

# Blakes

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## Holidays

October 2021 –  
December 2022

OVER  
**300**  
HOLIDAYS  
TO CHOOSE  
FROM



Where memories and friendships are made

# Blakes *Holidays*

It gives us great pleasure to present our new and exciting 2022 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

#### 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.

## 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**

## 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.





## 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: 10 Fenchurch Avenue, London, EC3M 5BN, company number SE000083. Great Lakes Insurance SE, UK Branch, is authorised and regulated by Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht. Deemed authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority. Subject to regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority and limited regulation by the Prudential Regulation Authority. Details of the Temporary Permissions Regime, which allows EEA-based firms to operate in the UK for a limited period while seeking full authorisation, are available on the Financial Conduct Authority's website.

ERGO Travel Insurance Services Ltd (ETI) is registered in England and Wales, company number 11091555. ERGO Travel Insurance Services Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, register number 805870 and registered office: 10 Fenchurch Avenue, London, EC3M 5BN.

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.

This insurance is available only to residents of the United Kingdom who purchase cover before they travel.

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 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:

- Is receiving, or on a waiting list for, surgery, in-patient treatment or investigations in a hospital, clinic or nursing home.
- Is travelling against any health requirements stipulated by the carrier, their handling agents or other public transport provider.
- Is travelling against the advice of a Medical Practitioner or for the purpose of obtaining medical treatment abroad.
- 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](http://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.

If our chosen insurance provider, Wrightsure Services (Hampshire) Limited are unable to offer you the travel insurance cover you require because you have serious medical conditions, you may be able to get help by accessing the Money and Pensions Service travel directory or by calling 0800 138 7777 (lines are open Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm).

### 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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All the tours below are available to book now and full details are in our 2021 holiday brochure. Please phone to book or request a brochure if you have mislaid yours! Details are also on our website [www.blakescoaches.co.uk](http://www.blakescoaches.co.uk)



### A WEEKEND IN PEMBROKESHIRE

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15 – 18 Oct

4 DAYS  
**£225**



### AUTUMN COLOURS OF SHROPSHIRE

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25 – 29 Oct

5 DAYS  
**£325**



### THE WONDERFUL AUTUMN COLOURS OF SCOTLAND

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17 – 22 Oct

6 DAYS  
**£445**



### YORK, WHITBY & SCARBOROUGH

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25 – 29 Oct

5 DAYS  
**£275**



### MYSTERY WEEKEND

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22 – 25 Oct

4 DAYS  
**£215**



### LUXURY IN LONDON

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31 Oct – 1 Nov

2 DAYS  
**£125**



### AUTUMN COLOURS OF THE PEAK DISTRICT

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25 – 29 Oct

5 DAYS  
**£325**



### BEAUTIFUL BATH WITH AFTERNOON TEA IN THE PUMP ROOM

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7 – 8 Nov

2 DAYS  
**£159**



### AUTUMN COLOURS OF NORTH WALES & SNOWDONIA

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25 – 29 Oct

5 DAYS  
**£315**



### WARNER BREAK – STUDLEY CASTLE HOTEL, WARWICKSHIRE

8 – 10 Nov

3 DAYS  
**£265**

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## FESTIVE TOURS STILL AVAILABLE FROM OUR 2021 HOLIDAY BROCHURE

### TURKEY & TINSEL HOLIDAYS

1 November	5 days	Holly & Mistletoe, North Wales	£359.00
1 November	5 days	Festive Warner Break – Bembridge Coast, Isle of Wight	£325.00
5 November	4 days	Falmouth Turkey & Tinsel	£199.00
6 November	5 days	Scarborough Turkey & Tinsel	£285.00
9 November	5 days	Holly & Mistletoe in the Scottish Highlands	£289.00
12 November	4 days	Turkey & Tinsel in the Yorkshire Dales	£215.00
12 November	4 days	Weymouth Turkey & Tinsel	£209.00
15 November	5 days	The Lake District Turkey & Tinsel	£259.00
15 November	5 days	Eastbourne Turkey & Tinsel	£245.00
19 November	4 days	Isle of Wight Turkey & Tinsel	£199.00
19 November	4 days	Tenby, Turkey & Tinsel	£215.00
22 November	5 days	Turkey & Tinsel, Alvaston Hall, Warner Break	£335.00
22 November	5 days	Great Yarmouth Turkey & Tinsel & Thursford Christmas Spectacular	£295.00
26 November	4 days	Great Entertainment Turkey & Tinsel on The English Riviera	£209.00
26 November	5 days	Festive Winter Warmer in North Wales	£279.00
2 December	4 days	Festive Break in North Cornwall – including Padstow Christmas Festival	£215.00
6 December	5 days	Great Yarmouth Turkey & Tinsel & Thursford Christmas Spectacular	£295.00

### CHRISTMAS MARKETS & EVENTS

20 November	2 days	Longleat's Festival of Light & Winchester Christmas Market	£125.00
20 November	2 days	Blenheim Palace at Christmas & Gloucester Quays Victorian Christmas Market	£119.00
20 November	2 days	Christmas Shopping Weekend... Cheltenham & Oxford	£89.00
26 November	3 days	Ludlow Medieval Christmas Fayre & Bath Christmas Market	£195.00
27 November	2 days	Longleat's Festival of Light & Southampton's Christmas Festival	£125.00
29 November	3 days	Thursford Christmas Spectacular	£235.00
3 December	4 days	York St Nicholas Fayre & Harewood House at Christmas	£255.00
4 December	2 days	Birmingham Christmas Market & Blists Hill Victorian Christmas	£109.00
4 December	2 days	Longleat's Festival of Light & Winchester Christmas Market	£125.00
11 December	2 days	Longleat's Festival & Southampton's Christmas Festival	£125.00
14 December	2 days	Christmas at Kew & Oxford Christmas Market	£139.00
18 December	2 days	Longleat's Festival of Light & Winchester Christmas Market	£125.00
18 December	2 days	Christmas Carols at The Royal Albert Hall	£199.00
18 December	2 days	Blenheim Palace at Christmas & Illuminated Light Trail	£159.00



# 2021 Christmas, Twixmas and New Year Holidays

(Please see our main 2021 brochure)

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

22 December	6 days	Christmas in Norfolk inc. Thursford	£599.00	See page 170
23 December	5 days	Christmas in Canterbury	£565.00	See page 170
23 December	5 days	Christmas on the Isle of Wight	£535.00	See page 171
23 December	5 days	Christmas in Oxfordshire <b>NEW</b>	£565.00	See page 11 of this brochure

## TWIXMAS HOLIDAYS

27 December	4 days	Twixmas in North Wales	£199.00
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## NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

30 December	4 days	New Year in Tenby	£369.00	See page 171
30 December	4 days	New Year in North Wales	£369.00	See page 172
30 December	4 days	New Year along the South Coast	£369.00	See page 172







## CHRISTMAS IN OXFORDSHIRE

Oxfordshire has many vibrant towns and pretty villages to explore. Oxford itself is a city steeped in heritage with a skyline pierced with spires and streets lined with independent shops.

### **YOUR HOTEL** Oxford Witney Hotel, Witney

A superb 4\* hotel just a short walk to the centre of town. Each of the modern en-suite bedrooms are furnished with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The hotel does not have a lift but has plenty of ground floor rooms. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated swimming pool, spa pool, sauna & steam room and gym. Live entertainment is provided each evening.

TOUR  
PRICE

£565

5 DAYS



### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** We leave our home area with a comfort stop on route, make our way to Cheltenham for lunch with time to browse for that last minute gift and enjoy a warming lunch. continue to our hotel in Witney, arriving to warm mulled wine and mince pies in the bar before we settle in and freshen up before a carvery dinner and live entertainment.

**FRIDAY** (Christmas Eve) Join us this morning as we make our way to Oxford, famous for its 38 University colleges and architecture which lead to its affectionate nickname of the "City of Dreaming Spires". Here you will have time to explore this delightful city with its beautiful towering spires, and wonderful shopping quarter to pick up that last minute gift for Christmas, plus many restaurants and cafes to enjoy a cosy lunch. We return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner and another evening of live entertainment. For those wishing to attend midnight mass in a local church, tea coffee & biscuits will be available on return.



**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 into town before a 4 course traditional Christmas lunch is served with all the trimmings! Spend the afternoon taking a nap or watching the Queen's speech and enjoying afternoon tea & Christmas cake in the bar. This evening there's a wonderful, typically British, Christmas Day evening buffet for you to enjoy followed by more live entertainment.

**SUNDAY** (Boxing Day) This morning we enjoy a leisurely Bucks Fizz brunch, then, join us if you wish, for a scenic coach tour around some of the Cotswolds finest villages, stopping for lunch and time to explore, before returning to our hotel for tea, coffee and cake served in the bar and later a 4 course Gala dinner followed by live entertainment and a disco to dance the night away!

**MONDAY** It's time to say goodbye to Oxfordshire as we begin our homeward journey. We stop for lunch in Bath, and time to maybe pick up a bargain and visit the Abbey before we reach our home area early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 nights' Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- Mulled Wine & Mince Pies on arrival
- Traditional Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day
- Tea/Coffee and Christmas Cake on Christmas Day afternoon
- Live entertainment each evening
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £140.00  
Travel insurance £24.00



A scenic view of a European river town, likely along the Rhine. A large, multi-story church tower with a dark, onion-shaped dome and a spire is the central focus on the left. The town is built on a hillside, with various European-style houses and buildings. A river cruise ship, white with red and blue accents, is docked at a quay in the foreground. The river is calm, reflecting the sky and the town. The background shows a steep, forested hillside under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

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#### 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





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 Musical Events,  
we hope you will find something that suits you

LAKESIDE COASTAL VILLAGE, HAYLING ISLAND 10 – 14 JANUARY ...  
please see page 17

5 DAYS  
**£225**

LITTLECOTE HOUSE HOTEL, BERKSHIRE 24 – 24 JANUARY ...  
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5 DAYS  
**£325**

ALVASTON HALL HOTEL, CHESHIRE 21 – 25 FEBRUARY ...  
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5 DAYS  
**£299**

SINAH WARREN HOTEL, HAYLING ISLAND 14 – 18 MARCH ...  
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5 DAYS  
**£325**

NIDD HALL HOTEL, YORKSHIRE 4 – 8 APRIL ...  
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5 DAYS  
**£375**

CRICKET ST THOMAS, SOMERSET 23 – 27 MAY ...  
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5 DAYS  
**£425**

NORTON GRANGE, ISLE OF WIGHT 6 – 10 JUNE ...  
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5 DAYS  
**£395**

NORTON GRANGE, ISLE OF WIGHT 13 – 17 JUNE ...  
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5 DAYS  
**£395**

CORTON COASTAL RESORT, SUFFOLK 25 – 29 JULY ...  
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5 DAYS  
**£399**

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE 22 – 26 AUGUST ...  
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5 DAYS  
**£475**

BODELWYDDAN CASTLE, NORTH WALES 19 – 23 SEPTEMBER ...  
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5 DAYS  
**£485**

THORESBY HALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 24 – 28 OCTOBER ...  
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5 DAYS  
**£435**

BEMBRIDGE COASTAL RESORT, ISLE OF WIGHT  
7 – 11 NOV ... please see page 139

5 DAYS  
**£349**

SINAH WARREN, HAYLING ISLAND 28 NOV – 2 DEC ...  
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5 DAYS  
**£325**

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5 DAYS  
**£395**

CRICKET ST THOMAS, SOMERSET 12 – 16 DECEMBER ...  
please see page 157



5 DAYS  
**£315**

## Monday 3rd – Friday 7th 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** 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.

**WEDNESDAY** 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.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey north to Thirsk, a lovely old-fashioned market town, 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 in the series All Creatures Great and Small. 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 £90.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£199

5 DAYS

## Saturday 8th – Sunday 9th 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 15 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, Pretty Woman, Mary Poppins, Back To The Future, Get Up, Stand Up! Bob Marley The Musical, Frozen The Musical, Moulin Rouge The Musical and Cinderella The Musical (All show dates correct at time of printing, but subject to change).

#### YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn London Heathrow M4 Jct 4, West Drayton, London

A luxuriously appointed 4\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with satellite TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a generous buffet breakfast and evening dinner. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

#### 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 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.

*It is very likely that either proof of double vaccination (digital NHS App or paper NHS COVID Pass letter) or a proof of a negative lateral flow test (24 hours prior to show) will be required to allow admission into the theatres.*

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

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

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

TOUR  
PRICE

THEATRE  
WEEKEND

£215

LONDON

£115

2 DAYS





## 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

£645

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 £175.00  
Travel insurance £49.00



Monday 10th – Friday 14th January



## KENT & THE WHITE CLIFF COAST

Kent's coast is famous for its spectacular white cliffs, golden beaches, famous seaside resorts and historic towns.

**YOUR HOTEL** Holiday Inn Ashford Central, Ashford

A modern 3\* hotel. All en-suite bedrooms are furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The rustic Tavern Barn restaurant serves a delicious traditional evening menu and hearty breakfast. There is a lounge bar area to relax in the evenings.

### 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. The stunning cathedral was founded in 604AD making 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. After lunch we make our way to Royal Tunbridge Wells, famous for its natural spring water and its elegant colonnaded Pantiles walkway brimming with independent shops and cosy cafes.

**WEDNESDAY** Today 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.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we enjoy a scenic coach tour of Kent's coastline, starting at the Battle of Britain Memorial, a site of recognition to the heroes of World War II battle of the skies, before continuing along the coast past the busy port of Dover and on to Deal, a former fishing, mining and garrison town. With time for coffee, we continue past Sandwich and on to the harbour town and seaside resort of Ramsgate for lunch. We re-join the coach and continue around the coast, past Broadstairs and on to the seaside town of Margate with time for tea and a winter's stroll along the beach!

**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
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £140.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£295

5 DAYS

Monday 10th – Friday 14th January



## LAKE SIDE COASTAL RESORT, HAYLING ISLAND

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

**YOUR HOTEL** Lakeside Coastal Village, Hayling Island

A traditional coastal resort, offering a warm and friendly atmosphere with a village feeling. All chalets are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. The elegant restaurant offers excellent cuisine and leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna, championship-quality indoors bowls complex, archery range, pitch & putt course, beauty salon, gift shop and games room. Live musical entertainment is provided each night. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

### 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 visit the cathedral, browse the shops, maybe pick up a bargain in the January Sales 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 5)  
Supreme Chalet upgrade £40.00 per person  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£225

5 DAYS



**Tuesday 11th – Wednesday 12th January**



## LAMMA 2022... 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.

### 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 2022
- Evening meal at restaurant on Wednesday's return journey
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £30.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

**TOUR  
PRICE**

**£125**

**2 DAYS**

**Sunday 16th – Thursday 20th January**



**NEW**

## WINTER WARMER IN THE SHIRES

Join us for a short winter break to explore the wonderful counties of Warwickshire, Oxfordshire and Worcestershire

### **YOUR HOTEL** Delta by Marriott Warwick Hotel, Warwick

A modern 4\* hotel on the outskirts of Warwick. Each of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms are furnished with TV, hairdryer, safe, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a traditional evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include a cosy lounge bar and fitness suite.

**TOUR  
PRICE**

**£255**

**5 DAYS**

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way with comfort stop on route to Gloucester Quays for lunch. With time to browse the retail centre and enjoy a cosy lunch, we continue to our hotel near Warwick, arriving with plenty of time to settle in before dinner.

**MONDAY** Join us today as we make our way to Worcester. This beautiful cathedral city sits on the River Severn and has many attractions together with a vibrant shopping quarter. Whilst here you may like to visit the stunning cathedral with its royal tombs, crypt and cloisters, or perhaps explore the Museum of Royal Worcester porcelain, or the fascinating Tudor House Museum. There are many places to eat and drink and enjoy a warming lunch.

**TUESDAY** This morning we make our way across the Cotswolds to Moreton-In-Marsh for market day. Browse the many market stalls, independent shops or experience the 17th & 18th century buildings in this honey-coloured town. With time to enjoy coffee we re-join the coach and travel to the Oxfordshire market town of Banbury famous for its "Fine Lady" bronze sculpture depicting the "Ride A Cock Horse To Banbury Cross" nurse rhyme. Explore the atmospheric lanes of the old town and the shopping mall, sample the delicious "Banbury Cake".

**WEDNESDAY** Today we explore Shakespeare's country in Warwickshire. We first visit Stratford Upon Avon with strong links to William Shakespeare and his family. You may like to visit one of the Shakespeare attractions (subject to winter opening hours), explore the half-timbered buildings throughout the town housing shops, cafes and pubs, stroll along the River Avon or just enjoy a leisurely lunch before we make our way to Warwick. The county town is full of beautiful medieval buildings, the spectacular castle, museums, gift shops and cafes to enjoy afternoon tea.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast we sadly begin our journey home, stopping in Cheltenham for lunch on route, before completing our journey back to the West Country, arriving late afternoon/early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £25.00



**Saturday 22nd – Sunday 23rd January**



## STRICTLY COME DANCING LIVE

Calling all "Strictly" fans! Filled with glitz, glamour and sequins, your favourite judges, celebrities and professional dancers dust off their glitter balls and re-unite on the dance floor, for the much loved Strictly Come Dancing live tour. With thrilling choreography, awesome acrobatics and dazzling costumes, join us for a "Strictly" treat.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Holiday Inn, Birmingham M6 J7**

A 3\* modern hotel. Each en-suite room is comfortably equipped with TV and Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool and gym.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave the West Country, stopping for lunch en route, arriving at the Utilita Arena Birmingham for the afternoon show of Strictly Come Dancing Live. Your host will be joined by the fearsome judging panel, watching over your favourite professionals and celebrity dancers as they waltz, tango and jive their way across the dance floor. With thrilling dancing and acrobatics; breath taking costumes; amazing choreography and incredible live music from the fabulous Strictly band, this is an entertainment extravaganza not to be missed. After the show we rejoin the coach and make travel to our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we begin our journey home, stopping for lunch at Gloucester Quays. The indoor shopping outlet has an array of shops, a mix of designer labels and high street favourites, to pick up a bargain, and numerous cafes and restaurants to enjoy a warming lunch. We later continue our homeward journey, arriving early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for Strictly Come Dancing Live – Birmingham Arena
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £25.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

TOUR  
PRICE

**£169**

2 DAYS

**Monday 24th – Friday 28th 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** **Liverpool Inn Hotel, Best Western**

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

TOUR  
PRICE

**£295**

5 DAYS

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

## Monday 24th – Friday 28th January

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### 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 dined here. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, gym, library and gift shops. Sports activities include archery, croquet, tennis and fencing, and live entertainment is provided each evening. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

#### 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 complete our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before our first evening meal and live entertainment.

**TUESDAY** The morning is free for you 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 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
- Drinks inclusive package 6pm – midnight each evening on selected drinks
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)  
Signature upgrade £30.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£325

5 DAYS

## Friday 28th – Monday 31st January



### 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 £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£215

4 DAYS



## Saturday 29th – Sunday 30th 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** Membly Hall Hotel, Falmouth

Beautifully situated in one of Cornwall's most picturesque regions, the Membly 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-spined 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 £18.00

Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire

TOUR  
PRICE

£85

2 DAYS

## Sunday 30th – Monday 31st January



### SWEET TEMPTATIONS & THE PUDDING CLUB

Calling all pudding lovers! The Pudding Club was established in 1985 to promote the iconic British pudding! Set in the quaint honey stoned village of Mickleton, enjoy a fabulous evening of a light supper followed by 7 of the most delicious traditional puddings to whet the appetite!

#### **YOUR HOTEL** Three Ways House Hotel, Mickleton

A superb 3\* cosy hotel located in the pretty Cotswold village of Mickleton. Each of the comfortable en-suite rooms is furnished with TV, telephone, radio, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu including the famous Pudding Club desserts and a hearty morning breakfast.

#### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave our home area and make our way to Cheltenham with time to browse this beautiful Regency town nestled on the edge of the Cotswolds. With time to enjoy a light bite at lunch time, remember to leave room for dinner! We continue to our hotel with time to settle in before an entertaining evening, starting with a jovial introduction by the Pudding Master, followed by a light main course and then the parade of seven traditional puddings with all its noise and ceremony, to taste each pudding and vote for your favourite pudding of the night over coffee!

**MONDAY** 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 or visit the Roman Baths offering an interesting visit to see how former residents enjoyed the thermal waters many centuries ago. 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 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £25.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire



## 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£685

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.

### 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.



### 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 Baumwipfelpfad, Neuschönau
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £95.00  
Travel insurance £45.00



Monday 31st – Friday 4th 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. The 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
- Captain's Dinner 1920s style
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£385

5 DAYS

Friday 4th – Monday 7th February



## A WELSH COUNTRY & WESTERN BREAK... 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 Betys-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)  
Subsequent Singles £54.00  
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£225

4 DAYS

## Saturday 5th – Sunday 6th 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£95

2 DAYS

#### 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 £18.00

Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire

## Sunday 6th – Thursday 10th February



### 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 £25.00



## Sunday 6th – Thursday 10th February



### SOUTH COAST EXPLORER

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** **Chichester Park Hotel, Chichester**  
We are delighted to return to this modern 3\* hotel ideally located close to the city centre. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. Ground floor rooms are available. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and generous breakfast. The hotel's leisure facilities include an indoor pool and sauna.

TOUR  
PRICE

£275

5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country, stopping for coffee on route, and on to Winchester for lunch. With time to browse the shops, explore the magnificent cathedral and enjoy a cosy winter lunch, we re-join the coach and continue to our hotel with time to freshen up before evening dinner.

**MONDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Portsmouth's historic dockyard. Whilst here you may like to visit the Mary Rose, King Henry VIII's favourite ship, which sank in battle in 1545 and was raised from the waters just outside the Dockyard in 1982, or HMS Victory, Nelson's legendary warship. Take a Harbour Tour and discover a working naval base from the water, visit the National Museum of the Royal Navy to discover the stories of the Georgian Navy alongside twentieth and twenty-first century sailors. Step aboard HMS Warrior, the pride of Queen Victoria's fleet and compare her iron-hull with the steel hull of the only surviving ship from the First World War Gallipoli Campaign. Close by you will find Gunwharf Quay – a modern waterfront shopping centre and the Spinnaker Tower, which rises 170 metres and offers wonderful views across the Isle Of Wight on a clear day. (It may be essential to book tickets on line before you arrive so please check the website or ask when booking if unsure).

**TUESDAY** Join us today as we travel along the south coast to the popular resort of Brighton. Famed for its pebble beach and stylish regency architecture, together with all the traditional seaside fun, there is much to see and do in this much-loved resort. The spectacular Royal Pavilion was transformed in the early 19th century into a handsome villa. Inside you can visit the great rooms used by George IV, Prince Regent, including the banqueting room, great kitchens, royal bedrooms and grand saloon rooms.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we make our way into the centre of Chichester, a delightful compact city with its splendid cathedral, Bishops Palace gardens and large shopping centre. This afternoon we re-join the coach and make our way to Bognor Regis, affectionately known as England's "Sunshine Capital" with its promenade, long beach, friendly town and cosy cafes.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin the homeward journey, stopping for lunch in Salisbury, and reaching the West Country early evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

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

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single Supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

## Monday 14th – Friday 18th February



### 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** **Inn On The Prom Hotel, Lytham St Annes**

A modern 3\* hotel located on the South Promenade. Each of the en-suite bedrooms are equipped with TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift which serves all floors. The restaurant serves a traditional evening menu and hearty breakfast. Entertainment is provided on some evenings.

TOUR  
PRICE

£275

5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** 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.

**TUESDAY** 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.

**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 to 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 Lytham St Annes with free time this afternoon to explore the town, its beach front and pier and public gardens and parklands.

**THURSDAY** 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.

**FRIDAY** 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 (max 5)  
Subsequent Singles £60.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

## Monday 14th – Friday 18th February



### 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.

#### 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** 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.

**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** 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.

**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 £32.00  
Town view room supplement £20.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£245

5 DAYS

## Friday 18th – Monday 21st February



### 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** 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 sauna, and entertainment is provided most nights. The bar has a large lounge area with wonderful views across the channel.

#### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave our home area and, with a comfort stop en route, make our way 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.

**SATURDAY** 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.

**SUNDAY** 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. You may like to visit the Tate St Ives gallery and the picturesque fishing harbour is a beautiful place to stroll, browse the shops and enjoy a warming lunch in one of the cosy cafés. We return to Falmouth via a different route, with a stop for tea at the scenic shores of Marazion with views across to St Michael's Mount.

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

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

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

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 6)  
Sea View Room Supplement £24.00 per person  
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£185

4 DAYS



Monday 21st – Friday 25th February



## 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 Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Snowdonia

A brand new hotel complex, opened in 2021, on the edge of the Snowdonia National Park. All en-suite bedrooms have TV, Wi-Fi, mini fridge, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious home cooked evening menu and hearty Welsh breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, fitness suite and spa

### 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 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 the way, including a visit to Betsy-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.

**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- hwyndrobwlllantysiliogogoch 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:**  
Single Supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£345

5 DAYS

Monday 21st – Friday 25th 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.

### 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 £25.00

## Monday 21st – Friday 25th February



### ALVESTON 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. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

#### 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 cafés 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 5)  
Signature room upgrade £30.00 per person  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£299

5 DAYS

## Friday 25th – Monday 28th February



### 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.

#### 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 £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£185

4 DAYS



## Saturday 26th – Sunday 27th 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.

#### 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's Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £20.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire

TOUR  
PRICE

£99

2 DAYS

## Sunday 27th – Monday 28th February



NEW

### "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 Dorna & 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 £18.00

**Sunday 27th February – Tuesday 1st March**



## AFTERNOON TEA & EVENSING 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 £20.00

TOUR  
PRICE

**£215**

3 DAYS

**Monday 28th February – Friday 4th March**



## 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.

### 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 £32.00  
Sea view supplement £20.00 per person  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

**£245**

5 DAYS



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## 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£295

5 DAYS

### 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 Godshill – 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 cafés 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 £25.00

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## 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 Holiday Inn Runcorn, Runcorn

A modern 3\* 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

£249

5 DAYS

### 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. EITHER 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:

Subsequent single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

Friday 4th – Monday 7th March



## NORMANDY – ROUEN & 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£245

4 DAYS

### 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 £38.00

Friday 4th – Monday 7th March



## 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!

### YOUR HOTEL Cumberland Hotel, Bournemouth

Ideally situated on the East 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£225

4 DAYS

### 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:

No Single supplement (Max 5)  
Subsequent Singles £60.00  
Travel insurance £23.00



## Saturday 5th – Sunday 6th 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 and with a comfort stop en route continue to Portsmouth's historic dockyard. Whilst here you may like to visit the Mary Rose, King Henry VIII's favourite ship, which sank in battle in 1545 and was raised from the waters just outside the Dockyard in 1982, or HMS Victory, Nelson's legendary warship. Take a Harbour Tour and discover a working naval base from the water, visit the National Museum of the Royal Navy to discover the stories of the Georgian Navy alongside twentieth and twenty-first century sailors, experience traditional boatbuilding techniques at Boathouse 4 or learn the history of Royal Navy armaments at Explosion Museum of Naval Firepower. Step aboard HMS Warrior, the pride of Queen Victoria's fleet and compare her iron-hull with the steel hull of the only surviving ship from the First World War Gallipoli Campaign, M.33. Close by you will find Gunwharf Quay – a modern waterfront shopping centre and the Spinnaker Tower, which rises 170 metres and offers wonderful views across the Isle Of Wight on a clear day. It may be essential to book tickets on line before you arrive so please check the website or ask when booking if unsure. 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 £18.00

Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire

TOUR  
PRICE

£95

2 DAYS

## Monday 7th – Friday 11th March



### 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 seafront, 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

£345

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 Llanfairpwllgwynglgogerychyrndrobwillantysiliogogoch. 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 £20.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

Monday 7th – Friday 11th March



## 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** Holiday Inn Ashford Central, Ashford

A modern 3\* hotel. All en-suite bedrooms are furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The rustic Tavern Barn restaurant serves a delicious traditional evening menu and hearty breakfast. There is a lounge bar area to relax in the evenings.

TOUR  
PRICE

£345

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** 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.

**WEDNESDAY** 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.

**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:

Single Supplement £140.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

Monday 7th – Friday 11th 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

£295

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 tearshop 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 5)  
Travel insurance £25.00



Friday 11th – Monday 14th March



## WONDERS OF 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 located 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.

### 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 warming 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 & English Breakfast
- All coach travel

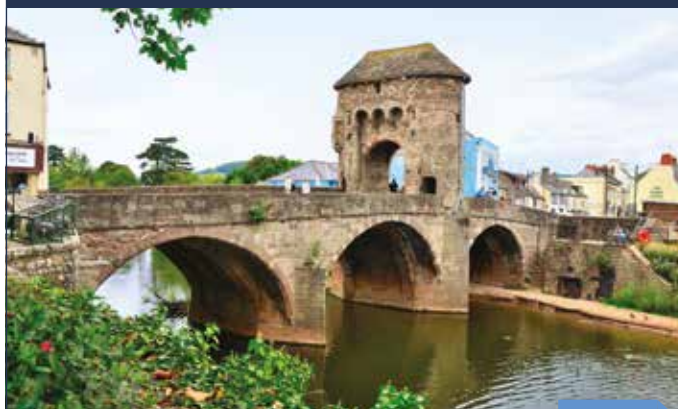
**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £45.00  
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£265

4 DAYS

Saturday 12th – Sunday 13th 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!

**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 £10.00 (Max 2)  
Sea view supplement £5.00 per person  
Travel insurance £18.00  
Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire

TOUR  
PRICE

£95

2 DAYS



## 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£675

8 DAYS



### 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 &

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 find 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 at the hotel.

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

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £220  
Travel insurance £47.00



Monday 14th – Friday 18th 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.

### 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 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.

**WEDNESDAY** 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.

**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 £90.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£315

5 DAYS

Monday 14th – Friday 18th March



## 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 in Britain... **BUT no where near where we have been the last few years!**

### YOUR HOTEL Mystery Hotel, Mystery Location!

A friendly family run 3\* hotel. Each en-suite bedroom is comfortably furnished with TV, and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening using local ingredients and a generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, sauna, steam room and gym.

TOUR  
PRICE

£295

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
- Live entertainment on one evening
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £72.00 (Max 4)  
Subsequent single supplement £120.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

## Monday 14th – Friday 18th 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. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only

#### 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
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)  
Signature upgrade £30.00 per person  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£325

5 DAYS

## Thursday 17th – Monday 21st March



### CITY BREAK DUBLIN

Perhaps one of the most friendliest cities in the world, Dublin offers a warm welcome to all that visit her. Ireland's capital has so much to offer from stunning architecture, cosy pubs and bars, museums and galleries, lively markets and many visitor attractions.

#### **YOUR HOTEL** Travelodge Plus, Dublin City

This newly developed hotel is opened in 2021 offers a new brand of hotel designed for city centre visitors. It is located close to the city centre with easy access on foot, tram, bus and trains. Each of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms have TV, USB charging points & WiFi. A lift serves all floors. The restaurant offers a delicious buffet style breakfast and there is an on-site bar and café with cosy corners to relax and unwind in the evenings.

#### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** We leave our home area, with a comfort stop on route and make our way to our overnight hotel near Runcorn, arriving with time to settle in before dinner..

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Holyhead for our afternoon ferry crossing to Dublin, arriving early evening. There will be time to settle into your accommodation before dinner served at the hotel this evening.

**SATURDAY–SUNDAY** The weekend is free for you to explore all that Dublin has to offer. You may like to visit some of its many attractions including St Patrick's Cathedral, the Guinness Storehouse, Kilmainham Gaol, Trinity College with its fascinating Book of Kells plus many more. The vibrant Temple Bar area is where many visitors gather to enjoy the lively atmosphere of traditional Irish pubs and street entertainers. The city is easy to get around on foot, by bus, tram or train network or why not try an open top bus tour of the city and hop on and off at various sights of interest. You are free to choose a restaurant of your choice for evening meals on both evenings and enjoy the laid-back atmosphere of this friendly city.

**MONDAY** After breakfast, we leave our hotel and travel to the port for our return ferry crossing to Holyhead. We then continue our homeward journey, with comfort stops on route, reaching the West Country mid-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 2 nights' Bed & Breakfast (Dublin)
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £110.00  
Travel insurance £40.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS



Friday 18th – Monday 21st 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.

### 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 £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£249

4 DAYS

Saturday 19th – Sunday 20th 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 Night's Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £33.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

Certain departure points are unavailable on this tour. Please enquire

## Sunday 20th – Friday 25th March



### SCOTLAND – SPRINGTIME IN THE HIGHLANDS

Scotland is scenic any time of year, but with the emergence of spring as a harsh winter is left long behind, the natural landscape starts to burst into life. Royal Deeside is situated in the heart of Scotland, with clear sparkling air, beautiful scenery, rich clan history and fine food. The magnificent valley of the River Dee rises high in the Cairngorms Mountains and flows through some of the most picturesque landscapes in the whole of Britain.

**YOUR HOTEL** Angus Hotel, Blairgowrie

A warm welcome awaits us at this delightful 3\* hotel situated in the centre of Blairgowrie, a picturesque town nestled in the foothills of the Sidlaw Hills. All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves traditional home cooked fare, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool. Scottish entertainment is provided on some evenings.

#### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country, and make our way north, with comfort stops en route, to our hotel in Blairgowrie, our base for the next five nights, arriving with time to freshen up before dinner.

**MONDAY** This morning is free for you to spend as you please in Blairgowrie. You may like to relax and make use of the hotel's facilities or take a stroll through town and browse the shops. After an early lunch, we make the short journey north, through some stunning scenery to Pitlochry. This is a delightful town in a spectacular setting under the skyline of Ben Vackrie (at 2760 feet). It is well known for its salmon ladder and has some lovely Victorian architecture, independent shops and tea rooms.

**TUESDAY** Our "Royal" day begins with a scenic drive through the Cairngorms National Park and the Grampian Mountains to the spa town of Ballater. A Royal Burgh, many shops display the "By Royal Appointment" notices! We continue to Crathie Church where the Royal Family attend whilst at Balmoral, before continuing to Braemar, a village in Upper Deeside, famous for its Highland Games, held in early September and attended by the Royal family. Here you will have time to visit the Highland Visitors Centre and maybe buy a souvenir in the gift shop, before enjoying afternoon tea.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey south to Perth, a small Scottish city located on the banks of the River Tay, once Scotland's capital. As well as the usual shops in the city centre, reminders of medieval times are plentiful, and the striking St John's Kirk (church) is the perfect place to pause and soak up the atmosphere. After lunch we visit the pretty village of Dunkeld, with its dominant cathedral, brightly coloured early 18th century "little houses", independent shops and a lovely river side-walk along the Tay. Enjoy afternoon tea in one of the cosy cafes, before we return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**THURSDAY** Join us today as we take a wonderful tour of the Trossachs, through some picturesque villages and stunning scenery, with our first stop in Aberfoyle for coffee. We then continue over the stunning Duke's Pass, with a stop at Loch Katrine for lunch and time to admire the wonderful scenery and the views. We return to our hotel with a stop for tea in Callander and time to explore this lovely town.

**FRIDAY** Sadly, it's time to leave our hotel and begin our journey south, with regular comfort stops on route, arriving back in the West Country early-mid evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

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

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £90.00  
Travel insurance £27.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£325

6 DAYS

## Monday 21st – Friday 25th March



### 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

£285

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.

**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 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
- Boat cruise on Norfolk Broads
- Entertainment on some evenings
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single Supplement (Max 2)  
Single supplement £64.00

Sea view room supplement £20.00 per person  
Travel insurance £25.00



## Monday 21st – Friday 25th 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 Conistone Water and Conistone 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 with time to browse, before returning to our hotel for a late lunch of warming soup & sandwiches. The afternoon is free to relax and explore Grange Over Sands.

**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 2 days ■ Soup & Sandwiches at hotel on 1 day
- 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 £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£325

5 DAYS

## Wednesday 23rd – Sunday 27th 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.

**YOUR HOTEL** Runnymede Court Hotel, St Helier

A warm welcome awaits at this lovely family run hotel, just a few minutes' walk from the centre of Jersey's capital, St Helier and close to the beach front at Havre des Pas. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, WiFi access and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a wide variety of dishes and the hotel bar offers a quiet area to relax.

#### ITINERARY

**WEDNESDAY** 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 local coach and taken to your hotel. The reception staff will welcome you to Runnymede Court Hotel and arrange your evening meal and breakfast times, provide information about hotel services and will be happy to help if you wish to hire a car, request bus timetables etc.

**THURSDAY–SATURDAY** 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.

**SUNDAY** 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 3)  
Subsequent Singles £60.00  
Car hire on the island  
Travel insurance £40.00  
Deposit £150.00 per person

This holiday is protected under ATOL 5114 for whom we are acting as agents for Albatross Air Tours (trading name of Success Tours Ltd)

Friday 25th – Monday 28th 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

£229

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 £23.00

Saturday 26th – Sunday 27th March



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## MOTHERING SUNDAY WEEKEND TREAT – AFTERNOON TEA AT THE LONDON HILTON WALDORF

TOUR  
PRICE

£185

2 DAYS

Treat someone special to a delicious afternoon tea at London's Hilton Waldorf this Mothering Sunday Weekend and a weekend away in the capital.

**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 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

**SATURDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee en route. We arrive in the capital approximately mid-day to safely leave luggage at the hotel before afternoon check-in and explore your surroundings. This afternoon we have included an indulgent afternoon tea at the Waldorf to enjoy a selection of freshly prepared finger sandwiches, warm scones with clotted cream and Victorian jam and a variety of homemade cakes and pastries, all served with premium speciality teas. The rest of the day/evening is free for you to continue exploring London, perhaps enjoying a West End show and taking dinner at a restaurant of your choice.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely 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 retail therapy. We leave London mid-afternoon and return to the West Country. With a stop for tea on route, we arrive mid-evening hoping you will have enjoyed your taste of luxury!

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Afternoon Tea at London Hilton Waldorf Hotel
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £85.00  
Travel insurance £18.00



## Sunday 27th – Thursday 31st March



### 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

£215

5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** 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.

**MONDAY** 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.

**TUESDAY** This morning as we cross into Leicestershire to the 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 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** 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.

**THURSDAY** 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 £60.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

## Sunday 27th – Thursday 31st March



### 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£265

5 DAYS

#### 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 £25.00

## Monday 28th March – Friday 1st April



### 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.

#### 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** 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.

**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** 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.

**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 £32.00  
Town view room supplement £20.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£285

5 DAYS

## Friday 1st – Monday 4th April



### SINGLES GALORE IN OXFORDSHIRE

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 value supplement, which can make an otherwise good single 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** Mercure Thame Lambert Hotel, Watlington, Oxfordshire

A delightful 4\* hotel set at the foot of the Chiltern Hills. Each of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms is furnished with TV, hairdryer, safe, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a deliciously fresh evening menu and hearty breakfast. There is a lounge bar area to relax in the evenings.

#### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country, with a comfort stop on route, to the old market town of Marlborough. Once located on the old London coaching route, this charming town boasts one of England's widest streets with many historic buildings, shops and cafes to enjoy lunch. We continue to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**SATURDAY** Join us today as we visit the stunning city of Oxford, affectionately known as the "City of Dreaming Spires" due to its stunning architecture. Famous for its prestigious University, the city is full of attractions to visit and cobbled streets or peaceful courtyards to explore. You may like to take a sightseeing bus tour of the city to learn about its fascinating history, visit the Ashmolean Museum (the oldest museum in Britain) or perhaps enjoy a little retail therapy followed by a cosy café lunch.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way across the Chiltern Hills to the town of Henley-On-Thames, perhaps one of Britain's most beautiful places to visit, with its riverside location and Georgian fronted buildings and 18th Century stone bridge across the Thames. With time to explore and enjoy lunch, we continue up stream to the vibrant Georgian town of Marlow with an abundance of boutique shops, bistros and cafes.

**MONDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey via the lovely Cotswolds regions, stopping for lunch in the tranquil village of Bourton-On-The-Water, before completing our journey back to the West Country arriving early evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

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

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement  
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£265

4 DAYS



**Saturday 2nd – Sunday 3rd April**



## 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

**£95**

2 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area and travel west, with a coffee stop on route, to St Ives – a favourite for artists who flock here to paint the bright reflective sunlight, with local artwork available to buy in the galleries. The picturesque fishing harbour is a beautiful place to stroll, enjoy lunch and browse the shops. Whilst here you may like to visit the Tate St Ives Gallery. We re-join the coach later this afternoon and make the short journey to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**SUNDAY** Sadly leave our hotel after breakfast make the journey along the north Cornwall coast to the quaint fishing village of Padstow for lunch and time to enjoy the vibrant harbour. Mid-afternoon we begin our homeward journey reaching our home area early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

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

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £16.00 (Max 2)  
Travel insurance £18.00

**Monday 4th- Friday 8th April**



**NEW**

## 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

**£345**

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:

Single supplement £100.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

Monday 4th – Friday 8th April



## HIGHLIGHTS OF LANCASHIRE

Discover the heart of Lancashire and beyond in this fully packaged tour. We have included two heritage railway journeys, a visit to the spectacular Samlesbury Hall and the newly opened RHS Garden Bridgewater to enjoy some of the best attractions in the region.

**YOUR HOTEL** Mercure Samlesbury Hotel, Samlesbury, Preston

A delightful, recently refurbished 4\* hotel ideally located to visit the Lancashire region. All comfortable en-suite bedrooms are equipped with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The cosy restaurant serves a delicious freshly prepared evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and make our way north, with comfort stops on route. We complete our journey to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**TUESDAY** Join us today as we visit the compact historic city of Lancaster. Whilst here you may like to visit the famous castle, town hall, museums or galleries, or perhaps wander through the shopping district and enjoy a spot of lunch. This afternoon we travel to the historic Samlesbury Hall. The beautiful exterior decoration is a breath-taking sight, as you step into the black and white half-timbered medieval manor house. Outside you will also find the Bee & Heritage Centre and a delightful Rose Garden to explore.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we make our way over the border to the gateway of the Yorkshire Dales and enjoy time in Skipton. Whilst here you may like to take a stroll along the canal, take a boat ride or perhaps visit the castle. With time for lunch, we continue south where we board the heritage Keighley & Worth Valley railway for a scenic journey through the valley, arriving at Haworth, in the heart of Bronte country. There will be time to enjoy the quaint village with steep narrow streets and stone houses. We later return to our hotel to relax before dinner.

**THURSDAY** This morning we travel to the newly opened RHS Garden Bridgewater to explore this stunning 156 acre landscape, created on the former site of the historic Worsley New Hall estate, with its variety of diverse gardens with unique plants, shrubs and trees. We later make our way to the mill town of Bury, home of the "Black Pudding". With time to explore the town we join the East Lancashire Railway for a train journey across the Lancastrian landscape of the Irwell Valley, to the old cotton town of Rawtenstall.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey, with comfort stops on route, arriving back in the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Samlesbury Hall (free entry)
- Ticket for Keighley & Worth Valley Railway
- Entrance to RHS Garden Bridgewater
- Ticket for East Lancashire Railway
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £88.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£359

5 DAYS

Monday 4th – Friday 8th April



## NIDD HALL, YORKSHIRE, WARNER BREAK

A 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, tea & coffee 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. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

### 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 Domesday 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 5)  
Signature room upgrade £30.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£375

5 DAYS



Friday 8th – Monday 11th 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.

### 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 £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£295

4 DAYS

Monday 11th – Friday 15th 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.

### 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

TOUR  
PRICE

£375

5 DAYS

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £48.00  
 Travel insurance £25.00

## Friday 15th – Monday 18th 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.

#### 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 seafront 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 £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£285

4 DAYS

## Monday 11th – Friday 15th April



### SPRINGTIME IN SNOWDONIA & NORTH WALES

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** George IV Hotel, Criccieth

A 3\* hotel located in the heart of Criccieth with views across to the castle. Each of the en-suite bedrooms is furnished with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a traditional evening menu and hearty breakfast. There is a bar and lounge area to relax in the evenings with entertainment provided on some nights.

#### 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.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast the morning is free to explore Criccieth, a Victorian seaside town with its headland fortress and stunning views across to Cardigan Bay. This afternoon, join us if you wish, for an excursion across the Aberglaslyn Pass to visit the unspoilt village of Beddgelert, one of the most-loveliest in the Snowdonia National Park region.

**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 morning coffee. We continue over the Menai Bridge to the Isle of Anglesey for a scenic coach drive around the southern corner of the island with its small community villages and rural surroundings before we head to Llanfairpwllgwyngyll for lunch and time to browse the James Pringle Weaver outlet.

**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:**  
Single supplement £40.00 (Max 2)  
Subsequent Singles £64.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£295

5 DAYS





## DUTCH BULBFIELDS CRUISE & KEUKENHOF SPRING GARDENS(WITH OPTIONAL FLORIAD E GARDEN SHOW)

TOUR  
PRICE

£650

5 DAYS

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 and for 2022 – the Floriade Garden Show.

### 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 the Netherlands to Amsterdam, where we join the MV Esmeralda, our base for the next four nights, arriving in time for evening dinner and musical entertainment.

**MONDAY** As our ship departs Amsterdam this morning, on route to Zandaam. You have the option today to join us for an excursion to Almere to visit the International Horticulture Exhibition Floriade 2022 (held once every 10 years) which celebrates all things garden and green living for the future. There are many beautiful garden design areas to view, learn about new green technologies with numerous cafes and shops across the site, connected by boat journeys and cable cars. We re-join the coach and make our way to Zandaam to meet our ship, with time to relax before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast we join the coach and travel to the Gardens of Keukenhof for a spectacular day inside perhaps the

world's most beautiful spring bulb garden planted with over even million tulips, daffodils and hyacinths together with many indoor exhibitions to admire the vast array of superb colours and scents of flowers and shrubs. We later travel back to our ship, now docked in Hoorn, via our coach and a shuttle bus down to the harbour. This evening is free to explore the delightful history town of Hoorn with its typically Dutch atmosphere.

**WEDNESDAY** When we wake on board, we will have set sail from Hoorn, enjoying breakfast as we gently sail towards bulbfield country, in the direction of Alkmaar. Enjoy a relaxing day on board and sit back and admire the rows of bulbs from the comfort of the ship's sundeck, as colourful landscapes unfold during our journey. We arrive in Alkmaar late afternoon with time to explore the "city of cheese" with its delightful historic centre, before our final evening on board the ship.

**THURSDAY** Following breakfast, we today leave MV Esmeralda 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
- 3 nights' half-board in outside cabins (with packed lunch on 1 day)
- 1 night's full-board in outside cabins
- Live musical entertainment on some evenings
- Late night snacks each evening
- Tea/coffee & biscuits each afternoon
- Entrance to Keukenhof Gardens
- 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)  
Entrance to Floriade 2022 Garden Show £30.00  
Travel insurance £40.00

Please see page 12 for River Cruise payment & cancellation terms  
Deposit £250.00 per person



Monday 18th – Friday 22nd 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, 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 £84.00  
Travel insurance £40.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£365

5 DAYS

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd 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

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.

### 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.

**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 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
- Boat cruise on Norfolk Broads
- Entertainment on some evenings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No Single Supplement (Max 2)  
Subsequent Singles £64.00  
Sea view room supplement £20.00 per person  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£295

5 DAYS



## Friday 22nd – Monday 25th 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 £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£225

4 DAYS

## Saturday 23rd – Sunday 24th April



### LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON AND 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 15 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, Pretty Woman, Mary Poppins, Back To The Future, Get Up, Stand Up! Bob Marley The Musical, Frozen The Musical, Moulin Rouge The Musical and Cinderella The Musical (All show dates correct at time of printing, but subject to change).

#### YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn London Heathrow M4 Jct 4, West Drayton, London

A luxuriously appointed 4\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with satellite TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a generous buffet breakfast and evening dinner. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

#### 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 exploring the many attractions London offers. Late afternoon, we all re-join the coach and travel to our hotel, with ample time to freshen up before dinner.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we 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 return to the West Country, again with a comfort stop en route, arriving mid-evening.

*It is very likely that either proof of double vaccination (digital NHS App or paper NHS COVID Pass letter) or a proof of a negative lateral flow test (24 hours prior to show) will be required to allow admission into the theatres.*

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

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

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£225

THEATRE  
WEEKEND

LONDON/  
WINDSOR

£125

2 DAYS

## Sunday 24th – Thursday 28th 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 Maidstone 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

£385

5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** 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.

**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 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.

**TUESDAY** 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.

**WEDNESDAY** 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.

**THURSDAY** 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 £25.00

## Monday 25th – Friday 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£345

5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** 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.

**TUESDAY** 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.

**WEDNESDAY** 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 Treliassick 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.

**THURSDAY** 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.

**FRIDAY** 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.

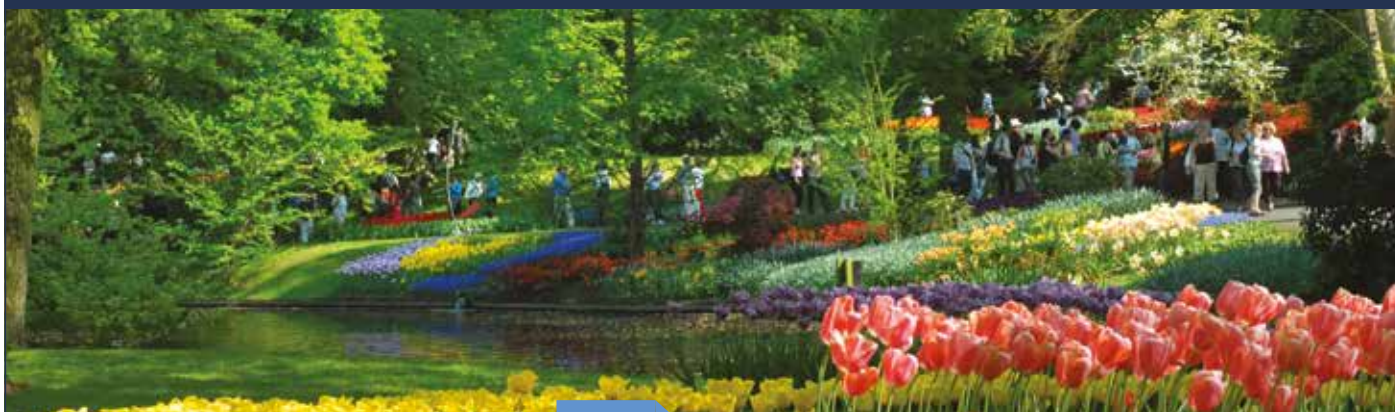
#### PRICE INCLUDES:

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

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)  
Sea View Room supplement 60.00 per person  
Travel insurance £25.00





## 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 Van Der Valk Hotel, Breukelen

A locally rated 4\* hotel on the outskirts of Breukelen. All bedrooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, telephone, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious choice menu and buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna, steam room and fitness suite.

TOUR  
PRICE

£525

5 DAYS

### 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 to our hotel and our base for the next four nights, arriving in time for evening dinner.

**MONDAY** After breakfast, we make a journey by coach across the 27 kilometre man-made dam which separates the IJsselmeer and Markermeer lakes on either side. We continue our circular journey to visit some of Holland's loveliest villages, 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 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.

**TUESDAY** 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, perhaps the most beautiful spring garden in the world! Once part of a 15th century castle estate, after WWII leading bulb growing experts decided to transform the site into a public spring park exhibition, which has attracted millions of visitors ever since. 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.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we make our way west to the beautiful town of Delft, famous for its blue coloured pottery. Wander along its glorious canals and pedestrian district and experience its churches, mansions and courtyards. Enjoy a leisurely lunch in one of the town's cosy cafes before we make our way back to our hotel for our final evening at leisure.

**THURSDAY** 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 Keukenhof Gardens
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £168.00  
Entrance to some attractions at Zaanse Schans  
Travel insurance £40.00

Monday 25th – Friday 29th 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, for 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 Godshell, 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 £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£355

5 DAYS

Friday 29th April – Monday 2nd 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 on 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 opportunities to jump aboard and enjoy a boat trip along the canal. This evening you are free to 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 £75.00  
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£285

4 DAYS



Thursday 28th April – Wednesday 4th May



## 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£495

7 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** After an early departure we travel to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais and to overnight hotel near Aachen for dinner.

**FRIDAY** 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.

**SATURDAY** 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.



**SUNDAY** 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.

**MONDAY** 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.

**TUESDAY** We begin our journey home, stopping for lunch en route to our overnight hotel in France for dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** 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
- Musical entertainment on 1 evening
- Outdoor BBQ (or indoor buffet, weather permitting) on 1 evening
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £82.00  
Travel insurance £45.00

Friday 29th April – Monday 2nd 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 St Kilda Hotel, Llandudno

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

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way north, stopping for coffee and lunch on 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 £15.00 (Max 5)  
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£285

4 DAYS

Saturday 30th April – Sunday 1st May



## ANDRÉ RIEU IN CONCERT, BIRMINGHAM

Andre Rieu is back with a bang in 2022! Affectionately named "The King of Waltz", he had developed a world-class classical music touring act with his 60 piece Johann Strauss Orchestra (the largest private orchestra in the world) together with Tenors and soloists, entertaining fans and music lovers around the world.

### YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn Hotel Birmingham M6 Jct7, Birmingham

A 3\* modern hotel. Each en-suite bedroom is equipped with TV, telephone, WiFi access, hairdryer, telephone and tea & coffee making facilities. Ground floor rooms are available as the hotel does not have a lift. The restaurant offers a delicious choice menu and generous breakfast.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way north, with a comfort and lunch stop on route. We continue to our hotel for an early evening meal, before making the short journey to the Resorts World Arena, Birmingham for tonight's concert. The "King of Waltz" is back in the UK with a bang! André Rieu and his 60-piece Johann Strauss Orchestra will entertain and enthuse the audience with his individual style of humour in this colourful new programme, including romantic waltzes, rousing performances and all your favourite tunes that make Andre Rieu one of the leading entertainers in the world of classical music.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we begin our homeward journey via the beautiful Cotswolds, stopping for lunch in the picturesque riverside town of Bourton-On-The-Water, with its array of cosy cafes and gift shops to browse. We leave mid-afternoon and make our way home, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 night's Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket to André Rieu concert (Resorts World Arena, Birmingham)
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £25.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£179

2 DAYS



Monday 2nd – Friday 6th May



## LLANDUDNO & THE WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY

Llandudno is the premier resort of North Wales, set along a wide, curving bay overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, with the magnificent mountains as its backcloth. Join us for a heritage railway journey in the Snowdonia National Park.

### 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

**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 along the coast, heading south-west 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** – Join us today as we enjoy some of the most delightful scenery of the Snowdonia National Park. Our first stop is at Portmeirion, the Italianate style village, built and designed by the Welsh architect Clough Williams-Ellis from 1925, with shops, gardens and tea rooms. We later continue across Snowdonia to the picturesque village of Betws-y-Coed, with its large village green & numerous craft shops, set in a beautiful forest valley.

**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
- Entrance to Portmeirion Village
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£465

5 DAYS

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th 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 Mercure Kenwood Hall Hotel & Spa, Nr Sheffield

A delightful 4\* hotel set within 12 acres of beautiful parkland outside the city of Sheffield. Each of the comfortable bedrooms is en-suite with TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious evening choice menu and generous breakfast and the lounge bar offers a cosy place to relax and enjoy a drink with friends.

### 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 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 en 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 £100.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£345

5 DAYS



## 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.

### 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£585

7 DAYS



### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way over the St. David's bridge, into Wales and on to Pembroke, with comfort stops en route, for the afternoon crossing to Rosslair. After docking in Ireland, we continue to our overnight hotel in Waterford for dinner.

**MONDAY** After a traditional Irish breakfast, we leave Waterford and make our way west, stopping somewhere interesting for coffee and lunch en route. We later make our way to our hotel in Killarney, arriving with time to relax before dinner and our first evening of traditional Irish entertainment.

**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, a 179km loop that starts and ends in Killarney, passes 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 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** 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 £45.00





Sunday 8th – Sunday 15th May



## SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS, LEGENDARY CASTLES AND LOCHS

Join us as we discover some of the most dramatic landscapes and legends of the spectacular Scottish Highlands, in a land steeped in history, boasting over 3000 castles and 30,000 lochs, the scenery offers every visitor a special sight to behold!

### **YOUR HOTEL** 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£685

8 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country, and make our way north, with comfort stops en route, to our overnight accommodation in Carlisle, arriving in time for dinner.

**MONDAY** We continue our journey north, over the border into Scotland, stopping for coffee and lunch, as we travel through some spectacular landscapes across Rannoch Moor arriving at our hotel in Fort William, our base for the next five nights.

**TUESDAY** Today we cross the North West Highlands to visit the iconic Scottish castle of Eilean Donan, located on an island at the entrance to Loch Duich, overlooking Skye. The castle's history is steeped in tales from the Jacobite Uprising, which left it in ruins until it was rescued and restored to its former glory in the early 20th century. With time to explore this beautiful castle with its historical legends, we make our way inland to the historic hamlet of Fort Augustus, at the foot of Loch Ness, with time to enjoy lunch and enjoy the views, before we board a boat for a cruise around the southern end of the loch ... watch out for "Nessie"!

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today as we make our way south to the West Highland coastal town of Oban, a pretty seaside resort, affectionately known as the Gateway to the Hebrides and one of the best places to sample Scottish seafood. With miles of dramatic shorelines, there are plenty of local independent shops to browse and cafes to enjoy a Scottish feast! For the



more adventurous, perhaps wander along the seafront towards Dunollie Castle & Museum or climb from the town centre to McCaig's Tower with spectacular views across the bay towards the Hebridean Islands and beyond.

**THURSDAY** Today we make our way towards the West Coast of Scotland, with a stop on route to visit the famous Glenfinnan Monument and Visitor Centre, built to honour the fallen Jacobite Clansmen, featuring a lone kilted highlander high on a stone plinth overlooking spectacular Highland scenery. Discover the story of Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobite Rising of 1745, before we continue to the thriving fishing port of Mallaig with its working harbour and views across to the Isle of Skye. With time for lunch and a chance to explore, we board the West Highland Railway for a scenic journey back to Fort William.

**FRIDAY** 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 Linnhe, to Seal Island with splendid views of Ben Nevis and of course the Seals, along with other wildlife. A short taxi ride away you will find the Ben Nevis distillery where you can have a guided tour around the distillery. 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 cafés and restaurants to enjoy a leisurely lunch.

**SATURDAY** 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.

**SUNDAY** 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
- Entrance to Eilean Donan Castle
- Boat Cruise on Loch Ness
- Entrance to the Glenfinnan Monument & Visitor Centre
- Scenic Single Journey on the West Highland Railway
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £130.00  
Travel insurance £30.00



Monday 9th – Friday 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

**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** 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.

**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. 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.

**THURSDAY** 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.

**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 Ullswater
- Boat trip on Lake Windermere
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £64.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£385

5 DAYS

Monday 9th – Saturday 14th 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 a guided walking tour of St Mary's and 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
- Entrance to Treco Abbey Gardens
- Coach travel to and from Penzance

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £175.00 (Max 1 single)  
Sea view supplement £50.00 per person  
Travel insurance £27.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£845

6 DAYS



Thursday 12th – Friday 13th 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** The Coppid Beech 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 swimming pool 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 £18.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£185

2 DAYS

Sunday 15th – Thursday 19th May



## CORNWALL ... COAST & GARDENS

Join us as we travel from coast to coast to explore some of Cornwall's greatest gardens and glorious coastline. 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

**SUNDAY** 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.

**MONDAY** Join us today as we visit the mysterious Lost Gardens of Heligan, once lost to a world of wild brambles following WWI, a chance discovery of a door in the ruins led to a marvellous restoration of 200 acres of traditional walled gardens, exotic type jungle areas, vegetable gardens and glorious bursts of colourful shrubs. 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.

**TUESDAY** 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. We return to our hotel via Falmouth with time to wander through the town centre or perhaps visit the Maritime Museum.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we visit Trelissick Gardens and Woodland Estate with panoramic views over the Fal Estuary. Follow meandering paths that lead to exotic plants and herbaceous bursts of colour through to shelter woodland walks. There is also a local artist gift shop, second-hand book shop and Crofters Cafe on site. This afternoon we visit Cornwall's historic capital of 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.

**THURSDAY** 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 some evenings
- Entrance to Lost Gardens of Heligan
- Entrance to Trelissick Gardens (National Trust)
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)  
Sea view room supplement £72.00 per person  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£365

5 DAYS

## Monday 16th – Friday 20th 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** Runnymede Court Hotel, St Helier

A warm welcome awaits at this lovely family run hotel, just a few minutes' walk from the centre of Jersey's capital, St Helier and close to the beach front at Havre des Pas. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, WiFi access and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a wide variety of dishes and the hotel bar offers a quiet area to relax.

TOUR  
PRICE

£475

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 local coach and taken to your hotel. The reception staff will welcome you to Runnymede Court Hotel and arrange your evening meal and breakfast times, provide information about hotel services and will be happy to help if you wish to hire a car, request bus timetables etc.

**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 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!

**FRIDAY** Sadly it's today time to leave Jersey. You will be collected again by coach and transferred back 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:

No Single Supplement (Max 3)  
Subsequent Singles £60.00  
Travel insurance £40.00

## 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£535

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 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 £40.00



Monday 16th – Friday 20th May



## THE GOWER PENINSULA & SOUTH WALES

The natural beauty of Pembrokeshire and the stunning Gower Peninsula and full of sandy beaches and rugged coastlines giving way to the Preseli Hills with historic towns and villages. Join us for a new tour to this delightful corner of Wales.

**YOUR HOTEL** Best Western Aberavon Beach Hotel, Swansea Bay, Aberavon, Port Talbot

A delightful hotel ideally situated on the seafront, with two miles of promenade to enjoy. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant offers a choice menu of fresh food made with locally sourced ingredients. There is a lift and leisure facilities include an indoor pool.

TOUR  
PRICE

£365

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and travel across the Severn Estuary, stopping in the historic town of Chepstow for lunch. We complete our journey to our hotel in south Wales, arriving with time to settle in and relax before dinner and an evening at leisure, perhaps enjoying a stroll along the beach front.

**TUESDAY** Join us today as we make our way to Swansea, the second largest city in Wales. Famous for its sweeping waterfront, wealth of green parkland spaces and historic indoor market, there is so much to see and do here. Whilst here you may like to visit the National Waterfront Museum, Dylan Thomas Centre or the Marina. Or perhaps enjoy a leisurely boat trip, walk along the beachfront or partake in a little retail therapy. There are many cafes to enjoy a relaxing lunch. We return to Aberavon beach resort to explore at leisure before dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we experience the highlight of our holiday with a scenic tour of The Mumbles and Gower Peninsula. We are joined by an experienced tour guide who will provide a fascinating insight of our beautiful surroundings. We will experience breath taking views of Three Cliffs Bay & Cefn Bryn and visit Worms Head and Rhossili Beach plus many more along the way. We return to the Gower Heritage Centre to discover the working water mill, craft workshops and grounds built in 1160 by Norman settlers on the Gower.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast we make our way east to the Rhonda Heritage Park to experience and underground tour to discover the story of all those who worked in the Welsh coal mines of the Rhonda Valley and to learn their stories and of underground life and the history of the "Black Gold" that was shipped from the Rhondda around the globe. With time to visit the exhibition rooms and enjoy a light bite in the café, we make our way back towards Swansea Bay, stopping for an afternoon visit to the seaside resort of Porthcawl for an ice cream and to dip our toes in the sea!

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and travel to the Welsh capital of Cardiff, with the day free to explore the shopping district, visit the world-famous castle, wander around the National Museum Cardiff, and plenty of time to enjoy a cosy lunch. We later complete our homeward journey reaching the West Country early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Guided Coach Tour of The Mumbles & Gower Peninsula
- Underground "Black Gold Experience" Tour at Rhondda Heritage Park
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £72.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

Monday 16th – Friday 20th 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** Shillingford Bridge Hotel, Wallingford

A delightful 3\* hotel alongside the banks of a tranquil section of the River Thames. All rooms are ensuite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant offers a seasonal, freshly prepared evening menu and hearty breakfast. There is an outdoor terrace with views overlooking the river for a relaxing evening drink.

TOUR  
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** 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.

**TUESDAY** 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.

**WEDNESDAY** 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 Stonor Park, one of Britain's oldest family homes still lived in today, nestled in the Chiltern Valley. We enjoy a guided tour around the house and chapel to discover the fascinating history of the estate.

**THURSDAY** Today we make our way to the glorious RHS Garden Wisley - 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. Later this afternoon we visit 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.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast, we begin our homeward journey, with a stop for lunch in the historic market town of Malmesbury. Whilst here, you may like to visit the weekly farmers' market, 12th century Norman Abbey or visit the remarkable Abbey House Gardens before enjoying lunch. 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)
- Guided Tour of Stonor Park House & Chapel
- Entrance to RHS Garden Wisley
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £40.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

Monday 16th – Friday 27th May



## STEAMING AROUND WALES – GRAND TOUR INCLUDING HERITAGE TRAINS

TOUR  
PRICE

£1095

12 DAYS

Join us on a grand tour across Wales, with a spectacular backdrop of stunning scenery of valleys, mountains and coastal views together with a eight heritage train and tramway journeys included, as we explore the length and breadth of this romantic celtic land.

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

An award-winning 3\* hotel located on the seafront, 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.

### **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.

### **YOUR HOTEL** The 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

**MONDAY** We leave our home area, with stops for coffee and lunch on route, through Wales and on to our hotel in Llandudno, our base for the next four nights.

**TUESDAY** Today we make our way by coach across the spectacular Snowdonia National Park to the colourful Portmeirion Village & Gardens, designed in an Italianate style with stunning architecture, sub-tropical gardens, gift shops and superb restaurants and cafes to enjoy lunch. We later make our way to nearby Porthmadog to join the Ffestiniog Railway, originally built to serve the slate industry in the 19th century. The heritage train crosses the cob embankment with views of both coast and mountains and journeys into the historic industrial quarry landscape arriving at Blaenau Ffestiniog, the "slate capital of the world".

**WEDNESDAY** We journey into the heart of Snowdonia to Llanberis where we board the Snowdon Mountain Railway to ascend Mount Snowdon in a diesel hauled carriage, crossing viaducts, waterfalls and gorges, across rugged valley landscapes with birds of prey circling high above, to Clogwyn Station (three quarter station). If the weather permits, it may be possible to continue to the highest summit of the mountain with spectacular views and time to explore before we journey back down to Llanberis, with time to browse the village and enjoy lunch.

**THURSDAY** This morning we enjoy a ride on the famous Great Orme Tramway, an historic funicular vehicle which climbs one mile up on to the Great Orme summit with





spectacular views across Anglesey and Isle of Man. With time to explore at the top, we journey back into Llandudno with the rest of the day free to spend as you please in this popular Victorian seaside resort with its elegant promenade and long pier, bustling centre and beaches.

**FRIDAY** Sadly, we leave our hosts in Llandudno and make our way to Caernarfon, with a visit on route to the gentle island of Anglesey with its stunning landscapes, unspoilt coastline and rural villages. With time for lunch, we continue to our hotel and base for the next three nights, arriving with time to stroll into town before dinner.

**SATURDAY** Join us today as we take another scenic coach tour across Snowdonia National Park visiting the picturesque village of Betws-Y-Coed, affectionately known as the "Gateway to Snowdonia". With its many quirky gift shops, village green and friendly cafes, we return to Caernarfon with the afternoon free to explore this quaint harbour town with its famous castle, narrow streets and stylish waterfront.

**SUNDAY** Today we enjoy a journey on the Welsh Highland Railway, boarding the heritage train in Caernarfon itself, just a 10 minute walk from the hotel. Travelling over 25 miles coast to coast we steam through farmland and forests, crossing the foothills of Snowdon, descending the steep hillside of Beddgelert, on through the Aberglaslyn Pass and across the Great Estuary to Porthmadog. With time to explore this harbour town and enjoy a bite to eat, before we re-board the Welsh Highland Railway for the return journey to Caernarfon.

**MONDAY** We say a fond farewell to our hosts in Caernarfon and make our way to Llanuwellyn Station to board the heritage Bala Lake Railway. Here we experience a 9 mile return steam train journey alongside Lake Bala (the largest natural water lake in Wales) with views across the watery landscapes to the towering mountain range of Snowdonia as a backdrop. We re-board our coach, and make our way towards Llandrindod Wells, our base for the next four nights, stopping for lunch on route.



**TUESDAY** Join us today as we travel on the Llanfair & Welshpool Light Railway, enjoying the beautiful countryside of Mid Wales from the comfort of our vintage carriage. We re-join the coach and enjoy some time in the market town of Welshpool, lined with fine Georgian buildings set within its narrow streets.

**WEDNESDAY** We travel west towards the rugged coastline of Aberystwyth, with its bustling town centre with an array of shops and cafes, its mile long Victorian promenade and the oldest pier in Wales. With time to explore the seaside town and enjoy a bite to eat, we later board the Vale of Rheidol Railway for a nostalgic narrow gauge steam train journey through to Devil's Bridge, travelling through some spectacular scenery including ancient woodlands, rugged mountains and the land of many bird of prey including wonderful red kites.

**THURSDAY** This morning we travel south into the Brecon Beacons National Park, an area of vibrant green landscapes, mountain ranges and a place of legends. With time to explore the market town of Brecon with its compact cathedral, regimental museum and canal, after lunch we re-join the coach to board the Brecon Mountain Railway at Pant Station for a return journey, passing gorges, wooded valleys, reservoirs and quarries in the National Park area.

**FRIDAY** Sadly we say a fond farewell to our Welsh hosts and begin our journey home, stopping for lunch on route, before we complete our homeward journey into England, arriving early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 11 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Ticket for the Ffestiniog Railway
- Entrance to Portmeirion Village & Gardens
- Ticket for Snowdon Mountain Railway
- Ticket for the Great Orme Tramway
- Ticket for the Welsh Highland Railway
- Ticket for Lake Bala Railway
- Ticket for Llanfair & Welshpool Light Railway
- Ticket for Vale of Rheidol Railway
- Ticket for Brecon Mountain Railway
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £160.00  
Travel insurance £33.00

Friday 20th – Saturday 21st May



## ANDRÉ RIEU IN CONCERT, LONDON, WEMBLEY

Andre Rieu is back with a bang in 2022! Affectionately named "The King of Waltz", he had developed a world-class classical music touring act with his 60 piece Johann Strauss Orchestra (the largest private orchestra in the world) together with Tenors and soloists, entertaining fans and music lovers around the world.

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

A luxuriously appointed 4\* hotel. All rooms are en-suite with satellite TV, telephone, hairdryer, mini bar and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious hot evening buffet meal and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include a swimming pool, sauna and gym.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way east, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, arriving at our hotel with plenty of time to freshen up before an early dinner. Early evening, we make our way to the SSE Arena, Wembley London, for tonight's concert. The "King of Waltz" is back in the UK with a bang! André Rieu and his 60-piece Johann Strauss Orchestra will entertain and enthuse the audience with his individual style of humour in this colourful new programme, including romantic waltzes, rousing performances and all your favourite tunes that make Andre Rieu one of the leading entertainers in the world of classical music.

**SATURDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we begin our homeward journey, stopping for lunch and time to explore Royal Windsor, famous for its historic castle and one of the favourite residences of Her Majesty The Queen. We leave mid-afternoon and make our way home, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 night's Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket to André Rieu concert (SSE Arena, London Wembley)
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£235

2 DAYS

Saturday 21st – Sunday 22nd May



## A WEEKEND ON THE NORTH CORNWALL COAST

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

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area and travel west, with a coffee stop on route, to St Ives – a favourite for artists who flock here to paint the bright reflective sunlight, with local artwork available to buy in the galleries. The picturesque fishing harbour is a beautiful place to stroll, enjoy lunch and browse the shops. Whilst here you may like to visit the Tate St Ives Gallery. We re-join the coach later this afternoon and make the short journey to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**SUNDAY** Sadly leave our hotel after breakfast make the journey along the north Cornwall coast to the quaint fishing village of Padstow for lunch and time to enjoy the vibrant harbour. Mid-afternoon we begin our homeward journey reaching our home area early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

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

TOUR  
PRICE

£109

2 DAYS

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £20.00 (Max 2)  
Travel insurance £18.00



Monday 23rd – Friday 27th May



## CRICKET ST THOMAS, SOMERSET WARNER BREAK

Location of much of the famous TV comedy, To The Manor Born, Cricket St. Thomas was also frequently visited by Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton. A classic country house 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, complimentary toiletries, and tea & coffee 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. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

### 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 our first night of 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 for market day, with time to browse the stalls and the high Street shops and have a leisurely lunch. We continue to Weymouth for the afternoon to maybe take a stroll along the harbour, or enjoy afternoon tea. We return to our hotel via the Dorset coast road with stunning views, with time to relax 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, 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 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 3)  
Signature room upgrade £30.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£425

5 DAYS

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th May



## SPRINGTIME IN YORKSHIRE

Yorkshire is one of the nation's favourite holiday destinations, with its picturesque villages, dry stone walled landscapes and grand stately homes. York is a delightful city to visit with its iconic Minster, ancient Shambles and tranquil River Ouse flowing through the centre.

### 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** Join us today as we make our way to the stunning 18th century Harewood House and Gardens. Discover the exquisite interior state rooms with the finest Chippendale furnishings, glorious family portraits by Gainsborough, fine porcelain collections and a fascinating "Downstairs Servant Life" experience. Outside the Capability Brown landscape gardens and grounds are a joy to explore with the addition of the Bird Garden with many exotic species. This afternoon we travel to the Victorian spa town of Harrogate, with independent shops and the famous "Bettys Tea Room" where you can indulge in afternoon tea!

**WEDNESDAY** 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.

**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 make the short journey to the unspoilt compact city of Ripon with its ancient charm and numerous visitor attractions including the 7th century cathedral, beautiful market square and fascinating prison & old work-houses.

**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
- Entrance to Harewood House, Gardens & Grounds
- All coach travel

TOUR  
PRICE

£349

5 DAYS

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Entrance to the James Herriot Museum  
Single supplement £90.00  
Travel insurance £25.00



Monday 23rd – Monday 30th May



## SPRINGTIME IN THE AUSTRIAN TYROL & KITZBÜHEL ALPS

The Austrian Tyrol offers a breath-taking location to spend a springtime holiday, with stunning views across rugged mountain peaks, green pastures, natural lakes and traditional villages. Located in the shadow of the Gaisberg Mountain and Brixental Valley, Kirchberg is surrounded by unique alpine panoramic views with a bustling village centre.

### **YOUR HOTEL** Hotel Zentral, Kirchberg in Tirol

A locally rated 4\* traditional hotel with Austrian charm and features. Each of the comfortable bedrooms is en-suite with TV, safe, hairdryer and Wi-Fi access and all rooms are accessed by a lift. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. There is a bar and lounge area in which to relax and leisure facilities include a steam room and sauna.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** After an early departure, we make our way to Dover, with comfort stops en route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We make a stop on route to have an evening meal before arriving at our overnight accommodation in Metz.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast, we continue our journey, with regular comfort stops on route, travelling through France, Germany and across the border into Austria, to our hotel in Kirchberg, arriving with time to freshen up before dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today for a stunning scenic circular tour around the Kitzbühel Alps with breath taking panoramic views as we travel along the winding Gerlos Pass, before descending to lush meadows and pasturelands of the Ziller Valley. We enjoy a lunch stop in the market town of Mayrhofen, later continuing up the valley, following the course of the Inn River and back to Kirchberg.

**THURSDAY** Today we visit perhaps two of the regions most picturesque villages. We make our first stop of the day in the quaint village of Kufstein, known as the "Pearl of the Tyrol" with its beautiful building murals and ancient fortress overlooking the town below, from which delightful organ music is piped across the town at midday. From here we continue to the picturesque



TOUR  
PRICE

£695

8 DAYS



village of Söll with a compact centre of friendly cafes and taverns and the stunning rococo church with beautiful rich interiors.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast we make our way to Lake Achensee where we enjoy a 2 hour boat cruise with coffee and cake. We spend some time this afternoon in Pertisau to explore the shoreline, find a café to enjoy a leisurely lunch and marvel at the mountain backdrop of this tranquil region.

**SATURDAY** Today is free to enjoy the resort of Kirchberg in Tirol at leisure. You may like to wander into town, browse the shops, enjoy lunch in a traditional tavern or perhaps walk the short distance from the hotel to take the cable car or chair lift up to Gaisberg Mountain with its panoramic views and walking trails.

**SUNDAY** 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 Metz, arriving in time for dinner.

**MONDAY** 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:

- 6 nights' Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- 1 night's Dinner Bed & Breakfast (1st overnight hotel)
- BBQ in the hotel garden (weather dependent)
- Boat Cruise on Lake Achensee
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £150.00  
Travel insurance £47.00



Thursday 26th – Friday 27th 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's Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Ticket to RHS Chelsea Flower Show
- Entrance to Royal Botanic Gardens of Kew
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£215

2 DAYS

Saturday 28th May – Wednesday 1st 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.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** 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.

**SUNDAY** 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.

**MONDAY** 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.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Sheringham to board "The Poppy Line" at North Norfolk Railway for a 10.5 mile round trip by steam train through a delightful area designated as outstanding natural beauty, along some of Norfolk's stunning coastal scenery. We re-join the coach and make our way to Thursford to visit the wonderful collection of steam engines and organs, and to hear the mighty Wurlitzer organ playing this afternoon. There is also a café and gift shop too.

**WEDNESDAY** 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 £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£365

5 DAYS

**Sunday 29th – Tuesday 31st May**



## 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 The Coppid Beech 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 swimming pool fitness suite.

### 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 £36.00  
Travel insurance £20.00

TOUR  
PRICE

**£249**

3 DAYS

**Sunday 29th May – Thursday 2nd June**



## GARDENS & TRAINS OF SOUTH WALES

If you are looking for a break not too far from home, South Wales is a perfect location. Offering National Park landscape across the stunning Brecon Beacons, spectacular coastlines and delightful market towns, we have included a visit to the fascinating National Botanic Garden of Wales and a steam train ride.

### YOUR HOTEL Ivy Bush Royal Hotel, Carmarthen

We are delighted to return to this lovely 3\* hotel ideally located in the heart of town. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant offers a delicious choice of dishes, using local, seasonal produce, and the bar offers a relaxing area to sit.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave our home area, with a comfort stop en route, travel over the border into Wales and on to Abergavenny for lunch. We then complete our journey to Carmarthen and our hotel, arriving with ample time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**MONDAY** This morning is free to explore Carmarthen at leisure. Said to be the oldest town on Wales, it is steeped in history from Roman times, and with cultural links to the wizard Merlin! Discover local shops selling delicious local Welsh produce and crafts. With time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch, this afternoon we make our way to the nearby Aberglasney Gardens with over 10 acres of magnificent grounds which have been lovingly restored to their former glory, with 20 different areas to explore including the Elizabethan Cloister, the only surviving example in Britain.

**TUESDAY** This morning we make our way to the Mumbles, a headland just west of Swansea Bay, a small fishing village at the entrance of the Gower Peninsula. With time for coffee, we make our way around the bay to Swansea, one of Wales' largest coastal cities, and birthplace of Dylan Thomas, Wales' greatest poet. This waterfront city is home to more than 230 shops, parks & gardens and a popular market with over 100 stalls. The National Waterfront Museum tells the story of Welsh industry over the ages, and the marina is a delight to stroll around. After a leisurely lunch we make our way to the Penderyn Distillery for an informative tour of the award-winning whisky distillery, produced here since the 19th century, finishing with a tasting of the perfect blend.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way across the spectacular Brecon Beacons, one of three National Parks in Wales. A breath-taking landscape with natural resources, farming and industrial heritage sites, the National Park is a beautiful area dotted with sleepy villages and market towns, where Welsh life continues to thrive. We make a stop in Brecon, a Norman town located in the Usk Valley, with its 12th century cathedral, narrow streets, Georgian buildings and military museum. After enjoying a cosy lunch in one of the town's cafes, we head south through the National Park to the Brecon Mountain Railway at Pant, for a return journey across spectacular scenery.

**THURSDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast 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:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Return journey on Brecon Mountain Railway
- Penderyn Distillery Whisky Tour & Tasting
- Entrance to National Botanic Garden of Wales
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £48.00 (Max 5)  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

**£395**

5 DAYS



Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June



## LONDON – QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Spend the weekend in the capital enjoying the Queen's Platinum Jubilee events as London and the worldwide community gather to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 70 year reign on the British throne. Immerse yourself in the pomp and ceremony and fun filled atmosphere as the capital hosts some of the best, most flamboyant celebrations to be viewed around the world!

**YOUR HOTEL** Holiday Inn London Kensington High Street Hotel, London Kensington

A luxuriously appointed 4\* hotel located in the heart of Kensington, London's Museum and Gallery quarter, near to the Royal Albert Hall, Hyde Park, Kensington Palace & Natural History Museum. All rooms are ensuite with satellite TV, hairdryer, free Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee-making facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant serves an excellent buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite and indoor swimming pool.

### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee on 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. A grand Trooping The Colour will be held for the first time since the pandemic with over 1400 soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians. Each evening you can choose a restaurant of your choice to enjoy a leisurely dinner.

**FRIDAY – SATURDAY** You have the weekend free to discover London and its numerous visitor attractions and soak up the royal atmosphere as the capital comes alive with the full-on Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The Queen is attending a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral on Friday, followed on Saturday by the Derby at Epsom Downs before a magnificent live concert at Buckingham Palace. Sunday will see street parties for the "Big Jubilee Lunch" up and down the country and a 5000 strong Commonwealth Pageant around Buckingham Palace with street arts, theatre, music, Circus acts, carnival and costumes.

**SUNDAY** We leave London mid afternoon and return to the West Country, again with a comfort stop on route, arriving mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 nights' Bed & Buffet & Full English Breakfast
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £168.00  
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£335

4 DAYS

Sunday 5th – Friday 10th June



## SCOTLAND'S GREATEST CITIES

Join us for a brand-new tour as we discover four of Scotland's greatest cities, including Perth, Edinburgh, Stirling and Dundee, as tales from the past unfold and cultural delights from the present grab tourists by surprise.

**YOUR HOTEL** The Salutation Hotel, Perth

A 3\* hotel in the heart of Perth. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves most floors, the restaurant serves a delicious freshly prepared evening menu and the cosy bar offers a comfortable place to relax.

### 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 travel to the youngest of all Scotland's cities, Stirling. It gained city status in 2002 at the Queen's Golden Jubilee, previously being a royal burgh. Historically Scotland's ancient capital, it is affectionately known as the gateway to the Highlands. A must-see attraction is Stirling Castle, with panoramic views across the city and across the famous Wallace Monument. There is also the Church of the Holy Rude where James I was crowned. In the Old Town you will find the Tolbooth and Old Jail buildings whilst the lower town offers pedestrianised streets and retail and café facilities housed in the restored 19th century arcade.

**TUESDAY** Today we cross the landmark Forth Bridge into the heart of Edinburgh with the day free to explore this magnificent city and all its attractions, either on foot or take one of the sightseeing tour buses to explore with fascinating commentary. You may like to visit the Royal Yacht Britannia which served the British Royal Family for more than 40 years, or the 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.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we follow the River Tay estuary to Dundee – Scotland's sunniest city! Historically known as the city of "jute, jam & journalism" in its industrial heyday it today has become a cultural hotspot for tourists. As a UNESCO city of Design, Dundee is home to the world's only V&A museum outside of London, and is teeming with fascinating architecture in Dundee Square, museums, galleries and the Mills Observatory (free entry). You may like to visit Scotland's Jute Museum to discover the city's milling history or learn about being a captain on an Antarctic Mission aboard the RRS Discovery, the historic wooden naval vessel or climb aboard HMS Unicorn, Britain's oldest seaworthy warship.

**THURSDAY** Join us this morning for an excursion to the exquisite Scone Palace, one of Scotland's most important stately homes, it and the seat of parliaments and where Scottish Kings were historically crowned, including Robert The Bruce and Macbeth. The palace houses an outstanding collection of antiques, portraits and rare artefacts, and the immaculate grounds offer a pleasant outdoor space to explore. The afternoon is free to spend as you please exploring Perth; maybe visit the cathedral or the Black Watch Museum which brings to life the history of Scotland's oldest Highland regiment or take a stroll along the banks of the River Tay.

**FRIDAY** 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:

- 5 nights' Bed & Buffet & Breakfast
- Entrance to Scone Palace
- All coach travel

TOUR  
PRICE

£445

6 DAYS

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £27.00



## IRELAND'S BEAUTIFUL NORTHERN COAST

We are delighted to bring back one of our most popular Irish coach tours to Ireland's beautiful northern coast. It is full of spectacular landscapes and wonderful scenery. The coastal route is full of rugged cliffs and natural beauty, which we will experience on a scenic train ride to the northern coastline, enjoying both Northern and Southern Ireland simultaneously (so don't forget your Euros!)

### YOUR HOTEL Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana

A delightful 3\* hotel located on the Inishowen Peninsula, overlooking the bay. All en-suite rooms are well equipped with TV, telephone, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant offers a mouth-watering menu and hearty Irish breakfast, and the lough View Bar offers an area to relax in the evenings.

TOUR  
PRICE

£595

7 DAYS



### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** After an early departure, we leave our home area and travel north, with comfort and lunch stops on route, to our overnight hotel in Gretna Green, arriving in time to settle in before dinner.

**SUNDAY** After breakfast we make our way to the port of Cairnryan, with a stop for an early lunch, for our afternoon ferry crossing to Larne. We continue our journey to our hotel in Buncrana in Southern Ireland, our base for the next four nights, arriving with time to relax before dinner.

**MONDAY** Today we make our way into Northern Ireland to Derry where we board a train for Coleraine, affectionately known as the "Causeway Coaster". Described by Michael Palin as "one of the most beautiful rail journeys in the world" we begin our journey in the riverside historic city of Derry, through lush countryside, and on to golden sandy shores of Benone Strand. Here the railway track runs alongside the Atlantic Ocean, with views of one of Ireland's most unspoilt beaches, before finally coming to settle alongside the River Bann in Coleraine. We re-join the coach for the short journey to the world-famous Giants' Causeway, a natural landscape created by a volcanic eruption. After a short video presentation in the visitor centre you can walk (or take a shuttle bus) to the magnificent site with its 40,000 hexagonal columns on the stunning coastline.

**TUESDAY** This morning we are joined by a guide for a tour to the most northerly point on the Irish coastline, at Malin Head, home to Europe's largest sand dunes and spectacular views across the Atlantic Ocean. We continue our guided journey

to Derry-Londonderry for a walking tour of this intact walled city, including the walls and Peace Bridge. With time to enjoy lunch at a restaurant of your choice, and soak up the atmosphere in this historic city, we return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today for a scenic tour of Glenveagh National Park via the cathedral town of Letterkenny. The Glenveagh Visitor Centre is located on the northern shore of Lough Veagh in north western Southern Ireland and has extensive displays of the park's natural history. The National Park is a remote and hauntingly beautiful natural landscape with oak woodlands, tumbling waterfalls and crystal lakes. A shuttle bus takes us to the 19th century castle and former hunting lodge and exotic gardens. There are tearooms at the castle and a restaurant in the visitor centre to enjoy lunch.

**THURSDAY** We leave our hotel and journey south back into Northern Ireland to the Ulster American Folk Park, which tells the fascinating story of Irish emigration to America over three centuries. During the experience you will see the thatched cottages of Ulster and by-gone Irish culture, board a full-scale emigration ship, and explore the log cabins of the American Frontier. We continue south to our overnight hotel in Wexford, on the south eastern corner, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**FRIDAY** After an early start we make our way to Rosslare for a morning ferry crossing to Pembroke. We continue our journey home, with comfort stops and lunch on route, arriving in the West Country early-mid evening.



### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Train ride from Derry to Coleraine
- Admission to Giants Causeway Visitor Experience
- Guided coach tour to Malin Head
- Guided walking tour of Derry
- Entrance to Glenveagh National Park Visitor Centre & Castle and Gardens
- Admission to Ulster American Folk Park
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £138.00  
Shuttle bus at Giant's Causeway  
Travel insurance £45.00



Monday 6th – Friday 10th June



## 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** Ashford International Hotel, Ashford

A modern 4\* hotel with spa and health club. Each of the comfortable bedrooms is en-suite with TV, telephone, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include a fitness room, sauna and swimming pool.

TOUR  
PRICE  
5 DAYS  
NT  
MEMBERS

£395

NON NT  
MEMBERS

£465

### 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 £100.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

Monday 6th – Friday 10th June  
and  
Monday 13th – Friday 17th June



## NORTON GRANGE COASTAL VILLAGE, 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, Norton Grange is the perfect Leisure Resort location.

TOUR  
PRICE  
5 DAYS

£395

5 DAYS

**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. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

### 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** Time free to enjoy the facilities of our resort. Late morning 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 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 5)  
Premier Chalet Upgrade £30.00 per person  
Travel insurance £25.00



## 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

£675

9 DAYS



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.

### 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. After lunch we continue inland to Besalu, a lovely little

**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, Gaudí'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's Bed & Buffet Breakfast in overnight hotel
- 1 Night's 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 £48.00



Saturday 11th – Sunday 12th June



## LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON

Join us for a weekend in London with a choice... an opportunity to simply enjoy a spot of sightseeing OR Take your pick from one of 15 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, Pretty Woman, Mary Poppins, Back To The Future, Get Up, Stand Up! Bob Marley The Musical, Frozen The Musical, Moulin Rouge The Musical and Cinderella The Musical (All show dates correct at time of printing, but subject to change).

**YOUR HOTEL** Holiday Inn London Heathrow M4 Jct 4, West Drayton, London

A luxuriously appointed 4\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with satellite TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a generous buffet breakfast and evening dinner. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

### 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 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.

*It is very likely that either proof of double vaccination (digital NHS App or paper NHS COVID Pass letter) or a proof of a negative lateral flow test (24 hours prior to show) will be required to allow admission into the theatres.*

### PRICE INCLUDES:

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

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

TOUR PRICE

THEATRE WEEKEND

£225

LONDON

£125

2 DAYS

Monday 13th - Friday 17th June



## WORCESTERSHIRE & THE MALVERNS

The Malvern Hills in the glorious county of Worcestershire offer wonderful landscapes, beautiful towns and thriving villages. With olde-world charm and peaceful surroundings, this region is one of England's hidden gems.

**YOUR HOTEL** The Fownes Hotel, Worcester

A 3\* centrally located hotel by the canal, just a 5 minute walk from the heart of Worcester. All rooms are en-suite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and a generous breakfast.

TOUR PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and make our way with a comfort stop on route to the tranquil riverside market town of Tewkesbury for lunch. With an array of independent shops, cafes and galleries to browse, the town offers a peaceful riverside walking trail. We continue to our hotel in Worcester with time to relax before dinner, and an evening at leisure.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way south across the peaceful landscape of the Malvern Hills towards Ledbury where we enjoy a private guided tour of Eastnor Castle. Set at the foot of the Malvern Hills bordering the Cotswolds, the 19th century castle is home to the Hervey-Bathurst family, surrounding by a beautiful deer park, arboretum and lake. Our guide will lead us through stately rooms such as the Great Hall, Gothic Drawing Room and opulent bedrooms to see fine tapestries, medieval armour and fine art throughout. We make our way back to Worcester with a visit to Victorian spa town of Great Malvern on its hillside setting.

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today as we travel to Kidderminster where we board the Severn Valley Railway for a heritage train journey along 16 miles, travelling through some beautiful countryside. We arrive at Bridgnorth, a town set on 2 levels, Higher Town & Lower Town, accessed by a funicular railway. The Lower level was once a thriving port along the banks of the River Severn, whilst the High Town held the castle, churches and fine mansions. With time to explore and enjoy a relaxing lunch, we make our way to Bewdley, an attractive Georgian town on the banks of the Severn, with an attractive shopping area and riverside walks.

**THURSDAY** Today you have the whole day to spend at leisure in the county town of Worcester. You may like to visit the impressive Norman Cathedral where you will find the tomb of King John, or perhaps visit The Commandery which depicts the city's role in the English Civil War. The Museum of Royal Worcester is well worth a visit, housing the largest collection of the famous fine Worcester porcelain. Wander down the old streets near the cathedral, where you will find two of the city's most historic pubs, or maybe enjoy a boat cruise.

**FRIDAY** This morning we start our journey home, with a stop for lunch in the tranquil riverside town of Evesham, with independent shops and cosy cafes. We continue our journey home, reaching the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Private Guided Tour of Eastnor Castle
- Ticket for the Severn Valley Railway
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

Monday 13th – Friday 17th June



## HIDDEN ENGLAND & RURAL RUTLAND

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 The Olde Barn Hotel, Grantham

A 3\* hotel located just a 15-minute walk from the charming village of Marston. Each of the comfortable, traditionally furnished bedrooms is en-suite with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared choice evening menu and a hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include a steam room, sauna, jacuzzi and indoor swimming pool.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way north, stopping for coffee and lunch on route, 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 try some of the town's traditional cuisine – pork pies, from the "Ye Olde Pork Pie Shoppe" or the local stilton cheese. Why not enjoy a delicious lunch sampling some of the local delicacies! We continue to the pretty market town of Oakham this afternoon with time to explore the county town of Rutland.

**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. We return to our hotel via Stamford, one of the finest towns in England, its charming centre is a maze of narrow streets, hidden courtyards and shops.

**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 £72.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£385

5 DAYS

Monday 13th – Friday 17th 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.

### 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 £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS



## Monday 20th – Friday 24th 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 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

£375

5 DAYS

#### 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

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £64.00 (Max 5)  
Travel insurance £25.00

## Sunday 19th – Thursday 23rd June



NEW

### FLORIADE 2022 & BEST OF HOLLAND

The popular Floriade Horticultural Expo event is held in the Netherlands every 10 years. In 2022 it is coming to Almere where the best of Dutch horticulture and future ideas and green technologies are showcased in this huge venue. We also discover some of the hidden gems of the Dutch countryside and quaint fishing ports.

#### 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£585

5 DAYS

#### 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 to our hotel and our base for the next four nights, arriving in time for evening dinner.

**MONDAY** Today we make the short journey to Almere for the Floriade 2022 Horticultural Show. The Expo venue has been designed with horticulture pavilions with fresh flowers, plants, shrubs and fruit and vegetable displays, arboretums, food and shopping outlets, art installations, floating bridges to navigate each area and an enclosed cable car that links the southern and northern end of the Floriade Park with amazing views. With so many ideas to take away, from gardening tips, future gardening techniques and the latest technology for budding horticulturalists, there is so much to see and do!

**TUESDAY** Join us today for a rather unique but beautiful village in this region as we visit Giethoorn. Originally established as a settlement for peat harvesters, it is located in the National Park where many thatched farms have been built on small peat islands connected by over 170 wooden bridges. Wander along the footpath and marvel at the beauty of this unusual Dutch village, or perhaps enjoy a relaxing boat trip along the tranquil waterway. We later travel to the historic fishing village of Urk where you can stroll through the labyrinth of lanes, wander around the harbour or enjoy a tasty bite to eat in one of the cafes.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we enjoy a circular tour, crossing the IJsselmeer and Markermeer man-made lakes, created when a dyke was constructed to prevent and control flooding of the surrounding low-lying land. We continue our journey down to the typically Dutch village of Edam, famous for its cheese, but it also boasts cosy streets and quiet canals with splendid architecture. We continue to the charming fishing village of Volendam, where time has stood still. The historic fishermen's houses and ancient inns tell a story of times gone by. Enjoy a delicious lunch in one of the harbour front cafes and browse the numerous souvenir stalls, before we return to our hotel for our final evening at leisure.

**THURSDAY** 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 & Breakfast
- Entrance to Floriade Expo 2022
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £195.00  
Travel insurance £40.00

Monday 20th – Friday 24th 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£395

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:

No single supplement  
Boat Trip to Caldy Island  
Travel insurance £25.00

Saturday 25th – Sunday 26th June



## BLenheim PALACE FLOWER SHOW & ABBEY HOUSE GARDENS

TOUR  
PRICE

£139

2 DAYS

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 £18.00





## SCOTTISH HIGHLAND HIGHLIGHTS & 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 and guided tours around two Scottish Highland Farms. A wonderful tour to discover the best of Scottish farming, countryside and its superb towns.

### YOUR HOTEL Salutation Hotel, Perth

A warm welcome awaits at this 3\* hotel in the heart of Perth. All rooms are en-suite 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.

### YOUR HOTEL Nethybridge Hotel, Nethybridge

A friendly 3\* traditional Highland manor hotel set within the Cairngorm National Park. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors together with ground floor rooms. The restaurant serves a traditional evening menu and a hearty Scottish breakfast.

TOUR PRICE

£795

10 DAYS



**MONDAY** We leave our hosts in Perth and make our way north, with a stop for an early lunch in Pitlochry and a visit to Loch Tummel to the Queens View Visitor Centre, a stunning viewpoint named after Queen Victoria with the beauty of the surrounding Tay Forest in Highland Perthshire. We continue around the edge of the Cairngorms to our hotel in Nethybridge, our base for the next four nights, with time to relax before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After a hearty breakfast, today we visit two Scottish farms based in the Cairngorm National Park. Our first visit of the day is to Ruthven Farm, a traditional upland livestock farm running mainly Blackface sheep and mules, together with Shetland and Icelandic sheep breeds. The farm has a keen focus on environmental schemes including laying hedges, creating native woodland, ponds and wild meadows to attract pollinators and small mammals. We enjoy lunch in nearby Granton on Spey before visiting the second farm of the day. Wild Farm focuses on breeding livestock that is best suited to the harsh highland climate. They run a herd of magnificent Cairngorm Reindeer, together with Red Deer, Fallow Deer and traditional Scottish livestock including Belted Galloway Cattle, Soay Sheep and Iron Age Pigs. The focus here is on free-range, low input farming techniques and local produce supplies.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we make our way north to the historic town of Elgin in the heart of the world-famous whisky region. The ruin of Elgin cathedral is a wonder to see, said to once have been Scotland's most beautiful cathedral, rivalling St Andrews in importance, today as a shell you can still see the Pictish cross and cracked gravestones with its nearby Bibical Gardens. Just beyond the cathedral ruins is a Cashmere visitor centre, creators of fine woollen and cashmere clothing since 1797. You may also like to visit the Moray Motor Museum, Elgin Museum or perhaps stroll down the town centre and enjoy a leisurely lunch. We return to our hotel with a visit on route to Glenfiddich Whisky Distillery, with a tour and tasting of the famous liquer of one of Scotland's oldest family-owned distilleries.

**THURSDAY** Join us today as we travel to Inverness, a compact cosmopolitan city of elegance situated on the banks of the River Ness. You may like to visit Inverness Castle or St Andrews Cathedral, the Museum & Art Gallery or the Victorian market with quaint shops in a historic venue. Why not visit Leakey's Book Shop is a treasure trove for all book lovers, the largest book shop in Scotland with rare and old prints and a place to find that special literary gem! For those happy to travel a little further from the city centre there are the Botanic Gardens or a dolphin watching boat cruise in the bay.

**FRIDAY** Sadly we leave our hosts in Scotland today, and begin our journey home, with stops for comfort and lunch on route to our overnight hotel near Lancaster, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**SATURDAY** After breakfast, we complete our journey home, and with comfort stops on route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

## ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way north, with comfort and lunch stops on route, to our hotel in Perth, our base for the next four night, arriving with time to freshen up before dinner.

**FRIDAY** Join us today as we travel south to the fine city of Stirling. The historic Old Town boasts the finest concentration of historic buildings in Scotland with preserved medieval and renaissance churches and mansions. Whilst here you may like to visit Stirling Castle with its Royal Palace & chapel, and spectacular views across the surrounding countryside, or perhaps visit the fiendish Old Town Jail for an audio guided tour, or for those looking for some retail therapy, stroll into the Thistles Shopping Centre with all the High Street brands.

**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** Today is free to explore the delights of Perth, a small but beautiful city well known for its Scottish food. You may like to visit the Black Watch Castle & Museum or Perth Museum & Art Gallery or for those seeking tranquility, why not take a leisurely stroll along the River Tay before indulging in a cosy pub lunch. Or perhaps take a local bus to the nearby glorious Scone Palace to visit the crowning place of Scottish Kings including Robert the Bruce and Macbeth!



## PRICE INCLUDES:

- 9 nights' Dinner Bed & Breakfast
- Royal Highland Show ticket
- Guided Tour of Two Scottish Highland Farms
- Guided Tour and Tasting at Glenfiddich Whisky Distillery
- All coach travel

## SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £153.00  
Travel insurance £31.00



Sunday 26th June – Sunday 3rd July



## RHINE & SWISS DELIGHTS RIVER CRUISE

INCLUDING FULL ATTRACTION PACKAGE

TOUR  
PRICE  
**£1325**  
8 DAYS

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.

### 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 Rüdesheim 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 Rüdesheim
- Entrance to Siegfried's Mechanical Music Museum
- Cable car lift to Niederwald monument (Rüdesheim)
- 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 £440.00  
Main Deck Superior Cabin supplement £151.00 per person  
Upper Deck Superior Cabin supplement £298.00 per person  
Travel insurance £47.00  
(Superior cabins have hotel style beds rather than fold-down beds)  
Please see page 12 for River Cruise payment & cancellation terms  
Deposit £250.00 per person



Monday 27th June – Friday 1st July



## 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 backcloth. One of the best ways to see the Welsh scenery is from the comfort of a train as the landscapes roll by.

### 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

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and travel over the border into Wales, stopping for coffee and lunch on 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 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.

**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 pretty porcelain. While here, marvel at the beautiful gardens, browse the many gift shops, and enjoy lunch.

**FRIDAY** Sadly we leave North Wales and make our way home, stopping for coffee and lunch on 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 £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£495

5 DAYS

Monday 27th June – Friday 1st July



## 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.

### 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 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 Wirral 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 £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£399

5 DAYS

Monday 27th June – Friday 1st July



## THE FOREST OF DEAN & THE WYE VALLEY BY COACH, BOAT & TRAIN

We are delighted to repeat this 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.

### ITINERARY

**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 make a stop for lunch in the Welsh market town of Monmouth, on the edge of the Wye Valley with its iconic 13th century gatehouse bridge and historic links to Henry V. This afternoon we visit Norchard Heritage railway station to board 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 £60.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

Monday 4th- Friday 8th 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 Hotel, 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).

### 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 £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£425

5 DAYS



Monday 4th – Friday 8th July



## LIVERPOOL, CHESTER & THE WIRRAL PENINSULA

The iconic maritime city of Liverpool is always a popular tourist destination with its prestigious waterfront, landmark buildings and numerous visitor attractions. Chester dates back to Roman times with its well-preserved city walls, Tudor style shopping arcade and glorious cathedral. The offers a rural element of the region with parklands and beautiful coastlines.

### 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

£345

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. We begin our day with a short gentle boat cruise along the River Dee as we sail past riverside homes and look out for wildlife such as moorhens and kingfishers. The rest of the day is free to explore this delightful city, perhaps walk along the Roman Walls or hop on an open top bus for a fascinating guided tour. There is also the cathedral and the unique 700 year old Rows, home to independent shops and cafés.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we enjoy a full day excursion to the maritime city of Liverpool with its stunning waterfront development and Albert Dock, buzzing with cafes, its multitude of galleries and museums including "The Beatles Story" dedicated to the history of the legendary pop band. The shopping district offers a range of stores and independent shops for all tastes, and boat cruises around the Mersey and open top bus tours are available regularly throughout the day. There is so much to see and do and pack into your visit.

**THURSDAY** This morning we travel to the peaceful region of the Wirral, where we begin our day with a visit to the Ness Botanic Gardens, created over 100 years ago, set within 64 acres of the picturesque Wirral Peninsula. Explore the delightful kitchen garden, wildflower meadows, herbaceous borders and south facing terraces with tropical and exotic plants, to name but a few areas across the site. There is a café offering light lunches and refreshments all day. We continue north across the Wirral to Port Sunlight Village, built at the end of the 19th century for the Port Sunlight soap factory workers by Lord Lever of Lever Brothers (who became the world famous "Unilever" corporation). We first enjoy a guided coach tour around the village before visiting the soap exhibition, museum and Edwardian Workers Cottages to gain an insight into Victorian life and work within the village and factory.

**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
- Entrance to Ness Botanic Gardens
- Guided tour of Port Sunlight
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

Wednesday 6th – Sunday 10th July



## NORTH WALES, ANGLESEY & PUFFIN ISLAND

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 George IV Hotel, Criccieth

A 3\* hotel located in the heart of Criccieth with views across to the castle. Each of the en-suite bedrooms is furnished with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a traditional evening menu and hearty breakfast. There is a bar and lounge area to relax in the evenings with entertainment provided on some nights.

TOUR  
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

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

**THURSDAY** 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.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast the morning is free to explore Criccieth, a Victorian seaside town with its headland fortress and stunning views across to Cardigan Bay. This afternoon, join us if you wish, for an excursion across the Aberglaslyn Pass to visit the unspoilt village of Beddgelert, one of the most-loveliest in the Snowdonia National Park region.

**SATURDAY** After breakfast, we enjoy a coach tour across the Menai Bridge to the Isle of Anglesey to the coastal town of Beaumaris where we board a sight seeing boat for a guided cruise around Puffin Island. The ninth largest island off the Welsh coast, home to a 6th century monastery, Puffin Island is a bird sanctuary and nesting site for many different species of seabirds including guillemots, razorbills, kittiwakes and the adorable puffin which nests here between April – July. Keep a keen eye open for grey seals or even a dolphin pod! We re-join the coach and make our way to the Woollen Mill at Llanfairpwllgwyngyll for lunch and time to browse the extensive shop.

**SUNDAY** 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
- Guided Boat Cruise of Puffin Island
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £48.00  
Subsequent Singles £88.00  
Castle View Supplement £32.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

Friday 8th – Saturday 9th July



## RHS HAMPTON COURT PALACE FLOWER SHOW

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 on route, before arriving at the 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
- REnterance to The Savill Garden (Windsor Great Park)
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£185

2 DAYS

Monday 11th – Friday 15th July



## THE VERY BEST OF YORKSHIRE & THE GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW

Yorkshire is the largest county in England, and an area of outstanding natural beauty with moorland, dales coastline and historic cities. The Great Yorkshire Show is the north's leading agricultural and the largest agricultural show in England. Join us for a tour of this scenic county with all it has to offer.

### 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** Time to explore the magnificent city of York! York Minster is a world class cathedral with its beautiful stained-glass windows and stone masterpieces and spectacular views from the top of the tower. Why not take a sight-seeing bus for a complete guided tour of the city or a river boat cruise. The city centre is also home to an excellent array of traditional high street stores together with independent boutiques, and the famous "Little Shambles" ancient alleyway with crooked buildings is a delight to discover times gone by in this wonderful city. This afternoon, you have a choice, either continue exploring York, OR join us for an excursion to 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!

**WEDNESDAY** Today we make the journey to the Harrogate showground for the Great Yorkshire Show. With first-hand experience of farming, agriculture and rural life, the show's programme of events is full of displays, exhibitions, competitions and trade stands. The main show ring will have a full programme including the showing ring for farm animals, show jumping and dare devil motorbike displays. The pavilion will house country crafts, cookery demonstrations, fashion outlets, gardening exhibitions and countryside arts. There will be many food outlets through the ground, together with trade stands with gift ideas. With over 250 acres there is so much to see, do and experience.

**THURSDAY** 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 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. We later return to York through the wild, heather-clad North Yorkshire Moors National Park, briefly stopping in Goathland – famous for appearing as Aidensfield in the TV series Heartbeat, and the bewitching Hogsmeade in the first Harry Potter film.

**FRIDAY** 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
- Admission to the Great Yorkshire Show
- North Yorkshire Moors Railway ticket
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Entrance to the James Herriot Museum  
Single supplement £90.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£425

5 DAYS



Saturday 9th – Saturday 16th July



## MAJESTIC LAKES OF ITALY... MAGGIORE, ORTA & COMO (WITH OPTIONAL LAKE MAGGIORE EXPRESS TOUR)

TOUR  
PRICE

£795

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 a comfort stop, 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 return to Stresa for free time to continue to explore.

**WEDNESDAY** Today you have a choice – EITHER to spend the day in Stresa strolling along the elegant lakeside promenade and gardens or explore the compact centre with bustling cafes and souvenir stalls, OR join us for the breath-taking Lake Maggiore Express Tour - a whole day excursion. The Lake Maggiore Express train leaves Stresa after breakfast and travels to Domodossola, with time to explore the charming medieval centre before we join the Centovalli Train journeying through wild and romantic scenery punctuated with bridges, vineyards and villages perched on high rocky outcrops and amongst chestnut woodlands, arriving in the Swiss town of Locarno, on the shores of Lake Maggiore. With 2 hours to explore the old town with churches and colourful piazza, we board a boat for a scenic cruise across the lake, arriving in Stresa with time to relax before dinner.

**THURSDAY** 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.

**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:

- 1 Night Bed & Buffet Breakfast (first overnight hotel)
- 6 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Boat cruise around the Borromeo Islands
- Entrance to Isola Bella Baroque Palace and Gardens
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £165.00  
Lake Maggiore Express Tour (2 Trains & 1 Boat) £45.00  
Shuttle Land Train in Orta  
Travel insurance £47.00



## Wednesday 13th – Sunday 17th July



### 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

£415

5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**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 £44.00  
Sea View room supplement £32.00 per person  
Travel insurance £25.00

## Monday 18th – Friday 22nd 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£425

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 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, the 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 Conistone Water and Conistone 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 £25.00



Friday 15th – Monday 18th July



## ANDRE RIEU IN CONCERT, MAASTRICHT

Calling all Andre Rieu fans! Join us for perhaps THE concert of the year as we enjoy a live outdoor traditional concert in Maastricht's Vrijthof Square, the home-town of the famous violinist, guaranteed to lift the spirits with this joyous summer musical phenomenon with extravagant staging and spectacular programme. An event not to be missed!

### YOUR HOTEL Dorint Hotel, Duren, Germany

A 4\* modern hotel located in the "gateway to the Eifel Park" and Ruhr Valley. All rooms are en-suite with TV, air conditioning, safe and Wi-Fi access. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and wide variety breakfast selection. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

TOUR  
PRICE

£525

4 DAYS

### 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** After a leisurely start, we make our way to the centre of Maastricht, one of the oldest cities in the Netherlands. Here you will discover large square piazzas, churches, old city walls, merchants houses and hidden alleys. You have the day to explore at leisure and enjoy an early dinner in a restaurant of your choice before we take our seats in Vrijthof Square for the concert of the year! Andre Rieu and his 60 piece Johann Strauss orchestra will dazzle you with classical and modern assembles to film scores, folk music and emotional melodies, passion and laughter, fabulous solo pieces from the master of the violin, all creating a magical spectacle that will get you dancing in the aisles! We re-join the coach late evening for the journey back to our hotel.



**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way through the Eifel National Park with expansive forests, idyllic streams, lakes and reservoirs to the quaint village of Monschau with its medieval half-timber houses and cobblestone streets lining the tranquil river which flows through the centre. With time to enjoy a relaxing lunch in one of the many cafes and explore the village centre with its glass blowing factory and souvenir shops, we return for a final evening in Duren.

**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:

- 2 nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- 1 night Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for Andre Rieu Concert, Maastricht
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £90.00 (max 5)  
Travel insurance £38.00

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd July



## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE DAMBUSTERS, LINCOLNSHIRE

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

**MONDAY** 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.

**TUESDAY** 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.

**WEDNESDAY** 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.

**THURSDAY** 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 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.

**FRIDAY** 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 £72.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£345

5 DAYS

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd July



## SUFFOLK & PICTURE-PERFECT CONSTABLE COUNTRY

Suffolk is a wonderful rural county full of ancient market towns, wool towns and chocolate box villages. 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** Dragonfly Hotel, Bury St Edmunds

A delightful 3\* hotel located just a short walk from the old town & cathedral. Each of the stylish en-suite bedrooms are furnished with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a freshly prepared choice evening menu and generous breakfast.

### 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 opulent interiors of one of the most stunning mansions of the Jacobite era and the prestigious Capability Brown gardens. The café serves lunches & snacks.

**WEDNESDAY** Today 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.

**THURSDAY** This morning we make our way across to the historic Fenland city of Ely, home to one of the most important cathedrals in England. Attractions include the stunning cathedral has a museum dedicated to stained glass and Oliver Cromwell's House which highlights 17th century domestic life. Ely has a beautiful waterfront with many cafes and restaurants to enjoy a relaxing lunch and watch the river boats float by. This afternoon we make our way back to Bury St Edmunds with time free to explore the market town and home to Saint Edmund, the original patron saint of England. Here will you find the cathedral, ruined abbey and gardens together with a vibrant shopping centre.

**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
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS



Tuesday 19th – Thursday 28th July



## 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

£1325

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 after lunch. 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 and 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 £49.00

Please see page 12 for River Cruise payment & cancellation terms. Deposit £250.00 per person



Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd 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 **Mercure Hotel, Swansea**

A modern 4\* hotel. Each of the en-suite bedrooms is equipped with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a choice evening menu and a hearty Welsh breakfast to start the day. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool, sauna and fitness suite.

### 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 £60.00  
Travel insurance £20.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£249

3 DAYS

Sunday 24th – Friday 29th July



## NORTHUMBRIA & HOLY ISLAND

Northumbria is a tapestry of castles, cathedrals, clustered villages and moorland ruins. An ancient warrior kingdom steeped in history, there is a rugged coastline to the east featuring the mysterious tidal Holy Island of Lindisfarne where Saint Aidan founded his monastery in 635 AD to the stunning heritage city of Durham.

### 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** We leave the West Country and we make our way north, stopping for coffee and lunch on 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 £27.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£475

6 DAYS



Monday 25th – Friday 29th July



## RIBBLE VALLEY & THE PENDLE WITCHES

We are delighted to, once again, bring you this popular tour of Lancashire's legendary heritage. 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** Mercure 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

**MONDAY** 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.

**TUESDAY** 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 breathtaking 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.

**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** 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.

**FRIDAY** 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 £88.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May



## CORTON COASTAL RESORT, SUFFOLK 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** Corton Coastal Resort, Lowestoft

A beautifully located 4\* cliff top village with breathtaking views out to sea, located close to the town of Lowestoft. Each of the tastefully furnished chalets is ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. The Clyffe restaurant offers an excellent choice menu either from the carvery or served to your table, and a coffee shop serves light meals and snacks throughout the day. Activities and leisure facilities include Snooker, fun bowls, putting green, dancing classes, indoor heated pool, sauna and steam room... to name just a few, and live music & top-class entertainment is provided each evening. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and make our way east, with stops for coffee and lunch en route, to our resort with time to settle in before dinner and our first evening's 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. Join us if you wish for an afternoon excursion to the nearby seaside resort of Great Yarmouth with time to stroll along the prom, browse the shops and have tea.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the Norfolk Broads, stopping first at Wroxham Barns, a collection of beautifully restored 18th century barns where you can browse the craft and gift shops and watch traditional craftsmen at work. From pottery to stained glass, from quilts to traditionally pressed cider there is something for everyone. We continue into Wroxham, considered the capital of the Norfolk Broads, with time to browse the abundance of shops and enjoy lunch. This afternoon we take an afternoon cruise on the beautiful Norfolk Broads, with full commentary as you enjoy the wonderful scenery. We return to our hotel in time for dinner and another evening of live entertainment.

**THURSDAY** Join us this morning as make the short journey south to Lowestoft which boasts beautiful sandy beaches and two piers. With time to enjoy lunch, take a stroll and browse the shops we return to our resort with the remainder of the day free to continue to enjoy some of the wonderful 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 once again for coffee and lunch en route and arriving home early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Cruise on the Norfolk Broads
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)  
Premier Chalet Upgrade £30.00 per person  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£399

5 DAYS

Friday 29th July – Monday 1st August



## 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 £38.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£335

4 DAYS

Thursday 28th July – Tuesday 2nd August



## SCOTLAND – RAIL & SAIL IN THE WESTERN 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, with an extra special dash of Scottish hospitality. Join us for tour packed full of train journeys and boat cruises to experience some magnificent highland scenery! (Please note that itinerary days may be re-arranged slightly)

### 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 en-suite, with TV, 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.

### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** After an early departure we make our journey north, with comfort stops on route, to our hotel in time for evening dinner.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way across the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park to Loch Katrine where we board a boat for a gentle cruise along the eight mile loch, the source of fresh water for the city of Glasgow for over 150 years. With time for lunch at the pier side café we return to Winnock retracing our steps across Duke's Pass with its breath-taking views.

**SATURDAY** Today we travel to Glasgow to board the West Highland Line train to Oban. Considered by many to be one of the most scenic railway journeys in the world, it delves deep into the wild west coast of Scotland. Keep a keen eye out for red deer hidden in the heather clad landscape, as the train sweeps along Loch Awe with a rugged mountain backdrop, frothing rapids and into Oban, a bustling port famed for its seafood and gateway to the isles. With time to enjoy lunch and explore, we re-join the coach and return to our hotel.

**SUNDAY** This morning we take a gentle drive across to the base of Loch Lomond for a cruise to experience this famous expanse of water, sailing past stately homes and castles along the shoreline. We return to dry land with time to visit the Loch Lomond Shores retail outlet, or perhaps visit the birds of prey centre or the Sea Life Aquarium and enjoy a relaxing lunch before we return to our hotel with time to explore the village.

**MONDAY** After breakfast we make our way east to the Falkirk Wheel, the world's first and only rotating boat lift, which links the Forth & Clyde Canal to the Union Canal, for a gentle ride along part of the canal. With time to visit the exhibition centre and enjoy a bite to eat in the café, we re-join the coach and make our way further east to board the Bo'Ness and Kinneil Heritage Railway for a scenic train journey with afternoon tea.

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

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 5 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat Cruise on Loch Katrine
- Ticket for the West Highland Railway
- Boat Cruise on Loch Lomond
- Ticket for the Falkirk Wheel
- Ticket for the Bo'Ness & Kinneil Railway including afternoon tea
- All coach travel

TOUR  
PRICE

£599

6 DAYS

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £110.00  
Travel insurance £27.00



Monday 1st – Friday 5th 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** This morning we visit the county town of Shrewsbury. Explore higgledy-piggledy streets, following the loop of the river and perhaps visit the cathedral, museum & art gallery, castle or historic jail. There are many cafes to enjoy lunch and the centre is full of the usual high street shops and independent gift shops. You may like to take a leisurely boat cruise along the River Severn. This afternoon we make our way to Hawkstone Hall for an audio guided tour of the exquisite Grade I mansion with sweeping staircases and gold gilt ceilings followed by afternoon cream tea, with time to explore the delightful 88 acres gardens and grounds.

**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 with time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch before we enjoy a horse-drawn boat trip on the beautiful Llangollen Canal, part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to a rich variety of flora and fauna.

**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
- Audio Guided Tour of Hawkstone Hall
- Afternoon Cream Tea at Hawkstone Estate
- Severn Valley Railway ticket
- Horse drawn canal boat trip
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

Monday 1st – Friday 5th August



## 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 4)  
Subsequent singles £80.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

Monday 1st – Friday 5th August



NEW

## 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 Quayside 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 Canice'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. The rest of the day is free to explore at leisure. 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
- Ticket for the Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £92.00  
Travel insurance £40.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£465

5 DAYS

Friday 5th – Monday 8th 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 Park Plaza London Riverbank Hotel, Central London

A luxuriously appointed 4\* hotel located along the south bank of the River Thames, close to Westminster. All en-suite bedrooms are comfortably furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. All rooms are accessible by lift. The restaurant serves a wide variety of hot and cold buffet breakfasts. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool and fitness suite.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to London, stopping for coffee on 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 cafés 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 on route, arriving mid-evening

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Bed & Buffet English Breakfast
- All coach travel

TOUR  
PRICE

£299

4 DAYS

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £198.00  
Travel insurance £23.00



Saturday 6th – Saturday 13th August



## AUSTRIA & SWITZERLAND – THE AROSA EXPRESS MOUNTAIN TRAIN

TOUR  
PRICE

£695

8 DAYS

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 on 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 five 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.



**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 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 & 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 £80.00  
Travel insurance £47.00

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Saturday 6th – Saturday 13th August



## 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.

TOUR  
PRICE  
**£1125**  
8 DAYS



### 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

the famous Lorelei Rock, where, a legendary siren lured sailors to their doom. We arrive at Rüdesheim 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 Deutsches 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 £47.00  
Deluxe Cabins have 2 windows  
Deluxe Plus Cabins are larger than Deluxe Cabins, and also have 2 windows

Please see page 12 for River Cruise payment & cancellation terms  
Deposit £250.00 per person





Monday 8th – Friday 12th August



## 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.

### 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 £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

Monday 8th – Friday 12th August



## STAFFORDSHIRE'S FINEST – POTTERIES, GARDENS & STATELY HOMES

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 Wedgwood 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 Wedgwood
- 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 £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£375

5 DAYS



## 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 Pomme d'Or Hotel, St Helier

A delightful 4\* hotel centrally located in St Helier overlooking Liberation Square and the yachting marina. Each of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms are furnished with TV, Wi-Fi access, air conditioning, telephone, hairdryer, safe and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant offering a delicious choice menu and serves a traditional breakfast. Leisure facilities are available free to all guests at the nearby sister hotel - The Merton, with indoor aquadome pool with water slides, cascades, fountains and spa, together with an outdoor heated pool, spa, sauna, steam room and fitness suite.

### 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 – FRIDAY** 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



TOUR  
PRICE

£595

5 DAYS



World War II. Other worthwhile attractions include 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 also like to purchase tickets to the Friday evening parade, please let us know at time of booking.

**SATURDAY** Sadly it's today time to leave Jersey. You will be taken by local 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 ticket from Poole
- Hotel transfers in Jersey
- Ticket to Battle of Flowers day parade (pavement seated ticket)
- Coach transport to and from Poole

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Ticket to moonlight parade (seated ticket) £20.00

Single Supplement £128.00 (Max 5)

Upgraded Rooms available on request only from £40 - £140 per room

Travel insurance £40.00



## Friday 12th – Monday 15th August



### LIVERPOOL

Liverpool is perhaps one of the UK's most iconic cities to visit with its remarkable architecture and vast waterfront development. With a wealth of galleries and museums, links to the famous Beatles band and many night venues including the famous Cavern, there is so much to see, do and explore. One weekend is just never enough!

**YOUR HOTEL** **Mercure Liverpool Atlantic Tower Hotel, Liverpool**

A modern 4\* hotel with a skyline view across the city. Located close to the famous Royal Liver Building and within walking distance of the waterfront, shopping district and city centre. All comfortable en-suite bedrooms are equipped with TV, Wi-Fi and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious hot and cold buffet breakfast.

#### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way north, stopping for coffee and lunch on 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' Bed & Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £75.00  
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£265

4 DAYS

## Saturday 13th- Thursday 18th 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 a guided walking tour of St Mary's and 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.

**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 from Penzance
- Hotel transfers at St Mary's
- Welcome drink reception
- Guided walking tours of St Mary's
- Entrance to Tresco Abbey Gardens
- Coach travel to and from Penzance

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £175.00 (Max 1 single)  
Sea view supplement £50.00 per person  
Travel insurance £27.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£895

6 DAYS

## Sunday 14th – Thursday 18th 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

£465

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 £25.00

## Monday 15th – Friday 19th August



### LANDSCAPES OF LINCOLNSHIRE

Lincolnshire makes a perfect, tranquil retreat from its elegant city with a remarkable cathedral, to the popular coastline and perfect rural landscapes with rolling countryside.

#### **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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£385

5 DAYS

#### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** 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.

**TUESDAY** After an unhurried 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. After lunch we visit Heckington Windmill, set in the heart of the Lincolnshire countryside. This Grade I listed windmill was built in 1830, it is the world's only working 8 sail windmill. The visitor centre offers a fascinating insight of the working mill in history and there is a tearoom, bakehouse and shop on site.

**WEDNESDAY** Join us this morning as we visit the elegant city of Lincoln with its medieval cathedral dominating the skyline, narrow streets lined with independent shops and a hill which separates the cathedral quarter from the vibrant centre. With time for an early lunch, we re-join the coach and make our way to Doddington Hall & Gardens. A fine Elizabethan manor and family home for over 400 years packed with fascinating collections of furniture, artwork, ceramics and textiles in each room. The exquisite Elizabethan style gardens are a joy to behold together with a lovingly restored wild garden area.

**THURSDAY** Today we are visiting the peaceful towns and villages of neighbouring rural Rutland. We first stop for coffee in the quaint charming Georgian town of Stamford, used in many period dramas for its pretty building facades, narrow alleyways and hidden courtyards. We continue to the pretty market town of Oakham with much medieval history, its castle and museum. With time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch, we travel to Rutland Water for an afternoon boat cruise, before returning to our hotel to relax before dinner.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel and make our way south. With comfort stops en route, we return to the West Country early to mid-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance & Guided Tour of Heckington Windmill
- Boat Cruise on Rutland Water
- Entrance to Doddington Hall & Gardens
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £72.00  
Travel insurance £25.00



Monday 15th – Friday 19th August



## SUMMER IN VALKENBURG & THE EIFEL NATIONAL PARK

Valkenburg is perhaps one of The Netherlands's most treasured gems, with narrow cobbled 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 summer 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

£395

5 DAYS

### 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, and base for the next four nights, with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we make a short excursion by coach to the hilltop known as Dreilandenpunt, where the countries of Netherlands, Germany & Belgium all meet at the triangular border and you can stand with your feet and hands in all three countries at the same time! We return to Valkenburg at lunchtime with the rest of the day free to explore this quaint, historic Dutch town.

**WEDNESDAY** 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. Here you will find some lovely gift shops and cosy cafés to have tea & cake.

**THURSDAY** The whole day is free to enjoy the sights, sounds and atmosphere in Valkenburg. Spend the day exploring the narrow, cobble streets, an array of shops, cafes and historic buildings. You may like to visit the velvet caves, which date from the 12th century. In times of siege the knights and their footmen used these cave networks to escape from the castle that stands high above the town and were also used by local folk and American troops during the German invasions of WWII. Cafes line the historic streets, together with a good selection of local shops where you may pick up a gift or souvenir of your visit

**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 £84.00 (Max 5)  
Travel insurance £40.00

Friday 19th – Monday 22nd August



## CITY BREAK – OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE

The University cities of Oxford & Cambridge are steeped in English history and heritage and visited by tourists from across the globe. Cambridge feels like a small, charming town with a peaceful atmosphere with boats punting along the river, whereas Oxford has a more vibrant appeal with bustling shopping district set amongst historic buildings and many galleries and museums. Both are a must-see for all culture vultures!

### **YOUR HOTEL** Mercure Bedford Centre Hotel, Bedford

A modern 3\* hotel ideally situated between the two cities. 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.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We make our way east, stopping for lunch in the quaint market town of Marlborough, before continuing to our hotel, with time to relax and settle in before dinner.

**SATURDAY** After breakfast we make our way to Cambridge for the day to spend exploring this quintessential English city. There's an impressive choice of attractions to visit including numerous art galleries, the Fitzwilliam Museum, King's College Chapel together with an array of green parkland spaces to stroll. You may like to enjoy a gentle punt along the River Cam, or take a sight seeing bus tour around the city with audio guide to learn more about Cambridge's place in English history. With a great shopping district and many options for lunch and afternoon tea, there is so much to discover!

**SUNDAY** Today we make our way to the city of Oxford, known affectionately as the "City of Dreaming Spires" due to its vast array of buildings marking the skyline. Wander through the pastel hued High Street lined with independent boutiques and coffee bars, perhaps join a walking tour of Oxford or hop on a sightseeing tour bus. Explore the ornate golden stone buildings of the University city up close and visit the many attractions including the world-famous Bodleian Library, Ashmolean Museum or Museum of Natural History. River cruises are also available for a more genteel way to explore the city from the water's edge.

**MONDAY** We leave our hotel and travel homewards, with a lunch stop on route as we cut across the glorious Cotswolds, 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 £96.00  
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£265

4 DAYS

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th August



## HOLME LACY, HEREFORD- SHIRE...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 with a pond, and hedges laid out in the geometric garden design

### **YOUR HOTEL** Holme Lacy House Hotel, Hereford

A magnificent 4\* hotel with elegant drawing rooms, ornate ceilings, imposing staircases and fantastic views. All rooms are en suite, with tea & coffee facilities, TV, hairdryer and toiletries. Indoor facilities include heated pool, sauna, steam room & fitness studio, library, snooker room and gift shops. There are also a variety of outdoor activities available and live entertainment and dancing is provided each evening. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to Gloucester Quay - Britain's most inland port with the National Waterways museum, a woollen mill, gift shops and restaurants. After lunch we complete our journey on to our hotel with time to relax before dinner and our first night of showstopping entertainment.

**TUESDAY** The morning is free for you to enjoy some of the many facilities and activities available in the hotel. Join us, if you wish, for an afternoon excursion 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. With time to browse the shops and enjoy afternoon tea we return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner and another evening of top-class entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today for a full day excursion to the historic city of Worcester. Whilst here 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. There are also shops to browse and places to enjoy a leisurely lunch. Dinner tonight will once again be followed by excellent entertainment.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey into the centre of the ancient cathedral city centre of Hereford. With time to browse this attractive city, maybe visit the superb Norman cathedral and have lunch, we return to our hotel with the afternoon free to continue making use of the hotel's wonderful facilities before dinner and a final evening of 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 later 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 5 only)  
Signature Room Upgrade £30.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£475

5 DAYS





## 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£625

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, direct-dial telephone, 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.



### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way over the St. David's bridge, into Wales and on to Pembroke, with comfort stops en route, for the afternoon crossing to Rosslair. After docking in Ireland, we continue to our overnight hotel in Waterford for dinner.

**MONDAY** After a traditional Irish breakfast, we leave Waterford and make our way west, stopping somewhere interesting for coffee and lunch en route. We later make our way to our hotel in Killarney, arriving with time to relax before dinner and our first evening of traditional Irish entertainment.

**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, a 179km loop that starts and ends in Killarney, passes 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 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** 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 Sleat 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 £45.00





Telemark Canal

## NORWAY – FJORDLANDS, CANALS & THE HEROES OF TELEMARK

Norway is a country of stunning natural scenery and crystal-clear air. The beauty of the fjords is breathtaking, surrounded by steep mountains, glaciers, rushing waterfalls and blooming orchards – it is one of the world's most unique landscapes, steeped in history from its Viking past. Join us as we discover the Telemark Region, its famous canal and Heavy-Water Sabotage Site and a guided tour of the Maritime Capital of Oslo.

### YOUR HOTEL **Straand Hotel, Vrådal**

A 3\* family run hotel, ideally located on Lake Nisser, a short walk from the village centre, in Norway's Telemark region. All en-suite rooms are equipped with TV and telephone. A lift serves all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious home-cooked menu, and there is a bar and comfortable lounge area to relax in. Leisure facilities include an indoor swimming pool and a lakeside garden.

TOUR  
PRICE

£1295

11 DAYS



Hardangerfjord

### ITINERARY

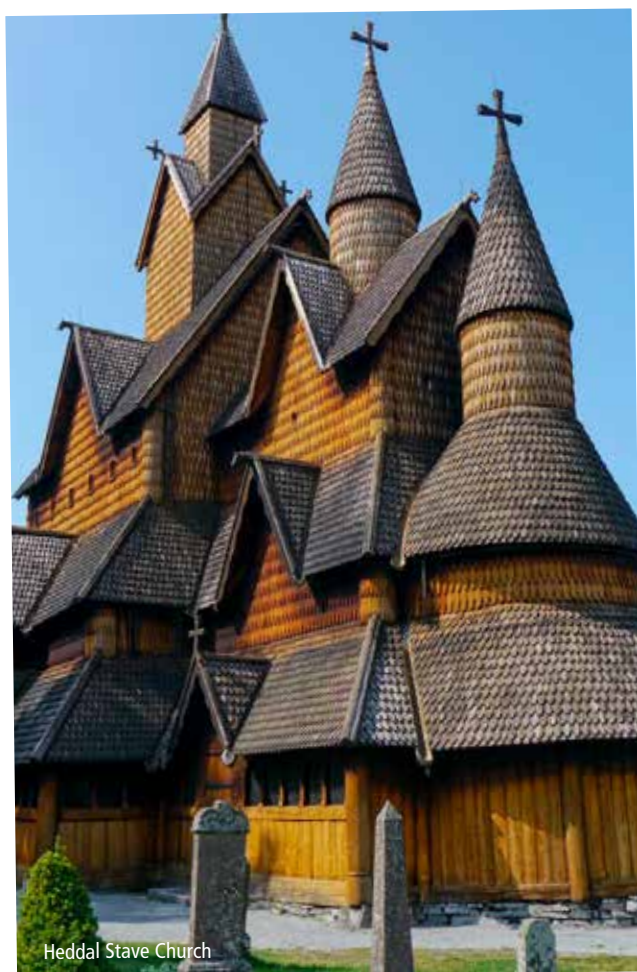
**THURSDAY** After an early departure, we leave the West Country and make our way to Dover, with a comfort stop on route, for the ferry crossing to Calais. We continue to our first overnight hotel in Apeldoorn, arriving in time for dinner.

**FRIDAY** 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 our evening meal.

**SATURDAY** 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 Norway. Whilst on board, you can enjoy the ship's facilities before we arrive in Larvik late afternoon. We continue our journey inland, for a first taste of the pristine scenery for which Norway is so rightly famed, travelling through beautiful Lakeland countryside and crossing the famous Telemark Canal, arriving in Vrådal early evening at our hotel and base for the next five nights.

**SUNDAY** A day free to unwind in the hamlet of Vrådal, just a short walk from the hotel, set in the midst of Telemark country, surrounded by mountains, lush forests and quiet lakes. Or perhaps enjoy the hotel's facilities including swimming pool, panoramic terrace and gardens that sweep down to the lake shore and beach. After dinner, join us as we set the scene for tomorrow's adventure as we sit back and enjoy the Hollywood blockbuster "The Heroes of Telemark" at the hotel this evening.

**MONDAY** Today we experience a full panoramic excursion across the Hardangervidda Plateau. The coach travels through the plateau with spectacular views of wild scenery and beautiful lakes across the largest mountain range in



Heddal Stave Church



Europe and the largest of Norway's National Parks. We arrive at Vermork to visit the famous Heavy-Water Sabotage Site, as we visit the Vemork Power Station, offering a fascinating insight into Norway's industrial heritage and the heroic partisan exploits of the sabotage mission to destroy Hitler's heavy water plant, halting the German efforts to build a nuclear bomb. Enjoy a bite to eat at the museum café before we travel back through Rjukan along the shores of Lake Tinnsjø.

**TUESDAY** Join us today as we take the Western Telemark circular tour, first travelling along Lake Nisser to Skafsa, on to Dalen where the Telemark Canal begins. We continue to Eidsborg to visit the West Telemark Museum & the Eidsborg Stave Church. Here an old farmhouse has been converted into one of Norway's largest open-air museums with over 30 buildings and exhibitions to explore showing off centuries of craft traditions and folklore. The Eidsborg Stave Church was built in the 13th century and is one of the best-preserved examples of stave churches in Norway. After enjoy lunch at the museum we continue the coach tour through Morgedal, crossing the Telemark Canal at Kviteseid, and returning to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we enjoy a heritage boat trip on the famous Telemark Canal, regarded as one of the most beautiful waterways in the world. Carved into the rock over 100 years ago, it was called the "Eighth Wonder of the World". The canal connects the coast of Telemark with the interior through a series of eight locks measuring 105km from Skien to Dalen. Our boat journey takes approximately 3 hours with an opportunity to relax and admire the wonderful views, passing through lakes, narrow channels and two locks. We return our coach and return to our hotel via Ulefoss, Bo & Selfjord with classic Lakeland scenery along the whole route.

**THURSDAY** We say a fond farewell to our hosts in Vrådal and travel towards Norway's capital, Oslo. We make a short photographic stop at Heddal to see Norway's largest Stave Church, built in the 12th century and still in use today. You can



Oslo Royal Palace

visit the interior for a small fee. We continue past Kongsberg and Drammen to arrive in Oslo late morning. With time to explore the charming maritime capital city and experience its unique Scandinavian atmosphere with beautiful city centre, we enjoy a guided tour by coach of the "Viking Capital" to see the Parliament, Royal Palace, pretty harbour, Karl Johans Gate, Frogner Sculpture Park, Opera House and Arkershus Fortress. With time to enjoy a relaxing bite to eat, we continue our journey south along Oslofjord to arrive in Horten for our overnight stay.

**FRIDAY** After an early breakfast we make our way to Larvik for the fast ferry to Denmark, with plenty of time to relax on board before we complete our coach journey through Denmark and into Germany for an overnight stay near Hamburg.

**SATURDAY** 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.

**SUNDAY** We arrive in the port of Harwich, early morning, and continue to the West Country with comfort stops on route, arriving mid-afternoon.



West Telemark Open Air Museum



Vemork Heavy Water Plant

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 9 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast in hotels
- 1 night (room only) aboard ferry in lower-berth outside cabin
- All Fjord & ferry crossings
- Entrance to Vemork Museum (Heavy Water Sabotage Site in Telemark)
- Entrance to West Telemark Museum
- Entrance to Eidsborg Stave Church
- Traditional Boat Trip on the Telemark Canal
- Guided Coach Tour of Oslo
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Meals on board ferry  
Single supplement £315.00  
Travel insurance £51.00

**Monday 22nd – Friday 26th August**



## MID WALES – HERITAGE TRAINS AND CASTLES

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. Join us as we journey on some of Mid Wales most scenic railways and visit the might Powis Castle.

### **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

**MONDAY** 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.

**TUESDAY** 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 11¾-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.

**WEDNESDAY** 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.

**THURSDAY** After an unhurried breakfast we travel north to Llanfair Caereinion to board the heritage Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway for a scenic through the beautiful mid Wales countryside. Originally built to link the rural farming communities with the market town of Welshpool, today it's a popular tourist attraction. We enjoy a lunch stop in Newtown, the county town of Powys, located on the banks of the River Severn before returning to our hotel with time free to explore Llandrindod Wells before dinner.

**FRIDAY** 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
- Ticket for Vale of Rheidol Railway
- Entrance to Powis Castle (Nat Trust)
- Ticket for Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £40.00 (Max 5)  
Travel insurance £25.00

**TOUR PRICE**

**£425**

**5 DAYS**

**Saturday 27th – Sunday 28th 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.

### 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 £18.00

**TOUR PRICE**

**£169**

**2 DAYS**



Monday 29th August – Friday 2nd September



NEW

## ENCHANTING GARDENS OF THE HOME COUNTIES

The Home Counties make up an area around the south-east which historically provided food for Londoners. Join us we visit this delightful corner of England with some of the most-loveliest gardens.

**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

£399

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 an unhurried breakfast we make our way to the exceptional RHS Garden Hyde Hall near Chelmsford. Set within a rolling landscape and panoramic views, Hyde Hall is an oasis of peace and tranquillity. The garden was established in the 1950's from just a handful of trees on the windy hilltop to the jewel of a landscape that it embraces today with ornamental beds, wild woodlands, majestic meadows and stylish garden gems. There is also a well-stocked garden centre and tearooms and café to enjoy a delicious lunch.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we make our way to the Beth Chatto Gardens. The award winning plants-woman and author redeveloped the overgrown wasteland of brambles and created the spectacular gardens today using plants that were adapted to this parched gravel to boggy ditch environment. Explore over 7.5 acres and discover the different garden areas each with their own unique design and plant species. This afternoon we travel to the coast to the popular seaside resort of Clacton-On-Sea take a stroll along the promenade and pier and enjoy an ice cream!

**THURSDAY** This morning we visit Colchester, the old Roman town, Britain's first great city. Encircled by the historic Roman Wall you will find the thriving centre with shopping district and the castle, ruins of the country's oldest church and the winding streets of the Dutch Quarter. We later visit Melford Hall, set within beautiful Suffolk Constable Country. Devastated by a fire in 1942, the stately home has been lovingly restored to its original design. Beatrix Potter was a cousin of the Hyde Parker family who own the Hall and her sketches can be found inside the house, within opulent state rooms finely furnished. The glorious grounds are a delight to wander through.

**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 RHS Garden Hyde Hall
- Entrance to Beth Chatto Gardens
- Entrance to Melford Hall (National Trust)
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

Monday 29th August – Friday 2nd September



NEW

## RAIL, SAIL & ALE IN YORKSHIRE

The Yorkshire Dales has it all! ... a patchwork of green valleys, rugged moorland scenery, farmland laced with dry stone walls. Join us we discover the delights of Yorkshire by boat, train and in the brewery!

**YOUR HOTEL** 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

£425

5 DAYS

### 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** Join us today as leave travel west, across the Bronte Country, famous as the windswept heather clad landscape drawn as an inspiration for the local Bronte Sister authors. We board the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, most famous for its role in the "Railway Children" film and enjoy the beautiful Worth Valley scenery to Oxenhope. We re-join the coach and make our way to the quaint village of Haworth, home to the Bronte Sisters with small stone cottages lined on a steep, cobbled hill.

**WEDNESDAY** We travel across the edge of the Yorkshire Dales this morning to the market town of Skipton, where the weekly market is held on Wednesdays, with time to explore the delightful village with independent shops, 900 year old castle and tranquil canal running through the centre. With time to enjoy a relaxing lunch we board a boat for a gentle journey along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal with guided commentary.

**THURSDAY** After breakfast we journey north 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. This afternoon we visit Black Sheep Brewery, an independent Yorkshire award winning brewery. We enjoy a guided tour of the brewery to discover the story of the family company, learning about the brewing process and how to achieve that perfect pint of ale, topping the tour off with a sample of ales.

**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
- Ticket for the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway
- Boat Cruise on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal
- Guided Tour & Tasting at the Black Sheep Brewery
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £64.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

## Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th September



**NEW**

### A WEEKEND IN WILTSHIRE

Join us for a short break to the beautiful county of Wiltshire with its historic villages, market towns and tranquil country landscapes.

**YOUR HOTEL** Best Western Plus Angel Hotel, Chippenham

A delightful 3\* hotel located in the heart of Chippenham. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious freshly prepared menu and there is an indoor pool on-site.

**TOUR PRICE**

**£195**

**3 DAYS**

#### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave our home area, making a comfort stop on route, to the idyllic market town of Malmesbury. England's oldest borough with its stunning 12th century Abbey. Whilst here you may like to visit to the beautiful Abbey House Gardens, home to over 2000 different roses. We continue to our hotel with time to settle in and explore Chippenham before dinner.

**SATURDAY** Join us today for a visit to the delightful town of Marlborough with one of the UK's widest high streets lined with characterful old buildings and array of quality shops and cafes. After an early lunch we continue to Lacock Abbey and Fox Talbot Museum. Experience medieval rooms and a charming cloister courtyard in this monastic house located in the heart of the village, together with the interesting museum of William Henry Fox Talbot and his contribution to the invention of photography.

**SUNDAY** Following a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to Bradford-On-Avon with time to explore this pretty town with its ancient bridge straddling the picturesque river. After lunch we continue our homeward journey reaching our home area early-evening.

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Lacock Abbey & Fox Talbot Museum (NT)
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £20.00 (Max 5)  
Travel insurance £20.00

## Saturday 3rd – Sunday 4th September



### LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON AND 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 15 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, Pretty Woman, Mary Poppins, Back To The Future, Get Up, Stand Up! Bob Marley The Musical, Frozen The Musical, Moulin Rouge The Musical and Cinderella The Musical (All show dates correct at time of printing, but subject to change).

**YOUR HOTEL** Holiday Inn London Heathrow M4 Jct 4, West Drayton, London

A luxuriously appointed 4\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with satellite TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a generous buffet breakfast and evening dinner. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

**TOUR PRICE**

**THEATRE WEEKEND**

**£225**

**LONDON/ WINDSOR**

**£125**

**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 exploring the many attractions London offers. Late afternoon, we all re-join the coach and travel to our hotel, with ample time to freshen up before dinner.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we 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 return to the West Country, again with a comfort stop en route, arriving mid-evening.

*It is very likely that either proof of double vaccination (digital NHS App or paper NHS COVID Pass letter) or a proof of a negative lateral flow test (24 hours prior to show) will be required to allow admission into the theatres.*

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

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

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00  
Travel insurance £18.00



Monday 5th – Friday 9th 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

£389

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 on 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 £25.00

Monday 5th – Friday 9th September



## 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

£385

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** 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.

**TUESDAY** 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!

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we make our way to Tenterden where we 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 station at Bodiam. We re-join the coach and continue to Batemans – the Jacobean house, home to Rudyard Kipling. Surrounded by a peaceful woodland landscape, Batemans was the perfect family home to Kipling, with its mullioned windows, oak panelled walls and expansive library, all becoming an inspiration for his literary works. Explore the house and experience the rooms as he left them and discover the gardens with orchard, lily pond, rose garden and wild meadow. The Mulberry Tea Rooms serves delicious light lunches and afternoon teas and there is a well-stocked gift shop.

**THURSDAY** 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.

**FRIDAY** s 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 Batemans House & Gardens (Nat Trust)
- Kent & East Sussex Railway ticket
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £44.00  
Sea View Room Supplement (per person) £32.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

**Monday 5th – Friday 9th September**



## OXFORDSHIRE & THE COTSWOLDS VILLAGES

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** Holiday Inn Leamington Spa-Warwick, Leamington Spa

A modern 3\* hotel. Each of the en-suite bedrooms has a TV, hairdryer, telephone, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to each floor. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and there is a fitness suite on-site.

**TOUR PRICE**

**£375**

**5 DAYS**

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area with a comfort stop on route, making a lunch stop at Tewkesbury. Explore this delightful riverside village with its quirky antique shops and friendly cafes, discover the 900 year old Abbey with stained glass windows. We later continue to our hotel, arriving with plenty of time to relax and 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. We re-join the coach and make our way to the nearby Batsford Arboretum with time to enjoy a bite to eat in the large restaurant and explore the grounds with its vast collection of trees, shrubs and plants from across the world. The garden centre is always a joy to browse and for those who wish, the falconry centre on-site can also be visited for an extra fee.

**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, with friendly cafes and souvenir shops to browse. We continue to Bourton-On-The-Water, perhaps one of the most beautiful of all the Cotswold villages. Enjoy a late lunch or an indulgent afternoon tea and time to wander along the tranquil river that flows through the heart of the village, browse the gift shops or perhaps visit the model village.

**THURSDAY** A full day excursion to the iconic city of Oxford, famous for its 38 University colleges and architecture creating 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 Stow-on-the-Wold for a stop for coffee, before continuing to Cirencester, the capital of the Cotswolds, for lunch. With time to explore its picturesque narrow streets with honey-coloured buildings, 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
- Entrance to Batsford Arboretum
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £84.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

**Wednesday 7th – Thursday 8th September**



## SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY & ASTON HALL

Join us for a short break as we take a steam train journey along the beautiful Severn Valley and enjoy a guided tour at one of England's last great 17th century stately homes (Aston Hall) to be built in all its Jacobean splendour!

**YOUR HOTEL** Ramada Birmingham Solihull Hotel, Solihull

A modern 3\* hotel. Each of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms have TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift at the hotel. The restaurant offers delicious traditional evening menu and a hearty breakfast.

**TOUR PRICE**

**£139**

**2 DAYS**

### ITINERARY

**WEDNESDAY** We leave our home area and make our way north, with a coffee stop on route, to Bridgnorth for lunch. The town has an upper and lower section, connected by the steepest inland funicular railway in Britain. Once a thriving port on the lower town, the upper town is home to a castle and fine town mansions. After lunch we board the Severn Valley Railway for a picturesque steam train ride through 16 miles of countryside, arriving at Kidderminster, where we re-join the coach and make our way to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

**THURSDAY** After an unhurried breakfast, we travel to Aston Hall, one of Britain's last great Jacobean style stately homes, built between 1618 – 1635, we enjoy a fascinating guided tour of the Hall. Learn about the Hall's royal visitors, its involvement during the English Civil War and the creation of Lady Holte's walled garden. With time to enjoy the lunch in the café and wander through the delightful grounds, we later begin our homeward journey, with a comfort stop on route, arriving in the West Country late afternoon – early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night's Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Steam Train Journey on Severn Valley Railway
- Guided Tour of Aston Hall
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £25.00  
Travel insurance £18.00



Thursday 8th – Thursday 15th September



## AUSTRIA TYROL, ALPINE MOUNTAINS & FESTIVAL OF COWS

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 Hirschen Hotel, Imst

A family run 3\* hotel with traditional Tyrolean style, just a short stroll from the town centre. Each of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms are furnished with TV, hairdryer and telephone. Most rooms are accessible by a lift. The restaurant serves a traditional evening menu and hearty Austrian breakfast. There is a cosy lounge bar area and an indoor swimming pool.

TOUR  
PRICE

£675

8 DAYS



### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** 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, arriving in time for the evening meal.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast, we continue our journey, with regular comfort stops on route, travelling through France, Switzerland and across the border into Austria, to our hotel in Imst, arriving with time to freshen up before dinner.

**SATURDAY** Today we experience the highlight of our tour for the annual alpine cattle drive in the traditional Austrian village of Jerzens. 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 cows festival date can be subject to change and cannot be guaranteed).



**SUNDAY** We are joined today by a local guide for a guided coach tour of Imst, a small sunny Austrian town in the Pitztal Valley region of the Tyrol. We will discover the history and culture of the town with free time to continue exploring at leisure. You may like to visit its parish church, the local museums to learn more about its winter carnival seasons or perhaps enjoy a quiet lunch in one of its many peaceful taverns.

**MONDAY** After breakfast we travel along the Inn Valley towards the historic city of Innsbruck, the capital of the Tyrol. This was the seat of Austria's Imperial Court in the 15th century. Explore the narrow streets with traditional architecture in the Old Town leading to the market square 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.

**TUESDAY** 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.

**WEDNESDAY** 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 Metz, arriving in time for dinner.

**THURSDAY** 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
- Musical entertainment on 1 evening
- Guided Tour of Imst
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £160.00  
Travel insurance £47.00

**Saturday 10th – Sunday 11th September**



## A WEEKEND ON THE NORTH CORNWALL COAST

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

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area and travel west, with a coffee stop on route, to St Ives – a favourite for artists who flock here to paint the bright reflective sunlight, with local artwork available to buy in the galleries. The picturesque fishing harbour is a beautiful place to stroll, enjoy lunch and browse the shops. Whilst here you may like to visit the Tate St Ives Gallery. We re-join the coach later this afternoon and make the short journey to our hotel with time to explore Newquay before dinner.

**SUNDAY** Sadly leave our hotel after breakfast make the journey along the north Cornwall coast to the quaint fishing village of Padstow for lunch and time to enjoy the vibrant harbour. Mid-afternoon we begin our homeward journey reaching our home area early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

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

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single Supplement £16.00 (Max 2)  
Travel insurance £18.00

**TOUR PRICE**

**£95**

**2 DAYS**

**Sunday 11th – Monday 12th September**



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## A WEEKEND IN WINDSOR WITH AFTERNOON CREAM TEA

Join us for a brand-new tour, staying in the Royal town of Windsor with its many attractions including Windsor Castle. We have included a delicious afternoon cream tea at the Castle Hotel.

### **YOUR HOTEL** The Castle Hotel, Windsor

A superb 4\* elegant Georgian style hotel ideally located in the heart of Windsor, opposite Windsor Castle and Guildhall. Each of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms are furnished with TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The hotel restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast.

### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave the West Country, with comfort stops on route and make our way into the old town of Windsor. With time to explore this historic royal borough, with its stunning castle and favourite royal retreat of Her Majesty the Queen. We have arranged an afternoon cream tea in the Castle Hotel later today, before an evening at leisure to choose a restaurant of your choice for dinner.

**MONDAY** Today is free to continue exploring Windsor at leisure. Perhaps you might like to join a sight-seeing tour bus and discover Windsor and Eton, or take a gentle boat trip along the Thames, take a stroll through Windsor Great Park or pick up a walking trail leaflet at the information centre and explore the town on foot. 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's Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Afternoon Cream Tea at The Castle Hotel
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £49.00 (Max 5)  
Travel insurance £18.00

**TOUR PRICE**

**£165**

**2 DAYS**



Monday 12th – Friday 16th September



## WONDERFUL WARWICKSHIRE

Warwickshire is the affectionately known as Shakespeare country with Elizabethan splendour and where olde-England meets modern vibrant market towns. A rural haven for a guaranteed relaxing holiday!

**YOUR HOTEL** The Charlecote Pheasant Hotel, Warwick

A delightful 3\* hotel full of character and charm set within its own landscaped gardens in the quaint village of Charlecote. Each of the comfortably furnished en-suite bedrooms are equipped with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The restaurant serves a traditional evening menu and generous breakfast.

TOUR  
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way north, stopping for coffee and on to the tranquil market town of Evesham for a late lunch. We later complete our journey to our hotel with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** This morning we make our way to the sleepy village of Moreton-In-Marsh, located on the northern edge of the Cotswolds for its weekly market - the largest street market in the region. With time to enjoy this peaceful Cotswolds village and a relaxing lunch, this afternoon we make our way to the regency town of Royal Leamington Spa. A thriving spa town with stunning Georgian architecture and pump room & baths lush parklands and independent boutiques and traditional high street shops, together with over 60 pubs and restaurants, there is something for everyone.

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today as we travel to Stratford Upon Avon, home of Shakespeare country with its magnificent Tudor buildings and Elizabethan history, home of the world's most famous playwright, William Shakespeare. You may like to visit his childhood home the old school room, & Guildhall, or perhaps enjoy a gentle boat trip along the banks of the River Avon. The Holy Trinity Church is a short walk from the centre with the graves of Shakespeare & members of his family. The town centre is full of interesting shops and many restaurants and cafes.

**THURSDAY** This morning we make our way into the quintessential English town of Warwick with its crooked buildings, canal and historic castle. There are several quaint tea rooms to enjoy morning coffee before we continue to Upton House & Gardens (National Trust). This honey-coloured house, former 1930's home to Lord & Lady Bearsted, with dramatic terraced gardens is filled with a fabulous art collection, one of the finest in 20th century England. The Pavilion Café offers a range of light snacks and refreshments.

**FRIDAY** It's time to say goodbye to glorious Warwickshire as start for home, stopping for lunch in the tranquil riverside town of Tewkesbury, before completing our journey reach our home area early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entry to Upton House & Gardens (NT)
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

Monday 12th – Friday 16th September



## SECRET GARDENS OF SOUTH WALES

If you are looking for a break not too far from home, South Wales is a perfect location. Offering beautiful rugged landscape, market towns and secret garden gems.

**YOUR HOTEL** Ivy Bush Royal Hotel, Carmarthen

We are delighted to return to this lovely 3\* hotel ideally located in the heart of town. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant offers a delicious choice of dishes, using local, seasonal produce, and the bar offers a relaxing area to sit.

TOUR  
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area, with a comfort stop en route, travel over the border into Wales and on to Abergavenny for lunch. We then complete our journey to Carmarthen and our hotel, arriving with ample time to settle in before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast we enjoy a circular journey through the spectacular Brecon Beacon National Park to the market town of Brecon with time to explore its cathedral, museum and canal basin and enjoy an early lunch before we make our way to the nearby Aberglasney Gardens with over 10 acres of magnificent grounds which have been lovingly restored to their former glory, with 20 different areas to explore including the Elizabethan Cloister, the only surviving example in Britain.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning is free to explore Carmarthen at leisure. Said to be the oldest town on Wales, it is steeped in history from Roman times, and with cultural links to the wizard Merlin! Discover local shops selling delicious local Welsh produce and crafts. With time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch, we make our way to the National Botanic Garden with over 400 acres of landscapes from wild meadows, evocative woodlands, waterfalls, garden designs together with a great glasshouse and tropical house, and bird of prey centre.

**THURSDAY** Join us today as we enjoy a day in the popular seaside resort of Tenby in the neighbouring region of Pembrokeshire. With its glorious beaches and fine Victorian houses, Tenby is perhaps one of South Wales' best-loved coastal resorts. You may like to take a boat trip out to Caldey Island from the harbour, take a stroll along the coast path or just explore the town sampling fish and chips and a delicious ice cream, or two!

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast and make our way to Dewstow Gardens and Grottoes, a unique horticultural gem in Monmouthshire. The estate was the creation of Henry Oakley, who had a passion for cultivation of ferns, tropical flowers and plants. Discover the rock gardens, ponds, water features, tropical glass house and unique subterranean grottoes and labyrinth of tunnels. There is a tea rooms on site to enjoy a bit to eat, before we complete our homeward journey, reaching our home area early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entry to National Botanic Gardens of Wales
- Entry to Aberglasney Gardens
- Entry to Dewstow Gardens & Grottoes
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £48.00 (Max 5)  
Subsequent Singles £96.00  
(subject to availability)  
Travel insurance £25.00

**Monday 12th – Friday 16th 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.

### 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:

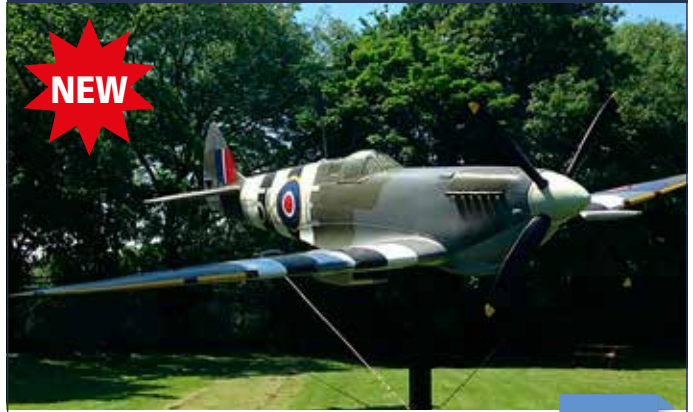
Single supplement £80.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

**£395**

5 DAYS

**Friday 16th – Monday 19th September**



## SECRET WARTIME BRITAIN

During the Second World War thousands of sites across Britain were requisitioned to support the war efforts. Join us on this fascinating tour to discover some of the wartime secrets with an after dinner talk to learn what life was like for civilians living in Buckinghamshire, together with visits to Hughenden Manor where a secret map making operation took place, the Battle of Britain Bunker and the famous code breaking Bletchley Park.

### YOUR HOTEL Best Western Signature Wroxtton House Hotel, Near Banbury

A charming 3\* hotel located in the tranquil thatched village of Wroxtton. Each of the comfortably furnished en-suite bedrooms is equipped with TV, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. Please note due to the characterful nature of the hotel there is no lift. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty breakfast.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country, with a comfort stop on route, and visit the REME Museum at Lyneham to explore the story of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. With over 130,000 items in the collection including specialist recovery vehicles, medals, weapons, uniforms and radio equipment, learn about the history of the REME since it was formed in 1942. We continue to our hotel arriving in time to freshen up before dinner.

**SATURDAY** Join us today as we visit the Battle of Britain Bunker near Uxbridge. It housed RAF Fighter Command's No 11 Group Operations Room where the RAF co-ordinated most of the Battle of Britain. We join a one-hour bunker tour (with 76 steps into the underground tunnel) to experience the original bunker and exhibition room. This afternoon we make our way to Henley On Thames with time to explore one of the most beautiful riverside towns in England.

**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, stories and history of the men and women who lived and worked here in complete secrecy. There is an on-site restaurant. After dinner tonight we are joined by an expert guest speaker to learn about Buckingham's war and to learn about secret sites including Whaddon Chase, Latimer House, Churchill's Toyshop & Bletchley Park.

**MONDAY** We begin our journey home via Hughenden Manor (National Trust). Former home of Victorian Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli, a secret wartime past is revealed with interactive exhibits and eye-witness accounts. Find out why Hughenden was on Hitler's hit-list as Britain's secret map making operation with over 100 RAF personnel based here during the war.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to REME Museum Lyneham
- Guided Tour of the Battle of Britain Bunker
- Entrance to Bletchley Park
- After dinner speaker about wartime secret sites
- Entry to Hughenden Manor (NT)
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

**£320**

4 DAYS



**Sunday 18th – Thursday 22nd September**



## KENT – CASTLES, TRAINS & 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 include indoor heated pool.

**TOUR PRICE**

**£465**

**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 (Max 5)  
Travel insurance £25.00

**Monday 19th – Friday 23rd September**



## 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**

**£395**

**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:

No single supplement (Max 5)  
Boat trip to Caldy Island  
Travel insurance £25.00

Sunday 18th – Saturday 24th September



## THE BLACK FOREST & THE BEAUTIFUL 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).

TOUR  
PRICE

£585

7 DAYS



### 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 near Lille, arriving in time for dinner.

**MONDAY** 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.

**TUESDAY** 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 Ribeauvillé, with its beautiful flower bedecked half-timber framed buildings, cobble 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, cobble alleyways, stone arch gateways and gift shops.



**WEDNESDAY** 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 cobble 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".

**THURSDAY** 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, cobble 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.

**FRIDAY** 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.

**SATURDAY** 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 £95.00  
Travel insurance £45.00



Monday 19th – Friday 23rd September

Warner Leisure Hotels  
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## BODELWYDDAN CASTLE, NORTH WALES

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. Set in 200 acres of beautifully tended parkland and commanding a hilltop position.

**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 facilities. 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. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

### 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 hotel's 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 £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£485

5 DAYS

Sunday 25th – Thursday 29th 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.

### 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

TOUR  
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Entrance to Beamish Open-Air Museum  
Single supplement £100.00  
Travel insurance £25.00



## 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

£585

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 £27.00



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## SCOTLAND – BONNIE BORDERS TO HIGHLAND HEIGHTS

TOUR PRICE

**£795**

10 DAYS

Join us as we discover the fascinating landscape and history of Scotland, passing through the Scottish Borders and across the dramatic scenery of the Highlands.

### **YOUR HOTEL** Craigmonie Hotel, Inverness

A locally rated 3\* hotel located in a quiet leafy area of Inverness. Each of the 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 evening menu and hearty Scottish breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and sauna.

### **YOUR HOTEL** Barony Castle Hotel, Peebles

A historic 3\* hotel set within 25 acres of beautiful grounds. Each of the en-suite bedrooms is furnished with TV, telephone, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. Due to the nature of the building, there is no lift, but accessible rooms are available. The restaurant serves a delicious menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor pool and gym.

### 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 continue our journey north, over the border into Scotland, stopping for coffee and lunch, as we travel through some spectacular landscapes, around the outskirts of the Cairngorm National Park to Inverness, our base for the next four nights.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way across the heart of the Highlands to the picturesque fishing village of Ullapool, nestled along the shores of Lochbroom. Affectionately known as the gateway to the Northern Highlands, it is well known for its delicious seafood and spectacular surrounding scenery. Whilst here you may like to visit the local museum or perhaps take a gentle boat cruise from the pier to see the fabulous sea life including seals and white-tailed eagles.

**FRIDAY** Today we enjoy the scenery of the Cairngorms National Park. We make a stop in the town of Aviemore with time to explore at leisure and enjoy lunch before we head a little further across the landscape, passing Loch Morlich to visit the Cairngorm Reindeer Centre. Here we will enjoy a paddock visit to see the herd close up and learn about these beautiful animals.

**SATURDAY** Today is free to explore Inverness at leisure. Known as Scotland's "Highland Capital" there is much to see and do in this vibrant city. You may like to visit the city's many museums and galleries, the castle or cathedral. Or perhaps take a stroll along River Ness, browse the lively shopping district or just enjoy a relaxing lunch in one of the many



cafes or restaurants.

**SUNDAY** We leave our hosts in Inverness and travel south to Stirling for a lunch stop, then on to our hotel in Peebles via a photograph stop at The Kelpies, a 30-foot horse head sculpture. We arrive at our hotel, our base for the next four nights, with time to settle in before dinner.

**MONDAY** Join us today as we visit the spectacular Floors Castle, a 300-year old Scottish borders castle, the largest inhabited stately home, still occupied by the same historic family. Discover one of Scotland's most grand stately homes, built by the Dukes of Roxburghe. Discover its collection of fine art, porcelain, furniture and tapestries all set within grand rooms with superb views. Wander through the woodland and gardens and enjoy lunch in the terrace café. We return to our hotel via the Scottish border town of Peebles on the River Tweed.

**TUESDAY** This morning we enjoy a scenic journey on the Border Railway, departing Tweedbank, passing historic mining towns, open farmland and lush valleys, arriving in Edinburgh late morning. With time to grab a bite to eat, we re-join the coach and make our way to Rosslyn Chapel. Founded in 1446, the mysterious symbolism of its ornate stonework has inspired authors and artists ever since. It found new starred fame after its appearance in the Dan Brown novel "The Da Vinci Code" and has become one of Scotland's most visited attractions. Experience the marvellous stone carvings of angels, green men and the famous apprentice pillar, the glorious stained-glass windows and the beautiful Lady Chapel, the most decorated part of the building.

**WEDNESDAY** Today we have the whole day to explore Edinburgh and enjoy this historic city's many highlights. The castle stands dominant at the centre of Scotland's capital and seat of the Scottish Government. Explore the medieval Old Town and the Royal Mile leading from the castle to Holyrood Palace, intercept with narrow cobbled streets and stairways creating a secret world. There are a wide variety of shops and cafes in the city, together with galleries and museums. For the more adventurous you may like to climb to the National Monument at Calton Hill for superb views across the city, or make your way across to the Royal Yacht Britannia to experience the former royal yacht of Her Majesty The Queen.

**THURSDAY** Sadly it is time to return home. After breakfast, we journey south, stopping for coffee and lunch en route and reaching the West Country mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 9 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to the Cairngorm Reindeer Centre
- Entrance to Floors Castle and Estate
- Scenic Single Journey on the Borders Railway
- Entrance to Rosslyn Chapel
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £120.00  
Travel insurance £31.00

Monday 26th – Friday 30th 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.

### 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 £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

Monday 26th – Friday 30th September



## LLANDUDNO & THE WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY

Llandudno is the premier resort of North Wales, set along a wide, curving bay overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, with the magnificent mountains as its backcloth. Join us for a heritage railway journey in the Snowdonia National Park.

### YOUR HOTEL Tynedale Hotel, Llandudno

We're delighted to return to this welcoming 3\* 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

**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 along the coast, heading south-west 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** Join us today as we enjoy some of the most delightful scenery of the Snowdonia National Park. Our first stop is at Portmeirion, the Italianate style village, built and designed by the Welsh architect Clough Williams-Ellis from 1925, with shops, gardens and tea rooms. We later continue across Snowdonia to the picturesque village of Betws-y-Coed, with its large village green & numerous craft shops, set in a beautiful forest valley.

**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
- Entrance to Portmeirion Village
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£475

5 DAYS



Friday 30th Sept – Monday 3rd 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£245

4 DAYS

### 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 £33.00  
Sea View Room Supplement (per person) £24.00  
Travel insurance £23.00

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th October



## THE VERY BEST OF CORNWALL

Falmouth is Cornwall's leading south coast resort and home to maritime heritage. It has been a flourishing port for over 400 years and it rests at the point where seven rivers flow onto a long stretch of water and boasts a beautiful sheltered harbour.

### YOUR HOTEL Membly Hall Hotel, Falmouth

A lovely 3\* hotel situated in one of the most picturesque regions of Cornwall, occupying a sea front position with splendid views. All rooms are en-suite, with TV, hairdryer, tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors and the restaurant offers an excellent choice of menu, often using Cornish farm produce. Leisure facilities include sauna and spa, indoor short mat bowls & table tennis, and entertainment most evenings.

TOUR  
PRICE

£325

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area, with a comfort stop en route, before continuing 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.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast, we visit Trebah Garden, with autumn being the best season to view Hydrangea Valley with its clouds of soft white and china blue, with beautiful views across Mallard Pond, gift shop and tearoom. We continue to the traditional Cornish town of Helston with its mix of independent shops, cosy cafes and large boating lake with flat promenade.

**WEDNESDAY** This morning we make our way to Truro, Cornwall's capital city with plenty of time to visit the impressive triple-spined cathedral, browse the many shops and enjoy lunch. We return to Falmouth with the afternoon free to explore the many attractions including the National Maritime Museum and Pendennis Castle. There is also a charming mix of shops from specialist outlets to well-known high street names, art galleries, and many tearooms.

**THURSDAY** Join us as we travel across Cornwall to St Ives, a typical English seaside resort with picturesque harbour and seafront, with many delightful gift shops. There is also the Barbara Hepworth Museum and the Tate Gallery, which together celebrate the work of a group of young painters, potters and sculptors. You will also find some lovely cafes to lunch. We return with a stop at Lands End... the most westerly point in England where you may like to walk to the first & last house in England, or sit in the restaurant, ideally located with spectacular views of the rugged coastline out to the Atlantic, and enjoy a cup of tea.

**FRIDAY** Sadly this morning we leave our hotel and make our way to picturesque Padstow with time to browse the many gift & craft shops, and enjoy lunch. We continue our homeward journey, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Trebah Gardens
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement  
Sea View Room Supplement £44.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

**NEW**



## IRELAND & THE FERMANAGH LAKELANDS

Discover the charm of Northern Ireland's crystal-clear lakes adorned with islands and peninsulas. We experience the elegance of the Fermanagh Lakeland region with a sunset dinner cruise. We also spend time along Southern Ireland's east coast to explore the seaside town of Bray.

### **YOUR HOTEL** The Royal Hotel, Bray

A 3\* hotel located in the heart of Bray and a just short stroll from the seafront. 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 offers a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. The leisure club boasts a beautiful heated indoor pool, sauna, steam room, jacuzzi and fitness suite.

### **YOUR HOTEL** Manor House Country Hotel, Killadeas, Enniskillen

A 4\* former manor house combines old-world elegance with modern comfort located on the shores of Lough Erne. Each of the comfortable en-suite rooms are furnished with TV and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves most floors. The restaurant serves a choice evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include an indoor heated pool, jacuzzi and sauna.

### 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 in Ireland, we travel to our overnight hotel in Wexford for dinner.

**SATURDAY** We leave our hotel and make our way north towards the Wicklow Mountains National Park. We travel via Enniscorthy and Arklow and onto Avoca, the setting for the TV series "Ballykissangel" and home of Ireland's oldest working mill, the Avoca Handweavers where visitors can watch as tweed cloth is produced. With time to enjoy lunch, we continue through the Vale of Clara to Glendalough, an ancient monastic site surrounded by forests. Here you can explore the visitor centre and enjoy afternoon tea in the café, before we complete our journey to our hotel in Bray, our base for the next 2 nights.

**SUNDAY** Today is free to explore the seaside town of Bray, the largest town in County Wicklow, known as the gateway to the Garden of Ireland. Stroll along the shingle beach and long promenade which extends along the cliff path. You may like to visit the seafront aquarium, or browse the shops in the town centre, or perhaps hop on a train or bus and make the short journey into the heart of Dublin, just 12 miles up the coast to visit Southern Ireland's vibrant capital.



**TOUR  
PRICE**

**£695**

**8 DAYS**



**MONDAY** After breakfast we leave our hotel in Bray and make our way across Ireland via Mullingar and Longford to the picturesque town of Carrick-On-Shannon with time to explore the bustling marina, stroll through attractive streets with traditional shops and enjoy a relaxing lunch in one of the cafes. We complete our journey to our hotel on the shores of Lough Erne, with time to settle in and relax before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we visit Blessingbourne Country Estate for a guided tour of the Elizabethan style house and gardens by the lady of the manor with its beautiful interiors and art collections. We also see the costume and carriage collection with a fascinating array of original carriages, coaches, a genuine Romany caravan, penny farthings and horse-drawn farm machinery. We complete our visit with tea and homemade cakes. We return to our hotel with time to relax and enjoy the hotel's facilities and Lakeland setting. This evening we enjoy a sunset dinner cruise on Lough Erne (depending on numbers, some guests may have this dinner cruise on Thursday evening).

**WEDNESDAY** Join us today as we visit the Ulster American Folk Park, one of Ireland's major attractions. Here you'll experience the epic story of Ireland's emigration from the quaint thatched houses of Ulster to the dramatic American Frontier, brought to life by costumed re-enactments. After lunch we visit Belleek Pottery, Ireland's oldest pottery having produced delicate Parian china for over 150 years.

**THURSDAY** Sadly, we leave our hotel and make the short journey into the centre of Enniskillen. Built on a natural island that splits the Upper & Lower Lough Erne, this attractive waterside setting bustles with boats and has many lively pubs and cafes. The 16th century castle, home to the Royal Fusiliers, contains an impressive regimental museum. The Butter Market is a restored dairy market from the early 1800's with a range of Irish craft workshops, studios & galleries. After an early lunch we continue our journey via the fishing town of Cavan and the historic town of Navan, before arriving at our overnight hotel in Stillorgan.

**FRIDAY** 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 on route, arriving early-mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- Guided Tour of Blessingbourne House & Gardens
- Tea & Homemade Cakes at Blessingbourne Estate
- Entrance to Ulster American Folk Park
- Entrance to Belleek Pottery
- Sunset Dinner Cruise on 1 evening
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £140.00  
Travel insurance £47.00





## PORTUGAL... DELIGHTS OF THE DOURO VALLEY

One of the most spectacular and scenic rivers in Europe, the Douro rises in Spain and enters the Atlantic in Porto, Portugal's second largest city. It winds its way through the world's first demarcated wine region, with its fertile valleys and slopes and little towns and villages. Affectionately described as an Enchanted Valley, beauty and magical landscapes will surround you!

### YOUR HOTEL Hotel Axis Vermar, Povoia de Varzim

A locally rated 4\* hotel located on the beach front. All en-suite bedrooms are equipped with TV, telephone and Wi-Fi access. The restaurant serves a delicious choice evening menu and generous continental breakfast. There is a large lounge area to relax and leisure facilities include an outdoor and indoor pool and fitness suite.

TOUR  
PRICE

£945

10 DAYS



### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** We leave our home area and, with a comfort stop en route, 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 and leisure area, elegant bars and lounges and 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, 2 cinemas showing the latest movies and great shopping in the stylish malls. All cabins are en suite and air-conditioned.

**MONDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we continue our cruise, to make use of the facilities on board. Our ship arrives in Santander early afternoon, where we re-join the coach and travel south across Northern Spain to our overnight hotel in Palencia, arriving in time to freshen up before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast we continue our journey through Spain and into Portugal, stopping for lunch in the charming historic town of Chaves. We continue to our resort in Povoia de Varzim, with time to settle in and explore your surroundings before dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** Today you have a choice – EITHER spend time on resort and explore the local area OR join us for a remarkable boat cruise along the spectacular Douro River into the heart of the Douro Valley region. We join the boat in Porto early morning, with breakfast served onboard and enjoy a scenic whole day cruise along one of Europe's most beautiful stretches of countryside with sun-drenched vineyards, charming villages and historic landmarks peppering the river banks. A 3 course lunch is served on board together with wine, beer, soft drinks and tea/coffee as we enjoy a dining experience against a magnificent scenic backdrop before arriving in Regua where we are met and returned by our coach to the hotel.



**THURSDAY** This morning we head in land to the historic town of Guimaraes for a guided walking tour. The first capital of Portugal and now a UNESCO Heritage Site, you will find a 15th century Palace of the Dukes, a 10th century castle and the picturesque Praça de Oliveira market square. With time to enjoy lunch we later make our way to the cultural town of Braga where the country's first bishops and earliest cathedral were established. Landmarks include the famous Bom Jesus Church with its famed Baroque staircase that depicts the ascent to heaven, pretty gardens and piazzas and a labyrinth of narrow streets and historic buildings.

**FRIDAY** Today is free to relax on resort and enjoy its beautiful beach with golden sands and clear waters which extends the entire length of the town. There are many restaurants and cafes to enjoy a leisurely lunch and a historic centre to browse the local shops and pick up a souvenir.

**SATURDAY** We are joined this morning by a local guide to visit the historic coastal town of Porto, Portugal's second city with its beautiful buildings and atmospheric squares. With time at leisure after the coach and walking tour, we later visit a Port Wine Estate across the river in the Vila Nova de Gaia area and learn about the process of producing port wines whilst enjoying a sample or two!

**SUNDAY** Sadly, we leave our hosts in Portugal and make the journey back into Northern Spain with comfort and lunch stops on route, to our overnight hotel in Palencia, arriving in time to settle in before dinner.

**MONDAY** This morning, we make our way to Santander where we rejoin our ferry for an evening overnight sailing to Portsmouth giving you more time to continue to enjoy its many facilities.

**TUESDAY** With the morning free to relax on board and enjoy a leisurely breakfast and lunch, we arrive in Portsmouth late afternoon and after disembarking, rejoin the coach and return to our home area.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- 2 nights' ferry accommodation in lower berth inside cabins
- Guided Tour of Guimaraes
- Guided Tour of Porto
- Guided Visit & Tasting at a Port Wine Estate
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Douro Valley River Cruise (including breakfast & 3 course lunch) £75.00  
Meals on board ferry  
Lower-berth outside cabin £95.00 per person  
Single supplement £165.00  
Travel insurance £49.00

## Monday 3rd – Friday 7th 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** Runnymede Court Hotel, St Helier

A warm welcome awaits at this lovely family run hotel, just a few minutes' walk from the centre of Jersey's capital, St Helier and close to the beach front at Havre des Pas. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, WiFi access and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a wide variety of dishes and the hotel bar offers a quiet area to relax.

TOUR  
PRICE

£349

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 local coach and taken to your hotel. The reception staff will welcome you to Runnymede Court Hotel and arrange your evening meal and breakfast times, provide information about hotel services and will be happy to help if you wish to hire a car, request bus timetables etc.

**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 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!

**FRIDAY** Sadly it's today time to leave Jersey. You will be collected again by coach and transferred back 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:

No Single Supplement (Max 3)  
Subsequent Singles £94.00  
Travel insurance £40.00

## Monday 3rd – Friday 7th 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

£525

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 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 £40.00



Monday 3rd – Friday 7th October



## DELIGHTFUL DORSET & THE NEW FOREST

Dorset is one of southern England's most popular holiday destinations with beautiful sandy coastlines, bustling harbour towns and rolling countryside landscapes. The New Forest is another of the south's much-loved locations – England's newest National Park, where wild ponies wander the roads between the many picturesque villages.

### YOUR HOTEL Ocean Beach Hotel & Spa, Bournemouth

A 3\* hotel, recently refurbished to high standards of comfort with stunning views across the bay. All rooms are en-suite with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious menu and a hearty breakfast. The lounge bar with ocean view terrace is a quiet area to relax, and leisure facilities include a wellness suite and spa. Entertainment is provided on some evenings.

### 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 and maybe take a stroll along the cliff promenade before dinner and an evening at leisure.

**TUESDAY** The whole day is free for you to spend in Bournemouth. You may like to take a walk along the promenade and the award-winning gardens are also well worth strolling through. Close to the pier is the Ocean Aquarium where you can come face to face with many sea creatures including the playful penguins! There are also many shops and restaurants to enjoy coffee, lunch and a Dorset cream tea.

**WEDNESDAY** We today make the short journey to the picturesque town of Poole which boasts the second largest natural harbour in the world. After lunch we travel to Norden Station where we board a steam train for a journey to Swanage, with time to stroll along the promenade and Victorian pier and enjoy an ice cream, before we return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**THURSDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we take a tour across the New Forest, where ponies and cattle freely graze the land and wild deer can often be seen. We stop first in Lymington, an ancient seaport, once more important than Portsmouth. The High Street has lots of unusual shops and restaurants, many in 18th century buildings. We continue to Lyndhurst, named the "Capital of the New Forest" by William the Conqueror 1079. A picturesque, bustling, small town, you will have plenty of time to enjoy its quaint gift shops, tearooms and thatched cottages.

**FRIDAY** Sadly we say goodbye to Bournemouth and make our way to Sherborne, one of England's prettiest towns with mellow stone buildings and picturesque almshouses and two castles! With time to enjoy lunch, we later complete our homeward journey arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Ticket for the Swanage Railway
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)  
Subsequent singles £80.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£335

5 DAYS

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th 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 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 by 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 Kendal. 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 to. Also here you will find the Tower Dungeons and Sea Life Centre or take a trip 380ft into the sky to the top of The Blackpool Tower and experience the thrilling SkyWalk. There is also the Pleasure Beach with rides and shows for all ages, Madame Tussauds 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 £60.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£325

5 DAYS

Friday 7th – Monday 10th 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)  
River View Balcony Single £45.00 (Max 1)  
River View Double or Twin £15.00 per person  
River View With Balcony Double or Twin £45.00 per person  
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£245

4 DAYS

Monday 10th – Saturday 15th 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 a guided walking tour of St Mary's and 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 of St Mary's
- Entrance to Tresco 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 £27.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£775

6 DAYS



Monday 10th – Friday 14th 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.

### 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 £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£325

5 DAYS

Monday 10th – Friday 14th October



## 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 board the Gwili Steam Railway for a scenic return journey on this heritage along the Gwili River, passing picturesque farmland and steep wooded hillsides. We re-join the coach and 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 cafes in which to enjoy a leisurely lunch.

**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
- Return Journey on the Gwili Steam Railway
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £48.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£359

5 DAYS

## Monday 10th – Friday 14th October



### AUTUMN COLOURS 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! But it isn't just a series of nice views – it is a living landscape brimming with rich history, tradition and nature.

#### **YOUR HOTEL** The Rendezvous Hotel, Skipton

You are assured of a warm welcome at this award winning 3\* family run hotel on the outskirts of the delightful market town of Skipton. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee-making facilities. The canal-facing restaurant offers traditional meals made with locally sourced produce, there is a lift to all floors and the leisure facilities include an indoor pool, whirlpool spa, sauna and gym.

#### 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 continue our autumn 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. We return to Skipton, stopping in Grassington, a picturesque village and the largest in Upper Wharfedale with many gift shops and cafés to enjoy afternoon tea.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast we travel south to Oxenhope, 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 rejoin the coach and make the short journey 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 where you may like to visit the museum. And you will also find many lovely tea rooms, souvenir shops and antiquarian bookshops.

**THURSDAY** The morning is free for you to explore Skipton, where scenes from the film Calendar Girls were shot. The 11th Century castle is well worth a visit, and in addition to a collection of unusual shops there are many cafés and restaurants in which to enjoy an early lunch. This afternoon we travel east to the nearby town of Harrogate, a delightful Victoria 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
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £120.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

## Friday 14th – Monday 17th October



### 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

TOUR  
PRICE

£249

4 DAYS

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £69.00  
Travel insurance £23.00



Sunday 16th – Friday 21st October



## AUTUMN COLOURS OF SCOTLAND... INCLUDING THE ENCHANTED FOREST

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 Fishers Hotel, Pitlochry

A lovely traditional 3\* hotel ideally located in the centre of Pitlochry. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to some floors. Overlooking the gardens, the restaurant serves a delicious freshly prepared menu using local produce.

TOUR  
PRICE

£465

6 DAYS



### ITINERARY

**SUNDAY** After an early departure we leave the West Country and make our way north, with comfort stops en route to Pitlochry arriving with time to settle in before evening meal.

**MONDAY** The morning is free to spend as you please in Pitlochry exploring this delightful town with its spectacular setting under Ben Vrackie. We continue to Blair Athol Scotch Whisky Distillery, one of the oldest working distilleries in Scotland. It wins hearts through its contribution to the Bell's Blend, the most popular blended whisky in the UK. Whilst here you will have a guided tour, tasting and time to browse the gift shop.

**TUESDAY** Join is for a "Royal" day as we begin with a scenic drive through the Cairngorm National Park 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 past Crathie Church, where the Royal Family attend whilst at Balmoral as we begin our return journey, with a stop in Braemar, a village in Upper Deeside, famous for the Highland Games, attended by the Royal Family.



**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make the short distance to the lovely city of Perth, once Scotland's capital, beautifully situated on the banks of the silvery River Tay. As well as the usual shops in the city centre, St John's Kirk, is the perfect place to enjoy coffee in the Café Quarter. For the afternoon we stop in 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 in bronze sculptures set within a beautiful landscaped garden. This evening we take a short shuttle bus ride from the hotel to the "Enchanted Forest", set in Scotland's Faskally Wood, for a spectacular light and sound display, illuminating the tree canopies in dazzling rainbow colours, which dance from tree to tree. Follow a magical pathway through the forest to experience the delightful light and sounds of this award-winning show. We return to the hotel for dinner.

**THURSDAY** This morning we make our way further north, through more stunning autumn scenery, to Aviemore with time to explore the pretty town. We return to Pitlochry with the remainder of the afternoon free to relax before dinner.

**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
- Entrance to Blair Athol Distillery
- Entrance to the Enchanted Forest
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £75.00  
Travel insurance £27.00

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## 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£725

10 DAYS

### 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, an experience in itself.

**MONDAY** Sadly we 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 either Plymouth or Portsmouth (timetable dependent).

**TUESDAY** This morning, enjoy a leisurely breakfast as we continue sailing, and make use of the ship's facilities. We arrive in England 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 £35.00

Meals on board ferry

Lower berth outside cabin £90.00 per person

Single supplement £198.00

Travel insurance £49.00





## PICTURE BOOK ITALY ... SORRENTO & THE AMALFI COAST (WITH OPTIONAL EXCURSION TO ISLAND OF CAPRI)

TOUR  
PRICE

£995

11 DAYS

Italy at its very best Italy with picture postcard views, stunning coastal landscapes and spectacular islands. The Campania region is a mixture of staggering inland volcanic mountains and breathtaking coastal scenery. We experience natural beauty at its highest with an unforgettable drive along the Amalfi Coast, a visit to one of Italy's best-preserved volcanic sites at Herculaneum in the shadow of the great Mount Vesuvius and an optional trip to the Island of Capri.

### YOUR HOTEL Hotel Mary Vico Equense

An Italian 4\* hotel nestled in the hillside, on the Sorrento coastline, overlooking the Bay of Naples, with views across to Mount Vesuvius. There is a lift to all floors. Each room is en-suite and comfortably furnished with air-conditioning, TV, telephone, safe and Wi-Fi access. The restaurant has panoramic views across the Bay of Naples and serves a delicious evening menu and buffet breakfast. The cosy bar offers a quiet area to relax with a beautiful sea front terrace. There is also an outdoor swimming 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 Metz, stopping on route to for an evening meal.

**MONDAY** This morning we continue our journey through France, then Switzerland, and into Italy, with comfort stops on route, arriving in our second overnight hotel near the Italian city of Piacenza, with time to settle in before dinner.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast we continue through Italy, passing through Tuscany and on into Campania, arriving at the hotel in Vico Equense, on the Bay of Naples, our base for the next six nights, arriving with time to relax before dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** Today you have the whole day free to explore the charming town of Vico Equense, its beaches and marina. The centre of town is just a short walk from the hotel, with the Piazza Umberto I at its centre and the 14th century cathedral. There are several museums of interest including an archaeological exhibition with pieces from the area dating from 7th century BC, and a selection of good pizzerias and cafes to enjoy lunch. For those looking to travel a bit further afield, there are daily bus services to nearby Sorrento, (then on to the charming coastal town of Positano) or up to Mount Faito that towers over the Sorrento coastline with views across the bay, island of Capri and towards Mount Vesuvius.

**THURSDAY** Today you have a choice ... EITHER spend another day at leisure on resort OR join us for an optional boat excursion to the Island of Capri. The coach will take us to the marina in Sorrento, where we join a shuttle bus to the harbour to board a boat for the beautiful Island Of Capri. Arriving on the island there are two towns to explore, the lower area of Capri bustling with its shops and marina, and the higher town of Anacapri a short bus ride (approx. €4), a quieter town with authentic handmade crafts and peaceful walking trails. From Anacapri you can take a chairlift to the summit of Monte Solaro with beautiful panoramic views across the bay and the island. Boat trips from Capri offer you the chance to explore the Blue Grotto natural sea caves that illuminate in the midday sun reflecting hues of blue and silver from the inside the cave's mouth. Both Anacapri and Capri have a multitude of restaurants and cafes, and an array of shops to browse.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to the beautiful coastal resort of Sorrento, the "land of mermaids" and coastal citrus groves, gently nestled in the cliffs of the Amalfi coastline. Many historical authors, poets and composers visited here on the "Grand Tour" to take inspiration from the spectacular views and Italian culture. There



is much to see and explore in this charming town, including the marina, basilica, museums and many gift shops selling traditional ceramics and lacework crafts. There are many cafes and bars to enjoy a relaxing lunch and admire the views.

**SATURDAY** Join us this morning as we make our way northwards around the bay to the lower slopes of Mount Vesuvius to the UNESCO World Heritage Site for a guided tour of the ancient town of Herculaneum, a peaceful seaside town that was covered under 20 metres of volcanic mud during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius on the afternoon of 24th August 79AD. Vesuvius had been dormant for over 800 years and the citizens were going about their daily chores without worry or alarm. Far better preserved than its famous neighbour, Pompeii, Herculaneum has been excavated to uncover the fabulously well-preserved remains of Roman houses and public baths, exposing original wood, textile and papyrus scrolls from the 1st century. Beds, doorways, roofs, marble cladding and even foods can be seen inside the houses, a remarkable insight into the lives and domestic life of this great town, frozen in time.

**SUNDAY** The ultimate highlight of our holiday, today we experience the beauty and breath-taking panoramic views of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Amalfi Coast as we drive along the stunning coastal road, described as National Geographic's "ultimate road trips you will ever experience". The journey provides an exhilarating ride along Italy's most stunning road with stunning mountain and ocean scenery slopes, colourful villages and spectacular waves crashing against the rocks below in the emerald-blue Mediterranean Sea. Don't forget your camera – to capture some of the most amazing coastal scenes to found in Europe as we wind our way through narrow roads, tight bends and tunnels cut into the cliff face.

**MONDAY** Sadly, we bid farewell to Vico Equense and the Sorrento peninsula and journey back through Italy, with comfort stops on route, to our overnight hotel in Piacenza, arriving in time for dinner.

**TUESDAY** After breakfast, we continue our journey through northern Italy, and into France, with comfort stops on route, to our second overnight hotel in Metz, with time to relax before dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** We resume our homeward journey to Calais, for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then continue to the West Country, arriving mid evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 9 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast
- 1 night bed & breakfast (1st overnight hotel)
- Boat transfer to the island of Capri
- Admission and guided tour of Herculaneum – preserved volcanic town
- Panoramic drive along the Amalfi Coast
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £190.00 (Max 3)  
Subsequent Singles £260.00  
Shuttle Bus transfer Sorrento Harbour  
& Boat Cruise to Island Of Capri £60.00  
Travel insurance £51.00

Monday 17th – Friday 21st 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, stop 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, 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 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..

**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 complete our homeward journey to the West Country, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Boat Trip on Llangollen Canal & Pontcysyllte Aqueduct
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£335

5 DAYS

Monday 17th – Friday 21st 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 Mercure Kenwood Hall Hotel, Sheffield

A former stately home, now a country house hotel, set in 12 acres of beautiful parkland. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift, the restaurant serves a delicious evening meal and buffet breakfast.

### 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 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 £100.00  
Entrance to attractions at Cromford Mills  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£335

5 DAYS



## Friday 21st – Monday 24th 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 (weather permitting), 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
- 2 x 1 hour "Happy Hours" each evening
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement  
Boat trip to Caldy Island  
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£235

4 DAYS

## Monday 24th – Friday 28th 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** Monarch Hotel, Bridlington

A delightful hotel ideally located on the seafront, with access to flat promenades and a short stroll in town. All en-suite bedrooms are furnished with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to most floors. The panoramic restaurant has wonderful views out to see and serves a traditional evening menu and generous breakfast.

#### ITINERARY

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

**TUESDAY** Join us today as we visit the popular 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. We return to Bridlington with time to explore our resort.

**WEDNESDAY** 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 cafes & restaurants.

**THURSDAY** Today we travel across the North Yorkshire Moors where we board the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, for a scenic heritage train journey to Grosmont. Here we re-join the coach and 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 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
- Ticket for the North Yorkshire Moors Railway
- All coach travel

#### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £32.00 (Max 2)  
Sea View Room Supplement (per person) £20.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£325

5 DAYS

Monday 24th – Thursday 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 Cheyenne Disneyland® Paris Resort

Make your base in the heart of the Old West, where a bustling saloon and restaurant create a lively frontier town atmosphere in this resort-based hotel just a 20 minute walk or a short (free) shuttlebus-ride away from the Disneyland parks. All rooms re ensuite and air-conditioned, with TV, radio, telephone and safe. The restaurant serves a continental buffet breakfast.

TOUR  
PRICE

CHILD  
UNDER 12

£220

ADULT  
& CHILD  
OVER 12

FROM  
£450

4 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** 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.

**TUESDAY – WEDNESDAY** 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!

**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:

- 3 Nights' Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- 2 day Disneyland® Paris Hopper Ticket
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Lunch and evening meals  
Travel insurance £38.00

Monday 24th – Friday 28th October



## THORESBY HALL NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

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. Thoresby Hall is a majestic 18th century Grade 1 listed mansion set in rolling parklands on the edge of Sherwood Forest.

### YOUR HOTEL Thoresby Hall Historic Hotel & Spa, Ollerton, Nottinghamshire

A luxurious 4\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with tea and coffee facilities, complimentary toiletries, TV, hairdryer & iron and ironing board. Indoor leisure facilities include heated pool, sauna, steam room & gym, library, table tennis, snooker and arts & crafts shops. There are also a variety of outdoor activities available. Enjoy dinner in the Pierrepont Restaurant, a truly stunning room with a glass roof before the fantastic dancing and live entertainment each evening. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

TOUR  
PRICE

£435

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way to Warwick for lunch and time if you wish to visit the Doll Museum or the arcaded Market Hall. There are also many shops to browse. We complete our journey to our hotel with time to settle in and familiarise yourselves with your new surroundings before dinner and entertainment.

**TUESDAY** Join us if you wish for a morning excursion to the historic city of Lincoln. Whilst here there will be ample time to explore this treasure trove of England's history; a chance to visit the cathedral and the castle and see the Magna Carta and browse the modern shops which line the river. We return to our hotel after lunch where you can continue to enjoy some of the many facilities.

**WEDNESDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Bakewell, an ancient town in the centre of the Peak District National Park and home of the famous Bakewell Pudding. With time to browse the shops and have lunch, we continue on to Matlock Bath, set in picturesque scenery among the limestone hills. There are many attractions to enjoy including the mining museum and aquarium and souvenir shops. You may also like to take a cable car ride to the Heights of Abraham, with spectacular views above the village.

**THURSDAY** This morning we make our way to the vibrant city of Nottingham, with its Castle, and a magnificent museum and art gallery housing collections of silver, glass, and paintings, with spectacular views across the city. There is also a large selection of shops and restaurants to enjoy lunch. We return to our hotel with the remainder of the day free to spend as you please. As well as the indoor leisure facilities, you may like to stroll around the beautiful gardens.

**FRIDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast, and begin our journey south stopping in Stratford upon Avon, with time to visit William Shakespeare's birthplace, browse the shops 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 3 only)  
Signature room upgrade £30.00  
Travel insurance £25.00



Friday 28th – Monday 31st 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 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£245

4 DAYS

### 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 late afternoon, allowing you 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 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 to. Also here you will find the Tower Dungeons and Sea Life Centre or take a trip 380ft into the sky to the top of The Blackpool Tower and experience the thrilling SkyWalk. There is also the Pleasure Beach with rides and shows for all ages, Madame Tussauds 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 £33.00  
Sea View Room Supplement (per person) £24.00  
Travel insurance £23.00

Friday 28th – Monday 31st October



## ENTERTAINMENT BREAK 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

£219

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 (Max 5)  
Travel insurance £23.00

Monday 31st October – Friday 4th November



## 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£325

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** 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.

**TUESDAY** 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.

**WEDNESDAY** 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.

**THURSDAY** 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.

**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 £60.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

Monday 31st Oct – Friday 4th Nov



## 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 Holiday Inn Ashford Central, Ashford

A modern 3\* hotel. All en-suite bedrooms are furnished with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. The rustic Tavern Barn restaurant serves a delicious traditional evening menu and hearty breakfast. There is a lounge bar area to relax in the evenings.

TOUR  
PRICE

£325

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** 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.

**WEDNESDAY** 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.

**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:

Single Supplement £140.00  
Travel insurance £25.00



Monday 31st October – Friday 4th November



## AUTUMN COLOURS OF 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 George IV Hotel, Criccieth

A 3\* hotel located in the heart of Criccieth with views across to the castle. Each of the en-suite bedrooms is furnished with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a traditional evening menu and hearty breakfast. There is a bar and lounge area to relax in the evenings with entertainment provided on some nights.

### 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 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 Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch 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:

Single supplement (Max 2) £32.00  
Castle View Supplement (per person) £20.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£315

5 DAYS

Saturday 5th – Sunday 6th November



## LONDON THEATRE WEEKEND OR A WEEKEND IN LONDON

Join us for a weekend in London with a choice... an opportunity to simply enjoy a spot of sightseeing OR Take your pick from one of 15 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, Pretty Woman, Mary Poppins, Back To The Future, Get Up, Stand Up! Bob Marley The Musical, Frozen The Musical, Moulin Rouge The Musical and Cinderella The Musical (All show dates correct at time of printing, but subject to change).

### YOUR HOTEL Holiday Inn London Heathrow M4 Jct 4, West Drayton, London

A luxuriously appointed 4\* hotel. All rooms are ensuite, with satellite TV, telephone, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a generous buffet breakfast and evening dinner. Leisure facilities include a fitness suite.

TOUR  
PRICE

THEATRE  
WEEKEND

£225

LONDON

£125

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... 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 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.

*It is very likely that either proof of double vaccination (digital NHS App or paper NHS COVID Pass letter) or a proof of a negative lateral flow test (24 hours prior to show) will be required to allow admission into the theatres.*

### PRICE INCLUDES:

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

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

## Saturday 5th – Wednesday 9th 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 backcloth.

#### **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

**SATURDAY** (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 with 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!

**SUNDAY** (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 Llanfairpwllgwynglgogerychryndrobyllantysiliogogoch, 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.

**MONDAY** (Boxing Day) Join us for a leisurely drive as we travel through stunning scenery around Snowdon and the Llanberis Pass, with a stop for coffee en route to the picturesque village of Betws-y-Coed, North Wales' most popular resort with plenty of time for a warming lunch and time to explore the railway museum and craft shops. Dinner this evening will be the Tynedale's famous gala buffet! Cash bingo and entertainment with another late-night finger buffet complete the evening.

**TUESDAY** (New Year's Eve) A day free to spend as you please in Llandudno, with its fine pier, shops and restaurants. Afternoon tea is served in the hotel 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!

**WEDNESDAY** 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
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No single supplement  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£385

5 DAYS

## Sunday 6th – Monday 7th November



### 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 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 a 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 £70.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£135

2 DAYS



Monday 7th – Friday 11th November



## FESTIVE WARNER BREAK – BEMBRIDGE COAST, 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, 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. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** 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** 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 dinner and entertainment to follow.

**WEDNESDAY** 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** 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.

**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 Poole 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 5)  
Signature Room Upgrade £30.00 per person  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£349

5 DAYS

Friday 11th – Monday 14th 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£219

4 DAYS

### 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 £23.00

Monday 14th – Friday 18th November



## FIZZ & FAYRE IN FESTIVE YORKSHIRE

The Yorkshire Dales has it all! ... a patchwork of green valleys, rugged moorland scenery, farmland laced with dry stone walls. Harrogate Christmas Market is a popular festive event with over 200 stalls, live reindeer and Santa's Grotto all set within the very best of a traditional Yorkshire atmosphere.

### YOUR HOTEL 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.

### 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 a carvery dinner and live entertainment.

**TUESDAY** Join us this morning as we make our way to the unspoilt cathedral city of Ripon, with olde world charm and one of England's finest market squares with the stunning 7th century cathedral dominating the skyline and its medieval wooden carvings that inspired Lewis Carroll to create some of his most famous characters! With time to explore the city and enjoy a warming lunch, we return to Harrogate for the rest of the afternoon to spend at leisure, maybe visiting the famous Betty's Tea Rooms before dinner and more live entertainment.

**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 return to our hotel for a festive themed mini afternoon tea and a glass of fizz!

**THURSDAY** The whole day is free to experience the Harrogate Christmas Market in all its glory. Wander around the 200 stalls offering unique Christmas gift ideas, stocking fillers and beautifully decorated ornaments. Experience live reindeer and Santa's Grotto, the large Christmas Crafts marquee offering locally produced gifts, street entertainment and many delicious food stalls with warm mulled wine and delicious, tasty treats.

**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
- Live entertainment most evenings
- Festive Themed Afternoon Tea
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No Single supplement (Max 5)  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£295

5 DAYS

Monday 14th – Friday 18th November



## GREAT YARMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL & THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

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 entertainment.

**TUESDAY** (Christmas Eve) The morning is free for you to spend as you please in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk's premier beach resort, with miles of seafront to explore, as well as museums, a Sea Life Centre and cafés. Depending on our allocation of tickets, we will either travel to Thursford for the afternoon performance of the Christmas Spectacular and return to our hotel for dinner and entertainment, or enjoy an early dinner and travel to the evening performance of the fabulous show. For an extra charge 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. Meet the snowman's family but watch out for the snowballs! Take your seat for the 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. We return to our hotel for our final evening meal followed by a 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 one day
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £32.00  
Sea view supplement £20.00 per person  
Travel insurance 25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£325

5 DAYS



**Monday 14th – Friday 18th November**



## MYSTERY TURKEY & TINSEL

A Mystery tour and a Turkey & Tinsel... if you enjoy both, please join us and have some fun!

### YOUR HOTEL **Mystery Hotel ????**

A delightful 3\* hotel set in its own grounds with views out to sea. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The hotel serves an excellent and varied menu, and entertainment is provided each evening.

**TOUR  
PRICE**

**£285**

**5 DAYS**

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and make our way north, or south, or east, or west! With stops for coffee and lunch en route we reach our hotel with ample time to settle in before dinner and an evening of light entertainment.

**TUESDAY** (Christmas Eve) Join us this morning as we take a drive through some stunning scenery with a stops for coffee, a warming lunch and time to explore and shop wherever we may be! A delicious carvery dinner this evening will be followed by another evening of entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** (Christmas Day) A day of more mystery! Again we stop for coffee and lunch and maybe a visit to a garden centre which has a wonderful Christmas shop and gift ideas... as well as a café serving afternoon tea and cake! We return to our hotel with time to rest before a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, followed by hot mince pies and tea & coffee, and another evening of light entertainment.

**THURSDAY** (New Year's Eve) After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey to somewhere very picturesque with the opportunity to take a boat trip ... but where? you will have to come with us to find out!!! With time to explore and have lunch we return with the time to spend as you please before our final evening meal and entertainment to celebrate and see the "New Year" in!

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we leave our hotel and make our way back to our home area. Stopping for coffee and lunch en route, we reach the West Country early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

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

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £64.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

**Tuesday 15th – Friday 18th 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 **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.

**TOUR  
PRICE**

**£315**

**4 DAYS**

### 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. Depending on our allocation of tickets, we will either travel to Thursford for the afternoon performance and return to our hotel for dinner, or enjoy an early dinner and travel to the evening performance of the Christmas Spectacular. On arrival at Thursford there will be time to browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas Fayre and for an extra charge may also be able to 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 an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety, 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.

**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 £60.00  
Travel insurance £23.00

Friday 18th – Monday 21st 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£235

4 DAYS

### 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, stopping for lunch, OR you may like to stay in Tenby and take a stroll along the esplanade. An afternoon of fun and a cream tea in the hotel is followed by our final evening dinner and 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
- Afternoon tea on Sunday
- 2 x 1 hour "Happy Hours" each evening
- Entertainment on each evening
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement  
Travel insurance £23.00

Friday 18th – Monday 21st 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.

TOUR  
PRICE

£215

4 DAYS

### 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 Godshill 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 £23.00



**Saturday 19th – Sunday 20th 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 £18.00

**TOUR PRICE**

**£145**

**2 DAYS**

**Saturday 19th – Sunday 20th November**



## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WEEKEND ... WINCHESTER & OXFORD

An opportunity for the organised to finish their Christmas shopping, and for the disorganised to begin! Join us for a festive weekend, without the hassle of driving, parking or cooking dinner at the end of the day!

### YOUR HOTEL Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Newbury

Enjoy a relaxing stay in this modern and spacious hotel where all rooms are ensuite, and include a TV, hairdryer, WiFi and tea & coffee facilities. There are ground floor rooms and the restaurant offers a choice menu and generous buffet breakfast. Leisure facilities include sauna, steam rooms and a heated indoor pool and every stay starts with their signature warm chocolate chip cookie!

### ITINERARY

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**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and travel to Oxford, known as the city of Dreaming Spires. You will then have the remainder of the day free to shop 'til you drop! Here you will find a large variety of shops, from all the usual High Street names, to the more individual shops and boutiques offering that gift with a difference. We leave Oxford late afternoon, completing our homeward journey and arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night's Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £27.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

**TOUR PRICE**

**£99**

**2 DAYS**

Monday 21st – Friday 25th November



## CORNISH CHRISTMAS CRACKERS (TURKEY & TINSEL)

Join us for a relaxing festive 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 winter 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

**MONDAY** We leave our home area and travel west to the ancient market town of Tavistock, located on the tranquil River Tavy and edge of the rugged Dartmoor National Park. Browse the poplar indoor pannier market or visit the central parish church of St Eustachius with William Morris stained glass windows and intricate roof embosses. With time for lunch, we continue to our hotel in Looe for a welcome festive Cornish cream tea! With time to relax we later enjoy dinner this evening.

**TUESDAY** 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. After lunch we return to our hotel with a festive quiz and bingo. Dinner is followed by live entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** A morning excursion to the county town of Truro with its vibrant shopping centre, indoor market and majestic cathedral. With time to browse the high street shops and enjoy lunch in one of the local cafes, we return to our hotel in Looe with the afternoon at leisure. A Bucks Fizz reception is followed by a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and a visit from Santa and an evening of entertainment.

**THURSDAY** This morning we visit the nearby picturesque fishing port of Polperro with its "old world" charm, beautiful cottages, small art galleries and stories of smuggler & pirate tales. With time to explore and enjoy a warm lunch, we return to Looe, with its famous seven arched bridge that spans the river. The old town has a variety of boutiques and a traditional fishing harbour. We enjoy our final evening with our Cornish hosts.

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

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Festive cream tea on arrival afternoon
- Traditional Christmas Turkey Dinner on 1 evening
- Drinks promotions on selected bar drinks 5-6pm & 8-10pm
- Afternoon quiz & bingo on 1 day
- Entertainment on most evenings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (1 only)  
River View supplement £20.00 per person  
River View balcony supplement £60.00 per person  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£275

5 DAYS

Monday 21st – Friday 25th 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 on 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 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 £32.00  
Sea View Room Supplement (per person) £20.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£249

5 DAYS



Monday 21st – Friday 25th November



## VALKENBURG TURKEY & TINSEL... AND CHRISTMAS MARKETS

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. With a warm welcome from our hosts, a traditional British Turkey & Tinsel and visits to Valkenburg and Aachen Christmas markets, join us for some festive fun with a difference!

### **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, 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

£395

5 DAYS

### 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, and base for the next four nights, with time to settle in before a buffet evening dinner.

**TUESDAY** "Christmas Eve" - Today you have free time to spend at leisure exploring the delightful town of Valkenburg, perhaps one of Holland's most treasured gems, with its narrow streets, cobbled walkways, medieval centre, hilltop castle and not forgetting the charming velvet caves. Inside the heart of the caves, the largest and oldest European underground Christmas market takes place each year, with beautiful festive decorations and lighting, stalls with many gift ideas and sweet treats to sample and enjoy. After dinner, why not enjoy Valkenburg's night life with its many cafes and bars, with outside terraces and warm gas lights, to enjoy hot mulled wine or a local beer, as the community gathers together in family-friendly environment.



**WEDNESDAY** "Christmas Day" – After breakfast we make our way to the medieval town of Monschau, an enchanting German town set alongside the River Rur. With quaintly crooked half-timbered buildings, this picture postcard town feels like stepping back in time as you wander through its narrow streets filled with souvenir shops, cafes and restaurants. There are several attractions to visit including the Baroque "Red House" with its sumptuous interiors, 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. For those who wish to wrap up warm and venture back into town, 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 across the border 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 and Town Hall, 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 later return to our hotel in Valkenburg for our farewell dinner.

**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. €9)  
Entrance to Winter Wonderland Sand Sculptures (approx. €6)  
Travel insurance £40.00

**Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th 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 **Mercure Hotel, Norwich**

A modern 4\* 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.

### ITINERARY

**TUESDAY** 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.

**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. Depending on our allocation of tickets, we will either travel to Thursford for the afternoon performance and return to our hotel for dinner, or enjoy an early dinner and travel to the evening performance of the Christmas Spectacular. On arrival at Thursford there will be time to browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas Fayre and for an extra charge may also be able to 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 an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety, 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** 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 & Breakfast
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £40.00  
Travel insurance £20.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£245

3 DAYS

**Friday 25th – Sunday 27th November**



## A TRIO OF CHRISTMAS FAYRES ... WORCESTER, LUDLOW & BATH

Historical Christmas is brought to life!... Worcester's Victorian Christmas Fayre in the streets of the city & Ludlow's medieval Christmas Fayre in the stunning grounds of Ludlow Castle. Both offer entertainment and gift stalls. Bath Christmas market is set within its Georgian streets with a stunning backdrop of the Roman baths and Abbey.

### YOUR HOTEL **Fownes Hotel, Worcester**

Once a Victorian Glove Factory, this elegant 3\* hotel is ideally situated in the centre of Worcester very close to the cathedral and shops. All rooms are en-suite, with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee-making facilities. The restaurant serves a delicious menu and there is also a lift to all floors.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop en route, make our way to the cathedral city of Worcester for the annual Victorian Christmas Fayre where the streets are lined with almost 200 stalls across the city centre, selling local arts and crafts, delicious food and gifts. There is also an exciting programme of entertainment and of course no Victorian Fayre wouldn't be complete without a carousel to be whisked around to the sound of the traditional barrel organ. Look out for Victorian characters in Gin Lane, lofty entertainers on stilts and brilliant musicians. We check in to our hotel late afternoon with time to relax and enjoy dinner.

**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 to the spa city of Bath for its annual Christmas market, held in the picturesque Georgian streets with over 200 chalet stalls, many from local suppliers, and festive cheer at every corner in this great family atmosphere. Look 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 £36.00  
Travel insurance £20.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£199

3 DAYS



Friday 25th – Monday 28th November



## BOURNEMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL

As one of Britain's world-class resorts, Bournemouth offers everything you need for an enjoyable holiday – whatever the time of year and whatever your age. There is the sea, the shops and many picturesque walks.

**YOUR HOTEL** Ocean Beach Hotel & Spa, Bournemouth

A 3\* hotel, recently refurbished to high standards of comfort with stunning views across the bay. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The Atlantic Restaurant serves a delicious menu and a hearty breakfast. Leisure facilities include a wellness suite and spa and entertainment is provided each evenings.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** (Christmas Eve) We leave our home area and journey east, stopping in Dorchester for lunch and time to browse the shops. We then continue to our hotel in Bournemouth, arriving to tea & coffee and time to settle in before a welcome sherry reception in the lounge, followed by dinner, and musical entertainment.

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Day) Following a merry Christmas breakfast, we make the short journey to Poole, which boasts the second largest natural harbour in the world. You may like to do a spot of Christmas shopping in the indoor shopping centre, or take a stroll down to the quay. We continue on to the delightful seaside resort of Swanage, for afternoon tea. This evening we enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, followed by entertainment late into the night!

**SUNDAY** (New Year's Eve) After a leisurely breakfast we take a gentle drive through some of the New Forest's charming villages, stopping in the lovely town of Lyndhurst with an opportunity to browse the gift shops and enjoy an early lunch. We return to Bournemouth, with the remainder of the afternoon free to relax and spend as you please. You may like make use of the hotel's leisure facilities. Dinner this evening will be followed by a final night of dancing to see in the "New Year"!

**MONDAY** Back to reality! After a leisurely breakfast, we leave our hotel and begin our homeward journey. Stopping in Salisbury for lunch, we reach the West Country early-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Tea & coffee on arrival
- Entertainment each evening
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (5 only)  
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£235

4 DAYS

Saturday 26th – Sunday 27th 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, and with a comfort stop en route, 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 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Longleat Festival of Light including coach tour of Safari Park
- All coach travel

TOUR  
PRICE

£145

2 DAYS

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £20.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

Friday 25th – Monday 28th November



## GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS - COLOGNE & DUSSELDORF

The city of Cologne boasts eight Christmas markets, the most popular of which are those in front of the city's cathedral, in the beautifully star-lit Alter Markt, and Rudolfplatz, which draws you into a Brothers Grimm fairytale. Dusseldorf is transformed into a magical winter's tale with themed Christmas markets dotted around the city.

### YOUR HOTEL H+ Hotel Köln-Bruhl, Bruhl

A locally rated 4\* hotel. All en-suite bedrooms are furnished with a TV, telephone, hairdryer and Wi-Fi access. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious buffet evening menu and generous breakfast.

TOUR  
PRICE

£299

4 DAYS



### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** 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 to our hotel in Bruhl, arriving with time to freshen up before dinner.

**SATURDAY** Join us today as we travel to the centre of Dusseldorf, where visitors are showered with a magical festive atmosphere in seven locations. The aromas of mulled wine and hot chocolate fill the air, and hot snacks and sweet treats are available at a variety of food and drink stalls. The Engelchenmarkt square is adorned with cherubs and angelic figures, and Marktplatz shimmers under fairylight with traditional craftsmen and nostalgic attractions to entertain all visitors. Flinger Strasse is a bustling area full of traditional wooden chalets modelled on Dusseldorf's old townhouses and Schadowplatz becomes a village in wintry white, with a Scandinavian feel and stylish stalls offering quality gifts.

**SUNDAY** After breakfast, we travel to the centre of Cologne, with the whole day free for you to explore the

many Christmas markets and all the city has to offer. The stunning market located in front of Cologne's famous twin-towered cathedral is home to Germany's largest Christmas tree. More than 160 wooden chalets, filled with handcrafted decorations, toys, sweet treats and gifts, are all beautifully laid out under a net of starlight. The Altermarkt market is located at the heart of the old town in front of the town hall. The medieval gatehouse provides a backdrop for Rudolfplatz market and takes you to a world of Brothers Grimm fairytales and festive illuminations. The harbour market is situated along the Rhine, with elegant white marquees dressed like ship sails, filled with high quality art and crafts. Although within walking distance, there is a land train (extra charge) that runs from market to market, so you can shop till you drop in comfort!

**MONDAY** After breakfast we leave our hotel and journey back to Calais, with comfort stops en route, for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then complete our homeward journey, reaching the West Country mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

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

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £75.00  
Travel insurance £38.00





**Saturday 26th – Sunday 27th November**



## BLENHEIM PALACE AT CHRISTMAS & GLOUCESTER QUAYS VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET

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 with a comfort stop en route, 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 £25.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

TOUR  
PRICE

**£129**

2 DAYS

**Monday 28th Nov – Friday 2nd Dec**



## 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 ideally located by the water at Langstone Harbour. All rooms are ensuite with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee tray. The restaurant offers a generous breakfast and an excellent dinner. The on-site coffee shop serves light snacks throughout the day, and leisure facilities include a large number of indoor sport activities, indoor pool, steam room and sauna. Top class live musical entertainment is provided each evening. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

### ITINERARY

**MONDAY** (Christmas Eve) We leave the West Country and make our way east to Salisbury for an early lunch and time to browse the shops. We continue to our hotel, to a festive welcome and time to settle in and begin exploring the many facilities. Dinner this evening will be followed by live music & entertainment.

**TUESDAY** (Christmas Day) The morning is free for you to continue to enjoy the facilities of our resort... Look out as Santa may be out & about! Join us if you wish for an afternoon excursion to Chichester where you may like to visit the Norman cathedral, browse the shops and have tea. This evening a traditional Christmas Dinner will be served and followed once again by festive entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** (Boxing Day) 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 1 or more of the attractions (advanced booking may be necessary) or the Gunwharf Quay, a modern waterfront shopping, eating and entertainment centre with the Spinnaker Tower, which rises 170m and offers wonderful views across to the Isle of Wight (weather permitting). We return to our hotel with time to relax before another evening dinner and top-class Boxing Day entertainment.

**THURSDAY** (New Year's Eve) 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 a New Year's Eve Celebration Dinner, party night and the Countdown to Midnight.

**FRIDAY** Sadly it's time to leave our hotel and make our way home with a stop at Wilton Village shopping village for an early lunch and time to browse. 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
- Turkey & Tinsel entertainment programme
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
No Single supplement (Max 5)  
Signature upgrade £30.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

**£325**

5 DAYS

**Tuesday 29th Nov – Thursday 1st Dec**



## CHRISTMAS AT CHATSWORTH HOUSE

Chatsworth House is set in the heart of the Peak District National Park, near the River Derwent with stunning views over its extensive parkland. It is also famous for its festive family atmosphere where, each year, the state rooms are carefully decorated and garlanded with a festive theme, as the lower floors of the house are transformed into a seasonal delight of colour and twinkling fairy lights.

**YOUR HOTEL** **Mercure Kenwood Hall Hotel, Sheffield**

A former stately home, now a country house hotel, set in 12 acres of beautiful parkland. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee facilities. There is a lift, the restaurant serves a delicious evening meal and buffet breakfast.

### ITINERARY

**TUESDAY** We leave the West Country and make our way north with comfort stops on route, to the charming city of Worcester. Here you will find the famous Porcelain Museum, with the world's largest collection of Worcester porcelain. There is also a fine cathedral, which overlooks the River Severn, which houses the tomb of King John. You may also like to browse the shops for Christmas gifts, and enjoy a warming lunch in one of the city's various cafes. We complete our journey to our hotel, arriving with time to freshen up before dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast 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. We continue to Chatsworth House set in the heart of the Peak District National Park. Each year the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire invite visitors from around the world into their home, as the beautiful interiors of the State Rooms are transformed into a Christmas wonderland. As well as viewing the exquisite interiors, you may like to buy some unusual Christmas gifts from the shop or visit the farm shop with local Derbyshire produce. Weather permitting, you may also like to wander through the 1000 acres of magnificent gardens, parkland and grounds landscaped by Capability Brown, with remarkable fountains and water features.

**THURSDAY** We leave the hotel after a leisurely breakfast and make our way south, to Trentham Shopping Village where you will find a collection of carefully selected shops offering a range of products from fine furniture to contemporary art and clothing accessories. You'll discover some familiar popular brands such as Edinburgh Woollen Mill and Thorntons, as well as some popular brands of pottery for Christmas gifts, such as Royal Worcester and Portmeirion. With time to browse the shops and enjoy lunch, we complete our journey, with a comfort stop on route, arriving back in the West Country early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Chatsworth House at Christmas
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £30.00  
Travel insurance £20.00

TOUR  
PRICE

**£185**

3 DAYS

**Tuesday 29th Nov – Friday 2nd 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** **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.

### 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. Depending on our allocation of tickets, we will either travel to Thursford for the afternoon performance and return to our hotel for dinner, or enjoy an early dinner and travel to the evening performance of the Christmas Spectacular. On arrival at Thursford there will be time to browse the beautiful shops, full of festive gifts and Christmas Fayre and for an extra charge may also be able to 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 an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety, 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.

**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

TOUR  
PRICE

**£315**

4 DAYS

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £23.00



Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th 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 Coquelles Tunnel Sous La Manche 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'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. 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. We continue our homeward journey, with comfort stops en route reaching the West Country mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 2 Nights' Bed & Breakfast
- Return Eurotunnel crossings
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £31.00

TOUR PRICE

£195

3 DAYS

Friday 2nd – Monday 5th December



## YORK ST NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS FAYRE & CHRISTMAS AT CASTLE HOWARD

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. Castle Howard is impressively dressed for Christmas and each year has a different festive theme.

**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. As well as the Christmas Fayre, York is also full of wonderful attractions including the Minster, the National Railway Museum, The Chocolate Story, and the JORVIK Viking Centre, 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. As our hotel is located in the centre of the city, you can spend as much or as little time exploring as you please.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Castle Howard, to experience the lavishly decorated grand interiors of the 18th century family mansion. Marvel at the theatrically installed lighting and projections around the house, over 300 baubles hanging from the breath-taking 25 foot Christmas tree in the Great Hall. Enjoy a warm, festive lunch in the café and find those perfect Christmas gifts in the shop.

**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
- Ticket for "Castle Howard at Christmas"
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £69.00  
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR PRICE

£269

4 DAYS

**Saturday 3rd – Sunday 4th 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.

### 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 £18.00

TOUR  
PRICE

**£145**

2 DAYS

**Saturday 3rd – Sunday 4th December**



## BLENHEIM PALACE AT CHRISTMAS & ILLUMINATED LIGHT TRAIL

Visit Blenheim Palace for a very special event, with the Palace beautifully decorated for Christmas with a Nutcracker fairytale theme. State Rooms are adorned with beautiful decorations, twinkling lights and fairytale characters. In addition, the formal gardens will be lit up for a festive after-dark colourful illuminated spectacular light trail.

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

A delightful 4\* hotel. Each of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms have TV, Wi-Fi and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant offers delicious traditional evening menu and a hearty breakfast.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area and make our way to Oxford with time to explore its many attractions, browse the shopping district or perhaps enjoy a sightseeing bus tour of the city. We later continue to our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner.

**SUNDAY** This morning we visit Bourton-On-The-Water for an unhurried warming lunch and time to browse the gift shops. We later make our way to Blenheim Palace, transformed into the fairy tale world of the Nutcracker, with hidden surprises around every corner from the toymakers workshop, glistening land of snow and candy cane kingdom of sweets together with favourite characters such as the dashing Nutcracker Prince, an army of mice, the Sugar Plum Fairy and a larger-than-life Gingerbread Man! As the night draws in, enjoy a stroll through the formal gardens, spectacularly illuminated in an array of colourful lights, carpets of dancing flames and glittering woodlands in vibrant Christmas colours stretching into the night sky. We complete our journey, reaching our home area mid-late evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night's Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Blenheim Palace decorated for Christmas & the Christmas Light Trail
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £25.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

TOUR  
PRICE

**£159**

2 DAYS



Monday 5th – Friday 9th December



## GREAT YARMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL & THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

TOUR  
PRICE

£325

5 DAYS

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, telephone, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. A lift serves most floors. The restaurant offers an excellent evening 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) The morning is free for you to spend as you please in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk's premier beach resort, with miles of seafront to explore, as well as museums, a Sea Life Centre and cafés. Depending on our allocation of tickets, we will either travel to Thursford for the afternoon performance of the Christmas Spectacular and return to our hotel for dinner and entertainment, or enjoy an early dinner and travel to the evening performance of the fabulous show. For an extra charge 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. Meet the snowman's family but watch out for the snowballs! Take your seat for the 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 one day
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £32.00  
Sea View Supplement (per person) £20.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

Monday 5th – Friday 9th December



## FESTIVE BREAK, NIDD HALL, YORKSHIRE...WARNER BREAK

TOUR  
PRICE

£395

5 DAYS

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 parkland. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, iron & ironing board, and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant offers British cuisine and leisure facilities include a library, indoor pool, gym, freshwater angling lake, archery range and games room. There is a lift to all floors and top class entertainment is provided each evening. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

### 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 festive 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 lunch but leave room as tonight's dinner might include turkey!

**WEDNESDAY** A full day to the magnificent city of York where you may like to visit the iconic minster, the Jorvik Centre, the Chocolate Story, and the National Railway Museum. Also today the St Nicholas Christmas Fayre is in full swing, with market stalls filled with Christmas gifts and decorations and delicious treats to tempt the senses. Find local crafts in the "Made in Yorkshire" yuletide village in decorated wooden chalets. Together with plenty of cafes 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 Domesday 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 festive 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 5)  
Signature room upgrade £30.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

Friday 9th – Monday 12th December



## FESTIVE WYE VALLEY & MALVERN WINTER GLOW

This peaceful corner of England, bordering Wales, offers a gentle, relaxing holiday, where villages and towns have retained their quaint old charm and tranquillity. Join us for a festive visit to the spectacular Winter Glow at the Malvern showground.

### YOUR HOTEL Bells Hotel, Coleford

A delightful 3\* hotel located 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.

### 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. 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 to the market town of Monmouth with its historic connections to Henry V, its iconic 13th century gatehouse bridge and independent retailers and cafes along the high street.

**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. Later this afternoon we make our way to the Three Counties Showground for the Malvern Winter Glow. Wander along this spectacular illuminated light trail with spectrums of wintry colours and fabulous light installations around every corner. See glowing flowers floating effortlessly on the shimmering lake, the vibrant flame garden and the stunning cathedral arch made from thousands of twinkling lights. Refreshments and snacks are available in the festive food quarter. We return to our hotel in time for dinner and an evening at leisure.

**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
- Ticket for the Malvern Winter Glow
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£259

4 DAYS

Friday 9th – Monday 12th December



## GRASSINGTON DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Join us for Grassington's legendary Dickensian Festival and Christmas market at the most magical time of year. Nestled in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales, the picturesque village of Grassington is transported back to the time of Charles Dickens, with shopkeepers, villagers & visitors dressed in Victorian costume with festive celebrations and market stalls.

### YOUR HOTEL Best Western Plus Craiglands Hotel & Spa, Ilkley

A charming 3\* grand Victorian hotel on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. All rooms are en-suite with TV, Wi-Fi and tea & coffee making facilities. There is a lift to all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and hearty Yorkshire breakfast. 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 and lunch on route. We complete our journey into Yorkshire, and to our hotel, with time to settle in before dinner.

**SATURDAY** This morning we travel north to the unspoilt compact cathedral city of Ripon. The traditional market square is surrounded by quaint medieval streets and Georgian buildings, filled with fascinating shops and tearooms. After lunch we continue to Harrogate, a Victorian Spa town, which hosts a bustling high street, 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.

**SUNDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make our way across the Yorkshire Dales to the charming village of Grassington to enjoy the annual Dickensian Festival & Christmas Market. Experience Victorian costumed villagers wandering through the market stalls bringing Charles Dicken's characters to life. The village comes alive with festive music with buskers and bands and Victorian street entertainers. The Christmas market offers a variety of gift ideas, sweet treats and warm mulled wine. We continue to the market town of Skipton, with a canal running through the centre, a quaint shopping arcade and cafes to enjoy afternoon tea.

**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:

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

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £60.00  
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£235

4 DAYS



Friday 9th – Monday 12th December



## BRUGES & GHENT CHRISTMAS MARKETS

There cannot be a more beautiful setting than the medieval city of Bruges, with its narrow, cobbled streets, historic buildings and magical canals, and one of Belgium's best-loved Christmas markets. The smaller yet classical Christmas market held in Ghent's historic centre combines traditional market stalls with boutique shops, offering an array of seasonal gifts and stocking-fillers for all ages.

### YOUR HOTEL **Academie Hotel, Bruges**

A locally rated 4\* hotel in central Bruges. All en-suite bedrooms are furnished with TV, hairdryer, telephone and Wi-Fi access. The restaurant serves a delicious buffet breakfast. There is a lounge bar to relax in the evenings and a fitness suite.

TOUR  
PRICE

£335

4 DAYS



### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** 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 to our hotel in Bruges, with time to freshen up and start to explore your surroundings, finding a restaurant of your choice for dinner.

**SATURDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, the whole day is free to explore the captivating medieval city of Bruges and the vibrant 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. Take a leisurely boat trip through the city or 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. There is also an annual Sow & Ice festival on the outskirts of the city's medieval centre, with exhibits carved from crystal-clear ice in a thermally-controlled tent. End your day by relaxing over an evening meal in one of the city's many restaurants.



**SUNDAY** Today you have a choice. You can either spend the day continuing to explore Bruges OR join us for an excursion to Ghent with its Christmas market, and ancient castle. Ghent's vibrant historical centre is transformed into a winter wonderland with an ice rink and giant ferris wheel, along with a selection of Christmas stalls offering quality gifts and handicrafts from the area, all beautifully displayed amid illuminated buildings and monuments. You may like to visit the cathedral of St Baaf to see the famous altarpiece painting of the 'Adoration of the Mystic Lamb', or climb the belfry tower and marvel at the views. The Gravensteen Castle offers visitors a glimpse into the turbulent history of the Counts of Flanders, the town and the medieval fortress. We later return to Bruges, where you can select another restaurant in which to enjoy an evening meal, before soaking up the evening's festive atmosphere amid illuminated buildings.

**MONDAY** After breakfast we sadly leave our hotel and journey back to Calais, again with comfort stops en route, 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
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £152.00  
Travel insurance £38.00

**Saturday 10th – Sunday 11th December**



## 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, and with a comfort stop en route, 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 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 £18.00

TOUR  
PRICE

**£145**

2 DAYS

**Saturday 10th – Sunday 11th December**



## BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET & BLISTS HILL VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Join us for a weekend of festive Christmas markets with a touch of Victoriana. Bath Christmas Market is always a delight to visit with its vibrant atmosphere and wide selection of stalls. Blists Hill Victorian Christmas is a real historic treat to step back into bygone times of Dickensian characters and traditions.

### **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, travel to Bath for the annual Christmas Market. With over 150 twinkling chalets spread out across Bath's picturesque Georgian streets, this is the perfect location for finding that extra special gift or stocking filler. With handcrafted jewellery, decorations, toys and artisan gifts, you will find many unique and personalised items amongst the many stalls. Enjoy the delicious food and drink to satisfy any appetite as the delicious aromas of Christmas carry across the city. Whilst here you may like to browse the shopping district or enjoy the famous landmarks and attractions. We later continue to our hotel, arriving with time to settle in before dinner.

**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 £18.00

TOUR  
PRICE

**£115**

2 DAYS



Monday 12th – Friday 16th December



## GREAT YARMOUTH TURKEY & TINSEL & THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

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 entertainment.

**TUESDAY** (Christmas Eve) The morning is free for you to spend as you please in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk's premier beach resort, with miles of seafront to explore, as well as museums, a Sea Life Centre and cafés. Depending on our allocation of tickets, we will either travel to Thursford for the afternoon performance of the Christmas Spectacular and return to our hotel for dinner and entertainment, or enjoy an early dinner and travel to the evening performance of the fabulous show. For an extra charge 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. Meet the snowman's family but watch out for the snowballs! Take your seat for the 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 one day
- Thursford Christmas Spectacular ticket
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £32.00  
Sea View Supplement (per person) £20.00  
Travel insurance 25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£335

5 DAYS

Monday 12th – Friday 16th 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 Hotel, 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. Warner now operates a cashless payment system ... debit & credit cards only.

### 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 5 only)  
Signature room upgrade £30.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

TOUR  
PRICE

£315

5 DAYS

**Tuesday 13th – Wednesday 14th Dec**



## 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, London Heathrow

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

### 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 fails, 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 £18.00

TOUR  
PRICE

**£149**

2 DAYS

**Friday 16th – Monday 19th December**



## TURKEY & TINSEL ON THE ENGLISH RIVIERA & THE CHRISTMAS TRAIN OF LIGHTS

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. Dartmouth Steam Railway showcases perhaps one of the most spectacular train rides you'll ever experience, draped in festive colour, twinkling out into the dusky landscape.

### **YOUR HOTEL** Queens Hotel, Paignton

A modern, family-run 3\* hotel just a few minutes' walk from the seaford. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, 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. Fabulous cabaret entertainment is provided each evening.

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** (Christmas Eve) We leave our home area and make our way to Teignmouth – a real hidden gem on Devon's southern coast, with a Georgian crescent & long promenade. The town is both a historic port and a classic holiday resort, with a Victorian pier. With time to enjoy lunch, we make the short journey to our hotel, where a hot drink & festive shortbread is served whilst your luggage is taken to your room. With time to settle in, we enjoy dinner and our first evening of live entertainment.

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Day) After a leisurely breakfast and maybe a visit from Santa, we make our way to the market town of Tavistock, with time to enjoy lunch and explore. Today is market day, with stalls offering a wide variety of products, from antiques to handcrafted gifts. We continue to Buckfast Abbey, founded as a Benedictine monastery in 1018. The Abbey today is self-supporting, producing honey, vegetables and tonic wine. We return to Paignton where we board the illuminated steam train where your vintage carriage awaits, for a return journey, decorated with thousands of lights, both inside and out. The train takes us to Churston Station where the show begins, after which we travel through the 450 metre Greenway tunnel leading us into the show stopping enchanted forest, followed by the twinkling lights of Dartmouth. Back at our hotel we enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings followed by entertainment.

**SUNDAY** (Boxing Day) Join us this morning as we travel to the bustling town of Brixham, where yachts and heritage trawlers jostle for space in the pretty harbour. With time to explore and enjoy coffee in one of the waterside cafés we return to Paignton with the afternoon free for you to spend as you please. You may like to take a swim in the hotel pool or stroll along the pier to work up an appetite for our sumptuous New Year's Eve Gala dinner where you can dress to impress, followed by a final night of entertainment.

**MONDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast and make our way along the coast to Torquay, with time to maybe do a spot of Christmas shopping in the modern shopping precinct and enjoy a warming lunch. We complete our journey back to our home area.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entertainment each evening
- Tea, coffee & shortbread on arrival
- Traditional Christmas Turkey Dinner on 1 evening
- Ticket for the Christmas Train of Lights
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 5)  
Travel insurance £23.00

TOUR  
PRICE

**£245**

4 DAYS



**Saturday 17th – Sunday 18th 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.

### 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 £18.00

TOUR  
PRICE

**£145**

2 DAYS

**Saturday 17th – Sunday 18th December**



## BLENHEIM PALACE AT CHRISTMAS & ILLUMINATED LIGHT TRAIL

Visit Blenheim Palace for a very special event, with the Palace beautifully decorated for Christmas with a Nutcracker fairytale theme. State Rooms are adorned with beautiful decorations, twinkling lights and fairytale characters. In addition, the formal gardens will be lit up for a festive after-dark colourful illuminated spectacular light trail.

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

A delightful 4\* hotel. Each of the comfortable en-suite bedrooms have TV, Wi-Fi and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant offers delicious traditional evening menu and a hearty breakfast.

### ITINERARY

**SATURDAY** We leave our home area and make our way to Oxford with time to explore its many attractions, browse the shopping district or perhaps enjoy a sightseeing bus tour of the city. We later continue to our hotel with time to freshen up before dinner.

**SUNDAY** This morning we visit Bourton-On-The-Water for an unhurried warming lunch and time to browse the gift shops. We later make our way to Blenheim Palace, transformed into the fairy tale world of the Nutcracker, with hidden surprises around every corner from the toymakers workshop, glistening land of snow and candy cane kingdom of sweets together with favourite characters such as the dashing Nutcracker Prince, an army of mice, the Sugar Plum Fairy and a larger-than-life Gingerbread Man! As the night draws in, enjoy a stroll through the formal gardens, spectacularly illuminated in an array of colourful lights, carpets of dancing flames and glittering woodlands in vibrant Christmas colours stretching into the night sky. We complete our journey, reaching our home area mid-late evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 1 Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Entrance to Blenheim Palace – Festive Theme & the Christmas Light Trail
- All coach travel

**SUPPLEMENTS:**  
Single supplement £25.00  
Travel insurance £18.00

TOUR  
PRICE

**£159**

2 DAYS



## CHRISTMAS IN SWITZERLAND

The Swiss Alps is a spectacular location for a truly magical Christmas tour. With its wintry scenery and sparkling, snow-covered mountains, a warm welcome awaits in the hilltop village of Leysin, nestled high above Lake Geneva.

### YOUR HOTEL Central-Residence Hotel, Leysin

A delightful 3\* hotel decorated in the scenic Swiss style. All bedrooms are ensuite, with TV & hairdryer, and some boast views across the valley. There is a lift to all floors. The traditionally decorated restaurant serves locally sourced food and enjoys fabulous views across the valley floor and mountains beyond. Leisure facilities include a large bar/lounge area, indoor pool, sauna and gym.

TOUR  
PRICE

£795

8 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**WEDNESDAY** 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 to our overnight hotel in Laon, with time to freshen up before the evening meal.

**THURSDAY** We today continue our journey through France and into Switzerland. Travelling through some stunning mountain scenery, we reach our hotel in the hilltop village of Leysin with time to freshen up before evening dinner.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast, we journey across the mountains to the charming town of Gruyeres, famous for its cheese production. The picture-postcard centre with its medieval buildings, cobbled pedestrian area and medieval water fountain has experienced over 800 years of history. Gruyeres Castle towers majestically above the town. It has been open to the public since 1938, and visitors are welcome to explore the rooms, courtyards and gardens at leisure (entry charge). Gruyeres is most famous for its mild cheese, locally produced since 1115. After lunch we return to our hotel, where you may like to take the cable car from the village up into the mountains and enjoy a coffee in the restaurant overlooking the valley and mountain range.



Swiss resort of Gstaad



Christmas Market  
in Montreux

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Eve) – Today we make our way to the shores of Lake Geneva and the cosmopolitan town of Montreux. Each year, along the lake edge, over 150 stalls are decoratively laid out for the Montreux Noel Christmas market. Each stall is packed with gift ideas, handmade crafts, winter textiles and sparkling decorations. Indulge in a hot drink while you wander, enjoying the festive atmosphere and musical entertainment. Why not pick up a last-minute gift for a loved one?

**SUNDAY** (Christmas Day) – Merry Christmas, everyone! We start the day with a hearty Swiss buffet breakfast, before relaxing, opening presents, maybe speaking to family and friends and enjoying the festivities of the day. Join us for a traditional Christmas turkey lunch, after which you may like to take a stroll around the village – after all, Leysin is said to be the 'oxygen of the Alps'! You may like to enjoy a cable car ride to the top of the surrounding mountain for full panoramic vistas across the village and beyond or perhaps make use of the hotel's leisure facilities before our buffet style evening meal.

**MONDAY** (Boxing Day) – Join us today as we visit the elegant town of Gstaad. Full of charm and traditional Swiss style, it has attracted both the nobility and the rich and famous over the years. Nestled between two valleys of the Bernese Oberland, this chic town has a traffic-free pedestrian area, together with boutique shops, galleries and cafés.

**TUESDAY** Sadly we today leave our hotel and enjoy the scenic journey back into France, reaching our overnight hotel in Laon with time to freshen up before the evening meal.

**WEDNESDAY** After breakfast, we continue the journey back to Calais, with comfort stops en route, for the return ferry crossing to Dover. We then complete our homeward journey, arriving in the West Country mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 7 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Turkey lunch on Christmas Day
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £50.00 for 1st 3 singles  
Subsequent singles £155.00  
Travel insurance £47.00



Thursday 22nd – Wednesday 28th December



## CHRISTMAS IN FAIRYTALE GERMANY

Join us for an enchanting Christmas tour to the scenic region of Germany's Harz Mountains where romantic fairytales were created by the famous Brothers Grimm. Celebrate Christmas festivities as we discover quaint towns with steeped roofs and tiny windows, narrow cobbled streets, dark forests and rushing streams.

### **YOUR HOTEL** Hotel Der Achterman, Goslar

A locally rated 4\* hotel ideally located near the historic centre of Goslar. Each of the comfortably furnished en-suite bedrooms are equipped with a TV. There is a lift to most floors. The restaurant serves a delicious evening menu and generous breakfast. Leisure facilities include a wellness spa, indoor pool and whirlpool.

TOUR  
PRICE

£799

7 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** 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 Liege, arriving in time for the evening meal.

**FRIDAY** After breakfast, we continue our journey through Belgium into Germany, with regular comfort stops en route, to our hotel in Goslar. With time to settle in and freshen up before dinner tonight.

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Eve) After a leisurely breakfast we make our way through Saxony to the historic University town of Gottingen. In the central market-place is famous statue of Ganseliesel (a girl carrying geese) in the water fountain. Behind this you will find the old town hall, built 700 years ago and nearby is the 15th century St Jacob's church with its unusual geometric interior pillars. With time to explore the town and enjoy a relaxing lunch, we return to Goslar. Our hosts start the festivities this evening with a 4 course festive dinner followed by entertainment.

**SUNDAY** (Christmas Day) Happy Christmas everyone! Today is free for you to enjoy a leisurely breakfast, and spend the day as you please, opening presents and telephone loved ones, before we enjoy



a traditional Turkey Christmas lunch, served by our German hosts. You may like to make use of the hotel's leisure facilities this afternoon or take a stroll into the historic centre of Goslar where you will find the Christmas market with illuminated forest trees and wooden chalet stalls with gifts and tempting treats and warm mulled wine. This evening we enjoy a buffet dinner.

**MONDAY** (Boxing Day) Join us today as we visit the fairytale town of Hamelin, with magnificent half-timbered buildings with wood carvings and its old quarter with winding narrow lanes and pretty shops. Follow the "rat trail" marked through the historic centre with references to the famous tale of the Pied Piper of Hamelin – a rat catcher who lured children away with his beguiling flute melodies. With time to browse the shops and enjoy a warming lunch in one of the cafes, we return to Goslar for a buffet dinner and guided winter walk through the old town.

**TUESDAY** Sadly it's now time to say a fond farewell to our hosts as we begin our journey home, again with regular comfort stops, to our overnight accommodation near Liege, arriving in time for dinner.

**WEDNESDAY** 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:

- 6 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Buffet Breakfast
- Christmas Eve Festive Dinner
- Entertainment on Christmas Eve
- Traditional Turkey Christmas lunch
- Guided Walk of Goslar
- Ferry crossings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £105.00  
Travel insurance £45.00

Friday 23rd – Tuesday 27th December



## CHRISTMAS IN STRATFORD UPON AVON

Best known as the birthplace of Shakespeare, the author of romance, Stratford-upon-Avon is a beautiful Tudor town on the River Avon, packed with half-timbered architecture.

**YOUR HOTEL** Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Stratford Upon Avon

A modern 4\* hotel Ideally located very close to the centre of the town, with its own garden. All rooms are en-suite with TV, Wi-Fi access, hairdryer, iron & ironing board and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant offers a choice menu and generous buffet breakfast. There is a lift and a small fitness gym.

TOUR  
PRICE

£645

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave our home area and with a stop for coffee en route, visit the historic town of Tewkesbury for lunch and time to browse the shops. We complete our journey to our hotel in Stratford upon Avon, where afternoon tea and mince pies will be served while your cases are delivered to your room. Time to settle in and freshen up before our first evening dinner.

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Eve) Join us if you wish this morning as we make the short journey to Warwick with time to shop for that last minute gift and soak up the Christmas atmosphere. We return to our hotel with the afternoon free to spend as you please; maybe take a stroll around Stratford or along the river. This evening a 3 course buffet dinner will be served and after you might like relax in the bar or to retire to the games room. For those attending midnight mass in a local church, a glass of mulled wine, tea coffee & mince pies will be available on return.

**SUNDAY** (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 around the town to work up an appetite for a delicious traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. Spend the afternoon having a nap or watching the Queen's speech before afternoon tea & Christmas cake. This evening a relaxed buffet dinner will be served.

**MONDAY** (Boxing Day) After a leisurely breakfast we take a scenic drive to Bourton on the Water for coffee. Probably the most popular Cotswold village, it is often referred to as the 'Venice of the Cotswolds' because the River Windrush runs through its centre. We once again return to Stratford with the afternoon free to spend as you please. A Boxing Day carvery dinner will be followed by an evening of entertainment

**TUESDAY** Sadly, it's time to leave our hotel, and begin our homeward journey, with a stop in Cheltenham for lunch and time to browse the sales for a bargain! We continue our journey back to the West Country, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Afternoon tea & mince pies on arrival
- Traditional Christmas Day lunch
- Boxing Day entertainment
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £120.00  
Delux twin room £30.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

Friday 23rd – Tuesday 27th December



## CHRISTMAS IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES

The Yorkshire Dales boast some of the most spectacular scenery in Britain - a living landscape brimming with rich history, tradition and nature. Join us for a festive tour, filled with fun and fizz for a spectacular Christmas in the heart of Yorkshire.

**YOUR HOTEL** The Rendezvous Hotel, Skipton

You are assured of a warm welcome at this award winning 3\* family run hotel on the outskirts of the delightful market town of Skipton. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, hairdryer, telephone, and tea & coffee facilities. The canal-facing restaurant offers traditional meals made with locally sourced produce, and leisure facilities include an indoor pool, whirlpool spa and gym. There is a lift to all floors.

TOUR  
PRICE

£675

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave our home area and make our way north, with a comfort and lunch stop on route. We later complete our journey to our hotel, arriving to a welcome cup of tea and time to settle in before evening dinner, followed by light entertainment.

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Eve) – After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the elegant spa town of Harrogate, with its grand architecture and magnificent gardens, together with the famous "Betty's Tea Room" where you may like to enjoy a relaxing lunch. With time to browse the shops and maybe find that last minute gift, we enjoy a little time in Skipton, a traditional Yorkshire market town. We return to our hotel for a glass of hot Mulled wine and delicious mince pies and time to relax in the hotel or take a stroll along the canal. Dinner this evening is followed by festive musical entertainment.

**SUNDAY** (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 and a very special visit from Santa who will arrive on an illuminated canal barge, together with his Elves! This afternoon you make like to watch the Queen's Speech or make use of the hotel's leisure facilities, before a delicious festive buffet, followed by an evening of musical entertainment to dance the night away!

**MONDAY** (Boxing Day) Join us this morning, if you wish, for a scenic coach tour across the delightful Yorkshire Dales, travelling through some of Britain's most spectacular scenery, of rugged moorlands, valleys, and miles of the iconic dry-stone walls. Stopping for coffee along the way, we return to the hotel, where you can purchase a warm lunch or light bite and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Musical entertainment will again follow this evening's farewell dinner.

**TUESDAY** Sadly we leave our hotel after breakfast and begin our homeward journey, stopping for coffee & lunch as we travel and completing our journey back to the West Country arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Tea & Coffee on arrival
- Mulled Wine & Mince Pies on Christmas Eve
- Traditional Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day
- A special visit from Santa on Christmas Day
- Entertainment each evening
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Lunch in the hotel on Boxing Day  
Single supplement £120.00  
Travel insurance £25.00



Friday 23rd – Tuesday 27th December



## CHRISTMAS IN CORNWALL

A picturesque village on the northern coast of Cornwall, St. Agnes is steeped in tin-mining history and retains to this day a traditionally welcoming Cornish atmosphere.

**YOUR HOTEL** The Rosemundy House Hotel, St. Agnes

Once an elegant 18th Century Queen Anne residence, now a delightful, family-run 3\* hotel. Each of its comfortable rooms is ensuite, with TV, hairdryer and tea & coffee facilities. The restaurant offers an excellent range of dishes made with locally sourced produce. There are quiet lounges to relax in and entertainment is provided on three evenings.

TOUR  
PRICE

£579

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave our home area and make our way to Plymouth for lunch and time to purchase any last minute gifts. We continue on to our hotel where a warm welcome awaits. Time then to settle in and freshen up before a drinks reception followed by our first evening dinner followed by live musical entertainment.

**SATURDAY** (Christmas Eve) After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey to Truro, Cornwall's capital city, with time to browse the many shops and enjoy lunch. You may also like to visit the impressive triple-spined cathedral. Our evening begins with Happy Hour, followed by dinner and another evening of live musical entertainment.

**SUNDAY** (Christmas Day) Happy Christmas! The day is free to spend as you please. After breakfast you may like to spend the morning exchanging presents, phoning loved ones, attend a local Christmas morning church service or the more energetic may take a stroll down the coastal path to the beach to work up an appetite for a delicious traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings and a visit from Santa. Spend the afternoon having a nap, watching the Queen's speech on the TV or an afternoon walk around the village. Dinner this evening will be followed by light entertainment games & mince pies.

**MONDAY** (Boxing Day) Join us this morning as we take a scenic drive further down the north Cornwall coast to St Ives with time to have lunch and a stroll. We return to our hotel for an afternoon cream tea and time to relax before our farewell dinner and final evening of live entertainment

**TUESDAY** We leave our hotel after breakfast and travel across to the north coast to picturesque Padstow with time to browse the many gift and craft shops, and enjoy lunch. We continue our homeward journey, with a comfort stop en route, arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Drinks reception on first evening
- "Happy Hour" on Christmas Eve
- Traditional Christmas lunch
- Afternoon cream tea Boxing Day
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (max 5)  
Delux double or twin room £60.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

Tuesday 27th – Friday 30th December



## ENTERTAINMENT TWIXMAS IN TORQUAY

If you are not sure what to do between Christmas and the New Year, why not join us for this excellent value short break along the south coast, one of the UK's most popular holiday destinations,

**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 evening choice 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 and each evening has top class live evening entertainment and dancing.

TOUR  
PRICE

£239

4 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**TUESDAY** 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 tonight's festive live entertainment.

**WEDNESDAY** Today is free for you to explore the resort of Torquay, perhaps visiting its town centre, take a stroll along the seafront or perhaps take a local bus to a nearby seaside resort. Or perhaps make use of the hotel's extensive leisure facilities including a large indoor swimming pool, steam room, jacuzzi and spa, or the large games room with 10 pin bowling alley or maybe treat yourself to a pampering spa session. This evening's dinner is followed by more great live entertainment to dance the night away.

**THURSDAY** Join us today, if you wish, for a scenic coastal drive around the beautiful South Devon region, stopping for lunch and time to take a stroll before we return to our hotel with time to relax before our final evening meal and live entertainment.

**FRIDAY** 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
- Entertainment each evening including cabaret performances
- Use of all indoor leisure facilities
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 2)  
Subsequent Single Supplement £45.00 (max 3)  
Travel insurance £23.00

Thu 29th Dec 2022 – Mon 2nd Jan 2023



## SCOTTISH HOGMANAY

Unwind after the hustle and bustle of Christmas as we enjoy traditional Scottish Hogmanay celebrations in Blairgowrie, a charming country town nestled at the foot of the Sidlaw Hills.

### YOUR HOTEL Angus Hotel, Blairgowrie

A warm welcome awaits at this 3\* hotel in the centre of Blairgowrie. All rooms are ensuite, with TV, telephone, Wi-Fi and tea & coffee facilities. A lift serves all floors. The restaurant offers outstanding traditional cuisine and leisure facilities include an indoor pool and sauna. Entertainment is provided most evenings.

TOUR  
PRICE

£595

5 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**THURSDAY** After an early departure, we leave the West Country and make our way north to our hotel. With regular comfort stops en route, we arrive to a warm welcome of mulled wine & Scottish shortbread and time to settle in before dinner.

**FRIDAY** After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey south to the city of Perth, beautifully situated on the banks of the river Tay, with time to browse the shops and have lunch in the bustling café quarter. We return to our hotel with the rest of the afternoon free to relax and maybe make use of the hotel's leisure facilities. Tonight, we enjoy a three-course candlelit dinner, followed by live musical entertainment.

**SATURDAY** (New Year's Eve) – After a hearty Scottish breakfast, the morning is free to spend as you please in Blairgowrie. You may like to browse the shops and enjoy coffee in the town centre or take a stroll along the river Erich near the peaceful green Wellmeadow, before returning to our hotel in time for a light lunch. Later, we kick-start the Hogmanay celebrations in style pre-dinner canapés and Prosecco before a sumptuous gala dinner. We then enjoy a traditional Scottish ceilidh with the Spirit of Scotland pipe band, ringing the New Year in with music and dancing till 1:30am, topped off by a plate of steaming hot Scottish stovies!

**SUNDAY** Sunday (New Year's Day) – Happy New Year! After a much-needed lie-in and leisurely bucks fizz brunch, late-morning we journey north to Pitlochry. Each year during the afternoon of New Year's Day, the main street is closed to traffic. Locals and tourists alike take part as a local band plays ceilidh (pronounced kay-lee) music and invites everyone to join in with traditional Scottish dances like Strip the Willow, the Gay Gordons and the Military Twostep. The local butchers, Macdonald Bros, supplies gallons of hot soup, sausage rolls and pies, which are free of charge (but donations are welcome). Join us this evening for a cabaret dinner dance with live entertainment.

**MONDAY** This morning after a full Scottish breakfast, we begin our homeward journey. With regular comfort stops en route, we reach the West Country mid-evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 4 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Light lunch on 1 day
- New Year's Eve Prosecco & Canapés Reception
- New Year's Eve Gala Dinner
- New Year's Eve Traditional Ceilidh & Scottish Hogmanay
- Entertainment on 3 evenings
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £100.00  
Travel insurance £25.00

Fri 30th Dec 2022 – Mon 2nd Jan 2023



## NEW YEAR IN OXFORDSHIRE

Join us for a New Year tour to Oxfordshire ... Witney is a delightful, historic market town situated on the River Windrush and famous for its blankets.

### YOUR HOTEL Oxford Witney Hotel, Witney

Located just a short walk from the historic centre of the market town, this contemporary 4\* hotel prides itself on its warm welcome and beautiful surroundings. All rooms are en suite with TV, hairdryer, and tea & coffee-making facilities. The restaurant offers a wide array of mouth-watering meals and the hotel's leisure club boasts an indoor pool, spa bath, sauna, steam room and gym. Although there is no lift, there are ground floor rooms. Live entertainment is provided each evening.

TOUR  
PRICE

£379

4 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave the West Country and, with a comfort stop en route, make our way to Cheltenham with time to browse the shops and maybe pick up a bargain in the sales! After lunch we complete our journey to our hotel where mulled wine & mince pies will be served whilst your luggage is delivered to your room. Dinner this evening is a carvery buffet and will be followed by live entertainment.

**SATURDAY** (New Year's Eve) – After a leisurely breakfast we make the short journey to the city of Oxford, known as the "City of Dreaming Spires" with over 30 colleges and iconic museums including the Bodleian Library and Ashmolean Museum. One of the best ways to see the city is by a sight-seeing tour bus with guided audio commentary, to learn more about its fascinating history. The shopping district is a vibrant area with many restaurants and cafes to enjoy a warming lunch. We return to our hotel with time to relax before a 5 course gala dinner, musical entertainment to dance the night away to and a piper to "bring in the New Year at midnight".

**SUNDAY** (New Year's Day) – Happy New Year! A leisurely Bucks Fizz brunch will be served followed by a hot & cold fork buffet from 08.30 am – 2.30pm giving you the day free to relax and spend as you please and rise as early or late as you wish. You may like to take a stroll around the town or make use of the hotel leisure facilities. Dinner this evening will be followed by our final night of live entertainment.

**MONDAY** Sadly 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 to learn about the city's colourful past residents or visit Bath Abbey or the Jane Austen Museum to learn about the much-loved characters in her novels and about Georgian society in Bath. There is also wonderful shopping centre, and numerous cafés to have lunch. We continue our journey back to the West Country arriving early evening.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 Nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Mulled wine & mince pies on arrival
- 5-course gala dinner on New Year's Eve
- Hot & cold fork buffet lunch on New Year's Day
- 3 nights live entertainment
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

Single supplement £105.00  
Travel insurance £23.00



Fri 30th Dec 2022 – Mon 2nd Jan 2023



## NEW YEAR IN EASTBOURNE

One of the most elegant of Britain's resorts, Eastbourne is sheltered by the South Downs. The promenades stretch for three miles – ideal for a pleasant stroll!

### YOUR HOTEL **Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne**

A grand Victorian 3\* hotel located on Eastbourne's seafront. All en-suite bedrooms are furnished with TV, Wi-Fi access and tea & coffee making facilities. A lift serves all floors. The restaurant serves a delicious traditional evening menu and hearty breakfast. The lounge bar offers a peaceful area to relax in the evenings.

TOUR  
PRICE

£359

4 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** 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 our first evening dinner and time to relax.

**SATURDAY** (New Year's Eve) After a leisurely breakfast we take a scenic drive via Beachy Head to Brighton with time to browse the many High Street shops or take a stroll the historic Lanes – a maze of narrow alleyways lined with antique shops and elegant arcades of boutiques. You may like to take a stroll along the pier and enjoy a warming lunch before we return to Eastbourne with time to relax before a drink reception and New Year's Eve celebration dinner. The evening continues with live musical entertainment and a glass of Bucks Fizz and hot snacks to see in the New Year with the traditional singing of Auld Lang Syne.

**SUNDAY** (New Year's Day) Happy New Year! After a very leisurely breakfast brunch the day is free for you to spend as you please in Eastbourne. You may like to take a walk along the seafront or the pier or browse the shopping centre and maybe pick up a bargain in the sales. There are also a number of cafés & restaurants to enjoy a leisurely warming lunch & afternoon tea. Tonight, a New Year's Day festive dinner will be followed by an evening of live music and dancing.

**MONDAY** 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:

- 3 nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- Drinks Reception on New Year's Eve
- Glass of fizz on New Year's Eve at Midnight
- Entertainment New Year's Eve
- All coach travel

### SUPPLEMENTS:

No single supplement (Max 3)  
Subsequent Singles £75.00  
Superior Sea View Twin £53.00 per person  
Travel insurance £23.00

Fri 30th Dec 2022 – Mon 2nd Jan 2023



## GREAT ENTERTAINMENT NEW YEAR BREAK ON THE ENGLISH RIVIERA

Quaint hamlets, seaside resorts and the rolling Downs – the south coast has it all.

### 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 and 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,

TOUR  
PRICE

£379

4 DAYS

### ITINERARY

**FRIDAY** We leave our home area and make our way to Buckfast Abbey for lunch and time to browse the gift shop and visit the Abbey. We continue the short distance to our hotel in Torquay with plenty of time to settle in and freshen up before dinner and our first evening of live entertainment.

**SATURDAY** (New Year's Eve) This morning we make the short journey to Totnes for coffee and time to browse the shops. We continue on to the market town of Kingsbridge where you can enjoy a warming lunch and maybe take a stroll along the river. We return to our hotel with time to relax before a New Year's Eve celebration dinner, and live entertainment including the traditional singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and a glass of bubbly at midnight to celebrate the New Year.

**SUNDAY** (New Year's Day) Happy New Year! After a leisurely brunch the day is free for you to relax in Torquay ... maybe take a stroll along the seafront, browse the shops or make use of the hotel complex's extensive leisure facilities with indoor swimming pool, indoor bowling, games rooms, spa facilities with treatment rooms. Dinner tonight will be followed by our final evening of fabulous live entertainment.

**MONDAY** Sadly, we leave our hosts in Torquay and return via the South Devon Coast Road to our home area, with a stop for lunch, arriving back in our home area late afternoon.

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3 nights' Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- (Brunch on New Year's Day)
- 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 £23.00

# 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.

## 7. 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 supplies, such as ferries, hotel accommodation etc have been 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 unacceptably 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  
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