a cinema.

**MONDAY** We wake in Lerwick, where after breakfast on the ship, we board our coach to be joined by another local guide for an excursion to enjoy Shetland's scenic mainland, with visits to Jarlshof Viking village and Scalloway Castle & Museum... and don't forget to look out for Shetland's famous ponies! You will then have some free time to explore Lerwick before we rejoin our ship late afternoon for our overnight sailing to Aberdeen. You will have the evening to relax, enjoy dinner and continue to make use of the on-board facilities.

**TUESDAY** After a hearty Scottish breakfast on board, we leave the ship and begin our journey south – stopping for a leisurely lunch on route. We then continue to our overnight hotel in the Scottish lowlands, with time to relax before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we continue our homeward journey; with comfort stops en route we reach the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast in hotel accommodation
- 2 nights on ship in a 2-berth ensuite cabin
- 1 dinner and 2 breakfasts on ship
- Dinner in Kirkwall
- Guided tours on Orkney & Shetland
- Entry to Skara Brae & Fossil Centre on Orkney
- Entry to Jarlshof & Scalloway Castle on Shetland
- Entrance to Dunrobin Castle, Gardens & Museum
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £200.00  
Travel insurance £29.00

Thursday 29th April – Monday 3rd May



## TRANQUIL THAMES VALLEY & THE CHILTERN HILLS

The Thames Valley, steeped in history has been a large part of shaping British towns and cities in the south for centuries. Running from Gloucestershire to the Essex coast, the Thames is home to a diverse range of picturesque towns and major cities. The Chiltern Hills form part of the long line of chalk hills across southern and eastern England, interlocking with the Thames Valley region. On the outer edge lies the charming towns of Marlow & Henley on Thames.

### YOUR HOTEL Hilton Hotel, Bracknell

A modern 4\* hotel. All en-suite bedrooms are well furnished with TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated swimming pool and fitness suite.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£335**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** We leave the West Country, and travel to Marlborough with time to have lunch and explore this charming market town located on the old coaching route to London. It boasts one of England's widest high streets with many historic buildings. We continue to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**FRIDAY** Today we enjoy a leisurely boat trip along the River Thames. From Maidenhead we pass "Millionaires Row", and through several locks on the river with Windsor Castle coming into view as we arrive in Royal Windsor. With the rest of the day to explore the old town, maybe visit the world-famous castle and St George's Chapel or take a sightseeing bus tour around Windsor & Eton, there is much to do with many shops to browse and restaurants to enjoy a cosy lunch.

**SATURDAY** After breakfast we visit the outer edges of the Chiltern Hills, stopping first in Henley-On-Thames. Adjacent to the river, Henley is overlooked by the beautiful Chiltern landscape. Home to the annual Henley Regatta it's considered to be one of England's most beautiful market towns, perfect for a peaceful riverside stroll. After lunch, we continue to the vibrant Georgian town of Marlow with historic streets and abundance of shops and famous suspension bridge which spans the River Thames, said to be one of the most loveliest of all the Thameside locations.

**SUNDAY** Today you have a choice. Either to visit the stunning RHS Garden Wisley OR The Brooklands Museum of by-gone motoring and aviation. Wisley is the historic home of the RHS and houses one of the largest plant collections in the world. The gardens are a delight in every season, but spring plays host to bulbs and blossoms. Explore the glasshouse, numerous garden areas, fabulous plant centre and restaurant facilities. At Brooklands Museum, the birthplace of British motorsport and home to the iconic Concorde, discover the pioneers of speed, and aviation. Packed with fascinating exhibitions, museum collections and simulator rides, a day never feels long enough!

**MONDAY** After breakfast, we begin our homeward journey, with a stop for lunch in Winchester. With time to explore this compact city and ancient capital of England, once ruled by King Alfred The Great, perhaps visit the stunning cathedral we complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat trip on the River Thames (1.5 hour cruise)
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £100.00  
Entrance to RHS Garden Wisley  
Entrance to Brooklands Museum  
Travel insurance £24.00

Friday 30th April – Monday 3rd May



## LLANDUDNO VICTORIAN EXTRAVAGANZA & TRANSPORT FESTIVAL

Every May Day Bank Holiday weekend, Llandudno plays host to a Victorian Extravaganza featuring a Victorian street fair, old time fair rides, fun stalls, steam engines, people dressed in Victorian costume, street parades and street entertainment the whole family will enjoy.

### YOUR HOTEL Hydro Hotel, Llandudno

A delightful 3\* Victorian style hotel ideally located overlooking the seafront. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and hearty breakfast. The lounge bar has views across the bay.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£249**  
4 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route. We cross over the border into Wales to our hotel, with time to settle in and perhaps take a stroll before evening dinner.

**SATURDAY – SUNDAY** Two whole days to enjoy all the festivities of the Victorian Extravaganza and Transport Festival. There is a daily parade of participating vehicles (including many steam tractors and wagons), brass bands and carnival troops, together with citizens in Victorian and Edwardian costumes. The parade travels through the town streets via the promenade. This evening is the "Road Run" when suitable vehicles ascend the Great Orme to the summit (and on Sunday run the circuit of Marine Drive). But it is the great Victorian steam fair, the length and breadth of the main shopping street with its multitude of rides and catch-penny booths, which gives that extra feel of the Victorian era, especially with period music from the magnificent showman's organ, one of several playing traditional ditties. As our hotel is located in the heart of Llandudno, you are free to spend as much or as little time enjoying the festivities. There are also many restaurants to have lunch in and shops to browse. You may also like to take a ride on the tram to the top of the Great Orme, with stunning views across the bay.

**MONDAY** Sadly we today leave our hotel and make our way south back into England, stopping for coffee and lunch en route. We continue our homeward journey to the West Country, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £24.00  
Seq view supplement £15.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

Friday 30th April – Monday 3rd May



**NEW**

## THE BLOSSOM TRAIL & ARCHERS' COUNTRY

The Vale of Evesham is highly regarded for its apples, pears and plums. For a few weeks in the spring, roadsides are ablaze with pastel pink colours of the orchard blossom. The surrounding area is also associated with the much-loved long running radio drama "The Archers". Join us as we journey along the Blossom Trail and some of the Archers haunts!

### YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Leamington Spa-Warwick

A delightful 3\* hotel. All rooms are en-suite and well equipped with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious choice menu and generous breakfast. There is also a lounge area with coffee bar.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and with a stop for coffee make our way to Stratford Upon Avon for lunch. Affectionately known as William Shakespeare's birthplace, the market town stretches out along the banks of the River Avon and boasts many black and white Tudor buildings, visitor attractions including links to Shakespeare, boat trips and the usual high street shops and restaurants. We continue to our hotel, with time to freshen up before dinner.

**SATURDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the beautiful village Broadway for coffee with its ancient houses of honey coloured limestone. We continue to the Vale of Evesham, enjoying a relaxing coach tour around the famous "Blossom Trail" travelling through pretty villages, including Pershore (the basis for The Archer's own market town of Borchester) and open countryside with orchards covering 3000 acres of apple, pear & plum trees. We end our journey at the historic town of Evesham, set on the picturesque River Avon with time to enjoy lunch and explore the pretty town with its medieval centre and riverbank setting.

**SUNDAY** Join us today as we travel through "Archers" country. The long-running radio drama is set in the fictional village of Ambridge in the fictional county of Borseshire. We pass through the Worcestershire village of Inkberrow, home to the "Old Bull Inn", the basis for The Archer's own "The Bull" village pub. We continue to National Trust's Hanbury Hall, said to be the basis for The Archer's "Lower Loxley Hall". Discover this beautiful 18th century house with rooms, created to stage summer parties and restored formal gardens with orangery, orchards and walled garden. Take a peek across the treeline behind Hanbury Hall towards the village church, reputed to be Ambridge's own St Stephens Church. We return to our hotel via the medieval town of Warwick.

**MONDAY** We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey, stopping for lunch in Worcester. Whilst here you may like to visit the cathedral or Museum of Royal Worcester pottery. We complete our journey to the West Country arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Hanbury Hall (National Trust)
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £63.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

TOUR PRICE

£225

4 DAYS

Friday 30th April – Monday 3rd May



## THE DELIGHTFUL DALES OF YORKSHIRE & SKIPTON WATERWAY FESTIVAL

The Skipton Waterway Festival is an annual event in the friendly town of Skipton to showcase their 200 year old Leeds & Liverpool Canal. Once used to transport cargoes of limestone, lead & textiles, this tranquil waterway now boasts beautiful barges and boats, which come together for the annual colourful festival each May.

### YOUR HOTEL Best Western Plus Craiglands Hotel & Spa Ilkley

A charming 3\* grand Victorian hotel located on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, in 6 acres of landscaped grounds. All rooms are en suite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors, the restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty Yorkshire breakfast and leisure facilities include a sauna, steam room and spa pool.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave our home area and make our way north, with comfort stops en route. We complete our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

**SATURDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we visit the compact city of Ripon, a favourite haunt of the author Lewis Carroll, who based Alice in Wonderland in surrounding countryside. With its historic cathedral and variety of independent shops, pretty spa gardens and various museums, there is much to see and do. After lunch we take a scenic journey across the stunning scenery of the Yorkshire Dales to the thriving market town of Hawes, where you may like to visit the Dales Countryside Museum, Rope Makers or the Wensleydale Cheese Factory.

**SUNDAY** The morning is free to explore Harrogate, a Victorian Spa town, with a bustling high street, parklands, elegant architecture, cobbled Montpellier Quarter with galleries and antique shops, and the famous Betty's Café Tea Rooms with over 100 years of history. After lunch, we make our way to Skipton to enjoy the vibrant Waterways Festival with a series of decorated boats, barges and colourful local characters who work the canal network. The streets will be filled with music, entertainment and a whole host of market stalls, food and drink and there will be opportunities to jump aboard and enjoy a boat trip along the canal. This evening find a restaurant, pub or local fish 'n' chip shop for your evening meal. As dusk falls, the boats are transformed into an illuminated flotilla with twinkling fairy lights lighting up the dark canal, culminating in an illuminated boat convoy, arriving in the canal basin at 9.45pm.

**MONDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey, with comfort and lunch stops on route. We complete our journey back to the West Country arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 1 Night Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

TOUR PRICE

£255

4 DAYS

Sunday 2nd – Friday 7th May



**NEW**

## BELGIUM'S BEAUTIFUL ARDENNES (INCLUDING THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE)

The Ardennes is a most enchanting region of Belgium. Landscapes of hills and thick forested landscapes give way to deep river valleys sprinkled with hilltop castles and gorgeous villages dotted with traces of both world wars with memorials and museums dedicated to the fallen.

### YOUR HOTEL Vayamundo Hotel, Houffalize

A locally rated 3\* hotel resort set in its own parkland close to the village of Houffalize. Each of the en-suite bedrooms are comfortably furnished with TV & hairdryer. There is a lift to all and ground floor rooms available. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and generous buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include a large indoor pool, sauna, jacuzzi, gym and games room.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** After an early departure we travel east to Dover, with a comfort stop en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue our journey to our hotel in Houffalize, with time to settle in and perhaps take a stroll before dinner.

**MONDAY** Join us today as we travel to the stunning 17th century water gardens (Jardins d'Annevoie) home to dramatic waterfalls and the only water steps in Belgium which have survived in perfect working order since their construction. We continue to the charming town of Dinant (famous for its Leffe Beer), with its picture postcard setting on the banks of the river Meuse flanked by spectacular cliffs, the historic Citadelle and onion-domed Collegiate Church. With time to explore, perhaps visiting the Citadelle with its rich military and World War I history, we board a boat for a leisurely cruise along the Meuse.

**TUESDAY** This morning we make the short journey to the town of Bastogne, known throughout the world for its association with the Battle of the Bulge in WWII and the infamous Siege of Bastogne in Christmas 1944. With time to explore the town, we continue to the nearby fascinating Bastogne War Museum which unfolds the story



TOUR PRICE

£549

6 DAYS



of the Battle of the Bulge through scenery, witness testimonials and multi-media installations bringing the stories and emotions of the second world war to life. We return to our hotel via Jack's Wood (featured in the film Band of Brothers) with remains of the Fox Holes dug into the woods by American troops to protect from German gunfire.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we visit two of the Ardennes' most beautiful villages. We begin at Durbuy, described as the "smallest town" on earth with a population of 500, which has maintained its medieval charm with narrow pedestrian cobbled and flower decked streets, castle and world-famous topiary gardens. Enjoy a local beer in a friendly café before we head to La Roche en Ardenne with its evocative feudal castle ruins perched high above the town. The centre of this pretty village has a variety of cafes, local shops, bakeries and the interesting Battle of the Bulge Museum. Sample some of the local cuisine including sweet almond biscuits, brandy liqueurs, local brewed beer and the famous Ardenne ham.

**THURSDAY** Join us if you wish for an excursion across the border into Luxembourg to the quaint village of Vianden, located on the banks of the River Our. Whilst here you may like to take the cable car to the hilltop castle and viewpoint, or wander through the narrow streets with its cosy cafes. We return to Houffalize with time to stroll into town or enjoy the hotel's leisure facilities.

**FRIDAY** This morning we continue our journey back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue, with comfort stops en route to the West Country, arriving mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Selected House Drinks with Dinner
- Entrance to Jardins d'Annevoie
- Boat Cruise in Dinant
- Entrance to Bastogne War Museum
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £90.00  
Travel insurance £40.00

## Monday 3rd – Friday 7th May



### VINTAGE CHARMS OF DERBYSHIRE

The wonderful scenery of the Peak District National Park is hard to rival and the rolling hillsides of the Derbyshire Dales are dotted with picturesque villages and bustling market towns.

#### YOUR HOTEL Hallmark Hotel Derby Midland, Derby

A centrally located 4\* hotel, Britain's first purpose-built railway hotel, where Queen Victoria resided when visiting Derby. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors and the restaurant serves a traditional menu.

TOUR PRICE

£335

5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and journey north to our hotel, making comfort stops en route, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** This morning as we make a scenic journey across the Peak District National Park to the Crich Tramway Village, a period village complete with an old-fashioned sweet shop, tram depot, and many other buildings which have been rescued and rebuilt. The trams run through the village, transporting passengers out to the local countryside and back again. The indoor exhibitions take you through the history of the tram, including those run by horse, steam and electric. This afternoon we travel to Matlock Bath, a picturesque village set in the beautiful gorge of the River Derwent, where you may like to take the cable car to the Heights of Abraham with breath-taking views over the village below.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we make our way south, via Leek, known locally as the gateway to the Staffordshire moors to the picturesque town of Ashbourne, with its handsome marketplace, Tudor & Georgian architecture and winding cobbled streets. After lunch we make our way to Kingsley and Froghall Station, where we board the Churnet Valley Railway for a steam train ride back to 1950's, through Staffordshire's rural countryside known as "Little Switzerland", with riverside views, and heritage canals on our 11-mile round trip.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast we travel to Bakewell, home to the famous Bakewell Pudding – a 19th century jam tart which "went wrong" and accidentally created a local delicacy. After lunch, we make the short journey to Haddon Hall, a stunning English Tudor country house, home of Lord Manner, whose ancestral family have been in residence since 1567. The house has been used in many TV series and films including "Jane Eyre" and "Pride & Prejudice" and has a magnificent banqueting hall, oak panelled long gallery, servants' kitchen quarters and beautiful furnishings including Flemish, French and English tapestries, some once belonging to King Charles I.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey, with comfort stops and lunch on route. We complete our journey back to the West Country arriving early evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Crich Tramway Village
- Ticket to Churnet Valley Railway
- Entrance to Haddon Hall
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

## Wednesday 5th – Sunday 9th May



### SPRINGTIME ALONG THE SOUTH COAST

The elegant seaside resort of Eastbourne is a popular destination. Sheltered by the South Downs it offers a mild climate, which makes it a perfect holiday destination at this time of year.

#### YOUR HOTEL The Queens Hotel, Eastbourne

A magnificent Victorian 3\* hotel overlooking the pier. All en-suite bedrooms have TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors, the restaurant offers a choice menu and the lounge is a cosy area to relax in.

TOUR PRICE

£289

5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**WEDNESDAY** We leave the West Country, stopping for coffee and lunch and on to our hotel with time to freshen up before evening dinner and maybe a stroll along the prom.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel to the vibrant hilltop market town of Rye with its cobbled streets and secret passageways where smugglers and highwaymen once haunted. After lunch we continue to the town of Battle, steeped in history since Norman times. The town grew up around the William The Conqueror's Abbey and takes its name from the famous "battle" between William the Conqueror and King Harold. St Mary's Church in Battle exhibits its own tapestry showing the development of the town following the famous Battle of Hastings.

**FRIDAY** The whole day is free to spend as you please in Eastbourne. This elegant seaside resort along England's glorious coastline has a long, easily accessible promenade which leads to the grand pier and a long stretch of golden sandy beach. The town centre offers an array of cafés and gift shops together with the usual high street shops. For those looking to walk a little further, Sovereign harbour has a vibrant cosmopolitan feel, as you can watch yachts gliding past whilst enjoying a coffee in a café.

**SATURDAY** This morning we make our way along the south coast to the seaside resort of Hastings. With three miles of seafront stretches from its fishing quarter to the pier and family friendly beaches, the old town is crammed with winding streets, Tudor houses & flower bedecked cottages. After an early lunch we make our way inland to the exquisite Pashley Manor Gardens with 11 acres of beautiful borders, well maintained lawns with annuals and perennials. There is a tearoom on site to enjoy afternoon tea, before we return for a final evening in Eastbourne.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel, and with comfort stops make our homeward journey, reaching the West Country early evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment on some evenings
- Entrance to Pashley Manor Gardens
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £30.00  
Sea view supplement £20.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

## Sunday 9th May – Monday 17th May



### SPAIN...THE COSTA BRAVA

Join us as we head to the sun! Roses is located in the Spanish region of Catalonia and is the biggest resort on the northern stretch of the Costa Brava, just 30 kilometres south of the French border. Steeped in history with origins going back to the 8th century BC this old fishing town is also a thoroughly modern and popular holiday destination, yet it still remains a fairly quiet, relaxed resort, retaining much of its original charm.

#### YOUR HOTEL Coral Platja Hotel, Roses

This lovely 3\* hotel is in a perfect location, only 300 metres from the centre of Roses and set right on the beachfront. The hotel enjoys a traditional Mediterranean style, with wrought-iron balconies and window shutters and a lift to all floors. The maritime themed restaurant serves all meals buffet style, and a lovely outdoor terrace is perfect for sitting and watching the world go by! The same Spanish style extends to the traditional bedrooms, which are all en-suite, with air conditioning, TV and hairdryer. There is also an outdoor swimming pool, a large bar area and entertainment is provided each evening.

TOUR PRICE

£565

9 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** After an early departure, we leave the West Country and journey east, with a comfort stop, to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue our journey, with a stop for dinner on route, to our overnight hotel south of Paris.

**MONDAY** After breakfast, we continue our journey through France and into Spain to our hotel in Roses where we'll be spending the next six nights with time to settle in before dinner and our first evening of live entertainment.

**TUESDAY** The whole day is free for you to spend as you please and begin exploring your new surroundings. You may like to take a swim in the hotel pool, and relax on the sun terrace, or take a stroll into the town, browse the shops and sample some of the local cuisine. There is also a land train where you can explore a little more of the local area.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we head to the beautiful city of Girona with its beautiful old medieval district and fine Gothic-style cathedral. Other sights well worth a visit include the Arab Baths and well-preserved Jewish Quarter. The city comes alive this time of year with the annual flower festival, with colourful displays throughout the streets (festival



date tbc). After lunch we continue inland to Besalu, a lovely little town whose illustrious history dates back to the time of the Romans. It's most famous sight is the original 11th century fortified bridge, which still proudly spans the Fluvia River. Hidden amongst the town's atmospheric old streets lie many churches, café-lined squares and fascinating old ruins to explore.

**THURSDAY** A full day excursion as we travel a little further south to Barcelona, the second largest city in Spain and the capital of Catalonia, acclaimed as one of the country's cultural centres. Whilst here you may like to visit the bustling La Ramblas, where, as well as shops and restaurants, you will see live performances, human statue art, and artists that will draw your portrait or caricature. There is also the cathedral, and the fabulous Sagrada Família, Gaudi's testament to modern architecture. The view across the high plateau of the Monique Mountain overlooking the city is also stunning.

**FRIDAY** Join us if you wish for an afternoon excursion to the pretty whitewashed village of Cadaqués with its maze of narrow streets that tumble down to the water, and stylish art galleries which stand alongside the souvenir shops, cafés and seafood restaurants. We return to Roses after lunch with time on resort.

**SATURDAY** A final free day to spend as you please, relaxing and enjoying the facilities and scenery.

**SUNDAY** Sadly, this morning we bid farewell to our hotel in Roses and begin our homeward journey. With regular comfort stops en route, we return to our overnight hotel for evening dinner.

**MONDAY** After breakfast, we travel back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. From here we then continue our journey home, arriving mid/late-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 Nights' Buffet Dinner, & Buffet Breakfast in Roses
- 1 Night Bed & Buffet Breakfast in overnight hotel
- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast in overnight hotel
- House wine & water with dinner in Roses
- Live musical entertainment every evening in Roses
- Free use of swimming pool
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £166.00  
Sea view room supplement £81.00 per person (Subject to availability)  
Travel insurance £46.00

Sunday 9th – Thursday 13th May



## THE LOVELY LAKE DISTRICT

An area renowned for its exceptional natural beauty, the Lake District provides the ideal retreat from the hustle and bustle of daily routine. Join us for a tour taking in some of the area's most stunning scenery in England's largest National Park, home to our country's biggest lakes and tallest mountains.

**YOUR HOTEL** Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands

A delightful 3\* hotel set within private wooded grounds and enjoying views of Morecambe Bay. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The hotel's experienced in-house chef has developed an excellent and varied menu, and entertainment is provided some evenings.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country and begin our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and reaching our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**MONDAY** Join us today as we journey through some of the most spectacular scenery you'll see anywhere in England, as we travel up the breathtaking Kirkstone Pass and along Ullswater to Glenridding, where we board a steamer for a cruise the length of Ullswater to Pooley Bridge. We then re-join the coach and continue to Keswick for lunch and time to explore the charming town, before the scenic drive back to our hotel.

**TUESDAY** Today we enjoy a circular tour through some of the Lake District's loveliest sights. We travel through the village of Haverthwaite, following part of Conistown Water and Conistown Village, to Ambleside for coffee and time to look around. We then make our way to the pretty village of Grasmere for lunch, with time if you wish to visit Wordsworth's museum and Dove Cottage – his home from 1799 to 1808, the years of his supreme work as a poet.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Lakeside, the most southerly part of Lake Windermere, where we take a leisurely cruise – with magnificent views of mountain scenery, secluded bays and wooded islands – to Bowness at the heart of the Lake District. The town boasts every sort of shop you can imagine, as well as many cafés and restaurants. While here, you may also like to visit the nearby World of Beatrix Potter attraction, in which the 23 original tales are brought to life in a magical indoor recreation of the Lakeland countryside, complete with sights, sounds – and even smells! We later return to Grange-over-Sands, with time to relax and spend as you please before our final evening meal.

**THURSDAY** Sadly it's time to leave the Lake District and begin our homeward journey. With stops for coffee and lunch en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat trip on Lake Ullswater
- Boat trip on Lake Windermere
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £64.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£335

5 DAYS

Monday 10th – Saturday 15th May



## THE ISLES OF SCILLY

The Isles of Scilly sit 28 miles southwest of Lands End and enjoy an exceptionally mild climate. When you first arrive, you may not realise just how much there is to see and do! Each island has its own unique character and charm and offers its own treasure trove of adventures and experiences. There are a variety of beaches, and many different venues in which to enjoy the local cuisine.

**YOUR HOTEL** The Atlantic, St Mary's

You are assured of a warm welcome at our chosen hotel, located in the heart of St Mary's where the buildings are golden granite, the beaches are white, and both the coast and countryside are stunning all year round. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. Many enjoy uninterrupted views of the harbour. The restaurant serves excellent, locally-sourced food.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** After an early departure we make our way to Penzance, where you will board the Scillonian III ferry for the crossing to St Mary's, the largest of the Scilly Isles. There are refreshment facilities on board, and you may even see dolphins, porpoises or pilot whales. On arrival you will be met at the quay, and you and your luggage will be taken to the Atlantic Hotel, with the remainder of the afternoon free to settle in and familiarise yourself with your new surroundings. An early evening welcome reception from the hotel management will be followed by a delicious three course dinner.

**TUESDAY – FRIDAY** The hotel will organise a programme of events to help you explore and enjoy all that the Scilly Isles have to offer. This will include two days of planned itineraries including guided walking tours of St Mary's and Treco, including boat fares and entrance to Treco Abbey Gardens. Remember to pack sturdy walking shoes. On the other two days you have free time to spend as you please, browsing the small selection of shops and exploring at your leisure... or you may simply choose to relax, enjoy the scenery and beaches and do nothing! A three-course dinner will be served at the hotel each evening.

**SATURDAY** Sadly it's now time to leave the Scilly Isles, and after lunch, you and your luggage will be taken back to the quay for the return ferry crossing to Penzance, where a Blakes coach and driver will be waiting to return you to your home area.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return ferry from Penzance
- Hotel transfers at St Mary's
- Welcome drink reception
- Guided walking tours of St Mary's and Treco
- Entrance to Treco Abbey Gardens
- Coach travel to and from Penzance

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £168.00 (Max 1 single)  
Sea view supplement £50.00 per person  
Travel insurance £26.00

TOUR PRICE

£799

6 DAYS

Tuesday 11th – Saturday 15th May



## LLANDUDNO & THE LITTLE TRAINS OF WALES

Llandudno – the premier resort of North Wales – is set along a wide, curving bay overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, with the magnificent mountains of Snowdonia as its backdrop.

**YOUR HOTEL** Tynedale Hotel, Llandudno

We're delighted to return to this welcoming 4\* hotel, located along the central promenade with sea views. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The hotel's restaurant serves a fabulous full Welsh breakfast and choice evening menu, and there is live entertainment each evening.

### ITINERARY

**TUESDAY** We leave our home area and travel over the border into Wales, stopping for coffee and lunch en route. On arrival at our hotel, enjoy a cup of tea while your luggage is delivered to your room. There will then be time to settle in before dinner and our first evening of entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** The morning is free for you to spend as you please and explore Llandudno, known as the 'Queen of Welsh Resorts'. You may like to take a ride on the Great Orme Tramway to the summit on one of only three cable-hauled street tramways in the world. There is also a fine pier, over 700 metres long, attractive gardens, shops and restaurants. This afternoon we visit Conwy, medieval walled town with an imposing castle and lively quay, on which you will find what is claimed to be the smallest house in Great Britain!

**THURSDAY** This morning we travel to Blaenau Ffestiniog and board the world's oldest narrow-gauge railway for a 13½ mile journey to the harbour in Porthmadog. The train climbs over 700 feet from sea level into the mountains, past lakes and waterfalls and round tight bends, clinging to the side of the mountain or tunneling through it. We then make the short journey to Portmeirion, an Italianate village famous for its china. While here, marvel at the beautiful gardens, browse the many gift shops, and enjoy lunch.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast, we travel through stunning scenery around Snowdon and the Llanberis Pass, to board a train for a return journey on the Snowdon Mountain Cog Railway to the summit at 1,085 metres, with spectacular views... weather permitting! We continue to the picturesque village of Betws-y-Coed, North Wales' most popular resort with its railway museum, craft shops and tearooms.

**SATURDAY** Sadly we leave North Wales and make our way home, stopping for coffee and lunch en route. We complete our homeward journey back into England, arriving early/mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ffestiniog Railway ticket
- Entrance to Portmeirion Village & Gardens
- Snowdon Mountain Railway ticket
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£425

5 DAYS

Thursday 13th – Friday 14th May



## ROYAL WINDSOR HORSE SHOW PAGEANT

Join us to experience the spectacular Windsor Horse Show Pageant with over 400 horses and riders from the UK & around the world as they participate in a 90 minute highly choreographed show, held in the private grounds of Windsor Castle. The tour package includes top price tickets, seated and undercover in the Windsor Enclosure.

**YOUR HOTEL** Hilton Hotel, Bracknell

A 4\* hotel with modern comforts. All rooms are en-suite with TV, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant served a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include indoor pool, sauna, steam room and fitness suite.

### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way, with a comfort stop on route, to the beautiful spa city of Bath with time to explore at leisure. After lunch we re-join the coach and make our way to our hotel with time to freshen up and enjoy an early dinner before making our way to Windsor for the evening performance of the Royal Windsor Horse Show Pageant. Our top priced ticket provides a covered reserved seat in the Windsor Enclosure with excellent views of this spectacular show, where previous years have seen Military Bands, Pipes & Drums, the Royal Household Cavalry, the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery together with over 400 horses and 30 carriages in a beautifully choreographed display. We return to our hotel late evening.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel after a leisurely breakfast and make our way to the city of Oxford, affectionately known as the "City of Dreaming Spires", with over 30 colleges and iconic museums. The best way to discover Oxford is by taking a sight-seeing tour bus or wander through its vibrant shopping and café district to enjoy a relaxing lunch, before we continue our journey home, arriving in the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Top price ticket for Windsor Pageant (covered reserved seating in Windsor enclosure)
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £25.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

TOUR PRICE

£169

2 DAYS

Wednesday 12th – Tuesday 18th May



**NEW**

## SCOTLAND IN MINIATURE & THE ISLE OF ARRAN

Discover the enchanting Isle of Arran, often referred to as "Scotland in Miniature" with its dramatic landscapes and stunning scenery. Arran casts its magical spell over the most unsuspecting visitor with ever changing coastline and majestic mountain backdrop. Join us as we explore this charming Scottish island off the Ayrshire coast.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£565**  
**7 DAYS**

### YOUR HOTEL Best Western Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot

A delightful 3\* hotel overlooking Drumadoon Bay. All bedrooms are en-suite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is lift to most rooms, ground floor rooms are also available. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu using the finest locally sourced ingredients and a hearty Scottish breakfast. Relax in the lounge with stunning views across the bay or make use of the hotel's indoor swimming pool or squash court.

### ITINERARY

**WEDNESDAY** We leave the West Country, and make our way north, with comfort stops en route, to our overnight accommodation in Gretna Green, just across the Scottish border, arriving in time for dinner.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast, we continue our journey north, visiting the New Lanark Visitor Centre on route. A former 18th century cotton spinning mill village which has been carefully restored to its former glory. Your entrance ticket permits access to all the visitor attractions including Millworkers' Cottages, exhibitions of the history of the cotton industry, the world's first infant school classroom, the roof garden, shops & restaurant. We complete our journey to our hotel in Irvine with time to relax before dinner.

**FRIDAY** This morning we leave our hotel in Irvine with time to explore the seaside town of Troon, best known for its golf course, but also popular with visitors, boasting stunning sandy beaches with magnificent views and flat esplanade. Its bustling harbour is home to Ayrshire's local fish market and the town has many shops and cafes. This afternoon we board a ferry at Ardrossan for the 1 hour crossing to the Isle of Arran, where we complete our journey to our hotel in Blackwaterfoot, our base for the next three nights.

**SATURDAY** Join us today as we discover the Isle of Arran in all its glory, as we make a circular tour of the island by coach. We begin our



journey along the south coast, passing the sandy beach of Whiting Bay, and views across to Holy Isle and the Firth of Clyde. We visit the island's largest village, Lamlash. With time to enjoy a stroll along the coast, admire the spectacular coastal views, perhaps visit the fascinating Octopus Centre and enjoy a relaxing coffee, we continue our coach journey northwards, passing Brodick Castle and follow the coastal road in the shadow of Goatfell summit, to the northern tip of the island at Lochranza. You may like to visit the dramatic castle ruins, or just take a peaceful stroll along the loch. We return to our hotel, stopping at the Isle of Arran Heritage Museum located within a former croft and outbuildings to learn about the history of the island, its seafaring traditions, local craftsmen and island life. There is a small café on site to enjoy afternoon tea.

**SUNDAY** Today we make our way back towards the east coast of the island to visit the grand baronial Brodick Castle, the ancient seat of the Dukes of Hamilton. The interiors were redesigned in 1844 with heavy Victorian colours and aristocratic treasures & artefacts, explore the castle with costumed interpreters as you move from room to room. Outside, surrounded by mountains the grounds are full of formal gardens, waterfalls and woodland trails. We return to Blackwaterfoot later this afternoon with time to relax in the hotel, make use of its leisure facilities or stroll around the small harbour.

**MONDAY** After a hearty breakfast we sadly leave our hotel and take the ferry from Arran back to the mainland and begin our journey home, with lunch and comfort stops on route to our overnight hotel just outside Lancaster.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast, we continue our return journey, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and reaching the West Country early-mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to New Lanark Visitor Centre
- Return ferry crossing to Isle of Arran
- Entrance to Isle of Arran Heritage Museum
- Entrance to Brodick Castle, Garden & Country Park
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £75.00  
Travel insurance £27.00

Sunday 16th – Saturday 22nd May



## IRELAND...KILLARNEY & THE RING OF KERRY

Ireland's beauty is legendary – from the lush, green pastures to the deep, moody lakes and the wild, rolling hills – and the country is numbered among the world's greatest travel experiences. The Kingdom of Kerry is renowned for its natural magnificence; it is an area of colourful contrasts, with its rugged coastline and dramatic mountain views.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£565**  
**7 DAYS**

### YOUR HOTEL The Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney

A fabulous 4\* hotel situated in the heart of Killarney itself. All rooms are en suite, with multi-channel TV, high-speed Internet access, hairdryer and tea & coffee-making facilities. There is a lift to all floors, and the excellent leisure facilities include an indoor pool, Jacuzzi, and gym. Traditional Irish entertainment is provided in the hotel's bar each evening.



bus or taxi ride away is Muckross House and Gardens, a 19th century magnificent Victorian mansion, one of Ireland's leading stately homes. Situated close to the shores of Muckross Lake and set against the stunning beauty of Killarney National Park. The elegantly furnished rooms portray the lifestyles of the landed gentry, while downstairs in the basement you can experience the working conditions of the servants employed in the House. The Gardens are renowned world-wide for their beauty which include an extensive water garden, and an outstanding rock garden hewn out of natural limestone. Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and four of the princes and princesses stayed at the mansion for 2 nights in 1861.

**THURSDAY** Join us this morning as we begin a full day travelling around the breathtaking Dingle Peninsula. Unlike the Ring of Kerry, where the cliffs tend to dominate the ocean, it's the ocean that dominates the smaller Dingle Peninsula. The opal-blue waters surround the green hills and golden sands which once was the setting for the film Ryan's daughter. Once again we stop for coffee, lunch and photographs en route. We pause at Slea Head, the most westerly mainland point in Europe, where there are splendid views especially of the Blasket Islands and the scattered rocks, all part of an exploded volcanic area. We also stop in the village of Dingle, before returning to our hotel for a final evening dinner and traditional entertainment.

**FRIDAY** Sadly, we today leave Killarney and make our way back across Ireland's lovely countryside to Waterford with time to browse the town and maybe visit the Waterford Crystal Visitors Centre, before returning to our overnight hotel in time for evening dinner.

**SATURDAY** After a final Irish breakfast, we leave our hotel and travel back to Rosslair for the return ferry crossing to Pembroke. We then continue our homeward journey, through Wales, with a comfort stop en route, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Entrance to Muckross House & Gardens  
Cart ride/Boat trip in Killarney  
Single supplement £168.00  
Travel insurance £43.00



## Monday 17th – Friday 21st May



### JERSEY

Jersey has charmed generations of visitors – only 14 miles from the French coast, it has the continental flavour of France while remaining part of Britain. Although only a small island, Jersey has so much to offer... sandy beaches, rugged coastline, beautiful countryside and a wide variety of attractions.

#### YOUR HOTEL Mayfair Hotel, St Helier

A warm welcome awaits at this lovely 3\* hotel, just a few minutes' walk from the centre of Jersey's capital, St Helier. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a wide variety of dishes, and the hotel's coffee shop is open throughout the day, offering an assortment of meals and snacks. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, steam room and gym, and entertainment is provided each evening.

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area, after a possible early departure, (time to be advised) and make our way east to Poole for the ferry crossing to St Helier. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a hotel representative and taken to your hotel. The representative will act as your point of contact for the duration of your stay on the island, and he or she will be available each day to offer you advice on things like attractions and car hire. Dinner this evening is followed by entertainment.

**TUESDAY – THURSDAY** Each day is free for you to spend exploring Jersey's wonderful coastline and inland attractions. Perhaps you'd like to visit the Jersey War Tunnels; parts are preserved as they were left after World War II. Other worthwhile attractions include the zoo and Mont Orgueil Castle. We also highly recommend a trip to Corbiere Lighthouse with its stunning views, which you can walk to when the tide is out. A regular bus service operates on the island and is useful for visiting the many picturesque bays and harbours, or you may like to hire a car for the duration of your stay... the hotel can offer help with this if required. There are also numerous venues on the island in which to enjoy coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and Jersey ice cream! As on Monday, dinner at the hotel is each night followed by entertainment.

**FRIDAY** Sadly it's today time to leave Jersey. Your hotel representative will inform you of the necessary details, including when you'll need to leave the hotel to be taken by coach to the ferry port for the return crossing to Poole. On arrival, you will be met by a Blakes coach and driver, who will return you to your home area.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return ferry crossings
- Hotel transfers in Jersey

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £100.00 (Max 2)  
Travel insurance £38.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£369

5 DAYS

## Monday 17th – Friday 21st May



### GUERNSEY

Lying close to the northern coast of France and bathed by the warm waters of the Gulf Stream, the island of Guernsey offers a truly unforgettable escape from the hustle and bustle of mainland Britain.

#### YOUR HOTEL St Pierre Park Hotel, St Peter Port

We are delighted to return to this luxurious 4\* hotel, set in acres of tranquil parkland near a lake. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer, complimentary toiletries and tea & coffee facilities. Many have a private balcony or terrace with views of the beautiful grounds. The restaurant offers quality cuisine and a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, and breakfast is served in the grand La Fontaine Suite overlooking the lake and fountain. The excellent leisure facilities include an indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, gym, and beauty salon.

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area, after a possible early departure, (time to be advised) and make our way east to Poole for the ferry crossing to Guernsey. On arrival, you will be met by a local coach or taxi and taken to your hotel, with the remainder of the day free to spend as you please before dinner.

**TUESDAY – THURSDAY** Each day is free for you to spend as you please exploring this small yet scenic island. Covering only 50 square miles, Guernsey claims to be Britain's warmest spot! The island's capital, St Peter Port, is a bustling harbour town with pretty architecture. It also offers the best shopping on the island (which incidentally is tax free). You may like to hire a car for the duration of your stay, and the hotel will be able to help you with this. Alternatively, you may like to visit the neighbouring islands of Herm, Sark and Alderney – all a short ferry ride away. But with so many bays and coves, it's easy to find your own beach in Guernsey, with delights around every corner – like the 800-year-old de Sausmarez Manor, with its magnificent gardens and Art Park. The island offers many inspiring walks along the 28.5 miles of cliff paths, and Castle Cornet – Guernsey's ancient royal fortress – is well worth a visit, as is the former home of famous French poet Victor Hugo. In addition, there's the German Occupation Museum, Oatlands Craft Centre and the Candle Factory, where you can make your own souvenir. You'll never be short of things to do and see, and the island boasts a number of restaurants and tempting tearooms. Dinner is served each evening at the hotel.

**FRIDAY** Sadly it's today time to leave Guernsey. Once again, a local coach or taxi will take you to the ferry port for the return crossing to Poole. On arrival, you will be met by a Blakes coach and driver, who will return you to your home area.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Car hire on the island  
Single supplement £148.00  
Travel insurance £38.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£525

5 DAYS

## Wednesday 19th – Sunday 23rd May



### CORNWALL...FROM COAST TO COAST

Join us as we travel from coast to coast to explore some of Cornwall's best treasures. Falmouth is Cornwall's leading south coast resort, home to maritime history and a flourishing port for over 400 years with its sheltered harbour.

#### YOUR HOTEL Membly Hall Hotel, Falmouth

Ideally situated on Falmouth's beach front, this family-run hotel offers a warm welcome. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant offers an excellent menu. Leisure facilities include a spa pool and entertainment is provided most nights. The bar has a large lounge area with wonderful views across the channel.

#### ITINERARY

**WEDNESDAY** We leave our home area and make our way to the delightful harbour town of Looe, with its beautiful sandy beaches, and harbour boat trips, there will be plenty of time to explore and maybe enjoy a traditional fish and chip lunch by the harbour. We complete our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in and perhaps enjoy a stroll along the seafront with views across to Pendennis Castle, before dinner this evening.

**THURSDAY** This morning we make our way east across the Roseland Heritage Coast to Caerhays Castle and Gardens. We enjoy a guided tour of the castle before spending time at leisure in the beautiful spring gardens, absolutely stunning at this time of year with magnolias and rhododendrons in full blaze of colour and views across the bay. After lunch we travel to Mevagissey, an attractive harbour town with historic links to the Cornish pilchard fishing industry. The harbour is always buzzing with fishermen and its narrow streets are filled with gift shops and galleries.

**FRIDAY** Join us today as we visit the Cornish capital, Truro. The quay is surrounded by the usual high street shops, and a large indoor market. The impressive triple-spire cathedral is in the centre of town, with beautiful stained-glass windows and a delightful coffee shop. This afternoon we return to Falmouth with time to explore its shopping district and marina with numerous cafes, visit Pendennis Castle or the National Maritime Museum which houses many exhibitions together with the history of Cornish seafaring & fishing traditions.

**SATURDAY** After breakfast we make our way to the scenic shores of Marazion with views across to St Michael's Mount. With time to enjoy coffee, we continue to the pretty fishing village of St Ives with its picturesque harbour, seafront, many delightful shops and the Tate Gallery.

**SUNDAY** We leave our hotel stopping for lunch at Padstow, a charming fishing port crammed with restaurants, gift shops and the National Lobster Hatchery. We complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment on most evenings
- Guided tour of Caerhays Castle
- Entrance to Caerhays Gardens
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 5)  
Sea view room supplement £60.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£335

5 DAYS

## Thursday 20th – Friday 21st May



### RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW & ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS OF KEW

Each year, the RHS Chelsea Flower Show is held in the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea. It is the world's most famous flower show and a celebration of the highest quality horticulture and a feast for your imagination, bursting with inspiration for you to take home. A catwalk of colour and creativity, the show features the latest trends and ultimate design from the cream of garden designers, nurseries, plantsmen and exhibitors.

#### YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, London Heathrow

A 4\* hotel with modern comforts and facilities, including on-site Starbucks Coffee room and lounge bar area. With a lift to all floors, each en-suite bedroom is equipped with TV, air conditioning, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast.

#### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** After an early departure we leave the West Country and make our way east, with a comfort stop on route to London, where you will have the remainder of the day free to enjoy the spectacle of the Chelsea Flower Show, the premier horticultural event of the year. It draws exhibitors and visitors from around the globe, and as well as admiring the many wonderful gardens, and exhibits, you can also indulge in a bit of celebrity spotting! There are many places to enjoy a leisurely lunch and maybe a glass of Pimms, and whether you are a gardener, a would-be-gardener or a non-gardener there is something for everyone. Late afternoon we make the short journey to our hotel with time to relax before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel after a leisurely breakfast and make our way to the world-class Royal Botanic Gardens of Kew. There is so much to see and explore at Kew, from the newly re-opened Victorian glasshouse – the largest in the world, home to some of the world's rarest plants, the famous Palm House filled with rainforest flora, and the Princess of Wales Conservatory with ten different climate zones including orchids, cacti and carnivorous plants. The treetop walkway spans across tree-tops, over 18 metres above the floor offering breathtaking views of the gardens and beyond, and The Hive, a multi-sensory experience designed to highlight the extraordinary life of bees, standing at 17 metres in height in a wild flower meadow. There is a land train which will take you around the gardens, together with many gift shops and restaurants and cafes. We later make our way back to the West Country, arriving mid-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Ticket to RHS Chelsea Flower Show
- Entrance to Royal Botanic Gardens of Kew
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £32.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£199

2 DAYS

Friday 21st – Monday 24th May



## CITY BREAK...YORK

The city of York is full of history, retaining so much of its medieval structure, and walking through its centre is like stepping back in time. Packed full of fascinating visitor attractions and famous landmarks, there is so much to do and explore in this beautiful city.

### YOUR HOTEL The Queens Hotel, York

You are always assured of a warm welcome at this lovely hotel, ideally situated on the banks of the River Ouse in the heart of York, and only a few minutes' walk from the many tourist attractions. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The hotel's restaurant serves a delicious choice menu with traditional favourites and the spacious lounge area offers the perfect place to relax after a day's sightseeing.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** This morning we leave the West Country, and travel north, with comfort and lunch stops on route, arriving at our hotel in York with time to settle in before this evening's dinner. You may like to take a stroll along the riverbank or explore the city at night, where you can often join an entertaining ghost walking tour.

**SATURDAY – SUNDAY** Each day is free for you to spend as you please exploring all this magnificent city of architecture has to offer. York Minster is a world-class cathedral with its beautiful stained-glass windows and stone masterpieces, and spectacular views from the top of the 275 steps to the tower. Why not take a sight-seeing bus tour for a complete guided tour of the city to learn more about York's past and famous residents. Or maybe you'd prefer a gentle boat trip along the River Ouse to see the city from the water's edge. The National Railway Museum is an iconic centre with heritage trains, carriages and exhibitions to explore. The Jorvik Centre invites you to learn about York's Viking history, and York's Chocolate Story is a visitor attraction where you will learn about the city's connection to the sweet treat through three floors of interactive exploration and even try your hand at creating your own chocolate souvenir. The centre is home to an excellent array of shops, and the famous "Little Shambles" ancient alleyway with its picturesque crooked buildings is a delight to wander and discover times gone by in this wonderful city.

**MONDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast and travel south. With comfort stops on route, we arrive back in the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £66.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£275

4 DAYS

Sunday 23rd – Thursday 27th May



## OXFORDSHIRE & THE COTSWOLDS VILLAGES

Oxfordshire is renowned for its pretty Cotswolds villages, honey-coloured buildings, impressive architecture, rolling countryside and the fascinating "city of dreaming spires" Oxford. Rural England at its very best.

### YOUR HOTEL Doubletree by Hilton Oxford Belfry, Oxford

A 4\* hotel on the outskirts of the city in 17 acres of parkland. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant serves a delicious freshly prepared evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, (extra charge).

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country, and make our way to the historic town of Bradford On Avon, nestled alongside the picturesque River Avon. With time to browse the shops, take a walk along the canal and enjoy lunch we continue to our hotel on the outskirts of Oxford, with time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**MONDAY** Today you have a choice... Join us for an excursion to the enchanting town of Stratford-Upon-Avon OR enjoy a day at Charlecote Park, the 900 year old stately house with gardens and landscaped deer park, one of the first great Elizabethan houses. Stratford Upon Avon has long been associated with the town's most famous historic resident William Shakespeare, and you may like to visit his birthplace and discover where he grew up as a child or Hall's Croft, home of Shakespeare's daughter. Take a sightseeing bus tour to explore the sights in more detail, partake in a little retail therapy in the compact shopping district and enjoy a lunch in one of the many cafés.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Moreton-In-Marsh for the weekly charter market in the wide main street. With time to browse the stalls and enjoy coffee we continue to Banbury for lunch and the afternoon to explore the atmospheric narrow streets and admire the town's medieval buildings, Oxford canal and perhaps sample the famous "Banbury" fruit & pastry cake.

**WEDNESDAY** A full day excursion to the iconic city of Oxford, famous for its 38 University colleges and architecture which lead to its affectionate nickname of the "City of Dreaming Spires". With its blend of history and modern life, Oxford has a thriving shopping district set within its wide street, a multitude of museums including the famous Bodleian Library and Ashmolean Museum, and Carfax Tower offering spectacular views across the city, Christ Church cathedral, Oxford castle and the much photographed Bridge of Sighs (Hertford Bridge). The best way to see a city is by a sightseeing bus tour, or why not go off the beaten track and follow its alleyways to hidden places in the city.

**THURSDAY** We leave our hotel and begin our journey home through the Cotswolds, with a coffee stop in Burford and on to Bourton-On-The-Water, with time to browse the numerous gift shops and enjoy lunch. We complete our homeward journey, arriving back in the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £120.00  
Entrance to Charlecote Park (Nat Trust)  
Travel insurance £22.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£385

5 DAYS

Saturday 22nd – Friday 28th May



## THE BLACK FOREST & ALSACE VILLAGES

The Black Forest is a beautiful and much-loved region of Germany. With spruce and fir covered mountains, spectacular gorges carved by the River Rhine, half-timbered farm houses, cuckoo clocks and, of course, Black Forest gateaux... this is a region crammed full of some of Germany's most beautiful landscapes and villages.

### YOUR HOTEL Hotel Schloss Hornberg, Hornberg

A delightful family-run 3\* uniquely converted castle-hotel located on a hillside above the picturesque village of Hornberg, with beautiful views across the Gutach Valley. Each en-suite room is comfortably furnished with TV, hairdryer, telephone and Wi-Fi access. The restaurant serves a delicious traditional menu. (Please note that there is no lift due to the historic nature of the building).

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** After an early departure, we make our way to Dover, with comfort stops en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue to our overnight accommodation near Lille, arriving in time for dinner.

**SUNDAY** After breakfast, we continue our journey, on into Germany, arriving at our hotel in Hornberg, in the heart of the Black Forest, with time to settle in and admire the panoramic scenery from the castle before dinner.

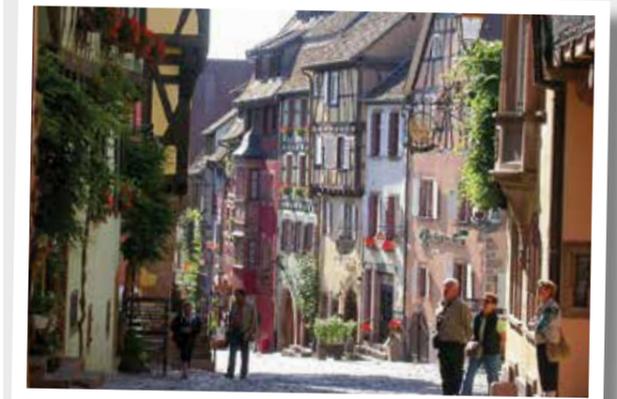
**MONDAY** Join us for a full day excursion, across the French border, to explore the beautiful, breathtaking scenery of the Alsace villages. Our first stop is in the medieval village of Ribeauville, with its beautiful flower bedecked half-timber framed buildings, cobbled streets and quaint taverns. Continuing along the Alsace wine route, passing through acres of vineyards, we visit the historic village of Riquewihr, set within an ancient walled perimeter. Here you can experience the numerous vintner houses, cobbled alleyways, stone arch gateways and gift shops.



TOUR  
PRICE

£555

7 DAYS



**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel across the River Rhine to the enchanting city of Strasbourg, the Alsatian capital. In the heart of the old town you will discover quaint narrow cobbled alleyways, filled with crooked half-timbered buildings, which lead on to the impressive 13th century Cathedral of Notre Dame, one of Europe's most beautiful Gothic religious buildings. Inside you can visit the mesmerising Astronomical Clock. A picturesque network of canals flow through the city and into the old quarter known as Petite France".

**WEDNESDAY** Today we enjoy a scenic tour of the traditional Black Forest towns, with our first stop in the walled town of Villingen-Schwenningen with its medieval town centre, cobbled streets and elegant houses. We continue to the capital of the Black Forest, Freiburg. Its magnificent gothic cathedral sits pride of place in the heart of the town square, where the local market stallholders sell their local produce. After lunch we make our way back to Hornberg with a short visit to Triberg, the traditional home of Black Forest cuckoo clock makers.

**THURSDAY** Sadly it's now time to say a fond farewell to our hotel as we begin our journey home, again with regular comfort stops, to our overnight accommodation in Laon, arriving in time for dinner.

**FRIDAY** We resume our homeward journey to Calais, for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We continue to the West Country, arriving mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £90.00  
Travel insurance £43.00

Sunday 23rd – Sunday 30th May



## RHINE & SWISS DELIGHTS RIVER CRUISE

There is no better way to explore the Rhine than from the river itself! Join us for this leisurely cruise, experiencing the delights of three countries as we gently glide through Switzerland, France and Germany.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£1275**  
**8 DAYS**

### YOUR HOTEL MS Arena

The 4\* MS Arena is an elegant and comfortable 3 deck ship. All en-suite cabins are outward facing, with floor to ceiling panoramic windows and French balconies, equipped with TV, telephone hairdryer, safe, and air-conditioning, with an option to upgrade your cabin (subject to availability). Reception and the Panorama restaurant serving a delicious menu are both located on the main deck and the Ambassador's Lounge & Bar on the upper deck, accessed by stairs. There is also a sun deck.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** After an early departure we make our way to Dover for the ferry to Calais. We continue to Cologne where we board the MS Arena, arriving in time for dinner and enjoying our first evening's cruising.

**MONDAY** A leisurely day cruising along the Rhine, through the Rhine Gorge and past the legendary Lorelei, arriving in Rudesheim this afternoon, to enjoy a land train ride into the historic town centre, a visit to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum and a cable car ride up to the Niederwald monument with views across the Rhine. Tonight we set sail for another overnight cruise.

**TUESDAY** This morning we arrive in the charming town of Speyer, easily explored on foot with its splendid Romanesque cathedral. We have included a visit to the Technical Museum which houses vintage cars, locomotives and an original jumbo jet! Lunch is served on board, before we set sail for Strasbourg.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast our ship arrives in the French port of Strasbourg, where we enjoy a picturesque canal cruise (on a smaller vessel) with free time exploring the historic centre, quaint cobbled alleyways, crooked half-timber buildings and an impressive 13th century cathedral. We set sail this evening, navigating the mighty Rhine towards Switzerland.

**THURSDAY** Today, from Basel, we join our coach for a scenic journey through the Jura Mountain to the Swiss resort of Lucerne. Located on Lake Lucerne and sandwiched between the mountains of Rigi & Pilatus, this pretty lakeside resort is famous for its 14th century wooden chapel footbridge, Italianate tower and rock carved Lion monument. There are many shops, and cafes, and boats offering trips across the lake. We return to our ship for dinner, for another overnight cruise.



**FRIDAY** We wake this morning in Breisach, where the Black Forest meets the Alsace, where we visit the picturesque village of Riqueweh for wine tasting at the famous Dopff & Irion Vineyard. We return to our ship and set sail back into Germany.

**SATURDAY** Breakfast is served as we continue sailing towards Mannheim, where we join our coach for a guided tour of Heidelberg with its historic monuments, impressive castle and skyline dominated by church spires. We return to the ship for lunch and cruise to Mainz for a guided walking tour where the River Rhine and Main meet. Here you will find pretty pedestrian precincts and half-timbered taverns and the stunning cathedral. Also included is a visit to the Gutenberg Museum to see the history of the printing press and the very first printed bible. A farewell dinner on board tonight as we sail towards Cologne.

**SUNDAY** We disembark in Cologne after breakfast and travel to Calais, for the return ferry crossing to Dover, completing our journey to the West Country arriving mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 nights' Full Board in outside cabins
- (Packed lunch provided on excursion days)
- Welcome Reception
- Early morning tea & coffee
- Road train tour of Rudesheim
- Entrance to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum
- Cable car lift to Niederwald monument (Rudesheim)
- Entrance to the Technical Museum in Speyer
- Strasbourg canal cruise
- Excursion to Lucerne (by coach)
- Excursion to Riqueweh including Alsace Wine Tasting
- Guided tour of Heidelberg
- Guided walking tour of Mainz & Entrance to Gutenberg Museum
- Live entertainment most evenings
- In-house activities on some nights (quiz/bingo etc)
- Captain's farewell five-course dinner
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £405.00  
Main Deck Superior Cabin supplement £151.00 per person  
Upper Deck Superior Cabin supplement £298.00 per person  
Travel insurance £45.00  
(Superior cabins have hotel style beds rather than fold-down beds)

Monday 24th – Friday 28th May



## BODELWYDDAN CASTLE, NORTH WALES

Set in 200 acres of beautifully tended parkland and commanding a hilltop position. The faces of the famous lend a fascinating air of sophistication to Bodelwyddan's every ivy-clad and turreted corner thanks to artworks from the National Portrait Gallery.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£375**  
**5 DAYS**

### YOUR HOTEL Bodelwyddan Castle Hotel, Denbighshire, North Wales

A grade II listed hotel offering first-class accommodation with views of the Clwydian Hills and the mountains of Snowdonia beyond. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, tea & coffee-making facilities and lounge area. The restaurant serves a varied menu and the Mulberry Coffee Shop is perfect for light snacks. Entertainment is provided each evening and the Castle's leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna, gym, bowls complex, croquet lawns, tennis courts and beauty salon.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way north, stopping for coffee and lunch, and reaching our hotel with time to settle in before dinner and fantastic live entertainment.

**TUESDAY** The morning is free for you to enjoy some of the hotels many facilities and activities, or just relax, have a leisurely coffee and enjoy the wonderful views. Join us for an afternoon excursion through some spectacular scenery, to the picturesque village of Betws-y-Coed, North Wales' most popular resort. Here you will find a railway museum, craft & gift shops and tea rooms.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we travel along the coast to Llandudno, known as the 'Queen of Welsh Resorts'. You may like to take a ride on the Great Orme Tramway to the summit on one of only three cable-hauled street tramways in the world. There is also a fine pier, over 700 metres long, attractive gardens, shops and restaurants. After lunch we continue to Conwy – a medieval walled town with an imposing castle and lively quay, on which you will find what is claimed to be the smallest house in Great Britain! Dinner will once again be followed by top class entertainment.

**THURSDAY** Today we travel to Chester. Though a thriving modern city, it has retained much of its Roman past, including the most complete original city walls in England and its Rows: half-timbered, two-tier galleried shops. With its Norman cathedral and Roman amphitheatre, there is so much to take in. You may like to take a boat trip along the River Dee before we return to our hotel to continue to enjoy the many facilities before dinner and our final evening of entertainment.

**FRIDAY** Sadly, we leave our castle and begin our homeward journey, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, arriving back in our home area early-mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single supplement Max 4)  
Signature Room upgrade £30.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

Friday 28th May – Monday 31st May



## SPRINGTIME IN PARIS

Paris is the second most visited city in Europe...made for the romantic and explorers alike. From the popular tourist attractions such as the Arc De Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, to the humble local market stalls, cafes and restaurants, with delicious pastries and full-bodied coffees, Paris has it all.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£299**  
**4 DAYS**

### YOUR HOTEL Novotel Hotel, La Defence, Paris

A stylish modern hotel situated in a quiet area with views across to the Eiffel Tower and Sacré Coeur, and the Paris Metro just a short stroll from the hotel. All rooms are en-suite with air-conditioning and TV. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant serves a generous buffet breakfast. The restaurant also serves a delicious a' la carte evening menu (booking strongly advised). There is also a bar to relax in and fitness centre on-site.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** After an early departure we travel east to Dover, with a comfort stop en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue on to Paris, stopping for dinner en route to our hotel where you will have the remainder of the evening free to spend as you please.

**SATURDAY** This morning we are joined by an experienced tour guide for a panoramic coach tour of the city, with informative commentary and information of this wonderful capital. We will pass many of the iconic landmarks including the Eiffel Tower, Montmartre's Sacré Coeur, Montparnasse Tower and the world's largest museum of Louvre. We drive along the famous Champs-Élysées, the beautiful boulevard stretching almost 2km from Place de Concorde to the Arc de Triomphe, where you will find some of Paris' most luxurious shops, cafes and theatres. The afternoon is free to continuing exploring before we return to our hotel early evening. You may like to choose a restaurant to have an early dinner in the centre of Paris, or eat in our hotel but it is advisable to book a table in the morning.

**SUNDAY** The is free for you to continue exploring this magnificent city with all its visitor attractions and fabulous landmarks. With the Metro Train Station just a few minutes' walk from the hotel, the centre of Paris is very easily accessible. For those who wish to explore a little further afield, you can take a train from the centre of Paris to the stunning Palace Of Versailles, the crowning architectural glory of Louis XIV. With so many areas of the city to explore on foot, by Metro or open-top sight-seeing bus tour, Paris offers a vibrant mix of history, culture and world famous attractions. This evening, choose a restaurant of your choice, to sample a delicious range of Parisian and international cuisine, and maybe take an evening boat trip along the romantic River Seine, to experience the beautiful city at night.

**MONDAY** This morning we make our way back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue, with comfort stops en route to the West Country, arriving mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Ferry crossings
- Guided Half Day Tour of Paris (Coach & Walking)
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Evening Dinner  
Entrance to attractions in Paris  
Single supplement £120.00  
Travel insurance £36.00

Sunday 30th May – Thursday 3rd June



**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE DAMBUSTERS, LINCOLNSHIRE & THE RED ARROWS**

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£295**  
**5 DAYS**

Lincolnshire's aviation history is famously connected to World War II's great Bomber Command, the famous 617 Squadron (The Dambusters) and more recently a connection to our much-loved Red Arrows. Join us for a delightful tour which relives the important history of our RAF and surrounding locality.

**YOUR HOTEL The Olde Barn Hotel, Grantham**

A delightful 3\* hotel. All rooms are en suite with TV and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves most floors. The restaurant offers a delicious menu and the lounge bar provides a relaxing area to enjoy a drink after dinner. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, fitness suite.

**ITINERARY**

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way north, stopping for coffee and lunch on route. We continue to our hotel, arriving with time to settle before dinner.

**MONDAY** This morning we make our way to the International Bomber Command Centre, a world-class site which acknowledges the sacrifice & commitment of men and women of 62 nations who came together in Bomber Command during World War Two forming an aircrew of over 125,000. The unit suffered the highest losses of any WWII military unit. Together with air raids including the Battle of Britain & Operation Chastise (Dambusters), they also helped deliver vital food & equipment packages to one million starving civilians in West Holland. Discover a fascinating history of our aviation heroes and heroines in this remarkable exhibition and memorial site. We return to our hotel, with an afternoon tea stop in the quaint town of Melton Mowbray.

**TUESDAY** Join us today as we visit RAF Scampton Heritage Centre for an informative guided tour of the facility, housed inside the former 617 Squadron (Dambusters) Hangar. The museum on Scampton's base explores the historical connection with the Station's past with exhibitions covering the famous Dambusters raid and also WWI & WWII heritage and modern service from the 1960's to present day including the current home of the RAF's aerobatic team "The Red Arrows". This afternoon we travel to Lincoln with its impressive medieval cathedral and castle, independent shops and numerous cafes to enjoy lunch.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel to the market town of Boston which enjoyed a trading location between Lincoln and the North Sea, mostly based on the wool trade. Explore this delightful town with its weekly market, fine Georgian buildings and exquisite St Botolph's Church (affectionately named the "stump") with one of England's tallest towers. We return to our hotel via Grantham, birthplace of Margaret Thatcher, with time to browse the shops and enjoy afternoon tea in one of the cafes.

**THURSDAY** We leave our hotel and make our way south. With comfort stops en route, we return to the West Country early-mid evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to RAF Scampton Heritage Centre
- Entrance to International Bomber Command Centre
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June



**STAFFORDSHIRE'S FINEST – POTTERIES, GARDENS & STATELY HOMES**

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£335**  
**5 DAYS**

In the heart of England, Staffordshire, is one of our finest counties, with breath-taking scenery, captivating history and heritage.

**YOUR HOTEL Mercure Burton Upon Trent Newton Park, Burton Upon Trent**

A modern 4\* hotel, a former country house in extensive grounds. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves some rooms, the restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and hearty breakfast.

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to Tewkesbury for lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel with time to settle in and, perhaps take a stroll in the landscaped grounds before dinner.

**TUESDAY** Join us this morning as we make our way to the World of Wedgewood for a guided tour of the pottery factory to experience the best of British craftsmanship. Discover all aspects of production from casting, firing, glazing, figure making and hand painting. There is a gift shop, factory outlet and restaurant to enjoy lunch. This afternoon we visit Trentham Gardens, one of the finest in Britain with restored Italianate Gardens, Flower Gardens, Show Gardens and the mile long Capability Brown designed lake. There is an onsite garden centre and large café to enjoy afternoon tea.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we make our way to the National Memorial Arboretum, a 15 acre site with over 30,000 trees and 350 memorials to our service men & women from different battles across the ages. Each day at 11.00am there is an act of remembrance in the chapel. The restaurant offers delicious food, and the gift shop is full of books and gifts This afternoon we visit Lichfield, a vibrant historic city in the heart of Staffordshire with its medieval cathedral and museums including Samuel Johnson's Birthplace and Erasmus Darwin House. The popular Lichfield Antiques Centre is also well worth a visit.

**THURSDAY** This morning we visit Stafford with its picturesque side streets full of character and stylish shops. Thursday has a popular indoor market, and the Ancient High House, the largest Elizabethan timber framed building in England dating from 1595 is well worth a visit. We continue to Shugborough Estate with sweeping parklands, ancient woodland, monument filled gardens and park farm. Enjoy the Georgian Mansion, ancestral home to the Anson family, family treasures and experience life below stairs in the "servants quarters".

**FRIDAY** After breakfast we sadly leave our hotel and begin the homeward journey, stopping for lunch in Worcester, where you can visit the famous porcelain museum, or stunning cathedral. We complete our homeward journey, arriving early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guided factory tour of the World of Wedgewood
- Entrance to Trentham Gardens
- Entrance to the National Memorial Arboretum
- Entrance to Shugborough Estate (Nat Trust)
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £100.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June



**HIDDEN ENGLAND & RURAL RUTLAND**

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£299**  
**5 DAYS**

Rutland is England's smallest and arguably prettiest county! Join us for this rural escape with its many attractive villages, quaint market towns and beautiful English countryside landscapes.

**YOUR HOTEL Hampton By Hilton Corby, Corby**

A modern 4\* hotel a short walk from the village of Rockingham with its castle All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors, the restaurant serves a delicious menu and generous breakfast and leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country, with a stop for coffee on route and make our way north to delightful town of Market Harborough for lunch. We continue to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** Today we travel into the charming county of Leicestershire, stopping for coffee in Melton Mowbray, on market day. Known as the "Rural Capital of Food", you may like to sample some of the town's traditional cuisine – pork pies, from the "Ye Olde Pork Pie Shoppe" or the local stilton cheese. We continue to the pretty market town of Oakham for lunch and time to explore before visiting Stamford, one of the finest towns in England, its charming centre is a maze of narrow streets, hidden courtyards and shops.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Burghley House, one of the largest and grandest houses of the 16th century, built by William Cecil, Lord High Treasurer to Queen Elizabeth I. Wander through the opulent interior state rooms with fine furnishings, glorious artwork, beautiful furniture and gilt surroundings. The landscaped gardens are a joy to stroll through with water features, sculptures and flower gardens. The restaurant serves delicious food, and the shop offers a range of gifts.

**THURSDAY** This morning we visit the wonderful Barnsdale Gardens, created by the much-loved and missed BBC presenter Geoff Hamilton and the original home to BBC Gardeners' World from 1985. With a wide variety of garden areas with stunning collections of flowers, shrubs, trees and exotic plants, there is so much to see and explore across the whole site. There is an extensive plant centre and gift shop plus tearooms to enjoy lunch. This afternoon we make the short journey to the peaceful shores of Rutland Water, one of the largest man-made lakes in Europe set within the beautiful rolling countryside. From Whitwell, on the north shore we enjoy a relaxing boat trip on the lake with fascinating commentary, navigating the large horseshoe reservoir.

**FRIDAY** Sadly, this morning we leave our hotel and make our way south. With stops for coffee and lunch on route, we return to the West Country, arriving early – mid evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Burghley House & Gardens
- Entrance to Barnsdale Gardens
- Boat Cruise on Rutland Water
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Friday 4th – Monday 7th June



**CITY BREAK DURHAM**

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£275**  
**4 DAYS**

One of the finest cultural and historic destinations in the UK, Durham is a pleasure to explore and an easy choice for a short city break.

**YOUR HOTEL Marriott Hotel, Durham**

A superb 4\* hotel located in the centre of Durham. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and hearty buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated swimming pool and fitness suite.

**ITINERARY**

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and we make our way north stopping for coffee and lunch on route, arriving at our hotel with time to settle in before our evening meal. After dinner you may like to take a stroll along the River Wear and familiarise yourself with your new surroundings.

**SATURDAY** The whole day is free to spend as you please exploring the historic city of Durham, a captivating city with winding cobbled streets crowned with the dramatic Cathedral and Castle World Heritage Site – one of the most stunning city panoramas in Europe. There's plenty to see and do; Shop for gourmet treats, locally produced food or original crafts in the Victorian Market in the cobbled Market Place, stroll down one of the many paths that lead down to the riverbank where you can take the 'Prince Bishop' river cruiser for a gentle trip along the river with stunning views; enjoy a moment of reflection in the awe-inspiring Cathedral, find city-centre calm at Crook Hall and Gardens, explore the treasures of Durham University Oriental Museum, or simply watch the world go by and enjoy lunch in one of the city centre cafés. As our hotel is located in the centre of the city, you can do as much or as little sightseeing as you wish.

**SUNDAY** Today you have a choice: You may like to continue to explore and enjoy the sights in Durham, OR travel with us to Beamish, an extensive open-air museum which effectively recreates an authentic picture of family, community and working life in the northeast prior to World War I. It has a typical High Street, with many shops as well as a colliery and farm, and there are guides in period costume and a restored tramline serving all areas of the attraction. We return to Durham late afternoon, in time for dinner and time to relax.

**MONDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Entrance to Beamish Open-air Museum  
Single supplement £75.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

Sunday 6th – Thursday 10th June



## VALKENBURG, MONSCHAU & THE EIFEL NATIONAL PARK

Valkenburg is perhaps one of The Netherlands' most treasured gems, with narrow cobble streets, medieval city gates, an old hilltop castle and secret velvet caves. With a friendly café culture, this beautiful town welcomes visitors to explore and experience a much-loved region of the Low Countries. Join us as we discover Valkenburg and the area beyond in this perfect short springtime break.

### YOUR HOTEL Hotel Walram, Valkenburg

This 3\* family run hotel offers a warm welcome to all, idyllically situated along the River Geul in the centre of this beautiful town, just a short walk from cafes and shops. Each en-suite room is equipped with TV, telephone, and hairdryer. There is a lift serving all floors, and the cosy bar offers the perfect area to relax. The restaurant serves a delicious menu and buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool and sauna.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£375**  
**5 DAYS**



**TUESDAY** This morning we make our way across the border into Germany and towards the Eifel National Park with expansive forests, idyllic streams, lakes and reservoirs. Home to thousands of endangered animals and birds such as black storks and the wildcat, this beautifully natural environment is a delight to drive through. We make a stop for coffee on one of the reservoirs, before making our way across to the quaint village of Monschau with its medieval half-timber houses and cobblestone streets lining the tranquil river which flows through the centre.

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today, if you wish, for a whole day excursion to the vibrant city of Cologne. A must-see is the impressive cathedral with its twin towers piercing through the city skyline. Admire the exquisite Gothic exterior and wondrous interior, and perhaps climb the tower or visit the treasure chamber within. Nearby is the old quarter of Cologne with its distinctive historic charm, rustic narrow alleyways and traditional houses, located along the banks of the River Rhine. You will also discover many monuments, fountains and museums in the old town together with cosy cafes and taverns to enjoy a relaxing lunch.

**THURSDAY** This morning we make our way back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue, with comfort stops en route to the West Country, arriving mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £70.00 (Max 5)  
Subsequent singles £90.00  
Travel insurance £38.00



TELEPHONE 01398 341160

Monday 7th – Friday 11th June



## NORFOLK...STEAM TRAINS & THE BROADS

Norfolk is one of England's most picturesque counties; best known for its windmills and the Broads, Britain's largest protected wetland which enjoys status equivalent to a National Park.

### YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Norwich City

A modern 3\* hotel situated near the city centre. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite, with free access to the nearby Riverside Leisure Centre.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£359**  
**5 DAYS**

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to Norfolk, stopping for coffee and lunch on route and arriving at our hotel with time to settle in relax before dinner.

**TUESDAY** The morning is free to explore Norwich with its splendid Norman cathedral and castle, built as a Royal Palace 900 years ago. Now a museum and art gallery, it houses some of the most outstanding collections of fine art and natural history. There are many shops to browse and cafés to enjoy lunch. Join us this afternoon if you wish as we travel to Great Yarmouth, a popular seaside resort to wander along one of the two promenades, browse the shops and enjoy afternoon tea.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning as we make our way to Wroxham Barns, a collection of beautifully restored 18th century barns where you can browse in the craft and gift shops and enjoy watching traditional craftsmen at work. We then make the short journey into Wroxham a beautiful town considered the capital of the Norfolk Broads, with time to browse the abundance of shops and enjoy lunch. This afternoon we take a cruise on the beautiful Norfolk Broads, with full commentary as you relax and enjoy the wonderful scenery.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Sheringham to board the North Norfolk Railway for a 10.5 mile round trip by steam train through a delightful area designated as outstanding natural beauty. After an early lunch, we make the short journey to Thursford. Well known for its annual Christmas Spectacular, it's also well worth a visit during the summer. As well as admiring the world largest collection of steam engines and mechanical organs you can also enjoy listening to resident organist Robert Wolfe on the Wurlitzer as he plays two half-hour slots each afternoon. There is also an interesting exhibition of old tractors, a traditional gondola ride (suitable for all ages), several gift shops and a delicious tearoom.

**FRIDAY** It's time to say goodbye to Norfolk as we begin our homeward journey. Stopping for coffee and lunch en route, we reach our home area early-mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Train ticket on North Norfolk Railway
- Cruise on the Norfolk Broads
- Entrance to the Thursford Collection
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 7th – Friday 11th June



## BLACK COUNTRY EXPLORER

The affectionate term "Black Country" is a name given to midlands where the coal seams came to the earth surface and where 19th century folk worked the coal mines, iron foundries and forges. Discover this region full of heritage as we visit an open-air museum, a stately home and the local RAF museum.

### YOUR HOTEL Buckatree Hall Hotel, Telford

A delightful 3\* hotel nestled in the beautiful Shropshire countryside. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to most floors, the restaurant serves a deliciously tempting menu and the lounge bar offers a quiet place to relax and retreat.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£395**  
**5 DAYS**

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country make our way to Tewkesbury for lunch with time to explore the Abbey browse the in shops with many antiques and collectables and have lunch We continue to our hotel arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** Today we visit the Black Country open-air Living Museum, set in 26 acres offering an insight into 300 years of industrial history. Explore the areas which bring to life how life and work in the Black Country developed through time, with vintage vehicle rides, traditional shops, a 1920's cinema, Edwardian school and industrial demonstrations from past trades. After lunch we make the short journey to the Dudley Canal & Tunnel Trust for a guided boat cruise through underground tunnels, limestone mines and caverns with fantastic light shows inside as we learn about folk from the past who carved and worked these canals and tunnel routes.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we make our way to RAF Cosford with time to explore the hangers which tell the story of the RAF through its people and collections. You may like to enter the 4D experience to discover the thrills of a Red Arrow flying formation or the flight of a WWII bomber (extra charge). We continue to Wightwick Manor & Gardens, designed in a timber frame style to explore the stunning collections of artwork and William Morris interiors. Enjoy the gardens and parkland, tea in the Maunders Tea Rooms or browse the gift shop.

**THURSDAY** This morning we travel to Kidderminster to join the Severn Valley Railway for a steam train journey to Bridgnorth which is actually two towns - the High Town (with good views down) and the Low Town (with good views up), connected by the steepest inland funicular railway in Britain. After lunch we return along the route of the River Severn with an afternoon tea stop in the village of Ironbridge, to see the world's first ever engineered cast iron bridge and the birthplace of the industrial revolution.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and travel to the historic city of Worcester, with time to visit the Porcelain Museum (with the world's largest collection of Worcester Porcelain) or the fine Cathedral, which overlooks the River Severn, where you will find the tomb of King John. We later complete our journey back to the West Country, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to the Black Country Living Museum
- Boat Cruise on the Dudley Canal
- Entrance to RAF Cosford Museum
- Entrance to Wightwick Manor & Gardens (NT)
- Severn Valley Railway ticket
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

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Friday 11th – Saturday 19th June



NEW

## IRELAND COAST TO COAST

Discover the charms of the Emerald Isle as we explore enchanting Southern Ireland from the south-east coast across to the south-west and all the beautiful scenery in between with differing landscapes, lush green valleys and breath-taking scenery along the way.

### YOUR HOTEL Dooley's Hotel, Waterford

A warm welcome awaits at this 3\* centrally located hotel. Each of the en-suite bedrooms is equipped with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to most floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty Irish breakfast. Entertainment is provided on at least one evening.

### YOUR HOTEL Falls Hotel & Spa, Ennistymon

A former 18th century manor house, now a charming 4\* hotel. Each of the comfortable bedrooms is en-suite with TV, telephone, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift which serves most bedrooms, but ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a delicious choice menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, jacuzzi, sauna and gym. Entertainment is provided on one evening.

### YOUR HOTEL Johnstown Estate Hotel, Enfield

A former Georgian manor house, now a delightful 4\* hotel and spa set in 120 acres of parkland. Each of the en-suite bedrooms has TV, hairdryer, safe, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool & fitness suite.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way, into Wales and on to Pembroke, with, for the afternoon crossing to Rosslare. After docking, we travel to our hotel in Waterford, our base for the next three nights, to settle in before dinner.

**SATURDAY** Join us today as we travel to the medieval town of Kilkenny where we start with a Road Train to explore and discover the town's historic sights with a fully narrated land-train tour. The rest of the day is free to explore this charming town with its 12th century castle, St Candices Cathedral, Old Court House or enjoy a cosy lunch in one of the many cafes and bars.

**SUNDAY** The day is free to explore Waterford, affectionately known as the Crystal City, so named after the famous Waterford Crystal factory, designing beautiful glass products since 1783. No visit to Waterford is complete without a visit to the Crystal Factory to see the experienced glass blowers and engravers at work. Perhaps explore the Bishop's Palace to uncover the Georgian period or climb to the top of Reginald's Tower, named in honour of the Viking ruler.



TOUR PRICE

£749

9 DAYS



**MONDAY** After breakfast we leave our hotel in Waterford and journey across County Tipperary, stopping on route for coffee. We visit the fascinating Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum which captures the nostalgic era when Foynes became the centre of the aviation world and where the famous Irish Coffee was invented, which you will experience at the end of the visit! We continue to Ennistymon, to our hotel and base for the next three nights.

**TUESDAY** Join us today as we explore the area known as The Burren and head to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre with breath-taking views of the 700ft cliffs above the Atlantic Ocean and home to the largest nesting colony of sea birds in Ireland including puffins and guillemots. After lunch we enjoy a 1 hour boat cruise to experience the cliffs from a different perspective.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we head to Galway, once a humble fishing village, now a vibrant harbour city on Ireland's West coast. The heart of the centre is located around the 18th century Eyre Square surrounded by popular bars and cafes often with traditional Irish music. Art galleries and unusual boutiques line the narrow winding lanes in the Latin Quarter, surrounded by 16th & 17th century architecture drawing the visitor in to take a stroll and discover the hidden gems of this glorious city.

**THURSDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel in Ennistymon and make our way east across the central plains of Ireland, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, to the edge of County Meath, on the outskirts of Dublin, to our hotel and base for the next two nights.

**FRIDAY** Join us today as we visit the popular city of Dublin, and capital of Southern Ireland, with its wealth of history, culture and warm Irish welcome at every turn. Perhaps the best way to explore the city is by a sightseeing tour bus with commentary and regular stops to hop off, explore and re-board to experience all the famous sights including the 13th century castle, imposing St Patrick's Cathedral, Zoo and museums. Enjoy a pint of "black gold" Guinness and a taste all that Dublin offers.

**SATURDAY** After an early departure we board a ferry in Dublin for the return ferry crossing to Holyhead, with breakfast served onboard. We complete our homeward journey, with a comfort stop en route, arriving early-mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 8 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast (Breakfast included on board return ferry crossing)
- Kilkenny Road Train Ride with Commentary
- Entrance to Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum
- Irish Coffee Demonstration & Tasting at Foynes
- Entrance to Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre
- Boat Cruise at Cliffs of Moher
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £172.00  
Travel insurance £46.00

Monday 7th – Friday 11th June



## CHESHIRE – STEAM TRAINS, CANALS & BOATS

Cheshire offers some of the country's most picturesque scenery, and tranquil rivers and canals. Join us as we explore a region with its heritage cities and beautiful waterways.

### YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Runcorn

A 3\* modern hotel. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors, the restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool.

TOUR PRICE

£375

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and journey north, with stops for coffee and lunch en route, arriving at our hotel with time to settle in and enjoy dinner.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast we travel to Northwich for market day, with time to browse the stalls and shops and enjoy an early lunch. We continue to the canal for a ride on the Anderton Boat Lift, one of the greatest monuments to Britain's last canal age, known as the Cathedral of Canals, we begin with a relaxing 30-minute pleasure cruise to Northwich town Swing Bridge with a commentary. We remain on board for a guided tour through the Boat Lift – a 60-foot high hydraulic lift system, built in 1875, which transports narrow boats. There is also a visitors' centre with an interactive exhibition, shop and café.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we make the journey north to the town of Bury, with time to browse the shops or stroll around the famous market hall, or maybe the Bury Transport Museum which its beautifully restored vehicles, original artefacts and interactive exhibits, and enjoy lunch in one of the numerous restaurants or cafes. This afternoon we board the East Lancashire Railway for a steam train ride across the Irwell Valley, through tunnels and over viaducts, arriving in Rawtenstall, a historic textile town with cobbled streets.

**THURSDAY** Today we make the short journey to Seacombe to embark upon a memorable cruise inland along the 35 mile stretch of the Manchester Ship Canal, with live commentary offering an insight into the dramatic history of one of Britain's major waterways. We travel through locks, under bridges, passing historical buildings, industrial landscape and beautiful countryside, as we get a sense of how this spectacular canal's construction shaped England's northwest. Refreshments are available on board through the journey, lasting 5 – 6 hours.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast we leave our hotel and begin our journey south. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Manchester Ship Canal Cruise
- Steam Train journey on East Lancashire Railway
- Anderton Boat Lift ticket & Canal Boat Cruise
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Saturday 12th – Sunday 13th June



## LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON

Join us for a weekend in London where on Saturday you have a choice... to explore the capital OR to see a top London West End Show. Take your pick from one of these 13 top West End shows ... Matilda, Only Fools & Horses the Musical, Phantom Of The Opera, Les Miserables, Mamma Mia, Tina Turner the Musical, Lion King, & Juliet, Come From Away, Everybody's Talking About Jamie, Pretty Woman, Hairspray The Musical or Mary Poppins. (All show dates correct at time of printing, but subject to change).

### YOUR HOTEL Crowne Plaza Hotel, London Heathrow

A modern 4\* hotel. All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious hot buffet evening dinner and generous buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities includes a swimming pool, sauna and gym.

TOUR PRICE

THEATRE WEEKEND

£225

LONDON WEEKEND

£109

2 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee en route. You will either have time for lunch before enjoying the afternoon performance of the show of your choice OR spend the afternoon as you please... Shopping, visiting one of the museums or explore the many attractions London offers. Late afternoon, we all re-join the coach and travel to our hotel, with ample time to freshen up and perhaps take a swim in the hotel's pool before dinner and an evening to spend as you please.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely buffet English breakfast, we return to central London where you will have plenty of time to shop or sightseeing... perhaps indulge in a little retail therapy or visit one of the numerous other attractions. We leave London mid-afternoon and return to the West Country, again with a comfort stop on route, arriving mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet English Breakfast
- Top priced theatre ticket (if applicable)
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £31.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

Saturday 12th – Saturday 19th June



## ROYAL GERMANY & THE NATIONAL GARDEN SHOW

We are delighted to offer a new tour to the stunning forested Thuringian region of Germany, sat between Saxony and Bavaria. Combining royal connections and botanical delights including the beautiful Rose Garden and German National Garden Show, plus guided tours of a former Royal Palace & Castle, where you will find traces of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

### YOUR HOTEL Sporthotel Oberhof, Thuringia

A charming 3\* hotel occupying a scenic spot on the edge of the Thuringian Forest, just 5 minute walk from the town centre. Each of the comfortable bedrooms has a TV, hairdryer and Wi-Fi access. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty buffet breakfast. There is a lounge bar and sun terrace to relax. Leisure facilities include a spa and sauna.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** Set your alarm clock for an early departure, we leave the West Country and journey east, with a comfort stop en route, to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue our journey to our overnight accommodation near Cologne.

**SUNDAY** After breakfast we continue our journey through Germany with comfort stops along the way, arriving at our hotel with plenty of time to settle in and relax before dinner this evening.

**MONDAY** Today we make our way north into Saxony to visit the Europa Rosarium, the world's largest collection of roses. A sea of millions of rose petals invite you to explore this beautiful garden landscape with over 8600 varieties of rose in almost every colour, shade and fragrance you can imagine across 13 hectares. With more than 300 different rare tree and shrub roses, 850 different climbing varieties and more than 80,000 rose shrubs, the garden is an absolute gardener's delight to discover. The café offers delicious lunches and refreshments. We return to Oberhof with time to explore the town, once the site of a former hunting lodge for the Dukes of Saxony-Coburg-Gotha which later became a world class ski & winter resort.

**TUESDAY** Join us today as we travel to the city of Gotha, residence of the Duchy of Saxony until the abolition of the German monarchies in 1918. We visit Friedenstein Palace, one of the largest palaces of its time and amongst the first Baroque palaces ever built. The former royal residence was built in the mid 17th century and our knowledgeable guide will take us through the remarkable palace with its grand opulent interior. The Palace was passed



TOUR PRICE

£745

8 DAYS



down to Prince Albert's father, an uncle of Queen Victoria, and the happy couple were frequent visitors to the palace, and later passed to Alfred, Victoria's second son. We later visit Gotha itself, a former royal town with its bustling cafes and vibrant old centre.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we make our way to the Bavarian town of Coburg, starting with a guided tour of the elegant Ehrenburg Castle, an exquisite city residence of the former Dukes of Coburg. Here you will find the bedroom of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert and traces of their frequent visits with British royal family portraits throughout the rooms. This afternoon is free to explore the city of Coburg at leisure. The 14th century Moritz Church is where Martin Luther gave sermons in 1530. The charming old town centre has cobbled alleyways, pastel coloured houses and an impressive town hall plus many gift shops and vibrant cafes.

**THURSDAY** Join us today as we head to Erfurt, the "city of flowers" for the German National Garden Show, a tradition dating back to 1865. The event is held across two areas of the city; Petersburg Citadel and the Egapark, one of Germany's most significant horticultural monuments with the largest ornamental flowerbed in Europe, a rose garden and Japanese rock & water garden, tropical glasshouse and butterfly house. The whole day is free to soak up the atmosphere, admire the abundance of flowers and plants and architectural highlights. You may like to wander into Erfurt's old quarter to experience this medieval town at its best with its Cathedral of St Mary and Church of St Severus, the Merchant's Bridge – the longest series of inhabited buildings on any bridge in Europe and the extensively preserved Petersburg Citadel.

**FRIDAY** Sadly, we leave our hosts in Oberhof and begin our journey home. With comfort stops en-route, we return to the outskirts of Cologne for an overnight stay, arriving in time for evening dinner.

**SATURDAY** After breakfast we continue our journey back to Calais for the short sea crossing to Dover. We arrive back in the West Country mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Europa Rosarium (Rose Garden)
- Entrance & Guided Tour of Friedenstein Palace, Gotha
- Entrance & Guided Tour of Ehrenburg Palace, Coburg
- Entrance to the National Garden Show, Erfurt
- Ferry crossings

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £140.00  
Travel insurance £45.00

Monday 14th – Friday 18th June



## WELSH BORDERS & WATERWAYS

The Anglo-Welsh border runs for over 160 miles from the Dee Estuary in the north to the Severn Estuary in the south. Join us for a new tour as we explore the waterways and towns in this charming corner of Britain.

### YOUR HOTEL Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold

A charming 3\* hotel on the outskirts of Mold in the delightful North Wales borderlands. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The hotel has no lift, but ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves an array of seasonal dishes and a hearty Welsh breakfast.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and journey north, with stops for coffee and lunch on route, arriving at our hotel with time to settle in and enjoy dinner.

**TUESDAY** Today we make our way to the city of Chester where we enjoy a short sight seeing city cruise by boat along the River Dee. We follow the course of the river under the suspension bridge, past Grosvenor Park, following the long sweep of the Meadows to the city limits and back. The rest of the day is free to explore Chester at leisure, perhaps discovering the almost complete Roman city walls, or the medieval timber framed buildings in the historic centre with the famous "Rows" and the 1000 year old cathedral.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we travel to the Cheshire stately home of Arley Hall and Gardens, one of the North-West's most impressive historic homes. Explore the exquisite interior with elaborate ceilings beautiful fireplaces, intricate stained glass and impressive furniture collections. The exquisite gardens have been lovingly created over 250 years with over 8 acres of formal gardens and England's first ever planted herbaceous border, an arboretum and peaceful woodland walk There is also a restaurant to enjoy lunch.

**THURSDAY** This morning we make our way to the town of Llangollen, situated on the River Dee. Take a stroll along the Victoria Promenade, watch the river tumble down beneath the bridge or browse the independent shops in the centre. After lunch we board a boat at Llangollen Wharf for a 5 mile cruise along the Llangollen Canal and across the country's highest navigable aqueduct above the River Dee supported by 18 stone piers with spectacular views across the Welsh & English countryside. We then make the scenic journey up the Horseshoe Mountain Pass to the summit where you may like to browse the "Shop in the Clouds" or enjoy afternoon tea in the café admiring the views across the landscape.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast we leave our hotel and begin our journey south. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat cruise on River Dee, Chester
- Entrance to Arley Hall & Gardens
- Boat trip on Llangollen Canal & Pontcysyllte Aqueduct
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)  
Subsequent singles £86.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 14th – Friday 18th June



## HIGHLIGHTS OF YORKSHIRE

The Yorkshire Dales has it all! ... a patchwork of green valleys, rugged moorland scenery, farmland laced with dry stone walls. Discover small medieval cities, historic market towns, and the stunning gardens at Harlow Carr!

### YOUR HOTEL Doubletree by Hilton Harrogate Majestic Hotel & Spa, Harrogate

A grand 4\* Victorian style hotel in 8 acres of landscaped gardens in the heart of Harrogate. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is lift to all floors, the restaurant serves a delicious freshly prepared evening menu and generous breakfast. Spa facilities include an indoor heated pool, sauna, steam room & fitness suite.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and make our way north, with comfort stops and lunch on route. We complete our journey to our hotel in Harrogate, with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** The morning is free to explore Harrogate, a Victorian Spa town, with parklands, elegant architecture, the cobbled Montpellier Quarter with galleries and antique shops, and the famous Betty's Café Tea Rooms with over 100 years of history. After lunch, we make our way to RHS Garden Harlow Carr, a 68 acre site which captures the beauty of Yorkshire, with landscaped garden designs including dry stone walls, water features, colourful herbaceous borders, wildflower meadows, and woodland walks, with the newly created "Hedgehog garden" and hedgehog highway! Betty's Café Tea Rooms has joined forces with Harlow Carr, to enjoy afternoon tea.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we travel through the stunning scenery of the Yorkshire Dales to the delightful market town of Skipton, where a local market has been held since Medieval times. You also might like to take a leisurely cruise along the Leeds-Liverpool canal that runs through the centre. After lunch, we continue our scenic drive to the picturesque village of Grassington, with its many gift shops and cafes to enjoy afternoon tea.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast we make the short journey to the city of Ripon. The cathedral has over 1300 years of history, with medieval woodcarvings that inspired Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland story. Today is market day in the traditional market square, surrounded by quaint medieval streets and Georgian buildings, and filled with fascinating shops and tearooms. After lunch, we continue to the pretty town of Thirsk, with its quaint cobbled marketplace, and home to the World of James Herriott, attraction made famous by the TV series "All Creatures Great & Small".

**FRIDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey, with comfort stops en route. We complete our journey back to the West Country arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to RHS Garden Harlow Carr
- All coach travel

TOUR PRICE

£345

5 DAYS

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Friday 18th – Monday 21st June



## BEAUTIFUL BRUGES

There cannot be a more beautiful setting than the medieval city of Bruges, with its narrow, cobbled streets, historic architecture and magical canals. It's easy to see why the city has been given UNESCO World Heritage Status. We have also included an excursion to the striking city of Ghent, to fully appreciate this charming region.

### YOUR HOTEL Academie Hotel, Bruges

A locally rated 4\* hotel situated in a charming cobbled street, within easy walking distance of the city centre and attractions. Each room ensuite room is well equipped with TV, hairdryer, telephone and Wi-Fi access. The restaurant serves a delicious continental and cooked breakfast and there is a cosy bar with garden terrace.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** After an early departure we leave the West Country and make our way, to Dover for a ferry crossing. From Calais we make a short journey to Bruges, where we will have plenty of time to settle in and enjoy an evening dinner at a restaurant of your choice.

**SATURDAY** You have the whole day to explore this captivating city, affectionately known as the Venice of the North on account of its charming canals. The city itself is gently compact and easy to navigate on foot, however you may like to enjoy a horse-drawn carriage tour of the centre or a leisurely boat trip along the canal network to view the city from a different perspective. Well known for its lace making and Belgian chocolate, there is plenty to discover in various museums, gift shops and local cafes. Why not visit the famous Grote Markt with its inspiring gothic architecture and towering belfry (climb 366 steps for an amazing panoramic view from up high) or stop at the Rozenhoedkaai, a beautiful corner on the canal found on almost every postcard!

**SUNDAY** After breakfast, you can either continue exploring Bruges or join us for an excursion to the delightful city of Ghent. With over 1400 years of history it became one of the most important cities in medieval Europe. Crammed full of culture, history and cuisine, the town has something to offer to everyone, such as the 12th century castle, St Bavo's medieval cathedral and the beautiful St Michael's Bridge. We return to Bruges for our final evening.

**MONDAY** We leave our hotel and make our way to the historic town of Ypres, built on the back of the lace making and textile industry, where the impressive Cloth Hall is a reminder of times gone by. World War I brought prosperous times to an abrupt end, and the "In Flanders Field Museum" inside the Cloth Hall offers a moving insight to the Great War. We continue to Calais, for our return ferry crossing to Dover, completing our homeward journey, reaching the West Country mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Bed & Breakfast
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £137.00  
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£299

4 DAYS

Friday 18th – Wednesday 23rd June



## SCOTTISH SPLENDOUR & THE ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW

Join us as we experience some of the best that Scotland has to offer including a day at the prestigious Royal Highland Show.

### YOUR HOTEL Doubletree by Hilton Glasgow Westerwood Spa & Golf Resort

A modern 4\* hotel in wooded countryside overlooking the Campsie Hills. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious menu, and leisure facilities include a swimming pool.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way north, with comfort and lunch stops on route, to our hotel in Cumbernauld, arriving with time to freshen up before dinner.

**SATURDAY** A full day at the Royal Highland Show near Edinburgh; which showcases the best in Scottish farming and country living. With over 5,000 entries from all over the UK and Ireland, the show guarantees magnificent displays of beef and dairy cattle, sheep, goats, horses and poultry, as well as the usual countryside stalls and marquees with information on countryside matters. There are food tents offering local produce, clothing and crafts, and ringside events and displays.

**SUNDAY** Join us today for a tour of the Trossachs through some stunning natural scenery. Stopping for coffee in Stirling, we continue through more outstanding scenery to the base of Loch Lomond. With time to admire the scenery lunch at Loch Lomond Shores (Scotland's most spectacular visitor centre), we enjoy an hour boat cruise around the loch.

**MONDAY** After breakfast, we journey through some stunning scenery to Pitlochry, a delightful town under the towering Ben Vrackie (at 2,760 feet). It's well-known for its salmon ladder, and boasts lovely Victorian architecture, independent shops and tearooms. After lunch, visit Blair Athol Distillery, for a guided tour and tasting of the 12-year-old traditionally distilled single malt whisky.

**TUESDAY** This morning we visit Scone Palace, one of Scotland's most important stately homes, which doubled as a seat of parliament and the crowning Palace of Scottish Kings including Robert The Bruce and Macbeth. Explore the exquisite interiors with outstanding collections of antiques and paintings, and the stunning gardens. We later travel the short distance into the heart of the city of Perth with time to enjoy lunch and explore this pretty city steeped in royal history, located on Scotland's longest river, The Tay, one of the best spots for salmon fishing.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast, we complete our journey home, and with comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Royal Highland Show Ticket
- Loch Lomond Boat Trip
- Entrance and guided tour of Blair Athol Distillery
- Entrance to Scone Palace & Gardens
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £125.00  
Travel insurance £26.00

TOUR PRICE

£465

6 DAYS

Monday 21st – Friday 25th June



## TENBY & PEMBROKESHIRE

A coastal resort in attractive Pembrokeshire, Tenby is situated on a narrow promontory jutting out into Camarthan Bay. Georgian houses overlook the picturesque harbour with its generous sandy beaches.

### YOUR HOTEL Clarence House Hotel, Tenby

Owned by the same family for nearly seventy years, this excellent hotel enjoys an enviable position on the esplanade. All rooms are ensuite, with TV and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves highly recommended cuisine with a choice menu and evening entertainment is provided most evenings.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop en route, make our way over the St. David's bridge to Abergavenny for lunch. We complete our journey to Tenby via the scenic Brecon Beacons, with time to settle in before dinner and an evening of entertainment.

**TUESDAY** The whole day is free for you to spend as you please exploring Tenby's enchanting narrow streets. There are museums, shops, a good art gallery and a castle to visit, in addition to the chocolate-box pretty harbour. You may like to take boat trip to Caldy Island (weather permitting) – just 3 miles from Tenby and formerly home to monks who inhabited the monastery there for more than 1,500 years. If the stunning scenery alone isn't enough, there's a shop and an excellent tearoom on the island!.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we travel to Carmarthen, a neat little county town, encircled by the River Towy and full of pretty shops. Today is market day, and you will have plenty of time to sample the local cuisine and perhaps snag a bargain! After lunch we continue to Laugharne – a quiet town on the Taf Estuary, where Welsh poet Dylan Thomas lived and is buried. His boathouse and writing shed, where he penned Under Milk Wood, are well worth a visit, as are the imposing castle ruins.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way north, travelling through the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty, to Cardigan, a lovely market town at the mouth of the river Teifi, once one of the busiest ports in Wales. With time to explore and enjoy a leisurely lunch, we return via the world-famous Cenarth Falls where the salmon leap, to Saundersfoot, a very pretty harbour village, with time to browse the gift shops and enjoy tea.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and make our way to Cardiff, the vibrant Welsh capital. With plenty of time to browse the shops, visit the castle and a variety of museums and enjoy a leisurely lunch, we complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement  
Boat Trip to Caldy Island  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£349

5 DAYS

Monday 21st – Friday 25th June



## NORTON GRANGE COASTAL VILLAGE, ISLE OF WIGHT

On a Warner holiday, you will understand what it means to be spoiled for choice; excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening. With its ruggedly beautiful sea views, Norton Grange is the perfect adults-only Warner's Leisure Resort.

### YOUR HOTEL Norton Grange, Isle of Wight

Ideally located with fabulous views of the western Solent, which stretches from Cowes to the Needles. All chalets are en-suite with TV and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant and coffee shop offer a delicious variety and leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, fitness studio, 9-hole pitch-and-put, all-weather bowls green, archery, shooting range... and much more! Excellent entertainment is provided each evening by the resident band.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and make our way to Lymington for the short ferry crossing to Yarmouth. Once on the island, we make the short journey to Norton Grange, with plenty of time to settle in before dinner and the first night of entertainment.

**TUESDAY** The morning is free to enjoy the facilities of our resort. This afternoon we make a short visit to St Mildred's Church at Whippingham, full of history with strong links with Osborne House & Queen Victoria. We continue to Osborne House, Queen Victoria's palace by the sea. Much more than a royal residence, it was also a family home, and as you walk through the Queen's bedroom, the nursery rooms and even the royal bathrooms, you're offered a glimpse into the royal family's life. There are acres of gardens to explore, Swiss Cottage, the royal playhouse to visit and a large restaurant & gift shop. We return for dinner and another evening of excellent entertainment

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today as we take a wonderful circular tour of the island, through Yarmouth, Newport, Cowes, Ryde, Bembridge, Shanklin, Sandown, Ventnor, Freshwater and Alum Bay, stopping for coffee, lunch, time to explore and shop as we travel.

**THURSDAY** This morning we travel to the very picturesque village of Godshill – the most-photographed village in Britain! Spend the morning admiring the thatched cottages and the 15th Century church, visiting the immaculate Model Village, browsing the gift shops, and maybe treat yourself to coffee and a large cream cake from the Old Smithy. We return to our resort with the afternoon to spend as you please, maybe take a stroll into Yarmouth before our final evening dinner and entertainment.

**FRIDAY** We leave after breakfast, and make the short journey to Yarmouth for the return ferry crossing back to Lymington. We continue to Poole for lunch and complete our journey back to the West Country, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Osborne House
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 4)  
Premier Chalet Upgrade £30.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£375

5 DAYS

Thursday 24th June – Friday 2nd July



## THE BEST OF SCOTLAND... FROM EAST TO WEST

Join us as we discover some of the finest landscapes in Scotland from the Cairngorms in the east, to the west coast of the Highlands. The Cairngorms is famous for its history and heritage of whisky production and rugged landscape. The much loved Jacobite Steam Train has been referred to as "the greatest railway journey in the world" with magnificent scenery to be enjoyed along its highland route.

### YOUR HOTEL Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie

A delightful 3\* hotel set in the Scottish Highlands, with views across the Spey Valley and Cairngorms National Park. There is a lift to all floors. All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and hearty Scottish breakfast, and the lounge bar offers a perfect area to relax.

### The Alexandra Hotel, Fort William

A lovely 3\* hotel, ideally located in the centre of Fort William, noted for its traditional Scottish hospitality. Each of the comfortable rooms is ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities.

The restaurant offers a delicious range of dishes prepared with locally sourced produce. There is a lift to all floors and entertainment is provided on some evenings.

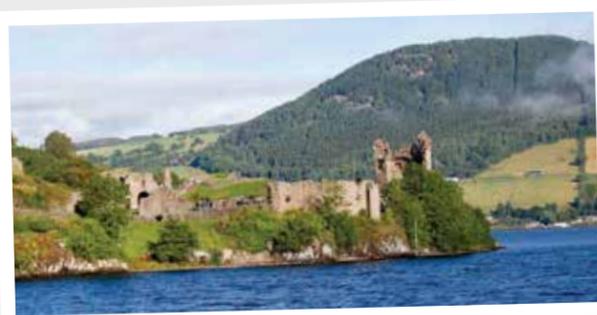
### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** We leave the West Country, and make our way north, with comfort stops en route, to our overnight accommodation near Lancaster, arriving in time for dinner.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast, we continue our journey north, over the border into Scotland, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, travelling along the outskirts of the Cairngorms to our hotel and base for the next three nights in Kingussie, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**SATURDAY** Join us today as we discover the Cairngorms National Park and the whisky connection. We make a stop in the pretty town of Aviemore with time to browse and enjoy coffee before continuing to the village of Dufftown, affectionately known as the "Malt Whisky Capital of the World". After lunch we board the Keith & Dufftown Railway (the most northerly heritage line in the UK) for a scenic journey to Keith. Re-join the coach and make a visit to the famous Glenfiddich Distillery for a guided tour of the visitor centre, mash house, bottling house and dramming centre plus tastings of the single malt.

**SUNDAY** Today we travel to the compact, friendly city of Inverness, situated where the River Ness meets the Moray Firth. The city boasts a bustling centre



TOUR PRICE

£785

9 DAYS



with shops and cafes, Victorian market, St Andrew's cathedral, Inverness castle and art & galleries. Whilst here you may like to take a boat trip around the harbour in search of dolphins & seals.

**MONDAY** After breakfast we leave our hotel and take a scenic drive, stopping for lunch on route along the banks of the picturesque banks of Loch Ness, arriving at Fort William this afternoon with time to explore our surroundings before dinner.

**TUESDAY** Join us for the highlight of our tour today as we board the Jacobite steam train for what is regarded as one of the Great Railway Journeys of the World, due mainly to the stunning scenery through which you will be travelling. The 42 mile trip will take you past Britain's highest mountain, deepest loch, shortest river and most westerly station as well as crossing the world famous 21 arch concrete viaduct. The train arrives in Mallaig, a busy fishing port and ferry terminal soon after midday giving you time to browse the shops and have lunch before boarding the coach for the return journey to Fort William.

**WEDNESDAY** The whole day is free to spend as you please and explore Fort William. You may like to enjoy a relaxing boat trip on Loch Linnie, to Seal Island with splendid views of Ben Nevis and of course the Seals, along with other wildlife such as Porpoises, Buzzard and Eagle. A short taxi ride away you will find the Ben Nevis distillery where you can have a guided tour around the distillery, and a free taste of the particularly smooth blend of highland whisky. Or you may like to catch a local bus to the Nevis Range, 7 miles north of Fort William, where you can take a ride on a gondola up Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain with spectacular views. There are also some lovely shops to browse and many cafes and restaurants to enjoy a leisurely lunch.

**THURSDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel in the Highlands and make our way south, travelling through the spectacular scenery of Glencoe and the Loch Lomond National Park, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, to our overnight hotel near Lancaster.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast, we continue our return journey, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and reaching the West Country early-mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 8 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for Keith & Dufftown Heritage Railway
- Guided Tour & Tasting at Glenfiddich Whisky Distillery
- Ticket for Mallaig Steam Train
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £140.00  
Travel insurance £30.00

Saturday 26th – Sunday 27th June



## GOODWOOD FESTIVAL OF SPEED (DATES TBC)

Held in the immaculate grounds of Goodwood House, the Goodwood Festival of Speed is the world's largest celebration of motoring culture in the world – a unique weekend that brings together a marvelous mix of cars, motorcycles, motorsport celebrities and professional drivers.

### YOUR HOTEL Europa Hotel, Maidenbower

A modern hotel with a beautiful courtyard and landscaped gardens. Each of the comfortable rooms is ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant serves a seasonal menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna and gym.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** After an early departure we leave the West Country and make our way, with a comfort stop en route, to Goodwood for the world's largest car event. From current Formula 1 racers and 200mph supercars to steam-powered carriages of the 19th century, and from 3,000bhp top fuel dragsters to classic rally cars, the Festival of Speed attracts the heroic from every era in an exuberant display of colour, style, sound and smell. All cars and motorcycles are painstakingly selected to reflect the event's major theme of the year, and to ensure their authenticity and provenance, all competing vehicles are presented in their original condition and livery. You can expect to see cars and motorbikes from over 100 years of worldwide motor racing history, driven by celebrity and professional drivers, attempting the Goodwood Hill Climb – the event's principal attraction. The grueling course covers 1.16 miles and rises 300ft along the steep and narrow estate road. No fewer than 300 cars are expected to complete the course every day, grouped thematically with the oldest first. Early evening, we travel to our hotel, where you'll have time to enjoy dinner and perhaps make use of the on-site leisure facilities.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and return to Goodwood for another full day to continue exploring all the excitement of the weekend event. With public access to all vehicles on display, and many major brand exhibits as well as more vehicles attempting the Goodwood Hill Climb, there is plenty to see and do. We leave Goodwood late-afternoon, and with a comfort stop en route, we return to our home area, arriving mid/late-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 2-day ticket to Goodwood Festival of Speed
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £15.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

TOUR PRICE

£259

2 DAYS

Saturday 26th – Sunday 27th June



## BLENHEIM PALACE FLOWER SHOW & ABBEY HOUSE GARDENS

Blenheim Palace provides the perfect backdrop for this annual flower show, which is set inside the beautiful gardens. It features over 150 floral and garden exhibitors, a grand floral marquee, garden landscapes and numerous gift and garden shopping villages.

### YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Swindon

A comfortable 3\* hotel. All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. Ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated swimming pool, jacuzzi and whirlpool and gym.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop, make our way to Blenheim Palace with the remainder of the day free for you to enjoy the Flower Show with its beautiful show gardens, floral art displays, the grand floral marquee, gardening talks, plants & gift marquees and numerous refreshment stalls. Your admission ticket also allows access to Blenheim's parkland and gardens, which cover over 2000 acres, designed by Capability Brown. We later re-join the coach and travel the short journey to our hotel, arriving in time to freshen up before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Malmesbury to the historic Abbey House Gardens. This truly spectacular 5 acre garden has featured in many TV programmes, and is located beside the 12th century Malmesbury Abbey. The carefully laid gardens boast over 10,000 different plant species and has been credited as being one of the most delightful of English Gardens in the world! The areas include knot gardens, herb gardens, river walks, waterfalls, fish ponds and over 2000 different roses (the largest collection in the UK). The "Coy Carp Café" provides a peaceful area to enjoy lunch and watch & feed the superb extensive collection of Koi carp. We later continue our journey back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Admission to Blenheim Palace Flower Show (also includes entry to park & gardens)
- Entrance to Abbey House Gardens
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £25.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

TOUR PRICE

£125

2 DAYS

Saturday 26th June – Saturday 3rd July



## AUSTRIA & SWITZERLAND – THE AROSA EXPRESS MOUNTAIN TRAIN

More than 1000 metres above the pretty village of Chur is the famous mountain resort of Arosa. Join us for an exhilarating journey as the Arosa Express winds its way up into the mountains, across deep ravines and through looping tunnels, before crossing the spectacular Langweiser Viaduct.

### YOUR HOTEL Hotel Arlberg, St Anton am Arlberg

A charming 4\* family run hotel in the centre of town. Each of the traditional furnished rooms is en-suite with TV, safe, telephone and hairdryer. The traditional restaurant setting serves a delicious home cooked menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and wellness centre.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** After an early departure we make our way to Dover, with comfort stops en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue east to our overnight accommodation in France, making a stop on route for dinner.

**SUNDAY** This morning we continue our journey, and on into Austria, to our hotel, where we stay for the next four nights, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**MONDAY** Today is free to explore your new surroundings in the charming town of St Anton. You may like to make use of the "Summer Card" which allows access to the local cable cars, local bus and entrance to the local museum on one day of your stay. Or you may prefer to take a stroll through the town and browse the local shops, enjoying a relaxing lunch in one of the numerous cafes, bars or hotels.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast, join us if you wish for a day's excursion to the capital of the Austrian Tyrol - Innsbruck. We travel along the Inn Valley reaching Innsbruck late morning, with plenty of time to explore the charming old town with its covered alleyways and the famous Golden Roof of the Imperial Palace, or explore the modern side of the city with its shopping district and vibrant sidewalk cafes and bars. You may like to take the funicular railway up to the dizzying heights of the Nordketten Mountain with panoramic views across the city and Inn Valley.



TOUR PRICE

£659

8 DAYS



**WEDNESDAY** Join us today for the highlight of our tour as we travel to the Swiss town of Chur, where we board the Arosa Express for a return journey. The journey starts through the heart of Chur, passing the town wall and Maltese Tower, before leaving the town below and climbing over 1000 metres in just 26 kilometres, winding its way through unspoilt countryside and mountain meadows, along looping tunnels and crossing the spectacular Langweiser Viaduct and river below. We arrive in Arosa approximately one hour later, where we have time to enjoy this stunning village, located in the mountainous Schanfigg Valley. Whilst here, you may like to take the cable car to the summit where you will find a panoramic restaurant with magnificent views. Back in Arosa, there is a squirrel trail where you can view and feed red squirrels and a shopping area with gift shops and cafes. We later make the stunning train journey back down the mountain to Chur.

**THURSDAY** Today we enjoy a circular scenic journey along the Silvretta Pass, a high alpine road which twists and turns its way up to the stunning Silvretta Reservoir at over 2000 metres above sea level. With extraordinary mountain scenery and views across to the Piz Buin Glacier, keep your eyes open for the shy marmots (small alpine mammals who live in the rocks). We will experience one of the most panoramic roads in the Alps with over 34 spectacular hairpin bends along a 22km route. The lakeside restaurant at the summit serves delicious lunches and light snacks.

**FRIDAY** Sadly, we bid a fond farewell to Austria, and make our way with comfort stops on route, to our overnight accommodation in France, arriving in time for the evening meal.

**SATURDAY** We resume our homeward journey to Calais, for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue to the West Country, arriving early/mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- 1 night bed & breakfast
- Train ticket for the Arosa Express
- Access to Silvretta Hochalpenstrasse
- St Anton Summer Card
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £70.00  
Travel insurance £45.00

Monday 28th June – Friday 2nd July



## LLANDUDNO & THE WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY

Llandudno – the premier resort of North Wales – is set along a wide, curving bay overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, with the magnificent mountains of Snowdonia as its backdrop.

### YOUR HOTEL Tynedale Hotel, Llandudno

We're delighted to return to this welcoming 4\* hotel, located along the central promenade with sea views. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The hotel's restaurant serves a fabulous full Welsh breakfast and choice evening menu, and there is live entertainment each evening.

TOUR PRICE

£425

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** Monday – We leave our home area and travel over the border into Wales, stopping for coffee and lunch en route. On arrival at our hotel, enjoy a cup of tea while your luggage is delivered to your room. There will then be time to settle in before dinner and our first evening of entertainment

**TUESDAY** – The morning is free for you to spend as you please and explore Llandudno, known as the 'Queen of Welsh Resorts'. You may like to take a ride on the Great Orme Tramway to the summit on one of only three cable-hauled street tramways in the world. There is also a fine pier, over 700 metres long, attractive gardens, shops and restaurants. This afternoon we visit Conwy, medieval walled town with an imposing castle and lively quay, on which you will find what is claimed to be the smallest house in Great Britain!

**WEDNESDAY** – After breakfast, we travel to Porthmadog to board the Welsh Highland Railway, Snowdonia's newest railway for a spectacular 25 mile scenic journey, hauled by the world's most powerful narrow-gauge steam locomotive. It passes through the magnificent Aberglaslyn Pass, zigzags down the steep hillside to the village of Beddgelert, and crosses the flanks of Mount Snowdon, before descending from over 650 feet down towards sea level to Caernarfon where you will have time to explore this harbour town with its spectacular 13th century castle & have lunch.

**THURSDAY** – This morning we make our way through part of Snowdonia National Park, with some of the most stunning scenery to be found anywhere, to Llanberis. With time to enjoy coffee, we board a bus at the Electric Power Station. Here you'll witness Dinorwig's massive pump/turbines in action and see just how quickly electricity is made when the demand arises. (Please note: sensible footwear is required for the tour). The bus then returns to the surface, with time to enjoy lunch and explore the pretty village of Llanberis, with its stunning mountain backdrop. We continue to the picturesque village of We continue to the picturesque village of Betws-y-Coed, North Wales' most popular resort with its railway museum, craft shops and tearooms.

**FRIDAY** Sadly we leave North Wales and make our way home, stopping for coffee and lunch en route. We complete our homeward journey back into England, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Welsh Highland Railway Ticket
- Guided Tour of Electric Mountain, Llanberis
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 28th – Friday 2nd July



## NATIONAL TRUST TREASURES...KENT

The National Trust owns many heritage properties, including historic houses and gardens and we are delighted to be able to offer a tour to five of its loveliest properties.

### YOUR HOTEL Mercure Great Danes Hotel, Maidstone

A modern 4\* hotel located on the outskirts of Maidstone. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated swimming pool.

TOUR PRICE

5 DAYS

NT MEMBERS

£385

NON NT MEMBERS

£455

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We make our way east, with a comfort stop en route, to Chartwell, the much-loved family home of Sir Winston Churchill. The rooms remain much as they were when he lived here, with personal mementoes and interests of the great statesman, writer, painter and family man. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** This morning as we visit Sissinghurst Castle Garden, one of the most individual and beautiful gardens in Europe, divided into a series of rooms filled with informal arrangements of plants around a theme - the White Garden, the Purple Border, the Rose Garden, the Herb Garden, the Lime Walk, and the Cottage Garden. After lunch we visit the medieval cathedral city of Canterbury, with time to visit the cathedral, the famous Canterbury Tales visitor attraction and enjoy afternoon tea.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast, we travel to the spa town of Royal Tunbridge Wells, famous for "The Pantiles". With time to browse the shops and enjoy coffee, we make the short journey to the 14th century moated Scotney Castle, a country house with a romantic garden. The house is full of paintings, textiles, furniture and books and the tea-room serves delicious food.

**THURSDAY** Join us as we visit Rochester, dominated by its fine Norman Castle and cathedral. With time to browse this historic town, famous for its connections to Charles Dickens, we continue to the 14th Century moated manor house of Ightham Mote, described by David Starkey as 'one of the most beautiful and interesting of English country houses.' Built almost 700 years ago highlights include the pretty courtyard, Great Hall, crypt, Tudor painted ceiling and the private apartments of Charles Henry Robinson, who gave Ightham Mote to the National Trust in 1985. The house is surrounded by peaceful gardens with an orchard, water features, lakes and woodland walks and the Mote restaurant serves delicious lunches and teas

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and travel to Polesden Lacey, an 18th Century country retreat where King George VI and the Queen Mother spent their honeymoon. It's rich collections of art and stories provide a fascinating insight into the Edwardian era and the landscaped gardens offer delightful walks. We complete our homeward journey, arriving early/mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Chartwell (NT)
- Entrance to Sissinghurst Castle Garden (NT)
- Entrance to Scotney Castle (NT)
- Entrance to Ightham Mote (NT)
- Entrance to Polesden Lacey (NT)
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 28th June – Saturday 3rd July



## HIDDEN TREASURES OF LUXEMBOURG

The Duchy Of Luxembourg, maybe small in size, but is packed full of beautiful landscapes, picturesque villages, and strewn with pretty rivers, lakes and enchanting forests. From the bustling capital of Luxembourg City, to the lush surrounding countryside dotted with ancient castles and picture-postcard beauty spots.

### YOUR HOTEL Belle Vue Hotel, Vianden

This charming 3\* hotel is ideally located in the picturesque medieval town of Vianden, at the foot of the impressive Orange Castle, and just a few minutes' walk from the heart of the village. All rooms are en-suite with TV, Wi-Fi access and hairdryer, served by a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu, and a generous buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and sauna.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** After an early departure we leave the West Country, travelling east to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue to Luxembourg, with comfort stops on route, arriving in time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** This morning is free to explore Vianden, located on the banks of the River Our, set amidst magnificent scenery. This ancient seat of the Counts of Vianden, is a medieval town with narrow lanes, ramparts and fortified towers, together with an impressive castle spectacularly perched on the rocks above. You may like to take the chair-lift which climbs a height of 450 metres to experience panoramic views of Vianden. After lunch we make the short journey by coach to the enchanting town of Clervaux, nestled in the valley of the Clerve River in the heart of the Ardennes and overlooked by its 12th century castle, church and Benedictine Abbey.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we enjoy a full day scenic tour by coach travelling through the Mullerthal region, affectionately known as "Little Switzerland". We will visit the quaint market town of Larochette which lies within a narrow rocky valley, and the enchanting Schiessentumpel Waterfalls, one of the most photographed areas of this region, a masterpiece of fairytale beauty like a scene out



of JRR Tolkein's "The Hobbit". We also visit the oldest town in Luxembourg, Echternach, with its medieval labyrinth of narrow streets and ancient city walls, and on to the medieval town of Beaufort with its 12th century castle, rocky plateaus and vast forested surrounds. We complete our tour, arriving back at the hotel with time to relax before our final evening meal.

**THURSDAY** Today we visit the capital of this small country, likewise named Luxembourg. A compact city with a dynamic mixture of ancient fortresses and contemporary architecture, coupled with beautifully landscaped green parklands and gardens. Renowned for its banking centre and headquarters of many European Institutions, there is a pedestrianised shopping district with an array of restaurants and cafes, museums, underground galleries, together with the 17th century cathedral and Grand Duke's Palace. One of the best ways to explore is by a sight-seeing bus or land train, enjoying a guided audio tour of the city. We return to our hotel later this afternoon, via a visit to the Luxembourg American Cemetery & Memorial, commemorating heroic American soldiers who gave their lives defending the Ardennes region in WWII.

**FRIDAY** This morning we travel across the border into Germany, to Trier, the oldest known city in Germany, dating from Roman times. Affectionately known as the "Rome of the North" it was the key city serving the Roman northern territories over 2000 years ago. With its narrow streets, cobbled alleyways and medieval remains, it is a compact city which is easily navigated on foot. After lunch we cross back into Luxembourg to the historic town of Grevenmacher, known as the "capital of the Moselle" due to its importance as a wine region.

**SATURDAY** After breakfast we make our way back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then complete our homeward journey, reaching the West Country mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £82.00  
Luxury Room (Twin/Double use) with Balcony £50.00 per person  
Travel insurance £40.00

TOUR PRICE  
**£465**  
6 DAYS

Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th July



## ANTIQUES FAIR WEEKEND, NEWBURY

The Newbury Showground hosts the popular annual 2 day Antiques & Collectors Fair with excellent facilities both indoors and outdoors, and has become the favourite filming location of BBC's Bargain Hunt. We also enjoy a visit to the quaint village of Hungerford, well known for its antique and collectable shops.

### YOUR HOTEL Hilton Reading, Reading

A 4\* hotel with modern comforts. All rooms are en-suite with TV, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna, steam room and fitness suite.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country, stopping for coffee en-route, to the quaint Berkshire village of Hungerford. Best known for its antique shops and centres which adorn the town centre it also has a host of cheery cafes and tea shops to enjoy a spot of lunch after all that browsing for a bargain or two! We later make our way to our hotel with time to relax before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**SATURDAY** After an early start, we make the short journey to the Newbury Showground for the Antiques and Collectors Fair, where you will have the whole day free to enjoy browsing. With its vast number of stands, choice will never be an issue – there is, quite possibly, every item you could imagine! From chandeliers and rugs, sports memorabilia and paintings – not to mention the finest of antique furniture... The possibilities are endless!

**SUNDAY** After breakfast we return to the Newbury Showground for a second day to continue browsing the vast number of outdoor and indoor stalls and enjoy a leisurely stroll around the grounds to find that last minute bargain and prized collectable. We later re-join our coach and make our way home, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Antiques Fair on 2 days
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £50.00 (Max 5)  
Travel insurance £19.00

TOUR PRICE  
**£185**  
3 DAYS

Sunday 4th – Thursday 8th July



## RIBBLE VALLEY & THE PENDLE WITCHES

The Ribble Valley is a picturesque area with a rich landscape of rolling hillsides, charming villages, and market towns, lying between the old mill towns of Lancashire and the southern edge of the Yorkshire Dales.

### YOUR HOTEL Best Western Plus Samlesbury Hotel, Samlesbury

A delightful 4\* hotel with en-suite bedrooms, equipped with TV, and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious freshly prepared menu and hearty Lancashire breakfast. There is a large lounge bar area to relax in, and a fitness suite.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave our home area and make our way north, with comfort stops en route. We complete our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

**MONDAY** Today as we are joined by an experienced local guide for a coach tour of the beautiful Lancashire countryside to learn about its history, including the most famous Witch Trial in England – the Pendle Witch Trial of 1622. Hear about the dark deeds and wicked plots as we visit where they happened in an area that has changed very little in 400 years. After the light-hearted tour there will be time for lunch at Pendle Village Mill before we travel to Samlesbury Hall. The beautiful exterior decoration is a breath-taking sight, as you step into the black and white half-timbered medieval manor house. We enjoy a fascinating guided tour of the house, giving an insight into its history, packed with entertaining stories of residents and visitors to the Hall.

**TUESDAY** This morning we make the short journey to the ancient Saxon town of Clitheroe, in the heart of the Ribble Valley. The 12th century castle is said to be the smallest Norman castle in England and is home to a museum and 16 acres of landscaped gardens. Enjoy the panoramic views across the Ribble Valley and Pendle Hill from the castle keep. We continue to the market town of Skipton, on the southern edge of the Yorkshire Dales for lunch. Explore the quaint cobbled streets, 900 year old castle, ruined abbey or maybe enjoy a gentle boat ride along the Leeds-Liverpool canal.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way south to the Lancastrian town of Bury, where the award-winning market has hundreds of stalls to browse. You may like to visit the Fusilier Museum or the Bury Transport Museum and enjoy lunch. This afternoon we board a steam train for a scenic journey along the East Lancashire Railway, which historically connected the old mill towns along the Irwell valley, to the old cotton town of Rawtenstall.

**THURSDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey, with comfort stops en route, arriving back in the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guided Coach Tour of Pendle Hill
- Entrance & Guided Tour of Samlesbury Hall
- Ticket for East Lancashire Railway
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £84.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE  
**£345**  
5 DAYS

Saturday 3rd – Saturday 10th July



## MAJESTIC LAKES OF ITALY... MAGGIORE, ORTA & COMO

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£699**  
**8 DAYS**

Due to its popularity, we are delighted to repeat this tour. Italy's majestic lakes are full of natural beauty, with sumptuous villa-lined shores & beautiful gardens, all set in a sun-bathed summer climate. The longest of all the lakes, Lake Maggiore, is 40 miles in length stretching from Switzerland in the north, down to Italy in the south. Lake Orta is small at 9 miles long, a peaceful setting, enveloped by luscious woodlands, with its captivating medieval village of Orta San Giulio. The most elegant is Lake Como, with stunning villas, the destination of choice for 19th century nobility.

### YOUR HOTEL Hotel Milan Speranza au Lac, Stresa

A warm welcome awaits you at this Italian 4\* hotel, ideally situated on the shore of Lake Maggiore, in the town of Stresa, with its narrow streets & 19th century villas. All bedrooms are en-suite and equipped with air conditioning, TV, safe & Wi-Fi access. The restaurant serves a traditional menu using locally sourced produce, with lounge areas to relax in.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** After an early departure we make our way to Dover, with comfort stops en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue to our overnight accommodation in Metz, with a stop on route for an evening meal.

**SUNDAY** This morning we continue our journey through France, then a scenic journey through Switzerland, and finally into Italy, arriving at the hotel in Stresa, our base for the next five nights, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**MONDAY** Join us today for a boat cruise around the stunning Borromeo Islands set within Lake Maggiore. We first visit Isola Bella (the beautiful island), with its Baroque Palace & elegant Italianate gardens. Here we take a tour of the house with its Napoleon Room, where he & Josephine slept in August 1797, the Great Hall, and 16th century Flemish tapestry gallery. The gardens are also a treasure, with wonderful views across the lake. We continue by boat to Isola Pescatore (Fishermen's Island), the most picturesque of the Borromeo Islands with its ancient tiny village and long balconies traditionally used for drying fish. We return by boat to Stresa, with time to relax before our evening meal.



**TUESDAY** This morning we travel across to neighbouring Lake Orta, to the pretty village of Orta San Giulio, accessed by shuttle bus (extra charge). The centre is a traffic-free haven, with cobbled streets and picturesque houses. The main square is set by the lake edge, with a selection of lovely cafes to enjoy lunch. For the more energetic, a woodland pathway meanders up to the hill above, passing 21 chapels containing almost 400 life-size terracotta statues dating from 17th century, depicting scenes of the life of St Francis of Assisi. We later make the short journey back to our hotel, with time to relax before dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we journey east of Lake Maggiore to the elegant town of Como, known for its silk production, located at the southern end of Lake Como. The Cathedral, dating from the 15th century, dominates the Piazza Duomo, a masterpiece of gothic architecture and statues. Piazza Cavour lies on the lake edge, and has a wide range of cafes and pizzerias, to enjoy lunch by the harbour front.

**THURSDAY** You have the whole day free to explore Stresa. Stroll along the elegant lakeside promenade, and marvel at the luxurious gardens, or maybe wander inland to see the opulent 19th century villas, including the famous Villa Pallavicino with its zoological park. For those with a head for heights, you may like to take the Stresa cable car up to Mottarone Mountain where spectacular views of seven lakes can be seen across the Po Valley, towards the Alps.

**FRIDAY** Sadly, we today bid a fond farewell to Italy, journeying back through Switzerland, with comfort stops en route, to our overnight accommodation in Metz, arriving in time for the evening meal.

**SATURDAY** We resume our homeward journey to Calais, for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue to the West Country, arriving early/mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- 1 Night Bed & Buffet Breakfast (1st night)
- Boat cruise around the Borromeo Islands
- Entrance to Isola Bella Baroque Palace and Gardens
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £151.00  
Shuttle Land Train in Orta  
Travel insurance £45.00



Monday 5th – Friday 9th July



## THE VERY BEST OF YORKSHIRE

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£365**  
**5 DAYS**

York is a city renowned for its exquisite architecture, quaint cobbled streets and iconic Minster. The city has retained so much of its medieval structure that walking into its centre is like entering a living museum.

### YOUR HOTEL Queens Hotel, York

We are delighted to return to this 3\* hotel, ideally situated on the banks of the river Ouse in the heart of the city centre. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors, and the restaurant serves delicious traditional food.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and begin our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and reaching our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner and an evening stroll around York.

**TUESDAY** The whole day is free for you to explore York. You may like to visit the Minster, the National Railway Museum, The Chocolate Story, or the JORVIK Viking Centre and Little Shambles is an absolute delight. There are also many shops to browse, and numerous venues where you may enjoy coffee, lunch and tea. As our hotel is ideally located in the centre of York, you can spend as much or as little time exploring as you wish.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we travel to Pickering, to join the North Yorkshire Moors Railway for a scenic train ride across the heart of the moors to Grosmont. We continue by coach to the picturesque fishing port of Whitby, with its ancient abbey and stunning coastline. The ruins of the 13th-century abbey are fascinating, and for the more energetic, the views from the top are well worth the climb.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel a little further north to Thirsk, a small compact Market Town mentioned in the Domesday book. Whilst here you may like to visit the James Herriot Museum, in the house he lived in and used as his surgery. After lunch we enjoy a scenic drive across the Howardian Hills, just south of the North Yorkshire Moor to visit Yorkshire Lavender. Explore the site where lavender grows across 60 acres with hundreds of varieties of this English herb with glorious hues of blue, lilac, purple and even white shades of this therapeutic plant with a beautiful scent. Browse the plant nursery and gift shop and enjoy an afternoon tea in the café.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and begin our journey south, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and reaching the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- North Yorkshire Moors Railway ticket
- Entrance to Yorkshire Lavender
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Entrance to the James Herriot Museum  
Single supplement £88.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Friday 9th July – Saturday 10th July



## RHS HAMPTON COURT PALACE FLOWER SHOW

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£175**  
**2 DAYS**

Organised by the Royal Horticultural Society, Hampton Court Palace Flower Show is the world's largest flower show, held in the grounds of Hampton Court Palace in West London. On show will be water gardens, conceptual gardens, contemporary and traditional gardens to suit all tastes. Hundreds of the UK's best nurseries will fill the floral marquees and floral art, floristry, fruit and vegetables will also be a major part of the show, with opportunities to buy gifts, making it a glorious day out.

### YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn London Heathrow, London

A modern 4\* hotel. All rooms are en-suite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious hot buffet evening dinner, and generous buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country early morning and make our way east, stopping for coffee en route. When we reach Windsor, you have a choice. Either to visit the regal town of Royal Windsor, where you can explore the famous castle, or wander through the historic town with its cosy cafes and unusual gift shops OR visit Savill Garden located in Great Windsor Park, one of Britain's finest ornamental gardens. With world class horticultural displays, set within 35 acres of interconnecting gardens with stunning seasonal displays and rare plant collections, there is so much to see and explore. The café serves delicious lunches and afternoon teas. We later continue to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

**SATURDAY** After breakfast we make our way to Hampton Court Palace, where you will have the day free to enjoy the spectacular RHS flower and garden show. As well as the stunning floral displays, you can learn about growing your own fruit and vegetables and get tips on gardening in a changing climate, so whether you are a gardener, a would-be-gardener or a non-gardener there is something for everyone. There are also hundreds of opportunities to buy gifts and gadgets and numerous places to enjoy coffee, lunch and tea. We leave late afternoon, making our way back to the West Country, arriving mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet English Breakfast
- RHS Hampton Court Flower Show ticket
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00  
Entrance to The Savill Garden (Windsor Great Park)  
Travel insurance £17.00

Friday 9th – Sunday 11th July (Date TBC)



## BRITISH GRAND PRIX WEEKEND

The British Grand Prix has successfully managed to secure its place once again on the Formula One racing calendar! Join us for a long weekend at one of the highlights of the world's sporting calendar: the British Grand Prix at Silverstone. As well as being Lewis Hamilton's home race, many of the top constructors are also based in the UK, which almost makes it F1's home race, too.

### YOUR HOTEL Sketchley Grange Hotel, Hinkley

A modern 4\* country house hotel. Each en-suite bedroom is comfortably furnished with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious freshly prepared choice evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna and fitness suite.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** after an early departure, we leave the West Country and make our way east, with a comfort stop on route, to Silverstone. Today the practice session takes place, and your general admission ticket will give you the freedom to change location throughout the day, visiting areas like Hangar Straight, where you will see the cars at top speed as they slipstream each other on the approach to Stowe or Becketts, which offers views of the fast Maggots-Becketts complex and out towards Chapel. There are a variety of food and drink outlets on-site, and once the day's sessions are completed, we make our way to our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**SATURDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we return to Silverstone for the day's exciting qualifying sessions. Soak up the incredible atmosphere and experience the sights and sounds of this major sporting event first-hand. Once again, your ticket will allow you to wander the general admission areas, which include International Pits Straight, Hangar Straight, Becketts, Vale, Stowe and Luffield corners, as well as the new double-left at Village. As yesterday, when the day's racing draws to a close and the positions for tomorrow's race are decided, we return to our hotel for dinner.

**SUNDAY** Join us today for the highlight of our weekend, as we leave our hotel and return to Silverstone for the 2019 British Grand Prix! Choose a spot to see the best of the action and feel the tension as the cars line up on the grid. After the race and the presentations have been made, we begin our homeward journey. With a comfort stop on route, we reach the West Country mid-evening (traffic permitting!).

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 3 day general admission to British Grand Prix
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Upgraded ticket – please phone for details  
Single supplement £40.00  
Travel insurance £19.00

TOUR PRICE

£399

3 DAYS

Monday 12th – Friday 16th July



## SOUTHERN IRELAND & THE COPPER COAST

We are delighted to bring you a new tour discovering Southern Ireland's "ancient east" corner. The Copper Coast derives its name from the 19th century copper mines that lie at its heart.

### YOUR HOTEL Dooley's Hotel, Waterford

A delightful 3\* hotel ideally located on the historic Merchant's Quay overlooking the River Suir. All rooms are en suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves most floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty Irish breakfast.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and travel to Pembroke, for the afternoon crossing to Rosslare. After docking in Ireland, we travel on to Enniscorthy, and our hotel for dinner.

**TUESDAY** This morning we take a scenic drive along the Copper Coast, a 25 kilometre stretch of spectacular coastline of scalloped beaches, coves and rocky headlands, stopping in Dungarvan for lunch. This afternoon we board a heritage train at Kilmeaden for a scenic journey through the beautiful Suir Valley, across rolling farmland landscape to the famous Mount Congreve Gardens.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we travel to the medieval town of Kilkenny with its spectacular castle to the south and the magnificent St Candice's Cathedral to the north. Take the tourist road train through the streets to learn more about its history and hidden stories or walk the medieval mile to experience the town up close. After lunch we enjoy a guided tour through Smithwick's, Kilkenny's Irish Ale brewery, dating back to 17th century. We return to Waterford with an afternoon stop in the heritage town of Clonmel.

**THURSDAY** Today we visit the famous Dunbrody Famine Ship near New Ross, an authentic reproduction of an 1840's emigrant vessel which explains the Irish Emigration history. During the 19th century hardship, strife and potato blight famine in Ireland led to mass emigration of more than 1.5 million citizens. The Dunbrody Famine Ship experience brings history to life with costumed performers and exhibitions from the departure of the ship, the voyage and the arrival in the New World. This afternoon we return to Waterford where you may like to visit the Waterford Crystal factory and join a guided tour or just browse the beautifully stocked shop.

**FRIDAY** After an early Irish breakfast, we travel back to Rosslare for the return ferry crossing to Pembroke. We complete our journey through Wales, with a comfort stop en route, reaching the West Country mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for the Waterford & Suir Valley Railway
- Guided Tour of Smithwick's Brewery, Kilkenny
- Ticket for the Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £92.00  
Travel insurance £38.00

TOUR PRICE

£445

5 DAYS

Monday 12th – Friday 16th July



## LAKE DISTRICT – RAIL, SAIL & BOBTAIL

An area renowned for its exceptional natural beauty, the Lake District provides the ideal retreat from the hustle and bustle of daily routine, with some of the UK's most stunning scenery.

### YOUR HOTEL Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands

A delightful 3\* hotel in private wooded grounds with views of Morecambe Bay. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The hotel's experienced in-house chef has developed an excellent and varied menu, and entertainment is provided some evenings.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and begin our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and reaching our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we journey through some of the most spectacular scenery you'll see anywhere in England. We stop in Kendal for coffee and then continue north up the breathtaking Kirkstone Pass and along part of Ullswater to Keswick for lunch and time to explore this charming town

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today for the highlight of our tour ... rail, sail and bobtail! We make our way to Haverthwaite, to board a nostalgic steam train for a scenic journey to Lakeside, the most southerly tip of Lake Windermere. From here we take a gentle boat cruise across Windermere to the delightful town of Bowness, with time for lunch, before re-joining the coach and making the short journey to the delightful World Of Beatrix Potter. Our visit starts with a short film presentation of the author's life, stories and illustrations, before we explore the magical world of characters with 3D scenes, exhibitions and atmospheric lighting. Visit Peter Rabbit's garden, Mrs Tiggywinkle's kitchen and Jeremy Fisher's lily pad boat plus many others, and the beautifully stocked shop with a treasure trove of gifts.

**THURSDAY** Today we enjoy a circular tour through some of the Lake District's loveliest sights. We travel a little further north, following part of Coniston Water and Coniston Village, to Ambleside for coffee and time to look around this picturesque village. We then make our way to the pretty village of Grasmere for lunch, with its many gift shops and time if you wish to visit Wordsworth's museum and Dove Cottage – his home from 1799 to 1808, We return with some time to explore Grange over Sands.

**FRIDAY** Sadly, it's time to leave the Lake District and begin our homeward journey. With stops for coffee and lunch en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Train ride on Lakeside & Haverthwaite Steam Railway
- Boat trip on Lake Windermere
- Entrance to World of Beatrix Potter Attraction
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £64.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

Saturday 17th – Friday 23rd July



## LITTLE RAILWAYS & BOATS OF THE RHINE VALLEY

We are delighted to return once again to this beautiful region of Germany. The Rhine Valley is one of Germany's most popular regions and around every corner are steep vineyards, castles perched high on hilltops and pretty villages, all dotted along the banks of the mighty river, meandering pathways through enchanting scenery as we discover this charming area, enjoying railway and boat journeys along the way.

### YOUR HOTEL Rheinhotel Wagner, Kamp-Bornhofen

A friendly family-run traditional hotel located in the town centre just a short walk from the river. Each en-suite bedroom is equipped with TV and hairdryer. The restaurant offers a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast, and the garden terrace offers a perfect place to relax. Leisure facilities include a sauna and hot tub.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** After an early departure we travel to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais and to overnight hotel near Aachen for dinner

**SUNDAY** We continue our journey, stopping for lunch at the charming Moselle town of Bernkastel-Kues and across the Rhine Valley to our hotel for four nights.

**MONDAY** Our day begins with a scenic boat cruise from Kamp-Bornhofen to the lovely village of St Goar, famous for its enchanting houses, giant cuckoo clock and Steiff teddy bear shops! You may like to take the miniature railway from the market square to the Rheinfels Fortress, one of Germany's largest ruined castles. We continue along the riverbank to the charming town of Boppard, with a beautiful riverside promenade with time to enjoy lunch in one of the town's many cafes.

**TUESDAY** Today we travel along the Rhine, to the charming winemaking town of Rüdesheim. Take a stroll down the famous Drosselgasse, a cobbled pedestrianised lane through the heart of the town, lined with gift shops, taverns and cafes, and maybe sample the local Riesling wine! Or take the cable car up to the heights of the Niederwald Monument, with panoramic views across the Rhine Valley.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we travel to Brohl to board the narrow gauge Vulkan Express railway for a scenic 11 mile journey into the Eifel Hills whose dramatic landscapes were formed during volcanic activity, to Engeln. We re-join the coach and make our way to Koblenz, located where the Rhine meets the Moselle river, at a point known as Deutsches Eck (German Corner). With its castles, palaces and fortresses there is so much to explore. The heart of Koblenz is a maze of narrow lanes and romantic squares, full of cafes, churches and shops.

**THURSDAY** We begin our journey home, stopping for lunch en route to our overnight hotel in Belgium for dinner.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast, we make our way back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We complete our homeward journey, to the West Country mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat Cruise to St Goar
- Ticket for the Vulkan Express Railway
- Wine tasting on 1 evening
- Musical entertainment on 2 evenings
- Outdoor BBQ (or indoor buffet, weather permitting) 1 evening
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £72.00  
Travel insurance £43.00

TOUR PRICE

£495

7 DAYS

Sunday 18th – Friday 23rd July



### NORTHUMBRIA & HOLY ISLAND

A luxuriously-appointed, 4\* hotel, within easy reach of Europe's largest leisure and retail complex. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors, the restaurant offers a tempting choice menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna, gym and spa.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Marriott Hotel, Newcastle-Gateshead**

A luxuriously-appointed, 4\* hotel, within easy reach of Europe's largest leisure and retail complex. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors, the restaurant offers a tempting choice menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna, gym and spa.

#### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** SunWe leave the West Country and we make our way north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and arriving at our hotel with time to settle in before dinner.

**MONDAY** A full day to Beamish, an extensive open-air museum which effectively recreates an authentic picture of family, community and working life in the northeast prior to World War I. It has a typical High Street, with many shops as well as a colliery and farm, and there are guides in period costume and a restored tramline serving all areas of the attraction with several restaurants across the site.

**TUESDAY** Today we travel to Alnwick Castle and Gardens, known as the Windsor of the North. Home to the Duke of Northumberland, his family have lived here since 1309. Used in several of the Harry Potter films, and more recently Downton Abbey, the interiors of the house are decorated in the Renaissance style, staterooms – exhibitions, fine art treasures and stunning landscapes. There is also lots to explore in the vibrant Alnwick Garden with landscaped gardens, magnificent architecture, all brought to life with water. There is also Poison Garden and one of the world's largest wooden treehouses.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we journey to Holy Island (or Lindisfarne), where twice daily a narrow neck of land sinks beneath the North Sea, separating the island from the mainland. Made famous by St Aidan, St Cuthbert and the Lindisfarne Gospels, marvel at the 11th-century priory's magnificent arches – the only remains of the Celtic monks' monastery, visit Lindisfarne Castle, browse the gift shops and enjoy a leisurely lunch.

**THURSDAY** This morning we visit the historic city of Durham with its fine Norman cathedral and castle, with some of the most panoramic views across Northumbria. A wide variety of shops and restaurants, co-exist happily with the Victorian Market in the cobbled market place, as well as street entertainment and many paths leading down to the riverbank, where you can join the Prince Bishop river cruiser for a gentle trip along the river with stunning views.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early/mid-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Alnwick Castle & Gardens
- Entrance to Beamish Open-Air Museum
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £125.00  
Travel insurance £26.00

TOUR PRICE

£465

6 DAYS

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd July



### KENT & BEAUTIFUL BRUGES

Kent's coast is famous for its spectacular white cliffs, golden beaches, famous seaside resorts and historic towns. Bruges is a wonderfully picturesque town in Belgium with cobbled streets, delightful buildings and majestic squares.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Ashford International Hotel, Ashford**

A modern 4\* hotel where all rooms are en-suite with TV, and tea & coffee making facilities. The offers a great range of freshly prepared dishes and a generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool & jacuzzi.

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and travel east, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, arriving at our hotel with time to freshen up before evening dinner.

**TUESDAY** This morning we visit the pretty town of Rochester, the great author Charles Dickens' childhood home. The cathedral, founded in 604AD makes it England's second oldest and Rochester Castle, built on the highest point of the Roman city walls, offers splendid views from the top of one the keep. We continue to Chatham's Historic Dockyard where you can climb aboard three historic war ships, including a submarine, visit the Victorian Ropery, see the largest RNLI collection of lifeboats, and discover the fascinating 400 years of history at the Royal Dockyard.

**WEDNESDAY** After an early breakfast, we make our way to the delightful town of Bruges, via Eurotunnel. Affectionately known as the "Venice of the North" its winding canals and picture postcard bridges create a beautiful setting for this historic city with its World UNESCO heritage. There are many museums to visit, churches to marvel at, shops selling lace and famous Belgian chocolate, boat trips along the canal or horse & carriage rides through the city.

**THURSDAY** Today as we visit the historic Dover Castle, the most iconic of all English fortresses. Climb the Great Tower and experience its medieval interiors, delve into the White Cliffs to explore the underground hospital and walk through the wartime tunnels to learn about Operation Dynamo (rescue operation from the beaches of Dunkirk). We later travel to Canterbury, with its world-famous cathedral and seat of the Archbishop. The Canterbury Tales centre takes you back 500 years to the time of great pilgrimage and see the characters out of Chaucer's famous novels, on their journey from London to Thomas Beckett's shrine in Canterbury cathedral. There is also a vibrant shopping district and numerous cafes.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin the homeward journey, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and reaching the West Country early evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Chatham's Historic Dockyard
- Day Trip to Bruges via Eurotunnel
- Entrance to Dover Castle
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £100.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£409

5 DAYS

Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd July



### ROYAL WELSH SHOW

The Royal Welsh Show is the biggest agricultural show in Europe, transforming the sleepy market town of Llanellwedd into a bustling visitor attraction. It celebrates local farming and rural life with a variety of events, including carriage driving, mounted games, livestock competitions and displays of vintage machinery.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Holiday Inn Newport, Newport**

A 3\* hotel located in the leafy outskirts of Newport. All en-suite rooms are well furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. Although there is no lift, ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool.

#### ITINERARY

**WEDNESDAY** After an early departure we leave the West Country and make our way north, with a comfort stop en route, to the Royal Welsh Showground, where you have the remainder of the day to spend as you please enjoying all that the show has to offer. Livestock competitions are the main attraction, with many categories including hunters, shires and agricultural heavy horses, beef and dairy cattle, sheep, sheep-shearing and a host of other farming activities. The usual marquees offering food, crafts and flowers another key attraction, and there are a huge variety of events and displays to enjoy in the main ring. With over 1,000 trade stands to browse, there are also opportunities to shop, in addition to plenty of family entertainment and places to eat. Late-afternoon we make our way to our hotel near Newport with time to freshen up and relax before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast, we return to Llanellwedd and the Royal Welsh Show, with plenty of time to continue exploring all the show has to offer. Once again, late-afternoon we return to our hotel for dinner.

**FRIDAY** This morning, we make our way home, making a stop in Chepstow, known as the gateway to Wales. With time to explore the ancient castle or stroll the heart of this once important port and market town, there will be time to enjoy an early lunch before we continue our journey back to the West Country, arriving late afternoon.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 2-day ticket for the Royal Welsh Show
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £40.00  
Travel insurance £19.00

TOUR PRICE

£225

3 DAYS

Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th July



### LONDON'S MAIL RAIL & ROYAL GREENWICH

Experience the fascinating underground history of London's Royal Mail Train on the capital's 100 year old postal railway and discover the maritime Royal Greenwich district situated along the banks of the River Thames.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Novotel Hotel, Greenwich**

A luxuriously appointed modern 4\* hotel. Each on the comfortable en-suite bedrooms is well equipped with TV, hairdryer, safe and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a hearty cooked and continental buffet breakfast and leisure facilities include a fitness suite and jacuzzi spa.

#### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee on route. We arrive at the Postal Museum where we enjoy a short train ride on the historic Mail Rail, journeying below ground on board a miniature train through the original tunnels and platforms beneath Royal Mail's Mount Pleasant sorting office. Learn how for 100 years how the workers and trains kept the mail coursing through London for 22 hours each day. Across the road is the Postal Museum where you will discover one of Britain's greatest inventions – The Post. Uncover our earliest social networking tool! See historic stamp collections, quirky vehicles used to deliver mail, post office uniforms through the ages and interesting exhibitions too. We continue to our hotel in central Greenwich, with time to settle in and choose a restaurant of your choice for dinner tonight.

**SATURDAY** Today is free for you to explore Royal Greenwich with its great park and World Heritage Maritime base. Home to the Meridian Line, the Royal Observatory & Planetarium, National Maritime Museum, the Old Royal Naval College, London's fabulous Painted Hall and Queen's House a cable car to the O2 arena and the historic Cutty Sark the last remaining 19th century Tea Clipper ship, there is so much to do and see in this quiet suburb of London's capital. Greenwich Market is open seven days a week, lined with boutiques, galleries and cafes, so you don't have to travel far to experience such a fascinating corner of the city.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel into central London with the day free to explore more of the capital's famous attractions and vibrant shopping districts. We later make our journey back to the West Country, with a comfort stop en route, arriving mid-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Bed & Buffet English Breakfast
- Entrance to the Postal Museum
- Ticket for London's Mail Rail
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £105.00  
Travel insurance £19.00

TOUR PRICE

£229

3 DAYS

Friday 23rd – Monday 26th July



**NEW**

## GLORIOUS SURREY – HOUSES, GARDENS & ARTIST VILLAGE

Nestled in the south east corner of England, Surrey has a mix of ancient heathland, beautiful stretches of waterways and stunning scenic landscapes.

### YOUR HOTEL Thatcher's Hotel, Guildford

A charming 3\* Tudor style hotel set in the glorious Surrey countryside. All rooms are en suite with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to most rooms and the restaurant serves a delicious choice menu.

TOUR PRICE

**£245**

4 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to the market town of Marlborough. Explore this quaint town with narrow alleys, arcades and coaching inns, half-timbered cottages and a beautiful parish church. With time to enjoy a leisurely lunch, we complete our journey reaching our hotel with ample time to settle in before dinner.

**SATURDAY** This morning we visit the vibrant county town of Guildford, located on the River Wey. Here you will find a Norman castle, modern cathedral and fascinating museum as well as shops and an outdoor farmers' market. We continue to RHS Garden Wisley for a relaxing afternoon at one of the England's greatest gardens and historic home of the RHS. With one of the largest plant collections in the world, and a varied landscape of rose gardens, summer borders, arboretum and a stunning glasshouse, there is so much to discover including a plant centre and large restaurant.

**SUNDAY** This morning we make our way to Watts Gallery – Artists' Village. The site is dedicated to the work of GF Watts (affectionately known as "England's Michaelangelo" – one of the greatest painters of the Victorian era) and his wife Mary Watts, well known artist and designer. Explore the unique village to discover historic and contemporary galleries and see artists in residence. After lunch we make the short journey to Loseley Park, built during Tudor times and family home for over 500 years with exquisite interiors, elegant furnishings, fine artwork and extensive grounds and manicured gardens. There is also a delightful tea room serving homemade cakes.

**MONDAY** We sadly leave our hotel this morning and begin our journey home. We travel to the charming town of Malmesbury, the oldest Borough in England with a 12th century Abbey Mill, Norman Abbey and the original market cross in the centre of this attractive town. With time to explore and enjoy lunch, we complete our journey home, arriving back in the West Country late afternoon/early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Watts Gallery – Artists' Village
- Guided Tour of Loseley Park House & entry to Gardens
- Entrance to RHS Garden Wisley
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)  
Subsequent singles £45.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

Friday 23rd – Monday 26th July



**NEW**

## WONDERFUL WARWICKSHIRE

Warwickshire is in the heart of England and often referred to as Shakespeare country with its historic buildings and rural countryside – a place of castles, medieval towns and country estates – a delight to explore again and again.

### YOUR HOTEL Mercure Warwickshire Walton Hall Hotel & Spa, Near Warwick

A beautiful 4\* 16th century country hotel with modern extension, situated in its own 65-acre grounds. Each of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms is well equipped with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated swimming pool.

TOUR PRICE

**£259**

4 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country, and with a comfort stop en route travel to Stratford Upon Avon, which has long been associated with the town's most famous historic resident William Shakespeare. You may like to visit his birthplace and discover where he grew up as a child or Hall's Croft, home of Shakespeare's daughter. Take a sightseeing bus tour to explore the sights in more detail, partake in a little retail therapy in the compact shopping district and enjoy a lunch in one of the many cafés. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**SATURDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey to the town of Warwick, famous for its magnificent castle which you may like to explore during your visit. The market place is host to gift shops, market stalls, antique shops and traditional tea rooms. Join us for an optional afternoon excursion to the nearby British Motor Museum, to discover the world's largest collection of historic British cars. Learn about the fascinating history of our motor industry, the workers, designers and the factories. With over 300 classic and heritage cars, exhibitions and interactive zones, this is a must see for all car enthusiasts! We return to our hotel via Warwick.

**SUNDAY** Join us this morning as we visit the elegant town of Leamington Spa, known for its healing spa waters and regency elegance. With its picturesque open spaces, Royal Pump Rooms, art gallery and shopping district, there is much to see and explore. After lunch we continue to Kenilworth Castle & Elizabethan Garden for an afternoon visit to experience over 900 years of history from its Norman origins to its Elizabethan extension and Tudor connection. Elizabeth I gifted the castle to her "favourite" Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester who converted it into a palace for entertainment and gardens for her private use. Now mostly in ruins, step back at experience life in Tudor and Elizabethan times and explore the towers, gateways and glorious recreated gardens and enjoy a traditional afternoon tea in the stable Tearooms.

**SATURDAY** We leave our hotel and begin our journey home, travelling through the beautiful Cotswolds, stopping for coffee and lunch on route. We continue our homeward journey, arriving back in the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Kenilworth Castle & Elizabethan Gardens
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Entrance to the British Motor Museum  
Single supplement £90.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

Monday 26th – Friday 30th July



## THE PEAK DISTRICT & DERBYSHIRE DALES

The wonderful scenery of the Peak District National Park is hard to rival and the rolling hillsides of the Derbyshire Dales are dotted with picturesque villages and bustling market towns.

### YOUR HOTEL Shrigley Hall Hote, Pott Shrigley

A 4\* country house hotel on the edge of the Peak District National Park It has retained many of its impressive original features such as the elaborate painted domed ceiling over the main grand staircase. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee facilities. There is lift access to bedrooms. The Restaurant serves a delicious menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna and jacuzzi (at extra charge).

TOUR PRICE

**£395**

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and journey north to our hotel, making comfort stops en route, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast, we travel through some stunning Peak District scenery. We stop in Castleton for coffee, before passing through the pretty Hope Valley and on to Ladybower Reservoir, famous for the dam testing sites of Wallis Barnes "bouncing bombs" used by the Dambusters in air raids over Germany in WWII. We follow the spectacular Snake Pass, crossing the Pennines with panoramic views on a clear day and on to the handsome market town of Glossop. With its pretty 12th century stone cottages and medieval market cross. There will be plenty of time to enjoy a relaxing lunch and browse the shops.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we make our way to Bakewell, a pretty market town, with time to browse the shops and maybe enjoy some of the famous Bakewell Pudding, which was said to be invented at the Rutland Arms pub in the town before making the short journey to Chatsworth House, home of the Dukes of Devonshire. An exquisite stately home, delight to explore with its opulent interiors and state rooms with fine tapestries, superb artwork and lavish furnishings. The grounds are a joy to stroll through with water features, sculptures, flower gardens and maze. There is also a restaurant serving delicious food.

**THURSDAY** Today we travel across the heart of the National Park, to the bustling market town of Chesterfield, famous for its crooked church spire. We continue to Matlock Bath, a picturesque village set in the beautiful gorge of the River Derwent. Whilst here you may like to take a cable car ride to the Heights of Abraham, where (weather permitting) you can absorb breathtaking views of the village. At the summit there are two underground show caves, a café and a gift shop. Other attractions include the mining museum, an aquarium as well as souvenir shops and cafés to enjoy lunch and afternoon tea.

**FRIDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey, stopping for coffee and lunch on route. We complete our journey back to the West Country arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Chatsworth House & Gardens
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)  
Subsequent singles £100.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 26th – Friday 30th July



Warner Leisure Hotels  
Life begins at Warner

## GUNTON HALL COASTAL VILLAGE, SUFFOLK

On a Warner holiday, you will understand what it means to be spoiled for choice; excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening. Gunton Hall, set in 50 acres of gardens with its own freshwater fishing lake has a host of excellent indoor and outdoor on-site activities and leisure facilities to enjoy.

### YOUR HOTEL Gunton Hall Coastal Village, Lowestoft

A 4\* resort situated in a wooded glade, yet just a short walk from the sea. Each ensuite chalet is tastefully decorated, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee-making facilities. The restaurant offers an extensive choice menu, from a full carvery or the à la carte options served to your table. The coffee shop serves light snacks throughout the day, and the hotel's leisure facilities include a large number of indoor sport activities and games, a glass-roofed indoor swimming pool, gym, sauna and beauty spa. Fantastic live music and entertainment is provided each evening.

TOUR PRICE

**£359**

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to Suffolk, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and arriving at our resort with time to settle in. Dinner this evening will be followed by live music and entertainment.

**TUESDAY** Time to familiarise yourself with your new surroundings and enjoy some of the many facilities available in the hotel. Late morning we travel to the historic city of Norwich where you may like to visit the splendid Norman cathedral, or the castle, one of the city's most famous landmarks, built by the Normans as a royal palace 900 years ago and now a museum and art gallery. There are many shops, and restaurants to enjoy lunch.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we take a tour of the Norfolk Broads – Britain's largest protected wetland, and natural habitat of many rare plants and animals. We stop in the picturesque town of Wroxham, considered the capital of the Norfolk Broads. With time to browse the abundance of shops and enjoy lunch we board a boat to enjoy a picturesque circular cruise on the beautiful Broads, one of the most popular inland waterways in Europe, with full commentary as you relax and enjoy the wonderful scenery

**THURSDAY** Join us this morning as we travel a little further north along the coast to Great Yarmouth, a popular seaside resort on the east coast of Norfolk: here you may like to wander along one of the two promenades, browse the shops and enjoy lunch. We return to our resort to continue to enjoy the facilities before dinner and our final evening of entertainment.

**FRIDAY** We leave our resort and begin our homeward journey. Stopping for coffee and lunch en route, we reach our home area early/mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Use of on-site leisure facilities and activities
- Cruise on the Norfolk Broads
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 4)  
Upgrade to Premier Chalet (30.00)  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 26th July – Monday 2nd August



## SCOTLAND – THE CAIRNGORMS, ROYAL DEESIDE & BALMORAL

An area beloved by the Royal Family and one of Scotland's great whisky regions, the Cairngorms dominate Britain's most extensive National Park.

**YOUR HOTEL** The Nethybridge Hotel, Nethybridge Ideally situated amidst the splendour of the Cairngorms Mountains and the lushly wooded Strathspey, our 3\* Victorian hotel boasts superb character. All rooms are ensuite, with TV and tea & coffee-making facilities. There is a lift, and the restaurant serves a delicious menu with a wide choice of Scottish dishes. Entertainment is provided on some evenings.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£625**  
8 DAYS



the history of the Highlands with exhibits including a lock of Bonnie Prince Charlie's hair. You may also like to take a boat cruise on Loch Ness. If you're looking for tartans, knitwear or interesting gift ideas, look no further than James Pringle Weavers and there are, of course, all the usual shops and plenty of places to enjoy lunch.

**FRIDAY** Our "Royal" day begins with a scenic drive through the Cairngorm National Park and Grampian Mountains to the spa town of Ballater. A Royal Burgh, many of the shops here display "By Royal Appointment" notices! You may like to visit the old Royal Station, used by Queen Victoria and five other reigning British monarchs. We continue to Crathie Church, where the Royal Family attend whilst at Balmoral, before making the short distance to Balmoral. Set amongst the magnificent scenery of Royal Deeside the estate was purchased by Queen Victoria in 1848 and has been the Scottish Home of the British Royal Family ever since. Here you will have an audio tour of the grounds, gardens and exhibitions and be able to enjoy lunch.

**SATURDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to a local whisky distillery for a guided tour, with an opportunity to taste and to buy! We later continue through Elgin, to Forres, one of Scotland's oldest and most attractive small towns. The town's impressive parks and gardens, with their outstanding floral sculptures, have led to many awards from the prestigious Britain and Scotland in Bloom competitions.

**SUNDAY** Sadly, it's now time to leave our hotel and begin our journey south, with regular comfort stops en route, to our overnight accommodation in Carlisle, arriving in time for the evening meal.

**MONDAY** After breakfast, we continue our return journey – stopping for coffee and lunch en route and reaching the West Country early -mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket on Strathspey Steam Railway
- Entrance to Balmoral Estate
- Tour & Tasting at whisky Distillery
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £138.00  
Travel insurance £29.00



Tuesday 27th July – Thursday 5th August



## CRUISING THE DANUBE

The Danube River is much more than just a waterway. Its sheer magnificence makes it one of the Europe's major geographical features. Join us for a leisurely cruise to Linz, Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava, Durnstein and Melk.

### YOUR HOTEL MV Esmeralda

The 3\* Esmeralda is a modern and comfortable ship. The attractively decorated 2 berth cabins all have satellite TV, air-conditioning, safe and en-suite shower & toilet. The Old-Dutch lounge and reception are located on the upper deck, and the tastefully decorated restaurant, serving high standards of cuisine, is on the main deck. There is a small lift to both passenger decks and a stair-lift to the sun deck and the entire ship is air-conditioned.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£1259**  
10 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**TUESDAY** Set your alarm clock for an early departure, we leave the West Country and journey east, with a comfort stop en route, to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue our journey to our overnight accommodation near Cologne.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we continue our journey through Germany, and into Austria, arriving late-afternoon in Linz, where we embark on the MV Esmeralda, with time to settle in before dinner and our first night on board. Your coach driver will be on-board throughout the tour and will be on hand to assist and advise during the cruise.

**THURSDAY** Our boat departs from at Linz before breakfast, as we wake for a full day relaxing cruising on the Danube, giving you time to relax, enjoy your meals on board and admire the scenery, arriving in Vienna early evening.

**FRIDAY** – After breakfast we board a local coach and spend the day based in Vienna, a wonderful city of Imperial palaces and residences. We are joined by a guide who will show us, by coach and on foot, the highlights of this city full of romance and music. You then have the remainder of the day free to continue exploring. The Homburg is a town within a town; the winter residence of the Hapsburgs, featuring the Spanish riding school, the treasury and several museums. St. Stephen's Cathedral is a vital part of the city skyline and is well worth a visit. We later rejoin our cruise vessel which departs for an overnight sailing to Budapest, whilst you enjoy dinner and an overnight onboard.

**SATURDAY** We arrive in Budapest this morning, and join a coach, beginning with a morning guided city coach & walking tour, followed by free time to spend exploring at your leisure and sampling the local cuisine. Budapest



is split into sections, leaving you to explore, with many of the important sites concentrated along the banks of the Danube. On the hilly Buda side you can explore the Hungary of Old; the medieval castle district and the many museums. On the flat Pest side admire the oldest historical monuments such as Heroes Square. This evening we set sail and cruise overnight towards Bratislava, whilst you relax and enjoy the evening on-board.

**SUNDAY** Spend the morning relaxing and enjoying the scenery before our vessel arrives in Bratislava at midday. The afternoon is free to enjoy one of the youngest Capitals of Europe. Located on the banks of the River Danube, it is a seaside resort without the sea, and offers a rich mix of cultures and cuisine. Here we are joined by a guide for a road train journey through the compact city. We return to the ship at leisure in time for evening dinner, moored alongside the riverbank.

**MONDAY** A leisurely day cruising. Plenty of time to relax, enjoy the scenery and meals on-board. We arrive in Durnstein this afternoon, the most famous medieval Danube river town in the Wachau region of Austria. This is a wonderful town to take a stroll through old and narrow cobbled alleyways, leading on to beautiful squares full of charming old buildings, and a flat promenade along the River with views across to the ruined castle.

**TUESDAY** We set sail from Durnstein early morning and makes our way along the Danube River to Melk. After breakfast we meet a local coach and enjoy a guided tour of the beautifully decorated Benedictine Abbey which dominates this little town, perched on a hill that slopes steeply down to the Danube. The Abbey is one of the most splendid monastic houses in Austria, with stunning frescoes and interiors. We return for a midday departure from Melk for our journey back to Linz. This evening you are invited to a captain's farewell dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** Sadly, after breakfast we disembark in Linz and rejoin our coach to begin our journey home. With comfort stops en-route, we return to the outskirts of Cologne for an overnight stay, arriving in time for evening dinner.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast we continue our journey back to Calais for the short sea crossing to Dover. We arrive back in the West Country mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast in overnight hotels
- 7 nights' Full Board accommodation on MV Esmeralda
- Welcome cocktail drink on MV Esmeralda
- Hot & cold buffet breakfasts on boat
- Afternoon tea & biscuits on boat
- 3 course lunch on applicable days on boat
- 4 course dinner with tea/coffee on boat
- Evening entertainment from ship's musician on at least 2 nights
- Midnight snack on boat (served at 11.00pm!)
- Captain's farewell dinner
- Half day guided city tour of Vienna & Budapest
- Guided tour by land train in Bratislava
- Morning guided tour & entrance to Melk Abbey
- Ferry crossings.

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Upper deck cabin £77.00 per person  
Single supplement £300.00  
Travel insurance £47.00

## Wed 28th July – Sunday 1st August



### STEAMING THROUGH YORKSHIRE

A delightful 3\* hotel, located on the South Cliff, close to the beach and town centre. All en-suite rooms are equipped with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves most rooms. The restaurant serves a home cooked evening menu and hearty breakfast, and the lounge bar offers an area to relax. Entertainment is provided on some evenings.

#### YOUR HOTEL Cumberland Hotel, Scarborough

A delightful 3\* hotel, located on the South Cliff, close to the beach and town centre. All en-suite rooms are equipped with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves most rooms. The restaurant serves a home cooked evening menu and hearty breakfast, and the lounge bar offers an area to relax. Entertainment is provided on some evenings.

#### ITINERARY

**WEDNESDAY** We leave the West Country and begin our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and reaching our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner and enjoy a stroll along the cliff top.

**THURSDAY** The morning is free to enjoy the delights of Scarborough, one of Yorkshire's much-loved resorts, with dramatic cliffs and castle headland. Why not take the cliff lift, one of the UK's first funicular railways, down to the lower level to explore the beach side resort and harbour area, or maybe enjoy the South Cliff Gardens with spectacular views across the sea. This afternoon we visit the small Edwardian seaside town of Filey, with a traditional fishing heritage with old world charm.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast we travel north to Pickering, where we join the North Yorkshire Moors Railway for a scenic train ride across the heart of the moors to Grosmont. We then re-join the coach for the short drive to the picturesque fishing port of Whitby, with its ancient abbey and stunning coastline. The ruins of the 13th-century abbey are fascinating, and for the more energetic, the views from the top are well worth the climb. Why not indulge in some of Whitby's finest fish & chips and take a stroll along the picturesque harbour.

**SATURDAY** Today we visit one of Britain's finest historic houses, the majestic Castle Howard, home to the Howard family for over 300 years. Used during the filming of the much-loved TV series "Victoria" as Kensington Palace in the very first episode, it is also renowned for its location for the filming of Brideshead Revisited. An 18th century residence, the rooms are filled with impressive collections gathered over generations. The 1000 acres of gardens include a walled garden, home to a rose collection, ornamental vegetable garden and a unique collection of woodland trees and shrubs. There are 4 restaurants to enjoy a bite to eat, a delightful gift shop and garden centre to explore.

**SUNDAY** This morning we leave of our hotel and begin our journey south. Once again stopping for coffee and lunch on route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- North Yorkshire Moors Railway ticket
- Entrance to Castle Howard
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £42.00  
Town view supplement £32.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£365

5 DAYS

## Monday 2nd – Friday 6th August



### SCENIC SHROPSHIRE...CANAL BOATS & STEAM TRAINS

If you love unspoilt landscapes, historic towns and experiencing a sense of the past, then Shropshire is for you! Join us on what has become one of our most popular tours.

#### YOUR HOTEL Buckatree Hall Hotel, Telford

A delightful 3\* hotel nestled in the beautiful Shropshire countryside. All rooms are en suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to most floors, the restaurant serves a deliciously tempting menu and the lounge bar offers a quiet place to relax and retreat.

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop on route, make our way over bridge to Abergavenny for lunch and time to browse the shops. We complete our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast we travel to Ludlow with its historic black and white timber framed buildings and 11th century castle perched on a cliff above the River Teme, with a viewpoint of the beautiful Shropshire countryside and Welsh Marches. With time to explore the town, we continue to the county town of Shrewsbury. Explore higgledy-piggledy streets, following the loop of the River Severn, and perhaps visit the cathedral, museum & art gallery, castle or maybe take a relaxing boat trip along the river. There are many cafes to enjoy lunch and the centre is full of the usual high street shops and independent gift shops.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we travel to Kidderminster to join the Severn Valley Railway for a steam train journey to Bridgnorth through lovely scenery. Bridgnorth is actually two towns - the High Town (with good views down) and the Low Town (with good views up), connected by the steepest inland funicular railway in Britain. While here you will have time to explore, and perhaps visit the pretty Castle Gardens and enjoy lunch.

**THURSDAY** This morning we make the short journey to Llangollen, a very pretty town and the gateway to North Wales. We begin with a return steam train ride on the Llangollen Railway, which runs for 10 miles through the picturesque Dee Valley to the town of Corwen. Time to spend at leisure in Llangollen browsing the shops and enjoying lunch before we enjoy a horse-drawn boat trip on the beautiful Llangollen Canal, with time after to enjoy tea.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and travel to the historic city of Worcester, with time to visit the Porcelain Museum, the Cathedral, which overlooks the River Severn, where you will find the tomb of King John and have lunch. We complete our journey back to the West Country, arriving early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Severn Valley Railway Ticket
- Horse drawn canal boat trip
- Steam train ride on Llangollen Railway
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£369

5 DAYS

## Saturday 31st July – Saturday 7th August



### SCENIC SWITZERLAND & LAKE GENEVA

Switzerland is renowned for its stunning mountain scenery and lake views, which are nothing short of spectacular. We have included a train journey to the traffic-free town of Zermatt in the shadow of the Matterhorn Mountain and a boat cruise across Lake Geneva.

#### YOUR HOTEL Eurotel Victoria Hotel, Villars-Sur-Ollon

A 4\* hotel situated in a peaceful location close to the centre of Villars. Each bedroom is en-suite with TV, telephone and hairdryer. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious choice menu and generous continental breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna, fitness suite and sun terrace.

#### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** After an early departure, we make our way to Dover, with comfort stops en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue to our overnight accommodation in Laon, France, in time for dinner.

**SUNDAY** After breakfast we resume our journey over the border into Switzerland, with comfort stops en route, reaching our hotel where we spend five nights, with time to settle in before our evening meal.

**MONDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way off the Alps and along the valley and shoreline of Lake Geneva, climbing back up to the medieval mountain village of Gruyeres. Whilst here you may like to visit the 13th century castle, stroll through the cobbled village centre with flower decked balconies and small shops selling local wines and cheese and enjoy lunch in one of the cafes. You might like to try the local dessert of meringue & double cream! Delicious!

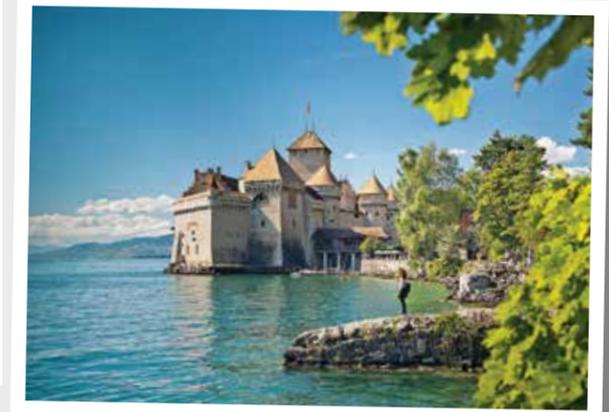
**TUESDAY** Today we take a scenic drive along the Rhone Valley to the mountain resort of Tasch. Here we join the shuttle train which transports us to the traffic-free village of Zermatt. The peaceful village lies at the foot of the highest mountains in the entire Swiss Alpine range. The main street is lined with attractive bars, restaurants, bakeries and gift shops. You may



TOUR PRICE

£785

8 DAYS



like to visit St Mauritius church or stroll across Kirchbrucke bridge with views across to the mighty Matterhorn Mountain. We later return by shuttle train to Tasch and make the scenic journey back to Villars.

**WEDNESDAY** The whole day is free for you to spend as you please and explore at leisure in the resort of Villars-Sur-Ollon. The hotel's Villars Access Card will give you access to local buses, trains and cable cars to travel from resort to resort and ascend the mountain range for spectacular Alpine views across the region, towards Mont Blanc and Lake Geneva.

**THURSDAY** Join us today as we explore the towns and villages around Lake Geneva, stopping first at the cosmopolitan town of Montreux known for its annual Jazz Festival, chic boutiques and flat promenade. We continue to the picturesque town of Vevey, a charming and very beautiful town with quaint and unique shops. You may like to take a gentle stroll along the lake shore to marvel at the views whilst enjoying lunch, before we make further along the lake to Lausanne for a gentle boat cruise across to the French side at Evian-Les-Bains, the famous spa town with 19th century charm and flower decked shores.

**FRIDAY** Sadly it's now time to say a fond farewell to our hosts and begin our homeward journey. With regular comfort stops on route, we return to our overnight hotel in Laon with time to freshen up before dinner.

**SATURDAY** After breakfast, we resume our homeward journey to Calais and the return ferry crossing to Dover. We continue to the West Country, with comfort stops en route arriving early/mid-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Return Shuttle Train Journey Tasch – Zermatt
- Boat Cruise on Lake Geneva
- Free Access Card on resort (local bus, trains & cable cars)
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £130.00  
Travel insurance £45.00

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th August



## A CUMBRIAN JOURNEY & CARLISLE TO SETTLE RAILWAY

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£365**  
**5 DAYS**

Known as the Gateway to the Scottish Borders, Carlisle boasts a rich Roman history – as evident in its medieval castle and cathedral and the railway boasts one of the most scenic journeys in Northern England.

### YOUR HOTEL Crown & Mitre Hotel, Carlisle

Situated close to the historic cathedral in the heart of the city, this 3\* hotel offers the perfect mix of Edwardian grandeur (complete with beautiful original features, and elegant sweeping staircase) and contemporary comfort. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves an excellent menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and make our way north, with comfort stops en route, to our hotel, arriving with time to freshen up before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we travel south along the edge of the Lake District to the picturesque town of Kirby Lonsdale, with time to browse the gift shops and enjoy an early lunch. We then make the short journey to Settle, where we board a train on England's most scenic railway. The 72 mile route takes you on a journey through the magnificent Yorkshire Dales and over the 24 arches of the Ribbleshead Viaduct, before plunging into the longest tunnel on the line at Blea Moor. Emerging on the side of Dentdale, the line leaves the Dales at Garsdale and makes its way through the lush, gentle hills of the Eden Valley, before arriving in Carlisle with time to relax before evening dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we follow one of the best-known landmarks of the north: Hadrian's Wall. We make a visit to the Roman Army Museum, just inside the Kielder Forest, as we step back in time to 2000 years ago, and experience life as a Roman soldier and life on the front line of Emperor Hadrian's British frontier. We watch a spectacular 3D film, and the museum houses interesting artefacts excavated along the wall. We continue to the market town of Hexham, with its ancient Shambles, 15th century town hall and ancient Abbey. After lunch, we return to Carlisle with the rest of the afternoon free to explore this lovely city with its cathedral and shops.

**THURSDAY** Join us today for a wonderfully scenic, circular tour around the northern reaches of the Lake District. We travel through the picturesque towns of Keswick and Windermere, up the breathtaking Kirkstone Pass (weather permitting!) and on to Ullswater, with stops for coffee, lunch and photographs along the way. We later complete our tour back to our hotel via Penrith.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. With regular comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early/mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Settle to Carlisle Railway ticket
- Entrance to the Roman Army Museum
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £48.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Friday 6th – Monday 9th August



**NEW**

## FOOTSTEPS & FOLKLORE IN ROBIN HOOD COUNTRY

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£265**  
**4 DAYS**

Everyone knows the legendary tale of Nottingham's hero – Robin Hood. Stole from the rich, gave to the poor, Robin Hood & his band of Merry Men are ingrained in English folklore. Join us for a new tour as we explore the area around Sherwood and discover more about this enigmatic character.

### YOUR HOTEL Mercure Nottingham Sherwood Hotel

A modern 4\* hotel located on the outskirts of the city. All en-suite bedrooms are comfortably furnished with TV, hairdryer & tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna and gym.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country, with a coffee stop en route, to the city of Nottingham, legendary home to the evil Sheriff! With its thriving shopping centre and historic Lace Market, where Nottingham's intricate lace was once produced, there is also a castle, England's oldest inn, a network of caves to explore plus many cafes to enjoy lunch. We continue to our hotel nearby, with time to freshen up before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**SATURDAY** This morning we make our way to Melton Mowbray, well known for its food and drink outlets selling local delicacies including hand raised pork pies and stilton cheese. After an early lunch we make our way to Kelham Hall – known as Nottinghamshire's last undiscovered stately home, for a "Secret Lives" tour to uncover the fascinating history of the hall and its important role in WWII. This Victorian Gothic architectural masterpiece comes to life with the help of a local historian guide.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey to Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre, gateway to the historic 450 acre woodland, home to legendary Robin Hood. Explore the centre & enjoy coffee in the café, or follow the woodland trail for 10 minutes outside which leads to the famous Major Oak, which is thought to be 800 – 1000 years old and largest in Britain, allegedly providing shelter to Robin Hood and his men. We continue via the nearby village of Edwinstowe with its statue of the fabled outlaw and past St Mary's Church (place of Robin Hood & Maid Marion's marriage). Leaving the forest, we visit The Workhouse Southwell, an atmospheric Victorian workhouse where the paupers sought refuge. The most complete workhouse in existence, this austere building influenced prison designs and housed up to 160 poor souls, living and working in strict confinement. Discover the fascinating site and uncover the lives of men, women & children who lived out their wretched lives in this Dickensian community and learn through personal testimonies of those folk whose past footsteps live on.

**MONDAY** We leave our hotel and make our way back to the West Country, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Kelham Hall & Country Park & "Secret Lives of Kelham Hall Tour"
- Entrance to New Visitor Centre at Sherwood Forest
- Entrance to The Workhouse Southwell (Nat Trust)
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £75.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

Sunday 8th – Thursday 12th August



## MID WALES & THE VALE OF RHEIDOL RAILWAY

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£365**  
**5 DAYS**

The majestic landscape of Mid Wales is dominated by the Cambrian Mountains, affectionately known as the 'backbone' of Wales, with rugged towering peaks and velvet slopes.

### YOUR HOTEL Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells

We are delighted to return to this 4\* hotel, which prides itself on its warm welcome and attention to detail. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious choice menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool, whirlpool and gym.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country and travel to the market town of Abergavenny for lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel through the scenic Brecon Beacons, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**MONDAY** This morning we travel to the pretty coastal town of Aberystwyth, with its castle, pier and harbour. You may like to take a ride on the Electric Cliff Railway, the longest of its kind in Britain, where the summit reveals an amazing panorama that on a clear day extends as far as the Preseli Hills in Pembrokeshire to the south and the mountains of Snowdonia to the North. After lunch, we join a narrow-gauge steam train, one of the 'Great Little Trains' of Wales, for an unforgettable 11¼-mile journey through the spectacular Rheidol Valley with some spectacular views to Devil's Bridge, where you can enjoy a cup of tea before we return to our hotel.

**TUESDAY** This morning we make our way north to the market town of Welshpool, home to Europe's largest sheep market, for coffee. We then continue to the National Trust's Powis Castle, beautifully laid out in Italian and French styles. This world-famous garden retains its original lead statues, along with an orangery and an aviary on the terraces. Perched on a rock above the garden terraces, the medieval castle contains one of the finest collections of paintings and furniture in Wales. There is also restaurant, gift shop and plant nursery.

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today for a circular tour, stopping for coffee in the compact town of Rhayader, one of the oldest towns in Mid Wales and home to Welsh Royal Crystal. We continue into the Cambrian Mountains to the Elan Valley Visitor Centre with time to enjoy lunch, learn more about this rugged, living landscape and admire the stunning Victorian Dam with reservoir beyond. Watch out for the beautiful Red Kites, often seen soaring in the skies above. We complete our journey back to our hotel via Builth Wells, with the rest of the afternoon free to explore Llandrindod Wells at leisure.

**THURSDAY** We leave our hotel and travel to the picturesque black-and-white market town of Hay-on-Wye. With over 30 bookshops, many other shops and cafés, and plenty of time to explore and enjoy lunch, we complete our homeward journey reaching the West Country early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Vale of Rheidol Railway ticket
- Entrance to Powis Castle (Nat Trust)
- Entrance to the Elan Valley Visitor Centre (free entry)
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £40.00 (Max 5)  
Travel insurance £24.00

Sunday 8th – Tuesday 10th August



**NEW**

## BUCKINGHAM PALACE & THE ROYAL WINDSOR STEAM EXPRESS

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£349**  
**3 DAYS**

We are delighted to bring you a new tour discovering the world-famous Buckingham Palace, official London residence of Her Majesty The Queen and a wonderful steam train ride in a period Pullman Carriage to Royal Windsor.

### YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn London Kensington

A modern 4\* hotel located in the heart of London's museum & gallery district and wonderful Kensington shopping area. Each of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms is well equipped with TV, Wi-Fi access, safe, hairdryer, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a generous hot and cold buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and fitness suite.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee en route. We arrive at our hotel where, after checking in, the remainder of the day is then free for you to spend as you please and chose an evening meal at a restaurant of your choice.

**MONDAY** This morning we visit the magnificent working royal Buckingham Palace to discover its exquisite State Rooms with an audio guided tour. Wander between each room filled with historic treasures, ornate artwork and the most beautiful furnishings to experience perhaps one of the grandest palaces in the world. Each State Room is intricately designed to reflect the tastes of King George IV who transformed Buckingham House into the opulent palace it is today. Experience the Throne Room used by the Queen for court ceremonies, see where official entertaining is held in the Ballroom and the stunning White Room, perhaps the grandest of all rooms, used by the Royal Family as a reception room before official gatherings. The rest of the day is free to continue exploring our magnificent capital city with its numerous attractions, vibrant shopping districts or the historic Westminster district.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast we make our way to Victoria Station where we board the Royal Windsor Steam Express for a memorable journey in one of the Pullman carriages with a light brunch served as we enjoy a comfortable journey out of London, crossing the Thames and out to the countryside of Windsor. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon exploring the royal town of Windsor with its famous castle and upmarket shops and restaurants, before we re-join the coach for our journey back to the West Country, with a comfort stop on route, arriving home mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Buckingham Palace State Rooms
- Ticket for the Royal Windsor Steam Express Train
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £86.00  
Travel insurance £19.00

Monday 9th – Friday 13th August



## THE HOME COUNTIES & CONSTABLE COUNTRY

The Home Counties make up an area around the south-east which historically provided food for Londoners. The beautiful Dedham Vale, historic cities and country estates are all part of the region that borders Constable Country – home to perhaps England's best loved landscape artists.

### YOUR HOTEL Best Western Marks Tey Hotel, Colchester

A modern 4\* hotel on the outskirts of Colchester. Each en-suite room is furnished with a TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift, but ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a delicious menu and leisure facilities include a swimming pool.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£375**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and journey east, with stops for coffee and lunch on route, arriving at our hotel with time to settle in and enjoy dinner.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the market town of Saffron Walden with its rich mix of old buildings and heritage. A market has been held here on a Tuesday since 1141. With time to explore the town we continue to the nearby Audley End House & Gardens, a decadent Mansion House with a Victorian servants wing where life below stairs comes to life. Discover the opulent interiors, of one of the most stunning mansions of the Jacobite era, and the prestigious Capability Brown gardens. There is also a restaurant serving delicious lunches & afternoon teas.

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today as we discover the Suffolk landscape that John Constable made famous in his celebrated paintings. We begin at East Bergholt, birthplace of Constable in 1776, on to Flatford, where perhaps his most iconic paintings "The Hay Wain" was created. Wander around the hamlet to uncover the buildings and the John Constable Exhibition (free entry). We continue to the pretty village of Dedham where the great artist went to school. Wander along the Georgian building lined high street, old inns and arts & craft centre. Our final stop is across Dedham Vale to perhaps the best-preserved medieval village in Britain, Lavenham. With its crooked houses & historic Guildhall, collect a trail map in the visitor centre to discover this characterful wool town, or just enjoy a restful lunch in one of the cafes.

**THURSDAY** This morning we make our way to nearby Colchester, a market town and Britain's oldest recorded Roman town, with history dating back 2000 years. Walk along the Roman walls, visit the castle and its parkland, or perhaps browse the shopping centres. After lunch we make our way to the Tiptree Visitor Centre, home of the famous Tiptree fruit farms, where quality fruit preserves and jams have been made since 1885. We enjoy a 40 minute tractor & trailer tour of the strawberry fields, learn about traditional methods and new technology,, discover the story of the Wilkin family, and explore the Museum and Jam Shop where you can purchase a special jar of jam.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast we leave our hotel and begin our journey home. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Audley End House & Gardens
- Entrance & Guided tour of Tiptree Fruit Farm & Museum
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £100.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Wednesday 11th – Sunday 15th August



## ISLE OF WIGHT

The Isle of Wight – only 23 miles long by 13 miles wide – is quite a world of its own, managing to crowd into its small surface area an entire realm of unspoilt English landscapes in miniature.

### YOUR HOTEL Shanklin Hotel, Shanklin

A warm welcome awaits at this 3\* hotel, commanding stunning views over Sandown Bay. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant serves quality food. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, and spa, and entertainment is provided most evenings.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£395**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**WEDNESDAY** Wednesday – We leave our home area, stopping for coffee on route and make our way to Southampton for the one-hour ferry crossing to East Cowes, before continuing to Shanklin and our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**THURSDAY** – After breakfast we visit to St Mildred's Church in Whippingham, which has strong links with Osborne House and Queen Victoria. We continue to Osborne House, Queen Victoria's palace by the sea. Much more than a royal residence, it was also a family home, and as you walk through the Queen's bedroom, the nursery rooms and even the royal bathrooms, you're offered a glimpse into the royal family's life. There are acres of gardens and grounds to explore, and a horse-drawn cart ride to Swiss Cottage, the royal playhouse.

**FRIDAY** – This morning we make our way to Havenstreet to join the Isle of Wight Steam Railway for a nostalgic 10 mile journey back in time through some lovely scenery. After an early lunch in Granny Winter's Pantry and a browse in the railway shop we visit the picturesque village of Godshill – the most-photographed village in Britain, to admire the thatched cottages and 15th-century church, stroll around the immaculate model village and browse the many gift shops. There are also some lovely cafés in which to enjoy a cream tea (or a very large cream cake!).

**SATURDAY** – Today we take a wonderful circular tour of the island, travelling through Ventnor and along the picturesque west coast to Alum Bay. While here, you may like to take the chair lift down to the sea for the best views of the Needles, or make yourself a souvenir with the multi-coloured sands found around the bay. We continue to the historic harbour town of Yarmouth with time to browse the shops, view the old buildings including the 16th century castle, and have lunch. We return to Shanklin with time free to explore at leisure, maybe visiting the Old Village with its picturesque thatched buildings. Just past the entrance to the Crab Inn is the beginning of Shanklin Chine, a deep gorge carved out by water.

**SUNDAY** – We leave our hotel and travel across the island to Cowes for the return ferry crossing to Southampton. We then continue our homeward journey, stopping in Salisbury for lunch, reaching our home area early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Osborne House
- Ticket for Isle of Wight Steam Railway
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £42.00  
Sea View room supplement £32.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

Tuesday 10th – Sunday 15th August



## JERSEY INCLUDING THE BATTLE OF THE FLOWERS SPECTACULAR

Jersey has charmed generations of visitors – only 14 miles from the French coast, it has the continental flavour of France while remaining part of Britain. Although only a small island, Jersey has so much to offer... sandy beaches, rugged coastline, beautiful countryside and a wide variety of attractions.

In 1902, to celebrate the coronation of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, Jersey decided to hold a parade. Large floats of up to 45 feet compete for the Prix d'Honneur. The fresh flowers are predominately chrysanthemums, which have been shipped in from the UK and Holland and locally-grown asters. The parade also includes marching bands and takes place on two days – the first an afternoon parade, and the following evening a moonlight parade.

### YOUR HOTEL Mayfair Hotel, St Helier

A warm welcome awaits at this lovely 3\* hotel, just a few minutes' walk from the centre of Jersey's capital, St Helier. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant serves a wide variety of dishes Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and gym, and entertainment is provided each evening.

### ITINERARY

**TUESDAY** We leave our home area, after a possible early departure, (time to be advised) and make our way east to Poole for the ferry crossing to St Helier. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a hotel representative and taken to your hotel. The representative will act as your point of contact for the duration of your stay on the island, and he or she will be available each day to offer you advice on things like attractions and car hire. Dinner this evening is followed by entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY – SATURDAY** Each day is free for you to spend exploring Jersey's wonderful coastline and inland attractions. Perhaps you'd like to visit the Jersey War Tunnels; parts are preserved as they were left after World War II. Other worthwhile attractions include



**TOUR PRICE**  
**£495**  
6 DAYS



the Living Legend, the zoo and Mont Orgueil Castle. We also highly recommend a trip to Corbiere Lighthouse with its stunning views, which you can walk to when the tide is out. A regular bus service operates on the island and is useful for visiting the many picturesque bays and harbours, or you may like to hire a car for the duration of your stay... the hotel can offer help with this if required. There are also numerous venues on the island in which to enjoy coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and Jersey ice cream!

**THURSDAY** The highlight of our tour – the Battle of Flowers – takes place today, and we have included a ticket in a seated area to allow you to enjoy in comfort one of the highlights in Jersey's calendar: a spectacle of flower-covered floats, musicians, dancers and entertainers. The grand parade takes place during the day, but tomorrow (Friday) the moonlight parade begins at 9.00pm, when the flower-covered floats are further festooned with thousands of lights; a truly magical sight and a fitting finale to this floral extravaganza. If you would like to purchase tickets to the Friday evening parade, please let us know at time of booking.

**SUNDAY** Sadly it's today time to leave Jersey. Your hotel representative will inform you of the necessary details, including when you'll need to leave the hotel to be taken by coach to the ferry port for the return crossing to Poole. On arrival, you will be met by a Blakes coach and driver, who will return you to your home area.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return ferry ticket from Poole
- Hotel transfers in Jersey
- Ticket to Flowers day parade (seated ticket)
- Coach transport to and from Poole

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Ticket to moonlight parade (seated ticket) £18.00  
Single supplement £185.00  
Travel insurance £40.00

Thursday 12th – Wednesday 18th August



## RHINE IN FLAMES

The "Rhine in Flames" is the name given to the annual firework display along Germany's River Rhine. Brightly coloured ships sail the river in an evening to view the full firework display at each location. Join us for an awe-inspiring spectacle of cascading colourful fireworks across this world famous waterway.

### YOUR HOTEL Bellevue Rheinhof, Boppard

A family run 4\* hotel located in the heart of the Rhine Gorge, overlooking the promenade and river. Each of the en-suite bedrooms are comfortably furnished with TV, safe and hairdryer. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, sauna and steam room.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£655**  
7 DAYS

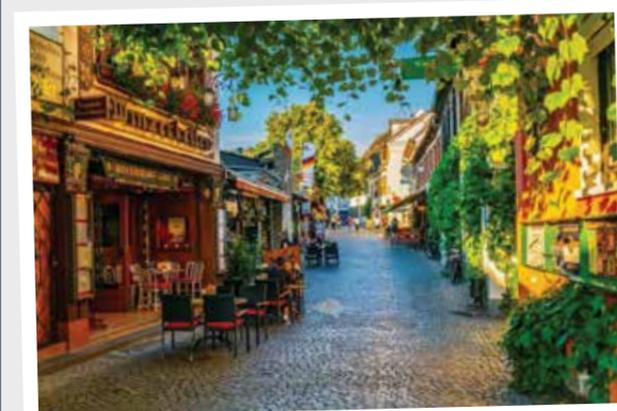


### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** After an early departure, we leave the West Country and journey east, with a comfort stop, to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. We arrive at our overnight hotel accommodation with time to settle in before choosing a restaurant of your choice for dinner tonight.

**FRIDAY** Today we complete our journey into Belgium and on to Germany, with comfort and lunch stops along the way, before arriving at our hotel in Boppard with time to freshen up and perhaps explore your surroundings before dinner.

**SATURDAY** Today is free to explore the traditional quaint riverside town of Boppard. You may like to take a boat trip along the river to see the spectacular scenery along the Rhine, take the chairlift up over the vineyard hills to the panoramic viewpoint or perhaps stroll into town, visit the 13th century Electoral Castle, the Romanesque St Severus Church or stroll through the quaint old town. Early evening we make our way to Koblenz, with time to choose dinner in a restaurant of your choice and sit back to experience the spectacular fireworks display which brings the river and its beautiful towns alive in hues of bright colours, cascading across the sky, illuminating the valley.



**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast this morning, we travel south along the Rhine to the charming winemaking town of Rudesheim. Why not take a stroll along the famous Drosselgasse, a cobbled pedestrianised lane through the heart of the town, lined with gift shops, taverns and cafes, where you might like to sample the local Riesling wine. Or maybe take a cable car ride up to the summit to the heights of the Niederwald Monument with panoramic views across the Rhine Valley.

**MONDAY** This morning join us as we return for a half day visit to the quaint town of Koblenz. Located where the Rhine & Moselle rivers meet at a point called "Deutsches Eck" (German Corner), where castles, palaces and fortresses were built to protect the town from historic raiders. The heart of the old town is a maze of narrow lanes and romantic squares, teaming with cafes, churches and shops. With time to explore the town and soak up the atmosphere whilst enjoying lunch, we return to our hotel for our final evening at leisure.

**TUESDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel in Boppard and begin our journey back across Germany and Belgium, back into France, with comfort stops and lunch on route, to our overnight accommodation in Calais. You may like to enjoy dinner either in the hotel's restaurant or in one of the many restaurants in the nearby complex.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast, with time to browse the indoor shopping complex, we travel back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. From here we then continue our journey home, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast in Boppard
- 1 Nights' Bed & Breakfast in Boppard
- 2 Nights' Bed & Breakfast in overnight hotels
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £120.00  
Travel insurance £43.00

Thursday 12th – Monday 16th August



## NORTHUMBERLAND INCLUDING KYNREN "AN EPIC TALE OF ENGLAND" (THE UK'S MOST SEPTACULAR OPEN-AIR SHOW)

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£365**  
5 DAYS

With the dramatic Bishop Auckland Castle in Durham providing the back-drop, the spectacular open-air live performance of "Kynren" lights up the skies as a live action show takes its audience through 2000 years of history, myth and legend. Guaranteed to thrill and enthral audiences of all ages!

### YOUR HOTEL Grand Hotel, Sunderland

Ideally located on the seaford, All rooms are en-suite with TV, and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a traditional menu Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool.

### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** We leave the West Country and we make our way north stopping for coffee and lunch on route, arriving at our hotel with time to settle in before our evening meal.

**FRIDAY** Joins us today we visit the historic market town of Morpeth with cobbled streets, to browse the shops and have coffee We continue to Howick Hall Gardens and Arboretum, ancestral home to the Earl Grey family, where the 2nd Earl Grey had a special blend of tea made to suit the waters from the Howick spring. After a wander through the beautiful corners of the gardens and arboretum and lunch We return to our hotel with the afternoon free to spend as you please & take a walk along the flat promenades.

**SATURDAY** This morning we make the short journey to the city of Durham with time to visit the with cathedral, castle, take a boat trip, browse the shops and enjoy lunch. We return to our hotel late afternoon for an early dinner, before travelling to Bishop Auckland Castle, the setting for tonight's spectacular live open-air show. From our seated terrace, we experience the action, in an extravaganza that will take us on a voyage through 2000 years of history, myth and legend, as we meet characters that have shaped our lands and times, performed by a cast of more than 1000. Spectacular sets appear as if by magic, and fierce battle scenes, illuminated by dazzling special effects, lighting and pyrotechnics, set to a spine-tingling musical score, all culminating in an unforgettable performance. (We advise you take clothing suitable for outdoor evening).

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to Beamish, an extensive open-air museum which effectively recreates an authentic picture of family, community and working life in the northeast prior to World War I. It has a typical High Street, with many shops as well as a colliery and farm, and there are guides in period costume and a restored tramline serving all areas of the attraction. We return to our hotel with time to enjoy a stroll along the seaford before dinner.

**MONDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early – mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Howick Hall Gardens & Arboretum
- Ticket for Kynren – An Epic Tale of England (seated)
- Entrance to Beamish Open-Air Museum
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Friday 13th – Monday 16th August



## LIVERPOOL

Liverpool is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, like the Great Wall of China and the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt. The city won the status in 2004 because of its impressive waterfront, and the World Heritage Site officially stretches from Albert Dock, which alone has the largest collection of Grade I listed buildings in the UK. Join us for a tour where you have two days to explore some of the city's many attractions.

### YOUR HOTEL Hallmark Inn, Liverpool

This converted Grade II listed Georgian terraced hotel is located in the heart of Liverpool and within easy reach of the city's many attractions, shopping precincts and Albert Docks. All en-suite bedrooms are equipped with TV, hairdryer and Wi-Fi access. There is no lift in the hotel, but ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a delicious seasonal evening menu and hearty breakfast.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£235**  
4 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and arriving at our hotel in central Liverpool with time to settle in and unwind before dinner.

**SATURDAY – SUNDAY** Each day is free for you to spend as you please exploring vibrant Liverpool –there really is so much to see and do! The city offers world-class culture, with more museums and galleries than anywhere outside of London and there are also two majestic cathedrals. You may like to take a trip to the Beatles Story at Albert Dock: a brilliant tour through the Beatles' lives, with fascinating Fab Four memorabilia and insights from friends and family. Or perhaps you'd prefer a sightseeing tour in an open-top double decker, where you can purchase a hop on-hop off ticket to explore the city at your leisure. Liverpool is also full of fabulous new shops and restaurants. Liverpool ONE, in the heart of the city, is a shiny new designer shopping centre and is home to more than 160 famous high street names, from John Lewis to Topshop. The Liverpool Queensway Mersey Tunnel tour is an engineering masterpiece; a unique behind-the-scenes adventure where you will be guided beneath the river Mersey. The Yellow Duckmarine is an hour-long tour, half on land and half in the water, taking in the city's major historic sights along with the Dockland's maritime history – all accompanied by a fun live commentary. As our hotel benefits from a central location, you can do as much or as little sightseeing as you wish.

**MONDAY** After breakfast we begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £75.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

Sunday 15th – Thursday 19th August



## SCOTLAND...EDINBURGH TATTOO & THE TROSSACHS

Always very popular, the Edinburgh Tattoo is a spectacular event held each year on the Esplanade of the city's magnificent castle. A celebration of talents from four continents, it includes pipers, gymnasts, singers, dancers and an amazing motorcycle display team. The emphasis is very much on music and the exciting programme usually includes the music of the Massed Pipes and Drums and the Massed Military Bands.

### YOUR HOTEL The Salutation Hotel, Perth

A 3\* hotel in the heart of Perth. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves most floors, the restaurant serves a delicious freshly prepared menu and the cosy bar offers a comfortable place to relax.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£445**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** After an early departure we make our way north, with comfort stops on route to our hotel, for our evening meal.

**MONDAY** After breakfast, we take a tour of the Trossachs, through some picturesque villages and stunning scenery, stopping in Aberfoyle for coffee. We continue to Loch Lomond Shores, Scotland's most spectacular visitor centre combining the stunning scenery with an outstanding mixture of leisure and shopping experiences overlooking the majesty of Loch Lomond at Balloch. There is also an aquarium and several cafés to enjoy a leisurely lunch and admire the scenery.

**TUESDAY** We leave our hotel mid-morning and make our way into Edinburgh with the whole day to explore this magnificent city and all its attractions. You may like to visit the Royal Yacht Britannia which served the British Royal Family for more than 40 years, or the famous castle, which contains the Scottish Crown Jewels and Stone of Destiny. There are also an abundance of shops and plenty of places to enjoy lunch, and evening meal, before re-joining the coach for the short journey to the renowned spectacle of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo for tonight's show. (Please bring some wet weather clothing in case the weather is inclement!)

**WEDNESDAY** The morning is free to spend as you please exploring Perth. You may like to visit the cathedral or the Black Watch Museum which brings to life the history of Scotland's oldest Highland regiment. There are many shops to browse or take a stroll along the banks of the River Tay. After lunch, we take an excursion to the Highland town of Pitlochry to explore this delightful town with its spectacular setting under the dramatic skyline of Ben Vrackie (2,760 feet) with the Dam Visitor Centre. The town also has lovely independent shops and cafes.

**THURSDAY** We leave Scotland, and begin our journey south, making regular comfort stops on route, back to the West Country, arriving home early-mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 1 Night Bed & Breakfast
- Edinburgh Tattoo Ticket
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £64.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 16th – Friday 20th August



## THE FOREST OF DEAN & THE WYE VALLEY BY COACH, BOAT & TRAIN

We are delighted to repINis popular tour, discovering one of England's last ancient forests and first designated National Forest Park in 1938. The natural beauty of this region has attracted writers, poets and artists through the ages, drawing inspiration from the natural elements of the land.

### YOUR HOTEL Bells Hotel, Coleford

A delightful 3\* hotel in the heart of the Forest Of Dean, with views across the golf course. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared menu and entertainment is provided on some evenings.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£335**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** Monday We leave our home area and stopping for coffee travel to the Welsh medieval town of Chepstow for lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** Join us today as we make our way to the delightful county town of Hereford. Located on the banks of the River Wye, this compact city is full of black and white timber framed buildings and cathedral which houses the famous 13th century Mappa Mundi, the largest medieval map of the world in existence. With time to browse the shops, perhaps visit the Cider Museum for the county's "golden amber" and enjoy a leisurely lunch. This afternoon we move on to Hay-On-Wye, the tranquil market town famous for its numerous book shops on almost every Street with time to enjoy an afternoon tea treat in one of the cafes.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we are joined by a knowledgeable guide for a tour of the Forest Of Dean, to learn about the natural environment, and discover the forest's hidden secrets. We continue to Norchard Heritage railway station for lunch and visit to the railway museum, before boarding a steam train for a picturesque return journey along the route of the River Lyd.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast we travel to Tintern Abbey Mill for coffee before being joined by a knowledgeable guide for a 2 hour coach tour of the Wye Valley and Tintern area, returning to the Mill for a buffet lunch and time to browse the gift and craft shops in the Old Mill, overlooking the River Wye. This afternoon we travel to Symonds Yat to board a boat for a leisurely cruise along the River Wye.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and travel to the charming town of Ross-On-Wye, gateway to the Wye Valley. With time here to explore the town with its 17th century Market Hall and Tudor timbered houses, browse the shops and have lunch before we complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guided coach tour of the Forest of Dean
- Steam train ride on the Forest of Dean Heritage Railway
- Boat cruise on River Wye
- Guided coach tour from Tintern Abbey Mill & 2 course buffet lunch
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 16th – Friday 20th August



## NIDD HALL, YORKSHIRE, WARNER BREAK

Grade II listed Nidd Hall Country Hotel, where Edward VIII is said to have first met Mrs Wallis Simpson. Its character is manifest in every rococo carving, sweeping staircase and ivy-clad wall.

### YOUR HOTEL Nidd Hall, Harrogate

An exceptional, historic 4\* hotel, in 45 acres of glorious parkland. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, iron & ironing board, and tea & coffee-making facilities. The restaurant offers contemporary British cuisine and the terrace tearooms are perfect for afternoon refreshments. Leisure facilities include a library, indoor pool, gym, croquet lawn, tennis courts, putting green and boules courts, freshwater angling lake, archery range and games room. There is a lift to all floors and top class entertainment is provided each evening.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£425**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and begin our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch on route and arriving at our hotel with time to freshen up before our first evening dinner followed by excellent entertainment.

**TUESDAY** The morning is free for you to familiarise yourself with your new surroundings and enjoy some of the many facilities available in the hotel. Late morning, we travel to the nearby spa town of Harrogate. A town with some wonderful architecture and public gardens, there are also plenty of shops to browse... and the famous Betty's Tea Rooms is an absolute must to enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea.

**WEDNESDAY** A full day to the magnificent city of York where you may like to visit the iconic minster and climb the 275 steps to the tower for a panoramic view across the city. Other attractions include the Jorvik Centre, the Chocolate Story, and the National Railway Museum where you can discover over 300 years of railway history and marvel at some of the most iconic trains and carriages from our past. Take a leisurely boat cruise along the River Ouse or jump on a sight-seeing bus with on-board commentary of York's history. Together with plenty of cafes and restaurants to enjoy lunch, and a large shopping district there is something for everyone to enjoy.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel a little further north to Thirsk, a small Market Town mentioned in the Doomsday book. The cobbled Market Place dates from medieval times and is still the centre of the town. Whilst here you may like to visit the James Herriot Museum, in the house he actually lived and used as his surgery. After lunch we return to our hotel with time to spend as you please and continue to make use of the wonderful facilities. Dinner this evening will be followed by a final evening's entertainment.

**FRIDAY** This morning we leave our hotel and begin our journey south, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and arriving back in the West Country early – mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 4)  
Signature room upgrade £30.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Friday 20th – Monday 23rd August



## JUST LONDON

London... not just the Capital of England, but a city full of so much history, and so many attractions, theatres, shops and so much more that a day or a weekend is never enough. With this tour you organise what you want to do and where you want to go and also stay in a luxurious 4\* hotel in Central London, close to the transport network.

### YOUR HOTEL Copthorne Tara Hotel, London Kensington

A luxuriously appointed 4\* hotel located in the heart of Kensington, tucked away in a quiet road off High Street Kensington, near to the Royal Albert Hall, Hyde Park, Kensington Palace & Natural History Museum. All rooms are ensuite with satellite TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee-making facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant serves an excellent buffet breakfast.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£285**  
4 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee en route. We arrive at our hotel where, after checking in, the remainder of the day is then free for you to spend as you please and chose an evening meal at a restaurant of your choice.

**SATURDAY – SUNDAY** Each day is free for you to continue exploring as you please. There are a great many museums along with numerous other attractions, like the Shard, London Eye, the Tower of London, Madame Tussauds, St Paul's Cathedral and the Dungeons – to name just a few! You may also like to book tickets to tour one of the Royal Palaces – Buckingham Palace, Clarence House, or Kensington Palace. Perhaps you'd rather see one of the West End's top shows or take an open-top bus tour or boat trip to see the best views and learn about the history of the city. There are also countless opportunities for retail therapy, along with many cafes and restaurants in which to have coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner.

**MONDAY** We leave London mid afternoon and return to the West Country, again with a comfort stop en route, arriving mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Bed & Buffet English Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £156.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

## Saturday 21st – Thursday 26th August



### THE ISLES OF SCILLY

The Isles of Scilly sit 28 miles southwest of Lands End and enjoy an exceptionally mild climate. When you first arrive, you may not realise just how much there is to see and do! Each island has its own unique character and charm and offers its own treasure trove of adventures and experiences. There are a variety of beaches, and many different venues in which to enjoy the local cuisine.

#### YOUR HOTEL The Atlantic, St Mary's

You are assured of a warm welcome at our chosen hotel, located in the heart of St Mary's where the buildings are golden granite, the beaches are white, and both the coast and countryside are stunning all year round. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. Many enjoy uninterrupted views of the harbour. The restaurant serves excellent, locally-sourced food.

#### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** After an early departure we make our way to Penzance, where you will board the Scillonian III ferry for the crossing to St Mary's, the largest of the Scilly Isles. There are refreshment facilities on board, and you may even see dolphins, porpoises or pilot whales. On arrival you will be met at the quay, and you and your luggage will be taken to the Atlantic Hotel, with the remainder of the afternoon free to settle in and familiarise yourself with your new surroundings. An early evening welcome reception from the hotel management will be followed by a delicious three course dinner.

**SUNDAY – WEDNESDAY** The hotel will organise a programme of events to help you explore and enjoy all that the Scilly Isles have to offer. This will include two days of planned itineraries including guided walking tours of St Mary's and Treco, including boat fares and entrance to Treco Abbey Gardens. Remember to pack sturdy walking shoes. On the other two days you have free time to spend as you please, browsing the small selection of shops and exploring at your leisure... or you may simply choose to relax, enjoy the scenery and beaches and do nothing! A three-course dinner will be served at the hotel each evening.

**THURSDAY** Sadly it's now time to leave the Scilly Isles, and after lunch, you and your luggage will be taken back to the quay for the return ferry crossing to Penzance, where a Blakes coach and driver will be waiting to return you to your home area.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return ferry ticket from Penzance
- Hotel transfers at St Mary's
- Welcome drinks reception
- Guided walking tours of St Mary's and Treco
- Entrance to Treco Abbey Gardens
- Coach travel to and from Penzance

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £170.00 (Max 1 single)  
Sea view supplement £50.00 per person  
Travel insurance £26.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£799

6 DAYS

## Monday 23rd – Friday 27th August



### BRIGHTON & THE BLUEBELL LINE

Brighton is one of England's most popular seaside resorts with flat promenades, long sandy beaches and many visitor attractions. The Bluebell Line is a heritage railway with 11 miles across glorious Sussex scenery pulled by a vintage steam locomotive. Just perfect for that summer holiday!

#### YOUR HOTEL The Old Ship Inn, Brighton

Brighton's most historic 4\* hotel ideally located on the seafront. All rooms are en-suite with TV, free Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors, the restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and generous breakfast. There are many lounge bar & public areas to sit and leisure facilities include a gym.

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country stopping for coffee and lunch on route to our hotel arriving with time to settle in before dinner and maybe a stroll along the seafront.

**TUESDAY** The whole day is free for you to explore Brighton. You may like to stroll along the promenade or walk along the pier. Why not visit the iconic Royal Pavilion, the spectacular seaside palace of George IV, one of the most dazzling buildings in the UK, or take a ride up the British Airways i360 tower with panoramic views across the bay, or the Volk's Electric Railway, the 'world's oldest operating electric railway' which travels along the seafront. There are a wide variety of shops in "The Lanes", many cafes and restaurants to enjoy a relaxing lunch & plenty of ice cream stalls!..

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we travel inland to Sheffield Park to board the Bluebell Railway, for a return heritage steam train journey running through the glorious Sussex countryside. Remaining at the station for lunch, we make the very short journey to the magnificent Capability Brown landscaped gardens at Sheffield Park estate for the afternoon. Four large lakes form the heart of the gardens with paths circulating through the glades and wooded areas, together with superb flower beds and the River Ouse with wonderful wildlife.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast we make our way to Littlehampton, a small seaside resort with its seafront gardens. With time for coffee, we continue to Worthing, with its wide promenade, sandy beach and its famous pier. Enjoy a leisurely lunch, have a paddle in the water or stroll through the town with its gift shops, before returning to Brighton for our final evening.

**FRIDAY** We leave the south coast and begin our journey home, stopping for coffee and lunch stops on route, completing our journey back to the West country, arriving early evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for the Bluebell Railway
- Entrance to Sheffield Park (Nat Trust)
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £130.00  
Sea view room supplement £72.00 per person (subject to availability)  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£385

5 DAYS

## Sunday 22nd – Saturday 28th August



### IRELAND ...KILLARNEY & THE RING OF KERRY

Ireland's beauty is legendary, from the lush, green pastures to the deep, lakes and the rolling hills. The Kingdom of Kerry is renowned for its natural magnificence of colourful contrasts, rugged coastline and dramatic mountain views.

#### YOUR HOTEL The Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney

A fabulous 4\* hotel situated in the heart of Killarney. All rooms are en suite, with TV, wifi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee-making facilities. There is a lift to all floors, and the excellent leisure facilities include an indoor pool.. Excellent Irish cuisine is followed by traditional Irish entertainment each evening.

#### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way, into Wales and on to Pembroke, with, for the afternoon crossing to Rosslair. After docking in Ireland, we travel to our overnight hotel in Waterford or Wexford for dinner.

**MONDAY** We leave our hotel and make our way west, stopping somewhere interesting for coffee and lunch en route. We later make our way to our hotel in Killarney, where dinner and our first evening of traditional Irish entertainment awaits us.

**TUESDAY** We're guaranteed some magnificent scenery today as we embark upon an unforgettable, leisurely tour around the spectacular Ring of Kerry which has deservedly earned its reputation as one of the most beautiful regions in Ireland. The route of a 179km loop starts, and ends, in Killarney, passing through lively villages with bustling pubs, charming bookshops and pretty cafés. The striking coastline is overlooked by an enchanting amalgamation of hills, cliffs, and lakes. We will stop for coffee, lunch and photographs en route... don't forget your camera!

**WEDNESDAY** The whole day is free for you to spend as you please... you may like to explore the classically Irish town of Killarney



TOUR  
PRICE

£595

7 DAYS



via an hour-long cart ride, or take a boat trip on a nearby lake? Only a short bus or taxi ride away is Muckross House and Gardens, a 19th century magnificent Victorian mansion, one of Ireland's leading stately homes. Situated close to the shores of Muckross Lake and set against the stunning beauty of Killarney National Park. The elegantly furnished rooms portray the lifestyles of the landed gentry, while downstairs in the basement you can experience the working conditions of the servants employed in the House. The Gardens are renowned world-wide for their beauty which include an extensive water garden and an outstanding rock garden hewn out of natural limestone. Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and four of the princes and princesses stayed at the mansion for 2 nights in 1861.

**THURSDAY** After a traditional Irish breakfast, we travel around the breathtaking Dingle Peninsula. Unlike the Ring of Kerry, where the cliffs tend to dominate the ocean, it's the ocean that dominates the smaller Dingle Peninsula. The opal-blue waters surround the green hills and golden sands which once was the setting for the film Ryan's daughter. Once again we stop for coffee, lunch and photographs en route. We pause at Slea Head, the most westerly mainland point in Europe, with splendid views.

**FRIDAY** Sadly, we today leave Killarney and make our way back across Ireland's lovely countryside to Waterford with time to browse the town, before arriving at our overnight hotel in time for dinner.

**SATURDAY** We leave our hotel and travel back to Rosslair for the return ferry crossing to Pembroke. We complete our homeward journey, with a comfort stop en route, arriving early evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Entrance to Muckross House & Gardens  
Cart ride / Boat Trip in Killarney  
Single supplement £168.00  
Travel insurance £43.00

Sunday 22nd – Sunday 29th August



## LITTLE TRAINS & BOATS OF AUSTRIA

The Austrian Tyrol has an outstanding landscape with breathtaking scenery, waterfalls and majestic mountains. What better way to explore this area than by using the local transportation of years gone-by. We hope you will enjoy this nostalgic way of travelling and return home with some wonderful memories.

### YOUR HOTEL Hotel Briem, Westendorf

A locally rated 3\* family fun hotel offering a warm Austrian welcome, ideally located in the heart of the Kitzbuhler Alps near the centre of the attractive village. Each of the en-suite bedrooms is traditionally furnished with TV, telephone, safe and hairdryer. There is a lift to most floors. Wi-Fi access is also available throughout the hotel. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous buffet breakfast. There is a lounge area and garden with sun terrace to relax on.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£655**  
**8 DAYS**



access to the local swimming pool and use of the cable car to ride to the summit with stunning panoramic mountain views across the Brixental Valley.

**THURSDAY** Today we travel down to Jenbach, where we join the original Lake Achen cog railway for the journey up to Seespitz. The railway dates from 1889 and the steam engines are some of the oldest in the world still to be used for public transport. The train winds its way up above the Inn Valley to its destination – Lake Achen, the largest Alpine lake in the Tyrol. We travel the short distance to Pertisau with time for lunch, and later enjoy a short boat cruise along the beautiful shores of Achensee to Scholastika. On our return journey, we stop in the delightful town of Rattenberg – famous for its glass and crystal workshops demonstrating stunning creations.

**FRIDAY** Join us today as we travel via the alpine resort of Kitzbühel and over the scenic Thurn Pass, to the neighbouring province of Salzburgerland. Our journey continues down the Salzach Valley to the pretty town of Zell am See, nestled on the shores of lovely Lake Zell. With time to wander through the medieval centre and along the lake shore, you may like to take a boat trip on the lake. This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner.

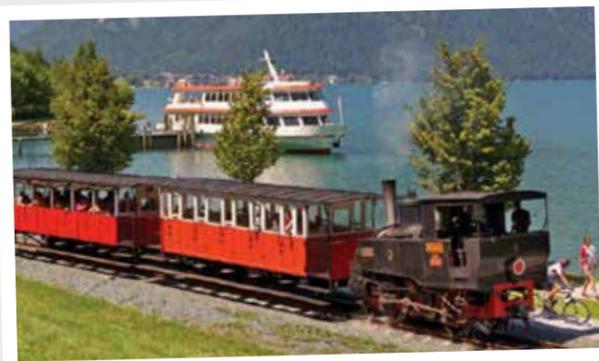
**SATURDAY** Sadly, we today bid a fond farewell to Austria, with comfort stops en route, to our overnight accommodation in Metz, arriving in time for the evening meal.

**SUNDAY** We resume our homeward journey to Calais, for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue to the West Country, arriving early/mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Ziller Valley Steam Train Ticket
- Lake Achen Cog Railway ticket
- Boat cruise from Pertisau to Scholastika
- BBQ with live entertainment on 1 evening
- Brixental Guest Card (for cable car journey)
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £80.00 (Max 4)  
Travel insurance £45.00



Tuesday 24th August – Friday 3rd September



## SPECTACULAR NORWAY – FJORDS, GLACIERS, LAKES & MOUNTAINS

Join us for a wonderful sightseeing tour taking in the spectacular scenery of natural Norway, one of the most unique landscapes in the world. The Norwegian adventure starts in the beautiful Telemark region, continuing through dramatic landscapes of sheltered fjords, high mountain passes, sparkling crystal lakes and charming villages.

### YOUR HOTEL Straand Hotel, Vrådal

A family run hotel located on the shores of Lake Nisser, Telemark region. All bedrooms are en-suite with TV. There is lift access to the bedrooms. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and a private lakeside garden.

### YOUR HOTEL Kviknes Hotel, Balestrand

Historic hotel built in 1752, now run by the same family since 1877. A 4\* modern hotel with old-world charm, it is one of Norway's most traditional hotels, graced by royalty, emperors, presidents, prime ministers and film stars throughout history. Our comfortable en-suite bedrooms are located in the modern wing are equipped with a TV. Rooms are located on the lower floors. The restaurant serves an excellent evening buffet and generous breakfast.

### YOUR HOTEL Thon Hotel, Horten

A 3\* modern hotel close to the waterfront and a short walk to the centre of town. Each of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms has a TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and telephone. There is a lift in the hotel. The restaurant serves a choice menu and buffet breakfast.

### ITINERARY

**TUESDAY** After an early departure, we leave the West Country and make our way to Dover, with a comfort stop on route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue to our first overnight hotel in Netherlands, arriving for dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** We continue our journey, travelling through Holland and into Germany, then northwards into Denmark and our second overnight hotel in Kolding, again arriving in time for the evening meal.

**THURSDAY** After an early breakfast, we leave our hotel and continue north through Jutland to the port in Hirtshals for the fast-craft ferry crossing to Larvik, Norway. We continue our coach journey with pristine Norwegian Lakeland scenery, passing Bo and crossing the famous Telemark Canal to arrive in Vrådal, our hotel for the next two nights.



**TOUR PRICE**  
**£1265**  
**11 DAYS**

**FRIDAY** Today is free for you to spend in Vrådal, either to make use of the hotel's leisure facilities with its indoor swimming pool, large panoramic terrace, lounge and wonderful garden which sweeps down to the lake shore and beach. This afternoon we enjoy a 2 hour boat cruise on Lake Nisser, discovering narrow straits, islands and the old lock.

**SATURDAY** After breakfast we leave Vrådal and travel to Brunkenberg, before crossing the Haukelifjell Mountain Road and descend to the Sörfjord, a branch of the mighty Hardangerfjord at Odda. With a comfort stop here, we continue along the western shore, overlooked by the Flogefonn Glacier and a road flanked by fruit trees on one side and the deep fjord on the other. We arrive at Utne for a short ferry crossing across Hardangerfjord to Kvanndal, then continue travelling north past Voss, on to Gudvangen before climbing up onto the Vik Mountains, before a descent towards Vik and mighty views across the Sognefjord. We take a second ferry across the fjord to the beautiful village of Balestrand and our hotel for the next three nights.

**SUNDAY** Balestrand is an idyllic location on the longest and deepest fjord in the world – Sognefjord. Flanked by waterfalls and spectacular rock falls it lies on the picturesque sunny shore of the fjord. Late morning, we take a short ferry crossing and make a lunch stop at Sogndal. This afternoon we visit the Sogn Folk Museum in Kaupanger with indoor and outdoor exhibits with a range of historic farm dwellings.

**MONDAY** Join us for a full day following the "Glacier Route". We begin by ascending the Gaularfjell High Mountain Road, one of Norway's National Tourist Routes as the road twists and turns through no less than nine dramatic hairpin bends – don't forget your camera! We arrive in Skei, a small town at the top of Lake Jolstravatnet, with a café and gift shop. We continue towards Fjaerland, stopping at the Boyabreen beauty spot with excellent views of the Glacier. This afternoon we reach the Norwegian Glacier Museum with a video presentation of the Jostedal Glacier, exhibits, genuine Glacier ice and a café serving refreshments. We return to our hotel via Sogndal with wonderful views along the Fjaerlandsfjord, arriving back at our hotel via the Sognefjord ferry.

**TUESDAY** Today we enjoy a scenic journey of spectacular fjords, river valleys and Norway's southern coastline. We make 2 short ferry crossings before joining the old Oslo/Bergen postal route through the Laerdal Valley, with a photo stop at the historic Borgund Stave Church, the best-preserved medieval appearance stave churches in the country. We drive along one of Norway's most famous salmon fishing rivers, through to Hemsedal, Norway's notorious downhill skiing areas, and south through Noreasund and Kroderen, arriving at our hotel in Horten in time for dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** Set your alarm for an early start as we make the short journey to the port in Larvik, for the morning ferry crossing to Hirtshals, in Denmark. We continue our journey through Jutland, and south through Denmark, crossing the border into Germany, to our overnight hotel in Hamburg, arriving in time for dinner.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast we continue our journey through Germany, and into Holland, to the Hook of Holland, where we take an overnight ferry crossing to Harwich.

**FRIDAY** We arrive in the port of Harwich, early morning, and continue to the West Country with comfort stops on route, arriving mid-afternoon.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 9 nights' dinner, bed & buffet breakfast in hotels
- 1 night (cabin only) aboard ferry in lower-berth outside cabin
- All Fjord crossings
- 2 hour boat cruise on Lake Nisser on the historic vessel MS Fram
- Entrance to Sogn Folk Museum
- Entrance to the Norwegian Glacier Museum
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Meals on bord ferry  
Single supplement £320.00  
Travel insurance £49.00

Wednesday 25th – Sunday 29th August



**NORTH WALES & ANGLESEY**

Anglesey is an island connected to the mainland by a road bridge across the Menai Straits, a historic island full of character and scenery.

**YOUR HOTEL** Tynedale Hotel, Llandudno

We're delighted to return to this welcoming 4\* hotel, located along the central promenade. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The hotel's restaurant serves a fabulous full Welsh breakfast and choice evening menu, and there is live entertainment each evening.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£425**  
5 DAYS

**ITINERARY**

**WEDNESDAY** We leave our home area and travel over the border into Wales, stopping for coffee and lunch en route. On arrival at our hotel, enjoy a cup of tea while your luggage is delivered to your room. There will then be time to settle in before dinner and our first evening of entertainment

**THURSDAY** The morning is free for you to spend as you please and explore Llandudno, known as the 'Queen of Welsh Resorts'. Maybe take a ride on the Great Orme Tramway to the summit on one of only three cable-hauled street tramways in the world. There is also a fine pier, over 700 metres long, attractive gardens, shops and restaurants. After lunch we travel to Bodnant Garden (National Trust), set within 80 acres and created over a 150 year period, in the stunning backdrop of the Careddau Mountains. Admire the manicured lawns, grand flower-filled terraces, wildflower meadows, water gardens and Champion Trees.

**FRIDAY** Today we explore the Welsh island of Anglesey, once home to Celtic Druids. We travel across the Menai Bridge, the first suspension bridge in the world, to Beaumaris for coffee and on to the Welsh village with the longest name in Britain (otherwise known as Llanfair PG) for lunch in the Woollen Mill. This afternoon we visit Plas Newydd House & Gardens (National Trust) with spectacular views of Snowdonia. It contains exquisite interiors and furniture collections and the gardens, arboretum and Italianate style terraces are a delight to explore.

**SATURDAY** A day in the stunning Snowdonia National Park, and first stop the picturesque village of Betws-Y-Coed for coffee and to explore this Welsh gem its souvenir shops and cafes. We continue across the National Park with breath-taking scenery, to the Inigo Jones Welsh Slate Works. Founded in 1861 to produce writing slates for British school classrooms, today the company uses the 500 million year old Welsh slate to produce many crafts from memorial plaques to craft products. Enjoy a self-guided tour through the workshop learning about the mining process, the geology of the local area and a chance to try calligraphy and slate engraving for a souvenir to take home. There is a café and gift shop on site.

**SUNDAY** Sadly, we leave North Wales and, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, complete our homeward journey back into England, arriving early/mid-evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Bodnant Garden (Nat Trust)
- Tour of Inigo Jones Welsh Slate Works
- Entrance to Plas Newydd House & Gardens (Nat Trust)
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement  
Travel insurance £24.00

Thursday 26th – Monday 30th August



**CATHEDRAL CITIES OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

The county of Cambridgeshire covers a large part of East Anglia, with its cathedral cities, elegant towns, charming countryside and natural Fenlands.

**YOUR HOTEL** Marriott Hotel, Huntingdon

A modern 4\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£345**  
5 DAYS

**ITINERARY**

**THURSDAY** We make our way towards East Anglia, with comfort stops and lunch on route, and travel to our hotel, with time to relax before dinner.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast we make our way to Elton Hall, a baronial mansion near Peterborough. Home to the Proby family since 1660, we enjoy a private guided tour of the house with its exquisite state rooms and fine English furnishings and Old Master artwork, with a fascinating history of the generations of family who have lived at Elton. Explore the beautiful gardens, an excellent backdrop to this magnificent estate. We continue to the city of Peterborough with its wonderful heritage and 900 year old Norman cathedral with the tomb of Catherine of Aragon (Henry VIII's first wife), the charming old town square with numerous shops and cafes.

**SATURDAY** Today we travel across the Fenlands to Ely for a guided tour of the splendid cathedral, built on the site of an Anglo Saxon Abbey. It's unique 14th century octagonal lantern tower is one of the wonders of the medieval world and is England's third longest cathedral. After your tour, you may like to visit the Stained Glass Museum (extra charge) or explore Oliver Cromwell's House (near to the cathedral) or stroll along the beautiful waterfront and enjoy lunch. This afternoon we visit Saffron Walden, a market town brimming with rich history and interesting old buildings. St Mary's Church is said to be the most beautiful in Essex and there is a restored Victorian garden with a yew maze hedge.

**SUNDAY** This morning we visit the University City of Cambridge for a panoramic guided coach tour. As we travel around the city, we will experience and learn about its fascinating history, its University connection and the beautiful historic buildings and churches. The rest of the day is free for you to continue exploring this great city on foot. You may like to visit the museums and galleries, enjoy a punt on the River Cam, passing immaculate grass lawns of the Colleges or just sit back and relax over lunch in one of the city's numerous cafes.

**MONDAY** We leave our hotel and travel homewards, with comfort and lunch stops on route, completing our journey home to the West Country, arriving early/mid-evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance & Guided Tour of Elton Hall
- Guided Tour of Ely Cathedral
- Panoramic Guided Coach Tour of Cambridge
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £92.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Saturday 28th – Sunday 29th August



**GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR WEEKEND**

We are delighted to repeat this immensely popular tour - The Great Dorset Steam Fair has been running for more than 50 years and attracts visitors from far and wide. It is the world's largest heritage and cultural event, showcasing Great Britain's national industrial, agricultural and leisure history in the beautiful Dorset countryside.

**YOUR HOTEL** Crown Hotel, Weymouth

A characterful hotel overlooking the historic fishing harbour and close to the town centre. Each en-suite bedroom is comfortably furnished with TV, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£155**  
2 DAYS

**ITINERARY**

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area, with a comfort stop on route, and make our way to the Great Dorset Steam Fair. For the steam enthusiast, there are many attractions including steam tractors, threshing machines and miniature steam engines. There are also many other rural attractions such as heavy horse displays, bygone times and crafts. With entertainment all day, arena events, vintage cars, trade stalls, food and drink and the largest travelling old-time fairground, there is plenty to keep all ages amused. We later make our way to our hotel for dinner, after which you may like to walk to the quay where there is a lively music festival with outside bars and food until late.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we return to the Great Dorset Steam Fair for a second day to enjoy more of its attractions, entertainment and events. We leave Dorset late afternoon and make our journey back to our home area.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 2 day entrance to The Great Dorset Steam Fair
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 7)  
Travel insurance £17.00

Monday 30th August – Friday 3rd Sept



**TENBY & PEMBROKESHIRE**

A coastal resort in attractive Pembrokeshire, Tenby is situated on a narrow promontory jutting out into Camarthan Bay. Georgian houses overlook the picturesque harbour with its generous sandy beaches.

**YOUR HOTEL** Clarence House Hotel, Tenby

Owned by the same family for nearly seventy years, this excellent hotel enjoys an enviable position on the esplanade. All rooms are ensuite, with TV and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves highly recommended cuisine with a choice menu and evening entertainment is provided most evenings.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£365**  
5 DAYS

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop en route, make our way over the St. David's bridge to Abergavenny for lunch. We complete our journey to Tenby via the scenic Brecon Beacons, with time to settle in before dinner and an evening of entertainment.

**TUESDAY** The whole day is free for you to spend as you please exploring Tenby's enchanting narrow streets. There are museums, shops, a good art gallery and a castle to visit, in addition to the chocolate-box pretty harbour. You may like to take boat trip to Caldy Island (weather permitting) - just 3 miles from Tenby and formerly home to monks who inhabited the monastery there for more than 1,500 years. If the stunning scenery alone isn't enough, there's a shop and an excellent tearoom on the island!.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we travel to Carmarthen, a neat little county town, encircled by the River Towy and full of pretty shops. Today is market day, and you will have plenty of time to sample the local cuisine and perhaps snag a bargain! After lunch we continue to Laugharne - a quiet town on the Taf Estuary, where Welsh poet Dylan Thomas lived and is buried. His boathouse and writing shed, where he penned Under Milk Wood, are well worth a visit, as are the imposing castle ruins.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way north, travelling through the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty, to Cardigan, a lovely market town at the mouth of the river Teifi, once one of the busiest ports in Wales. With time to explore and enjoy a leisurely lunch, we return via the world-famous Cenarth Falls where the salmon leap, to Saundersfoot, a very pretty harbour village, with time to browse the gift shops and enjoy tea.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and make our way to Cardiff, the vibrant Welsh capital. With plenty of time to browse the shops, visit the castle and a variety of museums and enjoy a leisurely lunch, we complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Boat trip to Caldy Island  
No single supplement  
Travel insurance £24.00

Saturday 28th August – Saturday 4th September



## CRUISING THE ROMANTIC RHINE & MAJESTIC MOSELLE

Join us for a leisurely cruise along two of the most famous waterways in Europe ... the scenic River Rhine & Moselle. Admire the scenery as these beautiful rivers flow past an array of historic cities, fairytale castles and rolling vineyard hillsides.

### YOUR HOTEL MV Prinses Christina

The MV Prinses Christina is a modern and comfortable, fully air-conditioned ship, with a lift between decks. The en-suite cabins are equipped with satellite TV. The spacious lounge/bar provides an area to relax with panoramic river views, and the restaurant offers an excellent selection of dishes. Entertainment is provided on some evenings. Our driver will be on-board throughout the cruise, guiding you to the best places to visit when the boat is in dock.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** After an early departure we make our way to Dover, with a comfort stop en-route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue our journey through Belgium, and into Germany, to Cologne, where we board our ship for a welcome cocktail and evening meal.

**SUNDAY** Enjoying breakfast on-board, we leave Cologne, and cruise along the Rhine, passing the historic city of Bonn. We arrive in Andernach early afternoon, with time to explore this attractive town with elegant riverside promenades. You may like to visit the cathedral of Mary, or the Round Tower, before returning to the ship for our evening meal.

**MONDAY** We leave early morning, continuing along the Rhine, crossing to the Moselle, on to the Roman town of Cochem, with its magical castles, arriving early afternoon. You have free time to explore this delightful town with its medieval marketplace, half-timbered houses and the imposing Reichsburg Castle, before returning to our ship for dinner.

**TUESDAY** This morning we sail back along the Moselle River, travelling past the slate-mining town of Klotten, to Boppard, arriving early afternoon. You may like to explore the historic centre or enjoy a chair lift that takes you on a panoramic ride, high above the valley, with spectacular views of the vineyards below. We return to our ship for dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** We continue our cruise, passing the age-old rival castles of Burg Maus and Burg Katz, on the approach to St Goar, before sailing past

TOUR PRICE  
**£1075**  
8 DAYS



the famous Lorelei Rock, where, a legendary siren lured sailors to their doom. We arrive at Rudesheim after lunch, with time to explore the old town, or maybe enjoy a cable car ride to the Niederwald Monument, with panoramic views of the valley. We return in time for dinner, after which you may like to stroll back into the town.

**THURSDAY** Today we loop back along the Rhine, towards the ancient walled city of Koblenz. Here the Rhine and Moselle meet at Deutes Eck (German corner). The centre of Koblenz is a maze of narrow lanes and romantic squares, teaming with cafes, churches and shops. We arrive early afternoon, with free time to spend in Koblenz, returning to our ship for evening meal, but there will be plenty of time after dinner to stroll back into this magical town to explore further.

**FRIDAY** We leave Koblenz early morning, sailing to the small town of Königswinter. Towering high above the river lies the infamous Drachenfels (Dragon's Rock) and Schloss Drachenburg (castle) accessed by a rack railway. We depart at midday, enjoying lunch on-board, and continue towards one of Germany's oldest cities, Cologne. Arriving mid-afternoon, there is time to explore this majestic city with its beautiful twin tower cathedral. Although much of the city was destroyed by WWII allied bomb raids, the picturesque old centre retains much of its original architecture. We return to our ship for the Captain's farewell dinner, enjoying a final evening moored alongside the riverbanks of historic Cologne.

**SATURDAY** We re-join the coach and travel to Calais, for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue to the West Country, arriving early/mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 Nights' Full Board in outside cabins
- Welcome cocktail
- Tea, coffee & biscuits each afternoon
- Late evening snacks on board each night
- Captain's Farewell dinner
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £285.00  
"Deluxe" Cabin supplement £55.00 per person  
"Deluxe Plus" Cabin Supplement £75.00 per person  
Travel insurance £45.00  
"Deluxe" Cabins have 2 windows  
"Deluxe Plus" Cabins are larger than Deluxe Cabins, and also have 2 windows



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Friday 3rd – Monday 6th September



## DUTCH DAHLIAS ON PARADE – ZUNDERT FLOWER EXTRAVAGANZA

Each year since 1936 visitors flock to the Dutch town of Zundert, birthplace of Vincent Van Gogh, to experience the most beautiful parade in the Netherlands, the largest in Europe. A spectacular flower parade with handmade floats and an explosion of colourful Dahlias, all specially grown for this annual event.

### YOUR HOTEL Apollo Hotel, Papendrecht

A locally rated 4\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, Wi-Fi access and minifridge. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and generous breakfast.

TOUR PRICE  
**£425**  
4 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** After an early departure we travel east to Dover, with a comfort stop on route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue our journey into the Netherlands and to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before evening dinner.

**SATURDAY** After breakfast we travel to the charming town of Delft, famous for its blue earthen ware. Wander along its canals, bridges and courtyards and discover its landmarks and heritage shared with the Dutch Royal Family. With time to browse the gift shops and enjoy coffee, we continue to Gouda, the city of cheese! Explore the beautiful historic centre with its central square, iconic town hall and the church of Sint-Jan with its stunning stained glass windows, or visit the Weighing House, a museum which describes the history of Gouda's cheese market, established in 1198.

**SUNDAY** Join us today for the highlight of this tour, as we travel to the town of Zundert. This morning you will have time to explore the birthplace of Vincent Van Gogh, where you might like to visit the museum house with a permanent exhibition of his life and work. With time to have a leisurely lunch, browse the shops, and enjoy the street entertainment and carnival atmosphere, we take our seats this afternoon for the spectacular flower parade. Local villages grow the dahlia bulbs especially for this annual event, with more than 600,000 bulbs of over 50 species, picked by volunteers and turned into magnificent handmade parade floats, which will pass by the seated parade ground twice. The whole community of Zundert, men & women, young & old, come together to bring you the best flower parade you will ever see!

**MONDAY** This morning we make our way back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue, with comfort stops en route to the West Country, arriving mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Seated Grandstand Ticket for the Zundert Flower Parade
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:  
Single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £36.00

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Friday 3rd – Monday 6th September



## CHURCHILL'S WARTIME BRITAIN

Sir Winston Churchill is Britain's iconic wartime Prime Minister who led his nation to victory during World War Two. From his beginnings in an aristocratic family, he served in the British Army before being elected as a Member of Parliament and later perhaps one of the world's greatest leaders during one of the most challenging times in British history. This tour encapsulates all things Churchill and the greatest wartime efforts of a nation.

### YOUR HOTEL The Bedford Centre Hotel, Bedford

A modern 3\* hotel ideally situated near the town centre. All rooms are en-suite, with TV, hairdryer, and tea and coffee-making facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant offers a varied menu.

TOUR PRICE  
**£299**  
4 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to Oxford with time to explore this wonderful city of Dreaming Spires. With time for sightseeing, shopping & enjoy a leisurely lunch, we continue to our hotel, with time to settle in before the evening meal.

**SATURDAY** Join us today as we visit the fascinating IWM Duxford, Europe's largest air museum, which houses a remarkable collection of historic aircraft, stretching back to WWI. Learn about the stories of those who fought in the Battle of Britain and discover how the site itself played a pivotal role, serving as an air base for many of the Spitfire and Hurricane pilots who fought the Luftwaffe in the Battle of Britain. We later travel into the historic University city of Cambridge, where thousands of American troops were given a warm welcome by the residents as they arrived in the 1940's to join the Allied Forces' fight against the Nazis. Here you will find many museums and shops, or you may like to see the city as it is meant to be seen and take a leisurely boat trip, punting along the gentle River Cam! We return to our hotel via the Cambridge American Cemetery & Memorial Site, a wonderful memorial to American service personnel where so many gave their lives to protect Europe.

**SUNDAY** After breakfast we make our way to the once top-secret world of codebreaking huts and blocks at Bletchley Park, all set within an atmospheric Victorian estate. Discover where Alan Turing and members of the team decoded enemy secret messages, notably those encrypted by the German Enigma & Tunny Cipher Machines. See the exhibitions located in the Mansion and wartime garages complete with WWII vehicles, experience the code breaking huts, recreated to capture the atmosphere back in the day and the new multimedia visitor centre to learn about the stories and history of the men and women who lived and worked here in complete secrecy. There is an on-site restaurant.

**MONDAY** We begin our journey home, via Blenheim Palace, the birthplace and childhood home of Sir Winston Churchill. Explore the exhibition tracing the timeline of his life and experience the exquisite interiors and wonderful grounds of this remarkable estate. The well-stocked gift shop has many Churchill memorabilia and a restaurant to enjoy lunch. We complete our homeward journey arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to IWM Duxford
- Entrance to Bletchley Park
- Entrance to Blenheim Palace
- All coach travel

SUPPLEMENTS:  
Single supplement £96.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

Monday 6th – Friday 10th September



### NORFOLK...THE BROADS & SANDRINGHAM

Norfolk is one of England's most picturesque counties, The Norfolk Broads is Britain's largest protected wetland and it enjoys status equivalent to a National Park.

**YOUR HOTEL** Holiday Inn, Norwich City

A 3\* hotel just a short distance from the city centre. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious choice menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite and access to nearby Riverside Leisure Centre.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£355**  
5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to Norfolk, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and arriving at our hotel with time to settle in relax before dinner.

**TUESDAY** Join us this morning as we travel to Aylsham where we board the Bure Valley Railway, Norfolk's longest narrow-gauge heritage railway through 9 miles of unspoilt countryside, to Wroxham, a beautiful town considered the capital of the Norfolk Broads. With time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch we board a boat to enjoy a picturesque circular cruise on the beautiful Norfolk Broads, one of the most popular inland waterways in Europe, with full commentary as you relax and enjoy the wonderful scenery

**WEDNESDAY** The morning is free to explore Norwich with its splendid Norman cathedral and castle, built as a Royal Palace 900 years ago. Now a museum and art gallery, it houses some of the most outstanding collections of fine art and natural history. There are many shops to browse and cafés to enjoy lunch. Join us this afternoon if you wish as we travel to Great Yarmouth, a popular seaside resort to wander along one of the two promenades, browse the shops and enjoy afternoon tea.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Sandringham, the private country retreat of Her Majesty the Queen. Built in 1870 for King Edward VII, the main rooms used by the Royal family when in residence are open to the public, and you'll have plenty of time to view them in addition to the 60 glorious acres of grounds and the museum containing fascinating displays of Royal memorabilia. There is also a restaurant, shop and garden centre.

**FRIDAY** It's time to say goodbye to Norfolk as we begin our homeward journey. Stopping for coffee and lunch en route, we reach our home area early evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Train ticket on Bure Valley Railway
- Cruise on the Norfolk Broads
- Entrance to Sandringham House, Grounds & Museum
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 6th – Friday 10th September



### LAKESIDE COASTAL RESORT, HAYLING ISLAND

At a Warner Hotel you are always guaranteed excellent accommodation, delicious food, top class entertainment and service. Surrounded by water, with a beach on your doorstep, this lovely resort is the perfect base for exploring some of the English south coast's finest locations.

**YOUR HOTEL** Lakeside Coastal Village, Hayling Island

A traditional coastal resort, offering a warm and friendly atmosphere with a village feeling. Each of the classily furnished chalets is en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The elegant cabaret restaurant offers excellent cuisine and the resort's exceptional leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna, tennis courts, championship-quality indoors bowls complex, archery range, pitch & putt course, beauty salon, gift shop and games room. Live music, dancing and entertainment is provided each night.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£325**  
5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and travel to Dorchester for lunch before we continue to Hayling Island, arriving at our resort with time to settle in and begin exploring before evening dinner and our first evening of excellent entertainment.

**TUESDAY** The morning is free for you to familiarise yourself with your new surroundings and enjoy some of the many facilities available on resort. Join us for an afternoon excursion to Chichester with time to browse the shops, and enjoy afternoon tea.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey to Portsmouth's celebrated dockyard, home to HMS Victory and the Mary Rose. Whilst here you may like to visit the Royal Navy and D-Day Museums, the Blue Reef Aquarium, or Gunwharf Quay – the modern waterfront shopping, eating and entertainment centre. Or perhaps enjoy the views from the top of the Spinnaker Tower which rises to 170 metres with panoramic views across the Channel (weather permitting). We return to our resort in time for dinner and another evening of fabulous entertainment.

**THURSDAY** This morning we make our way to the market town of Winchester, the capital of the historic Wessex Kingdom of Alfred The Great with its cathedral and the Great Hall, home to King Arthur's round table. After lunch we return to our resort with the remainder of the day free to enjoy facilities and activities before a final evening dinner and entertainment.

**FRIDAY** Sadly it's now time to leave our resort and journey back towards the West Country, stopping in Salisbury for lunch and maybe visit the cathedral. We complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 4)  
Upgraded Chalet options – subject to availability  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 6th – Friday 10th September



### CHESHIRE – STEAM TRAINS, CANALS & BOATS

Cheshire offers some of the country's most picturesque scenery, and tranquil rivers and canals. Join us as we explore a region with its heritage cities and beautiful waterways.

**YOUR HOTEL** Holiday Inn, Runcorn

A 3\* modern hotel. All rooms are en suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£349**  
5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and journey north, with stops for coffee and lunch on route, arriving at our hotel with time to settle in and enjoy dinner.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast we travel to Chester, home to the most complete city walls in Britain which you may like to walk around, or hop on an open top bus or a take a cruise on the river. There is also the cathedral and the unique 700 year old Rows, home to independent shops and cafés. This afternoon we visit Port Sunlight a unique and beautiful 19th century village and gardens which was created by William Heskler Lever for his 'Sunlight Soap' factory workers. We are joined by a local guide for an informative tour about how it was to work and live here during the village' heyday!

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we journey north to the town of Bury, with time to browse the shops or the famous market hall, or maybe visit the Bury Transport Museum with its beautifully restored vehicles, original artefacts and interactive exhibits. After lunch we board the East Lancashire Railway for a steam train ride across the Irwell Valley, through tunnels and over viaducts, arriving in Rawtenstall, a historic textile town with cobbled streets.

**THURSDAY** A full day excursion as we make the short journey to Seacombe and embark upon a truly memorable cruise inland along the 35 mile stretch of the Manchester Ship Canal, complete with live commentary giving an insight into the dramatic history of one of Britain's major waterways. We travel through locks, under bridges, passing historical buildings, industrial landscape and beautiful countryside, with a sense of how this spectacular canal's construction shaped England's northwest. Refreshments are available on board through the journey which takes 5 – 6 hours.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast we leave our hotel and begin our journey south. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Manchester Ship Canal Cruise
- Steam Train journey on East Lancashire Railway
- Guided tour of Port Sunlight
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Saturday 11th – Sunday 12th September



### LONGLEAT "SKY SAFARI" HOT AIR BALLOON FESTIVAL

Longleat is, once again, hosting the largest hot air balloon festival in Europe with dozens of wonderfully coloured balloons making a series of spectacular mass launches and a magical night glow finale.

**YOUR HOTEL** Devon Towers Hotel, Bournemouth

A 3\* hotel ideally located on the West Cliff, a short walk from the seafront, shops and Bournemouth pier. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious traditional home cooked menu and the spacious lounge bar offers a quiet area to relax.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£115**  
2 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area and make our way, with a comfort stop on route, to Longleat Safari Park. Upon arrival you have the option to join us on a coach tour of the safari park, where giraffes, elephants, tigers, lions, cheetahs and rhinos roam freely. You then have the remainder of the day to enjoy Longleat's many attractions including the Elizabethan stately house, formal gardens, penguin island, jungle kingdom with its cheeky meerkats, monkey temple, family farmyard and many more. There is a tethered launch of the hot air balloons this afternoon, with a mass launch early evening. This is followed by a spectacular night glow at 8.00pm. With numerous cafes and food outlets to enjoy lunch and an evening meal, we leave Longleat after the night glow, and make our way to our overnight hotel in Bournemouth.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, you will have plenty of time to spend in Bournemouth, You may like to take a stroll along the seafront and the pier or visit Ocean Aquarium. There are also lovely gardens to stroll through and a large shopping area to browse and have lunch. We leave mid-afternoon and complete our journey back home, arriving early evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Bed & Breakfast
- Entry to Longleat Safari Park & "Sky Safari" Hot Air Balloon Festival
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £15.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

Tuesday 7th – Tuesday 14th September



## AUSTRIA TYROL, ALPINE MOUNTAINS & FESTIVAL OF COWS

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£625**  
**8 DAYS**

The Austrian Tyrol is a picture book region of outstanding beauty, characterised by mighty peaks, crystal clear lakes and picturesque towns and there are few sights to rival the invigorating beauty of the snow-capped Alps... with such a wealth of spectacular scenery. Each year, villages throughout the Tyrol, traditionally bring the cows back down from the mountain meadows in a colourful procession with flower garlands, music and entertainment to say farewell to summer!

### YOUR HOTEL Sporthotel, St Anton am Arlberg

A locally rated 4\* hotel located in the heart of St Anton am Arlberg. Each of the comfortably furnished en-suite bedrooms is well equipped with TV, telephone, radio, safe and hairdryer. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and continental breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and sauna.



and the famous Golden Roof with its gold-encrusted balcony. Wander along the River Inn or take a funicular train and cable car up to the summit of Nordketten Mountain with spectacular views of the city below. There are plenty of restaurants to enjoy a leisurely lunch and gift shops in the Old Town to browse.

**SATURDAY** Today we experience the highlight of our tour for the annual alpine cattle drive in St Anton. As summer in the mountain gently comes to an end, villagers welcome the cows back down from the meadows, adorned with floral garlands and decorated bells, symbolising the safe return of the animals, as these gentle creatures are slowly paraded through the heart of the town, back to their winter shelters. The day is rounded off with music, entertainment, food and drink with traditional costumed folk all celebrating with the local farming community. (Please note St Anton cows festival date tbc).

**SUNDAY** Join us today for an unforgettable journey as we traverse the Silvretta Mountain Pass, one of Austria's most beautiful and panoramic roads in the Alps. With over 30 hairpin bends, enjoy the spectacular backdrop of mountains and lakes, as we wind our way to the summit of Piz Buin with time to enjoy lunch in the restaurant and admire the breath-taking views. We make our way down the other side towards the Inn Valley and return to our hotel for our final evening at leisure.

**MONDAY** Sadly, it's time to say a fond farewell to our hotel as we begin our journey back, travelling back into France to our overnight accommodation in Laon, arriving in time for dinner.

**TUESDAY** We resume our homeward journey to Calais, for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We continue to the West Country, with comfort stops on route, arriving mid/late-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 nights' Dinner Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Welcome drink in Austria
- Musical entertainment on 1 evening
- Afternoon Tea with Apple Strudel
- St Anton Guest Card (for cable car access)
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £95.00  
Travel insurance £45.00



Saturday 11th – Saturday 18th September



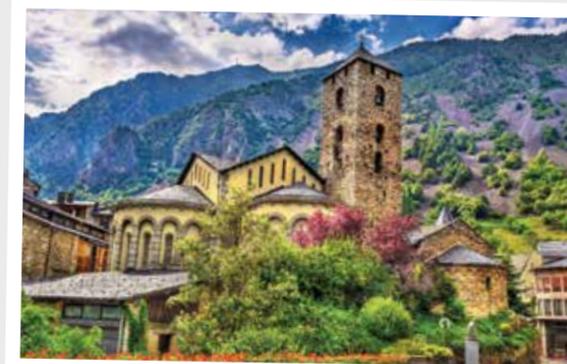
## ANDORRA...A PYRENEES MOUNTAIN PARADISE

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£645**  
**8 DAYS**

Tucked away in the eastern Pyrenees is the tiny Catalan principality of Andorra, a paradise of ragged mountain peaks, narrow valleys and breathtaking natural scenery. In addition to the stunning landscape, Andorra contains many historic towns and pretty villages, as well as one of Europe's oldest parliaments.

### YOUR HOTEL Nordic Hotel, El Tarter

A modern 4\* hotel located in the picturesque town of El Tarter. Each en-suite room is well equipped with TV, hairdryer and air-conditioning. The spacious restaurant serves a delicious home-cooked menu and the bar offers a peaceful area to relax. Leisure facilities include an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, spa and sauna.



### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** After an early departure, we make our way, with a comfort stop on route to Dover, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue our journey, making a stop for dinner on route, to our overnight accommodation south of Paris.

**SUNDAY** This morning we continue our journey down through central France, with comfort stops on route. We cross the Andorra border and make our way up through the mountain roads to our hotel, and base for the next five nights, in the charming town of El Tarter, with time to settle in before dinner this evening.

**MONDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we travel over the French border to visit the lovely town of Foix, with its magnificent castle, founded by Charlemagne and key in French history and their crusades. The heart of the old town has retained its medieval character with narrow streets and half-timber framed houses. After a relaxing lunch, we make our way back into Andorra making a visit to Meritxell, to discover the Sanctuary, home to the patron saint of Andorra "Our Lady of Meritxell", and where seven wooden figures represent the seven parishes of Andorra.

**TUESDAY** Today we are joined by a local guide, as we make our way over the border, into Spain, and across the Catalan countryside to the village of Ribes de Freser. Our guide will provide us with an informative tour on route. We board the historic rack railway and take in the



stunning views in the Vall de Nuria, and out across the Pyrenees, as we wind our way up the mountain to a height of 2,000 metres! At the summit, there are many walking trails to explore the area, or visit the Basilica Sanctuary, exhibition and enjoy lunch in the café.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we are joined by an experienced guide for a coach tour of Andorra's four scenic valleys. Travelling through some outstanding natural mountain scenery, we visit Ordino, La Massana, Pal and Escalades, before stopping for lunch in Andorra's capital, Andorra La Vella, with its wealth of shops and designer boutiques. Whilst here you can explore the Barri Antic (old town) – the original heart of the town, when it was little more than a village.

**THURSDAY** Join us this morning, if you wish, for an excursion over the Spanish border to Le Seu d'Urgell, a lively town once governed by Andorra. Historically one of the most important cities in medieval Catalonia, here you will find the cathedral Santa Maria. After lunch we make our way back to El Tarter with this afternoon free to explore the pretty town and maybe make use of the hotel's leisure facilities.

**FRIDAY** Sadly, after a hearty breakfast we today bid a fond farewell to the Pyrenees, making our way back into France, with stops on route, before we arrive at our overnight accommodation in time for evening meal.

**SATURDAY** After breakfast, we continue our journey to Calais, for the ferry crossing to Dover, arriving back in the West Country mid-late evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 1 nights' bed & breakfast at first overnight accommodation
- Welcome drink in Andorra
- House wine & water with dinner in Andorra
- Live musical entertainment most evenings
- Ticket for the mountain rack railway
- Guided coach tour of Andorra
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £226.00  
Travel insurance £45.00

Saturday 11th – Sunday 19th September



## SPECTACULAR SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS

The Scottish Highlands and Islands offer perhaps some of the most stunning scenery in the British Isles with towering mountains, dramatic valleys, rugged coastlines, superb wildlife and a rich history. Join us as we discover the Outer Hebridean islands of Lewis and Harris and the West Highland mainland for a memorable holiday in this beautiful region of Scotland.

### YOUR HOTEL Caladh Inn, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis

A charming 3\* hotel located a short walk from Stornoway's town centre. Each en-suite bedroom has TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty Scottish breakfast.

### YOUR HOTEL Gairloch Hotel, Gairloch

A delightful 3\* hotel overlooking the secluded Gairloch Bay and stunning views across to Skye. All en-suite bedrooms have TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to most floors. The restaurant serves a delicious choice menu and generous breakfast. Entertainment is provided on some evenings (subject to availability).

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£875**  
**9 DAYS**



isle. Our tour will include visits to the ancient Callandish Standing Stones – Scotland's own Stonehenge and the Gairrannan Blackhouse Village – an abandoned traditional crofter village complete with restored stone and thatched houses which represent the many Outer Hebrides communities of the previous centuries.

**WEDNESDAY** The morning is free for you to explore Stornoway, the largest settlement on Lewis and former staging post, with its traditional fishing harbour, local shops and Lews Castle and Museum of Island Life. After lunch we take the ferry crossing from Stornoway to Ullapool. We continue our journey around the west Highlands coast to our hotel in Gairloch, and base for the next three nights. After dinner you may wish to take a stroll along the bay and admire the views across to the Skye peninsula.

**THURSDAY** Join us today for a scenic, circular tour as we follow parts of the famous North Coast 500 route, travelling along the shores of Loch Maree, stopping for coffee and photo opportunities, past Garve and up to the shores of Little Loch Broom around the coast of the West Highlands, to Inverewe for lunch. Whilst here you may like to visit the beautiful coastal botanical gardens.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Ullapool with plenty of time to spend exploring this charming fishing town, nestled on the shores of Lochbroom. You may like to take a coastal walk or browse the local shops, explore the local museum or enjoy a relaxing lunch watching the world go by. We return to Gairloch for our final evening at leisure in the Highlands.

**SATURDAY** Sadly, we leave our hosts after breakfast and begin our journey home, through the spectacular Cairngorms and south past Perth and Stirling, with comfort and lunch stops, to our overnight hotel near Lancaster, with time to freshen up before dinner.

**SUNDAY** This morning we complete our homeward journey south, again with regular comfort stops on route, and arriving back in the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 8 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guided Tour of the Isle of Lewis
- Entrance to Callandish Standing Stones
- Entrance to Gairrannan Blackhouse Village
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £223.00  
Entrance to Inverewe Garden (Nat Trust Scotland)  
Travel insurance £30.00

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave the West Country and journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route to our overnight hotel near Lancaster, with time to settle in before evening dinner.

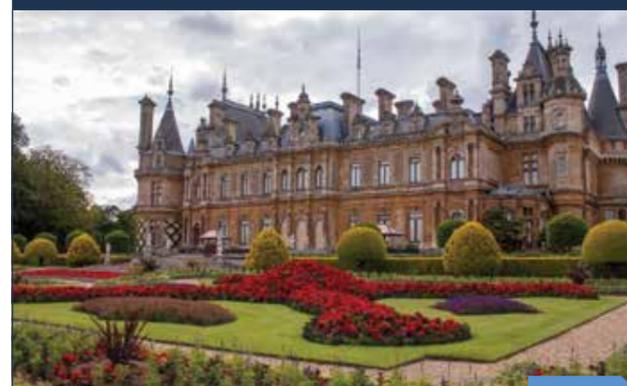
**SUNDAY** We continue our journey, crossing the border into Scotland. With stops for coffee and lunch, we travel through the stunning Loch Lomond & Trossach National Park and the spectacular Glencoe before arriving at our second overnight hotel in Fort William for dinner and an evening at leisure.

**MONDAY** After breakfast we make our way across the bridge to the Isle of Skye and on to Uig to board our ferry for the afternoon crossing to Tabert, on the Isle of Harris, and if time permits you will have the opportunity to explore the harbour town and maybe visit the famous Harris Tweed gift shop. We continue our scenic journey as we travel from the southern island of Harris, up to the Isle of Lewis, following spectacular landscapes of lochs and rugged peaks along the way. We arrive at our hotel in Stornoway with time to freshen up, enjoy dinner and our first evening of leisure on the Outer Hebrides.

**TUESDAY** Today we are joined by a knowledge guide who will escort us around the Isle of Lewis to experience the spectacular scenery as we learn about the rich history, Norse invasions and Gaelic traditions of this charming



Monday 13th – Friday 17th September



## NATIONAL TRUST TREASURES... BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

The National Trust owns many heritage properties, including historic houses and gardens and we are delighted to be able to offer a tour to five of its loveliest properties.

### YOUR HOTEL Shillingford Bridge Hotel, Wallingford

A delightful 3\* hotel on the banks of the River Thames. All rooms are ensuite with TV, and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant offers food.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**5 DAYS**  
**NT MEMBERS**

**£335**

**NON NT MEMBERS**

**£395**

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country, and travel to the charming town of Marlborough, once a wealthy market town with Britain's second widest street. After lunch we continue our journey to our hotel with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** This morning we travel to Henley-On-Thames for coffee, before continuing to Nuffield Place, home to the late Lord William Morris, (founder of the Morris Motor Company). Said to be the richest man in the world in his day, the house is a fine example of 1930's good taste, left intact by him and his wife. It has made many appearances in period dramas such as Downton Abbey. Wander through family rooms, explore the pretty garden and enjoy coffee in the cafe. This afternoon we continue to Hughenden Manor, home to Victorian Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli for over 30 years. Its secret wartime past has been recreated in the cellars with air raid shelter, 1940's living room and ice house bunker, because it became a target for Hitler's plans. View Disraeli's personal memorabilia, and enjoy lunch in the cafe.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we visit the historic city of Oxford, with its beautiful architecture, vibrant shopping areas and University colleges. After lunch we visit Waddesdon Manor, the grand 19th century mansion of the Rothschild family, built to house Baron Rothschild's extensive art and treasure collection. The Loire-style chateau was designed by one of the world's wealthiest men. Explore the exquisite interiors, wine cellars, Victorian gardens and exotic aviaries.

**THURSDAY** Join us this morning and we travel to Royal Windsor with time to visit the castle or take a relaxing boat trip along the river Thames. After lunch we travel to Osterley Park & House, one of London's last surviving 18th century country estates, with its Georgian Mansion House and gardens, with hundreds of acres of parkland, the house is presented as it would have looked in the 1780's. Once described as the "palace of palaces" it was used in the TV production of "Young Victoria" as Buckingham Palace interiors due to its palatial grandeur.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and travel to the market town of Cirencester, "capital of the Cotswolds", and historically one of the most important Roman towns in Britain. With time to browse the shops and have lunch we complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Nuffield Place
- Entrance to Hughenden Manor
- Entrance to Waddesdon Manor
- Entrance to Osterley Park & House
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)  
Subsequent singles £40.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 13th – Friday 17th September



## THE VERY BEST OF THE YORKSHIRE DALES

The Yorkshire Dales boasts some of the most spectacular scenery in Britain and if you watched the series on ITV 1 hopefully you will agree!

### YOUR HOTEL The Rendezvous Hotel, Skipton

An award winning 3\* family run hotel on the outskirts of Skipton. All rooms are en-suite, with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee-making facilities. The canal-facing restaurant offers traditional meals, there is a lift to all floors and the leisure facilities include an indoor pool, whirlpool spa, sauna and gym.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£375**  
**5 DAYS**

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and make our way north, with stops for coffee and a lunch stop on route. We complete our journey to our hotel with time to settle in before evening dinner

**TUESDAY** Join us as we begin our tour through the stunning scenery of the Dales to the thriving market town of Hawes. Today is market day, and as well as the traditional stalls, there is also a livestock market (sorry... no livestock to be brought back on the coach!). You can also visit the Dales Countryside Museum, Rope Makers or the Wensleydale Cheese Factory. This afternoon we make our way to the compact city of Ripon with its 13th century cathedral and fascinating museums. With time to explore we return to Skipton via the Yorkshire Dales National Park with its scenic countryside views and drystone walls.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we travel south to Keighley, where we board the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, made famous as the line in the classic film 'The Railway Children,' for a scenic steam train journey through the Dales countryside. We continue by coach to Haworth, famous for its connection with the Bronte sisters who wrote most of their famous works while living at the Haworth Parsonage while their father was incumbent parson at the adjacent Haworth church and you may like to visit the museum. This afternoon we return to Skipton with time free to visit the castle, take a canal boat trip or browse the unusual local shops.

**THURSDAY** This morning, as we visit RHS Garden Harlow Carr with its variety of natural landscapes, arboretum, alpine glasshouse and stunning formal planted gardens. There is also a well-stocked gift shop and café serving light lunches. After lunch we visit the nearby town of Harrogate, a delightful Victorian spa town with wonderful architecture and public gardens. Whilst here you may like to enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea at the famous Betty's Tea Rooms! ... highly recommended!

**FRIDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey south, once again stopping for coffee and lunch en route and arriving back in the West Country arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Steam train ride on Keighley & Worth Valley Railway
- Entrance to RHS Garden Harlow Carr
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

**Monday 13th – Friday 17th September**



**THE COTSWOLDS & OXFORD**

The Cotswolds is an area renowned for its exceptional natural beauty, honey-coloured architecture and secluded valley... a picture-perfect retreat from a hectic lifestyle. Oxford is one of England's most iconic of cities with its beautiful buildings and rich history.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Mercure Gloucester Bowden Hall Hotel, Gloucester**

A delightful 4\* Georgian country hotel set in 12 acres of parkland. All rooms are en-suite with TV, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift access. The restaurant serves a delicious freshly prepared evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£345**  
**5 DAYS**

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** We leave our home area, and make our way to Malmesbury for lunch and time to explore this charming market town with its 12th century Norman Abbey, Abbey House Gardens and independent shops. We continue to our hotel with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** This morning we travel to the centre of the Cotswolds to Moreton-in-Marsh where each Tuesday a Charter market is held and with over 300 stalls it is one of the largest open-air markets in the country. After lunch we continue to Bourton On The Water for afternoon tea. Often referred to as the "Venice of the Cotswolds" the River Windrush and several attractive bridges run through the centre of this delightful village, with gift shops, cafes and visitor attractions.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Cheltenham Racecourse to board the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway for a scenic steam train ride to Broadway with time here to explore this charming Cotswolds town, enjoy lunch and browse the gift shops. Our last stop today is the delightful village of Stow on the Wold with its many tea rooms.

**THURSDAY** A full day excursion to the iconic city of Oxford, famous for its 38 University colleges and architecture which lead to its affectionate nickname of the "City of Dreaming Spires". The city has a thriving shopping district, a multitude of museums including the famous Bodleian Library and Ashmolean Museum, and Carfax Tower offering spectacular views across the city, and the much photographed Bridge of Sighs (Hertford Bridge). The best way to see a city is by a sightseeing bus tour, or why not go off the beaten track and follow its alleyways to hidden places in the city.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and make our way to Cirencester for a stop for coffee, before continuing to the quaint and compact city of Wells for lunch and time to discover the glorious cathedral and Bishops Palace. We later make our way back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £140.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

**Wednesday 15th – Sunday 19th Sept**



**EASTBOURNE & THE SUSSEX DOWNS**

One of Britain's most elegant resorts, Eastbourne is sheltered by the South Downs and has a reputation for quality. The flower-decked promenades stretch for three miles – ideal for a pleasant stroll.

**YOUR HOTEL** **The Queens Hotel, Eastbourne**

A magnificent Victorian 3\* hotel overlooking the pier. All en-suite bedrooms have TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors, a the restaurant offers a choice menu and entertainment most evenings.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£335**  
**5 DAYS**

**ITINERARY**

**WEDNESDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way east, stopping for coffee and lunch on route to our hotel arriving with time to settle in before dinner and maybe a stroll along the seafront.

**THURSDAY** This morning we travel to Bodiam Castle (Nat Trust), with time to explore this 14th-century moated stronghold which offers a glimpse of medieval splendour. After lunch, we head to the station in the castle's shadow and board a steam train on the Kent & East Sussex Railway for a 10½-mile journey through the unspoilt scenery of the Rother Valley to the picturesque Cinque Port of Tenterden, the 'Jewel of the Weald'. Its high street is one of Britain's most attractive, lined with trees, historic houses, shops and tea rooms.

**FRIDAY** Today we day take a scenic drive via Beachy Head to Brighton. The spectacular Royal Pavilion is well worth a visit; it houses some impressive works of art and wonderful history about King George IV. The historic Lanes is a maze of narrow alleyways lined with antique shops and elegant arcades of boutiques. Other attractions include the Volk's Electric Railway, the 'world's oldest operating electric railway' which travels along the seafront, and The Sea Life Centre. The more adventurous might like a ride on the British Airways i360, which gently glides up a 450ft tower in the stunning glass pod with views. There are numerous places to enjoy coffee and a leisurely lunch

**SATURDAY** The morning is free for you to spend as you please in Eastbourne. You may like to take a walk along the seafront and admire the famous flower decked promenades and the pier or browse the shopping centre and enjoy a leisurely lunch. Join us this afternoon as we drive to the charming market town of Alfriston on the River Cuckmere – a timeless place, full of tearooms and enchanting old houses – and once the haunt of smugglers!

**SUNDAY** This morning we leave Eastbourne and begin our journey home, stopping for coffee and lunch stops on route. We complete our journey back to the West country, arriving early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Bodiam Castle (Nat Trust)
- Kent & East Sussex Railway ticket
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £42.00  
Sea View Room Supplement (per person) £32.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

**Saturday 18th – Sunday 19th September**



**LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON & WINDSOR**

A weekend away with a choice... On Saturday to see a top London West End Show OR explore the Capital and on Sunday enjoy Royal Windsor. Take your pick from one of these 12 top West End shows ... Matilda, Only Fools & Horses the Musical, Phantom Of The Opera, Les Miserables. Mamma Mia, Tina Turner the Musical, Lion King, & Juliet, Come From Away, Everybody's Talking About Jamie, Pretty Woman or Mary Poppins. (All show dates correct at time of printing, but subject to change).

**YOUR HOTEL** **Crowne Plaza Hotel, London Heathrow**

A luxuriously appointed 4\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with satellite TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a generous buffet breakfast and evening dinner, and leisure facilities include a swimming pool, sauna and gym.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**THEATRE WEEKEND**  
**£225**  
**LONDON/WINDSOR**  
**£109**  
**2 DAYS**

**ITINERARY**

**SATURDAY** Saturday – We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee en route. You will either have time for lunch before enjoying the afternoon performance of the show of your choice OR spend the afternoon as you please... Shopping, visiting one of the museums or explore the many attractions London offers. Late afternoon, we all re-join the coach and travel to our hotel, with ample time to freshen up and perhaps take a swim in the hotel's pool before dinner and an evening to spend as you please.

**Sunday** – We leave our hotel after a leisurely breakfast and make our way to Royal Windsor where you will have plenty of time to explore this regal town with its castle and unique shops. Whilst here you may like to take an open-top sightseeing bus tour of Windsor and nearby Eton or a leisurely cruise on the River Thames with commentary. We leave late afternoon, and make our way back to the West Country, with a comfort stop on route, arriving mid-evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet English Breakfast
- Top priced theatre ticket (if applicable)
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £32.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

**Sunday 19th – Thursday 23rd September**



**KENT...THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND**

Affectionately known as the "Garden of England", Kent is one of Britain's well-loved counties, with fine landscaped gardens, castles and grand country mansions.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Mercure Great Danes Hotel, Maidstone**

A modern 4\* hotel on the outskirts of Maidstone. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious menu and leisure facilities an include indoor heated pool.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£395**  
**5 DAYS**

**ITINERARY**

**SUNDAY** We make our way east, with stops for coffee and lunch en route, to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

**MONDAY** After breakfast we visit the attractive spa town of Royal Tunbridge Wells, famous for its "Pantiles" – rows of shops behind raised arcades. After lunch we continue to Penshurst Place & Gardens, a 14th century medieval Baronial Hall and country retreat for the historic Mayor of London and former hunting lodge of Henry VIII. Spend time exploring the interior and wander through the immaculate grounds with formal gardens, arboretum & trout lakes covering over 50 acres of beautiful garden areas. There is also gift shop and tea rooms.

**TUESDAY** This morning we travel to the medieval city of Canterbury, with time to visit the cathedral, the famous Canterbury Tales visitor attraction which brings to life the famous characters from Chaucer's collection of stories of pilgrims, and the modern shopping district with all the usual high street brands After lunch we travel towards the Kent coast and board the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway for a heritage train journey from the shingle beach at Dungeness, through the marshland at Romney and on to Hythe.

**WEDNESDAY** We travel to the historic city of Rochester, with its association with Charles Dickens. The Norman castle and cathedral are well worth a visit, and there is an array of independent shops and charming cafes to enjoy coffee. We continue to the majestic Leeds Castle, steeped in over 900 years of rich history with 500 acres of beautiful parkland and formal gardens. The castle itself started life as a Norman stronghold, and has since been the private property of 6 medieval queens, and a palace for King Henry VIII. Its stately rooms are decorated with opulence and elegance. There are also daily falconry displays to enjoy in the grounds and the cafe serves delicious food.

**THURSDAY** We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. With stops for coffee and lunch stops en route, we reach the West Country early/mid-evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Penshurst Place & Gardens
- Ticket for Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway
- Entrance to Leeds Castle & Gardens
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Sunday 19th – Thursday 23rd September



### HIGHLIGHTS OF NORTHUMBERLAND

Northumbria is a tapestry of castles, cathedrals, clustered villages and moorland ruins. The cities to the south and the rugged eastern coastline combine dramatic history with abundant natural beauty.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Marriott Hotel, Newcastle-Gateshead**

A luxuriously-appointed, 4\* hotel, all rooms are en suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors, the restaurant offers a tempting menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£365**  
5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country and we make our way north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, arriving at our hotel with time to settle in before dinner.

**MONDAY** Join us as we travel towards the coast to Bamburgh Castle which has stood guard over the coastline for more than 1400 years and is one of the UK's largest inhabited castles. Discover its fascinating history and legacy of the castle's inhabitants, with collections of suits of armour, and exquisite furniture and artworks. We return to our hotel, stopping for tea in the delightful bustling fishing village of Seahouses, on Northumbria's rugged coastline.

**TUESDAY** Today you have a choice: to visit the historic city of Durham with its fine Norman Cathedral, variety of shops and restaurants, Victorian Market in the cobbled market place, and street entertainment and many paths leading down to the riverbank, where you can join the Prince Bishop river cruiser for a gentle trip along the river with stunning views. OR you may prefer to spend the day at Beamish, A full day to Beamish, an open-air museum which effectively recreates an authentic picture of family, community and working life in the northeast prior to World War I. It has a typical High Street, as well as a colliery and farm, and there are guides in period costume and a restored tramline serving all areas of the attraction and several cafés across the site.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we journey to Holy Island (or Lindisfarne), where twice daily a narrow neck of land sinks beneath the North Sea, separating the island from the mainland. Made famous by St Aidan, St Cuthbert and the Lindisfarne Gospels, marvel at the 11th-century priory's magnificent arches – the only remains of the Celtic monks' monastery, visit Lindisfarne Castle, browse the gift shops and enjoy a leisurely lunch.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast we begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early/mid-evening.

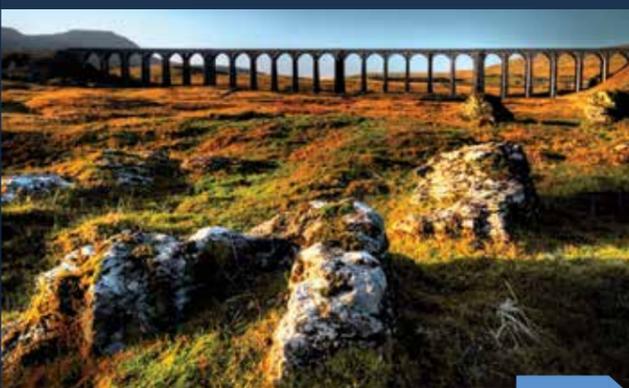
#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Bamburgh Castle
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Entrance to Beamish Open-Air Museum  
Single supplement £100.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 20th – Friday 24th September



### A CUMBRIAN JOURNEY & CARLISLE TO SETTLE RAILWAY

Known as the Gateway to the Scottish Borders, Carlisle boasts a rich Roman history – as evident in its medieval castle and cathedral and the railway boasts one of the most scenic journeys in Northern England.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Crown & Mitre Hotel, Carlisle**

Situated close to the historic cathedral in the heart of the city, this 3\* hotel offers the perfect mix of Edwardian grandeur (complete with beautiful original features, and elegant sweeping staircase) and contemporary comfort. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves an excellent menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£365**  
5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and make our way north, with comfort stops en route, to our hotel, arriving with time to freshen up before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we travel south along the edge of the Lake District to the picturesque town of Kirby Lonsdale, with time to browse the gift shops and enjoy an early lunch. We then make the short journey to Settle, where we board a train on England's most scenic railway. The 72 mile route takes you on a journey through the magnificent Yorkshire Dales and over the 24 arches of the Ribbleshead Viaduct, before plunging into the longest tunnel on the line at Blea Moor. Emerging on the side of Dentdale, the line leaves the Dales at Garsdale and makes its way through the lush, gentle hills of the Eden Valley, before arriving in Carlisle with time to relax before evening dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we follow one of the best-known landmarks of the north: Hadrian's Wall. We make a visit to the Roman Army Museum, just inside the Kielder Forest, as we step back in time to 2000 years ago, and experience life as a Roman soldier and life on the front line of Emperor Hadrian's British frontier. We watch a spectacular 3D film, and the museum houses interesting artefacts excavated along the wall. We continue to the market town of Hexham, with its ancient Shambles, 15th century town hall and ancient Abbey. After lunch, we return to Carlisle with the rest of the afternoon free to explore this lovely city with its cathedral and shops.

**THURSDAY** Join us today for a wonderfully scenic, circular tour around the northern reaches of the Lake District. We travel through the picturesque towns of Keswick and Windermere, up the breathtaking Kirkstone Pass (weather permitting!) and on to Ullswater, with stops for coffee, lunch and photographs along the way. We later complete our tour back to our hotel via Penrith.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. With regular comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early/mid-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Settle to Carlisle Railway ticket
- Entrance to the Roman Army Museum
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £48.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 20th – Friday 24th September



### DORSET & THE NEW FOREST

We are delighted to bring you a new tour which explores the hidden secrets of Dorset and unlocks its old-worldly charm. We have included a visit to a stately home, a guided tour and a scenic journey on the much-loved Swanage Railway. So join us as we discover the delights of Dorset.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Suncliff Hotel & Spa, Bournemouth**

A 3\* hotel, recently refurbished with stunning views across the bay. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant serves a delicious menu and a hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include a wellness suite and spa. Entertainment is provided on some evenings.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£335**  
5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and journey east, stopping in Dorchester for lunch and a chance to browse the shops. We then continue to our hotel in Bournemouth, with time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel across the New Forest, where ponies and cattle freely graze the land and wild deer can often be seen, to Lyndhurst, named the "Capital of the New Forest" by William the Conqueror in 1079. A picturesque, bustling, small town, time to enjoy its quaint gift shops, tearooms and thatched cottages. After an early lunch we continue to Exbury Gardens, a 200 acre woodland garden with miniature steam railway. Stroll through the variety of garden areas with herbaceous borders, ponds and woodland walks and enjoy afternoon tea.

**WEDNESDAY** The morning is free to explore Bournemouth. Maybe take a stroll along the seafront and the pier, or visit the Ocean Aquarium. The gardens are a delight to walk through to the shopping district beyond. This afternoon we take an excursion to Wimborne, an old Saxon settlement with its famous Minster. And impeccable church with Chained Library – one of the first public libraries in the UK dating from 1686. Stroll through the model village or browse the local shops located on pedestrianised walkways and hidden courtyards.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast we make our way to Poole, a bustling tourist resort and Europe's largest natural harbour, with its vibrant quayside and historical old town. After an early lunch, we travel to Norden Station to board the steam railway through beautiful Dorset scenery to Swanage, a much loved good old-fashion seaside resort with its grand pier, shops and restaurants and views to the Isle Of Wight.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel, and journey back towards the West Country, stopping in Salisbury for lunch and time to visit the cathedral. We complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Exbury Gardens
- Steam Train ride on the Swanage Heritage Railway
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)  
Subsequent singles £70.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Tuesday 21st – Sunday 26th September



### THE ISLE OF MAN

The Isle of Man lies in the Irish Sea between the UK & Ireland and is steeped in history. A unique self-governing kingdom, you're assured of a warm welcome and unforgettable scenery.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Empress Hotel, Douglas**

A majestic 3\* hotel in prime position on the Victorian promenade overlooking Douglas Bay, just a short walk from the town centre. Built at the end of the last century, the hotel has been extensively upgraded and proudly maintains its status as one of the best hotels on the island. All rooms are ensuite, with telephone and hairdryer. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant offers a superb selection of English and French cuisine, and leisure facilities include a fitness suite & sauna.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£555**  
6 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**TUESDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and reaching our overnight hotel in northern England in time for dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** We travel to Morecombe with time to browse the shops and enjoy an early lunch, before we continue to Heysham for the afternoon ferry crossing to Douglas. We then complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**THURSDAY** An excursion to the southern part of the island, stopping in at St John's for coffee and on to Peel with its lovely cathedral, for lunch and time to explore. As the island's main fishing port, and you may even see a seal or two. We continue to the island's southernmost point, with panoramic views across to the Calf of Man, before stopping in Castletown for tea with its narrow streets and tiny fishing cottages that betray its ancient past. The medieval Castle Rushen, once the home of kings and later government, still dominates the town's centre.

**FRIDAY** This morning we visit the Laxey Wheel, supposedly the largest working waterwheel of its kind in the world. It was built in 1854 to pump water from the mineshafts, and named Lady Isabella after the wife of Lieutenant Governor Hope. (Please note there is steep walk to the wheel). After lunch, we travel to the only Electric Mountain Railway in the British Isles, for a return journey to Snaefell. You will be transported through the beautiful Manx countryside, with a view of the Bungalow – a famous TT landmark. At the summit, 2,036 feet above sea level (and on a clear day), you may be able to see England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland all at once!

**SATURDAY** The morning is free to spend as you please exploring Douglas, the island's capital since 1863. Its seafront is lined with picturesque architecture, and the high street is filled with familiar names as well as many independent stores. After lunch, join us for an afternoon excursion to Ramsey, the second-largest town on the island with a pretty harbour. We return via part of the TT circuit, which boasts some of the loveliest views.

**SUNDAY** After breakfast, we make our way to the ferry for the return crossing to Heysham. We complete our homeward journey, with comfort stops en route, to the West Country early/mid-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to the Laxey Wheel
- Snaefell Electric Mountain Railway ticket
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £72.00  
Travel insurance £40.00

Sunday 26th – Tuesday 28th September



## THE FAMOUS & THE FALLEN

We are delighted to offer a brand new tour to discover the fascinating history of the RAF at the Hendon museum, learn about the bravery of the pilots and operation crew of the Battle of Britain at Bentley Priory Museum, together with an unusual, but illuminating guided tour of Highgate Cemetery with its catacombs, historic monuments and tombstones of the rich and famous!

### YOUR HOTEL **Mercure Hotel, London Watford**

A 4\* modern hotel with en-suite bedrooms, each furnished with TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a traditional menu & generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave our home area and make our way, with a comfort stop on route, to the University city of Oxford, with its Georgian architecture and historic colleges. You may like to enjoy a sightseeing bus tour around the city, have a relaxing lunch or browse the extensive shopping district. We later continue to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**MONDAY** This morning we make our way to Highgate Cemetery, one of England's finest treasures with some of the most exquisite funerary monuments & memorials in the country. We enjoy a fascinating guided tour of the West Wing as we wander along a steep wooded hill with ivy-clad monuments to visit the chapel, colonnade, Egyptian Avenue, Circle of Lebanon & the catacombs. With time free to explore the East Wing where famous characters such as Karl Marx & George Eliot are buried, we continue to Grims Dyke Hotel for lunch. This afternoon we have a guided tour of Bentley Priory Museum, the headquarters of Fighter Command in 1940, to uncover the stories of the Battle of Britain, perhaps Britain's darkest but finest hour.

**TUESDAY** We begin our homeward journey, stopping on route to visit the RAF Museum at Hendon, Britain's only national museum dedicated to telling the story of the RAF and its people. Discover 100 years of RAF history, its role today and future contribution and technological advancements, with Historic Hangars, Bomber Command Hall and Air Galleries and exhibitions galore. With time for lunch, we complete our journey home, arriving late afternoon-early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guided tour of Highgate Cemetery (West Wing)
- Lunch at Grims Dyke Hotel
- Entrance and guided tour at Bentley Priory Museum
- Entrance to Royal Air Force Museum London, Hendon (free entry)
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £45.00  
Travel insurance £19.00

Sunday 26th – Thursday 30th September



## LLANDUDNO & THE LITTLE TRAINS OF WALES

Llandudno – the premier resort of North Wales – is set along a wide, curving bay overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, with the magnificent mountains of Snowdonia as its backdrop.

### YOUR HOTEL **Tynedale Hotel, Llandudno**

We're delighted to return to this welcoming 4\* hotel, located along the central promenade with sea views. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The hotel's restaurant serves a fabulous full Welsh breakfast and choice evening menu, and there is live entertainment each evening.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave our home area and travel over the border into Wales, stopping for coffee and lunch en route. On arrival at our hotel, enjoy a cup of tea while your luggage is delivered to your room. There will then be time to settle in before dinner and our first evening of entertainment.

**MONDAY** This morning we travel to Blaenau Ffestiniog and board the world's oldest narrow-gauge railway for a 13½ mile journey to the harbour in Porthmadog. The train climbs over 700 feet from sea level into the mountains, past lakes and waterfalls and round tight bends, clinging to the side of the mountain or tunneling through it. We then make the short journey to Portmeirion, an Italianate village famous for its china. While here, marvel at the beautiful gardens, browse the many gift shops, and enjoy lunch.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast, we travel through stunning scenery around Snowdon and the Llanberis Pass, to board a train for a return journey on the Snowdon Mountain Cog Railway to the summit at 1,085 metres, with spectacular views... weather permitting! We continue to the picturesque village of Betws-y-Coed, North Wales' most popular resort with its railway museum, craft shops and tearooms

**WEDNESDAY** The morning is free for you to spend as you please and explore Llandudno, known as the 'Queen of Welsh Resorts'. You may like to take a ride on the Great Orme Tramway to the summit on one of only three cable-hauled street tramways in the world. There is also a fine pier, over 700 metres long, attractive gardens, shops and restaurants. This afternoon we visit Conwy, medieval walled town with an imposing castle and lively quay, on which you will find what is claimed to be the smallest house in Great Britain!

**THURSDAY** Sadly we today leave North Wales and make our way home, stopping for coffee and lunch en route. We complete our homeward journey back into England, arriving early/mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ffestiniog Railway ticket
- Entrance to Portmeirion Village & Gardens
- Snowdon Mountain Railway ticket
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement  
Travel insurance £24.00

Sunday 26th September – Tuesday 5th October



## NORTHERN SPAIN – THE BEST OF GALICIA

Experience the spectacular Galicia region of Northern Spain with this brand new tour. We visit the historic city of Santiago de Compostela where pilgrims have gathered since medieval times, discover historic city gems, Templar castles and fabulous vineyards.

### YOUR HOTEL **Tryp Hotel León, León**

A locally rated 4\* hotel just on the outskirts of the city. All bedrooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, minibar and safe. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared menu and leisure facilities include a sauna and gym.

### YOUR HOTEL **Hotel Bosque Mar, Reboredo**

A friendly family owned hotel with outstanding hospitality, located in the peaceful resort of Reboredo, O Grove. The bedrooms are all ensuite with TV & hairdryer. The restaurant serves a delicious menu and there is a bar area to relax in. Outside the beautiful private gardens surround the outdoor pool and sun loungers. There is an indoor pool too.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to Plymouth, where we board a luxurious ferry for a late afternoon departure and overnight sailing to Santander. The ferry boasts a fabulous swimming pool, leisure area and elegant bars & lounges, with a superb choice of dining, from award-winning cuisine to a wide selection of self-service menus. There is also live entertainment and dancing until late, two cinemas showing the latest films and great shopping in stylish malls. All cabins are en-suite and air-conditioned.

**MONDAY** We continue our cruise today and you can continue to make use of the ship's facilities and enjoy lunch. We arrive in Santander early afternoon, re-join the coach, and travel the short journey to our hotel in Leon, our base for the next two nights, with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** Today we are joined by a local tour guide to experience a morning guided tour of León, which celebrates the best of Spanish culture. Located on the pilgrimage route to Santiago, we will discover the attractive plazas and wide boulevards, medieval city walls, gothic architecture and Basilica of San Isidoro plus many more landmarks with informative commentary along the way. The remainder of the day is free to continuing exploring at leisure and enjoy lunch in a local café.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we leave León and make our way across Galicia towards our next hotel base, with a visit to the Castle of the Templars in Ponferrada on route. This medieval fortress was once guarded by Spanish Knights to protect the pilgrims as they walked the Camino de Santiago. Inside you will find the Templars library with over 1400 books and historic art work including that of Leonardo da Vinci. Make your way to the top of the castle for stunning views across the valley and beyond. We complete our journey to Reboredo, with time to settle in before a welcome dinner with our new hosts.



TOUR PRICE

£945

10 DAYS



**THURSDAY** Today we make our way to the historic Santiago de Compostela for a guided walking tour including entrance to the fabulous Cathedral. Destroyed by the Muslims in the 10th century, it was completely rebuilt in the next century and attracted Christian pilgrims from across the globe, symbolising the ancient struggle against Islam. We discover the fascinating history of the city and its inhabitants with our informative guide and the afternoon is free to continue exploring this sacred city at your leisure to uncover more of its hidden charms.

**FRIDAY** The whole day is free for you to explore and relax as you please. You may like to enjoy the peace and tranquility of the Hotel gardens, use the swimming pools or perhaps wander down to the beach, or visit the nearby aquarium.

**SATURDAY** Join us today as we visit the Palace of Rubianes, one of the region's most historical botanical gardens and vineyards. We continue to the Bodega Gil Armada, orchard, vineyard and distillery for a talk and wine tasting of the delicious wines that are produced here in this region. Time will be available to explore the delightful town of Cambados, to stroll beneath stone archways, across the plaza with its grand Galician architecture and granite houses.

**SUNDAY** After breakfast we sadly leave our hotel and make way to the historic port city of A Coruña for a guided tour. The headland is surrounded by beaches with the Hercules Tower rising above the busy town below. After lunch we continue our journey around the coast to Gijón and to our overnight hotel, arriving with time to relax before dinner.

**MONDAY** Sadly leave our hotel and make the short journey into Santander, with free time to explore the vibrant town, with its historic centre. With time to browse the shops, and have an early lunch, we board the ferry mid-afternoon, for our overnight sailing to Portsmouth.

**TUESDAY** This morning, enjoy a leisurely breakfast as we continue sailing, and make use of the ship's facilities. We arrive in Portsmouth mid afternoon, and after disembarking, re-join the coach and return to our home area.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- 2 nights' ferry accommodation in lower berth inside cabins
- Guided Tour of León
- Entrance to the Castle of the Templars
- Guided Walking Tour of Santiago de Compostela
- Entrance to the Cathedral de Santiago
- Guided Visit to Pazo de Rubianes – gardens & vineyard
- Entrance & Tasting at Bodega Gil Armada
- Guided Tour of Coruña
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Meals on board ferry  
Lower berth outside cabin £90.00 per person  
Single supplement £153.00 (subject to availability)  
Travel insurance £47.00

Monday 27th Sept – Friday 1st Oct



## WEST WALES & CARDIGAN BAY

Discover miles of unblemished coastline, beautiful beaches, charming villages and the splendid natural scenery of the Teifi Valley. Cardigan Bay is renowned for its clifftop walks and wildlife, and the warm waters of the Gulf Stream bring regular visits from dolphins, porpoises and seals.

### YOUR HOTEL Cliff Hotel, Cardigan

We are delighted to return to this lovely 3\* hotel with spectacular views of Cardigan Bay. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant offers a delicious choice of dishes, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna and gym. Entertainment is provided some evenings.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area, with a comfort stop en route, travel over the border into Wales and on to Carmarthen for lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast, we travel through the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park to St David's – Britain's smallest cathedral city. Named after the patron saint of Wales, it is built on the site of a 6th-century monastery and has been a place of pilgrimage and worship for hundreds of years. The cathedral is well worth a visit, and there are many lovely old and cafés in which to enjoy lunch. We continue to the charming walled town of Pembroke, the birthplace of Henry VII (founder of the Tudor dynasty) with its most complete Norman castle in the UK. The town centre has local shops and cafes to enjoy a leisurely afternoon tea.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning is free to spend in Cardigan maybe browse the shops, or have coffee while enjoying the wonderful views across the bay from our hotel. After an early lunch, we make the short journey to Aberaeron, a charming regency town and seaside resort in Ceredigion, full of charming multi-coloured houses, an attractive harbour and quaint gift shops.

**THURSDAY** Today we travel to the little town of Narberth – the arts and crafts capital of Pembrokeshire. The independent shops offer everything from fine art to gourmet food, and the site of Narberth Castle is supposedly mentioned in the Mabinogion (a collection of ancient myths and legends) as the location of Pwyll, Prince of Dyfed's palace. We return via the picturesque conservation village of Cenarth with its stunning falls, and where the salmon leap in the river Teifi.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and travel to the Welsh capital, Cardiff. While here, you may like to visit the castle and discover 2,000 years of history browse the shops and have lunch. We complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Live entertainment on 1 evening
- In-house entertainment on 2 evenings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £40.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£345

5 DAYS

Monday 27th September – Friday 1st Oct



## BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS & THE LAKE DISTRICT

Blackpool... It needs little introduction! The Illuminations, the famous Tower, the Pleasure Beach, sand, shops, shows, trams... fun, fun, fun!

### YOUR HOTEL Doric Hotel, Blackpool

This popular 3\* hotel is located on the seafront on Blackpool's North Shore. All en-suite bedrooms have TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee facilities, with a lift to all floors. Leisure facilities, including an indoor swimming pool, sauna and steam room. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast, and entertainment is provided each evening.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and journey north, with stops for coffee and lunch en route, arriving at our hotel with time to settle in before dinner, followed and evening entertainment. You may also like to take a stroll along the promenade and enjoy the atmosphere this seaside town enjoys in illuminations season,

**TUESDAY** This morning we travel to the traditional seaside resort of Southport, with its bustling town centre, tranquil parklands, promenade and elegant pier. There are many independent shops with wrought iron canopies and quaint colourful shops to browse in Lord Street After lunch we return to Blackpool with time to spend at leisure.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we travel to the beautiful Lake District, to experience its beautiful scenery including visits to delightful Windermere and Kendall. With stops for coffee and lunch along the way, we return to Blackpool late afternoon with more light entertainment this evening, after dinner.

**THURSDAY** The whole day is free to spend as you please enjoying all that Blackpool has to offer. You may like to visit the Tower Complex, which caters for all ages with its many attractions, including the world-famous ballroom where organists entertain throughout the day and you can dance along. There is also the Pleasure Beach with rides and shows for all ages, the Waxworks, the Zoo, three piers and the shops... to name just a few. After dinner, join us for a full coach tour of the famous Blackpool Illuminations, followed by our last evening of entertainment.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast we begin our journey home, with stops for coffee and lunch, arriving back in the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Evening coach tour of Blackpool Illuminations
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 4)  
Subsequent singles £40.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£295

5 DAYS

Friday 1st – Monday 4th October



## A WEEKEND IN CORNWALL

Join us for a relaxing weekend retreat in this picturesque corner of the South West peninsula. Visit some of Cornwall best loved harbour towns and authentic fishing villages, whilst enjoying the mild climate and delicious flavours that the Cornish Coast has to offer.

### YOUR HOTEL The Portbyhan Hotel, Looe

A 3\* fully refurbished hotel nestled in the heart of Looe with panoramic views across the harbour. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant offers a delicious evening menu and hearty Cornish breakfast, together with a bar and outside terrace.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave our home area and travel west to the ancient market town of Tavistock, with the parish church of St Eustachius standing proudly in its centre. This ancient stannary town has a whole host of independent shops and a large indoor pannier market filled with food stalls, gifts and crafts, books and many other items of interest. With time for lunch, we continue to our hotel in Looe, and base for the next three nights.

**SATURDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Mevagissey for lunch, with its distinctive twin harbour and busy fishing port with daily catches of skate, lobster and plaice. Clustered around the harbour walls are quaint streets with galleries, cafes and shops. A beautiful place to sit and relax and enjoy Cornish fish & chips! We later make the short journey to Charlestown, a historic Georgian port town with delightful fishermen's cottages. With time to enjoy a stroll around the harbour and afternoon tea, we make our way back to Looe.

**SUNDAY** The morning is free for you to explore the delightful harbour towns of East and West Looe which are joined by the famous seven arched bridge that spans the River Looe. With beautiful sandy beaches, unique boutiques and harbour boat trips, there is much to do and enjoy. This afternoon, if you wish, join us for an excursion to the nearby picturesque fishing port of Polperro with its "old world" charm, beautiful cottages, small art galleries and stories of smuggler & pirate tales.

**MONDAY** Sadly this morning, we leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey, stopping at the beautiful grounds of Buckfast Abbey for lunch, before arriving back in our home area.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment on some evenings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 1)  
Subsequent singles £60.00  
River view single £15.00  
River view double or twin £15.00 per person  
River view with balcony £45.00 per person  
Travel insurance £22.00

TOUR PRICE

£235

4 DAYS

Friday 1st – Monday 4th October



## BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS

Blackpool... It needs little introduction! The Illuminations, the famous Tower, the Pleasure Beach, sand, shops, shows, trams... fun, fun, fun!

### YOUR HOTEL Queens Hotel, Blackpool

A traditional 3\* hotel located on the Promenade by the South Pier. Each comfortable en-suite bedroom is equipped with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast, and the lounge bar provides entertainment each evening.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and journey north to Blackpool, with stops for coffee and lunch en route. We arrive at our hotel mid-afternoon, allowing you plenty of time to settle in and begin exploring before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**SATURDAY** Join us if you wish for a morning's excursion to Fleetwood Market. Offering a wide variety of gifts, goods and produce, you're bound to find something of interest. The remainder of the day is then free for you to spend as you please enjoying all that Blackpool has to offer. You may like to visit the Tower Complex, which caters for all ages with its many attractions, including the world-famous ballroom where organists entertain throughout the day and you can dance along. There is also the Pleasure Beach with rides and shows for all ages, the Waxworks, the Zoo, three piers and the shops... to name just a few.

**SUNDAY** Today is once again free for you to continue enjoying Blackpool's many attractions. After dinner this evening, join us if you wish for a full coach tour of the marvellous Illuminations.

**MONDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we begin our homeward journey. Once again stopping for coffee and lunch en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Full evening tour of the Illuminations
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £30.00  
Sea view room supplement (per person) £15.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

TOUR PRICE

£235

4 DAYS

Sunday 3rd – Sunday 10th October



## SPECTACULAR NORTHERN IRELAND – CASTLES, GARDENS & THE CAUSEWAY COAST

Northern Ireland's spectacular Causeway coast and the heritage of Belfast's shipping industry is legendary. Join us as we tour around this special corner of Ireland, including a royal castle, rugged coastlines, stunning gardens and the iconic Titanic Visitor Centre.

### YOUR HOTEL Stormont Hotel, Belfast

A stunning 4\* hotel located on the outskirts of the city, overlooking an immaculate wooded landscape. Each of the bright and comfortable en-suite bedrooms is equipped with TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way, into Wales and on to Pembroke, with, for the afternoon crossing to Rosslair. After docking in Ireland, we travel to our overnight hotel in Wexford for dinner.

**MONDAY** Today we travel up the East Coast passing Dublin and Dundalk, following the coastal route around the Cooley Peninsula to Carlingford, a pretty harbour town with cobbled streets, gift shops and cafes. After lunch and time to explore, we continue to our hotel on the edge of Belfast, with time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**TUESDAY** Join us today as we enjoy a guided tour by coach to discover the four quarters of Belfast city and pass many of the sights including the Botanical Gardens, Queen's University, Albert's leaning clock and the Waterfront. At the mouth of River Lagan, the handsome city reflects the wealth it enjoyed during the Industrial Revolution. With time to enjoy lunch, we continue the Titanic Belfast Visitor Centre – opened in April 2012 it is located on the slipways where RMS Titanic was built by thousands of the city's shipworkers. Inside this iconic building, visitors re-live the entire Titanic story from her birth, the fateful maiden voyage and her discovery on the seabed.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we make the short journey further inland to Hillsborough Castle, the Queen's personal and ceremonial home in Northern Ireland. After a guided tour through the stunning Georgian mansion, including the majestic throne room, tea & scones will be served. Explore the local village of Hillsborough at leisure, with its Georgian architecture and visitor centre with an original courtroom exhibit. We return to our hotel via the Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum to trace the history of Irish Linen production in Ulster, where weaving and spinning is still done today.



TOUR PRICE

£725

8 DAYS



**THURSDAY** This morning we take perhaps one of the finest coastal drives in Europe, as we journey along the Antrim Coast Road. Passing spectacular scenery, we follow the road which was constructed in the 1800's to provide employment for famine stricken workers, through the National Trust village of Cushendun and up to the World Heritage Giants Causeway – a series of volcanic stone columns surrounded by beautiful coastal scenery. Discover the history of this natural phenomenon at the visitor centre including the legend of the giant Finn MacCool who laid this path across the sea to his lady-love in Scotland! For those who wish to go down to the causeway steps, a regular shuttle bus escorts visitors down to the shoreline.

**FRIDAY** Today we enjoy the special scenery of the Ards Peninsula with winding roads, small fields and white cottages. We visit Mount Stewart House & Gardens, one of Northern Ireland's most magnificent country homes surrounded by splendid gardens with fine topiary and stone statues. We continue south to Portaferry, a little fishing village at the tip of the peninsula where twice daily over 400 million tonnes of water rush through to Strangford Lough, the reason the Vikings called this the "Violent Fjord". We go across by ferry and on to Downpatrick, long associated with the Irish Saint, St Patrick. The visitor centre here reflects the life and times of this famous figure.

**SATURDAY** Sadly, we today leave Belfast and make our way south to Dublin, with time free time explore this great capital city of Southern Ireland, before arriving at our overnight accommodation on the outskirts, with time to settle in before dinner.

**SUNDAY** With an early departure we board the morning ferry crossing, with breakfast included and sail to Holyhead. We complete our homeward journey, with a comfort stop en route, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 1 Night Dinner & Bed (Breakfast on board return ferry)
- Guided coach tour of Belfast
- Entrance to Titanic Belfast Visitor Centre
- Entrance to Hillsborough Castle
- Entrance to the Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum
- Entrance to Giants Causeway Visitor Centre
- Entrance to Mount Stewart House & Gardens
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Shuttle bus to Fiant's Causeway  
Single supplement £185.00  
Travel insurance £45.00

Saturday 2nd – Wednesday 6th October



## ISLE OF WIGHT

The Isle of Wight – only 23 miles long by 13 miles wide – is quite a world of its own, managing to crowd into its small surface area an entire realm of unspoilt English landscapes in miniature.

### YOUR HOTEL Shanklin Hotel, Shanklin

A warm welcome awaits at this 3\* hotel, commanding stunning views over Sandown Bay. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, complimentary toiletries and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant has panoramic views across the bay and is renowned for producing quality food using fresh ingredients sourced locally on the island. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna and spa, and entertainment is provided most evenings.

TOUR PRICE

£299

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area, stopping for coffee on route and make our way to Southampton for the one-hour ferry crossing to East Cowes, before continuing to Shanklin and our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**SUNDAY** The morning is free to explore Shanklin. You may like to visit the Old Village with its picturesque thatched buildings, gift shops and cafes or Shanklin Chine, a deep gorge carved out by a stream. This afternoon visit the picturesque village of Godshill – the most-photographed village in Britain, with its thatched cottages and 15th-century church, immaculate model village and many gift shops. There are also some lovely cafes in which to enjoy a cream tea (or a very large cream cake!).

**MONDAY** Today we take a wonderful circular tour of the island, travelling through Ventnor and along the picturesque west coast to Alum Bay. While here, you may like to take the chair lift down to the sea for the best views of the Needles, or make yourself a souvenir with the multi-coloured sands found around the bay. After lunch we continue on to Cowes, a famous yachting harbour, with time to browse the shops, watch the many boats coming in and out and have tea.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the St Mildred's Church at Whippingham, full of history with strong links with Osborne House & Queen Victoria. We continue to Osborne House, Queen Victoria's palace by the sea. Much more than a royal residence, it was also a family home, and as you walk through the Queen's bedroom, the nursery rooms and even the royal bathrooms, you're offered a glimpse into the royal family's life. There are acres of gardens to explore, Swiss Cottage, the royal playhouse to visit and a large restaurant & gift shop. Later this afternoon we visit Ryde, the second-largest town on the island, with time to stroll along the pier and have tea before returning to Sandown via Bembridge and its famous windmill.

**WEDNESDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast and travel across the island to Cowes for the return ferry crossing to Southampton. We then continue our homeward journey, stopping in Salisbury for lunch, and reaching our home area early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Osborne House
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00  
Sea view room supplement £20.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 4th – Friday 8th October



## AUTUMN COLOURS OF THE LAKE DISTRICT

An area renowned for its exceptional natural beauty, the Lake District provides the ideal retreat from the hustle and bustle of daily routine. Join us for a tour taking in some of the area's most stunning scenery.

### YOUR HOTEL Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands

A delightful 3\* hotel set within private wooded grounds and enjoying views of Morecambe Bay. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The hotel's experienced in-house chef has developed an excellent and varied menu, and entertainment is provided some evenings.

TOUR PRICE

£315

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and begin our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and reaching our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner.

**TUESDAY** Join us today as we journey through some of the most spectacular scenery you'll see anywhere in England, as we travel up the breathtaking Kirkstone Pass, along Ullswater and on to Keswick for lunch and time to browse the shops in this lovely town. We then make our way to the pretty village of Grasmere with time, if you wish, to visit Wordsworth's Museum and Dove Cottage, his home from 1799 to 1808, the year's of his supreme work as a poet.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we enjoy a circular tour through some of the Lake District's loveliest sights. We travel through the village of Haverthwaite, following part of Coniston Water and Coniston Village, to Ambleside for coffee and time to look around this pretty town. We continue our tour through the Lake District National Park to Kendal for a leisurely lunch and time to browse the shops.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Lakeside, the most southernly part of Lake Windermere for a gentle boat cruise, with magnificent views of mountain scenery, secluded bays and wooded islands, to Bowness, the heart of the Lake District. Here you will find every sort of shop imaginable as well as cafes and restaurants. You may also like to visit the nearby World of Beatrix Potter Attraction in which all 23 tales are brought to life in a magical indoor recreation of the Lakeland countryside, complete with sights, sounds and even smells! We later return to Grange-Over-Sands with time to relax.

**FRIDAY** Sadly it's time to leave the Lake District and begin our homeward journey. With stops for coffee and lunch en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat trip on Lake Windermere
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £64.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 4th – Friday 8th October



## THE BORDERS, THE PENNINES & HADRIAN'S WALL

Cumbria and the Pennines give way to the Scottish borders, with a dramatic landscape, glorious in all seasons. Hadrian's Wall is one of the most important monuments built by the Romans in Britain. Stretching across 73 miles, it is a truly remarkable.

### YOUR HOTEL Greens at Gretna Hotel, Gretna

A charming 3\* hotel located in the Scottish border town of Gretna. All rooms are en-suite with TV and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant offers a delicious evening menu and hearty Scottish breakfast.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£395**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and make our way north, with comfort stops on route, to our hotel, arriving with time to freshen up before evening dinner.

**TUESDAY** This morning we explore Gretna Green, a town built during the First World War to provide homes for 30,000 workers in the world's largest munitions factory. We take a visit to the "Devil's Porridge Museum" ... a phrase coined by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle to describe the thick paste which was used to make the cordite explosives at the factory. Learn about the forgotten history of the many workers, mostly women, who played their role during the Great War to produce explosives for the front line. We continue to Kielder Water, the largest man-made lake in Northern Europe, enriched with wildlife, where you can have lunch and take a leisurely boat trip if time allows.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we are joined by a knowledgeable local tour guide for a full day around Hadrian's Wall country and Hexham. We have a visit to the Vindolanda Fort Museum, once of Europe's most important archaeological sites and learn about the history of the Roman settlement following the Empire's conquest of Britain, and the story behind Emperor Hadrian and his defensive wall to keep the Picts out. We later enjoy time to browse the shops and have lunch in the market town of Hexham.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast we make our way across the landscape of the North Pennines to Alston, the highest market town in England with its steep cobbled main street, distinctive market cross and old 17th century stone buildings. We take a return journey on the Heritage South Tynedale Railway, which includes entrance to the Discovery Centre to learn about the history of this rural northern line. We continue across the Eden Valley and the Hartside Pass, with stunning views across to the Lake District mountains of Helvellyn & Skiddaw. The pass brings us down towards Cumbria's historic market town of Penrith with an array of unusual shops and friendly cafés to enjoy afternoon tea.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. With regular comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early/mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Entrance to Devils Porridge Museum, Gretna
- Guided Coach Tour of Hadrian's Wall Country
- Entrance to the Roman Vindolanda Fort & Museum
- Return Journey on South Tynedale Railway
- Entertainment each evening
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Friday 8th – Monday 11th October



## ENTERTAINMENT ON THE ENGLISH RIVIERA

The English Riviera is a 22-mile stretch of outstanding south Devon coastline, renowned for its award-winning beaches, rocky coves, pretty villages and mild climate.

### YOUR HOTEL Queens Hotel, Paignton

A modern, family-run 3\* hotel just a few minutes' walk from the seafront. Each of the comfortable rooms is ensuite, with TV, WiFi and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant offers traditional cuisine and a hearty cooked breakfast, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool and games room. Entertainment is provided each evening.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£209**  
4 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave our home area and make our way to Torquay, in the heart of Devon's English Riviera, with its iconic palm trees, busy harbour, international marina and wonderful array of shops and restaurants. With time to enjoy lunch, we continue to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner and our first evening of entertainment.

**SATURDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to the market town of Tavistock, with time to enjoy lunch and explore. Birthplace of Britain's great seafarer, St Francis Drake, the town lies on the southwest edge of Dartmoor National Park, and today is market day, with stalls offering a wide variety of products, from antiques to handcrafted gifts. We later continue to Buckfast Abbey, founded as a Benedictine monastery in 1018. The Abbey today is self-supporting, producing honey, vegetables and tonic wine. With time to explore and enjoy afternoon tea, we later return to Paignton in time for dinner and more entertainment.

**SUNDAY** Join us this morning as we travel to the picturesque marina resort of Dartmouth. You may like to take a stroll along the embankment and enjoy the array of yachts and vessels on the water, or maybe take a boat trip up the estuary. The town itself has many independent shops, and art galleries, and there are many cafes, and restaurants to enjoy a warming lunch. We later return to Paignton with the afternoon free for you to spend as you please. You may like to take a ride on the Paignton - Dartmouth Steam Railway, before returning in time for our final evening meal and entertainment.

**MONDAY** We leave our hotel and make our way to Teignmouth – a real hidden gem on Devon's southern coast, with a Georgian crescent, long promenade and sandy beach. The town is both a historic port and a classic holiday resort, packed with traditional seaside attractions including a Victorian pier. We later continue to our home area, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment each evening
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement  
Travel insurance £22.00

Monday 4th – Friday 8th October



## JERSEY

Jersey has charmed generations of visitors – only 14 miles from the French coast, it has the continental flavour of France while remaining part of Britain. Although only a small island, Jersey has so much to offer... sandy beaches, rugged coastline, beautiful countryside and a wide variety of attractions.

### YOUR HOTEL Mayfair Hotel, St Helier

A warm welcome awaits at this lovely 3\* hotel, just a few minutes' walk from the centre of Jersey's capital, St Helier. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a wide variety of dishes, and the hotel's coffee shop is open throughout the day, offering an assortment of meals and snacks. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, steam room and gym, and entertainment is provided each evening.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£335**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area, after a possible early departure, (time to be advised) and make our way east to Poole for the ferry crossing to St Helier. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a hotel representative and taken to your hotel. The representative will act as your point of contact for the duration of your stay on the island, and she will be available each day to offer you advice on things like attractions and car hire. Dinner this evening is followed by entertainment.

**TUESDAY – THURSDAY** Each day is free for you to spend exploring Jersey's wonderful coastline and inland attractions. Perhaps you'd like to visit the Jersey War Tunnels; parts are preserved as they were left after World War II. Other worthwhile attractions include the zoo and Mont Orgueil Castle. We also highly recommend a trip to Corbiere Lighthouse with its stunning views, which you can walk to when the tide is out. A regular bus service operates on the island and is useful for visiting the many picturesque bays and harbours, or you may like to hire a car for the duration of your stay... the hotel can offer help with this if required. There are also numerous venues on the island in which to enjoy coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and Jersey ice cream! As on Monday, dinner at the hotel is each night followed by entertainment.

**FRIDAY** Sadly it's today time to leave Jersey. Your hotel representative will inform you of the necessary details, including when you'll need to leave the hotel to be taken by coach to the ferry port for the return crossing to Poole. On arrival, you will be met by a Blakes coach and driver, who will return you to your home area.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return ferry crossings
- Hotel transfers in Jersey

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £100.00 (Max 2)  
Travel insurance £38.00

Monday 4th – Friday 8th October



## GUERNSEY

Lying close to the northern coast of France and bathed by the warm waters of the Gulf Stream, the island of Guernsey offers a truly unforgettable escape from the hustle and bustle of mainland Britain.

### YOUR HOTEL St Pierre Park Hotel, St Peter Port

We are delighted to return to this luxurious 4\* hotel, set in acres of tranquil parkland near a lake. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer, complimentary toiletries and tea & coffee facilities. Many have a private balcony or terrace with views of the beautiful grounds. The restaurant offers quality cuisine and a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, and breakfast is served in the grand La Fontaine Suite overlooking the lake and fountain. The excellent leisure facilities include an indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, gym, and beauty salon.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£475**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** Monday – We leave our home area, after a possible early departure, (time to be advised) and make our way east to Poole for the ferry crossing to Guernsey. On arrival, you will be met by a local coach or taxi and taken to your hotel, with the remainder of the day free to spend as you please before dinner.

**TUESDAY – THURSDAY** Each day is free for you to spend as you please exploring this small yet scenic island. Covering only 50 square miles, Guernsey claims to be Britain's warmest spot! The island's capital, St Peter Port, is a bustling harbour town with pretty architecture. It also offers the best shopping on the island (which incidentally is tax free). You may like to hire a car for the duration of your stay, and the hotel will be able to help you with this. Alternatively, you may like to visit the neighbouring islands of Herm, Sark and Alderney – all a short ferry ride away. But with so many bays and coves, it's easy to find your own beach in Guernsey, with delights around every corner – like the 800-year-old de Sausmarez Manor, with its magnificent gardens and Art Park. The island offers many inspiring walks along the 28.5 miles of cliff paths, and Castle Cornet – Guernsey's ancient royal fortress – is well worth a visit, as is the former home of famous French poet Victor Hugo. In addition, there's the German Occupation Museum, Oatlands Craft Centre and the Candle Factory, where you can make your own souvenir. You'll never be short of things to do and see, and the island boasts a number of restaurants and tempting tearooms. Dinner is served each evening at the hotel.

**FRIDAY** Sadly, it's today time to leave Guernsey. Once again, a local coach or taxi will take you to the ferry port for the return crossing to Poole. On arrival, you will be met by a Blakes coach and driver, who will return you to your home area.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return ferry crossings
- Hotel transfers in Guernsey

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Car hire on the island  
Single supplement £148.00  
Travel insurance £38.00

Thursday 7th – Friday 15th October



## ITALIAN LAKES & MOUNTAINS – LAKE GARDA AND THE SPECTACULAR DOLOMITES

The hypnotic charm of Lake Garda, Italy's largest and most stunning lake, will tempt you back time and time again. With a breath-taking backdrop of the mighty snow-capped mountain, this lakeside setting with elegant resorts, romantic city of Verona and the stunning scenery of the Dolomite mountains, makes for a very beautiful place to discover.

### YOUR HOTEL Hotel Sole, Riva Del Garda

A charming 4\* hotel with a wonderful position right on Lake Garda's waterfront, ideally located in the main square of the lovely historical town of Riva Del Garda. All rooms are en-suite and furnished with TV and hairdryer. There is a lift to all floors. The elegant restaurant has panoramic views across the lake and offers a comfortable bar area to relax.

### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** Set your alarm for an early departure, as we make our way to Dover, with comfort stops en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue to our overnight accommodation in Laon, arriving in time for dinner.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast, we continue our journey south, with comfort stops on route, to our second overnight hotel in Seelisberg, Switzerland with panoramic views from the restaurant, where dinner is served this evening.

**SATURDAY** We continue our journey into Italy, with stops for coffee and lunch on route, arriving at our hotel on Lake Garda with time to settle in and freshen up before dinner and an evening at leisure to explore your new picturesque surroundings.

**SUNDAY** Today is free to explore your surroundings in Riva Del Garda. Perhaps take a stroll around the top of the lake to the nearby town of Torbole, relax in one of the town's numerous cafes or enjoy a boat trip across the lake to the quaint hamlet of Limone where ancient lemon groves once grew. Or you may like to relax in the hotel's sun terrace or make use of the spa and whirlpool.

**MONDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to the romantic city of Verona, one of Italy's oldest cities and fictitious home



TOUR PRICE  
**£775**  
9 DAYS



of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet. Explore the fascinating sights of the Roman Arena, historic Piazza Dell'Erbe. Castelvecchio Bridge, Piazza Bra filled with restaurants and cafes leading to narrow streets & shops on Via Mazzini and don't forget to see the famous Juliet's balcony!

**TUESDAY** Join us today for a scenic circular journey up into the Lower Brenta Dolomite Mountain range as we head for the lakeside town of Molveno, set on the tranquil deep blue waters of the alpine Lake Molveno itself, said to be one of the most beautiful lakes in Italy. With time to enjoy a relaxing lunch in one of the cafes and take a stroll along the beach-like shores, we return to Riva via the historic town of Arco with its stunning castle, churches and quiet centre.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we travel along the eastern shoreline of Lake Garda, first stopping at the delightful villages of Lazise, one of the area's most picturesque towns with a beautiful waterfront piazza, pastel buildings and medieval historic centre. We continue to the southern foot of the lake to the charming resort of Sirmione, a historic spa town dating from Roman times which peninsula juts into the lake, with a magnificent castle drawbridge over the moat to enter the centre. Here you will find many narrow streets leading to gift shops, restaurants and interesting chapels.

**THURSDAY** Sadly, it's time to say a fond farewell to Lake Garda, as we begin our journey home, again with regular comfort stops, to our overnight accommodation in Germany, arriving in time for dinner.

**FRIDAY** We resume our homeward journey to Calais, for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We continue to the West Country, arriving mid/late-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 8 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Typical Trentino Candlelit Dinner on one evening
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £160.00 (Max 2 singles)  
Subsequent Singles £228.00  
Lake View Room Supplement From £85.00 per person (subject to availability)  
Travel insurance £46.00

Sunday 10th – Thursday 14th October



## THE VERY BEST OF CORNWALL

Cornwall boasts some of the most picturesque coastlines and landscapes in the country, which coupled with the mild Cornish climate, makes this an ideal holiday destination at any time of year.

### YOUR HOTEL Membly Hall Hotel, Falmouth

Ideally situated on Falmouth's beach front, this family-run hotel offers a very warm welcome. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant offers an excellent menu. Leisure facilities include a spa pool and Jacuzzi, and entertainment is provided most nights.

TOUR PRICE  
**£309**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave our home area and make our way, with a comfort stop on route, to Looe with time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

**MONDAY** After breakfast we travel to Truro with time to browse the shops and explore the cathedral. After lunch we board a pleasure boat for a 75-minute scenic cruise to Falmouth with the remainder of the day free to explore its many attractions including the National Maritime Museum and Pendennis Castle. There is also some lovely shops and tearooms.

**TUESDAY** Join us this morning as we travel to Marazion, thought to be Britain's oldest town, with imposing St Michael's Mount just across the causeway, together with an array of shops with local artwork, crafts and gifts. We continue to the pretty fishing town of St Ives, with its picturesque harbour seafront and many delightful shops, and cafes to enjoy lunch.. You will also find the Barbara Hepworth Museum and Tate Gallery, which celebrate the work of a group of young painters, potters and sculptors.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we make our way to the picturesque harbour town of Mevagissey, once the centre of Cornwall's pilchard fishing industry. Stroll through heart of the old town and browse the gift shops and cafes. We continue to the Lost Gardens of Heligan. Lost to brambles and overgrown after WWI, these beautifully restored gardens are Europe's largest restoration project of its kind with over 200 acres and a variety of different garden zones to explore from sub-tropical plants, bamboo tunnels, giant ferns and ancient woodland paths.

**THURSDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel and make our way to Padstow, with time to stroll around the working fishing harbor, with many gift shops and art galleries and cosy cafes to enjoy a relaxing lunch. We continue our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment on most evenings
- Boat trip from Truro to Falmouth
- Entrance to the Lost Gardens of Heligan
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)  
Sea view Room Supplement £44.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 11th – Friday 15th October



## SINAH WARREN, HAYLING ISLAND

A Warner holiday offers something a bit extra... stunning scenery, fantastic live entertainment every evening, inclusive activities and first-class accommodation. Delicately poised at the tip of Hampshire's Hayling Island and with a breath of fresh air from the sparkling Solent, our hotel is the perfect base for enjoying some of the English south coast's finest attractions.

### YOUR HOTEL Sinah Warren Hotel, Hayling Island

An excellent, modern 3\* hotel with lovely gardens ideally located by the water at Langstone Harbour. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, toiletries, iron & ironing board and tea & coffee tray. The Restaurant offers excellent food. The on site coffee shop serves food and light snacks throughout the day, and leisure facilities include a large number of indoor sport activities and games, indoor swimming pool, steam room and sauna. Fantastic live music and entertainment is provided each evening.

TOUR PRICE  
**£345**  
5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country, stopping for coffee and lunch on route. We continue to our hotel, with plenty of time to settle in and begin exploring the many facilities. Dinner this evening will be followed by live music & entertainment.

**TUESDAY** The morning is free for you to continue to enjoy the facilities of our resort. Join us if you wish for an afternoon excursion to Chichester where you may like to visit the Norman cathedral, browse the shops and enjoy afternoon tea in a local café. This evening dinner will be followed once again by live entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we make the short journey to Portsmouth's celebrated dockyard, home to HMS Victory and the Mary Rose. You may like to visit the Royal Naval and D-Day Museums, the Blue Reef Aquarium, the Gunwharf Quay – a modern waterfront shopping, eating and entertainment centre – or the Spinnaker Tower, which rises 170m and offers wonderful views across to the Isle of Wight (weather permitting). With plenty of time to enjoy the attractions and have lunch we return to our hotel with time to relax before another evening dinner and top-class entertainment.

**THURSDAY** Join us this morning as we travel to the tranquil market town of Winchester, capital of the Wessex kingdom of Alfred the Great. There are many interesting sights, including the cathedral and the Great Hall, which is home to King Arthur's round table. With time to enjoy a warming lunch and browse the shops we return to our hotel with time to relax or continue to make use of the activities and facilities before dinner and a final evening's entertainment.

**FRIDAY** Sadly, it's time to leave our hotel and make our way home stopping for coffee and lunch on route. We complete our journey back to the West Country late afternoon.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Use of on-site leisure facilities & activities
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 4)  
Signature upgrade £20.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

## Monday 11th – Saturday 16th October



### THE ISLES OF SCILLY

The Isles of Scilly sit 28 miles southwest of Lands End and enjoy an exceptionally mild climate. When you first arrive, you may not realise just how much there is to see and do! Each island has its own unique character and charm and offers its own treasure trove of adventures and experiences. There are a variety of beaches, and many different venues in which to enjoy the local cuisine.

#### YOUR HOTEL The Atlantic, St Mary's

You are assured of a warm welcome at our chosen hotel, located in the heart of St Mary's where the buildings are golden granite, the beaches are white, and both the coast and countryside are stunning all year round. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. Many enjoy uninterrupted views of the harbour. The restaurant serves excellent, locally-sourced food.

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** After an early departure we make our way to Penzance, where you will board the Scillonian III ferry for the crossing to St Mary's, the largest of the Scilly Isles. There are refreshment facilities on board, and you may even see dolphins, porpoises or pilot whales. On arrival you will be met at the quay, and you and your luggage will be taken to the Atlantic Hotel, with the remainder of the afternoon free to settle in and familiarise yourself with your new surroundings. An early evening welcome reception from the hotel management will be followed by a delicious three course dinner.

**TUESDAY – FRIDAY** The hotel will organise a programme of events to help you explore and enjoy all that the Scilly Isles have to offer. This will include two days of planned itineraries including guided walking tours of St Mary's and Tresco, including boat fares and entrance to Tresco Abbey Gardens. Remember to pack sturdy walking shoes. On the other two days you have free time to spend as you please, browsing the small selection of shops and exploring at your leisure... or you may simply choose to relax, enjoy the scenery and beaches and do nothing! A three-course dinner will be served at the hotel each evening.

**SATURDAY** Sadly it's now time to leave the Scilly Isles, and after lunch, you and your luggage will be taken back to the quay for the return ferry crossing to Penzance, where a Blakes coach and driver will be waiting to return you to your home area.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return ferry ricket from Penzance
- Hotel transfer at St Mary's
- Welcome drink reception
- Guided walking tour s of St Mary's and Tresco
- Entrance to Tresco Abbey Gardens
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £168.00 (Max 1 single)  
Sea view Supplement £50.00 per person  
Travel insurance £26.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£725

6 DAYS

## Friday 15th – Monday 18th October



### A WEEKEND IN PEMBROKESHIRE

A coastal resort in attractive Pembrokeshire, Tenby is situated on a narrow promontory jutting out into Camarthan Bay. Once a prosperous port, Georgian houses overlook the picturesque harbour with its generous sandy beaches.

#### YOUR HOTEL Clarence House Hotel, Tenby

Owned by the same family for nearly seventy years, this excellent hotel enjoys an enviable position on the esplanade. All rooms are ensuite, with TV and tea & coffee facilities. Some rooms benefit from spectacular sea views. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves highly recommended cuisine with a choice menu, evening entertainment provided on some evenings.

#### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop en route, make our way over the St. David's bridge to Abergavenny for lunch and time to browse the shops. We complete our journey to Tenby via the scenic Brecon Beacons, reaching our hotel with ample time to settle in before dinner and an evening of entertainment.

**SATURDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, the morning is free for you to spend exploring Tenby's enchanting narrow streets. There are museums, shops, an art gallery and a castle to visit, in addition to the chocolate-box pretty harbour. You may like to take a boat trip to Caldy Island, formerly home to monks who inhabited the monastery there for more than 1500 years. Join us, if you wish, this afternoon for an excursion to Saundersfoot, just around the bay, a very pretty harbour village with gift shops and tea rooms.

**SUNDAY** This morning we travel to Carmarthen, a neat little county town, encircled by the River Towy and full of pretty shops and cafes & restaurants. After lunch we continue to Laugharne – a quiet town on the Taf Estuary, where Welsh poet Dylan Thomas lived and is buried. His boathouse and writing shed, where he penned Under Milk Wood, are well worth a visit, as are the imposing castle ruins.

**MONDAY** We leave our hotel and make our way to the Welsh capital, Cardiff. While here, you may like to visit the castle and discover 2,000 years of history in the heart of the city. There are also an abundance of shops to browse and restaurants in which to enjoy a leisurely lunch, before we complete our homeward journey, reaching our home area early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement  
Boat trip to Caldy Island  
Travel insurance £22.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£225

4 DAYS

## Sunday 17th – Friday 22nd October



### THE WONDERFUL AUTUMN COLOURS OF SCOTLAND

Autumn is perhaps the best time of year to visit Scotland, as the already stunning scenery is further complemented by a wild array of resplendent russets, ochres and reds as the moors and woodlands put on their final show before the onset of winter.

#### YOUR HOTEL The Winnock Hotel, Drymen

Comfortable and character are exceptionally well-combined in this 18th century 3\* hotel, located in the village green of Drymen, in the heart of the first Scottish National Park. Each of the stylishly decorated bedrooms are en-suite with TV, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift in the hotel, but ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant offers an appetizing array of locally sourced produce, and entertainment will be provided on some evenings.

#### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** After an early departure we leave the West Country and make our way north, with comfort stops en route to the Loch Lomond & Scottish Trossachs National Park, and to our hotel in Drymen, arriving with time to settle in before evening meal.

**MONDAY** Join us today for a real Scottish scenic tour, stopping for coffee en route, before continuing to the picturesque Loch Katrine with plenty of time to browse the shops and enjoy a warming lunch. We return to Drymen via more stunning Scottish scenery, with time to relax before dinner this evening.

**TUESDAY** Today we make our way a little further north along the banks of Loch Earn, with stops for photographs and coffee, to the Crieff Visitor Centre, located just on the outskirts of the town. Home to Caithness Glass, you can watch the skilled craftsmen at work from the viewing gallery. You may also like to explore the Highland Drovers Exhibition and discover the life of the Highlanders who walked their cattle to market during the 18th & 19th centuries. There is also a garden centre, gift shop, and art & antiques centre together with a large restaurant.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we make our way through an Autumnal wonderland, skirting the west side of Loch Lomond on our way to Arrochar for coffee. We then continue along the banks of the beautiful Loch Fyne, to Inveraray for lunch. Home to the Duke Of Argyll and a popular tourist spot: you might like to visit the famous jail, the Bell Tower or the Penguin Maritime Heritage Centre.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast we take the short drive to Balloch at the base of Loch Lomond for a boat cruise on the famous loch with a commentary and refreshments. We stop for lunch at Loch Lomond Shores, with a shopping area, visitor centre and woodland walks along the loch, before we travel to Glengoyne Distillery where whisky has been manufactured since 1833 for a guided tour and tasting of the Single Highland Malt Whisky.

**FRIDAY** This morning we leave Scotland, and begin our journey south, making regular comfort stops en route, back to the West Country arriving home mid evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Loch Lomond Boat Cruise
- Guided Tour & Tasting at Glengoyne Distillery
- Scottish Show on one evening
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £90.00  
Travel insurance £26.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£445

6 DAYS

## Monday 18th – Friday 22nd October



### AUTUMN TINTS OF YORKSHIRE

The North Yorkshire Moors are an absolute delight at any time of year, but the glow of Autumn gives the landscape a special hue of colour. York is a city of stark contrasts, renowned for its exquisite architecture, tangle of quaint cobbled streets and iconic Minster. The city has retained so much of its medieval structure that walking into its centre is like entering a living museum.

#### YOUR HOTEL Queens Hotel, York

We are delighted to return to this 3\* hotel, ideally situated on the banks of the river Ouse in the heart of the city centre. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors, and the restaurant offers delicious traditional food.

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and begin our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and reaching our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner and an evening stroll around York.

**TUESDAY** The whole day is free for you to explore York. You may like to visit the Minster, the National Railway Museum, The Chocolate Story, or the JORVIK Viking Centre and Little Shambles is an absolute delight. There are also many shops to browse, and numerous venues where you may enjoy coffee, lunch and tea. As our hotel is ideally located in the centre of York, you can spend as much or as little time exploring as you wish.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel north to Pickering, where we join the North Yorkshire Moors Railway for a scenic train ride across the heart of the moors to Grosdent. We then re-join the coach for the short drive to the picturesque fishing port of Whitby, with its ancient abbey and stunning coastline. The ruins of the 13th-century abbey are fascinating, and for the more energetic, the views from the top are well worth the climb. We later return to York through the wild, heather-clad North Yorkshire Moors National Park.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel to the compact city of Ripon on market day. From the charming market place the stunning cathedral backdrop gives way to small streets with independent shops, galleries and friendly cafes. After lunch we visit the delightful spa town of Harrogate, with its wonderful architecture and public gardens, as well as shops to browse... and Betty's tea shop is a must!

**FRIDAY** This morning we leave of our hotel and begin our journey south. Once again stopping for coffee and lunch en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- North Yorkshire Moors Railway ticket
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £88.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£345

5 DAYS

Sunday 17th – Tuesday 26th October



## NORTHERN SPAIN... THE CANTABRIAN COAST

Experience the spectacular Cantabrian coastline of Northern Spain, with its beautiful white sandy beaches, green rugged mountains and peaceful fishing villages. With stunning landscapes including the soaring Picos de Europa mountain range, pretty Spanish towns, ancient fishing ports and with over 60 beaches along a 250km stretch of coastline, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

### YOUR HOTEL Gran Hotel Suances, Suances

A classical styled, locally rated 4\* hotel ideally situated close to the village centre and 400 metres from the beach, overlooking the beautiful Cantabrian Sea. With a lift to all floors, the bedrooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access, safe and telephone. The restaurant offers a wide range of buffet style meals using locally sourced produce. There is a large bar/lounge area and outdoor swimming pool on site.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to Plymouth, where we board a luxurious ferry for a late afternoon departure and overnight sailing to Santander. The ferry boasts a fabulous swimming pool, leisure area and elegant bars & lounges, with a superb choice of dining, from award-winning cuisine to a wide selection of self-service menus. There is also live entertainment and dancing until late, two cinemas showing the latest films and great shopping in stylish malls. All cabins are en-suite and air-conditioned.

**MONDAY** We continue our cruise today and you can continue to make use of the ship's facilities and enjoy lunch. We arrive in Santander early afternoon, re-join the coach, and travel the short journey to our hotel with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the picturesque town of San Vicente de la Barga, an old fishermen's refuge with a beautiful beach, colourful fishing boats and a medieval castle and the famous 16th century Miza Bridge with its 28 arches set against the backdrop of the Picos de Europa mountain range. We continue to the quaint coastal village of Comillas, with its medieval square, cobbled streets and old churches. There is a beautiful sandy beach, and a nature reserve with dunes. After lunch we visit via the charming town of Santillana Del Mar, considered by many to be one of Spain's most beautiful of towns, situated on the old pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela, with medieval architecture it is packed full of history and culture. The entire town is a registered National Monument, with picturesque cobbled streets, medieval mansions and tall towers, dating from the 13th century.

**WEDNESDAY** Today is free for you to explore your surroundings or make use of the hotel swimming pool and bar area. Why not take a stroll down to the beaches, wander through the small marine town or walk along the footpaths that



criss-cross the peninsula to the cliffs overlooking the beautiful Cantabrian coast.

**THURSDAY** This morning we travel east along the Cantabrian coast to the beautiful small town of Noja. Local legend says that Noah's Ark washed up on one of the mountains nearby Noja and the local nuns bake and sell their delicious cakes in town centre. We then make the short journey around the bay to the popular resort of Laredo, with one of the largest and most beautiful beaches in the region. You may like to explore the old medieval town, with its city wall remains, narrow streets and large stately houses.

**FRIDAY** Join us today as we travel inland towards Spain's first National Park of the Picos de Europa to Fuente De for a spectacular scenic ride to the mountain top as the enclosed cable car rises over 750 metres to a height of 1847 metres along an impressive cliff. At the top, admire the breath-taking views of the Camaleño valley and the Cantabrian Mountain range, take a walk and enjoy lunch in the restaurant at the summit. We later make our way back to Suances via the pretty medieval town of Potes, with the Picos de Europa as its stunning backdrop. The town has a maze of cobbled streets with wonderful architecture and ancient square towers. Sample the locally produced brandy Orujo (made from the left-over products from wine making).

**SATURDAY** Today we take a leisurely tour inland, through the National Park of Saja-Besaya, towards the quaint village of Fontibre. Here, set amongst the small stone traditional houses and mountain of the Campoo Valley is the source of the River Ebro, Spain's second longest river (578 miles), which travels south-east and enters the sea south of Barcelona. We continue east towards the old town of Reinosa, on the banks of the Ebro. With time to enjoy lunch, & the town's historic architecture, we continue our journey around the reservoir which General Franco built in 1945, in order to supply water to downriver towns beyond Cantabria, and in doing so flooded almost 10 villages.

**SUNDAY** Today you have a choice. You can either enjoy another free day on resort or join us for a unique tour of the Cabarceno Natural Safari Park in Cantabria, world famous for its conservation work with endangered animals. The park contains more than 100 different species of animals with large enclosures which were formed after the mining industry shaped the landscape. The spacious enclosures house elephants, giraffes, brown bears and tigers amongst many, others, and with over 12 miles of roads that cross the 750 hectares of parkland, from gorges, lakes and rock formations, there are areas to discover the animals from safe distances. This is an amazing day out, and an experience in itself.

**MONDAY** Sadly leave our hotel and make the short journey into Santander, with free time to explore the vibrant town, with its historic centre. With time to browse the shops, and have an early lunch, we board the ferry mid-afternoon, for our overnight sailing to Portsmouth.

**TUESDAY** This morning, enjoy a leisurely breakfast as we continue sailing, and make use of the ship's facilities. We arrive in Portsmouth mid afternoon, and after disembarking, re-join the coach and return to our home area.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 2 Nights' ferry accommodation in lower berth inside cabins
- Cable car ride up to Picos de Europa Mountain Range
- Ferry Crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Entrance to Cabarceno Natural Safari Park £31.00  
Meals on board ferry  
Lower berth outside cabin £90.00 per person  
Single supplement £180.00  
Travel insurance £47.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£695

10 DAYS

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd October



## BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS & THE LAKE DISTRICT

Blackpool... It needs little introduction! The Illuminations, the famous Tower, the Pleasure Beach, sand, shops, shows, trams... fun, fun, fun!

### YOUR HOTEL Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport

An elegant 3\* hotel which combines stylish character with modern facilities. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a traditional British menu and there is a lift to all floors. Town centre and nearby parkland are within easy walking distance of the hotel and entertainment is provided on some evenings.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and journey north to Blackpool, with stops for coffee and lunch en route, to our hotel where we stay for four nights. After dinner, the evening is free to spend as you please

**TUESDAY** The whole day is free to spend at leisure in Southport. It's beautiful coastline boasts beaches, and spectacular views out to sea, a pier and elegant promenade. There are many independent shops with wrought iron canopies in Lord Street, and quaint colourful shops in Chapel Street. The town centre is full of cafes, to enjoy a warming lunch and afternoon tea.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Blackpool with its many attractions including the Tower complex, including a ride to the top to discover stunning panoramic views where you can look down below at Blackpool from an incredible glass floor. There is also the world-famous ballroom where organists entertain throughout the day and you can dance along to. Blackpool Tower Dungeons and Madame Tussaud's Waxworks are also worth a visit as well as the three piers and the shops! After an early dinner at a restaurant of your choice, we make a coach tour of the Blackpool Illuminations before returning to our hotel.

**THURSDAY** Today we make our way inland to explore the beautiful Lake District. Our day will include some wonderful scenery with stops for coffee and lunch as we travel including visits to the delightful towns of Windermere and Kendal.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. With regular comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early/mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 1 Night Bed & Breakfast
- Evening tour of Blackpool Illuminations
- Entertainment each evening
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement for 1st 3 singles  
Subsequent singles £60.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£245

5 DAYS

Friday 22nd – Monday 25th October



## BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS

Blackpool... It needs little introduction! The Illuminations, the famous Tower, the Pleasure Beach, sand, shops, shows, trams... fun, fun, fun!

### YOUR HOTEL Queens Hotel, Blackpool

A traditional 3\* hotel located on the Promenade by the South Pier. Each comfortable en-suite bedroom is equipped with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious traditional evening menu and hearty breakfast, and the lounge bar provides entertainment each evening.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and journey north to Blackpool, with stops for coffee and lunch en route. We arrive at our hotel mid-afternoon, allowing you plenty of time to settle in and begin exploring before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**SATURDAY** Join us if you wish for a morning's excursion to Fleetwood Market. Offering a wide variety of gifts, goods and produce, you're bound to find something of interest. The remainder of the day is then free for you to spend as you please enjoying all that Blackpool has to offer. You may like to visit the Tower Complex, which caters for all ages with its many attractions, including the world-famous ballroom where organists entertain throughout the day and you can dance along. There is also the Pleasure Beach with rides and shows for all ages, the Waxworks, the Zoo, three piers and the shops... to name just a few.

**SUNDAY** Today is once again free for you to continue enjoying Blackpool's many attractions. After dinner this evening, join us if you wish for a full coach tour of the marvellous Illuminations.

**MONDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we begin our homeward journey. Once again stopping for coffee and lunch en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Full evening tour of the Illuminations
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00  
Sea view room supplement £15.00 per person  
Travel insurance £22.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£225

4 DAYS

Friday 22nd – Monday 25th October



### MYSTERY WEEKEND

If you like a pleasant surprise and a little bit of mystery, why not join us on one of our popular mystery weekend breaks?

**YOUR HOTEL** **Mystery Hotel ????**

Our mystery hotel is of at least 3\* standard. Each of its comfortable rooms is ensuite, with TV and tea & coffee facilities (among additional features). The restaurant offers a choice menu of traditional English cuisine.

TOUR PRICE

£215

4 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We depart our home area... and that's all we're telling you! But there will be plenty of time for sightseeing and this will be an easy-going and unhurried short break, with stops for coffee and lunch en route.

**SATURDAY** Join us today for a little more mystery. There will once again be stops for coffee and lunch on route, plus time to explore wherever we may be.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we continue our mystery weekend, travelling to another mystery town or place, with stops for coffee and lunch to explore somewhere different once again.

**MONDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we leave our hotel and make our way back to the West Country. Calling in at more mystery locations along the way, we arrive early-evening.



#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £45.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

Sunday 24th – Wednesday 27th October



### DISNEYLAND® PARIS

A place where dreams become reality and you can relive the joys of childhood. Enjoy the experience of fairytale characters, story-book charm and high technology at the Disneyland® Paris and Walt Disney Studios® park.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Disney's Hotel Santa Fe Disneyland® Paris Resort**

Discover the wonder of New Mexico with its scorching sun, cactus and timeless landscape in this resort-based hotel, just a short, free shuttle bus ride away from the Disneyland® Paris parks. All rooms are en-suite and air conditioned, with TV, safe and telephone. The restaurant serves a hearty continental buffet breakfast.

TOUR PRICE

CHILD UNDER 12

£265

ADULT & CHILD OVER 12

FROM £480

4 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** After an early departure, we make our way east, with a comfort stop on route to Dover, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue to our hotel at the Disneyland® Paris Resort. You may wish to eat in the hotel restaurant this evening or take the shuttle bus to the Disney Village® (free entrance) to get a taste of America! There are many restaurants to choose from here, and there are Disney shops to browse in addition to a night-club and Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.

**MONDAY – TUESDAY** Two free days for you to explore the two parks... and as our hotel is located in the Disney resort, you are free to spend as much or as little time exploring as you wish. The free shuttle buses run very regularly from the hotels to the parks.

Disneyland® Park has numerous rides for all ages, shows to watch, shops to browse and restaurants, all set out around four magical lands. Look out for the Disney characters as they wander about the park... Don't forget your camera! There is also a Disney Parade each afternoon.

Walt Disney Studios® Park allows you to immerse yourself in the never-ending and always fascinating world of movies and television. Here you can learn how movies are made and catch a show or two. There are also rides, shops and restaurants... Oh, and don't forget to look out for more of those Disney characters as you explore!

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we make our way back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue, with comfort stops en route to the West Country, arriving mid evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- 2 day Disneyland® Paris Hopper Ticket
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £48.00  
Lunch and evening meals  
Travel insurance £36.00

Monday 25th – Friday 29th October



### AUTUMN COLOURS OF THE PEAK DISTRICT

The wonderful scenery of the Peak District National Park is hard to rival and the rolling hillsides of the Derbyshire Dales are dotted with picturesque villages and bustling market towns.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Best Western Derby Midland Hotel, Derby**

A centrally located 4\* hotel, Britain's first purpose-built railway hotel where Queen Victoria resided when visiting Derby. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer & tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors and the restaurant serves a traditional evening menu and generous breakfast.

TOUR PRICE

£325

5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and journey north to our hotel, making comfort stops on route, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** This morning we travel to Cromford Mills. The world's first water powered spinning cotton mill established in 18th century, today it's a World UNESCO Heritage Site with a visitor centre, museum and retail outlet. Learn about the history of the cotton industry, browse the retail outlet and enjoy an early lunch. We continue to Matlock Bath, a picturesque village set in the beautiful gorge of the River Derwent with a cable car ride to the Heights of Abraham, where (weather permitting) you can absorb breath-taking views of the village. At the summit there are two underground show caves, a café and a gift shop.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning visit Bakewell, a pretty market town, with time to browse the shops and maybe enjoy some of the famous Bakewell Pudding, invented in the town. We continue to the stunning home of the Duke & Duchess of Devonshire, Chatsworth House, with over 30 rooms to explore from the magnificent Painted Hall, regal State Rooms, Galleries and Chapel. The exterior is just as exquisite with 105 acres of gardens, maze, water features and sculptures. The restaurant serves delicious lunches and afternoon teas and the shop is full of gift ideas.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast, we make a circular tour through some stunning Peak District scenery We follow the spectacular Snake Pass, with panoramic views on a clear day, to the market town of Glossop with its pretty 12th century stone cottages and medieval market cross.. With time to have lunch and explore, we continue to the capital of the Peak District, the spa town of Buxton. Here you will have find an elegant centre with its Opera House, Pump Room and the Georgian architectural delight of The Crescent... and some lovely tearooms!

**FRIDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey, stopping in the delightful market town of Tewkesbury for lunch. We complete our journey back to the West Country arriving early evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Chatsworth House
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £48.00  
Entrance to attractions at Cromford Mills  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 25th – Friday 29th October



### AUTUMN COLOURS OF NORTH WALES & SNOWDONIA

North Wales is a beautiful region to visit any time of year, but it has an extra special glow in the Autumn!

**YOUR HOTEL** **The Lion Hotel, Criccieth**

A centrally located 4\* hotel, Britain's first purpose-built railway hotel where Queen Victoria resided when visiting Derby. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer & tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors, the restaurant offers a traditional evening menu and entertainment on some evenings.

TOUR PRICE

£315

5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and journey north to our hotel, making comfort stops en route, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast, we make our way across Snowdonia National Park, as the dramatic and rugged landscape unfolds before our eyes. Winding roads alongside streams and brooks, open up as we travel through towering mountain passes and ancient rock formations creating breathtaking scenery along our journey. Bety's-Coed is a picturesque village on the north east side of the National Park, situated along the River Conwy and a village green, with delightful shops and cosy cafes in which to enjoy lunch. We later return to Criccieth with time to explore the Victorian seaside town with its headland fortress and stunning views across Cardigan Bay.

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today as we travel a little way north to the seaside resort of Llandudno, known locally as the "Queen of Welsh Resorts", with its long pier, shops and numerous cafes to enjoy a warming winter lunch. We continue to the nearby resort of Conwy, with its castle and quayside, and what is claimed to be the smallest house in Great Britain! We return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner this evening.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast, we make a visit to the harbour town of Caernarvon, and home to its famous castle, now a world UNESCO heritage site, and historic home to Edward I and his military fortress. The town's narrow streets and stylish redeveloped waterfront offer an array of cafes to enjoy an early lunch. We continue to the Isle of Anglesey, crossing over the Menai Straits, with a visit to the James Pringle Weavers at llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch and an opportunity to pick up a winter warmer bargain or two!

**FRIDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey, with a coffee and lunch stop on route. We complete our journey back to the West Country arriving early evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 3)  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 25th – Friday 29th October



### AUTUMN COLOURS OF SHROPSHIRE

Shropshire is a beautiful county which shares a border with Herefordshire to the south, and Wales to the west with wonderful rural countryside scenery. Autumn is a delightful time of year to see the landscape in all its colourful glory.

**YOUR HOTEL** Buckatree Hall Hotel, Telford

A delightful 3\* hotel nestled in the beautiful Shropshire countryside. All rooms are en suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to most floors, the restaurant serves a deliciously tempting menu and the lounge bar offers a quiet place to relax and retreat.

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop on route, dtop in Tewkesbury for lunch and time to browse the shops and visit the Abbey. We complete our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** Join us this morning, for an excursion to the market town of Leominster, the heart of the area known as the "Black & White Villages". Full of beautiful half-timbered houses, antique and curiosity shops, the town gives a fascinating insight into rural times gone-by. With a variety of cafes to enjoy lunch, we continue to Ludlow with time to explore this historic town, with its medieval castle and 500 listed buildings. There is a good selection of shops and plenty of tearooms to enjoy a relaxing afternoon tea.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we make our way over the border of Wales to Corwen for a heritage train ride along the Llangollen Railway, a 10 mile picturesque journey through the Dee Valley. With time for lunch browsing the shops we return via Shrewsbury, with time to explore this beautiful market town, located on the meandering banks of the River Severn and said to be one of England's finest medieval towns. You may like to stroll through "The Dingle" – a beautiful garden designed by the late Percy Thrower, or wander along the medieval streets, filled with independent shops and cafes.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Chester, the most complete walled city in Britain, where the Rows, black and white half-timbered buildings above street level, take pride of place. Chester's famous city walls are fully walkable and offer a leisurely 2-mile stroll with a bird's-eye view of both the city centre and the distant Welsh mountains. Other worthwhile attractions include the 10th-century cathedral and several museums. You may like to take a boat trip along the river Dee, before browsing the extensive shopping area and enjoying a leisurely lunch.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and make our way Hereford with time to visit the cathedral, browse the shops and have lunch. We completing our homeward journey to the West Country, arriving early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Train ticket for Llangollen Railway
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£325

5 DAYS

Monday 25th – Friday 29th October



### YORK, WHITBY & SCARBOROUGH

This popular tour takes in some of the most popular destinations of North Yorkshire including a historic city, a grand seaside resort and pretty fishing harbour.

**YOUR HOTEL** Cumberland Hotel, Scarborough

A delightful 3\* hotel, very well situated on the South Cliff, close to the beach and town centre. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves most rooms. The restaurant serves a home-cooked evening menu and hearty breakfast, and entertainment is provided on some evenings.

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and travel north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and arriving at our hotel with time to freshen up before evening dinner.

**TUESDAY** A full day excursion to the historic city of York. You may like to visit the Minster, the National Railway Museum, The Chocolate Story, or the JORVIK Viking Centre and Little Shambles is an absolute delight. There are also many shops to browse, and numerous cafés & restaurants.

**WEDNESDAY** The whole day is free for you to explore the seaside resort of Scarborough, one of Yorkshire's much-loved coastal destinations, with its dramatic cliffs and castle headland. You may like to take the Cliff Lift, one of the UK's first funicular railways down to Scarborough's lower level to explore the beach side resort and harbour area, or maybe enjoy the South Cliff gardens with spectacular views across the sea. Lunch is included today at the hotel.

**THURSDAY** Today we travel across the North Yorkshire Moors with an option to take a train ride on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, for a scenic journey to Grosmont. We all continue to the picturesque fishing port of Whitby. Whilst here, you may like to visit the ruins of the 13th Century Abbey, where the views from the top are stunning. There are also some lovely shops and cafés in which to have lunch and sample some world-famous fish & chips and enjoy the views from the harbour.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin the homeward journey south, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and reaching the West Country early-evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Lunch on one day at the hotel
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Ticket for the North Yorkshire Moors Railway £15.00  
Single supplement £30.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£275

5 DAYS

Sunday 31st October – Monday 1st Nov



### LUXURY IN LONDON

Have you ever walked past one of London's posh hotels and wondered what it would be like to stay for a night? Well, here's your chance! Join us for pure extravagance in London's illustrious West End.

**YOUR HOTEL** Hilton Waldorf Hotel, London

The exceptional 4\* Waldorf is superbly situated in London's heart, just five minutes' walk from Covent Garden. Each of the hotel's exquisitely-styled rooms are en-suite, with a raindrop shower, TV, telephone, hairdryer, mini bar and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The Homage Patisserie and Champagne Bar serves teas and fine coffee from early in the morning along with fresh fruit drinks, cakes and pastries, and the vibrant Homage Bar is the ideal place to mingle of an evening. The hotel's fabulous state-of-the-art health club includes a jacuzzi, sauna, steam room and gym, and the highlight is the 13.6 metre swimming pool surrounded by marble pillars.

**ITINERARY**

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee en route. The remainder of the day is then free for you to spend as you please, perhaps shopping in Covent Garden or visiting one of London's many attractions. You may also like to see a West End show, which has Sunday afternoon performance. After checking into our hotel, you also have use of the hotel's leisure facilities, before choosing a restaurant of your choice in which to enjoy a leisurely evening dinner.

**MONDAY** After breakfast, the day is once again free for you to spend as you please enjoying London's many attractions, or you may prefer to indulge in some early Christmas shopping. We leave London mid-afternoon and return to the West Country. With a stop for tea en route, we arrive mid-evening hoping you will have enjoyed your taste of luxury!

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 1 Night Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £68.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

TOUR PRICE

£125

2 DAYS

Monday 1st – Friday 5th November



### KENT COAST & BRUGES

Kent's coast is famous for its spectacular white cliffs, golden beaches, famous seaside resorts and historic towns. Bruges is a wonderfully picturesque town in Belgium with cobbled streets, delightful buildings and majestic squares.

**YOUR HOTEL** Grand Burstin Hotel, Folkestone

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**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and travel east, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, and arriving at our hotel with time to freshen up before evening dinner.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the city of Canterbury, with its cathedral and seat of the Archbishop. The Canterbury Tales centre takes you back 500 years to the time of great pilgrimage and see the characters out of Chaucer's famous novels, on their journey from London to Thomas A Beckett's shrine in the cathedral. After lunch we continue to Samphire Hoe, a nature reserve created from the earth moved by the Eurotunnel project, and then on to the Battle of Britain Memorial, a site of recognition to the heroes of World War II battle of the skies.

**WEDNESDAY** After an early breakfast, join us if you wish, and have a passport as we make our way to the delightful town of Bruges, via Eurotunnel. Affectionately known as the "Venice of the North" its winding canals and picture postcard bridges create a beautiful setting for this historic city with its World UNESCO heritage with beautiful architecture, magnificent churches and lovely public squares. There are many museums to visit, shops selling lace and famous Belgian chocolate, boat trips along the canal or horse & carriage rides through the city.

**THURSDAY** This morning we make our way to the pretty town of Rochester, childhood home of Charles Dickens' who often referred to it in his Victorian novels. It is home to many of the buildings mentioned in his novels including Restoration House, home of Miss Havisham in Great Expectations. The cathedral founded in 604AD makes it England's second oldest and the Castle, built on the highest point of the Roman city walls, offers splendid views from the top of one of England's tallest keeps. With time for lunch, we return via a scenic coach tour of Kent's coast

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin the homeward journey, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, and reaching the West Country early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Day trip to Bruges via Eurotunnel
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement for 1st 3 singles  
Subsequent single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£195

5 DAYS

## Monday 1st – Friday 5th November



### HOLLY & MISTLETOE, NORTH WALES

Llandudno – the premier resort of North Wales – is set along a wide, curving bay overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, with the magnificent mountains of Snowdonia as its backdrop.

#### YOUR HOTEL Tynedale Hotel, Llandudno

We're delighted to return to this warm and welcoming 4\* hotel, located along the central promenade with views out over the bandstand and sea. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The hotel's restaurant serves a fabulous full Welsh breakfast and choice evening menu, and there is live entertainment each evening.

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** (Christmas Eve) We leave our home area and travel over the border into Wales, stopping for coffee and lunch en route. On arrival at our hotel, Santa's little helpers will take your luggage to your room while you relax over afternoon tea and hot mince pies. A festive sherry reception with delicious canapés will later be served before a four-course dinner, cabaret entertainment and a late-night buffet!

**TUESDAY** (Christmas Day) After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Caernarfon, with time to visit the castle, browse the shops and enjoy coffee. We then continue to Anglesey and the James Pringle Weaver Woollen Mill at Llanfairpwllgwyngllgogerychyrndrobwillantysiliogogoch, before returning to our hotel in time for afternoon tea and Christmas carols. Christmas dinner will be served with all the trimmings and a complimentary glass of wine, followed by a visit from Santa, a second evening of entertainment and another late-night finger buffet.

**WEDNESDAY** (Boxing Day) This morning we travel to Porthmadog with time to browse this lovely Welsh town and have lunch before we take a wonderful train journey through the outstanding natural beauty of Snowdonia, and a scenic drive back to our hotel. Dinner this evening will be the Tynedale's famous gala buffet! Cash bingo and entertainment with another late-night finger buffet complete the evening.

**THURSDAY** (New Year's Eve) The morning is free for you to spend as you please in Llandudno, with its fine pier (over 700 metres long), shops and restaurants. You may like to purchase a light lunch in the hotel and guess the weight of the haggis. Afternoon tea is served and this evening, the pleasure of your company is requested for the fabulous New Year's Eve celebration dinner, followed by a final evening of great entertainment, a fancy-dress parade (optional!), the results of competitions, and the singing of Auld Lang Syne... and of course another late-night finger buffet!

**FRIDAY** Back to reality! We leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey to the West Country. With comfort stops en route, we reach our home area early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Welsh Breakfast
- Afternoon tea on three days
- Ticket for Single Train Journey
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£359

5 DAYS

## Monday 1st – Friday 5th November



### FESTIVE WARNER BREAK – BEMBRIDGE COAST, ISLE OF WIGHT

On a Warner holiday, you will understand what it means to be spoilt for choice; excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening. With its ruggedly beautiful sea views, hospitable staff and excellent entertainment, Bembridge Coast is the perfect adults-only Warner's Leisure Resort.

#### YOUR HOTEL Bembridge Coast Hotel, Isle of Wight

A lovely 3\* hotel with outstanding views across the Solent. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool with many on-site activities and excellent entertainment each evening.

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** (Christmas Eve) We leave our home area and travel to Wilton Village for coffee. We then make our way to Southampton for the short ferry crossing to East Cowes. Once on the island, we make the short journey to Bembridge, to give you plenty of time to settle in and familiarise yourself with your new surroundings before dinner and the first night of entertainment.

**TUESDAY** (Christmas Day) The morning is free for you to continue to enjoy the facilities of our resort. Join us if you wish, for an afternoon excursion to Cowes, a famous yachting centre. Here you will be able to browse the shops, or sit and watch the lively harbour, where there are always boats of all sizes coming in and going out. We return to our resort for a traditional Christmas dinner and festive entertainment to follow.

**WEDNESDAY** (Boxing Day) Join us today as we take a wonderful circular tour of the island, travelling through Shanklin and Ventnor, along the coast to Alum Bay to see the world famous "Needles" rock formation and returning to our hotel via Ryde, the island's largest town. Dinner this evening will once again be followed by top entertainment

**THURSDAY** (New Year's Eve) This morning we travel to the very picturesque village of Godshill – the most-photographed village in Britain! Spend the morning admiring the thatched cottages and the 15th Century church, visiting the immaculate Model Village, browsing the gift shops, and maybe treat yourself to coffee and a large cream cake from the Old Smithy. We return to our resort with the afternoon to spend as you please, before our final evening dinner and entertainment as we see the New Year in!

**FRIDAY** Sadly, we leave after breakfast, and make the short journey to East Cowes for the return ferry crossing back to Southampton. We then continue to Salisbury for lunch. We complete our journey back to the West Country, arriving early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 4)  
Signature Room upgrade £20.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£325

5 DAYS

## Friday 5th – Monday 8th November



### FALMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL

Falmouth is Cornwall's leading south coast resort, and home to maritime heritage. It boasts a beautiful sheltered harbour and has been a flourishing port for over 400 years.

#### YOUR HOTEL Membly Hall Hotel, Falmouth

A lovely hotel in one of Cornwall's most picturesque regions, occupying a seafront position with splendid views. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer, tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant offers an excellent choice menu, often using Cornish farm produce. Leisure facilities include sauna and spa, and entertainment is provided each evening.

#### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** (Christmas Eve) We leave our home area, and make our way to Plymouth with time to enjoy a warming lunch and browse the shops. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before a welcome drinks reception and evening dinner, followed by this evening's light entertainment.

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Day) After a leisurely breakfast and a visit from Father Christmas, we make the short journey to Truro, Cornwall's capital city. Here you will have plenty of time to browse the many shops or visit the farmer's market, offering fresh, quality produce direct from local producers. You may also like to visit the impressive triple-spired cathedral. After lunch, we return to Falmouth where you will have the afternoon free to explore the many attractions, including the National Maritime Museum and Pendennis Castle. Dinner this evening will be followed by another night of entertainment.

**SUNDAY** (New Year's Eve) This morning we enjoy a coastal drive through Penzance to St Ives, where we stop for lunch and time to browse the quaint gift shops. There will then be time to relax before dinner and another evening of entertainment to see the "New Year" in!

**MONDAY** Back to reality! This morning we leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey, stopping for lunch at Endsleigh Garden Centre, which is full of great Christmas gift inspiration. We then complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 6)  
Sea view room supplement £33.00 per person  
Travel insurance £22.00

TOUR PRICE

£199

4 DAYS

## Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th November



### LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON

Join us for a weekend in London with a choice... an opportunity to visit the January sales, or simply enjoy a spot of sightseeing out of season OR Take your pick from one of 12 top West End shows... Matilda, Only Fools & Horses the Musical, Phantom Of The Opera, Les Miserables. Mamma Mia, Tina Turner the Musical, Lion King, & Juliet, Come From Away, Everybody's Talking About Jamie, Pretty Woman or Mary Poppins. (All show dates correct at time of printing, but subject to change).

#### YOUR HOTEL Crowne Plaza Hotel, London Heathrow

A luxuriously appointed 4\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with satellite TV, telephone, hairdryer, mini bar and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a generous buffet breakfast and evening dinner, and leisure facilities include a swimming pool, sauna and gym.

#### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee en route. You will either have time for lunch before enjoying the afternoon performance of the show of your choice OR spend the afternoon as you please... Shopping, visiting one of the museums or explore the many attractions London offers. Late afternoon, we all re-join the coach and travel to our hotel, with ample time to freshen up and perhaps take a swim in the hotel's pool before dinner and an evening to spend as you please.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely buffet English breakfast, we return to central London where you will have plenty of time to shop or sightseeing... maybe some Christmas Shopping or visit one of the numerous attractions. We leave London mid-afternoon and return to the West Country, again with a comfort stop on route, arriving mid-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Buffet English Breakfast
- Top priced theatre ticket (if applicable)
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £32.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

TOUR PRICE

£225

2 DAYS

LONDON WEEKEND

£109

2 DAYS

Saturday 6th – Wednesday 10th Nov



### TURKEY & TINSEL IN SCARBOROUGH

North Yorkshire is a much-loved destination with its spectacular moorland scenery and pretty, coastal resorts. Join us for a festive break to this popular seaside resort.

**YOUR HOTEL** Red Lea Hotel, Scarborough

A 3\* hotel located on the South Cliffs with beautiful views across the sea. All rooms are en-suite with TV and tea & coffee making facilities. There is lift to all floors. The restaurant offers a delicious menu and leisure facilities include indoor heated swimming pool and fitness gym.

TOUR PRICE

£285

5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave the West Country and begin our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and reaching our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner and enjoy a stroll along the cliff top.

**SUNDAY** (Christmas Eve) – A full day to York to explore this magnificent city. You may like to visit the imposing Minster, the Jorvik Centre with exhibitions of York's Viking past, the Chocolate Story, where you will learn about the city's connection to the sweet treat through three floors and even try your hand at creating your own chocolate souvenir! or the National Railway Museum to discover 300 years of railway history. Little Shambles is an absolute delight and there are many shops and cafes. Dinner this evening is followed by live entertainment.

**MONDAY** (Christmas Day) – The morning is free to enjoy the delights of Scarborough, one of Yorkshire's much-loved coastal resorts, with its dramatic cliffs and castle headland. Why not take the cliff lift, one of the UK's first funicular railways, down to Scarborough's lower level to explore the beach side resort and harbour area, or maybe enjoy the South Cliff Gardens with spectacular views across the sea. Join us this afternoon for an excursion to the small Edwardian sea-side town of Filey, with a traditional fishing heritage with old world charm. Tonight, we enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and a visit from Santa, followed by another night of live entertainment.

**TUESDAY** (Boxing Day) – After a leisurely breakfast we travel through the North Yorkshire Moors National Park to the picturesque fishing port of Whitby, with its ancient abbey and stunning coastline. The ruins of the 13th-century abbey are fascinating, and for the more energetic, the views from the top are well worth the climb. Why not indulge in some of Whitby's finest fish & chips and take a stroll along the picturesque harbour. We return to our hotel for mince pies and afternoon tea, with entertainment after our evening meal.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we leave of our hotel and begin our journey south. Once again stopping for coffee and lunch on route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)  
Travel insurance £24.00

Sunday 7th – Monday 8th November



### BEAUTIFUL BATH WITH AFTERNOON TEA IN THE PUMP ROOM

The beautiful Georgian city of Bath is known for its historic Roman spa and home of Jane Austen. Enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea in the stunning setting of the Pump Room, one of the finest backdrops for high tea in Bath.

**YOUR HOTEL** Francis Hotel, Bath

An elegant 4\* stylish boutique hotel in the historic centre of Bath, occupying a row of 18th century Georgian townhouses. Each of the en-suite bedrooms are equipped with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and hearty breakfast.

TOUR PRICE

£159

2 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We travel to the beautiful city of Bath, famous for its exquisite 18th century Georgian architecture. You may like to visit the Abbey, or the Jane Austen Centre and learn about her life, novels and connection to the city, or the Thermal Bath Spa and take a dip in the refreshing warm waters of the famous rooftop pool. Take a stroll along the iconic Royal Crescent, with its sweeping curved terrace of honey coloured Georgian town houses or explore the city in greater depth on a sightseeing tour bus, or perhaps a leisurely boat trip down the River Avon. With numerous shops, boutiques and cafes, there is much to see and do, before enjoying a dinner this evening in our hotel.

**MONDAY** The morning is free for you to continue exploring the city of Bath before we enjoy a sumptuous afternoon tea at the Pump Room in one of the city's most elegant restaurants. Indulge in a selection of delicate sandwiches, scones with cream and jam, freshly made cakes and pastries, all served with a traditional pot of English tea or freshly brewed coffee. We later make our way back to our home area, arriving early evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Afternoon tea at the Pump Room
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £40.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

Monday 8th – Friday 12th November



### HOLLY & MISTLETOE IN THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

Combining the ruggedness of the Grampians with the pastoral tranquillity of the Borders, the beautiful craggy hilltops and the sparkling lochs, the Trossachs, now a National Park is the colourful meeting place of the Scottish Highlands and Lowlands stunning scenery any time of year, with an extra special dash of Scottish festive hospitality.

**YOUR HOTEL** The Winnock Hotel, Drymen

Comfort and character are exceptionally well-combined in this 18th Century 3\* hotel, surrounded by the pretty village green the east side of Loch Lomond. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone and tea & coffee facilities. Although there is no lift, there are ground floor rooms. The restaurant offers an appetizing array of locally sourced produce, and Scottish entertainment is provided each evening.

TOUR PRICE

£289

5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** (Christmas Eve) After an early departure we make our journey north, with regular comfort stops en route, to our hotel with time to freshen up before a welcome drink reception, evening meal and entertainment.

**TUESDAY** (Christmas Day) Join us today for a real Scottish scenic tour, stopping for coffee en route, before continuing to the picturesque Loch Katrine with plenty of time to browse the shops and enjoy a warming lunch. We return to Drymen via more stunning Scottish scenery, with time to relax before a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and a visit from Father Christmas! Keep a look out for Christmas Day snow!

**WEDNESDAY** (Boxing Day) This morning we travel a little further north along the west side of Loch Lomond on our way to Arrochar for coffee. We then continue along the banks of beautiful Loch Fyne, to Inveraray for lunch. Home to the Duke of Argyll and a popular tourist spot, there is plenty to see and do here... You may like to visit the famous jail. After dinner we enjoy a Scottish weaponry display with swordsmen, kilts and storytelling!

**THURSDAY** (Hogmanay) After breakfast we take the short drive to Loch Lomond Shores, with a shopping area, visitor centre and woodland walks along the loch. We return to our hotel with time to relax and enjoy a final evening with a traditional Scottish Hogmanay dinner and entertainment.

**FRIDAY** This morning we make our homeward journey south, again with regular comfort stops en route, and arriving back in the West Country mid-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £68.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Friday 12th – Monday 15th November



### TURKEY & TINSEL IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES

The Yorkshire Dales is perhaps one of the most iconic landscapes of Britain, with its patchwork of green valleys, rugged moorland scenery and farmland laced with dry stone walls. Discover the natural beauty of this region with small medieval cities, historic market towns, with a touch of festive cheer.

**YOUR HOTEL** The Cairn Hotel, Harrogate

A delightful 3\* Victorian hotel ideally located just a short walk from the town centre. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked evening meal and a hearty Yorkshire breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness room.

TOUR PRICE

£215

4 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** (Christmas Eve) We leave our home area and make our way north, with comfort stops and lunch on route. We complete our journey into Yorkshire, and to our hotel in Harrogate, with time to settle in before dinner and this evening's entertainment.

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Day) Join us this morning as we visit the city of Ripon. The cathedral has over 1300 years of history with medieval wood carvings that inspired Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland story. The traditional market square is surrounded by quaint streets and Georgian buildings filled with fascinating shops and tearooms. After an early lunch we return to Harrogate with the afternoon to spend as you please... maybe some Christmas shopping browse the antique shops and have tea at the famous Betty's Café Tea Rooms with over 100 years of history. Tonight, we enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings followed by another evening of entertainment.

**SUNDAY** (New Year's Eve) After a leisurely breakfast we travel to the historic city of York. You may like to visit the Minster, the National Railway Museum, The Chocolate Story, or the JORVIK Viking Centre and Little Shambles is an absolute delight. There are also many shops to browse and maybe find Christmas gifts, and numerous cafes & restaurants. We return to our hotel with time to relax before our New Year's Eve dinner final evening of entertainment.

**MONDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey, with comfort and lunch stops on route. We complete our journey back to the West Country arriving early evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £54.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

Friday 12th – Monday 15th November



## WEYMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL

Located at the heart of the 95 mile stretch of World Heritage Coastline, the popular resort of Weymouth is widely renowned for its beautiful bay and golden sands. The pretty 17th century harbour complements the Georgian seafront with its picturesque fishing boats and pleasure yachts.

### YOUR HOTEL Crown Hotel, Weymouth

A characterful hotel overlooking the historic fishing harbour and close to the town centre. Each en-suite bedroom is comfortably furnished with TV, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** (Christmas Eve) – We leave our home area and make our way to Bridport for lunch and time to browse the shops. We continue following the pretty West Dorset coast road to our hotel in Weymouth, giving you plenty of time to settle in before a drinks reception, followed by dinner, bingo and mince pies and festive entertainment until late.

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Day) – After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the county town of Dorchester. There is a wealth of history to explore and some lovely shops to browse. With time for lunch, we later return to Weymouth for the afternoon to spend at leisure, maybe take a stroll along the harbour or enjoy an afternoon tea in a café. Christmas dinner with all the trimmings this evening includes a visit from Santa, followed by bingo and festive music, dancing and singing until late.

**SUNDAY** (New Year's Eve) – This morning we make our way to the lovely town of Poole, where you will have the opportunity to visit the indoor chopping centre, or wander along to the old town and the scenic harbour – the second largest natural harbour in the world. After lunch we return to Weymouth with time to relax before our final evening, including a Hogmanay style Dinner, complimentary glass of wine and singing and dancing to see the "new year" in with a glass of bubbly and mince pie!

**MONDAY** – Sadly, we leave our hotel after breakfast, and make our way homewards, with a lunch stop at Otter Nurseries with their well-stocked gift shop full of Christmas idea. We arrive in our home area late afternoon/early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment each evening
- Bingo on 2 evenings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 5)  
Travel insurance £22.00

TOUR PRICE

£209

4 DAYS

Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th November



## LONGLEAT'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHT & SOUTHAMPTON'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Grab your woolly hat and enjoy the festive experience at Longleat this winter. Marvel at the amazing Chinese lanterns and see your favourite Christmas characters come to life in the house itself – transformed for the season into a veritable winter wonderland.

### YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn, Eastleigh

A modern 3\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors. The restaurant offers a freshly prepared menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area, with a comfort stop en route, and travel to Southampton's Christmas Festival with over 40 alpine chalets which include traditional arts, crafts and gift stalls as well as authentic German market stalls. There is also musical entertainment and the city also has a modern, indoor shopping centre with numerous cafés & restaurants. Late afternoon we make the short journey to our hotel with time if you wish to have a swim in the pool before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and make our way to Longleat. On arrival, join us if you wish for a coach tour through the safari park, as we drive past lions, tigers, cheetahs, giraffes, Anne the elephant, deer, rhinos and many more safari animals along the way. You then have the remainder of the day free to explore the many attractions at Longleat. The historic house itself is transformed into a magical winter wonderland, and if you're looking for festive decorations, stocking filler gifts or tasty treats, look no further than the Christmas fayre. Grab your woolly hat and experience the thrill of outdoor areas, gaze at the dazzling, giant musical Christmas tree, marvel at the amazing Chinese lanterns and see colourful characters come to life as dusk descends. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving early-mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Longleat Festival of Light including coach tour of Safari Park
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £20.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

TOUR PRICE

£125

2 DAYS

Monday 15th – Friday 19th November



## THE LAKE DISTRICT TURKEY & TINSEL

Join us on a festive tour through the Lake District National Park – an area renowned for its exceptional natural beauty – away from the hustle and bustle of the busy tourist season.

### YOUR HOTEL The Cumbria Grand Hotel, Grange-over-Sands

A delightful 3\* hotel set within private wooded grounds and enjoying views of Morecambe Bay. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The hotel's experienced in-house chef has developed an excellent and varied menu, and entertainment is provided each evenings.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and begin our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and reaching our hotel with ample time to settle in before dinner and an evening of light entertainment.

**TUESDAY** (Christmas Eve) Join us this morning for a tour of some of the most stunning scenery seen anywhere in England as we travel up the Kirkstone Pass (weather permitting) and along Ullswater to Keswick for lunch. We return via the pretty village of Grasmere. Why not grab your quiz form at reception and test your knowledge, before a delicious carvery dinner this evening, followed by another evening of entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** (Christmas Day) This morning we make our way to Kendal, with time to browse the shops and enjoy a warming lunch. We continue to picturesque Ambleside, with a stop at Hayes Garden Centre which has a wonderful Christmas shop and gift ideas... as well as a café serving afternoon tea and cake! We complete our circular tour past Coniston Water, with time to rest before a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, followed by hot mince pies and tea & coffee, then an evening of light entertainment.

**THURSDAY** (New Year's Eve) After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey to Bowness on Windermere, the 'heart' of the Lake District, and a town with many gift shops and cafés. Whilst here you may like to take a circular cruise on the lake or visit the nearby World of Beatrix Potter Attraction in which all 23 Tales are brought to life in a magical indoor recreation of the Lakeland countryside, complete with sights, sounds and even smells. There will also be time to explore this lovely town and enjoy lunch. We return to Grange-over-Sands with the time to spend as you please before our final evening meal and entertainment to celebrate and see the "New Year" in!

**FRIDAY** Back to reality! We leave the Lake District and begin our journey south. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £64.00  
Boat trip on Lake Windermere  
Entrance to the World of Beatrix Potter  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£259

5 DAYS

Monday 15th – Friday 19th November



## EASTBOURNE TURKEY & TINSEL

What better way to beat the winter blues than to visit Eastbourne, one of the most elegant British resorts.

### YOUR HOTEL Queens Hotel, Eastbourne

A magnificent Victorian 3\* hotel overlooking the pier. All en-suite bedrooms have TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors, a the restaurant offers a choice menu and entertainment each evening.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way east, stopping for coffee and lunch en route to our hotel arriving with time to settle in before a sherry reception, followed by dinner and an evening of music & dancing.

**TUESDAY** (Christmas Eve) Join us this morning as we make our way west, via Beachy Head and some stunning views, to Brighton, with plenty of time to explore the city's wealth of attractions. The spectacular Royal Pavilion is well worth a visit; beneath its distinctive onion domes is housed some impressive works of art. Or perhaps you'd prefer to explore the Lanes – Brighton's historic quarter, which is a maze of narrow alleyways lined with independent boutiques, antique shops and elegant arcades. This evening we enjoy a gala dinner followed by musical entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** (Christmas Day) After breakfast we travel to the charming market town of Alfriston on the river Cuckmere, once the haunt of smugglers, with its delightful gift and craft shops. We return to Eastbourne for a traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings, followed by a special visit from Santa! with the remainder of the day free to spend as you please. You may like to shop for Christmas gifts or simply take in the air along the seafront before relaxing over afternoon tea in a local café. This evening dinner is followed by a Christmas party to dance the night away!

**THURSDAY** (Boxing Day) A morning excursion through the seaside resort of Hastings to the old cinque port of Ancient Rye. Here you'll discover a host of unusual shops selling antiques, collectors' books and records, along with many art galleries showcasing the work of local artists, with exhibitions rotating regularly throughout the year. We return to our hotel for a pre-lunch glass of punch followed by a grand Boxing Day lunch, and an afternoon of leisure followed by dinner and a farewell fancy dress party (optional) with prize giving, dancing and entertainment.

**FRIDAY** Back to reality! This morning we leave Eastbourne and begin our journey home, stopping for coffee and lunch en route. We complete our journey back to the West country, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Lunch on 2 days including traditional Christmas turkey dinner
- Entertainment each evening
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £30.00  
Sea view room supplement £20.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£245

5 DAYS

Tuesday 16th – Friday 19th November



### THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the largest Christmas production in Europe. A cast of choirs, orchestras, pipers, military bands and professional dancers perform a show depicting all aspects of the season, amid beautifully decorated Christmas scenery. An extremely popular event, so please book early!

**YOUR HOTEL** **Mercurie Hotel, Norwich**

A superb 4\* hotel located on the outskirts of the city of Norwich. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift, but ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked menu. Leisure facilities include a swimming pool, gym and steam room.

**ITINERARY**

**TUESDAY** We leave the West Country and with a coffee stop en route, make our way to Stratford-upon-Avon, with time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel mid morning and travel to Thursford with plenty of time to browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas fayre, and have lunch in one of the restaurants. For an extra charge of £5.00 you can also visit Santa's Magical Journey which takes you from penguins and polar bears to giant sized teddy bears ready to load the sleigh, past the busy elves hard at work in the toy factory with the wonderful wrapping machine. You'll meet lots of fantasy characters including the snowman's family but watch out for the snowballs! Take your seat for the afternoon Christmas Spectacular, an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety. It's a celebration of the festive season featuring a mix of seasonal and year round favourites. With a cast of 130 this is the biggest Christmas show of it's kind in Europe. We return to our hotel for evening dinner

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Bury St Edmunds, a beautiful and busy market town, with plenty of time to visit the cathedral, browse the shops and enjoy a leisurely lunch. We return to Norwich with time here to explore and have tea.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £90.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£299**  
4 DAYS

Friday 19th – Monday 22nd November



### ISLE OF WIGHT TURKEY & TINSEL

The Isle of Wight – only 23 miles long by 13 miles wide – is quite a world of its own, managing to crowd into its small surface area an entire realm of unspoilt English landscapes in miniature.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Queensmead Hotel, Shanklin**

We are delighted to return to this very popular hotel, arriving to a warm welcome and located with easy walking distance of the high street, and picturesque Old Village. All rooms are ensuite, with TV and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift at the hotel, and a limited number of ground floor rooms. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared home cooked menu, and entertainment is provided on some evenings.

**ITINERARY**

**FRIDAY** (Christmas Eve) We leave our home area, and with a comfort stop en route, make our way to Southampton for the 1 hour ferry crossing to East Cowes. We continue to Shanklin and our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Day) Join us today as we take a wonderful circular tour of the island through some stunning scenery (weather permitting!). We stop for coffee en route to Alum Bay where you can take a look at the Needles and enjoy a breath of sea air! We continue to Yarmouth for lunch and later to Cowes, a famous yachting harbour, where there will be time to browse the shops and enjoy a cup of tea before we return to our hotel with time to relax before a traditional Christmas Dinner followed by an evening of entertainment & dancing.

**SUNDAY** (New Year's Eve) After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey to the picture postcard village of Godshell with its charming thatch cottages, and medieval church, as well as delightful tearooms and quaint gift shops dotted along the winding Street. We return to our hotel for lunch and the afternoon free to spend as you please in Shanklin. You may like to visit the Old Village with its picturesque thatched buildings, gift shops and cafés and just past the entrance to the Crab Inn is the beginning of Shanklin Chine, a deep gorge carved out by a stream. Entertainment and fun follows this evening's dinner, to see in the "New Year"!

**MONDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast and travel to Cowes for the return ferry crossing to Southampton. We then continue our homeward journey, stopping in Salisbury for lunch and, and reaching our home area early-evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement  
Travel insurance £22.00

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£199**  
4 DAYS

Friday 19th – Monday 22nd November



### TENBY, TURKEY & TINSEL

A coastal resort in attractive Pembrokeshire, Tenby is situated on a narrow promontory jutting out into Camarthan Bay. Once a prosperous port, Georgian houses overlook the picturesque harbour with its generous sandy beaches.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Clarence House Hotel, Tenby**

Owned by the same family for nearly seventy years, this excellent hotel enjoys an enviable position on the esplanade. All rooms are ensuite, with TV and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a traditional choice menu and entertainment is provided each evening.

**ITINERARY**

**FRIDAY** (Christmas Eve) We leave our home area and travel over the St David's Bridge to Cardiff, with time for lunch and a spot of Christmas shopping. We then continue to our hotel in Tenby, arriving with time to settle in before a sherry reception, followed by dinner and live entertainment.

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Day & New Year's Eve) This morning we travel to Carmarthen, a neat county town, encircled by the River Towy and full of pretty shops. With time to enjoy the scenery, browse the shops and enjoy a warming lunch, we return to our hotel with time to relax before a festive punch reception, followed by Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and a visit from Father Christmas himself, followed by more live entertainment.

**SUNDAY** (New Year's Day) After a leisurely breakfast, join us if you wish for a gentle coastal drive through some of Pembrokeshire's prettiest villages. OR you may like to stay in Tenby and take a stroll along the esplanade. A light lunch will be served in the hotel, before an afternoon of fun and complimentary afternoon tea. Our final evening dinner will once again be followed by entertainment

**MONDAY** Back to reality! We leave Tenby after breakfast and make our way back over the border into England, stopping en route in the pretty Welsh town of Abergavenny for lunch. We complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Sherry & punch receptions
- Light lunch and afternoon tea on Sunday
- Entertainment on each evening
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement  
Travel insurance £22.00

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£215**  
4 DAYS

Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st November



### LONGLEAT'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHT & WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET

Grab your woolly hat and enjoy the festive experience at Longleat this winter. Marvel at the amazing Chinese lanterns and see your favourite Christmas characters come to life in the house itself – transformed for the season into a veritable winter wonderland.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Holiday Inn, Eastleigh**

A modern 3\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors. The restaurant offers a freshly prepared menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool.

**ITINERARY**

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area, with a comfort stop en route, and travel to Winchester. Recognised as one of the best in Europe, and inspired by traditional German Christmas Markets, the pretty wooden chalets are situated in the Cathedral's historic Close surrounding an open-air real ice rink. Here you will find an abundance of wonderful Christmas gifts, decorations as well as many festive food and drink. All the exhibitors are hand-picked for their interesting, high quality and unique products, many of which can't be bought on the high street. At the far end of the British Crafts Village is an enchanting nativity scene – providing an ideal opportunity to share the Christmas story and take a photograph for Christmas. There are also many of the usual high street shops and restaurants to enjoy coffee and a warming lunch, and the cathedral to visit. Late afternoon we make the short journey to our hotel with time if you wish to have a swim in the pool before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and make our way to Longleat. On arrival, join us if you wish for a coach tour through the safari park, as we drive past lions, tigers, cheetahs, giraffes, Anne the elephant, deer, rhinos and many more safari animals along the way. You then have the remainder of the day free to explore the many attractions at Longleat. The historic house itself is transformed into a magical winter wonderland, and if you're looking for festive decorations, stocking filler gifts or tasty treats, look no further than the Christmas fayre. Grab your woolly hat and experience the thrill of outdoor areas, gaze at the dazzling, giant musical Christmas tree, marvel at the amazing Chinese lanterns and see colourful characters come to life as dusk descends. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving early-mid evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Longleat Festival of Light including coach tour of Safari Park
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £20.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£125**  
2 DAYS

Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st November



**BLenheim PALACE AT CHRISTMAS & GLOUCESTER QUAYS VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£119**  
2 DAYS

Join us as we visit Blenheim Palace for a very special event, with the Palace beautifully decorated for Christmas telling a beautiful story. The Great Hall is adorned with grand Christmas trees bedecked with candles, baubles and lanterns in traditional colours. The grand dining table is set for a Christmas feast, and the fireplaces in the state rooms and the library – each beautifully festooned by floral specialists – offer a glowing welcome. In addition, this weekend the courtyards of Blenheim Palace will be transformed into a veritable winter wonderland for the ever-popular annual Christmas market.

**YOUR HOTEL** Holiday Inn, Swindon

A modern 3\* hotel. Each of the comfortable rooms are en-suite with TV, Wi-Fi, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant offers delicious cuisine and a hearty breakfast; there is also a bar and lounge. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated swimming pool, sauna and jacuzzi.

**ITINERARY**

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area and make our way to Blenheim Palace, where you will have plenty of time to enjoy all the delights of the Palace itself and the outdoor Christmas market. Wander through the beautiful decorated state rooms, bedecked with twinkling lights and traditional draped decorations throughout the exquisitely furnished rooms. Late-afternoon we travel to our hotel in time for dinner and an evening at leisure.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we travel to Gloucester Quays for the Victorian Christmas Market. Here you'll find around 150 stalls selling artisan crafts, fine food and drink and unique Christmas gifts, while a huge cast of larger-than-life Victorian characters enthrall the crowds with their antics. Soak up the atmosphere of the quays and historic Victorian docks, while being entertained by brass bands, choirs, street performers, steam engines, a beautiful traditional carousel and more besides. There are also many outlet stores and cafés to enjoy lunch. We leave late-afternoon, completing our homeward journey and reaching our home area early-evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Blenheim Palace Decorated for Christmas
- Entrance to Gloucester Quays Victorian Christmas Fayre (Free entry)
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £20.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th November



**VALKENBURG TURKEY & TINSEL...AND CHRISTMAS MARKETS**

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£329**  
5 DAYS

If you are looking for a Turkey & Tinsel break with something just a little bit different, then why not try our short break to the delightful Dutch town of Valkenburg.

**YOUR HOTEL** Hotel Walram, Valkenburg

This 3\* family run hotel idyllically situated along the River Geul in the centre of this beautiful town. Each en-suite room has a TV, and hairdryer. There is a lift serving all floors, and the restaurant serves a delicious menu and buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool and sauna.

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** After an early departure we travel east to Dover, with a comfort stop en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before a welcome drinks reception and buffet evening dinner.

**TUESDAY** (Christmas Eve) – The day is free to spend at leisure exploring the delightful town of Valkenburg, with its narrow streets, hilltop castle and the charming velvet caves. Inside the heart of the caves, the largest and oldest European underground Christmas market takes place, with festive decorations and lighting, stalls with many gift ideas and sweet treats to sample. After dinner enjoy Valkenburg by night with outside terraces and warm gas lights to enjoy hot mulled wine or a local beer.

**WEDNESDAY** (Christmas Day) – Today we travel to the enchanting German town of Monschau. This picture postcard town is like stepping back in time as you wander through its narrow streets filled with souvenir shops, cafes and restaurants. Attractions include the old working watermill, glass-blowing factory and brewery museum, together with the delightful riverside walk. This evening we enjoy a turkey dinner followed by musical entertainment and maybe a venture back into town where a festive Christmas light parade takes place in the heart of Valkenburg with decorated floats, dancers and Father Christmas on his sleigh.

**THURSDAY** (New Year's Day) – This morning we make the short distance to the nearby German town of Aachen, where the annual Christmas market is held in the heart of the city centre. With the backdrop of the cathedral the square is transformed into a paradise of lights and colours, with festive aromas from the many food stalls selling local gingerbread known as "Prinern" and other tasty treats, together with gift stalls galore. We return to our hotel in for our farewell 4 course dinner and live entertainment.

**FRIDAY** This morning we make our way back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue, with comfort stops en route to the West Country, arriving mid evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £80.00  
Entrance to Valkenburg's Christmas Caves (approx. €7)  
Travel insurance £38.00

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th November



**TURKEY & TINSEL, ALVASTON HALL, WARNER BREAK**

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£335**  
5 DAYS

On a Warner holiday, you will understand what it means to be spoilt for choice; excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening.

**YOUR HOTEL** Alvaston Hall Hotel, Nantwich, Cheshire

A beautiful 3\* half-timbered Victorian country hotel having recently undergone major refurbishment. All rooms are en-suite, with TV, hairdryer, lounge chairs and tea & coffee-making facilities. Enjoy dinner in the splendid Cabaret Restaurant, before sitting back to take in the fantastic dancing and live entertainment. Excellent leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, spa pool, sauna, steam room and gym. Sports facilities include, archery, croquet, darts and snooker.

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** (Christmas Eve) - We leave the West Country and begin our journey north, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and arriving at our hotel with time to freshen up before our first evening dinner and excellent festive entertainment.

**TUESDAY** (Christmas Day) - Time to familiarise yourself with your new surroundings and enjoy some of the many facilities available in the hotel. Late morning, we travel to Shrewsbury, one of England's finest medieval towns, located on the banks of the River Severn with over 600 listed buildings. The medieval narrow streets are filled with independent shops and cafes. This evening we enjoy a glorious traditional Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings, followed by an evening of cabaret entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** (Boxing Day) - A full day excursion to the historic city of Chester, the most complete walled city in Britain, where the 'Rows', black & white half-timbered buildings above street level take pride of place. Other worthwhile attractions include the 10th Century cathedral and several museums. You may like to take a stroll along the River Dee or browse the shopping area and enjoy a warming lunch. We return to our hotel for dinner and another evening of top class festive entertainment.

**THURSDAY** (New Year's Eve) - This morning we make the short journey into the attractive market town of Nantwich with its museum in the centre of the town telling the story of Nantwich through the ages including Tudor Nantwich's Great Fire. With plenty of shops to browse and cafes to enjoy lunch, we return to our hotel to continue to enjoy the facilities before tonight's New Year's Eve Gala Dinner, followed by a New Year's Eve party filled with entertainment, music and dancing.

**FRIDAY** This morning we leave our hotel and begin our journey south, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and arriving back in the West Country early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Traditional Christmas Dinner on 1 night
- New Year's Eve Gala Dinner on 1 night
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 4)  
Signature room upgrade £20.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th November



**GREAT YARMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL & THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR**

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£295**  
5 DAYS

Great Yarmouth is Norfolk's premier seaside resort. Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the largest Christmas production in Europe. A cast of choirs, orchestras, pipers, military bands and professional dancers perform a show depicting all aspects of the season, amid beautifully decorated Christmas scenery. An extremely popular event, so please book early!

**YOUR HOTEL** New Beach Hotel, Great Yarmouth

Superbly situated opposite Great Yarmouth's Britannia Pier. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. A lift serves most floors. The restaurant offers an excellent choice menu, and entertainment is provided each evening.

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way east, with stops for coffee and lunch en route, arriving at our hotel in time for a sherry reception before dinner and our first evening of music, dancing and entertainment.

**TUESDAY** (Christmas Eve) Today we visit the city of Norwich with its splendid Norman cathedral and castle, built 900 years ago and now a museum and art gallery. There are many shops to browse and cafes to enjoy lunch. Dinner this evening is followed by in-house entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** (Christmas Day) After breakfast, we travel to Wroxham Barns, a collection of beautifully-restored 18th-century barns, where you can browse the craft and gift shops and enjoy watching traditional craftsmen at work. We return to our hotel, for a traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings and a visit from Santa. Dinner this evening will be followed by a festive Christmas party!

**THURSDAY** (Boxing Day) We leave mid morning and travel to Thursford with plenty of time to browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas fayre, and have lunch in one of the restaurants. For an extra charge of £5.00 you can visit Santa's Magical Journey which takes you from penguins and polar bears to giant sized teddy bears ready to load the sleigh, past the busy elves hard at work in the toy factory with the wonderful wrapping machine. You'll meet lots of fantasy characters including the snowman's family but watch out for the snowballs! Take your seat for the afternoon Christmas Spectacular, an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety. It's a celebration of the festive season featuring a mix of seasonal and year round favourites. With a cast of 130 this is the biggest Christmas show of its kind in Europe. We return to our hotel for evening dinner

**FRIDAY** Back to reality! We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Christmas Lunch on Wednesday
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £30.00  
Sea view supplement £20.00 per person  
Travel insurance 24.00

Friday 26th – Sunday 28th November



## LUDLOW MEDIEVAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE & BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET

Historical Christmas is brought to life in these times-gone-by themed markets. Ludlow medieval Christmas fayre, set in the stunning grounds of Ludlow Castle offers entertainment and gift stalls with knights, jesters and story-tellers, whilst Bath Christmas market is set within its Georgian streets with a stunning backdrop of the Roman baths and Abbey.

**YOUR HOTEL** Best Western Stourport Manor Hotel, Stourport-On-Severn

A charming 4\* country hotel, former home to Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin. All en-suite bedrooms are furnished with TV, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include a indoor heated pool, sauna, steam room, squash court and fitness suite.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop en route, make our way to Worcester for lunch and time to browse the shops. We complete our journey to our hotel with time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**SATURDAY** This morning we travel west to the grounds of Ludlow Castle, the splendid setting for this wonderful medieval Christmas fayre. With over 100 stalls with lots of stocking fillers, Christmas gift ideas, sweet treats and hand-crafted goods, immerse yourself in days-gone-by with knights, jesters and historical re-enactments all providing medieval entertainment throughout the day. You may also like to explore Ludlow itself and do a little festive retail shopping and enjoy a cosy lunch in one of its cafes.

**SUNDAY** After breakfast we leave our hotel and travel south to the spa city of Bath for its annual Christmas market. Held in the picturesque Georgian streets, there are over 200 chalet stalls, many from local suppliers, to explore with festive cheer at every corner in this great family atmosphere. You will find numerous ideas for that unique Christmas gift with ceramics, glassware, handcrafted goods, jewellery and clothing plus much more besides. There is also a wonderful selection of local caterers serving up delicious festive themed food and drink, as well as the usual high street shops close by. We leave Bath late afternoon and complete our journey home, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Admission to Ludlow Medieval Christmas Fayre
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £44.00  
Travel insurance £19.00

TOUR PRICE

£195

3 DAYS

Friday 26th – Monday 29th November



## NORTH WALES TURKEY & TINSEL

Known as the Pearl of Northwest Wales, Criccieth is an unspoilt seaside town with unrivalled views, beautifully situated along the coast at the edge of Snowdonia National Park.

**YOUR HOTEL** Lion Hotel, Criccieth

This 3\* hotel dominates Criccieth's pleasant village green, and commands excellent views of Cardigan Bay. Each of its comfortable rooms are en-suite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The elegant restaurant serves a freshly-prepared menu, complemented by an extensive wine list. Entertainment is provided each evening.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** (Christmas Eve) We leave our home area and travel over the border into Wales, stopping for coffee en route. We then continue to the pretty Welsh town of Builth Wells for lunch, before completing our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner and an evening of light entertainment.

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Day) This morning is free for you to spend as you please in Criccieth. You may like to visit the castle and take in its splendid views, or perhaps you'd prefer to stroll around the town and browse the shops. After an early lunch, we enjoy a gentle drive through the heart of Snowdonia National Park to the pretty village of Betws-y-Coed, with its wonderful gift shops and tearooms. We return to our hotel in time for a visit from You Know Who! A festive dinner will then be served before a Christmas Cracker party night.

**SUNDAY** (New Year's Eve) After a leisurely breakfast, join us as we drive through the scenic Llanberis Pass to Caernarfon for lunch, before crossing the bridge to Anglesey and James Pringle Weaver's Woollen Mill and gift shop at Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychyrndrobwillantysiliogogoch. We return to our hotel with time to relax before our final evening meal is followed by New Year celebrations, including live entertainment and dancing.

**MONDAY** Back to reality! We leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey to the West Country, with stops for coffee and lunch en route. We reach our home area early-evening, hoping you'll have enjoyed your early Christmas!

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment each evening
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement  
Travel insurance £19.00

TOUR PRICE

£225

4 DAYS

Friday 26th – Monday 29th November



## TRIER & LUXEMBOURG CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Trier, the oldest city in Germany, hosts a delightful Christmas market on its main medieval square which creates a romantic backdrop to this quaint festive event.

**YOUR HOTEL** Belle Vue Hotel, Vianden

This charming 3\* hotel is ideally located in the picturesque medieval town of Vianden, at the foot of the impressive Orange Castle, just a few minutes' walk from the heart of the village. All rooms are en-suite with TV, Wi-Fi access and hairdryer, served by a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu, and a generous buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and sauna.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** After an early departure we travel east to Dover, with a comfort stop en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue our journey to our hotel, and base for the next three nights, with time to settle in before dinner.

**SATURDAY** Join us today as we make the journey over the border of Luxembourg, into Trier, Germany's oldest city, located on the Moselle River. This compact city is hosts to a delightful German Christmas Market with almost 100 wooden chalet stalls offering delicious treats such as exquisite local wines, traditional German dishes and warming mulled wine. Here you will find many handcrafted gifts such as traditional decorations, wooden toys, engraved glassware, ceramics and tasty sweet treats. The city also offers large department stores and unique boutiques for shopping enthusiasts. There are also many historical sights to discover in Trier including the beautiful Cathedral of St Peter (the oldest in Germany), and the medieval well-preserved Porta Nigra.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey into the city of Luxembourg, where the capital comes alive with all the festivities of the Christmas season. There are 4 main markets held in the city, creating a real Christmas Village atmosphere with wooden chalets, surrounded by tall decorated Christmas trees, twinkling fairy lights and festive aromas. With beautiful and unique gifts from candles, decorations, stocking filler presents, and tasty treats on sale, why not try some of local cuisine such as potato pancakes or Luxembourg sausages, with a warming glass of mulled wine from the gourmet market!

**MONDAY** This morning we make our way back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue, with comfort stops on route to the West Country, arriving mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £49.00  
Luxury Room (Twin/Double use) with Balcony £45.00 per person  
Travel insurance £36.00

TOUR PRICE

£275

4 DAYS

Friday 26th – Monday 29th November



## GREAT ENTERTAINMENT TURKEY & TINSEL ON THE ENGLISH RIVIERA

Torquay is located on the much-loved English Riviera and is one of the UK's most popular holiday destination, here in the glorious county of Devon. Join us for a great value turkey & tinsel packed with entertainment and leisure facilities, to get away and beat the blues for a welcome winter break!

**YOUR HOTEL** Carlton Hotel, Torquay

A friendly 3\* hotel just a short walk from the seafront and town centre. Each of the en-suite bedrooms is comfortably furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include access to the hotel leisure resort with indoor swimming pool, indoor bowls, games rooms, 10 pin bowling, fitness suite and spa facilities. There is live entertainment and dancing each night.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** (Christmas Eve) We leave our home area with a stop for lunch on route, arriving at our hotel in Torquay with plenty of time to settle in and freshen up before dinner and this evening's entertainment including festive Christmas Carols, music, dancing and an inhouse entertainment show.

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Day) The day is free for you to visit Torquay centre, take a stroll along the seafront or perhaps take a local bus to a nearby seaside resort. Or make use of the hotel complex extensive leisure facilities with indoor swimming pool, indoor bowling, games rooms, spa facilities with treatment rooms. Our evening begins with a visit from Santa, followed by a traditional Christmas dinner and another night of fabulous entertainment.

**SUNDAY** (New Year's Eve) After a leisurely breakfast, join us if you wish for a scenic coastal drive around the beautiful South Devon region, stopping for lunch and time to take a stroll, before returning to Torquay with the rest of the day free to relax and make use of the hotel's leisure facilities and a final evening with New Year's Eve festive dinner and more entertainment.

**MONDAY** Sadly, we leave our hosts in Torquay and return to our home area, with a stop for lunch, arriving back in our home area late afternoon.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Live entertainment
- Use of Hotel Resort Leisure Facilities
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 3)  
Subsequent singles £45.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

TOUR PRICE

£209

4 DAYS

Saturday 27th – Sunday 28th November



### LONGLEAT'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHT & SOUTHAMPTON'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Grab your woolly hat and enjoy the festive experience at Longleat this winter. Marvel at the amazing Chinese lanterns and see your favourite Christmas characters come to life in the house itself – transformed for the season into a veritable winter wonderland.

**YOUR HOTEL** Holiday Inn, Eastleigh

A modern 3\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors. The restaurant offers a freshly prepared menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool.

#### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area, with a comfort stop en route, and travel to Southampton's Christmas Festival with over 40 alpine chalets which include traditional arts, crafts and gift stalls as well as authentic German market stalls. There is also musical entertainment and the city also has a modern, indoor shopping centre with numerous cafés & restaurants. Late afternoon we make the short journey to our hotel with time if you wish to have a swim in the pool before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and make our way to Longleat. On arrival, join us if you wish for a coach tour through the safari park, as we drive past lions, tigers, cheetahs, giraffes, Anne the elephant, deer, rhinos and many more safari animals along the way. You then have the remainder of the day free to explore the many attractions at Longleat. The historic house itself is transformed into a magical winter wonderland, and if you're looking for festive decorations, stocking filler gifts or tasty treats, look no further than the Christmas fayre. Grab your woolly hat and experience the thrill of outdoor areas, gaze at the dazzling, giant musical Christmas tree, marvel at the amazing Chinese lanterns and see colourful characters come to life as dusk descends. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving early-mid evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Longleat Festival of Light including coach tour of Safari Park
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £20.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£125**  
2 DAYS

Monday 29th Nov – Wednesday 1st Dec



### THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the largest Christmas production in Europe. A cast of choirs, orchestras, pipers, military bands and professional dancers perform a show depicting all aspects of the season, amid beautifully decorated Christmas scenery. An extremely popular event, so please book early!

**YOUR HOTEL** Holiday Inn, Norwich

A modern 3\* hotel located on the outskirts of Norwich. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift, but ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include a swimming pool.

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to Stratford-upon-Avon, with a stop for coffee en route. With time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch, we then continue our journey to Norwich and our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast we make our way to the centre of Norwich with time to visit the cathedral, browse the shops for Christmas gifts and have a light lunch. We return to our hotel with time to relax and have an early dinner before we travel to Thursford with plenty of time to browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas fayre. For an extra charge of £5.00 you can also visit Santa's Magical Journey which takes you from penguins and polar bears to giant sized teddy bears ready to load the sleigh, past the busy elves hard at work in the toy factory with the wonderful wrapping machine. You'll meet lots of fantasy characters including the snowman's family but watch out for the snowballs! Take your seat for this evening's Christmas Spectacular, an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety. It's a celebration of the festive season featuring a mix of seasonal and year round favourites. With a cast of 130 this is the biggest Christmas show of it's kind in Europe.

**WEDNESDAY** We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £19.00

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£235**  
3 DAYS

Tuesday 30th Nov – Friday 3rd December



### THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the largest Christmas production in Europe. A cast of choirs, orchestras, pipers, military bands and professional dancers perform a show depicting all aspects of the season, amid beautifully decorated Christmas scenery. An extremely popular event, so please book early!

**YOUR HOTEL** Mercure Hotel, Norwich

A superb 4\* hotel located on the outskirts of the city of Norwich. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift, but ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked menu. Leisure facilities include a swimming pool, gym and steam room.

#### ITINERARY

**TUESDAY** We leave the West Country and with a coffee stop en route, make our way to Stratford-upon-Avon, with time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we make our way to the centre of Norwich with time to visit the cathedral, browse the shops for Christmas gifts and have a light lunch. We return to our hotel with time to relax and have an early dinner before we travel to Thursford with plenty of time to browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas fayre. For an extra charge of £5.00 you can also visit Santa's Magical Journey which takes you from penguins and polar bears to giant sized teddy bears ready to load the sleigh, past the busy elves hard at work in the toy factory with the wonderful wrapping machine. You'll meet lots of fantasy characters including the snowman's family but watch out for the snowballs! Take your seat for this evening's Christmas Spectacular, an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety. It's a celebration of the festive season featuring a mix of seasonal and year round favourites. With a cast of 130 this is the biggest Christmas show of it's kind in Europe.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Bury St Edmunds, a beautiful and busy market town, with plenty of time to visit the cathedral, browse the shops and enjoy a leisurely lunch. We return to Norwich with time here to explore and have tea.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £90.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£299**  
4 DAYS

Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th December



### FESTIVE BREAK IN NORTH CORNWALL – INCLUDING PADSTOW CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

The coastline of North Cornwall is perhaps one of the most visited of all our UK coastlines with rugged cliffs and natural beauty. Padstow holds an annual Christmas Festival by the harbour front with Christmas market stalls and delicious local food producers.

**YOUR HOTEL** Rosemudy House Hotel, St Agnes

A delightful 3\* family run hotel situated in the quaint village on the north Cornwall coast. All en-suite bedrooms are furnished with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked evening menu and hearty Cornish breakfast. There are several lounges to relax in and entertainment on 2 evenings.

#### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** (Christmas Eve) We leave our home area, and travel to Plymouth with time to enjoy a warming lunch and a spot of Christmas shopping, before we complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before a sherry reception, dinner and an evening at leisure.

**FRIDAY** (Christmas Day) After breakfast we make our way to the coastal town of Padstow for the annual Christmas Festival, to experience the magical festive atmosphere this town creates. Well known chefs including Rick Stein are often spotted at the event, giving cookery demonstrations and the numerous market stalls are filled with delicious Cornish produce of food and drink and handcrafted gifts from local artists. The town itself has many gift shops offering stocking filler ideas and a wide variety of cafes to enjoy a warming lunch. We return to our hotel with time to relax before a special visit from Santa, followed by a traditional Turkey dinner with all the trimmings and live entertainment.

**SATURDAY** (New Year's Eve) This morning we make our way into Truro with time to wander through the weekly market stalls, located on Lemon Quay, alongside the indoor Pannier market. There are many High Street shops in the centre, and numerous cafes to enjoy a hot lunch. You may like to explore the fascinating cathedral whose cafes always welcomes visiting guests. We return to our hotel with the afternoon free to relax, and perhaps stroll into the village. Dinner tonight is followed by another evening of entertainment to dance the night away!

**SUNDAY** We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey, stopping for lunch at Endsleigh Garden Centre, which is full of great Christmas gift inspiration!! We complete our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

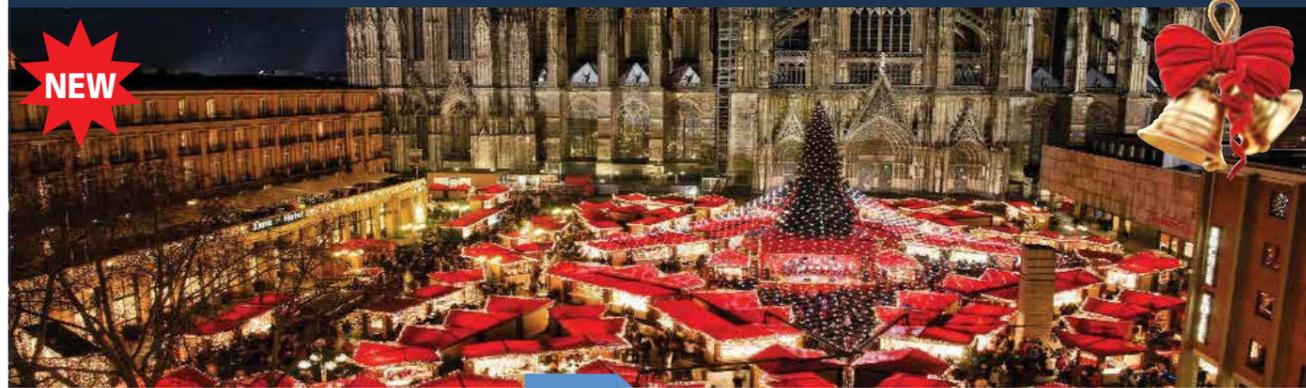
#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment on 2 evenings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 5)  
Travel insurance £22.00

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£215**  
4 DAYS

Thursday 2nd – Tuesday 7th December



**NEW**  
**NOSTALGIC GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS ON THE RHINE**

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£469**  
**6 DAYS**

Step back in time and enjoy the nostalgic festive atmosphere at some of Germany & Belgium's best Christmas markets. Admire the scenic River Rhine scenery that forms the perfect backdrop to these delightful markets and savour the delicious aromas and tasty treats offered at each unique location. A fabulous Christmas Market bonanza!

**YOUR HOTEL Seminaris Hotel, Bad Honnef, Rhine Valley**  
Located in a landscaped parkland in the centre of this attractive Rhine Valley town, each of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms are equipped with TV and hairdryer. The open plan restaurant serves a delicious menu and the lounge bar offers an area to relax. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool, sauna and steam room.

**ITINERARY**

**THURSDAY** After an early departure we leave the West Country and travel to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue our journey with comfort stops on route, to our overnight accommodation near Cologne, arriving in time for evening dinner.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast we make our way into the centre of Cologne for the wonderful Christmas market that is spread out across the city. With the exquisite backdrop of the cathedral, the central market is always a joy to browse with traditional wooden stalls selling hand crafted gifts, sweet treats and delicious hot mulled wine. There is also perhaps the most attractive market located in the Old Town, the fabulous "Angel Market" in the New Town and the elegant Harbour Market with its festive maritime atmosphere. We re-join the coach this afternoon and continue to our next hotel along the Rhine at Bad Honnef, with time to settle in before dinner.

**SATURDAY** Join us this morning for a short, guided walking tour of Linz am Rhein, known as the "colourful town on the Rhine" full of half-timbered buildings with its Christmas market located in the main square. Browse the stalls with their hand-crafted gifts from pottery to glassware, jewellery to candles, festive decorations and winter hats & scarves plus delicious treats from pastries, waffles, hot sausages and warm punch. This afternoon we ride the Kasbach Railway to Steffen's Brewery where you will discover a nostalgic, pretty Christmas Market with local produce and stocking fillers.



**SUNDAY** Join us for a drive along the Rhine to the town of Koblenz, where the River Rhine & Moselle meet. Here you will find the charming traditional Christmas market with aromas of freshly roasted almonds, sweet mulled wine and gingerbread offering a perfect festive fragrance across the city. Whilst here, you may also like to wander through the old quarter and visit the attractively decorated shops and pick up a Christmas gift or two!

**MONDAY** – After breakfast, we leave our hosts on the Rhine and make our way to the beautiful compact Belgium city of Bruges and our hotel in the centre where your luggage will be stored. You then have the remainder of the day to enjoy the Christmas market on the Grote Markt. Soak up the atmosphere and enjoy a glass (or two!) of Gluhwein or hot chocolate, sample the local cuisine and tasty treats like the famous Belgian waffles, and browse the numerous market stalls crammed with Christmas gifts and handcrafted decorations. For chocolate lovers, why not visit the Chocolate Museum or Pralinette (Bruges's largest praline and chocolate shop). For the more adventurous, why not take a twirl on the ice rink with a backdrop of beautiful historic buildings or perhaps take a horse & cart ride around the cobbled streets or a canal boat journey through the historic waterways. As our hotel is in the centre of Bruges, you can return to our hotel at your leisure to check in and maybe have a rest before choosing a restaurant to enjoy evening dinner.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast, we make our way back to Calais for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then complete our homeward journey, reaching the West Country early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 1 Night Bed & Breakfast (Bruges)
- Guided Walking Tour of Linz am Rhein
- Journey on the Kasbach Railway
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £155.00  
Travel insurance £40.00

Friday 3rd – Monday 6th December



**YORK NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS FAYRE & NORTHERN LIGHTS EXPRESS**

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£255**  
**4 DAYS**

The York St Nicholas Christmas Fayre brings the city alive as costumed characters wander through the streets and seasonal aromas fill the air with roasted chestnuts and spiced mulled wine are served from market stalls. The Northern Lights Express is a fabulously festive train journey of twinkling Christmas lights illuminating the carriages and route for a truly magical journey!

**YOUR HOTEL The Queens Hotel, York**  
We are delighted to return to this 3\* hotel, ideally situated on the banks of the river Ouse in the heart of the city centre. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors, and the restaurant offers delicious traditional food.

**ITINERARY**

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country, and travel north, with comfort and lunch stops on route, arriving at our hotel in York with time to settle in before evening dinner. You may like to take a stroll along the riverbanks or explore the city at night.

**SATURDAY** The whole day is free to discover the beautiful city of York, The magical St Nicholas Christmas Fayre is in full swing, as Victorian costumed characters parade through the centre, carol singers entertain and market stalls filled with Christmas gifts and decorations and delicious treats tempt the senses. Find local crafts in the "Made in Yorkshire" yuletide village in decorated wooden chalets. Late afternoon we join the coach and travel to Pickering where we experience the lighting of the North Yorkshire Moors Railway train and carriages and take a magical return journey to Levisham where there will be an extravaganza light show with snow covered station, returning through an illuminated enchanted forest. We return to our hotel for dinner.

**SUNDAY** Today you have a choice. You can either continue enjoying the Christmas market or visit some of York's attractions such as the Minster, the National Railway Museum, The Chocolate Story, or the JORVIK Viking Centre OR join us for a morning's excursion to the compact city of Ripon. With its stunning cathedral, museums and local shops and small streets surrounding the historic market square, there are numerous cafes to enjoy a warming lunch and relax, before we return to York for a final evening at leisure.

**MONDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast and travel south. With comfort stops on route, we arrive back in the West Country early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return journey on North Yorkshire Moors Railway – Northern Lights Express
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £66.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

Saturday 4th – Sunday 5th December



**BIRMINGHAM CHRISTMAS MARKET & BLISTS HILL VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS**

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£109**  
**2 DAYS**

Birmingham's German Christmas Market is the largest authentic Christmas market outside Germany, and one of Britain's largest outdoor markets, with over 180 traditionally-decorated stalls bearing gifts of handmade crafts, sweet treats and stocking fillers. Blists Hill is a recreated outdoor Victorian town, set over 52 acres, which gives a fascinating insight into Victorian life. Step back in time as characters go about their daily lives in their cottages, shops and workplaces. At Christmas, the Victorian town is transformed into a magical bygone era of traditional seasonal celebrations.

**YOUR HOTEL Buckatree Hall Hotel, Telford**  
A delightful 3\* hotel nestled in the beautiful Shropshire countryside. Each comfortable en-suite bedroom is fully equipped with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to most floors. The restaurant serves a deliciously tempting menu and the lounge bar offers a quiet place to relax and retreat.

**ITINERARY**

**SATURDAY** We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop on route, make our way to the centre of Birmingham. As well as all the High Street shops, there is also Frankfurt Christmas Market which has become a huge favourite and combined with the city's own Christmas Craft Fair of local traders. Picturesque wooden chalets offer traditional handcrafted gifts, jewellery, wooden toys, and candles. Sample the Glühwein (German mulled wine), German beers, traditional sausages, meats, sweets, breads and pastries. Late afternoon we make our way to our hotel with time to relax before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**SUNDAY** After breakfast, we make our way to Blists Hill at Ironbridge, to visit the recreated Victorian town, specially decorated for a traditional Victorian Christmas experience. Wander through the historic streets, and experience the sights, sounds and aromas of a treasured bygone era. You may like to do a little Christmas shopping in the Victorian shops, all offering unique gift ideas, or discover the interactive exhibitions, cottages and workshops to learn about Victorian life. Listen to carols sung by choirs with brass bands, and there is even a festive Punch & Judy show for the little ones, together with Christmas card making and Santa's grotto. There are plenty of restaurants and cafes to enjoy a warming winter lunch. We leave late afternoon and make our way back to the West Country, arriving mid-evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Blists Hill Victorian Town
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £15.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

Saturday 4th – Sunday 5th December



### LONGLEAT'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHT & WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET

Grab your woolly hat and enjoy the festive experience at Longleat this winter. Marvel at the amazing Chinese lanterns and see your favourite Christmas characters come to life in the house itself – transformed for the season into a veritable winter wonderland.

**YOUR HOTEL** Holiday Inn, Eastleigh

A modern 3\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors. The restaurant offers a freshly prepared menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£125**  
2 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area, with a comfort stop en route, and travel to Winchester. Recognised as one of the best in Europe, and inspired by traditional German Christmas Markets, the pretty wooden chalets are situated in the Cathedral's historic Close surrounding an open-air real ice rink. Here you will find an abundance of wonderful Christmas gifts, decorations as well as many festive food and drink. All the exhibitors are hand-picked for their interesting, high quality and unique products, many of which can't be bought on the high street. At the far end of the British Crafts Village is an enchanting nativity scene – providing an ideal opportunity to share the Christmas story and take a photograph for Christmas. There are also many of the usual high street shops and restaurants to enjoy coffee and a warming lunch, and the cathedral to visit. Late afternoon we make the short journey to our hotel with time if you wish to have a swim in the pool before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and make our way to Longleat. On arrival, join us if you wish for a coach tour through the safari park, as we drive past lions, tigers, cheetahs, giraffes, Anne the elephant, deer, rhinos and many more safari animals along the way. You then have the remainder of the day free to explore the many attractions at Longleat. The historic house itself is transformed into a magical winter wonderland, and if you're looking for festive decorations, stocking filler gifts or tasty treats, look no further than the Christmas fayre. Grab your woolly hat and experience the thrill of outdoor areas, gaze at the dazzling, giant musical Christmas tree, marvel at the amazing Chinese lanterns and see colourful characters come to life as dusk descends. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving early-mid evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Longleat Festival of Light including coach tour of Safari Park
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £20.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

Monday 6th – Friday 10th December



### GREAT YARMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL & THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Great Yarmouth is Norfolk's premier seaside resort. Thursford Christmas Spectacular: a cast of choirs, orchestras, pipers, military bands and professional dancers who perform a show depicting all aspects of the season, amid beautifully decorated Christmas scenery. An extremely popular event, so please book early!

**YOUR HOTEL** New Beach Hotel, Great Yarmouth

Superbly situated opposite Great Yarmouth's Britannia Pier. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. A lift serves most floors. The restaurant offers an excellent choice menu, and entertainment is provided each evening.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£295**  
5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way east, with stops for coffee and lunch en route, arriving at our hotel in time for a sherry reception before dinner and our first evening entertainment.

**TUESDAY** (Christmas Eve) The morning is free for you to spend as you please in Great Yarmouth. As Norfolk's premier beach resort, there is miles of seafront to explore, as well as museums, a Sea Life Centre and cafés to have an early lunch. Time to relax and have an early dinner before we travel to Thursford with plenty of time to browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas fayre. For an extra charge of £5.00 you can also visit Santa's Magical Journey which takes you from penguins and polar bears to giant sized teddy bears ready to load the sleigh, past the busy elves hard at work in the toy factory with the wonderful wrapping machine. You'll meet lots of fantasy characters including the snowman's family but watch out for the snowballs! Take your seat for this evening's Christmas Spectacular, an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety. It's a celebration of the festive season featuring a mix of seasonal and year round favourites. With a cast of 130 this is the biggest Christmas show of its kind in Europe.

**WEDNESDAY** (Christmas Day) After breakfast, we travel to Wroxham Barns, a collection of beautifully-restored 18th-century barns, where you can browse the craft and gift shops and enjoy watching traditional craftsmen at work. We return to our hotel, for a traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings and a visit from Santa. This afternoon you may then like to stroll along the seafront to work up an appetite for festive Christmas party & entertainment.

**THURSDAY** (Boxing Day) Today we visit the city of Norwich with its splendid Norman cathedral and castle, built 900 years ago and now a museum and art gallery. There are many shops to browse and cafés to enjoy lunch. Dinner this evening is followed by in-house entertainment. We return to our hotel for our final evening meal followed by a fabulous fancy-dress party (optional!) with prizes, dancing and entertainment.

**FRIDAY** Back to reality! We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Christmas Lunch on Wednesday
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £30.00  
Sea view supplement £20.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 6th – Friday 10th December



### FOLKESTONE TURKEY & TINSEL, AND BRUGES & CANTERBURY CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Join us for a tour combining great cabaret entertainment with a day excursion to Bruges – a charming town often referred to as the Venice of the North, with an enchanting Christmas market and brightly-coloured buildings bedecked for Christmas. Don't forget your passport!

**YOUR HOTEL** Grand Burstin Hotel, Folkestone

Overlooking Folkestone harbour stands one of the UK's great entertainment hotels. All rooms are ensuite, with TV and tea & coffee making facilities. The Leisure Club has a pool, and solarium at a nominal charge. Each evening you'll be entertained as the hotel's resident team put on a cabaret spectacular.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£225**  
5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** (Christmas Eve) We leave our home area and make our way east to our hotel, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, with time to settle in, before a drinks reception followed by dinner and top-class live entertainment.

**TUESDAY** (Christmas Day) This morning we travel across to Royal Tunbridge Wells where the "Pantiles" and surrounding shopping district will be offering many gift ideas and a wonderful festive atmosphere. We continue to Hever Castle where the former childhood home of Anne Boleyn will be decorated for Christmas, with welcoming log fires, beautiful decorations, twinkling lights and a Christmas trail leading to Santa. The café serves warming lunches and the gift shop many stocking filler ideas. We return our hotel for a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings!

**WEDNESDAY** (Boxing Day) After an early breakfast, join us if you wish as we travel by Eurotunnel to Bruges's enchanting Christmas market, with stalls full of handmade decorations, gifts and sweets, all set around a pretty ice rink. There are plenty of shops to browse, with many selling lace, chocolates and crafts, and numerous cafés in which to enjoy coffee or a leisurely lunch. Late-afternoon we return to Folkestone and our hotel in time for dinner and more excellent entertainment. If you prefer not to visit Bruges, the entire day is free to spend as you please in Folkestone, or you may wish to catch a bus to a neighbouring resort.

**THURSDAY** (New Year's Eve) Today we visit the cathedral city of Canterbury for its traditional Yuletide Christmas market with traditional festive gifts. The food has a German slant, with bratwurst, gingerbread, roasted almonds and much more. Time to relax on return before dinner and our final evening of entertainment.

**FRIDAY** Back to reality! We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early-mid-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return Eurotunnel crossing to Bruges
- Entrance to Hever Castle
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement for 1st 3 singles  
Subsequent singles £45.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Monday 6th – Friday 10th December



### FESTIVE BREAK, HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE... WARNER BREAK

On a Warner holiday, you will understand what it means to be spoilt for choice; excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment each evening. Located in the idyllic Wye Valley, this magnificent Grade I listed mansion hotel is set in 20 acres of landscaped parkland.

**YOUR HOTEL** Holme Lacy House Hotel

A magnificent 4\* hotel with elegant drawing rooms, ornate ceilings, imposing staircases and fantastic views. All rooms are en suite, with tea & coffee making facilities, TV & radio, hairdryer and toiletries. Indoor facilities include heated pool, sauna, steam room & fitness studio, library, snooker room and gift shops. and live entertainment and dancing is provided each evening.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£345**  
5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to Gloucester Quays for lunch and time to browse the shops We complete our journey on to our hotel with time to settle in before dinner and our first night of festive entertainment.

**TUESDAY** Join us this morning we travel to the delightful town of Ledbury, birthplace of John Masefield – Poet Laureate from 1930–1967. Today is market day and you will find a variety of stalls including food, crafts, hardware and gifts. After lunch we return to our hotel with time to relax and make use of the on-site facilities before dinner and another evening of top class entertainment with a festive theme

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the picturesque small town of Hay-on-Wye, situated on the edge of the Brecon Beacon's National Park. It is the world's largest book town with over 30 book shops. We continue on to the cathedral city of Hereford with time to browse this attractive city, maybe visit the superb Norman cathedral and have lunch, Dinner tonight will be followed by more festive entertainment.

**THURSDAY** The morning is free for you to enjoy the many facilities and activities available in the hotel. Join us if you wish for an afternoon excursion to the historic city of Worcester. Whilst here you may like to visit the Museum of Royal Worcester home to the largest collection of Worcester porcelain in the world. There is also the fine Cathedral, which overlooks the River Severn, where you will find the tomb of King John and many shops and cafés. Dinner tonight will be followed our final evening of festive entertainment.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast, and begin our journey south stopping in Abergavenny with time to look around this lovely Welsh town and have lunch. We complete our journey back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 4)  
Signature Room Upgrade £20.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

Friday 10th – Sunday 12th December



### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WEEKEND – BRUGES CHRISTMAS MARKET & CALAIS

An opportunity to enjoy a weekend of stocking up on food, drink and last-minute gifts before the hustle and bustle of Christmas! Bruges Christmas market is an absolute delight during the festive season with the quaint cobbled streets and canals bustling with market stalls and gift shops with wonderful gift ideas and treats.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Ibis Hotel, Calais**

A contemporary hotel situated next to the large shopping complex of Cité Europe and some of Calais' attractions. All rooms are tastefully furnished and ensuite, with TV, hairdryer & Wi-Fi access. The restaurant offers a generous buffet breakfast; there is also a bar and lounge area in which to relax.

**ITINERARY**

**FRIDAY** After an early departure we travel to Folkestone, with a comfort stop en route, to board the Eurotunnel for the 40-minute crossing to Calais. You will then have the remainder of the day free to spend in Cité Europe – a vast shopping mall with around 150 shops to choose from, full of Christmas gifts and inspiration. There are numerous cafés and restaurants in which to sample the local cuisine and enjoy an evening meal, before retiring to our hotel for a restful night sleep.

**SATURDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, for a full day excursion to Bruges to enjoy the Christmas market on the Grote Markt. Soak up the atmosphere and enjoy a glass (or two!) of Gluhwein or hot chocolate, sample the local cuisine and tasty treats like the famous Belgian waffles, and browse the numerous market stalls crammed with Christmas gifts and handcrafted decorations. For chocolate lovers, why not visit the Chocolate Museum or Pralinette (Bruges' largest praline and chocolate shop). For the more adventurous, why not take a twirl on the ice rink with a backdrop of beautiful historic buildings or perhaps take a horse & cart ride around the cobbled streets or a canal boat journey through the historic waterways. With time to enjoy dinner in a restaurant of your choice, we return mid evening to our hotel in Calais.

**SUNDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast for the return Eurotunnel crossing back to Folkestone, with a visit to "Bluewater" - one of England's largest indoor shopping centres, with time to grab a bargain and complete that Christmas shopping list, before continuing our homeward journey, reaching the West Country mid-evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 2 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return Eurotunnel crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £29.00

TOUR PRICE

£179

3 DAYS

Saturday 11th – Sunday 12th December



### LONGLEAT'S FESTIVAL & SOUTHAMPTON'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Grab your woolly hat and enjoy the festive experience at Longleat this winter. Marvel at the amazing Chinese lanterns and see your favourite Christmas characters come to life in the house itself – transformed for the season into a veritable winter wonderland.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Holiday Inn, Eastleigh**

A modern 3\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors. The restaurant offers a freshly prepared menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool.

**ITINERARY**

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area, with a comfort stop en route, and travel to Southampton's Christmas Festival with over 40 alpine chalets which include traditional arts, crafts and gift stalls as well as authentic German market stalls. There is also musical entertainment and the city also has a modern, indoor shopping centre with numerous cafés & restaurants. Late afternoon we travel to our hotel with time if you wish to have a swim in the pool before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and make our way to Longleat. On arrival, join us if you wish for a coach tour through the safari park, as we drive past lions, tigers, cheetahs, giraffes, Anne the elephant, deer, rhinos and many more safari animals along the way. You then have the remainder of the day free to explore the many attractions at Longleat. The historic house itself is transformed into a magical winter wonderland, and if you're looking for festive decorations, stocking filler gifts or tasty treats, look no further than the Christmas fayre. Grab your woolly hat and experience the thrill of outdoor areas, gaze at the dazzling, giant musical Christmas tree, marvel at the amazing Chinese lanterns and see colourful characters come to life as dusk descends. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving early-mid evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 1 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Longleat Festival of Light including coach tour of Safari Park
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £20.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

TOUR PRICE

£125

2 DAYS

Monday 13th – Friday 17th December



### GREAT YARMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL & THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Great Yarmouth is Norfolk's premier seaside resort. Thursford Christmas Spectacular: a cast of choirs, orchestras, pipers, military bands and professional dancers who perform a show depicting all aspects of the season, amid beautifully decorated Christmas scenery. An extremely popular event, so please book early!

**YOUR HOTEL** **New Beach Hotel, Great Yarmouth**

Superbly situated opposite Great Yarmouth's Britannia Pier. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. A lift serves most floors. The restaurant offers an excellent choice menu, and entertainment is provided each evening.

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way east, with stops for coffee and lunch en route, arriving at our hotel in time for a sherry reception before dinner and our first evening entertainment.

**TUESDAY** (Christmas Eve) We leave mid morning and travel to Thursford with plenty of time to browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas fayre, and have lunch in one of the restaurants. For an extra charge of £5.00 you can visit Santa's Magical Journey which takes you from penguins and polar bears to giant sized teddy bears ready to load the sleigh, past the busy elves hard at work in the toy factory with the wonderful wrapping machine. You'll meet lots of fantasy characters including the snowman's family but watch out for the snowballs! Take your seat for the afternoon Christmas Spectacular, an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety. It's a celebration of the festive season featuring a mix of seasonal and year round favourites. With a cast of 130 this is the biggest Christmas show of it's kind in Europe. We return to our hotel for evening dinner

**WEDNESDAY** (Christmas Day) After breakfast, we travel to Wroxham Barns, a collection of beautifully-restored 18th-century barns, where you can browse the craft and gift shops and enjoy watching traditional craftsmen at work. We return to our hotel, for a traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings and a visit from Santa. This afternoon you may like to stroll along the seafront to work up an appetite for festive Christmas party & entertainment.

**THURSDAY** (Boxing Day) Today we visit the city of Norwich with its splendid Norman cathedral and castle, built 900 years ago and now a museum and art gallery. There are many shops to browse and cafés to enjoy lunch. Dinner this evening is followed by in-house entertainment. We return to our hotel for our final evening meal followed by a fabulous fancy-dress party (optional!) with prizes, dancing and entertainment.

**FRIDAY** Back to reality! We leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. With comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Christmas Lunch on Wednesday
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £30.00  
Sea view supplement £20.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£295

5 DAYS

Monday 13th – Friday 17th December



### WARNER TURKEY & TINSEL, CRICKET ST THOMAS

Well known for the scenes of To The Manor Born and set in 160 acres of parkland, you are assured excellent accommodation, delicious food, great things to do and fantastic entertainment at this well-established Warner hotel for a relaxing pre-Christmas break.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Cricket St Thomas, Near Chard**

A beautiful country hotel. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, beauty salon and the usual Warner activities.

**ITINERARY**

**MONDAY** (Christmas Eve) We leave the West Country this morning and make our way to Otter Nurseries with a garden centre, gift shop and lovely restaurant. We continue to our hotel with time to settle in before dinner, and top-class festive entertainment.

**TUESDAY** (Christmas Day) Join us this morning as we make a visit to Dorset's county town of Dorchester with local and high street shops and cosy cafes to enjoy lunch. The market town is famous for being a backdrop to many Thomas Hardy novels and is home to some delightful and quirky museums! We return to our hotel this afternoon with the remainder of the day free to make use of the hotel facilities. A traditional Turkey Christmas dinner is followed by more live entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** (Boxing Day) Join us if you wish for an excursion to Bridport for market day. After lunch we return to the hotel with time to relax before dinner and tonight's festive entertainment.

**THURSDAY** (New Year's Eve) Today we travel to picturesque Sherborne, with unusual shops, antique treasure troves cafés to enjoy lunch. Whilst here you may like to explore Sherborne Abbey, affectionately known as the cathedral of Dorset with its beautiful vaulted ceiling. A final afternoon at leisure at our hotel before evening dinner and top festive entertainment.

**FRIDAY** We return to our home area with a stop in Clarks Village, Street, for lunch and time to maybe buy that last-minute Christmas gift. We complete our journey home, arriving very early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement (Max 4 only)  
Signature room upgrade £20.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£295

5 DAYS

Tuesday 14th – Wednesday 15th December



### CHRISTMAS AT KEW & OXFORD CHRISTMAS MARKET

The stunning gardens at Kew are illuminated for the festive season, with a one-mile pathway that meanders through the world-famous botanic gardens in a magical after-dark experience with colourful seasonal cheer.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Holiday Inn, Maidenhead-Windsor**

A modern 4\* hotel. Each of the comfortable, rooms is ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, WiFi and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant offers delicious traditional evening menu and a hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, steam room and gym.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£139**  
2 DAYS

**ITINERARY**

**TUESDAY** We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop on route, we make our way to Royal Windsor with time to explore this delightful town with so much history. Whilst here you may like to take a sight seeing bus tour around Windsor and Eton, visit the castle, enjoy a boat trip along the Thames, or perhaps indulge in little Christmas shopping. We later make our way to Kew Gardens for an early evening illuminated trail. As twilight falls, the magic begins as you wander beneath unique tree canopies drenched in festive light and gaze into the glowing waterside reflections as clusters of fountains dance in an explosion of colour. We re-join the coach and travel to our hotel, arriving in time for dinner and an evening at leisure.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to Oxford for its annual Christmas market. The majestic University city is brought to life with all the seasonal cheer this time of year brings, with wooden chalets lining historic Broad Street, filled with unusual gift ideas, stocking fillers, colourful decorations and enticing aromas of cinnamon and mulled wine. With plenty of time to explore the Christmas market and browse the shops for more Christmas shopping opportunities we make our way back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 1 Nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Kew Botanical Garden Seasonal Illuminations
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £30.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

Saturday 18th – Sunday 19th December



### LONGLEAT'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHT & WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET

Grab your woolly hat and enjoy the festive experience at Longleat this winter. Marvel at the amazing Chinese lanterns and see your favourite Christmas characters come to life in the house itself – transformed for the season into a veritable winter wonderland.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Holiday Inn, Eastleigh**

A modern 3\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors. The restaurant offers a freshly prepared menu, and leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£125**  
2 DAYS

**ITINERARY**

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area, with a comfort stop en route, and travel to Winchester. Recognised as one of the best in Europe, and inspired by traditional German Christmas Markets, the pretty wooden chalets are situated in the Cathedral's historic Close surrounding an open-air real ice rink. Here you will find an abundance of wonderful Christmas gifts, decorations as well as many festive food and drink. All the exhibitors are hand-picked for their interesting, high quality and unique products, many of which can't be bought on the high street. At the far end of the British Crafts Village is an enchanting nativity scene – providing an ideal opportunity to share the Christmas story and take a photograph for Christmas. There are also many of the usual high street shops and restaurants to enjoy coffee and a warming lunch, and the cathedral to visit. Late afternoon we make the short journey to our hotel with time if you wish to have a swim in the pool before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and make our way to Longleat. On arrival, join us if you wish for a coach tour through the safari park, as we drive past lions, tigers, cheetahs, giraffes, Anne the elephant, deer, rhinos and many more safari animals along the way. You then have the remainder of the day free to explore the many attractions at Longleat. The historic house itself is transformed into a magical winter wonderland, and if you're looking for festive decorations, stocking filler gifts or tasty treats, look no further than the Christmas fayre. Grab your woolly hat and experience the thrill of outdoor areas, gaze at the dazzling, giant musical Christmas tree, marvel at the amazing Chinese lanterns and see colourful characters come to life as dusk descends. We later complete our homeward journey, arriving early-mid evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Longleat Festival of Light including coach tour of the Safari Park
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £20.00  
Travel insurance £17.00

Tuesday 21st – Tuesday 28th December



### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION RIVER-CRUISE –THE RHINE & MOSELLE

Enjoy Christmas with a difference as we experience a magical river cruise along the German Rhine & Moselle valleys with mountains of delicious food, fun filled entertainment and a friendly ship crew to make your festive break extra special.

**YOUR HOTEL** **MS Arena**

The 4\* MS Arena is an elegant and comfortable 3 deck ship. All en-suite cabins are outward facing, with floor to ceiling panoramic windows and French balconies, equipped with TV, telephone hairdryer, safe, and air-conditioning, with an option to upgrade your cabin (subject to availability). Reception and the Panorama restaurant serving a delicious menu are both located on the main deck and the Ambassador's Lounge & Bar on the upper deck, accessed by stairs. There is also a sun deck.

**TOUR PRICE**  
**£985**  
8 DAYS

**ITINERARY**

**TUESDAY** After an early departure we make our way to Dover, with a comfort stop en-route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We then continue our journey through Belgium, and into Germany, to Cologne, where we board our ship for a welcome cocktail and evening meal.

**WEDNESDAY** Enjoying breakfast on-board, we leave Cologne, and cruise along the Rhine, passing the historic city of Bonn. We arrive in Andernach early afternoon, with time to explore this attractive town with elegant riverside promenades. You may like to visit the cathedral of Mary, or the Round Tower, before returning to the ship for our evening meal, setting sail tonight.

**THURSDAY** This morning we cruise into the Moselle, arriving at the Roman town of Cochem, with its magical castles. You have free time to explore this delightful town with its medieval marketplace, half-timbered houses and the imposing Reichsburg Castle. Lunch is served on board as we continue sailing towards Alken.

**FRIDAY** (Christmas Eve) Relax on board today and enjoy the scenery as we cruise towards Boppard, where you will have the afternoon at leisure to explore this historic town with lively squares and quiet lanes, and perhaps enjoy a glass or two of the local wine in one of the town's bars.

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Day) Merry Christmas everyone! Enjoy a relaxing

breakfast as we continue cruising upriver to the quaint town of Rudesheim. We will enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch on board with the afternoon free to explore Rudesheim and wander down the famous "Drosselgasse" lane buzzing with taverns, bars, cafes and gift shops. After dinner, enjoy the evening's festivities on board the ship or perhaps join the ship's crew for a visit to a local wine cellar to sample the region's wines (extra charge).

**SUNDAY** (Boxing Day) This morning we sail to Koblenz, at the confluence of the Moselle & Rhine rivers, cruising through the spectacular Rhine Gorge and famous Lorelei Rock. There will be free time to spend in the town before dinner tonight.

**MONDAY** We leave Koblenz early morning, enjoying lunch on-board, and continue towards one of Germany's oldest cities, Cologne. Arriving mid-afternoon there will be time to explore this majestic city with its beautiful twin tower cathedral. Although much of the city was destroyed by WWII allied bomb raids, the picturesque old centre retains much of its original architecture. We return to our ship for the Captain's farewell dinner, enjoying a final evening moored alongside the riverbanks of historic Cologne.

**TUESDAY** Sadly, after breakfast we disembark and re-join the coach and travel to Calais, for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue to the West Country, arriving early/mid evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 7 Nights' Full Board in outside cabins
- Welcome Cocktail
- Afternoon tea/coffee and cake
- Late evening snacks
- Complimentary tea/coffee & WiFi
- Live entertainment each evening
- Traditional British Christmas Lunch
- Captain's Farewell dinner
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £385.00  
(subject to availability)  
Main Deck Superior Cabin supplement £140.00 per person  
Upper Deck Superior (Elevated Position) Cabin Supplement £263.00 per person  
Travel insurance £45.00

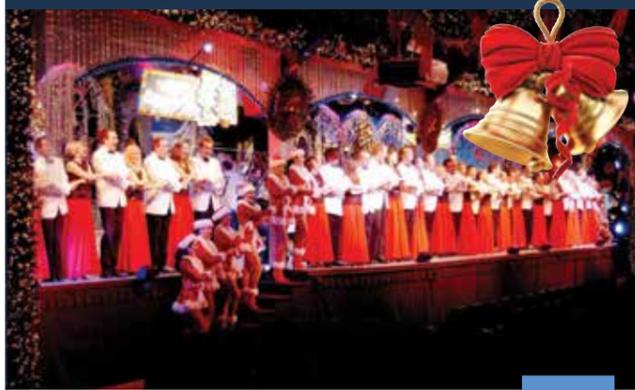
Superior Cabins have static hotel-style beds, rather than fold-down  
All cabins are classed as "outside" cabins and all feature a panoramic window with French Balcony

# CHRISTMAS IN AUSTRIA

## Wednesday 22nd – Tuesday 28th December 2021

All details to follow but please phone to register your interest in this tour and we will contact you as soon as we have them

Wednesday 22nd – Monday 27th Dec



## CHRISTMAS IN NORFOLK... INCLUDING THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

With a cast of 130 Thursford Christmas Spectacular is the biggest Christmas show of its kind in Europe. With a cast of choirs, orchestras, military bands and professional dance troops, amid beautiful Christmas scenery its guaranteed to get your Christmas off to a festive start!

### YOUR HOTEL Mercure Hotel, Norwich

A superb 4\* hotel on the outskirts of the city. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee making facilities. There is no lift, but ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a delicious Leisure facilities include a swimming pool.

### ITINERARY

**WEDNESDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to our hotel, with time to settle before dinner, and entertainment including Christmas Carols.

**THURSDAY** We leave our hotel mid morning and travel to Thursford with plenty of time to browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas Fayre, and have lunch in one of the restaurants. Take your seat for the afternoon Christmas Spectacular, an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety. It's a celebration of the festive season featuring a mix of seasonal and year round favourites. We return to our hotel for evening dinner and live entertainment and dancing

**FRIDAY** (Christmas Eve) After a leisurely breakfast, we make the short journey into the centre of Norwich with its splendid Norman cathedral and castle, built 900 years ago and now a museum and art gallery. There are many shops to browse and maybe find that last minute gift and cafés to enjoy a warming lunch. We return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner, followed by live entertainment and dancing until late!

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Day) Happy Christmas! The day is free to spend as you please. You may like to spend the morning exchanging presents, attend a local church service or take a stroll to work up an appetite for a traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. This afternoon you may like to watch the Queen's Speech and enjoy afternoon tea with mince pies. This evening we are served a special Norfolk gala buffet dinner with wine, followed by dancing and live entertainment until midnight!

**SUNDAY** (Boxing Day) This morning we visit the seaside resort of Great Yarmouth where you can wander along the promenade and work up an appetite as we return to our hotel for a 2 course lunch and an afternoon at leisure before a drink's reception tonight, followed by a gala dinner with live musical entertainment and dancing..

**MONDAY** It's time to say goodbye to Norfolk, as we begin our homeward journey, and stopping for coffee and lunch on route, we reach our home area early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular Ticket
- Traditional Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day
- Afternoon tea & mince pies on Christmas Day
- 2 course lunch on Boxing day
- Drinks reception on Boxing day
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £150.00  
Travel insurance £26.00

TOUR PRICE

£599

6 DAYS

Thursday 23rd – Monday 27th December



## CHRISTMAS IN CANTERBURY

The beautiful medieval city of Canterbury, with its picturesque, cobbled lanes and streets is dominated by the impressive Norman Cathedral now a UNESCO World Heritage site and seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

### YOUR HOTEL Best Western Abbots Barton Hotel, Canterbury

A delightful 3\* hotel dating back to the 1830's, which has been tastefully, yet traditionally refurbished to offer all the comforts and amenities of a first class modern hotel, set its own gardens but only a 10 minute walk from Canterbury city centre. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious range of dishes and there is a lift to all floors.

### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** We leave our home area and make our way to Canterbury, stopping for coffee and lunch en route, and arriving to afternoon tea & cakes whilst your luggage is taken to your room. Time to settle in and freshen up before a welcome drinks reception, followed by evening dinner.

**FRIDAY** (Christmas Eve) This morning we make the short journey to the historic town of Rochester, where you will find a wonderful blend of ancient & modern, with time to shop for that last minute gift and soak up the Christmas atmosphere. We return to our hotel after lunch with time to spend as you please, maybe take a walk to the city centre and visit the cathedral. Dinner this evening will be followed by live entertainment.

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Day) Happy Christmas! The day is free to spend as you please. You may like to spend the morning exchanging presents, attend a local church service or take a stroll before drinks and canapés are served and a traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. Spend the afternoon having a nap, or watching the Queen's speech and enjoying afternoon tea & Christmas cake. This evening there's a wonderful, typically British, Christmas Day evening buffet for you to enjoy followed by a quiz.

**SUNDAY** (Boxing Day) After a leisurely breakfast we take a drive around some of the coastal resorts in Kent, stopping for coffee as we travel. We return to our hotel in time for a glass of mulled wine followed by a light informal lunch and an afternoon free to spend as you please. Tea and mince pies are served mid-afternoon and our final Boxing Day buffet dinner will be followed by musical entertainment to dance the night away.

**MONDAY** It's time to say goodbye to Kent as we begin our homeward journey. Stopping for coffee and lunch on route, we reach our home area early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Traditional Lunch on Christmas Day
- Mulled wine & light lunch on Boxing Day
- Afternoon tea on 3 days
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£565

5 DAYS

Thursday 23rd – Monday 27th December



## CHRISTMAS ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT

The Isle of Wight – only 23 miles long by 13 miles wide – is quite a world of its own, managing to crowd into its small surface area an entire realm of unspoilt English landscapes in miniature, an ideal location for a quiet Christmas break.

### YOUR HOTEL Shanklin Hotel, Shanklin

A warm welcome awaits at this 3\* hotel, with stunning views over Sandown Bay. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant has lovely views across the bay and serves quality food using ingredients sourced locally on the island. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna and spa, and entertainment is provided each evening.

### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** We leave our home area, stopping for coffee on route and make our way to Southampton for the one-hour ferry crossing to East Cowes, before continuing to Shanklin and our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before a welcome drinks reception, followed by dinner and music, dancing and entertainment to get the Christmas festivities off to a sparkling start!

**FRIDAY** (Christmas Eve) Join us this morning, for a leisurely tour by coach to see some of the island's beautiful scenery and delightful villages, with a coffee stop along our route. We return to our hotel for a light lunch, and the afternoon to spend as you please, maybe a stroll into town to pick up that last-minute Christmas gift, or make use of the hotel's leisure facilities. Dinner this evening will be followed by dancing and entertainment.

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Day) Happy Christmas! The day is free to spend as you please. You may like to spend the morning exchanging presents, attend a local church service or take a stroll before enjoying a traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings, and a special visit from Santa! This afternoon after Queen's Speech enjoy afternoon tea and mince pies, and festive games. A light evening dinner is followed by a Christmas party with music, to dance the night away!

**SUNDAY** (Boxing Day) – After a very leisurely breakfast, we make the short journey to the picturesque village of Godshill – the most-photographed village in Britain, to admire the thatched cottages and 15th-century church and have coffee ... and maybe treat yourself to a cream cake! We return to the hotel for a warming glass of mulled wine and a hot lunch, with the afternoon to spend at leisure. Dinner this evening is followed by a farewell party with more dancing and entertainment.

**MONDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast and travel to Cowes for the return ferry crossing to Southampton. We continue our homeward journey, stopping in Salisbury for lunch, and reaching our home area early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Full Board accommodation
- Traditional Christmas Lunch and visit from Santa
- Afternoon tea and mince pies on 1 day
- Musical entertainment each evening
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £30.00  
Sea view supplement £20.00 per person  
Travel insurance £24.00

TOUR PRICE

£535

5 DAYS

Thursday 30th Dec – Sunday 2nd Jan 2022



## NEW YEAR IN TENBY

A coastal resort in attractive Pembrokeshire, Tenby is situated on a narrow promontory jutting out into Carmarthen Bay. Once a prosperous port, Georgian houses overlook the picturesque harbour with its generous sandy beaches.

### YOUR HOTEL The Clarence House Hotel, Tenby

Owned by the same family for nearly seventy years, this excellent hotel enjoys an enviable position on the esplanade. All rooms are ensuite, with TV and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant serves highly recommended cuisine with a choice menu. Live entertainment is provided each evening.

### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** We leave our home area and travel over the St. David's Bridge to Abergavenny, for lunch and time to browse the shops. We continue to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before a sherry and mince pie reception followed by dinner and our first evening of live entertainment.

**FRIDAY** (New Year's Eve) Join us this morning as we make the short journey to the market town of Carmarthen, with time to browse the shops, have lunch and enjoy the scenery. We later return to our hotel with time to relax and maybe take a stroll along the esplanade. Our evening begins with a festive punch reception followed by a Gala Dinner and live entertainment, all rounded off with the traditional singing of Auld Lang Syne and a complimentary glass of sparkling wine and poppers at midnight.

**SATURDAY** (New Year's Day) Happy New Year! After a leisurely breakfast, join us if you wish for a gentle coastal drive through some of Pembrokeshire's prettiest villages or stay in Tenby and enjoy the coastal scenery and stroll around the town. A light lunch will be served in the hotel before an afternoon of fun followed by a 'cream' tea. After dinner tonight enjoy a final evening of live entertainment

**SUNDAY** Sadly we leave our hotel after breakfast and make our way to the Welsh capital Cardiff for lunch and time if you wish to maybe pick up a bargain in the January Sales! We complete our homeward journey, back into England, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Sherry and mince pie reception
- Gala Dinner on New Year's Eve
- Glass of sparkling wine on New Year's Eve
- Light lunch on New Year's Day
- Afternoon 'cream' tea on New Year's Day
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement  
Travel insurance £22.00

TOUR PRICE

£369

4 DAYS

Thursday 30th Dec – Sunday 2nd Jan 2022



### NEW YEAR IN NORTH WALES

With a range of pretty villages, coastal towns and spectacular scenery, North Wales is a beautiful region to visit any time of year.

**YOUR HOTEL** **The Lion Hotel Criccieth**

This lovely 3\* family-run hotel commands excellent views of Cardigan Bay. All rooms are en-suite and furnished with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to most rooms. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked menu, and there is a spacious bar and lounge area in which to relax in and enjoy entertainment each evening.

**TOUR PRICE**

**£369**

**4 DAYS**

**ITINERARY**

**THURSDAY** We leave the West Country and travel north, with stops for coffee and lunch on route to our hotel where we are assured a warm welcome. There will be time to settle in before dinner followed by live entertainment.

**FRIDAY** (New Year's Eve) After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Caernarfon with time to admire the historic castle and bustling harbour. We continue over the Menai Bridge to Anglesey with a visit to James Pringle Weavers at Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlilliantysiliogogoch for lunch and an opportunity to pick up a winter warmer bargain or two in the sales. We return to our hotel with time to relax before to-night's New Year Buffet and more live entertainment to see in the New Year with a glass of bubbly at midnight!

**SATURDAY** (New Year's Day) Happy New Year! After a leisurely bucks fizz breakfast, join us if you wish for a scenic drive across Snowdonia National Park. We return to our hotel for a light lunch and an afternoon of in house entertainment such as a quiz or treasure hunt. Dinner tonight is followed by a final evening of live musical entertainment.

**SUNDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey, again with a stop for coffee and lunch en route, arriving back in the West Country early evening.

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 3 nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Glass of bubbly on New Year's Eve
- Lunch on New Year's Day
- Entertainment each evening
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**

No single supplement (Max 3)  
Travel insurance £22.00

Thursday 30th Dec – Sunday 2nd Jan 2022



### NEW YEAR ALONG THE SOUTH COAST

Quaint hamlets, seaside resorts and the rolling Downs – the south coast has it all.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Chichester Park Hotel, Chichester**

We are delighted to return to this modern 3\* hotel ideally located close to the centre of the city. All rooms are en suite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee-making facilities. The hotel's leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna and spa bath and the restaurant offers an excellent menu.

**TOUR PRICE**

**£369**

**4 DAYS**

**ITINERARY**

**THURSDAY** We leave our home area and make our way to Chichester, stopping for coffee and lunch on route. We later complete our journey to our hotel, with plenty of time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**FRIDAY** (New Year's Eve) This morning we make our way to Portsmouth with the morning free to browse the shopping outlet and maybe find a bargain or two, or you may prefer to visit the nearby Historic Dockyard with its many attractions including the Mary Rose, HMS Victory, Royal Naval Submarine Museum plus many other interesting exhibitions and vessels. With plenty of time to enjoy lunch we return to our hotel to relax before the evening's festivities commence with a cocktail reception, followed by a Grand dinner with entertainment and dancing until late, with a glass of bubbly at midnight to see the New Year in!

**SATURDAY** (New Year's Day) After a leisurely breakfast, join us if you wish for a day excursion to Brighton. As well as the many High Street shops you may also like to wander along the historic Lanes – a maze of narrow alleyways lined with antique shops and elegant arcades of boutiques, or take a stroll along the seafront. Other attractions include The Sea Life Centre and The Brighton Pavilion. There are numerous places to enjoy coffee and lunch...or to just sit and watch the world go by!

**SUNDAY** Sadly, its time to leave our hotel after breakfast and journey back to the West Country, stopping in Winchester, the former capital of Wessex for lunch and time if you wish to browse the shops, maybe pick up a bargain in the January Sales and visit the cathedral. We complete our homeward journey back to the West Country arriving early-evening.

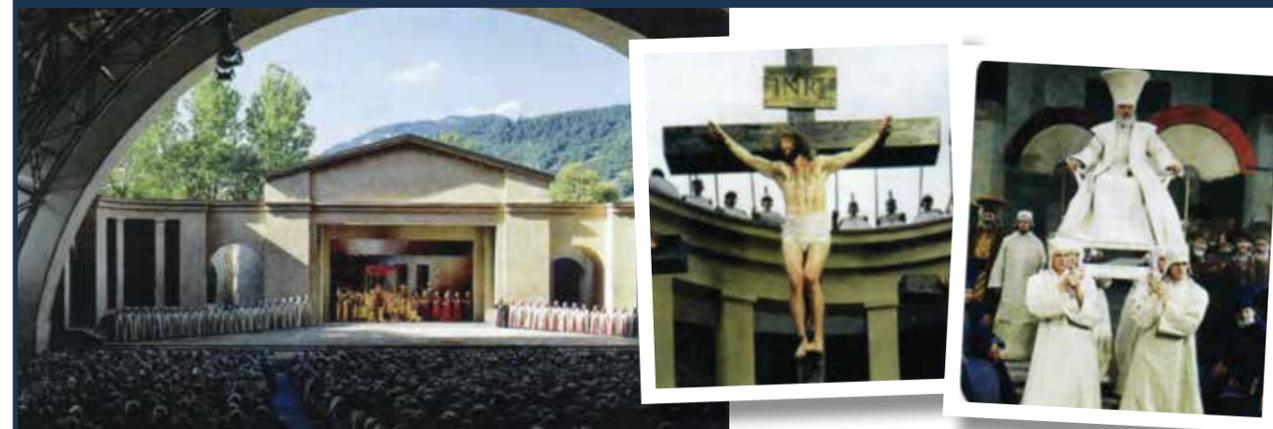
**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 3 nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Cocktail reception on New Year's Eve
- Complimentary glass of bubbly on New Year's Eve
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**

Single supplement £120.00  
Travel insurance £22.00

## OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2022



In 1633, when the small Bavarian village of Oberammergau was in the grip of the plague, it's inhabitants vowed that if they were spared, they would in future perform every ten years a Passion Play depicting Christ's bitter suffering. In 1634, the villagers fulfilled their solemn promise for the first time, and for hundreds of years since then, despite dangers and threats, they have loyally kept their vow.

The passion Play was due to be performed in 2020, but sadly due to the Coronavirus pandemic this was postponed until 2022. We at Blakes Coaches plan to reschedule the holiday and special 'Passion Play' package we planned for June 2020. This will be a 10 day tour and will incorporate 5 nights in Austria and 2 nights in the Oberammergau area. We would love you to travel with us so please phone to register your interest and we will be happy to forward more details as soon as they are finalised.

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# Bonded Coach Holiday Group – Trading Charter (And Booking Conditions)

## 1. FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Your contract is with Blakes Coaches Ltd of East Anstey, Tiverton EX16 9JJ. When you book a holiday with us, which doesn't include a flight, the money you pay us for the booking will be protected by the Bonded Coach Holidays (BCH). This is a Government approved consumer protection scheme. The scheme will also ensure your repatriation in the event the company becomes insolvent. Our Trading Charter and Booking Conditions set out clearly and simply the responsibility we have to you and in turn, you have with us, when a contract is made. Please see the BCH Consumer Guarantee at [www.bch-uk.org](http://www.bch-uk.org). There is no financial protection if you purchase just transport or accommodation-only from us. We fully comply with the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. The combination of travel services offered to you is a package holiday within the meaning of the Regulations. Therefore, you will benefit from all rights applying to package holidays. Blakes Coaches Ltd will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the holiday and providing assistance if you are in difficulty. Your key rights will be in the details of the tour which will be provided prior to booking.

## 2. BOOKING AND PAYMENT

When a booking is made, the 'lead name' on the booking guarantees that he or she is 18 or over and has the authority and accepts on behalf of the party the terms of these booking conditions and pays the deposit indicated in the brochure and as confirmed in the pre-contract information. After we receive your booking and all appropriate payments, if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will send you a confirmation invoice within 14 days. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we dispatch this invoice to the 'lead name.' Please check the confirmation carefully to ensure all the information is correct. This contract is governed by English Law, and the jurisdiction of the English Courts.

Single occupancy of rooms, when available, may be subject to a supplementary charge and these will be shown in the brochure. You can book by paying a £50.00 deposit for each person named on the booking but our commitment is always conditional upon the balance being paid at least 6 weeks before your departure. If you book within our balance due period, you will need to pay the total holiday cost at the time of booking. If the balance is not paid in time we reserve the right to cancel your holiday, retain your deposit, and apply the cancellation charges set out in the paragraph below. The date of cancellation will normally be the date we receive your written confirmation that you intend to cancel or 15 days after the balance due date, whichever comes first. Where optional items are purchased as part of the holiday, these are payable on the balance due date except where items, such as theatre tickets, have been specifically purchased for you. In this case the cost will be payable at a separate date notified to you and will not normally be refunded unless we obtain a refund from the supplier we use.

## 3. BROCHURE ACCURACY

Although Blakes Coaches Ltd make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the brochure information and pricing, regrettably errors do sometimes occur. You must therefore ensure you check the price and all other details of your holiday with us at the time of booking and when you receive our confirmation invoice.

## 4. OUR PRICING POLICY

Blakes Coaches Ltd endeavour to ensure that the most up to date and correct prices are shown in our brochure. Occasionally, an incorrect price may be shown, due to an error. When we become aware of any such error, we will endeavour to notify you at the time of booking (if we are then aware of the mistake) or as soon as reasonably possible. We reserve the right to cancel the booking if you do not wish to accept the price which is applicable to the holiday. Local Authorities in many towns and cities throughout Europe have introduced new tourist taxes which must be paid directly to the hotel by all guests in person. These taxes are not included in our prices but we will notify you when applicable.

Holiday prices include all travel, hotel accommodation and meals as specified in the holiday description and VAT payable in the UK where applicable. The price of the holiday will not be subjected to any surcharges except those arising from exchange rate changes, transportation including the price of fuel, air & ferry operator fares and tolls, embarkation or disembarkation fees at terminals, duties and taxes (including the rate of VAT). Even in these cases we will absorb the cost equivalent to cost of the first 2% of the holiday price. Amounts more than this plus £1 administration fee will be surcharged to you. If this means the total cost of the holiday increases by more than 8% then you are entitled to cancel your holiday and receive a full refund of all monies paid except any insurance premium and amendment charges. We will communicate the options with you either through email or letter, with a reminder if necessary. If you exercise the right to cancel we must receive written notice within 20 days of the date of the surcharge invoice. The currency exchange rate used in the holiday costings are based on rates as at the publication date of this charter.

## 5. IF YOU CHANGE YOUR BOOKING

If, after our confirmation has been issued, you wish to change to another of our holidays or change departure date, we will do our utmost to make the changes, but we cannot guarantee to do so. However, notification must be received in writing at our offices from the person who signed the booking form, at least 4 weeks before departures. This must be accompanied by a payment of £20.00 to cover our administrative costs, plus costs we incur in making the amendment. Alterations cannot be made within 4 weeks of departure and any such request for an alteration will be treated as a cancellation of the original booking and will be subject to the cancellation charges set out in paragraph below. Some arrangements cannot be changed without paying a cancellation charge of up to 100% of the ticket cost.

## 6. TRANSFERRING YOUR BOOKING

You can transfer your booking to somebody else but the person must satisfy all the conditions of the holiday and you must inform us either by letter or email no less than 7 days before departure. This transfer will cost £20.00 plus reasonable costs to make the transfer. You will remain responsible for ensuring payment before the balance due date. This is in addition to (and does not affect) the separate liability of the transferee to us. **IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY** You or any member of your party, may cancel your holiday at any time provided the cancellation is made by the person signing the booking form and is communicated to us in writing via the office who made your original booking. You must pay cancellation charges to cover our administration costs and to compensate for the risk of us not reselling the holiday. If the holiday is resold a refund will be made. Your cancellation will take effect from the date on which we or our agent receive your written confirmation of your cancellation. You must also return any tickets or vouchers you have received. A reduction in room occupancy may increase the charges for the remaining passengers by the application of supplements for low occupancy of rooms. Where bought in on your behalf, and where the terms and conditions of the supplier are non-refundable, these products will be charged to you at the full retail rate. If this applies, the non-refundable items will be deducted from your holiday costs and the following scale of charges will be applied to the remainder:

Period before departure within which written cancellation of package price is received	Amount of cancellation Charge as a % of total package cost
More than 42 days	Deposit only
28 – 42 days	30% of Deposit, if greater
14 – 27 days	45%
7 – 13 days	60%
0–6 days	100%
Departure day or later including voluntary termination during the package	Total package cost

## 8. ALTERATIONS TO YOUR HOLIDAY BY US

We hope that we will not have to make any change to your holiday but, because our holidays are planned many months in advance, we sometimes do need to make minor changes. We reserve the right to do this at any time. We will let you know about any important changes as soon as possible, including the minimum number of passengers required on the trip. If after booking, and before departure, we make a major change to your holiday, you will have the option of withdrawing from the holiday without penalty or transferring to another holiday without any charge. In either case, we will pay you compensation, according to the scale set below. A major change includes the time of your departure or return time by more than 12 hours, a change in departure point, location of resort or type of hotel, a change in cross channel travel, or specification of the coach. If we tell you about any of these changes after we have confirmed your holiday booking, other than force majeure, you may either accept the new arrangements offered by us, accept a replacement holiday from us of equivalent or similar standard and price (at the date of the change), if we can offer you one, or cancel your holiday with us and receive a full refund of all monies. Either way, we will pay you compensation, using the Compensation table shown.

Period before departure in which significant change is notified to you	Amount per person
More than 42 days	Nil
29 – 42 days	£10.00
15 – 28 days	£15.00
8 – 14 days	£20.00
0–7 days	£25.00

**IMPORTANT NOTE** Compensation will not be payable if the holiday is cancelled because the number of persons booked is less than the number required, or for events beyond our control, which include: war, threat of war, riots, civil disturbances, terrorist activity and its consequences, industrial disputes, natural and nuclear disasters, fire, epidemics, health risks and pandemics, unavoidable and unforeseeable technical problems with transport for reasons beyond our control or that of our suppliers; hurricanes and other actual or potential severe weather conditions and any other similar events. You are also advised to check with The Foreign and Commonwealth Office Advice Unit regularly at [www.fco.gov.uk/travel](http://www.fco.gov.uk/travel) prior to travel.

All holidays operate if the minimum number of participants is met. However, in no case will we cancel your holiday less than 2 weeks before the scheduled departure date, except where you have failed to pay the final balance or because of force majeure (force majeure means an event which we or the suppliers of the services in question could not foresee or avoid and is therefore beyond our control).

## 9. OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO YOU

We accept responsibility for ensuring the holiday which you book with us is supplied as described in our publicity material and the services offered reach a reasonable standard and if you are in difficulty we will assist you. If any part of our holiday contract is not provided as promised, you may terminate the contract without paying a termination fee and we will pay you appropriate compensation if this has affected your enjoyment of your holiday. We will however, not be liable if there are any unforeseeable or unavoidable actions of a third party not connected with our travel services, or there were unavoidable or extraordinary

circumstances, or the lack of conformity is due to a traveller in the party. We accept responsibility for the acts and/or omissions of our employees, and suppliers except where they lead to death, injury or illness. Our liability in all cases shall be limited to a maximum of twice the value of the original holiday cost (not including insurance premiums and amendment charges). We accept responsibility for death, injury, or illness caused by the negligent acts and/or omissions of our employees or agents together with our suppliers and sub-contractors, servants and/or agents of the same whilst acting within the scope of, or during their employment in the provision of your holiday. We will accordingly pay to our clients such damages as might have been awarded in such circumstances under English Law. In respect of carriage by air, sea, tunnel and rail and the provision of accommodation our liability in all cases will be limited in the manner provided by the relevant international convention. If we make any payment to you or any member of your party for death or personal injury or illness, you will be asked to assign to us or our insurers the rights you may have to act against the person or organisation responsible for causing the death, personal injury or illness. This clause does not apply to any separate contracts that you may enter for excursions or activities during or outside of your holiday. If you or any member of your party suffer death, illness or injury whilst overseas arising out of an activity which does NOT form part of your holiday, we may offer guidance and where legal action is contemplated and you want our assistance, you must obtain our written consent prior to any proceedings (We limit the cost of our assistance to you or your party to £5,000 per party).

## 10. IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT

If you have a problem during your holiday, please inform, your driver who will endeavour to put things right. Our contact number, for unresolved complaints will be our office number on 01398 341160 (open in office hours). If you remain dissatisfied please follow this up within 14 days of your return home by writing to Blakes Coaches Ltd giving your original booking reference number and all other relevant information. It is therefore a condition of this contract that you communicate any problem to the driver whilst in resort. If you fail to follow this simple procedure, we cannot accept responsibility as we have been deprived of the opportunity to investigate and rectify the problem. Should you wish to pursue the complaint further, the BCH/CPT have an Alternative Dispute Resolution scheme and full details are available from them. Please contact them at, The Confederation of Passenger Transport UK, Fifth Floor South, Chancery House, 53 – 64 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1 QS.

## 11. OUR COACHES

We will always use our reasonable endeavours to provide a coach to the specification in our brochure or advert, but reserve the right to substitute an alternative vehicle should there be unforeseen circumstances. There is a seating plan but in some cases, operational reasons may require a coach with a different configuration. We reserve the right to alter a coach seating plan and allocate seats other than those booked. Single passengers may be required to share a double seat with other single passengers. When your booking is confirmed, you will be offered the best seats that are available at that time. If you feel that you require two seats, then these must be booked and paid for in advance, at the time of booking. If you fail to do this and it transpires that the seat allocated to you is insufficient for your needs and there is no alternative seating available then you will be refused access to the coach and any payments made will be liable to forfeiture. Specific seats will not be allocated on coaches operating a feeder service between joining points and main holiday departure points or on coaches that carry out transfers between airports, seaports etc.

## 12. HOTEL FACILITIES

Some hotel facilities and entertainment may be withdrawn for routine maintenance or be subject to seasonal availability and provision of the facilities cannot be guaranteed. Single occupancy of rooms may be subject to a supplementary charge.

## 13. HEALTH AND SAFETY

In some foreign countries, standards of infrastructure, safety and hygiene may be lower than those to which we are accustomed in the UK. You should therefore exercise greater care for your own protection. There may be countries that we visit that have special medical requirements for tourists. These regulations are subject to change and our clients are responsible for complying with entry and current health requirements. If you are not sure of the health requirements for the country you are visiting, you are advised to check with your own GP before travelling. You are also advised to refer to the Department of Health leaflet "Health Advice for Travellers" Some people may be at risk from discomfort or deep vein thrombosis (DVT) if they remain immobile on a journey for a long period. If you are planning to undertake a journey of more than three hours, you should consult your doctor, if you have ever had DVT, pulmonary embolism, a family history of clotting conditions, cancer or treatment for cancer, stroke, and heart or lung disease or if you have had major surgery in the past three months. We reserve the right to refuse any booking in the absence of a doctor's certificate confirming that you are fit to travel. Where we provide comfort stops you are encouraged to walk around. Exercise reduces any discomfort, which may be caused by periods of immobility.

NO SMOKING is allowed on our coaches (including E-Cigarettes) and we do not allow pets or any other animals, although we do accommodate registered assistance dogs, but not on overseas holidays.

## 14. TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, ITINERARIES, PICK-UP POINTS AND PASSPORTS

For all Continental holidays, you will require a full 10-year British Passport (machine readable) valid for a further 6 months after your holiday. If you do not hold a full British Passport or you have any doubts about your status as a resident British subject, you must check with the Embassies or Consulates of the Countries to be visited to confirm the Passport or visa requirements when you book. We cannot accept responsibility if passengers are not in possession of the correct travel documents. For full details on passport requirements, please contact 'the identity and passport service' on 0300 222 0000 ([www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk))

You are responsible for ensuring you are at the correct departure point, at the

correct time and with the correct documents. Blakes Coaches Ltd reserve the right to modify itineraries to conform with requests from competent authorities both within the UK and abroad.

Excursions which are included in the cost of your booking are detailed on the brochure page and refunds will not be made for excursions not taken. Optional excursions booked and paid for in resort do not form part of your booking. Admission fees to buildings may not be included in the price of the holiday, please check.

## 15. SPECIAL REQUESTS

All special needs and requests, if agreed, should be entered on the booking form. These cannot be guaranteed except where confirmed as part of our holiday commitment to you and are detailed on your holiday booking confirmation. We are keen to ensure that we plan the arrangements for your holiday so that special needs and requests can be accommodated as far as possible. If you will need assistance, or may be unable to fully enjoy all aspects of your holiday you must tell us in advance so that we can maximise your enjoyment of the holiday. We will need to know if you will need special facilities in the hotel, taking part in the excursions or have difficulty boarding and travelling on the coach or other means of transport. Before booking your holiday, you should be sure that you and your party are both physically and mentally capable of completing the itinerary. If you need advice or further information you should contact Blakes Coaches Ltd. If you will require a special diet please tell us at the time of booking, or as soon as you are medically advised.

## 16. PASSENGERS WITH DISABILITIES

We want everyone to enjoy our travel arrangements. We are happy to advise and assist you in choosing a suitable holiday. But, as some of the accommodation and resorts featured may not cater for even minor disabilities, it is important that, when booking, you advise us of any disability, specific need or complex need you may have and any special requirements that will make sure the holiday is suitable. If a passenger requires personal assistance (for example, assistance with feeding, dressing, toileting, mobilising) then this passenger must travel with an able-bodied companion or carer and written confirmation that such assistance will be provided for the entirety of the holiday is required at the time of booking. Coach drivers are unable to provide such assistance.

## IMPORTANT

You must tell us if you have an existing medical condition, disability or complex need that may affect your holiday or other group members' enjoyment of it before you book your holiday. We reserve the right to request a doctor's certificate confirming the passenger is fit to travel. If, in our reasonable opinion, your chosen holiday is not suitable for your medical condition or disability, we reserve the right to refuse your booking. You are responsible for bringing with you the proper clothing and equipment, which we advise you about in our printed trip information. We want you to enjoy your holiday and will help you select an appropriate trip.

## 17. PASSENGER BEHAVIOUR

We want all our customers to have a happy and carefree holiday. You are responsible for your behaviour and hygiene and the effect it may have on others. If you or any other member of your party is abusive, disruptive or behaves in a way that could cause damage or injury to others or affect their enjoyment of their holiday or which could damage property, we have the right to terminate your contract with us and we will have no further liability or obligation to you. The coach driver, ship's captain, or authorised official is entitled to refuse you boarding if in their reasonable opinion you are unacceptable under the influence of drink or drugs or you are being violent or disruptive. If you are refused boarding on the outward journey we will regard it as a cancellation by you and we will apply cancellation charges. If on your return journey, we have the right to terminate the contract with you. We also request that mobile telephones are not used on the coach.

## 18. TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly advise that you take out personal travel insurance for the trip. We have arranged comprehensive travel insurance with ERV which is outlined on page 6. You may use an alternative insurer but you must advise us. The insurance should cover medical and repatriation costs, personal injury, loss of baggage and cancellation charges. If you do not have adequate insurance and require our assistance during your holiday, we reserve the right to reclaim from you any medical repatriation or other expenses which we may incur on your behalf which would otherwise have been met by insurers. You must advise us if you use an alternative insurer, the policy number and 24 hour contact number.

## 19. LUGGAGE

Please restrict your luggage to a suitcase weighing no more than 18kgs per person. We cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to luggage unless through our negligence. Please do not leave valuable items in your suitcase when left on the coach. Please contact us for our policy on mobility scooters. We are only able to take 1 small fold up scooter on a tour.

## 20. DATA PROTECTION ACT

We retain your full contact details and other information in secure files and electronic storage facilities. We may use this information to contact you by mail, telephone or electronic means. We must pass your information on to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements and we take full responsibility for ensuring that proper measures are in place to protect your information. In making this booking, you consent to this information being passed on to the relevant persons or suppliers.

## 21. EMERGENCY CONTACT

Our emergency contact details are Tel 01398 341160  
Email [info@blakescoaches.co.uk](mailto:info@blakescoaches.co.uk)

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